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A. L. CLARK,  
*Grand Master of Records.*

Office, Room 5, Ribsam Building,  
Broad and Front Streets, Trenton, N. J.

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Knights of the Golden Eagle.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Castle

OF

NEW JERSEY.

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SESSION HELD IN FISCHER'S HALL, JERSEY CITY,

September 7th, 1897.

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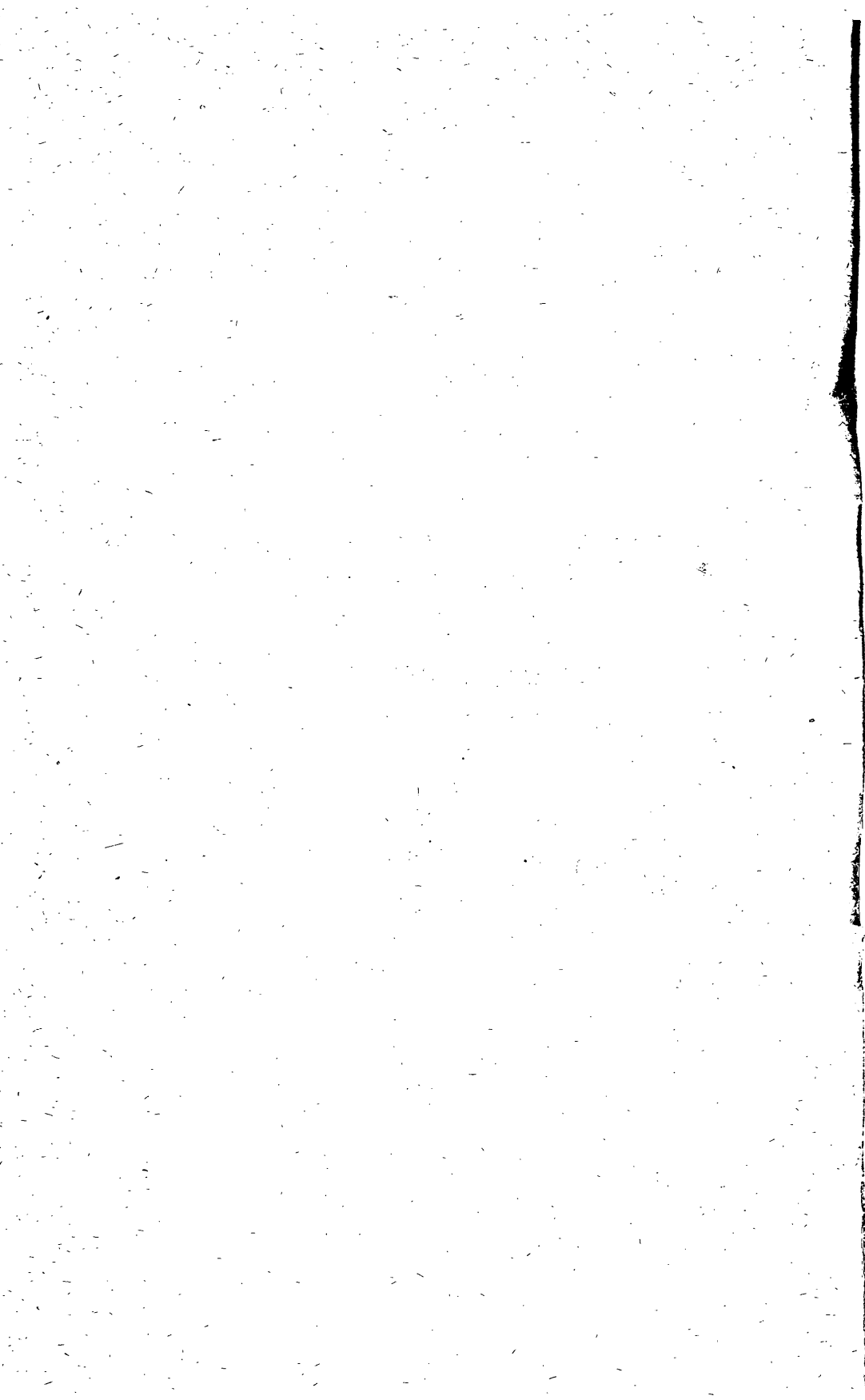
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# PROCEEDINGS.

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JERSEY CITY, N. J., September 7th, 1897.

The Fourteenth Annual Session of the GRAND CASTLE OF NEW JERSEY, KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE, convened in Fischer's Hall at 11 A. M. to-day.

After opening in due form the following Grand Officers answered roll-call and occupied their respective posts :

Past Grand Chief—Walter A. Barrows.  
Grand Chief—William H. Ruf.  
Grand Vice-Chief—Charles E. Lane.  
Grand High Priest—Dr. J. B. Wainright.  
Grand Keeper of Exchequer—J. Harris Cogill.  
Grand Master of Records—A. L. Clark.  
Grand Sir Herald—James E. Russell.  
Grand First Guardsman—John C. Risley.  
Trustees—James E. Highley,  
          A. Q. Bloom,  
          John C. F. Trachsel.

The members of committees present were—

*Finance.*—P. G. C. Parks ; P. C. H. Wainright, No. 59; and P. C. E. Ginnelley, No. 7.

*Credentials.*—P. C. Jacob S. Kent, No. 54, and P. C. J. Frank Cobb, No. 47.

*Printing.*—P. C. F. B. Wooley, No. 34.

*Appeals.*—P. G. C. Potter, P. G. C. Hunter, P. G. C. Robertson, P. G. C. Arnold and P. G. C. Buren.

## Representatives answering roll-call :

Joseph W. Knowles, No. 2,  
 C. K. Wrifford, No. 3,  
 G. J. Robertson, No. 4,  
 Henry Opal, No. 5,  
 A. S. Haines, No. 9,  
 George M. Applegate, No. 7,  
 Robert M. Coffman, No. 9,  
 T. M. Birchmier, No. 10,  
 E. W. Crowell, No. 11,  
 William N. Hewitt, No. 13,  
 Robert T. West, No. 14,  
 John A. Farrow, No. 16,  
 Samuel Heal, No. 17,  
 John H. Ried, No. 20,  
 J. H. Matlack, No. 21,  
 A. H. Troth, No. 22,  
 Fred. W. Hughes, No. 23,  
 Frank A. Vehe, No. 25,  
 Stephen Johnson, No. 26,  
 Shedrick Tozer, No. 27,  
 W. V. Pierson, No. 28,  
 C. Edw. Shute, No. 30,  
 George Van Billiard, No. 32,  
 J. Theodore Johnson, No. 33,

L. L. Woolley, No. 34,  
 H. R. Davis, No. 35,  
 C. K. Mayer, No. 36,  
 Bernard Roelfson, No. 38,  
 A. S. Conover, No. 40,  
 Thomas B. Seals, No. 43,  
 H. May, No. 44,  
 George Mull, No. 46,  
 James D. Newlin, No. 47,  
 Charles B. Pierce, No. 50,  
 I. J. Grimshaw, No. 51,  
 W. L. Campbell, No. 54,  
 John H. Heir, No. 58,  
 Samuel Norton, No. 59,  
 Ralph Schellinger, No. 61,  
 John C. Pierce, No. 62,  
 Joseph Teats, No. 63,  
 G. W. Roeger, No. 64,  
 L. E. Foulks, No. 66,  
 Carl Stahl, No. 68,  
 Richard R. West, No. 70,  
 James Hardy, No. 71,  
 Nelson S. Olmstead, No. 72.

The Grand Chief appointed P. C. Hardy, No. 71 as Grand Second Guardsman *pro tem*.

No members of the Law Committee being present the Grand Chief appointed P. G. C. Senseman, No. 9, P. C. Ginnelley, No. 7 and P. G. C. Hewitt, No. 13 to act as said committee.

Reading minutes of last session being in order, P. C. Warren, No. 3, moved they be adopted as printed, which was agreed to after the following corrections had been made :

Page 253, Proceedings 1896.

"P. G. C. Potter read the following report from the Committee on Appeals :

"HOLLY BEACH, N. J., September 4th, 1896.

"To the Grand Chief and Grand Castle of N. J.

"SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS:—Your Committee on Appeals have considered the cases presented by Castles Nos. 14 and 68, and it is their opinion that the evidence does not, in either case, sustain the Castles in

their positions. The Committee therefore recommend that the decisions of the Castles be reversed, and that the brothers against whom charges now stand be reinstated. The reasons for reaching this decision are attached.

“Fraternally submitted,

“F. WAYLAND POTTER, *Chairman.*”

Which, as corrected, reads—

Your Committee on Appeals have considered the cases presented by Castles Nos. 14 and 68, and it is their opinion that the evidence does not, in either case, sustain the Castles in their positions. The Committee therefore recommend: As regards No. 14, that the appeal of Sir Knight Burr be sustained and a new trial be ordered; and in the case of No. 68, that the brother against whom charges now stand be reinstated. The reasons for reaching these decisions are attached.

F. WAYLAND POTTER, *Chairman.*  
 GEORGE J. ROBERTSON,  
 R. J. ROBERTSON,  
 CHAS. F. TAYLOR.

Also (page 252, Proceedings 1896), report of Finance Committee:

“We would also recommend that, in the future, expenses be paid to officers and committees of the Grand Castle, as computed from their places of residence at the time of their election or appointment.”

As corrected reads:

We would also recommend that, in the future, expenses be paid to officers and committees of the Grand Castle as computed from the location of their Castles.

The minutes of Special Sessions were adopted as printed.

The Committee on Credentials reported that they had examined the certificates of the following Past Chiefs and Representatives and found them correct:

PAST CHIEFS.

Joseph Dyson, No. 2,  
 Thomas A. Harris, No. 2,  
 E. C. McDowell, Jr., No. 3,  
 C. B. Groff, No. 3,  
 W. M. Fisk, No. 3,  
 L. H. McIlvain, No. 4,  
 Frank W. Cain, No. 4,

R. W. Davis, No. 7,  
 Howard Firth, No. 8,  
 John B. Roy, No. 9,  
 David Roberts, No. 9,  
 C. F. Middleton, No. 9,  
 Harry H. Robinson, No. 10,  
 Josiah Harris, No. 10,

Carlton Godfrey, No. 11,  
 James North, No. 11,  
 O. F. Johnston, No. 12,  
 J. P. Marlatt, No. 12,  
 W. H. Felmy, No. 13,  
 John Porter, No. 14,  
 George Makin, No. 16,  
 Thomas Heal, No. 17,  
 William Denning, No. 17,  
 Horace Birkhead, No. 17,  
 Henry Reid, No. 20,  
 C. H. Davis, No. 21,  
 O. Van Wagoner, No. 21,  
 Benjamin King, No. 21,  
 W. H. Cooke, No. 22,  
 Andrew G. Apple, No. 22,  
 Mark W. Wisham, No. 22,  
 W. J. Soast, No. 22,  
 Fred. W. Hughes, No. 23,  
 T. S. Wonderland, No. 24,  
 Samuel E. Jones, No. 24,  
 W. H. Green, No. 25,  
 W. C. Myers, No. 25,  
 Fred. G. Steelman, No. 26,  
 A. G. Stewart, No. 27,  
 D. G. H. Justice, No. 28,  
 William C. Forman, No. 29,  
 George W. Lutz, No. 30,  
 J. S. Orts, No. 32,  
 Moses Hill, No. 33,  
 Theodore Cook, No. 34,  
 A. S. Higgins, No. 34,  
 J. W. Van Houten, No. 34,  
 J. L. Longacre, No. 36,  
 Edward Viereck, No. 36,  
 James Corbett, No. 38,  
 Herman Lord, No. 40,

William Krug, No. 40,  
 William Pace, No. 43,  
 Samuel Bosenburry, No. 43,  
 William S. Boeman, No. 43,  
 William Astle, No. 43,  
 H. Breder, No. 44,  
 J. E. Mosher, No. 45,  
 W. W. Cramer, No. 45,  
 J. D. Reistle, No. 46,  
 John D. Newlin, No. 47,  
 Thomas O'Brien, No. 47,  
 A. H. Grant, No. 49,  
 Fred. B. Vandegrift, No. 50,  
 Thomas Wortley, No. 50,  
 Harry Bacon, No. 51,  
 Harry King, No. 53,  
 James Mackey, No. 54,  
 F. M. Hunt, No. 57,  
 Charles H. Lawrence, No. 57,  
 William H. Talmadge, No. 58,  
 A. P. Corcoran, No. 58,  
 A. W. Van Saun, No. 58,  
 Harry M. Roome, No. 58,  
 John D. Dilks, No. 60,  
 John Matthews, No. 61,  
 Edward Foster, No. 61,  
 George C. Meade, No. 62,  
 Charles Harsle, No. 63,  
 John F. Rowe, No. 64,  
 Jacob O'Neil, No. 65,  
 Joseph F. Fagan, No. 65,  
 R. S. Wallace, No. 66,  
 Harry M. Irons, No. 66,  
 Fred. Arndt, No. 68,  
 Jacob Bohrer, No. 70,  
 Alfred S. Campbell, No. 70,  
 Granville Moore, No. 71,

#### REPRESENTATIVES.

Joseph W. Knowles, No. 2,  
 C. K. Wrifford, No. 3,  
 George J. Robertson, No. 4,  
 Henry Opel, No. 5,  
 A. S. Haines, No. 6,  
 George M. Applegate, No. 7,  
 William T. Cameron, No. 8,  
 Robert M. Coffman, No. 9,  
 T. M. Birchmeier, No. 10,  
 E. W. Crowell, No. 11,  
 William N. Hewitt, No. 13,  
 Robert T. West, No. 14,  
 John A. Farrow, No. 16,  
 Samuel Heal, No. 17,  
 Wallace Fewks, No. 18,

John H. Ried, No. 20,  
 J. H. Matlack, No. 21,  
 A. H. Troth, No. 22,  
 F. W. Hughes, No. 23,  
 L. M. Hanson, No. 24,  
 Frank A. Vehe, No. 25,  
 Stephen Johnson, No. 26,  
 Shedrick Tozer, No. 27,  
 William V. Pierson, No. 28,  
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 J. Theodore Johnson, No. 33,  
 L. L. Woolley, No. 34,  
 H. R. Davis, No. 35.

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 A. S. Conover, No. 40,  
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 George A. Mott, No. 45,  
 George Mull, No. 46,  
 James D. Newlin, No. 47,  
 George Woolley, No. 49,  
 Charles B. Pierce, No. 50,  
 I. J. Grimshaw, No. 51,  
 W. H. Mulford, No. 52,  
 W. L. Campbell, No. 54,

H. Chumard, No. 57,  
 John H. Heir, No. 58,  
 Samuel Norton, No. 59,  
 Henry Nothaker, No. 60,  
 Ralph Schellinger, No. 61,  
 John C. Pierce, No. 62,  
 Joseph Teats, No. 63,  
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 Carl Stahl, No. 68,  
 Richard R. West, No. 70,  
 James Hardy, No. 71,  
 Nelson S. Olmstead, No. 72,

And the following Past Chiefs as ready to receive the Past Chief's Degree :

A. S. Haines, No. 6,  
 R. W. Davis, No. 7,  
 Jacob P. Marlatt, No. 12,  
 Oliver F. Johnson, No. 12,  
 Fred. W. Hughes, No. 23,  
 Thomas McClure, No. 27,  
 James Manahan, No. 34,

James Corbett, No. 38,  
 Walter Boeman, No. 43,  
 Thomas O'Brien, No. 47,  
 James Mackey, No. 54,  
 A. W. Van Saun, No. 58,  
 George C. Meade, No. 62.

P. G. C. Barrows moved that the report be received and the degree conferred in the ante-chamber. Agreed to.

The Grand Chief appointed P. G. C. Trachsel and G. H. P. Wainright to confer the same on the waiting Past Chiefs, which was done and the brothers duly admitted to seats in the Grand Castle.

The Grand Chief having appointed P. G. C. Barrows, P. G. C. Trachsel and P. G. C. Hunter as the special committee on his report, as provided in amendment to Article VI, Section 1, of Constitution, they submitted the following report :

JERSEY CITY, N. J., September 7th, 1897.

*To the Grand Castle K. G. E. of N. J.*

The Committee on the Report of the Grand Chief respectfully report, recommending—

*First.*—That the subject matter contained in said report, entitled “New Jersey Death Benefit Fund,” and to be found on pages 287, 288 and 289 as numbered, being the eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth pages as printed, be referred to a special committee of five, to be appointed on the adoption of this recommendation.

*Second.*—That charters be granted to Blackwood Castle, No. 1, and Warren Castle, No. 12; respectively, and that these charters be signed by the present Grand Chief and Grand Master of Records.

*Third.*—That the matter of the conveying of Supreme Castle at Trenton, in this jurisdiction, next month, referred to by the Grand Chief on page 290 of his report, be referred to a special committee of five Past Grand Chiefs to make report thereon.

*Fourth.*—That the decisions reported on pages 300 and 301 be referred to the Law Committee.

*Fifth.*—That the matter “Dispensations Granted,” to be found on pages 301 and 302 be referred to Law Committee.

*Sixth.*—That the Grand Castle approve of the official circulars reported on pages 290 to 296 inclusive without reference.

*Seventh.*—That the Grand Castle approve of the report of the Grand Chief, except such parts as shall be referred to committees in pursuance of this report.

Your committee desire to congratulate the Grand Chief on the character and general tone of his report, as well as upon the faithful and conscientious discharge of the duties of his office during the past year, and we heartily assure him that he will carry with him on his retirement from the position of Grand Chief, the affection, good-will and esteem of the entire membership of the Order in New Jersey.

Respectfully submitted in F., V. and H.,

WALTER A. BARROWS,  
JOHN C. F. TRACHSEL,  
W. C. HUNTER,

• *Committee on Report of Grand Chief.*

P. G. C. Parks moved that the report be received and recommendations adopted. Agreed to.

The Grand Chief appointed P. G. C. Barrows, P. G. C. Highley, P. G. C. Hunter, P. G. C. Arnold and P. G. C. Hewitt as committee required by Section 1 of foregoing report; also P. G. C. Parks, P. G. C. Senseman, P. G. C. Robertson, P. G. C. Highley and P. G. C. Buren as committee required by Section 3 of foregoing report.

