

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION of Catholic Fraternal Life

As approved by the Department of Insurance 12-20-22

- 1) The name or title by which such corporation shall be known is CATHOLIC FRATERNAL LIFE
- 2) The principal business office shall be located in Belleville in the county of St. Clair, State of Illinois.
- 3) The object for which this Corporation is formed is:

First: To provide for the organization and operation of a fraternal benefit society in conformity with the laws of the State of Illinois and the bylaws of the Society.

Second: To protect the home and members and promote the fraternal, social and material interest of its members.

Third: To preserve among its membership any Catholic or any other person who is willing to support the principles of the Society.

Fourth: To issue to its members benefit certificates providing for the payment of natural death benefits, and such other forms of benefits as permitted by the laws of the State of Illinois and the bylaws of this Society.

Fifth: To afford such assistance and relief to its members and their communities as shall be lawful under the laws of the State of Illinois governing such Societies.

- 4) The Society shall operate on a lodge system, with ritualistic ceremonies and a representative form of government, all as provided in the bylaws. The Supreme Legislative and Governing Body of this Society shall be the Board of Directors with rights and powers as defined by the bylaws. The number,

qualifications, method of elections, and terms of members of the Board of Directors shall be as provided by the bylaws.

- 5) There shall be established and maintained by dues and assessments such fund, or funds, as provided by the bylaws for the payment of benefits and the expense of operation.
- 6) No person shall become a member of this Society who has not fulfilled all of the requirements of membership as provided by the bylaws.
- 7) These Articles of Incorporation may be amended or repealed as provided by the Bylaws.