

March 13, 1896.

CHAP. 56.—An Act To incorporate the Supreme Council of the Thirty-Third Degree of Scottish Rite Masonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States.

District of Columbia,
Supreme Council of
the Thirty-Third De-
gree of Scottish Rite
Masonry for the
Southern Jurisdiction
of the United States
incorporated.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Thomas Hubbard Caswell, of the city of San Francisco, State of California; Odell Squier Long, of the city of Charleston, State of West Virginia; Erasmus Theodore Carr, of Miles City, State of Montana; Frederick Webber, of the city of Washington, District of Columbia; Gilmer Meredith, of the city of Baltimore, State of Maryland, and Samuel Emery Adams, of the city of Minneapolis, State of Minnesota, officers and members of the supreme council of the Supreme Council of the Thirty-Third Degree of Scottish Rite Masonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, and their successors, be, and they are hereby, incorporated and made a body politic and corporate in the District of Columbia by the name of "The Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Inspectors General Knights Commanders of the House of the Temple of Solomon of the Thirty-Third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America;" and by that name it may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any court of law or equity, and may have and use a common seal, and change the same at pleasure, and be entitled to use and exercise all the powers, rights, and privileges incidental to fraternal and benevolent corporations within the District of Columbia.

Property powers.

SEC. 2. That the said corporation shall have the power to take and hold personal estate and such real estate as shall be necessary and proper for the promotion of the fraternal and benevolent purposes of said corporation, which shall not be divided among the members of the corporation, but shall descend to their successors for the promotion of the objects aforesaid.

Claims, etc.

SEC. 3. That all claims, accounts, debts, things in action, or other matters of business of whatever nature now existing for or against the present supreme council mentioned in section one of this Act, shall survive and succeed to and against the body corporate and politic hereby created: *Provided,* That nothing contained herein shall be construed to extend the operation of any law which provides for the extinguishing of claims or contracts by limitations of time.

Proviso.
Limitations not af-
fected.

Constitution, etc.

SEC. 4. That said corporation shall have a constitution and regulations or by-laws, and shall have power to amend the same at pleasure: *Provided,* That such constitution and regulations or by-laws or amendments thereof do not conflict with the laws of the United States or of any State.

Proviso.
Not to conflict with
laws.

Purposes.

SEC. 5. That said corporation shall not engage in any business for gain, the purposes of said corporation being fraternal and benevolent.

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CHAP. 57.—An Act To incorporate the convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the diocese of Washington.

Preamble.

Whereas it has been represented to the Congress of the United States by a committee, appointed by the primary convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the diocese of Washington, whereof the Reverend John H. Elliott, Doctor of Divinity, was president, and Reverend Arthur S. Johns was secretary, convened in the city of Washington on the fourth day of December, anno Domini eighteen hundred and ninety-five, which diocese comprises the District of Columbia, together with the counties of Montgomery, Prince George's, Charles, and Saint Mary's, in the State of Maryland, and the convention whereof is composed of clergymen of said church canonically resident within said diocese and entitled to seats in said convention, and laymen duly chosen to represent the parishes and congregations in said diocese, and, as

such committee, charged with the duty and authority, for and on behalf of said convention and diocese, to present and procure the passage by Congress of an Act incorporating the said convention, with provisions and powers suitable and proper to the religious, missionary, charitable, and educational objects of the church and the organizations aforesaid; and

Whereas it is further represented that members of the church aforesaid have subscribed for and have raised funds especially for the permanent support of the episcopate of said church in said diocese, as well as to defray the necessary expenses of the said convention from year to year, and to carry on religious, missionary, charitable, and educational work in said diocese, and to aid in the support of its disabled, aged, or superannuated clergy; but that the convention of said church in said diocese though entrusted and charged with the administration of its affairs, has no legal capacity to receive, invest, manage, or dispose of said fund or any proceeds of property resultant therefrom; and

Whereas it is also represented that the convention of the diocese of Maryland has resolved to transfer to said diocese of Washington its agreed portion of the funds of the former so soon as said new diocese has legal capacity to receive the same: Now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the aforesaid Reverend John H. Elliott, Doctor of Divinity, and Reverend Arthur S. Johns and their associate members of said primary convention and their successors, who may hereafter constitute the convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the diocese of Washington, be declared, and they hereby are, incorporated and made a body corporate and politic by the name and style of The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Washington, and by that name they, and their successors hereafter to be elected, appointed, made, and qualified according to the form and effect of the constitution of the said church for the time being, shall have perpetual succession, and by such name be capable of suing and being sued in any court of law or equity, and shall have and use a common or corporate seal, and the same break, alter, and renew at pleasure, and shall have and exercise all such other powers as shall or may be necessary or proper to carry into effect the objects of such incorporation.

