

Declaration Charter of Incorporation of the United Brothers of America and Sisters of True Love For the State of South Carolina, County of Greenville, Be it known that W.H. Ward, Supreme Master, --- C.T. Thorinton, Supreme Secretary--- E.G. Garner, M.S. Lewis, W.H. Charles, C. Goodly are hereby constituted a body politic and Corporate by the name and style of the United Brothers of America and Sisters of True Love of South Carolina, Being a benevolent or Charatible institution as provided for by the provision of the act of the General Assembly of South Carolina, Approved ----- the general good and welfare and not individual profits, being the subject of the organization. The Object of the association is--- 1st., To advance and promote benevolence Education and Christianity and thereby create a system of Harmony and firendship, between its members, calculated to more effectually alleviate the suffering and the distress. 2nd.,--- To care for the widows and orphans, visit and administer to the sick and bury the dead. 3rd.,--- To promote true wisdom, to inculcate Charity and Brotherly love, to strengthen and invigorate all the relation in which man can be contemplated towards himself his family, his neighbor, his country and his God. The membership of which organization to be composed of both male and female of good reputable character. The general powers of said corporation shall be to sue and be sued by the corporate name, to have and use a common seal, which it may alter at pleasure, if no common seal then the signature of the name of the corporation by any duly authorized officer shall be legal and binding to purchase and hold, or receive by gift, bequest or devise in addition to the personal property owned by the corporation, real-estate necessary for the transaction of the corporate business, and also to purchase or accept any real-estate in payment or in part payment of any debt due to the corporation, and sell the same to establish general laws and constitution deemed expedient for the management of corporate affairs, and to appoint such subordinate officers and agents in addition to a President and Secretary or Treasurer as the business of the Corporation may require, designate the name, office and fix the compensation of the officers, the said Five or more corporators shall within a convenient time after the corporation of this Charter, in the office of the Probate Judge or of Ordinary of this County, elect from their number a President, Secretary and Treasurer or the last two officers may be combined into one; said officers and the other corporators to constitute the first Board of Directors. In all elections each member is to be entitled to one vote, either in person or by proxy and the result to be determined by a majority of the votes cast. Due notice of any election must be given by advertisements in a newspaper, personal notice to the members or a day stated on the minutes of the Board Six months preceding the election. The Board of Directors shall keep a record of all their proceedings which shall be at all times subject to the inspection of any member. The Corporation may establish branches in any other County in the State. The Board of Directors or Supreme Master may have the power to increase the number of directors to fifteen or eighteen if they deem the interest of the Corporation require such increase and the first or any subsequent Board of Directors may have the Power to elect other members who on acceptance to membership, shall be corporators equally with the original corporators. The Board of Directors shall have the right to determine what amount of money paid into the treasury shall be a perrequisite for Membership or if necessary what amount shall be thus annually paid, and a failure thus to pay shall in the discretion of the supreme Master, Justify the expulsion of said defaulting member. The term of all officers may be fixed by the Gen. Laws, except the Worthy Supreme Master, W.H. Ward who shall remain until death as Worthy Supreme Master of the corporated Body of Both. All the officers shall hold over until their successors are duly elected and apointed qualified. unless remove for conduct unbecoming their officers of which other may be apointed by the Supreme Master. The general welfare of society, not individual profit, is the object for which this Charter is granted and hence the members are not stockholders in the legal sense of the term and no dividends or profits shall be divided among the members. The Members may at any time voluntarily dissolve the corporation by the conveyance of its assets and property to any other corporation holding a Charter from the State for purpose not of individual profit, first providing for the corporate debts. A Violation of any of the provisions of the Charter shall subject the Corporation to dissolution at the instance of the State, This Charter is subject to modification and amendment and in case said modification or amendment is not accepted, corporate business is to cease and the assets and property after payment of debts, are to be conveyed as aforesaid to some other corporation holding a Charter for purposes not connected with individual profit. Acquiescence in any modification thus declared shall be terminated in a meeting especially called for that purpose and only those voting in favor of the modification shall thereafter compose the corporation. the means, assets, income or other property of the Corporation shall not be employed directly or indirectly for any other purpose whatever than to accomplish the legitimate objects of its creation. We the undersigned composing Supreme Lodge officers and Board of Directors of the United Brothers of America and Sisters of True Love for the State of South Carolina, Society on Lodge System, with ritualistic form of work with an endowment for widows and orphan, do hereby empower the Supreme Master to move any offices in the Supreme Lodge, Grand Lodge, Subordinate Lodge, or Board of Directors for Conduct unbecoming their office or any other just cause. This power and authority shall only be vested in the Supreme Master, and that the following articles of General Laws No. 1, General Laws No. 2, and General Laws No. 3, shall stand permanent. The following articles below:--1,--2,--3,--4,--5,--6,--7,--8,--9,--28,--29,--30--32--33--34--35--36--37--38--45--47--48--50-51--51-1/2--52--55--56--57--84--85--59--60--61--62--63--82--83--80--85--69--87--88--89--90--91--93--94--95--96--97--98--100--102--104--106--109--110--111--112--113--114--118--119--120--121--122--124--128--129--131--132--133--134--136--137--138--139--140--141--142--143--144--145--146--148--149-- and That no one saving members in good standing shall be allowed to wear a button or emblem on the lapel of his or her coat, saving members of this order in sood standing and under the jurisdiction of the United Brothers of America and Sisters of True Love. Any one guilty shall be subject to penalty by the law of the land. Expulsion shall be the only remedy for the non-payment of dues by the members and there shall be no individual liabilities against the members for corporate debts, but the entire corporate property shall be liable for the claim of Creditors.

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