

Articles of Incorporation) Filed for Record Feb. 15th A.D. 1912 at 11.30 A.M.  
 of Lotus Lodge, No. 48,) George Hill Recorder.  
 K. of P. of Winterset,) Articles( Recording Fee \$1.40

By Daisy Hill Deputy.

#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION:

##### CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

Lotus Lodge, No. 48, K. of P. of Winterset, Madison County, Iowa.

1. THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That we the undersigned, together with our associates, have and do hereby associate ourselves together as a body politic and corporate to be known as Lotus Lodge, No. 48, Knights of Pythias, of the Domain of Iowa under the provisions of Chapter 2, Title IX, of the Code of 1897, of the State of Iowa, and amendments thereto, for benevolent and charitable purposes.

2. The Principal place of Business of this Lodge shall be at Winterset Madison County, Iowa. 3. The membership of this Lodge shall be composed of such persons as may from time to time be members in good standing in the Subordinate Lodge known as Lotus Lodge, No. 48 K. of P. of Winterset, Iowa, while such lodge is holding a charter from the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias of the Domain of Iowa, and none others shall be admitted to membership in this lodge or hold membership therein; and should the charter of this lodge be suspended or surrendered, or should said lodge by any means become extinct, all its effects, of whatsoever kind, shall revert to and become the property of the Grand Lodge K. of P. of the Domain of Iowa.

4. The particular business and objects of this lodge are as prescribed in the Grand Constitution and Grand Statutes of said Order, and the by-laws of said Subordinate Lodge, and this lodge shall have power to enact and adopt By-laws for the management of its affairs, not inconsistent with the Grand Constitution and Grand Statutes, subject to the approval of the Grand Chancellor, and the Grand Lodge Committee on By-laws.

5. This lodge shall have power to have succession, sue and be sued by its corporate name, have and use a corporate seal, which it may, subject to Grand Statutes, alter or change at pleasure, and shall have power to take, receive, purchase, hold and dispose of personal and real estate.

6. The affairs of said lodge shall be managed by three trustees, who shall have control of such property as may be legally entrusted to them, according to the Grand Constitution and Grand Statutes and By-laws of the Lodge. And said trustees are hereby declared the proper persons to sign, seal and deliver conveyances of land or real estate which may be sold by said lodge and to sign such other contracts as they may be legally directed to do by the lodge.

7. There shall be no capital stock, but each member shall be entitled to one vote at all elections, as prescribed by the Grand Statutes. The lodge shall also be allowed, and have power to borrow money to effect the objects thereof and issue its obligations therefor; but in no event to exceed the sum of One Thousand and no/100 dollars, nor shall the total liabilities of this lodge at any time exceed the sum of Fifteen Hundred & no/100 Dollars.

8. No dividend nor distribution of the property of this lodge among the members thereof shall be permitted.

9. The individual property of the members of this lodge shall in no event become liable for the corporate debts.

10. Until the next regular election of officers the affairs of this lodge shall be managed and conducted by Chas. McMillan, W.H. Vane and W.O. Lucas as corporate Trustees.

11. This Certificate of Articles may be amended, subject to the approval of the Grand Chancellor, by change, addition or subtraction, at any regular meeting of the lodge; Provided, written notice thereof shall have been deposited with the Keeper of Records, and Seal at least two weeks before action is taken thereon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto subscribed our names this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January A.D., 1912.

Corporate  
Seal.

Chas. McMillan.  
W.H. Vance.  
W.O. Lucas.  
Corporate Trustees.

State of Iowa, Madison County SS:

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 26th day of January 1912, in and for said County, personally came Chas. McMillan, W.H. Vance and W.O. Lucas to me personally known to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing Certificate of Articles of Incorporation, and each duly certified and acknowledged the execution thereof, and his signature thereto, to be his voluntary act and deed, for the purposes therein expressed. Witness my hand and official seal, the day and date last above written.

District Court  
Seal

W.P. Craig.  
Official Title.  
Clerk Dist. Court.

Office of the Grand Chancellor K. of P.

Cherokee, Iowa, Feby 12th 1912.

The foregoing Certificate of Articles of Incorporation of Lotus Lodge, No. 48 K. of P. of Madison County, Iowa, having been submitted to and examined by me, and found to be in conformity with the laws of the Order and the Statutes of Iowa, is hereby approved and ordered recorded.

Witness my hand, the date above written.

Grand Chancellor  
Seal.

Louis A. Wiweke.  
Grand Chancellor.