The following are the reports as printed :

## REPORT OF THE GRAND CHIEF.

MANASQUAN, N. J., September 7, 1897.

*To the Grand Castle, Knights of the Golden Eagle of New Jersey :*

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS:—Another mile-stone in the history of the Knights of the Golden Eagle of New Jersey has been reached, and it becomes my duty to review the past year's doings, and present the same for your consideration. It is your duty to look forward into the future of the Order in the State, to legislate for its advancement and continued prosperity.

In accepting so distinguished a position as Grand Chief, I was sensible that it was a position of responsibility as well as of honor; and it was with feelings of greatest distrust in my own ability to discharge the duties in a manner satisfactory to you and commensurate with the needs of the Order that I accepted the post. I have endeavored to fill the office with credit to myself and satisfaction to you, my brethren; and I trust that I have at least in part succeeded in my efforts.

It is gratifying to me to be able to report that a spirit of fraternal peace and harmony has prevailed in our ranks. During the year only one appeal has been made—that of W. T. DuBois against Bridgeton Castle, No. 13. This appeal was received September 30, 1896, and was sent with all the papers in the case to the Committee on Appeals. I called a special session of the Grand Castle to meet at Trenton, on June 24, last, to receive the report of the Appeal Committee and act upon said appeal. That action will appear in the minutes of the special session.

At the last stated session of this Grand Castle a scheme for a New Jersey Death Benefit Fund was approved, and rules for the government of such a fund were adopted, and a Board of Managers selected to put the scheme into operation and conduct the Fund. At the session of the Supreme Castle held at Reading, Pa., in October last, the Supreme Chief reported upon this action of the Grand Castle in the following language :

“I was present at the Grand Castle of New Jersey, held at Atlantic City on September 9 and 10, at which session there were adopted rules and regulations for the establishment and management of a fund to be called ‘New Jersey Mortuary Fund.’ This action I consider is in violation of

Article 14 of the laws of the Death Benefit Fund, and would therefore recommend that the matter be referred to the Committee on Law, to report at this session."

The matter was referred to the Law Committee who reported that they agreed with the Supreme Chief, and referred the matter back to the Supreme Castle. It was thereupon moved and seconded that the action of the Grand Castle of New Jersey in establishing a mortuary fund be declared illegal. The vote on this question was unanimously in the negative—no one voting in the affirmative.

Thus, according to all parliamentary law, the subject-matter was entirely disposed of. Subsequently, however, during the session, P. S. C. Rowand presented a resolution "That the Grand Castle of New Jersey be notified that its action in said matter was contrary to Article XIV of the laws of the Death Benefit Fund."

This was amended by adding "and Article VII, Section 3, Paragraph 24 of the Supreme Castle Constitution." The resolution was adopted in the amended form. Pursuant to said resolution the Supreme Master of Records notified me to the above effect.

Thus two deliverances on the subject were had by the Supreme Castle. I deemed it wise to instruct the Board of Managers of our New Jersey Fund not to proceed with the advancement of the Fund, but to make report to this Grand Castle at this session. My suggestion was adopted by the Board of Managers and their report is before you.

It is proper to report, in this connection, that subsequent to the above action by the Supreme Castle, a voluntary movement was inaugurated among the Castles in this State looking to a union of such Castles as desired to unite therein, to secure the payment to the beneficiary of deceased members the sum of \$300. This movement seemed likely to be entered into by a majority of the Castles in this State, and quite a number of the Castles have paid into the common fund, and await the result. The membership in this State were becoming quite enthusiastic over the prospect. The matter was brought to the attention of the Supreme Chief by some person, and on February 6, 1897, I received a letter from him notifying me that a package of circulars had been forwarded to the office of G. M. of R. Clark, relating to the common fund matter issued by him, and directing me to see to it that said circulars were distributed among the Castles in New Jersey. I refused to have the circulars distributed and asked the Supreme Chief to recall them, as the fund was not in operation—which was done. I then recommended to those in New Jersey united in establishing a common fund, that the matter be allowed to lie until this session of the Grand Castle. They have complied with my request.

In my opinion the Castles have the right, under the laws of the Order, to establish a common fund for the payment of death benefits; and I feel assured that were they at liberty to proceed therein without the hindrance of the Supreme Castle and its officers, an era of prosperity would open up in this jurisdiction.

On account of not being able to have such a fund in our State without strife on the part of the Supreme Castle officers, but little progress has been made in increasing the Order in New Jersey. Only two links have been added to the chain of Castles here existing.

It has required considerable effort to hold together several Castles heretofore organized; and unless some decisive and effective steps are taken along the line above referred to, several Castles will surrender their charters.

Whenever matters of importance have demanded attention I have called a meeting of the Past Grand Chiefs, and they have always cordially responded, and their generous support has always been received by me.

Soon after the last stated session of the Grand Castle I called together the Board of Officers to devise means of providing funds to carry on the business of the Grand Castle until the coming in of *per capita* tax in January. Many bills approved at last session were to be paid, and these, added to the current running expenses, had to be provided for. On receiving no encouragement from those present towards procuring a loan for the purpose as has heretofore been done, the Grand Master of Records and myself informed them that we would pay the running expenses until the *per capita* tax was received. The Grand Master of Records advanced some of the money to meet the bills that needed prompt payment. No money has been borrowed on interest during the past year.

While it is not pleasant for the Grand Chief to report the disbandment of Castles, still it is his duty to record the actual condition of things in the Order. Four Castles having for a long time failed to hold regular meetings and to send in reports, which Castles had been borne on the rolls for a longer period than facts warranted, I instructed the Grand Master of Records to secure their charters, books and paraphernalia. These have been secured from Nos. 56 and 69. Paulsboro, No. 48, and Golden Cross, No. 67, are defunct, but their charters, books, etc., have not been returned to the Grand Castle.

Two new Castles have been added to the New Jersey roll. Blackwood Castle, No. 1, was organized by Brother R. C. Morgan, and was instituted with 54 members. With the assistance of a number of Past Chiefs, P. G. C. Trachsel, G. H. P. Wainright and G. M. of R. Clark, I was enabled to confer all the degrees, and, after the institution, to publicly instal the officers, and the new No. 1 starts off gloriously.

Warren Castle, No. 12, was organized by Brothers. O. Johnson and C. S. Dalrymple, and was instituted with 33 members—the three degrees being conferred and the officers being publicly installed.

I have circulated a large quantity of literature, and have had friends at work trying to extend the Order to the portions of the State where no Castles are found. I have also visited several such localities, and can only report that the land is ours to go in and possess if we will.

While our advancement in numbers is not what we wished, I trust the Grand Castle will take cheer, as all clouds must pass by, and when prosperity again makes its appearance in the land, and plans are allowed whereby we can compete with other Orders, we can then reorganize the defunct Castles and organize new ones, as well as increase the membership of those already established.

At our last stated session we adopted the EAGLE KNIGHT as our official organ. Such a paper, devoted solely to the interests of our Order, should have been appreciated by all Sir Knights, and have received their hearty support by subscriptions and articles for publication. Yet it seemed to fail of both, and after eight issues its publication ceased.

In accordance with the Constitution, all matters of printing have been referred to the Printing Committee and all business matters to the Finance Committee. The current business has received attention as occasion demanded and the duties of these Committees have been fully performed.

It was at one time thought that a change in the place of meeting of this session of the Grand Castle could legally and profitably be made. At the special session, however, it was the universal opinion that the power to make such change did not exist, and accordingly we are here assembled in a large city wherein no Castle of the Order has been instituted.

The Representative to the Supreme Castle rendered his report promptly after the session of that body. This report was printed in the official organ, and will also appear among the printed reports of this session.

As the Supreme Castle will convene in the City of Trenton on October 12th, 1897, I trust that the Grand Castle will take some action for the entertainment of its members.

During the year I have issued the following official circulars and proclamations:

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR No. I.

GRAND CASTLE, KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE,  
OF NEW JERSEY.

*To the Noble Chiefs, Officers and Members of Subordinate Castles.*

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS: Having been elected to the position of Grand Chief of the State of New Jersey, I desire to extend my thanks for the honor. Let our great object during the year be the upbuilding of our Order. Your Grand Chief can do but little without the support and active interest of each Sir Knight. "A house divided against itself cannot stand" will be true until the world passes away. We have no time for division in the ranks; let us therefore throw away petty differences of opinion and come together for the benefit of our Order. At the last session of the Grand Castle laws were adopted for the establishment of a mortuary fund for the benefit of the Order. This fund should command the respect and enlist the active co-operation of each Sir Knight. I believe that its adoption will result in a large increase in membership

throughout the State, and would urge each Castle to connect itself with the same. Now it the time for active work. Let each Castle do its utmost to increase its membership. Endeavor to organize new Castles.

The EAGLE KNIGHT, published by P. C. Hoskins, has been adopted as our official organ. I would respectfully make an earnest appeal to all Sir Knights to subscribe for the same. Ask some brother of each Castle to send items regarding the progress and work done by his Castle, as well as suggestions which might be of benefit to the Order throughout the State.

In order that the Master of Records of each Castle, and others having business with the officers of the Grand Castle, may be informed, I furnish you with a list of my appointments, and the address of the chairman of each standing committee.

#### COMMITTEES.

*Law.*—ROBERT M. FOUST, Woodbury.

*Finance.*—HORACE J. PARKS, 533 Berkley Street, Camden.

*Credentials.*—EDWIN WILLIAMS, South Amboy.

*Printing.*—F. BORDEN WOOLLEY, Manasquan.

*Appeals.*—F. WAYLAND POTTER, 341 Bailey Street, Camden.

#### DISTRICT GRAND CHIEFS AND GRAND INSTRUCTORS.

First District (Nos. 13, 52, 62, 65)—D. G. C., W. L. SHROPSHIRE, No. 65, Port Norris; G. I., I. B. JOHNSON, No. 62, Bridgeton.

Second District (Nos. 2, 46, 61)—D. G. C., GEORGE MULL, No. 46, Vineland; G. I., A. M. ROBINSON, No. 61, Green Creek.

Third District (Nos. 11, 27, 44, 60)—D. G. C., HENRY OTTO, No. 44, Egg Harbor.

Fourth District (Nos. 5, 10)—D. G. C. JOSEPH M. BACON, No. 5, Salem; G. I., LEWIS S. RIGGINS, No. 10, Quinton.

Fifth District (Nos. 30, 31, 39, 40)—D. G. C., J. C. DISCHERT, No. 30, Glassboro; G. I., C. I. HARDING, No. 39, Clayton.

Sixth District (Nos. 15, 36, 48, 53)—D. G. C., C. K. MYERS, No. 36, Swedesboro; G. I., HENRY L. HAINES, No. 53, Clarksboro.

Seventh District (Nos. 26, 45, 49)—D. G. C., J. E. MOSHER, No. 45, Tuckerton.

Eighth District (Nos. 3, 9, 16, 70)—D. G. C., CHAPMAN BRELSFORD, No. 70, Camden; G. I., BENJAMIN F. KELLUM, No. 3, Camden.

Ninth District (Nos. 8, 24, 25, 29)—D. G. C., JOHN L. VEHE, No. 25, Cramer Hill; G. I., E. T. JOHNSON, No. 29, Merchantville.

Tenth District (Nos. 4, 6)—D. G. C., FRANKLIN DENNIS, No. 4, Mount Holly.

Eleventh District (Nos. 35, 66)—D. G. C., WARDELL HARKER, No. 66, New Egypt.

Twelfth District (Nos. 14, 17, 18, 21, 22)—D. G. C., WILLIAM H. CURRY, No. 17, Beverly; G. I., C. B. GREENFIELD, No. 14, Burlington.

Thirteenth District (Nos. 7, 23, 28, 68, 69)—D. G. C., WILLIAM G. ZEIGLER, No. 23, Trenton; G. I. JACOB YOUNG, No. 28, Trenton.

Thirteenth District (German Castle)—D. G. C., FRANK THOMANN, No. 68 Trenton; G. I., CHARLES STAHL, No. 68, Trenton.

Fourteenth District (Nos. 20, 34, 47, 57, 72)—D. G. C., EDGAR BILLS, No. 47, Asbury Park; G. I., WILLIAM J. COOK, No. 20, Point Pleasant.

Fifteenth District (Nos. 50, 71)—D. G. C., R. S. TURTON, No. 71, New Brunswick; G. I., C. B. PEARCE, No. 50, South Amboy.

Sixteenth District (Nos. 32, 43, 63)—D. G. C., EDSON APGAR, No. 32, Califon; G. I., J. W. SHARP, No. 43, Annandale.

Seventeenth District (Nos. 38, 54, 67)—D. G. C., THOMAS CONNOLLY, No. 54, Paterson; G. I., J. W. SMITH, No. 38, Paterson.

Eighteenth District (Nos. 58, 64)—D. G. C., WESLEY T. SNOWDEN, No. 64, Passaic; G. I., A. J. LOCKWOOD, No. 58, Pompton.

Nineteenth District (Nos. 51, 59)—D. G. C., JOHN H. STORY, No. 51, Freehold; G. L. EDWARD IMLAY, No. 59, Farmingdale.  
 Twentieth District (No. 33)—D. G. C., W. R. MICHENER, No. 33, Lambertville.

In conclusion, may I again ask your active support and co-operation in the upbuilding of our Order during the year. I am

Yours in F., V. and H.,

WILLIAM H. RUF, *Grand Chief*.

Attest:

A. L. CLARK, *G. M. of R.*

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR No. 2.

GRAND CASTLE OF NEW JERSEY, KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE.  
 OFFICE OF THE GRAND CHIEF, MANASQUAN, October 20, 1896.

*To all District Grand Chiefs and Grand Instructors.*

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS:—Having confidence in your ability as Eagle Knights, I have appointed you as my deputies, and in order that we may work together in harmony, and that I may have your earnest co-operation in the upbuilding of our Order in this State, I desire that you study well our laws: Visit each Castle under your charge at least once each quarter; familiarize yourself with the Ritual of our Order, so that you may be able to advise and instruct Castles when called upon.

Report to me any locality in the State where a Castle could be organized. Endeavor to organize a new Castle yourself. Remember that each person organizing a new Castle, with at least thirty names, receives a premium of twenty-five dollars. If possible, try and hold union meetings in the district once a month; keep the Order before the public by having some Eagle news in your local papers, and send items of interest to our official organ. With your help I hope to be able to report at our next annual session a large increase of Castles and members. I remain,

Yours in F., V. and H.,

WILLIAM H. RUF, *Grand Chief*.

Attest:

A. L. CLARK, *G. M. of R.*

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR No. 3.

GRAND CASTLE OF NEW JERSEY, KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE.  
 OFFICE OF THE GRAND CHIEF, MANASQUAN, Nov. 15, 1896.

*To the Noble Chief, Officers and Members.*

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS—The time is at hand for active work among the Castles. All should now prepare for an increase of membership. Whether we shall have it to do depends upon you, Sir Knights. Let each and every brother consider himself a committee of one, and use his efforts to introduce at least one friend in the Order. This would

double our membership. Make your meetings beneficent, instructive and entertaining, so that every member will deem it his duty to attend. Send notice to each brother to attend at least once a month. Try and save the delinquent members. Suspend only those who refuse to pay any dues after being notified by the Clerk of Exchequer. There is a large number of towns and cities yet in the State that have no Castles. I call upon you to assist me in placing the banner of our Order in some of these knightless localities. Personal effort will accomplish much. Remember that for each Castle of thirty members you organize, the Grand Castle pays you fifteen dollars, and for each Castle of fifty members, twenty-five dollars: To this the Supreme Castle adds fifteen dollars for each Castle.

Sir Knights, let us elevate the principles of our Order, "Fidelity, Valor and Honor," by being faithful to our obligations, valiant in the discharge of our duties and honorable in our actions, so as to impress upon the uninitiated that our mission is to elevate man to a higher and nobler life. Do not return the sword to its sheath, but buckle on your armor and wage valiant warfare for the good of the Order. Remember that the principles taught you have never been to retreat, but have and always will be "Charge."

Having been requested by several Castles to grant dispensations to reinstate members for three dollars, I hereby grant a dispensation to all Castles within my jurisdiction to reinstate and admit new members for the sum of three dollars; also to confer two or more degrees on a candidate at any session. This dispensation to be and remain in force for a period of six months from the date hereof.

I hope that all Castles will accept of this. By so doing you will build up your Castle and bring again into the ranks many good and active Sir Knights.

Fraternally Yours in F., V. and H.,

WILLIAM H. RUF, *Grand Chief.*

Attest:

A. L. CLARK, *G. M. of R.*

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR NO. 4.

GRAND CASTLE OF NEW JERSEY, KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE.  
OFFICE OF THE GRAND CHIEF, MANASQUAN, January 15, 1897.

*To the District Grand Chiefs, Grand Instructors, Officers and Sir Knights of the Subordinate Castles.*

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS:—As the District Meetings held in the past have been conductive of much good, and the means of interchange of ideas relating to the welfare of our Order, I hereby appoint the following meetings to be held at time and place herein specified:

Nineteenth District (Nos. 51, 59) at Monmouth Castle, No. 51, Freehold, Monday, February 1st.

Fifteenth District (Nos. 50, 71) at New Brunswick Castle, No. 71, New Brunswick, Tuesday, February 2d.

Eleventh District (Nos. 35, 66) at Plumstead Castle, No. 66, New Egypt, Wednesday, February 3d.

Twentieth District (No. 33) at Franklin Castle, No. 33, Lambertville, Tuesday, February 9th.

