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In pursuance of the Act of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, entitled, "An act concerning the organization of voluntary associations and repealing former laws in reference thereto, approved February 12, 1855," the undersigned do hereby associate themselves together as a Corporation for the objects hereinafter specified.

SECTION 1. The corporate name of the Corporation shall be "THE ODD FELLOWS' CEMETERY, OF MONROEVILLE, INDIANA."

SEC. 2. The object of said Corporation is to acquire, ornament, and dispose of, in suitable lots, land at or near the town of Monroeville, in the County of Allen, and State of Indiana, for a public Cemetery for the burial of the dead, to be known as "THE ODD FELLOWS' CEMETERY AT MONROEVILLE," and the officers of said corporation shall be a President, Vice-President and Secretary to be elected annually on the last Tuesday evening of December.

SEC. 3. The following described Real Estate has been purchased by the Odd Fellows' Lodge of Monroeville, for the purpose of said Cemetery, the legal title whereof is now in possession of

JOHN W. MEEKS,
JOHN E. PILLERS,
WILLIAM A. WATERMAN, } Trustees.

Situated in the County of Allen, and State of Indiana, and described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at a point

fifteen (15) feet West of the South-east corner of Section Eighteen (18), Township Twenty-nine (29), North, Range Fifteen (15) East of the Second Principal Meridian; thence North parallel with the East line of said Section ten chains and ninety-five links (10 95-100 ch.) to the top of the creek bank; thence South forty-four (44) degrees West three and forty one-hundredths chains; thence South forty-one (41) degrees, West two and twenty-four one-hundredths chains to a stake; thence South eighty and one-half ($80\frac{1}{2}$) degrees West to a point six chains and thirty-five one-hundredths West of the East line of said Section; thence South two degrees, East six chains and fifty one-hundredths to the South line of said Section; thence East to the place of beginning, and containing five (5) acres of land.

SEC. 4. The power of said Corporation shall be vested in a Board of Trustees, consisting of five members chosen by ballot from Monroeville Lodge, No. 283, I. O. O. F.

SEC. 5. The election shall be held on the last Tuesday evening in December of each year at which time five Trustees shall be elected to serve for one year and until their successors shall be elected and qualified

SEC. 6. The Board of Trustees shall annually elect a President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer from their own number, and may, from time to time, appoint such other officers or agents as may be required to carry out the purposes of said Corporation, and may fill any vacancy in the Board of Trustees in the interim between the annual elections.

SEC. 7. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board, sign all drafts on the Treasurer for money, and sign all deeds for lots sold for the Organization and keep a record of the lots sold and the price received therefor, and

report the same at the annual meeting in December, and shall give a bond in the sum of \$500 for the faithful performance of his duties. He shall call meetings of the Board upon application of two of the members, and whenever he deems it necessary for the good of the Organization.

SEC. 8. The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep a correct record of the transactions of all the meetings of the Board. He shall have charge of all notes and accounts and collect the same when due, and receive all moneys due the Organization, and turn the same over to the Treasurer taking his receipt. He shall keep a register of all the lots sold, to whom sold in a book provided for that purpose. He shall have charge of the seal of the Cemetery Association and make the impress of the same on all deeds for lots sold and shall draw all orders on the Treasurer for money, and at the end of the year present a full report to the Board of all lots sold, to whom sold, and the amount received therefor, and of all notes and money on hand, and amount received and disbursed during the year.

He shall execute a bond to Monroeville Lodge in the sum of \$1,000 for the faithful discharge of his duties, and turn over all books and valuable papers on hand to his successor in office.

SEC. 9. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all money from the Secretary, giving his receipt for the same, and to pay all orders for money drawn on him by the Secretary and attested by the President, and shall execute a bond in the sum of \$1,000, with approved security for the faithful discharge of his duties, and at each annual meeting in December shall make a report of monies on hand, the amount received and disbursed, and turn over all money, books and valuable papers in his hands belonging to the Association to his successor in office.

