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TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 15 of 1973

[L.S.]

AN ACT for the incorporation of The Grand Lodge of the Independent United Order of Scottish Mechanics of Trinidad and Tobago.

[Assented to 13th June, 1973]

WHEREAS there has been established for a number of years ^{Preamble} in Trinidad and Tobago a Society known as The Grand Lodge of the Independent United Order of Scottish Mechanics with several Branch Lodges in various parts of Trinidad and Tobago.

And whereas the said Grand Lodge of the Independent United Order of Scottish Mechanics through its Grand Council has been exercising authority and control over all the Unit Branch Lodges within its jurisdictions in Trinidad and Tobago.

And whereas the Constitution and General Laws of the said Grand Lodge of the Independent United Order of Scottish Mechanics of Trinidad and Tobago were registered under the Friendly Societies Ordinance, Ch. 38. No. 2, on the 28th day of May, 1969.

Enactment BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Representatives of Trinidad and Tobago and by the authority of the same as follows:—

Short title 1. This Act may be cited as The Grand Lodge of the Independent United Order of Scottish Mechanics of Trinidad and Tobago (Incorporation) Act, 1973.

Incorporation 2. The body known as the Grand Lodge of the Independent United Order of Scottish Mechanics of Trinidad and Tobago is hereby created a body corporate and by that name shall have perpetual succession and also by that name shall sue and be sued and shall have a common seal with power to change such seal.

Aims and
Objects of the
Grand Lodge

3. The aims and objects of the Grand Lodge are:—
- (a) to establish and govern Branch Lodges under its jurisdiction;
 - (b) to accept Lodges for affiliation, issue legal dispensations and rituals and to confer higher degrees;
 - (c) to make grants to financial members who may be permanently disabled and unable to follow their regular employment in lieu of weekly sick benefits;
 - (d) to grant temporary relief to members in distressed circumstances.

Powers of the
Grand Lodge

4. The Grand Lodge shall have power:
- (a) to acquire, by purchase, transfer, donation, exchange, devise, bequest, grant, gift, conveyance or howsoever otherwise, any real or personal property or any estate or interest therein;

- (b) to accept surrenders or re-conveyances and to enter into contracts;
- (c) subject to any restraint, reservation or condition contained in the document under which it has acquired title thereto to sell, demise, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of and deal with all property which may for the time being be vested in or have been acquired by it.

5. All documents requiring the seal of the said Grand Lodge shall be sealed with its common seal in the presence of its President and Secretary for the time being in office who shall both sign every such document, and such signing shall be *prima facie* evidence that the said seal was duly affixed and that the same is the lawful seal of the Grand Lodge.

Mode of execution of documents

6. (i) the Grand Lodge shall at all times have a fixed address in Trinidad and Tobago for the service of documents on the Grand Lodge and such address shall be registered with the Registrar General;

Service of Documents on the Grand Lodge

(ii) any document may be served on the Grand Lodge by leaving same at, or sending the same by registered post to the address as registered under subsection (1).

7. Nothing in this Act shall affect or be deemed to affect the rights of Her Majesty, or of any bodies Politic or Corporate, or of any other persons except such as are mentioned or referred to in this Act, and those claiming by, through, from or under them.

Saving of Crown or other rights

Passed in the House of Representatives this 6th day of April, 1973.

G. R. LATOUR
Clerk of the House

Passed in the Senate this 29th day of May, 1973.

J. E. CARTER
Clerk of the Senate