- Fourteenth District (Nos. 20, 34, 47, 57, 72) at To-Kalon Castle, No. 72, Long Branch, Friday, February 12th.
- Fourth District (Nos. 5, 10) at Ivanhoe Castle, No. 5, Salem, Tuesday, February 16th.
- First District (Nos. 13, 52, 62, 65) at Elmer Castle, No. 52, Elmer, Tuesday, February 22d.
- Second District (Nos. 2, 46, 61) at Vineland Castle, No. 46, Vineland, Thursday, March 4th.
- Twelfth District (Nos. 14, 17, 18, 21, 22) at Florence Castle, No. 18, Florence, Tuesday, March 9th.
- Eighteenth District (Nos. 58, 64) at Passaic Castle, No. 64, Passaic, Thursday, March 19th.
- Eighth District (Nos. 3, 9, 16, 70) at Marlton Castle, No. 16, Marlton, Tuesday, March 23d.
- Ninth District (Nos. 8, 24, 25, 29) at Cyrène Castle, No. 8, Town of Stockton, Thursday, March 25th.
- Third District (Nos. 11, 27, 44, 60) at Antioch Castle, No. 44, Egg Harbor, Tuesday, April 6th.
- Seventh District (Nos. 26, 45, 49) at Stafford Castle, No. 26, Manahawkin, Tuesday, April 13th.
- Tenth District (Nos. 4, 6) at Red Cross Castle, No. 6, Medford, Thursday, April 15th.
- Sixth District (Nos. 15, 36, 48, 53) at Woodbury Castle, No. 15, Woodbury, Tuesday, April 20th.
- Fifth District (Nos. 30, 31, 39, 40) at Volunteer Castle, No. 30, Glassboro, Wednesday, April 21st.
- Thirteenth District (Nos. 7, 23, 28, 68) at Ribsam Hall, Trenton, Friday, April 30th.
- Sixteenth District (Nos. 32, 43, 63) at Califon Castle, No. 32, Califon, Saturday, May 1st.
- Seventeenth District (Nos. 38, 54, 67) at Columbia Castle, No. 54, Paterson, Thursday, May 13.

It is my desire that the District Grand Chiefs preside at the meeting in their districts; that a degree team be selected to confer one degree upon a brother; that special efforts be made by the Castles to secure the attendance of every Sir Knight.

The secret work will be exemplified by the Grand Chief or his representative at the close of each meeting. A special session of the Grand Castle will also be held at the close of each meeting to confer the Past Chief's Degree upon all in waiting and entitled to receive the same.

Trusting that the meetings will be successful, and the means of upbuilding our Order, I am

Fraternally Yours in F., V. and H.,

WILLIAM H. RUF, *Grand Chief.*

Attest:

A. L. CLARK, *G. M. of R.*

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR No. 5.

GRAND CASTLE OF NEW JERSEY, KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE,  
OFFICE OF THE GRAND CHIEF, MANASQUAN, March 31, 1897.

*To all Subordinate Castles, K. G. E.—Greeting.*

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS:—According to custom I hereby appoint Thursday, August 12th, 1897, as "EAGLES' DAY" at Atlantic City.

Eagles' Day has become one of the leading days at that famous resort. Thousands flock to that city on that day. Let every Castle in the State be represented, thereby showing our strength. Let each Sir Knight try to make this year's Eagles' Day one of the most successful in the history of our Order.

Fraternally Yours in F., V. and H.,

WILLIAM H. RUF, *Grand Chief*.

Attest:

A. L. CLARK, *G. M. of R.*

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR No. 6.

GRAND CASTLE OF NEW JERSEY, KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE.  
OFFICE OF THE GRAND CHIEF, MANASQUAN, JUNE 10, 1897.

*To all Subordinate Castles, K. G. E.—Greeting.*

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS:—Pursuant to request, I, William H. Ruf, Grand Chief of the Grand Castle of New Jersey, and in accordance with Article II, Section 2, of the Constitution of the Grand Castle, hereby call a Special Session of the Grand Castle of New Jersey to convene in the hall of Mercer Castle, No. 23, Corner South Broad and Front Streets, Trenton, on Thursday, the 24th day of June, 1897, at 10.30 A. M.

The business to be brought before this special session is as follows:

*First.*—To act upon the report of the Appeal Committee made to the Grand Chief in the case of P. C. William T. DuBois vs. Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, K. G. E. and all matters relating to said case.

*Second.*—To consider the advisability of changing the place of holding the next Annual Session of the Grand Castle.

Given under my hand, and attested with the seal of the Grand Castle, this tenth day of June, 1897.

WILLIAM H. RUF, *Grand Chief*.

Attest:

A. L. CLARK, *G. M. of R.*

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR No. 7.

GRAND CASTLE OF NEW JERSEY, KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE.  
OFFICE OF THE GRAND CHIEF, MANASQUAN, JUNE 10, 1897.

*To the Noble Chief, Officers and Members of Subordinate Castles,*

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS:—At the last stated session of each Castle this month, the election of officers for the ensuing term will be held. Elect only those who are competent and who will faithfully discharge the duties, and you will have a successful Castle. Mere personal preferences must be laid aside. Any member of the Crusader's Degree can be elected to the posts of Noble Chief, Vice-Chief or Sir Herald. In case the Noble Chief is re-elected he will not become a Past Chief until

the end of his second term. Each Master of Records is requested to return the semi-annual report and per capita tax to the Grand Master of Records immediately after the last session in June. The S. A. P. W. will not be transmitted to any Castle until the report and per capita tax on each member at the end of the term has been received. Remember, Sir Knights, that your officers cannot be legally installed until the law has been complied with.

Do not send any Castle orders or vouchers to the Grand Master of Records. Orders for the per capita tax should be drawn in favor of the Master of Records. He endorses the same and receives from the Keeper of Exchequer the money or check, which in turn is sent to the Grand Master of Records, either by check or postal money order, made payable to him.

Public installations are recommended to each Castle. I trust that our present membership will be retained. Try and save the delinquent members. Only suspend those who refuse to pay any dues after being notified by the Clerk of Exchequer.

Having been requested by a number of Castles to extend the time of dispensation granted in Circular No. 3, I hereby grant a dispensation to all Castles in New Jersey to reinstate and admit new members for the sum of \$3.00, the same to remain in force until September 1st, 1897.

Hoping that you will receive this circular with the same kindly spirit that it is sent, I remain

Yours in F., V. and H.,

WILLIAM H. RUF, *Grand Chief.*

Attest:

A. L. CLARK, *G. M. of R.*

#### PROCLAMATION.

GRAND CASTLE OF NEW JERSEY, KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE,  
OFFICE OF THE GRAND CHIEF, MANASQUAN, November 15, 1896.

Recognizing the fact that all good and perfect gifts come from the Supreme Chief of the Universe, I, William H. Ruf, Grand Chief of the State of New Jersey, Knights of the Golden Eagle, do issue this, my proclamation, designating Sunday, November 29th, 1896, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer. I would recommend that on that day all Castles attend some place of divine worship, and offer praise and gratitude to Almighty God for his watchful care over us, and for the prosperity of our Order. I would suggest that arrangements be made with the minister to preach a special sermon relative to our objects and principles.

Permission is hereby granted to all Castles to wear their regalia on the said day.

Fraternally Yours in F., V. and H.,

WILLIAM H. RUF, *Grand Chief.*

## DISTRICT MEETINGS.

I had the pleasure of attending all the District Meetings except two, and would have attended those, but was prevented by sickness. Three of the meetings were very largely attended, and at others not all the Castles in the District were represented. I have, however, with the assistance of the Grand High Priest and Grand Master of Records, endeavored to sow the seed of fraternal feeling, and time alone will tell whether it was sown on good ground. The unwritten work was very ably exemplified by the Grand Master of Records at each session. The total attendance was 1028.

DISTRICT No. 1.—This meeting was called for Elmer Castle, February 23d, 1897. In company with the Grand High Priest and Grand Master of Records I arrived at the Castle hall to find only seven members of No. 52 present. Feeling that some mistake had been made I called another meeting of the District, to be held in the hall of Progressive Castle, No. 62, Bridgeton, May 6th. Fifty Sir Knights were present from Bridgeton, Progressive, Elmer and Cumberland Castles. Remarks for the good of the Order were made by a number of the Sir Knights; also by the following Grand Officers: D. G. C. Shropshire, G. I. Johnson, G. M. of R. Clark and myself.

DISTRICT No. 2.—Meeting was held in the hall of Vineland Castle, No. 46, March 4th, 1897. Fifty-three Sir Knights were present. A degree was conferred upon a candidate in an efficient and creditable manner. Addresses were made by the Grand Officers and Sir Knights present, viz: G. M. of R. Clark, D. G. C. Mull and myself. The courtesy that was extended to the Grand Officers by the Sir Knights will not soon be forgotten.

DISTRICT No. 3.—Meeting was held in the hall of Antioch Castle, No. 44, on Tuesday, April 6th, 1897. Fifty-seven Sir Knights were present, every officer being found at his post at the opening of Castle. The Third Degree was conferred—all officers in full uniform. All the Castles in the District represented. Grand Officers present, Grand High Priest, Grand Master of Records, Grand First Guardsman, D. G. C. Otto and myself. Remarks for the good of the Order were made by the Grand Officers and Sir Knights. The hospitality extended to the Grand Officers by the members of No. 44 were appreciated by them, especially the small token presented upon the morning of leaving.

DISTRICT No. 4.—Meeting held in the hall of Ivanhoe Castle, No. 5, Salem. There were present twenty Sir Knights. Two applications for membership were received. The Grand Officers present were P. G. C. Freas, G. M. of R. Clark, D. G. C. Bacon, G. I. Riggins and myself. Addresses of an encouraging nature were made by the Grand Officers and several Sir Knights.

DISTRICT No. 5.—Meeting held in the hall of Volunteer Castle, No. 30, Glassboro, on Wednesday, April 21st. There were present thirty-five Sir Knights. The Pilgrim's Degree was conferred upon a candidate—all members of the degree team being Past Chiefs. All Castles in the District represented. Remarks for good of the Order were made by the Grand Officers and Sir Knights of the Castle. Grand Officers present: G. M. of R. Clark, D. G. C. Dischert and myself. The Grand Instructor was absent on account of sickness.

DISTRICT No. 6.—Meeting held in the hall of Woodbury Castle, No. 15, on Tuesday, April 20th, 1897. About forty Sir Knights present, and all the Castles in the District represented. The three Degrees were conferred upon the Rev. Mr. Cordova, of Blackwood Castle; No. 1, in an excellent manner, and was worthy of much credit. Past Grand Officers present were Past Grand Chiefs Foust, Hunter and Senseman. Grand Officers, G. V. C. Lane, G. M. of R. Clark, D. G. C. Meyers and myself. Interesting remarks were made by the Grand Officers and visiting Sir Knights.

DISTRICT No. 7.—This meeting was held in the hall of Stafford Castle, No. 26, Manahawkin, on Tuesday, April 13th, 1897. Number of Sir Knights present, fifty-three. A degree was conferred upon a candidate in a very creditable manner. Remarks for the good of the Order were made by the Sir Knights and following Grand Officers who were present: G. H. P. Wainright, G. M. of R. Clark, D. G. C. Mosher and myself.

DISTRICT No. 8.—Meeting held in hall of Marlton Castle, No. 16, Marlton, on Tuesday, March 23d, 1897. Owing to a previous engagement I was unable to attend this meeting. The night being very stormy only thirty five Sir Knights were present. No degrees were conferred. Remarks were made by the brothers present. Am sorry to report that at this meeting no Grand Officers were present except D. G. C. Brelsford who was accompanied by P. G. C. Senseman and Past Chiefs Rosade and Hoey and eleven other Sir Knights of Camden.

DISTRICT No. 9.—This meeting was held in the hall of Cyrene Castle, No. 8, on Thursday, March 25th, 1897. Number of Sir Knights present, forty-five. The Second Degree was conferred upon a candidate by the degree team of No. 25 in a very creditable manner, showing that the pleasant rivalry that exists between the Castles of this District is of a great benefit to the Order, as each Castle tries the other to outdo in degree work. Addresses were made by a number of visiting Sir Knights. Among them being P. S. C. Lyttle, Past Grand Chiefs Arnold, Trachsel and Senseman, and the following Grand Officers: G. H. P. Wainright, G. M. of R. Clark, D. G. C. Vehe, G. I. Johnson, and myself.

DISTRICT No. 10.—Meeting held in the hall of Red Cross Castle, No. 6, Medford, on Thursday, April 15th. On account of sickness I was unable to attend. G. M. of R. Clark was present however. By reason of a parade of another organization, only twenty Sir Knights were present. Remarks were made by Bro. Clark and some of the Sir Knights. Was also requested to make call for another meeting.

DISTRICT No. 11.—Meeting held in the hall of Plumsted Castle, No. 66, New Egypt, Wednesday, February 3d. Attendance, thirty Sir Knights. The three degrees were conferred upon a gentleman from Hightstown, in a very creditable manner. The district was reported as in good condition. Addresses were made by Sir Knights of Nos. 35 and 66, also by the following Grand Officers present: G. M. of R. Clark, D. G. C. Harker and myself.

DISTRICT No. 12.—This meeting was held in the hall of Florence Castle, No. 18, Florence, on Tuesday, March 9th, 1897. On account of the stormy night, and it also being the day of Spring elections, only twenty-five Sir Knights were in attendance. A very pleasant and instructive evening was spent however, remarks being made by Past Chiefs Porter and Johnson, of Burlington, P. C. Worrell, of No. 18, G. M. of R. Clark, and myself. The District Grand Chief and Grand Instructor were both absent.

DISTRICT No. 13.—One of the largest and most interesting district meetings ever held in the State was held in the hall of Mercer Castle, No. 23, on Friday, April 30th, 1897. The meeting was under the charge of Star of Bethlehem Castle, No. 68, nearly two hundred active Sir Knights of the District being present; also, Sir Knights from Monmouth, No. 51, Franklin, No. 33, and P. S. C. Kelly and P. G. C. Hunter. On account of sickness the Grand High Priest was unable to be present. The Second Degree was conferred upon a candidate by the Degree team of No. 68, the work, as well as the opening and closing ceremonies, being done in German. The correct and active movements and the excellent manner in which the charges were delivered brought forth praises from all present. The activity of the Sir Knights and the lively interest manifested makes this District second to none in the State, and the success is to a certain extent due to the earnest work of our Grand Master of Records. Remarks for the good of the Order, and for the adoption of a Death Benefit Fund, were made by P. S. C. Kelly, P. G. C. Hunter, Past Chiefs of No. 7, Duncan of No. 51, Ginnelley, of No. 7, Johnson of No. 33, and Sir Knight Cook, of 33, G. M. of R. Clark, Grand Trustee Bloom, District Grand Chiefs Zeigler and Thomann, Grand Instructors Stahl and Young and myself.

DISTRICT No. 14.—Meeting was held in hall of To-Kalon Castle, No. 72, Long Branch, on Friday, February 12th, 1897. This was one of the most successful meetings held—attendance nearly one hundred, every Castle in the District sending a delegation. Five candidates for the Second Degree and six elected to membership. The conferring of the degree by the team of To-Kalon was faultless and elicited the most favorable comment from all the visiting Sir Knights. Much of the success of the team work is due to D. G. C. Bills and the members of Corinthian Castle. To-Kalon Castle is the banner Castle of the State in obtaining members, and the Fourteenth District stands side by side with the Thirteenth District in the front rank of our Order. The District Grand Chief and Grand Instructor were not present. Remarks for the advancement of our Order, and for a Beneficial Fund, were made by the following Past Chiefs: Herman, Gano and White, of No. 72; Cobb of No. 47; Reid and Smith of No. 20; Porter and Brown of No. 57, and Mount of No. 34: Also by the following Grand Officers: G. M. of R. Clark, G. H. P. Wainright and myself.

DISTRICT No. 15.—Meeting held in hall of New Brunswick Castle, No. 71, New Brunswick, Thursday February 2d, 1897. On account of the severe snow storm, Sterling Castle was not present; nor did I expect to see enough Sir Knights present to hold a session. On entering the Castle room I found every officer at his post. Total attendance, twenty-six, and four candidates for the Pilgrims' Degree. The opening and closing ceremonies and the conferring of the degrees were performed in a very creditable manner, showing that the Sir Knights of No. 71 are working for the advancement of the Order. Remarks were made by several Sir Knights and G. M. of R. Clark, D. G. C. Turton and myself.

DISTRICT No. 16.—Meeting held in hall of Califon Castle, No. 32. On account of the severe storm there was a small attendance, only thirty-two Sir Knights being present. The Third Degree was conferred upon a candidate. All Castles in the District were represented, also several Sir Knights from Warren Castle, No. 12. Remarks for the benefit of the Order, and on the adoption of a Benefit Fund were made by several Sir Knights, and by the following Grand Officers present: G. M. of R. Clark, D. G. C. Apgar and myself.

DISTRICT NO. 17.—Meeting held in hall of Columbia Castle, No. 54, Paterson, Thursday, May 13th. Forty-six Sir Knights present, both Castles in the District were represented; also visitors from No. 64. The Second Degree was conferred upon one candidate by the Degree team of No. 54, assisted by Brother Orr, in an excellent manner. Remarks on a Death Benefit Fund and good of Order were made by several Sir Knights, also by the following Grand Officers: G. M. of R. Clark, D. G. C. Harvey, D. G. C. Schanck, P. C. John M. Orr and myself.

DISTRICT NO. 18.—Meeting held in hall of Passaic Castle, No. 64, Passaic, on Thursday, March 19th, 1897. Although the evening was very stormy there was an attendance of forty-six Sir Knights—Grand Instructor Lockwood and seven brothers bracing the storm with a fifteen-mile drive. The Second Degree was conferred in a creditable manner. Remarks for the interest of the Order were made by D. G. C. Harvey; also by Past Chiefs Kent, Sproat and Lockwood, P. C. Demorest, G. M. of R. Clark and myself.