SEC. 10. At the annual meeting in December of each year, the Board shall appoint a Superintendent, whose duty it shall be to have supervision over the grounds and who shall be governed by the rules and regulations hereafter adopted, and shall at all times be subservient to the instructions of the Board of Trustees.

SEC. 11. The Trustees shall at all times be under the control of and subservient to Monroeville Lodge, No. 283, I. O. O. F., as the Corporators of the Cemetery.

SEC. 12. The Board of Trustees shall make and present a full exhibit of all its transactions to Monroeville Lodge No. 283, I. O. O. F., on the last meeting night in December of each year.

SEC. 13. So soon after the organization of this Corporation as is practicable, the Board of Trustees shall provide for laying off for burial purposes five acres of said land, above described, conveyed to said Corporation as shall be necessary and suitable for such purposes.

SEC. 14. The proceeds of the sale of burial lots shall be applied to enclosing, ornamenting, improving and preserving the Cemetery.

ENDOWMENT FUND.

SEC. 15. At the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees in each year after the expiration of four years after date of Organization they shall set apart an amount equal to fifty per cent. of the net amount received from the sale of Cemetery lots, sold during the year past which shall constitute a *Permanent Endowment Fund*, which shall be securely invested in such a manner as a majority of the Board of Trustees shall determine for the benefit of the Odd Fellows' Cemetery of Monroeville, Indiana.

SEC. 16. The proceeds or interest on all investments of the Endowment Fund, shall be applied to the keeping in repair of the enclosures of the Cemetery and keeping in order the streets, alleys, walks, lawns and lots of the Cemetery.

SEC. 17. The Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Cemetery Trustees shall each keep a separate account of the Endowment Fund and shall make a report at the annual meeting in each year of all receipts and disbursements of the Fund as before provided for, and the Treasurer shall turn over the amount of the Endowment Fund to his successor in office.

DESECRATING GRAVES, ETC.

SEC. 18. It shall be the duty of the Board of Cemetery Trustees to prosecute any and all offenders who may trespass upon the Cemetery grounds in any manner whatever, or violate any of the rules and regulations governing the Cemetery grounds, and they are authorized to offer suitable rewards for the detection and conviction of any person or persons who may desecrate any grave or destroy or damage any shrub, tree, plant flower, monument grave or corner stones, or for driving over grave lots.

SEC. 19. The Corporate seal of said Corporation shall be a plain circular seal impressed from a metallic plate or die with the inscription seal of "ODD FELLOWS' CEMETERY OF MONROEVILLE, INDIANA," and date of organization therein.

SEC. 20. That all amendments to their By-Laws be made in writing and shall lay over until the next regular meeting, and shall have a two-thirds vote of all the members present before said amendments shall be adopted.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Conditions, Limitations and Privileges to which every Lot in the Odd Fellows' Cemetery is Subject.

1. The proprietor of any lot or lots shall have a right to enclose the same with a wall or fence, not exceeding eighteen inches in height, exclusive of the railing which shall be placed on the lines of said lot, nor shall any railing exceed four feet in height above the surface of the ground, including the foundation. No wooden structure will be allowed.

2 The said lot or lots shall not be used for any other purpose than as a burial place for the dead, and no trees within the lot or border shall be cut down or destroyed without the consent of the Board of Trustees,

3. The proprietor of any lot or lots shall have the right to erect proper Stones, Monuments or Sepulchral Structures, (except that no slab shall be set on edge over one foot six inches in height, unless it be at least four inches in thickness,) and to cultivate trees, shrubs and plants in the same.

4. The proprietor of any lot or lots shall erect, at his or her expense, suitable land marks of stone or iron at the corners thereof, and also cause the number thereof to be legibly and permanently marked on the premises. And if the proprietor shall fail for thirty days after notice to erect such land marks and mark the number thereon, the Board shall have the authority to cause the same to be done at the expense of said proprietor.

5. If the land mark and boundaries of any lot shall be effaced, so that the lot can not with reasonable diligence be identified, the Board shall set off to the said guarantee, his or her heirs or assigns, a lot in lien thereof in such a part of the Cemetery as they may see fit, and the lot hereby granted shall in such case, revert to the Corporation.