The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Washington incorporated.

SEC. 2. That the said corporation shall have full power and authority to take and hold subscriptions, contributions, donations, grants, devises, or bequests, in money or otherwise for the purpose of creating a permanent fund or endowment for the support of the episcopate in said diocese, which heretofore have been made, or which may be made for such purpose, or to or in behalf of the various associations and societies for religious, missionary, charitable, or educational purposes, now existing or hereafter to exist, under the jurisdiction, control, or sanction of said convention within the limits of said diocese, annual income from which shall not exceed one hundred thousand dollars, and the same to invest and the proceeds thereof to apply for the purposes aforesaid as may from time to time be deemed most expedient, and to appoint, in its discretion, an executive committee or other trustees, boards, or agencies, by whatever name or names they may be designated, to administer such funds or property in such manner and form and with such authority as the said corporation shall from time to time prescribe: *Provided, however, and always,* That in such administration the respective funds shall be kept distinct and separate; that each fund shall be held liable only for obligations that may have been incurred in its own proper behoof; and that the principal sum or amount of such subscriptions, contributions, donations, grants, devises, and bequests for permanent endowment of the episcopate shall be at all times invested in some safe and profitable stocks, mortgages, deeds of trust, or other securities and the expenses of administering the same, the salary of the bishop, and other charges shall be payable and paid only out of the annual interest, dividends, or profits thereof.

Powers and authority.

Proviso. Administration of funds.

Rules and regula-
tions.

SEC. 3. That the convention of said diocese may by resolution thereof adopt such rules and regulations in regard to such funds and their administration and the same thereafter alter, amend, or abrogate as to the said convention may seem expedient.

Present powers not
affected.

SEC. 4. That nothing herein contained shall enlarge, restrict, or in any manner affect the power or authority which said convention now has, or may exercise or claim over said church in said diocese, or the members thereof; but all such powers and authorities which are or may be claimed or exercised shall remain in like condition, and none other, as if this Act had not been passed.

Acceptance by con-
vention.

SEC. 5. That unless this Act shall be accepted by resolution of the convention of said diocese at its next annual meeting and a copy of such resolution of acceptance certified by the secretary of the convention, be filed for record with the recorder of deeds of the District of Columbia within sixty days thereafter, the same shall thereupon become void and of no effect.

Record.

SEC. 6. That Congress reserves the right to modify, amend, or repeal this Act.

Amendment, etc.

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CHAP. 58.—An Act To reorganize the customs collection district of Alaska.

Alaska customs dis-
trict.
R. S., secs. 2591, 2592,
pp. 512, 513, amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the customs collection district of Alaska be, and the same is hereby, reorganized and established to comprise the Territory of Alaska, in which Sitka shall be the port of entry.

Subports of entry
and delivery.

SEC. 2. That such other places as may be designated by the Secretary of the Treasury, as the interests of commerce may require, shall be subports of entry or delivery or both; and customs officers shall be stationed at such subports, with authority to enter and clear vessels, receive duties, fees, and other moneys, and perform such other services and receive such compensation as in the judgment of the Secretary of the Treasury the exigencies of commerce may require.

Officers.

SEC. 3. That all acts or parts of acts in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

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CHAP. 59.—An Act Making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

Army appropria-
tions.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and they are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the support of the Army for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven:

Pay.

FOR PAY OF OFFICERS OF THE LINE.

Line officers.

For pay of officers of the line, two million seven hundred and sixty-eight thousand dollars.

Longevity.

For pay of officers for length of service, to be paid with their current monthly pay, seven hundred and seventy thousand dollars.

FOR PAY OF ENLISTED MEN.

Enlisted men.

For pay proper of enlisted men of all grades, four million two hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars: *Provided,* That hereafter no pay shall be retained, but this provision shall not apply to deductions authorized on account of the Soldiers' Home.

Proviso.
No pay to be re-
tained.