DISTRICT NO. 19.—Meeting held in hall of Monmouth Castle, No. 51, Freehold, February 1st, 1897. There being only two Castles in the District, and the evening stormy, the attendance was small, fourteen Sir Knights of Windsor Castle, No. 59, and twenty-six from Monmouth being present. No degrees were conferred. Officers instructed in the opening and closing ceremonies. Remarks for good of the Order were made by several Sir Knights and by the following Grand Officers: G. M. of R. Clark, D. G. C. Story, G. I. Imlay and myself.

DISTRICT NO. 20. Meeting held in the hall of Franklin Castle, No. 33, Lambertville, Tuesday, February 9th, 1897. Number of Sir Knights present, including visiting brothers from No. 196, of Pennsylvania, twenty-seven. One candidate for the Pilgrim's Degree. D. G. C. Michener was unable to be present on account of sickness. Remarks for the good of Order made by several Sir Knights also by G. M. of R. Clark and myself.

I have endeavored to devote as much of my time as possible to visitations, and, while it has been impossible to visit all the Castles, I trust the neglected ones will not find fault, but take into consideration that it would require over two months of time to visit each Castle once.

#### DECISIONS.

1. *Question.*—Does dispensation to reinstate for three dollars do away with a contrary provision of our By-Laws?  
*Answer.*—Yes.

2. *Question.*—Has the Vice-Chief the right to his chair and to perform the duties of his office when in arrears over a quarter's dues?  
*Answer.*—See decision No. 8 by Grand Chief Barrows, 1896.

3. *Question.*—It is claimed that a member committed an offense against good morals over five years ago. Can he who claims to have been injured now prefer a charge after a lapse of five years; should Castle entertain charge?

*Answer.*—He has no right to prefer charges now, and Castle should not entertain such charges.

4. *Question.*—Must a member claiming benefits observe and obey By-Laws of his Castle regulating his manner of life?

*Answer.*—Yes.

5. *Question.*—A gentleman desires to join our Castle under the following conditions: Pay admission fee, take the degrees, thereafter pay no dues and not be beneficial?

*Answer.*—As this would constitute simply honorary membership, he cannot be admitted.

6. *Question.*—Our Noble Chief resigned his office. The Vice-Chief has been elected Noble Chief. Can the Sir Herald be elected Vice-Chief?

*Answer.*—Yes.

7. *Question.*

a. Shall the Castle accept moneys as dues from an expelled member who has an appeal pending?

*Answer.*—No.

b. Shall the Castle receive and forward assessments of such expelled member called by Death Benefit Fund?

*Answer.*—Yes.

c. Has an expelled member the right to sit in Castle while his appeal is pending?

*Answer.*—No.

8. *Question.*—What is position of tellers when receiving vote? In front of altar or of Noble Chief's position?

*Answer.*—At right of and near altar.

9. *Question.* Our dues are \$1.95 per quarter. If a member is in arrears \$2.00 or more and pays \$1.95, does he become in good standing so as to claim benefits if disabled?

*Answer.*—No. He must pay in full, and then is not in good standing until four weeks after such payment in full.

10. *Answer.*—To be entitled to the honors of Past Chief a High Priest must serve as such for five *consecutive* terms.

11. *Question.*—A prerequisite to admission to our Castle is an approved medical examination, as well as favorable report of investigating committee. A suspended member residing in Pennsylvania desires to be re-instated. How shall we proceed with regard to investigating committee and medical examination.

*Answer.*—I give it up.

#### DISPENSATIONS.

Ivanhoe Castle, No. 5. To reinstate suspended members for three dollars. No fee.

Cross and Crown Castle, No. 25. To remove Castle room to Sigel's Hall. Fee, twenty-five cents.

Mt. Everest Castle, No. 38. To suspend benefits for six months, their funds being less than one hundred dollars. No fee.

Woodbury Castle, No. 15. To confer the three Degrees upon Rev. Mr. Cordova, of Blackwood Castle, No. 1. No fee.

Progressive Castle, No. 62. To change place of meeting to Malta Hall; also to change night of meeting from Thursday to Friday. No fee.

Star of Liberty Castle, No. 58. To change night of meeting from Saturday to Tuesday evenings. No fee.

Monmouth Castle, No. 51. To remove from Forman's Hall to Burtis Building. Fee, twenty-five cents.

Monarch Castle, No. 9. To omit holding regular session upon May 13th.

To-Kalon Castle, No. 72. To change place of holding meetings. No fee.

## RESIGNATIONS.

December 12th, 1896. Accepted resignation of P. C. T. Connelly as District Grand Chief of the Seventeenth District.

January 13th, 1897. Accepted resignation of P. C. C. I. Harding as Grand Instructor of the Fifth District.

February 9th, 1897. Accepted resignation of P. C. J. W. Smith as Grand Instructor of the Seventeenth District.

March 19th, 1897. Accepted resignation of P. C. W. J. Snowden as District Grand Chief of the Eighteenth District.

## APPOINTMENTS.

Appointed P. C. J. H. Harvey, of No. 54, as District Grand Chief of the Seventeenth District.

Appointed P. C. Charles Stephenson, of No. 39, as Grand Instructor of the Fifth District.

Appointed P. C. T. C. Schank, of No. 64, as District Grand Chief of the Eighteenth District.

## EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Postage . . . . .	\$ 31 60
Desk supplies . . . . .	6 50
Expressage . . . . .	1 75
Telegrams . . . . .	5 75
Freight on desk . . . . .	2 45
Preliminary meetings . . . . .	20 75
Trips to Grand Castle office . . . . .	19 50
Trips to interest parties in new Castles . . . . .	22 00
Visitations . . . . .	35 85
District Meetings . . . . .	102 80
Instituting Castle No. 1 . . . . .	18 65
Instituting Castle No. 12 . . . . .	24 65
Trip to Jersey City . . . . .	5 75
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	\$298 00

To the District Grand Chiefs and Grand Instructors I owe much for the labors and time devoted to their official duties. I am also indebted to the Law Committee, who have given much time to the consideration of laws presented for their approval. I also appreciate the feelings which prompted the hearty co-operation of the Past Grand Chiefs, as often during the year have they been called upon for assistance. To our worthy Grand Master of Records Clark I am under great obligations, and words can hardly express my thanks to him for his assistance and unremitting labors.

And now, Past Chiefs, in retiring from the position of your Grand Chief, again permit me to tender to you my sincere thanks for the honor that has been conferred upon me by your suffrages. It is with pleasure that I can bear testimony to the courtesy and forbearance that has ever been manifested towards me in the discharge of my duty; and as I now retire to the more humble walks of brotherhood life, I hope I shall ever bear with me the best wishes of all with whom I have stood connected.

WILLIAM H. RUF, *Grand Chief.*

## REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT GRAND CHIEFS.

### FIRST DISTRICT (Nos. 13, 52, 62, 65.)

W. H. RUF, Grand Chief.

PORT NORRIS, August 1st, 1897.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—The First District is in good condition, with the exception of No. 52. This, I think, will be all right with a little work on the part of its members. No. 65, the baby Castle of the District, is fast coming to the front, both in finances and membership. Nos. 13 and 62 also show gains this last term.

Yours in F., V. and H.,

W. L. SHROPSHIRE, *D. G. C.*

### SECOND DISTRICT (Nos. 2, 46, 61.)

W. H. RUF, Grand Chief.

VINELAND, July 19th, 1897.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—I beg leave to submit the following report :  
The officers in Castles Nos. 2, 46 and 61 have been installed promptly. Millville, No. 2, is holding her own in membership, but is paying out large sums for sick benefits, which is running her finances down somewhat. The members that attend, however, are in good spirits. Excelsior, No. 61, I find is gaining a little in membership and is in good standing financially. They have a nice K. G. E. Hall, and have a good attendance at every session. Vineland, No. 46, is holding her own fairly well both in membership and finances. They have a fair attendance at their meetings, but not what they should have.

Yours in F., V.-and H.,

GEO. MÜLL, *D. G. C.*

### THIRD DISTRICT (Nos. 11, 27, 44, 60.)

W. H. RUF, Grand Chief.

EGG HARBOR, July 8th, 1897.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—I would respectfully report that I have installed the officers-elect in all the Castles in the Third District at the beginning of each term. I find them working harmoniously and increasing in members, and so far as I can learn, they are all in good condition financially. Some Castles have lost, others have gained new members. My relations with the members of the Order, both in and out the District, have been pleasant, and I take this opportunity of thanking the many brothers for their hearty support at all times.

Yours in F., V. and H.,

HENRY OTTO, JR., *D. G. C.*

## FOURTH DISTRICT (Nos. 5, 10.)

SALEM, August 5th, 1897.

W. H. RUF, Grand Chief.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—I would respectfully submit the following report as District Grand Chief of the Fourth District :

The year just ended has been attended with a general financial depression which has been keenly felt among our brethren—some of the members of Ivanhoe dropping out, unable to keep up their dues. Thanks for the dispensation to reinstate for three dollars; it has brought back some we were loth to part with, and trust there may be more. We have also weeded out some bad timber, and while we have had a falling off in numbers, still we have increased financially. Puritan Castle is working ahead splendidly. It is pleasing to see them in their work, and more so to hear their reports, which showed an increase all around. I have installed the officers of both Castles. I desire to thank you for the honor conferred on me, and trust the Grand Chief above may spare you for many years of usefulness to the Order. I am

Fraternally Yours in F., V. and H.,

J. M. BACON, D. G. C.

## FIFTH DISTRICT (30, 31, 39, 40.)

GLASSBORO, August 5th, 1897.

W. H. RUF, Grand Chief.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—I herewith submit my report for the past year:

With the assistance of several Past Chiefs, I have visited all the Castles and installed all the officers. Clayton Castle, No. 39, has taken a new lease of life and is doing all the work without the Ritual. Prospect Castle, No. 40, is doing nobly, considering there are only eight valiant Knights who are keeping the armor bright. Blackwood Castle, No. 1, is doing nicely, considering that they are only five months old. Lincoln Castle is just about holding its own. Volunteer Castle, No. 30, is doing well. In conclusion, Grand Chief, I wish to thank all the Castles for the courtesy they have shown me. I also desire to express my gratitude to the Past Chiefs who so ably assisted me. Thanking you, Grand Chief, for the confidence reposed and the honor bestowed, I am

Fraternally Yours in F., V. and H.,

J. C. DISCHERT, D. G. C.

## SIXTH DISTRICT (Nos. 15, 36, 48, 53.)

SWEDESBORO, August 10th, 1897.

W. H. RUF, Grand Chief.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—As my term of office as District Grand Chief of District No. 6 is drawing to a close, it becomes my duty to furnish you with a final report of my official acts.

I have visited all the Castles and installed all the officers, both in January and July, except Woodbury Castle. I did not get there on account of a stormy night, and they were installed by a Past Chief of their Castle. I have found them all in good condition, doing all they can under the hard times, except Paulsboro Castle, No. 48, which, I am sorry to report, has become defunct. I would further say that on all my visits I have urged the brethren of the Castles to work hard and get new members, to use every effort in their power to regain the lost ones, and to promote brotherly love and good fellowship on all occasions; to enforce the laws and to obey them, for thus only can our noble Order succeed in its grand, good work. The year spent among my Castles has made me many warm friends and from all I have received a hearty

hand-shake and warm welcome. I have been treated with universal kindness and brotherly love, and I only bespeak for my successor the same kindness.

During the year our District Meeting was held in Woodbury Castle, No. 15, at which the Grand Chief, Grand Vice-Chief, Grand Master of Records and Past Grand Chiefs Trachsel, Hunter, Senseman and Foust were present. The meeting was well attended by the members of the District. I desire also to extend my thanks to the Past Chiefs who so kindly assisted me during my term in installing the officers of my District. To conclude, Grand Chief, I thank you for the honor conferred upon me, and I assure you that my service as District Grand Chief will be remembered by me as one of the most pleasant experiences of my life. I remain,

Fraternally Yours in F., V. and H.,

C. K. MAYER, D. G. C.

SEVENTH DISTRICT (Nos. 26, 45, 49.)

TUCKERTON, July 30th, 1897.

W. H. RUF, Grand Chief.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—It is with pleasure that I offer the following report for the past year :

The Castles in this District are getting along as well as can be expected according to the times we have had, but now we are forging ahead again with rapid strides. I have not had the time to attend to my duty as well as I would like to have done. I have installed, or caused to be installed, the officers of the various Castles. Under your dispensation, No. 45 has taken in several new members and has prospects of many more. No. 26 is getting along nicely; also No. 49. I thank you for the appointment and the various Castles for the kindly courtesies shown me when present, which more than repaid me for the work I have done.

Trusting this will meet with your approval, I am

Yours in F., V. and H.,

J. E. MOSHER, D. G. C.

EIGHTH DISTRICT (Nos. 3, 9, 16, 70.)

CAMDEN, July 30th, 1897.

W. H. RUF, Grand Chief.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—I would respectfully submit the following as my report as District Grand Chief for Eighth District :

I have installed all the officers of the District, except one, in January and July. Washington Castle, No. 3, had public installation January 8, in which I was assisted by the Past Chiefs of Phoenix, No. 70, and it was a grand success. Phoenix, No. 70, had public installation January 4, in which I was assisted by the Past Chiefs from No. 3. I have visited the Castles of Camden almost every meeting night and they are doing fairly well. They are about holding their own in membership, No. 3 making a nice gain in finances. Marlton I have not been able to visit but once, that on the occasion of the District Meeting. I took a party of fifteen. They received us in royal manner, but there were no Grand Officers present, so we had no District Meeting and no Past Chief's Degree conferred. I am sorry I could not visit Marlton often. They are a good set of Sir Knights and should be remembered by the Grand Officers. They need it. I wish to thank the Sir Knights of the Eighth District for the courtesy and kindness shown me on all occasions, and you, Grand Chief, for the honor conferred.

Yours in F., V. and H.,

C. BRELSFORD, D. G. C.

## NINTH DISTRICT (Nos. 8, 24, 25, 29.)

CRAMER HILL, August 15th, 1897.

W. H. RUF, Grand Chief.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—I herewith submit my report as District Grand Chief of the Ninth District :

While the past year has been a hard one for Secret Orders in general, yet it affords me great pleasure to report that the Castles in the Ninth District have shown quite an improvement in membership as well as financially. This I must say particularly of Fidelity Castle, No. 24, of Moorestown and Cyrene Castle, No. 8, of Wrightsville. Both of these Castles seem to have aroused themselves to the cause of Eagledom and are doing good work in the way of new members. Merchantville and Cross and Crown are also actively at work. I have installed the officers of the Castles in my District personally, assisted by Past Chiefs Wm. H. Green, Thos. Lawall, F. O. Vehe, Clarence Trchsel, Joseph B. Parry and F. H. Trchsel. During the term, under the guidance of P. G. C. F. A. Buren, Fidelity Temple, No. 19, has been organized and is in a healthy condition, and will no doubt prove quite an addition to the District. On my visits to the various Castles I have been received with the most courteous and knightly feelings.

In closing my report I wish to thank the Sir Knights of the various Castles of the District for their courtesy and kindness, and you, Grand Chief, for the honor conferred upon me.

Yours in F., V. and H.,

JOHN L. VEHE, *D. G. C.*

## TENTH DISTRICT (Nos. 4, 6.)

MOUNT HOLLY, July 28th, 1897.

W. H. RUF, Grand Chief.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—Having been appointed by you as District Grand Chief of the Tenth District, I submit the following as my report :

I have installed the officers regularly in Nos. 4 and 6. No. 4 about holds its own in finance, but lost in membership. No. 6 has struck a boom which I hope will continue. They have taken in six new members during the last six months. They are also holding their own in finances.

Hoping that this will receive your approval, and thanking you for the honor thus conferred on me, I remain

Fraternally Yours in F., V. and H.,

FRANKLIN DENNIS, *D. G. C.*

## ELEVENTH DISTRICT (Nos. 35, 66.)

NEW EGYPT, August 5th, 1897.

W. H. RUF, Grand Chief.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—I beg leave to report, as District Grand Chief of the Eleventh District, that I have attended to the duties of said District and find the Castles in good shape, both in finances and membership.

Yours in F., V. and H.,

WARDELL HARKER, *D. G. C.*

## TWELFTH DISTRICT (Nos. 14, 17, 18, 21, 22.)

BEVERLY, August 17th, 1897.

W. H. RUF, Grand Chief.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—Since being appointed District Grand Chief of the Twelfth District, I have visited all the Castles several different times, and think we have as flourishing a District as could be expected under the existing times. All the Castles have added to their number by initiation, and Burlington, especially, has been largely favored. When I attended their Castle last, at the installation of officers, they had taken in thirteen since the first of the year. Of course, the rest of the Castles haven't taken in that large number, but they all have a healthy growth. At my first visit among the Castles we agitated having district meetings every month—that is, to meet around at different Castle rooms in the District once each month. The move was considered a good one and it was adopted and a meeting called, when a chairman and secretary were elected, since which time these meetings have been held each month, and I think much good has come from them as they are largely attended.

Trusting you will think this District well represented, I am

Yours in F., V. and H.,

W. H. CURRIE, D. G. C.

## THIRTEENTH DISTRICT (Nos. 7, 23, 28, 68, 69.)

TRENTON, July 30th, 1897.

W. H. RUF, Grand Chief.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—I have visited the Castles in my District, installed the officers and found the condition of the several Castles as follows :

Trenton, No 7, has experienced considerable difficulty, both financially and in membership. However, they now have good prospects before them, and bid fair to become a flourishing organization. Mercer, No. 23, has been very unfortunate in regard to sickness and death among its members, but has again almost reached its financial good standing. They have reinstated old members and taken in a number on withdrawal cards, and they now have every prospect of a brighter future. Capitol, No. 28, is in a flourishing condition. It has increased in membership, is in good financial standing, has largely attended meetings and is one of the most prosperous Castles in this District at the present time. Star of Bethlehem, No. 68, I found in very good condition financially and continually increasing its membership. It also has largely attended meetings and can do the floor-work in a very creditable manner.

