

The support of public worship, the building and maintenance of churches, chapels and such other religious institutions as may be necessary or proper to the order of such lodges, exclusively within the State of North Carolina, and the promotion of benevolent and moral purposes, and the promotion of Christian education, are among the objects of the corporation, as set forth in the charter of the State of North Carolina.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee, officer of the corporation, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation affecting one or more of its purposes), and no member, trustee, officer of the corporation, or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the corporation. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provision in these articles, the corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended, or by an organization contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c)(2) of such Code and Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

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