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## PREFACE.

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At the Eighth Annual Session of the National Grange, held in Charleston, S. C., in February, 1875, the Worthy Master, in his Annual Address, made the following recommendation :

"That our members may know the laws and usages they are obligated to obey, I deem it advisable that, at an early day, a Digest of our Constitution, laws, usages, and rulings be prepared, under proper supervision, and published in book form. It could not fail of a hearty welcome from all members, and especially all officers, and would supply a long-felt and increasing want."

Accordingly a committee was appointed to perform this work, and their report was submitted to the National Grange at its Ninth Annual Session. In order to include the important legislation of that session, and especially the amendments to the Constitution then proposed, the work was placed in the hands of the Executive Committee, with instructions to have such corrections made as might be rendered necessary thereby, and to have the same published as soon thereafter as possible.

These corrections were carefully made, and the Executive Committee presented the same to the National Grange for consideration and approval, at the Tenth Annual Session. At this session the National Grange adopted the following resolution :

"*Resolved*, That the Digest be now referred to the Executive Committee, with instructions to correct and complete the same in order to make it conform to the laws and rulings of the National Grange at the time of publication, and have the same published as the authority of the National Grange."

The Executive Committee has corrected and completed the Digest, and the accompanying work may, therefore, be confidently relied

upon as containing all the laws, decisions, and rulings of the National Grange up to the present time.

The plan adopted is believed to be that best suited to the purpose for which the work is designed—a hand-book for ready reference. The text of the Constitution, By-laws, Declaration of Purposes, Dedication of Grange Halls, Installation Ceremony, Funeral Ceremony, and Parliamentary Guide is given in full. The Digest is divided into seven chapters, the subjects of which will be found to classify the entire body of our law. The classification is believed to be philosophical and exhaustive, embracing, under appropriate heads, the various provisions of the Constitution and By-laws, as well as the Enactments of the National Grange, the Decisions of the Master, and the Rulings of the Court of Appeals, affirmed and adopted by the National Grange. The whole is supplemented by an alphabetical and analytical index, which, together with the marginal references, will enable the reader to find, without difficulty, the law upon any particular subject. The plan of the work will be seen at a glance, upon an examination of the analysis prefixed to each chapter of the Digest.

LOUISVILLE, KY., March 1, 1877.

D. WYATT AIKEN, S. C.	} <i>Executive Committee of the National Grange.</i>
DUDLEY T. CHASE, N. H.	
ALONZO GOLDER, ILL.	
WM. H. CHAMBERS, ALA.	
HENLEY JAMES, IND.	



ACT OF INCORPORATION  
OF THE  
NATIONAL GRANGE, PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY.

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AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE NATIONAL GRANGE OF THE PATRONS  
OF HUSBANDRY.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

SEC. 1. That John T. Jones, D. Wyatt Aiken, Edward R. Shankland, Dudley T. Chase, Alonzo Golder, William H. Chambers, Oliver H. Kelley, John R. Thompson, A. B. Grosh, John Trimble, Jr., F. M. McDowell, Dudley W. Adams, William M. Ireland, and D. A. Robertson, their associates and successors, are hereby created a body corporate and politic by the name of the National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry, and by that name shall have power to purchase, hold, and grant real and personal and mixed estate, and shall have perpetual succession, and by said corporate name shall have power to make contracts, sue and be sued, and may have and use a common seal, with power to alter it at pleasure.

SEC. 2. The object of the corporation hereby created is the promotion of agricultural and other kindred pursuits by inducing co-operation among farmers and those alike interested for their mutual benefit and improvement, and to this end to act as the controlling body of the order known as "The Patrons of Husbandry," an order organized in the United States for the purposes aforesaid.

SEC. 3. That the organization of the Patrons of Husbandry shall be and remain as now existing, until otherwise changed or modified, according to the rules and regulations of said order.

SEC. 4. That the Constitution of the Order of the Patrons of Husbandry shall be and remain the Constitution of said order until otherwise amended or altered in the mode provided in said instrument.

SEC. 5. That the present By-laws of the National Grange shall constitute the By-laws of the corporation hereby created, subject to be altered and amended as provided in the same.

SEC. 6. That any amendments made to said Constitution and By-laws shall conform to the Constitution of the United States and of this State, otherwise they shall be null and void.

SEC. 7. That the said National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry may hold its annual or called meetings in any of the States or Territories of the United States, and the proceedings of such meetings shall have the same force and effect in this State as if said meetings were held and proceedings had in this State.

SEC. 8. That said corporation may transact any of its legitimate business in other State or Territory of the United States, not inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of such State or Territory.

SEC. 9. The following members are named as the present executive officers of the National Grange hereby incorporated: John T. Jones, of Barton, Arkansas, Master; O. H. Kelley, of Louisville, Kentucky, Secretary; F. M. McDowell, of Wayne, New York, Treasurer; D. Wyatt Aiken, of Cokesbury, South Carolina, E. R. Shankland, of Dubuque, Iowa, Dudley T. Chase, of Claremont, New Hampshire, Alonzo Golder, of Rock Falls, Illinois, W. H. Chambers, of Oswhichee, Alabama, members of the Executive Committee.

SEC. 10. That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

W. J. STONE,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Approved March 14, 1876.

JAMES B. MCCREARY.

J. C. UNDERWOOD,

Speaker of the Senate.

By the Governor,

J. STODDARD JOHNSTON,  
Secretary of State.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, }  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE. }

I, J. Stoddard Johnston, Secretary of State, certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect copy of an Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, passed at its December session, 1875, entitled "An act to Incorporate the National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry," as appears from the original enrolled bill on file in my office.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of my office, this 6th day of April, A. D. eighteen hundred and seventy-six, and in the 84th year of the Commonwealth.

L. S.

J. STODDARD JOHNSTON,  
Secretary of State.

## DECLARATION OF PURPOSES.

### PREAMBLE.

Profoundly impressed with the truth that the National Grange of the United States should definitely proclaim to the world its general objects, we hereby unanimously make this Declaration of Purposes of the Patrons of Husbandry:

### GENERAL OBJECTS.

1. United by the strong and faithful tie of Agriculture, we mutually resolve to labor for the good of our Order, our country, and mankind.

2. We heartily endorse the motto, "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity."

### SPECIFIC OBJECTS.

3. We shall endeavor to advance our cause by laboring to accomplish the following objects:

To develop a better and higher manhood and womanhood among ourselves. To enhance the comforts and attractions of our homes, and strengthen our attachments to our pursuits. To foster mutual understanding and co-operation. To maintain inviolate our laws, and to emulate each other in labor, to hasten the good time coming. To reduce our expenses, both individual and corporate. To buy less and produce more, in order to make our farms self-sustaining. To diversify our crops, and crop no more than we can cultivate. To condense the weight of our exports, selling less in the bushel and more on hoof and in fleece; less in lint, and more in warp and woof. To systematize our work, and calculate intelligently on probabilities. To discountenance the credit system, the mortgage system, the fashion system, and every other system tending to prodigality and bankruptcy.