Thanking you sincerely for the honor conferred upon me and wishing the Knights of the Golden Eagle success, I am

Yours in F., V. and H.,

WM. G. ZEIGLER, D. G. C.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT (*German Castle.*)

TRENTON, July 28th, 1897.

W. H. RUF, Grand Chief.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—As District Grand Chief of Star of Bethlehem Castle, No. 68, I submit to you the following as my report :

I installed the officers-elect of my Castle in proper form at the proper time, on which occasions I have been ably assisted by some of our Past Chiefs. I find Star of Bethlehem Castle prospering and in a good condition.

Hoping this will meet with your approval, and thanking you for the honor conferred on me, I remain,

Yours in F., V. and H.,

FRANK THOMANN, D. G. C.

## FOURTEENTH DISTRICT (Nos. 20, 34, 47, 57, 72.)

ASBURY PARK, August 4th, 1897.

W. H. RUF, Grand Chief.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—I respectfully submit my report as District Grand Chief of the Fourteenth District.

I have personally installed the officers in each Castle. The year's work is very gratifying. Each Castle has increased its membership—the lowest seven, the highest nineteen. The finances are good. I have been received with kindness and courtesy, for which I return thanks. I also desire to thank the wheelmen of my team for their devotion to the cause of Eagledom, and yourself for my appointment.

Fraternally Yours in F., V. and H.,

EDGAR BILLS, *D. G. C.*

## FIFTEENTH DISTRICT (Nos. 50, 71.)

NEW BRUNSWICK, July 30th, 1897.

W. H. RUF, Grand Chief.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—I respectfully submit the following report as District Grand Chief of this District :

During the term I have visited the Castles comprising this District and found them in a good condition. I have installed the officers and endeavored to do my duty in a satisfactory manner. To the many Sir Knights throughout my District who so kindly rendered me their aid when required I feel grateful.

Thanking you for the honor conferred on me and hoping that I have performed my duty satisfactorily, I remain,

Respectfully Yours in F., V. and H.,

ROBERT S. TURTON, *D. G. C.*

## SIXTEENTH DISTRICT (Nos. 32, 43, 63.)

CALIFON, August 5th, 1897.

W. H. RUF, Grand Chief.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—I would respectfully submit the following as my official report as District Grand Chief of the Sixteenth District :

Considering the hard times the past year has been fairly prosperous for the Castles in this District. No. 32 is taking in a number of new members, and while they have been called upon to pay funeral and sick benefits, they still have a snug sum in the treasury. No. 43 is rapidly increasing in membership and finances. I am glad to report that No. 63 has moved into newer and larger quarters, and if the members continue as they have during the past year this Castle bids fair to compare favorably with any Castle in the District. During my term of office a new Castle has been instituted in this District—Warren Castle, No. 12, at Washington, which bids fair to become the leading Castle in the District.

Thanking you for the honor conferred upon me, I remain

Yours in F., V. and H.,

EDSON APGAR, *D. G. C.*

## SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT (Nos. 38, 54, 67.)

PATERSON, August 6th, 1897.

W. H. RUF, Grand Chief.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—In accordance with your request I herewith present my report as your District Grand Chief in this District :

There is nothing of much importance to report; the Castles, while not in-

creasing in membership, have increased their financial standing, and the showing made, especially by Columbia Castle, No. 54, I think will be found to compare favorably with any other Castle in the State. We expect, now that times are improving, that the membership will keep pace with the times and that our next semi-annual report will show an increase of members in this District. I have installed the officers of Nos. 38 and 54 at the times specified, and in the absence of a District Grand Instructor have taken the liberty of instructing the members in the floor-work. I have also, at stated periods, exemplified the unwritten work of the Order.

Thanking you for your kindness in appointing me as your District Grand Chief in this District, I remain,

Fraternally Yours in F., V. and H.,

JAMES H. HARVEY, *D. G. C.*

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT (Nos. 58, 64.)

PASSAIC, August 3d, 1897.

W. H. RUF, Grand Chief.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—The Castles in the District are doing as well as can be expected considering the times. They have not made any gain in membership, but a small gain in finances, and the work is being done in accordance with the ritual. I have installed the officers of the Castles at the proper times. I remain,

Yours in F., V. and H.,

T. C. SCHANCK, *D. G. C.*

NINETEENTH DISTRICT (Nos. 51, 59.)

FREEHOLD, August 1st, 1897.

W. H. RUF, Grand Chief.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—Please find herein my report for District No. 19 :

I beg to say it gives me pleasure to find Castles Nos. 51 and 59 in a prosperous condition. The officers of both Castles have been installed at the regular appointed time by myself or my representatives, and I am glad to report that a cheerful and fraternal feeling prevails within the walls of both Monmouth and Windsor. A public installation of Windsor's officers was held in January—our Grand High Priest and yourself being present; also a number of Sir Knights from No. 51. No. 51 has added a new cave to her initiatory attractions and now has a degree team that is making our work very effective. Both Castles are in good financial condition and acquiring new members. I wish, through my report, to thank the Sir Knights of both Nos. 51 and 59 for their kind assistance in my official duties, and beg to remain,

Fraternally in F., V. and H.,

JOHN H. STORY, *D. G. C.*

TWENTIETH DISTRICT (No. 33.)

LAMBERTVILLE, July 27th, 1897.

W. H. RUF, Grand Chief.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—I herewith present my report for the Twentieth District (Castle, No. 33) :

On account of sickness was not able to visit the Castle for about four months, but was able to instal the officers at the beginning of term in January and July. The Castle is in good working condition. Whilst there is a slight decrease in membership there is an increase in finances. Sorry I could not have given more time to the work, but under the circumstances did the best I could.

Thanking you for the honor conferred, I remain,

Yours in F., V. and H.,

W. R. MICHENER, *D. G. C.*

## REPORTS OF THE GRAND INSTRUCTORS.

## FIRST DISTRICT.

BRIDGETON, August 9th, 1897.

W. H. RUF, Grand Chief.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—Having received from you the honor of appointment as Grand Instructor of the First District of New Jersey (Castles Nos. 13, 52, 62, 65), I respectfully submit to you my report, with many thanks to you, but with humble regret on my part to think that I could not be more faithful than I have been to such a grand and noble Order as this. I will say during my term of office, at least the first part of it, it was impossible for me to visit the Castles, but my heart and hand were willing. I have visited No. 13 once, 52 twice, 65 once and 62 every session. I have given all instructions when called for in these Castles, when present, and answered all inquiring Sir Knights in my best judgment as far as it was proper for me to do.

Hoping this report may meet with your approval and thanking you for the honor which you conferred on me, I remain,

Fraternally Yours in F., V. and H.,

ISAAC B. JOHNSON, *G. I.*

## SECOND DISTRICT.

GREEN CREEK, August 4th, 1897.

W. H. RUF, Grand Chief.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—I regret that I have been prevented from visiting Castles Nos. 2 and 46, but understand from our District Grand Chief that they are both doing well, except that No. 2 has been having heavy drains on her treasury. Our Castle (No. 61) does fairly well in ritualistic work, and as to financial condition is especially well favored. We are somewhat isolated from other Castles, which puts us at a disadvantage in learning from each other, but our prosperity proves our energy, and we have great confidence in our future success and usefulness.

Yours Fraternaly in F., V. and H.,

A. M. ROBINSON, *G. I.*

## FIFTH DISTRICT.

CLAYTON, July 30th, 1897.

W. H. RUF, Grand Chief.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—I hereby tender my report as Grand Instructor of the Fifth District. I have visited Volunteer and Blackwood and gave them instructions that was needed at Clayton every meeting night. The Castles that I have visited I have found enthusiastic.

Thanking you for the honor conferred on me, I remain,

Yours in F., V. and H.,

CHARLES STEPHENSON, *G. I.*

## EIGHTH DISTRICT.

CAMDEN, August 17th, 1897.

W. H. RUF, Grand Chief.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—Pursuant to my duty as Grand Instructor of the Eighth District, comprising Castles No. 3, 9, 16, 70; I submit the following report of my official acts :

Have at various times visited each Castle under my supervision, and found them progressing as well as the members thereof were pleased to allow them. The fact of a benevolent Order like the Golden Eagles with a fair membership, it is painful to know they depend on a few to transact all the requirements of the Order and make it a living success. Aside from the above consideration, the Castles in this District are a success and in a prosperous condition; all they now need is a full development of the long-promised prosperity, when they will again be in the height of bloom, like the rose that expands from the evening dew. I have found my position very agreeable from the fact of the generous assistance of the associated Sir Knights, and especially my revered colleague, Chapman Brelsford, whose services some day will be missed, and then his absence we will sadly regret.

Thanking you one and all for the many courtesies and favors bestowed on me, I remain,

Yours Fraternaly in F., V. and H.,

BENJAMIN F. KELLUM, *G. I.*

## NINTH DISTRICT.

MERCHANTVILLE, August 16th, 1897.

W. H. RUF, Grand Chief.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—I would respectfully report that I have visited all the Castles in my District as often as I possible could and find them all in good working order. Castles Nos. 8 and 24, which for a time appeared to be at a standstill, are now making rapid strides in increasing their membership. I have been most courteously received on all occasions.

Thanking you for the honor thus conferred on me, I remain,

Yours in F., V. and H.,

E. T. JOHNSON, *G. I.*

## TWELFTH DISTRICT.

BURLINGTON, August 13th, 1897.

W. H. RUF, Grand Chief.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—As your Instructor of the Twelfth District I submit this as my report :

The Castles in the District are progressing as well as can be expected. I have visited them, and according to instructions from D. G. C. Currie of this District, have assisted them in degree work with our degree team, which was formed some four years ago. The Castles have been holding monthly District Meetings, and we find them to be very instructive and beneficial to them.

Thanking you, I am

Yours in F., V. and H.,

C. B. GREENFIELD, *G. I.*THIRTEENTH DISTRICT (*German Castle.*)

TRENTON, August 7th, 1897.

W. H. RUF, Grand Chief.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—Having received from you the honor of Grand Instructor of the Thirteenth District (*German Castle, No. 68.*) I beg leave to

report that I have attended to the duties of that position to the best of my knowledge, and given it attention as much as in my power. I find the District to be in a good condition, both as to membership and finances, and all the Castles are working with the usages and requirements of the Order.

Fraternally Yours in F., V. and H.,

CHARLES STAHL, *G. I.*

#### THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

TRENTON, August 1st, 1897.

W. H. RUF, Grand Chief.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—I beg leave to submit the following as my report as Grand Instructor of the Thirteenth District :

I received my warrant and have visited all the Castles in the District, and would report that I find them in very good condition, doing the work (opening and closing and degree work) in a first-class style—in fact, a style which I do not believe can be surpassed by any District in the State. This, I think, is about all I have to report, with the exception of thanking you sincerely for the honor you have conferred upon me by placing me in the position which you did, and I hope that you will feel that your confidence has not been misplaced.

I remain,

Fraternally Yours in F., V. and H.

J. W. YOUNG, *G. I.*

#### FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

POINT PLEASANT, July 29th, 1897.

W. H. RUF, Grand Chief.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—Having received from you the honor of Grand Instructor of the Fourteenth District I beg leave to report I have visited all the Castles in my District and find them all in good working order, with a gain in membership. The Sir Knights all seem to be working for the good of the Order. I have been treated with due courtesy by all Sir Knights, for which I return to them my sincere thanks.

Hoping this will meet with your approval, and thanking you for the honor conferred on me, I am

Yours in F., V. and H.,

WILLIAM J. COOK, *G. I.*

#### SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

ANNANDALE, August 2d, 1897.

W. H. RUF, Grand Chief.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—Having been honored by you with the appointment of Grand Instructor of the Sixteenth District, consisting of Castles Nos. 32, 43, 63, and 12, I herewith submit my report :

I have, during my term, visited each and every Castle in my District and found them in extra good working order and still adding new members to the list. Annandale Castle has her Commandery nearly completed and will soon apply for a warrant, and when the time of prosperity comes along will be in a good condition.

Hoping this will meet your approval, and thanking you for the honor conferred on me, I remain,

Fraternally Yours in F., V. and H.,

JOHN W. SHARP, *G. I.*

## REPORT OF THE GRAND VICE-CHIEF.

CAMDEN, N. J., August 14th, 1897.

WILLIAM H. RUF, Grand Chief.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—It has not been the custom, nor is there a precedent, for the Grand Vice-Chief to make an official report at the close of his term. Notwithstanding this fact, I feel constrained to acknowledge the honor conferred upon me by the Grand Castle in electing me to this exalted post.

I also wish to say that whenever I have appeared in my official capacity I have been most kindly and courteously received, and while my visits were not as numerous as I desired, they were as frequent as my business and circumstances would permit. The work I observed in the different Castles was commendable, and it is very gratifying to say the Order has been able to hold its own as to membership and finances during the past year, in the face of stringent times.

Congratulating you, Grand Chief, upon the successful close of your administration, I remain.

Fraternally Yours in F., V. and H.,

CHARLES E. LANE,  
*Grand Vice-Chief.*

## REPORT OF THE GRAND SIR HERALD.

PALMYRA, N. J., August 13th, 1897.

WILLIAM H. RUF, Grand Chief.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—Replying to your request of the 4th inst. for a report from me as Grand Sir Herald, would say that my visits to the Order have been confined exclusively to the Twelfth District. Through a suggestion of D. G. C. W. H. Curry, who, by the way, is an indefatigable worker, a series of District Meetings have been held monthly at the different Castles, and it has been my good pleasure to not only meet a large majority of the Sir Knight of the District, but also to visit all of the Castles. There has been considerable enthusiasm manifested.

At these District Meetings different subjects tending to the advancement of our Order were introduced and discussed, which I believe will be conducive of good. It would be well for the other Districts to copy the innovation.

I regret my inability to accompany you to the District Meetings, but hope for the continued success of our Order.

Appreciating the honor conferred upon me and Palmyra Castle, No. 22, by the Grand Castle having elected me Grand Sir Herald, and thanking the Sir Knights for the many courtesies extended during the year, I am

Fraternally Yours in F., V, and H.,

JAMES E. RUSSELL,  
*Grand Sir Herald.*

## REPORT OF THE GRAND MASTER OF RECORDS.

TRENTON, N. J., August 14th, 1897.

*To the Grand Chief, Officers and Members of the Grand Castle of N. J.,  
K. G. E.*

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS:—Having been intrusted with the records of the Grand Castle for the past year, I deem it expedient at this time to offer the following report of the transactions, business and workings of this department of our Order:

During the year there has been a most satisfactory, harmonious working together of the Castles comprising this jurisdiction for the upbuilding of our ranks. While we show a small decrease in membership, due, without doubt, to the excessive and continued hard times, there is satisfaction in knowing that we have held our own and made a substantial gain in finances. The stringency in financial affairs has, in many instances, been the cause of liability to suspension on the part of those who are unwilling subjects to such a procedure, but who bow humbly to the inevitable. To remedy this defect as far as possible has been the aim of our Grand Chief, who, by granting the privilege of reinstatement for three dollars, has caused many tried and true Sir Knights to be reclaimed into our midst.

One other cause of our decrease was the disbanding of Eyrie Castle, No. 69. Strong efforts were put forth to revive it, but availed nothing. Their Keeper of Exchequer having absconded with all their funds, they became discouraged and made a surrender of the charter and effects.

Nos. 48, 56 and 67, not having made reports or paid their per capita tax for several terms past, were ordered to surrender their charters, etc. which action, though loth to do, was the only alternative, they having virtually become defunct by holding no meetings, etc. for above a year. Seaside, No. 56, obeyed the demands on December 19th, 1896. The remaining two have as yet to be heard from, and all attempts to get information from them are unavailing.

While our records thus show a decline of four Castles, we are enabled to point with pleasure to the establishment of two lusty infants, viz., Blackwood, No. 1, of Blackwood, and Warren, No. 12, of Washington. The correspondence in each case began on Christmas Day, December 25th, 1896. We therefore received them as a Christmas gift. The material of which they are composed does credit to the Order, and as they are workers, will no doubt make successful Castles.

Blackwood, No. 1, was instituted on March 16th, with a charter list of 54; Warren, No. 12, was instituted on March 24th, with a charter list of 33. That they may grow and prosper in the bonds of Fidelity, Valor and Honor, is our earnest wish.

Having corresponded with many persons throughout the State in reference to organizing new Castles, I feel that the labor thus bestowed will be paid by an ample harvest.

During the year I have attested the following By-Laws and amendments:

November 10, 1896, Excelsior, No. 61; Franklin, No. 33.  
 November 14, 1896, Capital, No. 28; Star of Liberty, No. 58.  
 December 8, 1896, Greenwich, No. 53; Plumsted, No. 66.  
 December 29, 1896, Clyde, No. 34.  
 January 14, 1897, Clayton, No. 39.  
 January 21, 1897, Antioch, No. 44; To-Kalon, No. 72.  
 February 15, 1897, Star of Bethlehem, No. 68.  
 February 26, 1897, To-Kalon, No. 72; Burlington, No. 21.  
 March 5, Cumberland, No. 65.  
 April 22, Trenton, No. 7; Plumsted, No. 66.  
 May 5, Cross and Crown, No. 25; Windsor, No. 59.  
 June 7, Mercer, No. 23; New Brunswick, No. 71; Corinthian, No. 47;  
 Merchantville, No. 29.  
 June 21, Monarch, No. 9.  
 August 13, Florence, No. 18; Warren, No. 12.  
 August 14, Monarch, No. 9; Burlington, No. 21.

All business and correspondence has been attended to with promptness and despatch, 1799 pieces of mail being sent out at a cost of \$36.02.

I desire here to express my sincere thanks to the Masters of Records of all the Castles for the many acts of courtesy extended to me in the way of prompt attention to business on their part. I can assure them that their help was appreciated and assisted very materially in placing the affairs of this office on a sound business basis. Allow me also to thank my predecessor, P. G. C. Senseman, who so kindly furnished me with all required information.