6. Young trees, or shrubs situated in any lot or lots shall by means of their roots, branches, or otherwise become detrimental to the adjacent lots or avenues, or dangerous or inconvenient to passengers, or that may be considered to endanger by falling, or otherwise, any monument or other improvement on other lots, it shall be the duty of said Board and they have the right to enter into the said lot and remove the said trees and shrubs or such parts thereof as are thus detrimental, dangerous or inconvenient.

7. If any monument or effigy or any structure whatever, or any inscription, be placed in or on any lot which shall be determined by the major part of said Trustees for the time being, to be offensive or improper, the said Trustees or the major part of them, shall have the right and it shall be their duty, to enter upon said lot and remove the said offensive or improper object or objects.

8. No fence shall at any time be placed or erected in or around any lot, the materials or design of which shall not first have been approved by the Trustees.

9. The Board of Trustees may, from time to time, lay out or alter such avenues and walks, and make such rules and regulations for the government of the grounds, as they deem requisite and proper to secure and promote the general objects of the said Cemetery.

10. The Board informs persons who may wish to obtain lots in this Cemetery that they will have the ground

they purchase secured them and their families and heirs for a burial place *forever*, and for the burial of such other persons as they may choose to admit, provided such admission is free of charge, and without compensation; but owners cannot re sell or transfer their lots to any other person whatever, without the consent of the Board first had, and obtained in writing, nor will any lot owner be permitted to sell less than one-half lot under any circumstances.

11. Persons wishing to purchase lots are referred to the office of the Company, or to the Superintendent on the premises, who has the plan of the grounds and every requisite information. No improvement can be commenced on any lot or interment made therein until payment therefor has been made and secured in full to the Secretary.

12. The Superintendent cannot be responsible for not having graves prepared in time for funerals, unless he has eight hours of daylight previous notice thereof. All orders must be left with the Superintendent of the Cemetery. Suitable grounds have been appropriated for single interments, either for strangers or others.

13. In each case of burial, a statement, giving the name, nativity, residence, age, and cause of death of deceased, shall be handed to the Superintendent for registry.

14. The price to be paid by lot holders to the Superintendent for opening, closing and sodding each adult's grave shall be \$3.00; for opening, closing and sodding each child's grave shall be \$2.00.

REGULATIONS CONCERNING VISITORS

The Secretary will issue to each proprietor of one or more lots one ticket of admission into the Cemetery, under

the following regulations, the violations of any of which or a loan of the ticket, involves a forfeiture of the privileges.

1. No person is to be admitted with a dog or a gun, nor are fire-arms of any kind or fire crackers, or the like to be discharged on the premises.

2. After the expiration of the present year no carriages are to be admitted, unless the occupants are accompanied by a lot holder or a member of his or her household, with his or her ticket; but the Board may grant special tickets of admission on the Sabbath from three (3) o'clock P. M. until sundown.

3. No vehicle is to be driven in the Cemetery faster than a walk; and persons are respectfully requested not to drive off of the avenues.

4. No horse is to be fastened except at a post provided for that purpose. No horse is to be left unfastened, without a keeper.

5. All persons are prohibited from gathering any flowers, either wild or cultivated, or breaking any tree, or shrub, or plant upon the premises.

6. All persons are prohibited from writing upon, defacing, or injuring any monument, fence, or other structure in or belonging to the Cemetery.

7. No money is to be paid by visitors to any person employed upon the ground.

8. Children will not be admitted without their parents or guardian, or some person in charge of them.

9. No person or party having refreshments of any kind will be permitted to come within the grounds.

10. Any person disturbing the quiet and good order of the place, by noise or other improper conduct, or who shall violate any of the foregoing rules, will be compelled to instantly leave the grounds.

11. The Superintendent is charged with the execution of these Rules and Regulations.

NOTE:—Visitors are reminded of the solemnity of the place. that these grounds have been consecrated to the dead; and the Trustees confidently expect the living, while here, will observe the proprieties of the place.

All violations of the Rules and Regulations will be promptly prosecuted without reserve.

The above Rules and Regulations have been adopted.