To the Grand Chief, officers and members I owe a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid, both for their words of wisdom and advice; also for the honor conferred.

A statement of the business of the Grand Castle for the fiscal year closing this date, together with a synopsis of the membership and finances of the Subordinate Castles, summarized from the semi-annual reports, will be found on the succeeding pages.

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

## GRAND CASTLE.

## RECEIPTS—PER CAPITA.

1896			
Sept.	14.	Monarch Castle, No. 9	\$22 20
Dec.	28.	Sterling Castle, No. 50,	14 00
	29.	Califon Castle, No. 32,	17 60
1897.			
Jan.	2.	Trenton Castle, No. 7,	13 20
		Bayside Castle, No. 60,	10 60
		Cumberland Castle, No. 65,	32 60
		Star of Bethlehem Castle, No. 68,	16 80
	4.	Palmyra Castle, No. 22,	20 40
		Volunteer Castle, No. 30,	15 40
		Capital Castle, No. 28,	21 40
		Antioch Castle, No. 44,	20 20
	6.	Star of Liberty Castle, No. 58,	10 40
		Florence Castle, No. 18,	18 00
	7.	Puritan Castle, No. 10,	19 00
		Lincoln Castle, No. 31,	7 20
		Crusaders' Castle, No. 14,	18 40
		Excelsior Castle, No. 61,	10 00
		Vineland Castle, No. 46,	18 00
	8.	Silver Cross Castle, No. 63,	5 00
		Bridgeton Castle, No. 13,	40 80
		Monmouth Castle, No. 51,	14 00
		Marlton Castle, No. 16,	7 40
		Ocean Castle, No. 11,	28 60
		Burlington Castle, No. 21,	16 60
		Wall Castle, No. 57,	9 40
	9.	Cross and Crown Castle, No. 25,	9 00
		New Brunswick Castle, No. 71,	25 40
		Franklin Castle, No. 33,	17 00
		Millville Castle, No. 2,	27 80
	11.	Monarch Castle, No. 9,	28 00
		Passaic Castle, No. 64,	9 40
		Fidelity Castle, No. 24,	7 20
		Wrightstown Castle, No. 35,	13 40
	12.	Leod Castle, No. 20,	16 80
		Plumsted Castle, No. 66,	12 20
	13.	Clyde Castle, No. 34,	17 80
		To-Kalon Castle, No. 72,	10 20
		Prospect Castle, No. 40,	16 20
		Tuckerton Castle, No. 45,	33 20
	14.	Clayton Castle, No. 39,	15 40
		Phoenix Castle, No. 70,	15 60
		Elmer Castle, No. 52,	5 00
	15.	Mt. Everest Castle, No. 38,	15 00
		Herald Castle, No. 17,	9 20
		Greenwich Castle, No. 53,	11 00
		Cœur de Lion Castle, No. 36,	7 00
		Mercer Castle, No. 23,	21 40
	16.	Annandale Castle, No. 43,	22 60
		Silver Star Castle, No. 27,	5 10
	18.	Washington Castle, No. 3,	47 40
		Ivanhoe Castle, No. 5,	16 40
		Forked River Castle, No. 49,	10 80
		Windsor Castle, No. 59,	11 40
	21.	Merchantville Castle, No. 29,	6 80
		Carried forward,	\$891 30

		Brought forward	\$891 30
Jan.	21.	Red Cross Castle, No. 6,	8 00
	22.	Columbia Castle, No. 54,	16 40
	23.	Silver Star Castle, No. 27, balance	1 70
		Cyrene Castle, No. 8,	4 50
	27.	Stafford Castle, No. 26,	11 00
		New Jersey Castle, No. 4,	10 80
Feb.	3.	Corinthian Castle, No. 47,	23 00
	4.	Progressive Castle, No. 62,	19 20
		Woodbury Castle, No. 15,	16 00
June	17.	Washington Castle, No. 3, balance	20
July	26.	Clyde Castle, No. 34,	13 20
	1.	Warren Castle, No. 12,	6 00
	2.	Star of Bethlehem Castle, No. 68,	12 75
		Annandale Castle, No. 43,	18 30
		Red Cross Castle, No. 6,	6 60
		Volunteer Castle, No. 30,	11 85
	3.	Washington Castle, No. 3,	34 05
		Millville Castle, No. 2,	20 55
		Burlington Castle, No. 21,	14 10
	5.	Palmyra Castle, No. 22,	15 00
		Bayside Castle, No. 60,	7 95
		Passaic Castle, No. 64,	7 35
		Blackwood Castle, No. 1,	6 00
	6.	Antioch Castle, No. 44,	15 00
		Capital Castle, No. 28,	18 30
		Sterling Castle, No. 50,	10 05
		Califon Castle, No. 32,	12 75
		Excelsior Castle, No. 61,	7 65
		To-Kalon Castle, No. 72,	10 20
	7.	Leod Castle, No. 20,	13 80
		Columbia Castle, No. 54,	10 80
		Windsor Castle, No. 59,	8 25
	8	Silver Cross Castle, No. 63,	3 75
		Florence Castle, No. 18,	14 70
	9.	Marlton Castle, No. 16,	5 70
	10.	Vineland Castle, No. 46,	13 20
		Bridgeton Castle, No. 13,	28 35
	12.	Plumsted Castle, No. 66,	9 45
		Herald Castle, No. 17,	6 45
		Wrightstown Castle, No. 35,	9 60
	13.	Mercer Castle, No. 23,	16 95
	14.	Ocean Castle, No. 11,	22 80
		Prospect Castle, No. 40,	12 30
		Cross and Crown Castle, No. 25,	7 65
		Cyrene Castle, No. 8,	3 90
	17.	New Jersey Castle, No. 4,	7 80
		Star of Liberty Castle, No. 58,	7 05
		Forked River Castle, No. 49,	7 65
		Franklin Castle, No. 33,	12 75
		Wall Castle, No. 57,	8 10
		Monmouth Castle, No. 51,	11 85
		Clayton Castle, No. 39,	10 20
		Mount Everest Castle, No. 38,	11 25
		Puritan Castle, No. 10,	14 10
	19.	New Brunswick Castle, No. 71,	19 35
		Cumberland Castle, No. 65,	24 15
		Crusaders' Castle, No. 14,	13 05
	20.	Tuckerton Castle, No. 45,	24 90
	22.	Trenton Castle, No. 7,	7 95
	23.	Phoenix Castle, No. 70,	11 10
	28.	Monarch Castle, No. 9,	20 55

Carried forward, . . . . . \$1649 50



## RECAPITULATION.

Per capita tax	\$1739 05
Charter fees	70 00
Exchange of rituals	15 00
Supplies	58 80
Dispensations	50
	<u>\$1883 35</u>
Balance on hand last report	271 63
Total	<u>\$2154 98</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS.

1896.	Order.				
Sept.	28.	472	E. D. Senseman, printing	\$94 39	
		473	Geo. H. Parker, M. of R., No. 11, rent of hall	12 00	
	30.	474	William I. Skinner, carriage hire	5 00	
		475	J. Harris Cogill, G. K. of E., mileage and expenses of Grand Officers and committees	99 13	
Oct.	2.	476	J. H. Spateholtz, G. S. G., expenses	22 35	
		477	N. J. Trust and Safe Deposit Co., rent of office for September	14 00	
Nov.	14.	478	Walter A. Barrows, Grand Representative's expenses	8 50	
Dec.	479		N. J. Trust and Safe Deposit Co., rent of office for October	14 00	
1897.					
Jan.	11.	480	Frank Smith, printing	13 25	
		481	E. D. Senseman, account of printing	25 00	
	12.	482	Thomas Parry & Sons, finishing P. G. C. badges	58 68	
		483	E. W. Crowell, expenses on effects of No. 56	2 00	
		484	William S. Clark, expenses on committee (case of Black, vs. No. 33.)	2 50	
	13.	485	C. Ribsam, office rent, November and Dececeember, 1896.	16 66	
		21.	486	William H. Ruf, Grand Chief, acct. of appropriation	150 00
			487	E. D. Senseman, account of printing	25 00
			488	A. L. Clark, Grand Master of Records, salary, October, 1896 to January 1st, 1897	152 79
			489	J. C. F. Trachsel, Grand Trustee, moving office effects	30 82
			490	Fraternal Societies Co-operative Indemnity Co., renewal of bonds for officers	5 50
			491	A. L. Clark, Grand Master of Records, incidentals	30 92
			492	W. E. Hoskins, Editor, account of appropriation	25 00
	22.	493	Califon Castle, No. 32, excess on per capita tax	40	
Feb.	4.	494	W. E. Hoskins, printing	18 25	
	12.	495	E. D. Senseman, account of printing	40 00	
	17.	496	Charles H. Fox, cash book for Grand Keeper of Exchequer.	2 75	
				12 00	
Mar.	25.	497	J. D. Barnes, appropriation for card in K. G. E.	100 00	
	8.	498	Supreme Castle, account of annual dues	50 00	
	10.	499	W. H. Ruf, Grand Chief, account of appropriation	12 40	
	29.	500	W. H. Ruf		
Apr.	5.	501	A. L. Clark, Grand Master of Records, salary, January 1st to April 1st,	125 00	
			502	John H. Boswell, 4 Third. Degree stereopticon slides,	5 90
			503	J. B. Wainright, G. H. P., traveling expenses	15 12
			504	A. L. Clark, printing	4 50
	17.	505	The Fraternal Societies' Co-operative Union of N. Y., assessment No. 7	1 50	
				15 00	
	29.	506	O. F. Johnston, organizer's fee, No. 12		
				<u>\$1210 31</u>	
			Carried forward,		



Brought forward, . . . . .	\$1821 68
Appropriation for and card in KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE . . . . .	12 00
Account of appropriation to EAGLE KNIGHT . . . . .	25 00
Excess per capita tax returned to No. 32 . . . . .	40
Cash book for Grand Keeper of Exchequer . . . . .	2 75
Mileage and hotel bills, special session June 24th . . . . .	38 10
Four Third Degree-stereopticon slides, used at institutions, Organizers' fees . . . . .	5 90
Electric light for office, 8 months . . . . .	40 00
Postage and expenses of committees . . . . .	9 60
Grand Keeper of Exchequer, postage . . . . .	8 76
E. D. Senseman, balance of salary as Grand Master of Records and postage, 1896 term . . . . .	1 50
	17 41
	<u>161 42</u>
	\$1983 10
Total receipts, . . . . .	\$2154 98
Total expenditures . . . . .	1983 10
Balance on hand August 17th, 1897 . . . . .	171 88

## SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS.

ITEM I.—Expenses of Grand Chief . . . . .	\$300 00
Order 486. Grand Chief, expenses . . . . .	\$150 00
499. “ “ . . . . .	50 00
500. “ “ . . . . .	12 40
512. “ “ . . . . .	75 00
	<u>\$287 40</u>
Balance unexpended . . . . .	12 60
	<u>\$300 00</u>
ITEM II.—Salary of Grand Master of Records . . . . .	\$500 00
Order 488. Grand Master of Records, salary . . . . .	\$152 79
501. “ “ . . . . .	125 00
515. “ “ . . . . .	166 66
	<u>\$444 45</u>
Balance unexpended . . . . .	55 55
	<u>\$500 00</u>
ITEM III.—Incidental expenses of Grand Master of Records . . . . .	\$100 00
Order 491. Grand Master of Records, incidentals . . . . .	\$30 92
516. “ “ . . . . .	27 79
	<u>\$58 71</u>
Balance unexpended . . . . .	41 29
	<u>\$100 00</u>

## ITEM IV.—Printing . . . . . \$300 00

Order 472.	E. D. Senseman, printing . . . . .	\$94 39
480.	Frank Smith, " . . . . .	13 25
481.	E. D. Senseman, " . . . . .	25 00
487.	" " " " . . . . .	25 00
494.	Coast Star Democrat, printing . . . . .	18 25
495.	E. D. Senseman, " . . . . .	40 00
504.	A. L. Clark, " . . . . .	4 50
511.	Coast Star Democrat, " . . . . .	4 25
518.	Frank Smith, " . . . . .	9 25
531.	E. D. Senseman, " . . . . .	13 06
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	Balance unexpended . . . . .	\$246 95
		53 05
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	Total . . . . .	\$300 00

## ITEM V.—Annual tax to Supreme Castle . . . . . \$200 00

Order 498.	Supreme Castle, annual tax . . . . .	\$100 00
508.	" " " " . . . . .	100 00
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	Total . . . . .	\$200 00

## ITEM VI.—Supplies from Supreme Castle . . . . . \$200 00

Order 521.	Supreme Castle, supplies . . . . .	\$97 95
	Balance unexpended . . . . .	102 05
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	Total . . . . .	\$200 00

## ITEM VII.—Card in "Knights of Golden Eagle" . . . . . \$12 00

Order 497	J. D. Barnes, Editor, for advertising card, . . . . .	12 00
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	Total . . . . .	\$12 00

## ITEM VIII.—Appropriation to "Eagle Knight" . . . . . \$50 00

Order 492.	W. E. Hoskins, Editor . . . . .	\$25 00
	Balance unexpended . . . . .	25 00
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	Total . . . . .	\$50 00

## MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCES OF SUBORDINATE CASTLES.

## MEMBERSHIP.

The following is a summary of the membership and finances of the subordinate Castles for the year ending June 30th, 1897:

Membership, June 30th, 1896, . . . . .		5038
Initiated . . . . .	476	
On withdrawal cards . . . . .	16	
Reinstated . . . . .	82	
	<hr/>	574
Total . . . . .		5612
Errors and No. 69, defunct . . . . .	61	
Withdrawn . . . . .	10	
Suspended . . . . .	514	
Deceased . . . . .	38	
Expelled . . . . .	2	
Resigned . . . . .	17	
	<hr/>	642
Membership June 30, 1896 . . . . .		4970

## RECEIPTS.

From initiations, cards, etc., . . . . .	\$1,889 00
“ dues and fines . . . . .	30,157 59
“ investments, etc., . . . . .	18,764 74
Total receipts . . . . .	<hr/> \$50,811 33

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid out for sick benefits . . . . .	\$12,860 55
“ death “ . . . . .	3,727 39
“ donations . . . . .	464 49
Total relief . . . . .	<hr/> \$17,052 43
Paid out for sundry purposes . . . . .	\$19,293 40
“ investments . . . . .	14,049 40
Total, . . . . .	<hr/> \$33,342 80
On hand June 30th, 1897 . . . . .	\$12,583 83
Invested . . . . .	60,488 51
Total fund . . . . .	<hr/> \$73,072 34

Increase for year . . . . . \$4,705 93

We have disbursed, since our organization in this State, for relief of our afflicted brethren and families over \$153,000.00, for which may God add his blessings.

Respectfully Yours in F., V. and H.,

A. L. CLARK, *G. M. of R.*





Financial Statement of the Subordinate Castles for the Term ending December 31st, 1896.

No. OF CASTLE.	RECEIPTS.						EXPENSES.						ON HAND AND INVESTED.				
	Initiation Fees, Cards and Reinstatements	Dues and Fines.	Investments, &c.	Total Receipts.	On hand June 30, 1896.	Total.	Sick Benefits.	Burial of the Dead.	Donations.	Total Relief.	Sundry Purposes.	Investments.	Total.	On hand December 31, '96.	Invested.	Total Fund.	Increase or Decrease.
1																	
2	54	58	\$27 59	\$95 48	\$98 11	\$93 59	\$27 50		\$327 50	\$28 33	\$252 00	\$817 83	\$175 76	\$615 82	\$821 58	\$27 61	
3		87 33	162 00	103 33	376 51	1379 84	356 00		356 00	212 45	250 00	818 15	531 39	2866 35	3411 74	295 83	
4		187 30		182 90	83 90	266 86	75 00		75 00	73 26	30 00	178 46	88 30	180 00	188 60	34 64	
5		182 88		259 88	422 88	679 76	204 00		204 00	225 01	60 00	429 01	259 75	1900 00	2150 75	172 13	
6		126 60		726 90	137 50	864 46	30 00		88 00	26 93	-600 00	744 03	119 55	600 00	719 53	118 03	
7		97 85	105 23	266 08	123 35	389 43	168 00		168 00	197 26		164 26	84 17	600 00	719 53	118 03	
8		441 80		147 50	86 27	233 77	5 00		5 00	143 78		148 98	84 17	600 00	719 53	118 03	
9		448 85	977 07	1446 92	28 90	1475 82	190 00		200 00	993 36	47 00	1330 46	143 46	1227 24	1372 70	1442 05	
10		248 45	30 00	283 45	240 51	545 96	113 75		113 75	138 94	60 00	312 60	213 27	955 02	1168 29	32 73	
11		439 90	553 50	998 40	223 20	1221 60	209 00		150 00	171 65	270 40	378 05	483 35	2643 24	3126 79	2 31	
13		332 70	4066 00	4613 80	105 17	4718 97	532 00		632 00	330 53	2593 80	3550 80	182 64	5972 85	6835 49	1394 68	
14		316 13	145 44	461 57	65 78	527 35	185 23		191 23	113 43	135 00	459 90	68 67	1842 47	1930 34	102 38	
15		231 75	309 34	541 09	88 62	629 71	273 00		323 00	238 37		459 90	68 34	1995 46	2063 80	1197 82	
16		179 93		103 93	298 34	402 27	35 00		115 00	65 32		180 37	68 34	1995 46	2063 80	1197 82	
17		141 38	6 00	153 38	312 18	465 56	54 00		159 00	96 52	86 30	241 83	221 94	200 00	421 94	176 40	
18		246 60		246 60	70 35	316 41	35 00		81 00	78 32		180 37	123 71	799 75	923 46	1102 17	
20		10 20		359 31	112 95	472 26	90 00		101 00	282 31	32 50	415 84	97 60	1270 90	1367 90	86 71	
21		187 33	161 76	349 09	115 37	464 46	77 14		77 14	238 73	32 50	415 84	56 42	544 25	600 67	724 03	
22		358 40	45 00	413 33	36 45	449 33	15 00		15 00	201 13	180 00	383 13	37 44	2333 85	2371 29	97 44	
23		316 69	618 34	930 03	110 97	1065 40	37 88		20 00	743 86	744 60	819 40	433 60	4330 65	4359 37	522 36	
24		93 70	504 60	664 30	300 36	775 27	20 00		88 00	54 59	744 60	819 40	433 60	4330 65	4359 37	522 36	
25		104 99	314 99	419 98	300 36	615 26	65 00		60 00	250 86	130 00	439 86	164 40	405 75	570 15	15 96	
26		129 13	126 00	255 75	332 72	588 47	35 00		70 00	79 27	320 00	485 97	124 50	820 00	944 50	111 78	
27		60 66		60 66	57 47	118 13	29 70		64 70	60 02	18 00	85 72	31 11	324 27	355 38	114 24	
28		396 99	1 00	415 99	1245 19	1661 18	33 00		33 00	350 97		383 97	1277 21	661 85	958 97	32 02	
29		232 20	57 57	318 77	227 66	546 43	45 00		45 00	204 31		237 21	153 00	2388 47	2541 47	84 52	
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31		81 75	199 37	10 01	209 38	84 00	84 00		84 00	27 69	44 00	155 09	54 29	514 48	568 77	129 34	
32		292 99	115 00	307 99	1497 56	1805 46	17 00		17 00	144 03	915 00	1670 03	729 43	1015 00	1744 43	146 87	

33	5 20	262 02	7 70	274 22	*111 59	162 63	56 00	12 05	68 05	108 31	62 00	176 36	*13 73	745 16	*13 73	852 97	
34	40 00	293 38	9 00	293 08	149 07	442 15	91 07	91 07	91 00	181 34	334 34	107 81	107 81	1050 00	107 81	1050 00	
35	..	294 40	..	294 40	414 38	705 78	60 00	..	150 00	122 85	57 00	334 28	404 50	1500 00	404 50	1500 00	
36	..	113 00	179 78	202 78	2 22	295 00	50 00	..	110 00	158 85	8 00	269 85	25 15	625 00	25 15	625 00	
37	21 00	223 00	161 91	405 91	21 88	427 79	64 00	..	164 00	168 10	6 00	383 10	80 60	2 77	80 60	92 46	
38	..	223 93	..	223 93	281 28	505 21	155 00	..	255 00	79 91	39 46	327 40	119 90	945 86	119 90	1065 70	
39	..	260 68	..	260 68	78 50	339 18	27 00	..	55 00	190 40	32 00	327 40	111 78	1376 78	111 78	1388 56	
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41	15 00	340 05	..	599 63	75 61	585 24	52 00	6 00	208 00	150 33	94 02	328 31	126 01	1181 72	126 01	1308 63	
42	3 00	562 16	..	565 16	623 26	1188 42	251 00	29 00	271 00	166 96	48 85	372 81	315 61	2295 95	315 61	2611 56	
43	10 00	259 25	67 50	336 75	152 34	489 09	82 50	5 00	121 50	102 05	39 00	279 55	209 54	1458 00	209 54	1667 54	
44	27 00	309 51	9 00	345 51	6 09	351 60	121 50	..	87 50	103 74	39 00	315 24	36 36	246 00	36 36	282 36	
45	3 00	142 00	..	145 00	291 01	436 01	20 00	..	20 00	48 95	..	236 40	375 06	..	375 06	84 05	
46	10 00	198 30	..	208 30	97 27	305 57	59 00	30 00	107 85	128 55	..	69 17	1194 13	..	1203 30	51 77	
47	18 00	275 16	..	293 16	711 85	1005 01	88 07	18 85	338 07	131 39	70 00	539 46	465 55	250 00	465 55	715 55	
48	3 00	54 95	75 00	132 95	46 86	179 81	10 00	..	10 00	90 02	75 00	145 00	34 81	75 00	109 81	112 05	
49	3 00	137 40	26 50	166 90	170 69	337 59	102 00	..	102 00	57 95	84 62	248 05	88 54	983 55	1072 09	27 50	
50	11 00	247 14	4 97	263 11	99 14	362 25	30 00	..	30 00	17 28	64 62	211 82	150 43	236 73	206 47	115 91	
51	9 00	241 06	..	230 06	62 49	312 55	45 00	..	45 00	61 08	..	105 08	206 47	..	206 47	143 98	
52	12 00	144 00	..	156 00	120 43	276 43	20 00	..	20 00	182 49	..	142 49	133 94	175 00	133 94	308 94	
53	3 00	164 82	15 00	182 82	234 98	417 80	5 00	..	5 00	81 94	30 00	111 94	395 86	310 00	395 86	100 88	
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55	10 00	154 68	20 75	185 43	89 93	275 36	66 00	..	66 00	72 82	100 00	238 86	36 50	1199 06	1235 56	46 57	
56	15 00	332 86	..	347 86	252 40	690 26	55 00	1 00	156 00	16 02	35 00	358 06	242 20	45 00	287 20	24 80	
57	6 00	15 20	..	21 20	45 74	66 94	..	..	..	19 33	..	118 33	48 61	..	48 61	2 87	
58	12 00	149 86	..	161 86	67 89	229 75	20 00	..	20 00	24 84	..	112 74	117 01	..	117 01	49 12	
59	26 00	352 15	85 63	464 18	719 86	1184 04	140 00	50 00	190 00	205 84	..	395 88	788 16	600 00	1388 16	68 30	
60	15 00	245 87	3 33	248 20	278 34	542 54	46 00	..	46 00	180 76	30 00	246 76	295 78	30 00	325 78	47 44	
61	42 00	194 86	17 25	254 05	122 07	376 12	57 00	..	57 00	87 07	125 00	269 07	106 15	433 78	539 93	109 08	
62	21 00	340 22	..	361 22	123 44	484 66	84 00	..	84 00	164 06	..	248 08	236 58	..	236 58	113 14	
63	32 00	437 09	441 18	910 27	75 51	985 78	199 00	..	599 00	164 55	86 82	859 37	135 41	977 42	1112 83	231 82	
64	71 00	77 29	..	150 17	..	150 17	..	..	..	97 60	..	97 60	52 57	..	52 57	52 57	
Total	\$656 30	\$15,006 53	\$10,949 86	\$26,612 89	\$12,565 92	\$39,178 81	\$5447 57	\$2093 70	\$796 82	\$10,085 87	\$8529 89	\$26,412 58	\$12,766 23	\$57,841 97	\$70,608 20	\$1194 83	

Increase .. \$3,895 29  
Decrease .. 2700 46  
Net Increase, \$1194 83

+Decrease.

\*Overdrawn.



31	Lincoln	Hurffville	Nov. 27, 1887	36	6	36	6	6	7	36	5	40	16	19	1	36	2	10	
32	Califon	California	Nov. 24, 1887	86	6	92	2	6	1	7	85	12	15	19	2	85	8	15	
33	Franklin	Hunterdon	Dec. 13, 1887	85	4	91	2	6	1	8	85	12	15	13	5	85	8	15	
34	Clyde	Lambertville	Dec. 13, 1888	89	6	91	2	8	1	8	88	13	20	23	2	88	2	15	
35	Wrightstown	Manasquan	Jan. 26, 1888	67	1	68	1	8	1	6	64	13	20	22	1	64	3	15	
36	Cœur de Lion	Burlington	Feb. 24, 1888	87	6	68	1	3	1	4	64	9	20	44	2	64	4	15	
37	Mt. Everest	Swedesboro	Mar. 12, 1888	35	5	35	1	3	1	3	32	4	8	1	1	32	4	15	
38	Clayton	Paterson	Nov. 24, 1888	75	5	81	1	3	1	6	75	11	21	10	1	75	1	15	
39	Prospect	Pitman Grove	Dec. 8, 1888	77	3	79	1	11	1	11	68	10	19	19	1	68	13	15	
40	Anandale	Gloucester	Feb. 6, 1889	81	3	85	1	3	1	3	82	12	18	30	1	82	3	15	
41	Tuckerton	Hunterdon	Dec. 5, 1889	113	11	126	1	3	1	4	122	18	30	17	105	122	6	15	
42	Antioch	Atlantic	April 29, 1890	101	3	105	1	5	1	5	100	15	22	78	22	100	4	15	
43	Tuckerton	Ocean	May 13, 1890	166	7	176	3	8	2	10	166	24	29	18	148	166	19	15	
44	Vineland	Cumberland	June 2, 1890	90	1	91	1	3	1	3	88	13	20	22	66	88	9	15	
45	Corinthian	Asbury Park	June 9, 1890	115	4	119	1	5	1	5	103	15	45	20	82	103	5	15	
46	Forked River	Ocean	Mar. 12, 1891	54	1	55	1	15	1	16	51	15	45	1	51	5	15		
47	Forked River	Middlesex	April 15, 1891	72	1	72	1	4	1	4	67	10	95	26	41	67	6	15	
48	Sterling	South Amboy	April 25, 1891	70	9	79	1	3	1	5	79	11	95	20	58	79	4	15	
49	Freehold	Freehold	Aug. 10, 1891	25	1	25	1	6	1	6	25	7	18	18	1	25	4	15	
50	Elmer	Salen	Oct. 5, 1891	55	4	55	1	6	1	6	49	7	35	7	18	49	4	15	
51	Greenwich	Gloucester	Aug. 10, 1891	55	4	55	1	6	1	6	49	7	35	7	18	49	4	15	
52	Columbia	Passaic	Dec. 12, 1891	82	4	88	2	15	1	16	72	10	80	12	60	72	2	15	
53	Star of Liberty	Monmouth	Feb. 9, 1892	47	7	54	1	4	1	5	54	8	10	17	60	54	1	15	
54	Wall	Pompton	Feb. 23, 1892	52	1	54	1	4	1	5	47	7	95	13	34	47	5	15	
55	Windsor	Passaic	Mar. 5, 1892	57	1	59	1	4	1	5	55	8	25	16	39	55	1	15	
56	Bayside	Farmingdale	Mar. 18, 1892	53	1	54	1	4	1	5	53	7	95	16	39	53	2	15	
57	Excelsior	Somer's Point	Apr. 12, 1892	50	1	51	1	4	1	5	51	7	65	20	32	51	1	15	
58	Progressive	Green Creek	July 16, 1892	96	1	98	1	7	1	7	91	13	65	17	74	91	6	15	
59	Star of Liberty	Cape May	Aug. 3, 1892	47	2	49	1	6	1	7	49	7	35	9	16	49	1	15	
60	Excelsior	White House	July 29, 1892	25	1	26	1	6	1	6	25	7	18	18	1	25	4	15	
61	Progressive	Bridgeton	Aug. 3, 1892	47	2	49	1	6	1	7	49	7	35	9	16	49	1	15	
62	Star of Liberty	White House	Sept. 3, 1892	163	4	167	1	6	1	6	161	24	15	17	143	161	8	15	
63	Passaic	Port Norris	Aug. 3, 1892	163	4	167	1	6	1	6	161	24	15	17	143	161	8	15	
64	Cumberland	New Egypt	Nov. 5, 1892	61	7	70	2	7	1	7	63	9	45	12	49	63	2	15	
65	Pomsted	New Egypt	Dec. 23, 1892	84	4	89	1	3	1	4	85	12	75	16	68	85	8	15	
66	Star of Bethlehem	Trenton	Feb. 20, 1893	78	6	88	1	12	2	14	74	11	10	24	50	74	5	15	
67	Phoenix	Camden	Feb. 27, 1894	127	1	137	1	8	1	8	129	19	35	2	14	129	5	15	
68	New Brunswick	Middlesex	April 4, 1895	51	19	70	1	2	1	2	68	10	20	17	51	68	2	15	
69	To-Kalon	Monmouth	Nov. 27, 1887	36	6	36	6	6	1	7	36	5	40	16	19	36	2	15	
70	Total			4899	317	5281	111	6262	15	17	311	4970	736	65	17	181257	3664	16	15

\*New Castles. \*No report. Membership approximated same as last term.

Financial Statement of the Subordinate Castles for the Term ending June 30th, 1897.

No. of CASTLE.	RECEIPTS.					EXPENSES.					ON HAND AND INVESTED.						
	Initiation Fees, Cards and Reinstatement	Dues and Fines.	Investments, &c.	Total Receipts.	On hand December 31, 1896	Total.	Sick Benefits.	Burial of the Dead.	Donations.	Total Relief.	Sundry Purposes.	Investments.	Total.	On hand June 30, 1897.	Invested.	Total Fund.	Increase or Decrease
1.	\$12.00			\$12.00													
2.	9.00	438.54	\$1067.85	1595.39	\$175.76	1681.15	00.00	00.00	\$553.00	578.38	\$25.00	149.38	149.38	638.87	\$3227.52	\$38.48	\$38.48
3.	11.00	815.95	270.00	1096.95	\$31.39	1628.34	817.00	00.00	823.00	277.10	150.00	126.38	126.38	444.77	3586.45	3965.69	1299.29
4.	00.00	139.71	00.00	139.71	88.60	228.31	95.00	00.00	180.00	66.41	25.00	136.41	136.41	379.44	125.00	280.90	553.95
5.	21.50	269.49	632.90	290.49	250.75	541.24	180.00	00.00	180.00	61.56	00.00	211.56	211.56	35.86	1900.00	2199.68	26.30
6.	21.50	112.70	121.01	233.71	24.17	257.88	30.00	00.00	33.25	81.65	700.00	814.90	814.90	29.88	700.00	2199.68	48.93
7.	14.50	84.32	05.00	98.87	84.99	183.86	30.00	00.00	30.00	212.29	00.00	212.29	212.29	17.99	700.00	797.99	18.46
8.	12.00	528.28	670.24	1210.52	145.46	1355.98	407.00	00.00	408.00	611.35	36.00	1045.35	1045.35	103.53	00.00	1148.88	20.84
9.	9.00	302.98	6.00	317.98	213.27	531.25	132.50	00.00	133.50	91.05	66.75	201.35	201.35	239.50	032.40	1233.03	139.67
10.	54.00	378.45	213.50	645.95	483.55	1129.50	179.00	00.00	133.50	335.11	168.88	303.68	303.68	183.83	1093.40	1385.93	244.69
11.	120.00	55.14	00.00	175.14	00.00	175.14	00.00	00.00	56.56	129.50	00.00	133.86	133.86	61.41	365.61	531.02	67.64
12.	00.00	609.09	00.00	609.09	1162.64	1771.73	270.00	00.00	270.00	133.86	85.00	453.86	453.86	227.41	6573.10	6800.97	14.61
13.	4.00	302.27	188.95	495.22	87.67	582.89	195.69	100.00	298.69	104.92	60.00	463.61	463.61	110.28	1003.47	1203.72	14.52
14.	5.00	195.80	311.28	487.08	68.34	555.42	165.00	60.00	225.00	82.32	102.00	409.32	409.32	141.10	1785.67	2021.71	16.02
15.	6.00	113.81	210.00	329.81	221.94	551.75	40.00	00.00	40.00	67.50	200.00	307.50	307.50	244.25	1703.47	1927.28	13.81
16.	12.00	145.90	00.00	157.90	123.71	281.61	35.00	00.00	36.00	88.42	76.30	200.72	200.72	80.86	876.50	1057.24	16.68
17.	24.00	181.65	42.00	307.55	157.96	465.51	195.00	00.00	195.00	81.97	60.00	256.97	256.97	67.64	1358.50	1526.04	17.54
18.	30.00	291.65	133.18	424.83	237.44	662.27	20.00	00.00	20.00	208.80	32.50	261.30	261.30	139.86	676.50	943.06	26.56
19.	39.00	378.37	241.00	619.37	374.44	993.81	341.00	100.00	441.04	156.81	60.00	216.81	216.81	27.96	1499.89	1649.75	19.86
20.	3.00	396.90	65.00	464.90	19.72	484.62	5.00	00.00	55.00	217.45	150.00	367.45	367.45	62.17	2393.85	2633.31	29.46
21.	3.00	291.15	239.05	530.20	133.66	663.86	184.88	00.00	372.33	150.82	43.88	256.68	256.68	167.71	4553.06	5023.66	48.60
22.	12.00	86.31	217.00	303.31	315.41	618.72	101.00	00.00	175.00	111.80	30.00	141.80	141.80	71.00	5231.15	5752.15	51.00
23.	2.00	291.15	239.05	530.20	133.66	663.86	184.88	00.00	372.33	150.82	43.88	256.68	256.68	167.71	4553.06	5023.66	48.60
24.	27.00	361.31	217.00	578.31	164.40	742.71	315.41	00.00	175.00	111.80	30.00	141.80	141.80	71.00	5231.15	5752.15	51.00
25.	25.00	158.25	56.18	214.43	124.59	339.02	175.00	00.00	175.00	91.65	246.45	322.54	322.54	173.94	435.00	860.69	153.81
26.	31.00	128.45	212.53	340.98	124.59	465.57	28.00	00.00	28.00	76.00	216.45	322.54	322.54	173.94	716.75	880.69	153.81
27.	3.00	33.25	337.62	370.87	31.11	401.98	28.00	00.00	28.00	94.59	00.00	122.59	122.59	282.39	716.75	880.69	153.81
28.	54.00	421.56	00.00	473.56	127.21	600.77	185.00	00.00	200.00	167.35	00.00	367.35	367.35	1385.42	1385.42	1722.99	34.00
29.	00.00	238.10	11.00	249.10	153.00	402.10	115.00	00.00	115.00	97.27	90.00	302.27	302.27	108.83	2614.87	2923.70	308.87
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31	18.00	65 55	54 29	124 84	20 00	100 00	48 00	119 32	5 52	568 00	1779 98	177 00					
32	18.00	265 70	729 43	1075 13	131 60	100 00	232 60	209 15	775 98	1003 00	1779 98	34 55					
33	18.00	246 52	478 85	478 85	160 00	60 00	185 00	407 43	71 42	828 00	1779 98	71 42					
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35	3 00	259 39	404 50	738 89	56 00	60 00	116 00	65 00	483 26	661 00	1668 26	33 70					
36	3 00	111 69	25 15	136 84	50 00	60 00	50 00	131 39	51 80	666 45	1066 45	10 39					
37	15 00	222 00	89 69	326 69	36 00	60 00	24 00	36 00	51 80	102 77	154 57	12 11					
38	10 00	261 24	119 90	391 14	36 00	60 00	1 00	274 89	51 80	1202 86	186 90	203 02					
39	4 00	267 25	279 03	279 03	197 00	60 00	197 00	341 28	49 86	1591 58	1202 86	203 02					
40	41 00	242 99	251 23	865 22	112 95	30 00	112 00	326 04	559 18	1586 00	1202 86	203 02					
41	34 00	303 65	136 91	599 71	36 00	288 24	108 00	375 23	224 54	1181 72	1409 36	97 93					
42	41 50	740 61	472 86	1449 43	439 20	288 24	747 44	1067 61	381 82	2035 00	2416 82	194 84					
43	7 50	267 25	209 51	602 29	191 00	60 00	201 00	364 60	237 69	1478 73	1716 42	48 86					
44	12 00	102 59	36 36	297 95	78 00	60 00	80 00	45 48	45 48	321 48	321 48	39 12					
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46	27 00	249 65	465 55	742 20	16 43	100 00	174 77	261 20	481 00	310 00	791 00	75 45					
47	104 10	198 66	302 76	88 54	133 00	133 00	123 00	260 19	131 11	882 36	103 47	158 62					
48	35 00	299 61	150 43	490 52	18 00	60 00	33 00	353 29	137 23	444 36	961 59	174 43					
49	21 00	166 04	187 04	384 30	33 00	60 00	35 00	226 25	158 05	158 05	159 21	10 20					
50	6 00	160 77	141 80	275 74	25 00	60 00	25 00	135 60	140 14	175 90	315 14	7 24					
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71	54 50	123 61	266 44	152 57	150 00	200 00	245 88	245 88	73 13	73 13	73 13	29 56					
72	54 50	123 61	266 44	152 57	150 00	200 00	245 88	245 88	73 13	73 13	73 13	29 56					
Total	\$1232 50	\$15151 06	\$7814 88	\$24198 44	\$12500 90	\$36699 34	\$7545 84	\$1631 69	\$210 94	\$9388 47	\$9207 53	\$5519 51	\$24115 51	\$12353 83	\$60488 51	\$73072 34	\$5510 20

Increase \$5081 45  
 +Decrease 1571 25  
 Net Increase \$3510 20

## REPORT OF THE GRAND KEEPER OF EXCHEQUER.

TRENTON, August 14th, 1897.

*To the Officers and Members of the Grand Castle of New Jersey, Knights of the Golden Eagle.*

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS:—I herewith submit to you my annual report as your Grand Keeper of Exchequer, for the term ending August 14th, 1897.

1896. RECEIPTS.		1896. DISBURSEMENTS.	
Sept. 1.	Balance on hand, \$271 63	Sept. 28.	Order No. 472 . . . \$94 39
1897.		28.	" 473 . . . 12 00
Jan. 12.	From A. L. Clark, 400 00	30.	" 474 . . . 5 00
14.	" " " 200 00	30.	" 475 . . . 99 13
16.	" " " 85 40	Oct. 2.	" 476 . . . 22 35
26.	" " " 200 00	2.	" 477 . . . 14 00
Feb. 10.	" " " 102 85	Nov. 14.	" 478 . . . 8 50
June 22.	" " " 104 00	Dec. 14.	" 479 . . . 14 00
July 22.	" " " 300 00	1897.	
Aug. 4.	" " " 300 00	Jan. 12.	" 480 . . . 13 25
9.	" " " 126 90	12.	" 481 . . . 25 00
14.	" " " 28 20	16.	" 482 . . . 58 68
14.	" " " 36 00	16.	" 483 . . . 2 00
		16.	" 484 . . . 2 50
		23.	" 485 . . . 16 66
		24.	" 486 . . . 150 00
		23.	" 487 . . . 25 00
		23.	" 488 . . . 152 79
		23.	" 489 . . . 30 82
		23.	" 490 . . . 5 50
		23.	" 491 . . . 30 92
		23.	" 492 . . . 25 00
		Feb. 10.	" 493 . . . 40
		10.	" 494 . . . 18 25
		20.	" 495 . . . 40 00
		25.	" 496 . . . 2 75
		Mar. 1.	" 497 . . . 12 00
		10.	" 498 . . . 100 00
		10.	" 499 . . . 50 00
		31.	" 500 . . . 12 40
		Apr. 7.	" 501 . . . 125 00
		7.	" 502 . . . 5 90
		7.	" 503 . . . 15 12
		29.	" 504 . . . 4 50
		29.	" 505 . . . 1 50
		May 1.	" 506 . . . 15 00
		21.	" 507 . . . 2 82
		June 22.	" 508 . . . 100 00
		22.	" 509 . . . 25 00
		22.	" 510 . . . 3 95
		22.	" 511 . . . 4 25
		July 22.	" 512 . . . 75 00
		30.	" 513 . . . 38 10
		30.	" 514 . . . 10 45
		Aug. 4.	" 515 . . . 166 66

Carried forward . . . \$2154 98

Carried forward . . . \$1636 55

Brought forward . . . .	\$2154 98	Brought forward . . . .	\$1636 55
		Aug. 4. " 516 . . . .	27 79
		9. " 517 . . . .	58 31
		9. " 518 . . . .	9 25
		9. " 519 . . . .	3 80
		9. " 520 . . . .	9 60
		9. " 521 . . . .	97 95
		14. " 522 . . . .	90 88
		14. " 523 . . . .	1 50
		14. " 524 . . . .	1 50
		14. " 525 . . . .	2 75
		14. " 526 . . . .	24
		14. " 527 . . . .	90
		14. " 528 . . . .	75
		14. " 529 . . . .	4 50
		14. " 530 . . . .	2 37
		14. " 531 . . . .	13 06
		14. " 532 . . . .	17 41
		14. " 533 . . . .	4 00
			<u>\$1983 10</u>
		Balance on hand . . . .	171 88
			<u>\$2154 98</u>
	<u>\$2154 98</u>		

Again thanking the Brothers for the honor they have conferred upon me, I remain,

Yours Fraternally in F., V. and H.

J. HARRIS COGILL, *G. K. of E.*

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

JERSEY CITY, September 7th, 1897.

*To the Officers and Members of the Grand Castle of New Jersey,  
Knights of the Golden Eagle.*

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS:—Your Committee on Finance respectfully report that we have performed the duties of the committee in a careful and conscientious manner. Have examined the accounts of the Grand Master of Records and Grand Keeper of Exchequer and found them correct.

Balance on hand from last year . . . . .	\$271 63
Receipts during term, ending August 14th . . . . .	1883 35
Total . . . . .	<u>\$2154 98</u>
Expended during term . . . . .	1983 10
Balance in hands of the Grand Keeper of Exchequer . . . . .	<u>\$171 88</u>

The following bills of 1896 have been paid this term:

Supreme Castle . . . . .	\$23 25
Expenses of G. S. G. Spateholtz . . . . .	22 35
Expenses of D. G. C. Skinner . . . . .	5 00
Thomas Parry & Sons . . . . .	58 68
E. D. Senseman, balance of salary and postage . . . . .	17 41
Total . . . . .	<u>\$126 69</u>

Had these items been paid out of last year's receipts, our accounts this term would show a balance of \$298.57.

We respectfully make the following recommendations:

1. That the per capita tax remain at thirty cents per annum.
2. That in the future all bills of expense of officers and committeemen be itemized and approved by the Finance Committee before they are paid.
3. That the special tax of five cents be continued.
4. That the same restrictions as to the number of officers attending district meetings and institutions at the expense of the Grand Castle now in force be continued another year.

We also recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year:

Expenses of the Grand Chief . . . . .	\$300 00
Salary of Grand Master of Records . . . . .	500 00
Incidentals of same . . . . .	100 00
Printing . . . . .	300 00
Dues to Supreme Castle . . . . .	200 00
Supplies from Supreme Castle . . . . .	200 00
Card in K. G. E. newspaper . . . . .	12 00
Rent of office . . . . .	100 00
Total . . . . .	<u>\$1712 00</u>

We are much pleased with the management of the Grand Castle's office, and we commend the Grand Master of Records for his thorough business methods and the accuracy and completeness of his accounts and books, which render the work of the Finance Committee exceptionally easy.

Fraternally in F., V. and H.,

HORACE J. PARKS,  
HALSTED WAINWRIGHT,  
E. H. GINNELLEY.  
*Committee on Finance.*

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LAW.

JERSEY CITY, N. J. September, 7th, 1897.

*To the Grand Castle of New Jersey, Knights of the Golden Eagle.*

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS:--Your Committee on Law would report that they have examined and approved twelve complete sets of By-Laws and fourteen separate By-Laws for as many different Castles.

While in the main but few corrections were needed to make them conform to the new Constitution for Subordinate Castles, still a closer study of its provisions, particularly the clause prohibiting the repeating in By-Laws of any of the articles or sections of the Constitution, would simplify the labors of the Committee and reduce the printing bills for the various Castles.

Hoping that the present session of the Grand Castle will be productive of much good to the jurisdiction, we are

Yours in F., V. and H.,

ROBERT M. FOUST, P. G. C.  
T. A. GOODWIN, P. C.  
D. H. SOULE, P. C.  
*Committee on Law.*

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

TRENTON, N. J., August 14th, 1897.

*To the Grand Castle of New Jersey, Knights Golden Eagle.*

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS:—Your Committee on Printing respectfully submit the following report:

1896.				
Aug.	18.	150 circulars (annual session) . . . . .	\$1 75	
	25.	300 copies Laws (D. B. F.) . . . . .	4 00	
		100 circulars to accompany same . . . . .	1 25	
Sept.	10.	250 copies Grand Castle reports for use at session	87 39	
			<hr/>	\$94 39
Oct.	9.	250 letter sheets—seal (G. C.) . . . . .	\$2 25	
		250 " " half size } . . . . .		
		500 envelopes (G. C.) . . . . .	1 50	
		1500 copies Proceedings, session 1896 . . . . .	89 56	
			<hr/>	\$93 31
Oct.	26.	1650 envelopes; 23 lots, (G.C., G.V.C., G.S.H., and D. G. C.) . . . . .	\$13 25	
		1150 note heads, for do., 500 letter heads, for do., } . . . . .		
			<hr/>	\$13 25
Dec.	7.	3000 circulars (4 pp.) . . . . .	\$9 00	
		Printing red lines on lot of envelopes . . . . .	75	
			<hr/>	\$9 75
Dec.	26.	500 blank official bills, ledger paper . . . . .	\$3 50	
			<hr/>	\$3 50
1897.				
Jan.	13.	500 envelopes (G. M. of R.) . . . . .	\$1 75	
		1000 envelopes (committees) . . . . .	2 50	
		250 No. 11 envelopes (G. M. of R.) . . . . .	1 25	
		250 envelopes, manilla, (G. M. of R.) . . . . .	1 00	
		1000 letter heads (committees) . . . . .	3 50	
		500 " " (G. M. of R.) . . . . .	2 00	
		500 bill heads . . . . .	1 50	
		500 labels . . . . .	1 25	
		100 letter circulars, 100 per capita receipts, } . . . . .	3 50	
			<hr/>	\$18 25
Mar.	9.	Printing postals, notification of new Castles . . . . .	\$1 00	
			<hr/>	\$1 00
May.	29.	Printing notice of District Meetings . . . . .	\$1 25	
		100 letter circulars, 2 colors . . . . .	1 50	
		100 per capita receipts . . . . .	1 50	
			<hr/>	\$4 25
June	12.	100 circulars, No. 6 . . . . .	\$1 50	
		100 " No. 7 . . . . .	1 75	
	29.	100 copies special session minutes . . . . .	6 00	
			<hr/>	\$9 25
			<hr/>	\$246 95

Fraternally in F., V. and H.,

F. B. WOOLEY,  
WILLIAM S. CLARK,  
H. C. SHOEMAKER,  
*Committee on Printing.*

## REPORT OF THE GRAND TRUSTEES.

TRENTON, August 14th, 1897.

To the Grand Chief, Officers and Members of the Grand Castle of N. J.,  
K. G. E.

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS:—Your Trustees beg leave to report the valuation of the property of the Grand Castle as follows, less discount for wear and tear for the years of 1896 and 1897.

1 office carpet . . . . .	\$38 00
2 " oak desks . . . . .	
2 " chairs revolving } . . . . .	66 00
6 " arm chairs . . . . .	
6 spittoons . . . . .	2 50
1 safe . . . . .	60 00
1 cabinet bookcase . . . . .	22 60
1 letter press . . . . .	3 00
1 genuine skull, articulated . . . . .	6 00
4 stereopticon slides and curtain for Third Degree . . . . .	6 00
1 cross and crown . . . . .	4 00
1 guidon . . . . .	4 00
20 District Grand Chiefs' badges and jewels . . . . .	20 00
18 Grand Instructors' . . . . .	18 00
4 Past Chief's badges and jewels at \$2.00 each . . . . .	8 00
4 badges at \$1.00 each . . . . .	4 00
Total . . . . .	\$262 18
Less 10 per cent. for 1896 . . . . .	26 21
Total . . . . .	\$235 97
Less 10 per cent. for 1897 . . . . .	23 59
Total . . . . .	\$212 38

Having been instructed at the last session to remove the Grand Castle office from Camden to Trenton, and to procure an office for a sum not exceeding \$150.00 per year, would report that we attended to the first at a cost of \$30.82. The second we accomplished by renting Room 5, Ribsam Building, at the rate of \$100.00 per annum. In connection with the latter would say we find it in every way adapted to our purposes, being located on the second floor of said building, which is in the immediate business portion of the city.

Respectfully submitted in F., V. and H.,

J. E. HIGHLEY,  
A. Q. BLOOM,  
JOHN C. F. TRACHSEL,  
*Trustees.*

## SUPREME REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT.

*To the Grand Chief, Grand Vice-Chief, Officers and Members of the Grand Castle of New Jersey,*

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS:—Your Representative makes report that he attended upon the session of the Supreme Castle held at Reading, Pennsylvania, from the time of being admitted thereto on the morning of Tuesday, October 13th; to the final closing of the session on Friday evening.

The reports of officers and committees were presented and received attention. The cash balance in hands of Supreme Keeper of Exchequer was reported to be \$1139.16. Outstanding bills were reported amounting to \$1055.25. There was reported due from Grand Castles, Castles, and Temples \$1969.22. The condition of the Exchequer required action to be taken towards increasing the revenue, and towards decreasing the expenses. To this end, the price of supplies was revised, increasing the same through the whole list. The appropriations were reduced from former figures, in the items of allowance to Supreme Chief, salary of Supreme Master of Records and Supreme Keeper of Exchequer, printing, rent of office, and subscription to the official paper. As a further move toward economy, it was determined that the next annual session should be held at a central point, and Trenton, New Jersey, was fixed upon as the place of holding the session of 1897.

The per capita tax being fixed by constitutional provision, no increase could be made this year. An amendment was introduced on this line, so that the same can be considered next year—the proposition on this line being, that Subordinate Castles under the control of Supreme Castle shall pay twenty cents per annum, and Grand Castles shall pay—on the first 2000, at the rate of ten cents, and an additional two cents on each member over 2000. The effect of such a rule in New Jersey would be to increase our payment \$60.

The Supreme Chief, in his report, referred to New Jersey in the following language:

“I was present at the Grand Castle of New Jersey, held at Atlantic City on September 9th and 10th, at which session there was adopted rules and regulations for the establishment of a fund to be called ‘The New Jersey Mortuary Fund.’ This action I consider is in violation of Article XIV, of the Laws of the Death Benefit Fund, and would therefore recommend that the matter be referred to the Committee on Law, to report at this session.

The matter was referred to the Law Committee, who reported the matter back without recommendation for the action of the Supreme Castle.

On request, your Representative made a statement of what had been done in New Jersey in the matter, and our reason for so doing, and stated the light in which we considered the matter to stand under the provisions of the Supreme Castle Constitution.

Thereupon a motion was made by Brother McCarthy, Treasurer of the Death Benefit Fund of Supreme Castle in words following :

“Substantially, upon consideration of that part of the Supreme Chief’s report relating to the action of the Grand Castle of New Jersey, in providing a Board of Managers and rules for the government of New Jersey Mortuary Fund, the Supreme Castle having listened to the statements of the Representative of New Jersey, declares that the action had in New Jersey is illegal.”

Some considerable debate followed. The main points stated against the New Jersey scheme were that it would endanger the Death Benefit Fund of the Supreme Castle, some declaring it would be a death-blow to it. No member advanced ought against the New Jersey plan being a good one. The previous question was ordered by vote and, the above motion being put, no one voted in favor of the motion. A number voted in the negative, and the motion was declared lost. The action had in New Jersey in establishing the Mortuary Fund was declared to be legal. According to all parliamentary law, this was a final disposition of the matter. Subsequently, however, a resolution was introduced, reciting the language of the Supreme Chief in his report, and declaring that the action had in New Jersey was in violation of the laws governing the Supreme Castle Death Benefit Fund. This resolution was adopted, so that the Supreme Castle stands in a dual position towards the question of our New Jersey Mortuary Fund. This was the position of affairs before anything was said or done in the Supreme Castle.

New Jersey has always held that the whole power over the subject of dues, assessments and benefits was, by Supreme Law, reposed in subordinate Castles—that neither the Supreme Castle nor the Grand Castle had any original jurisdiction over those matters. Accordingly, the Grand Castle of New Jersey, when moved to act in this matter (in the preamble to the rules adopted for the Mortuary Fund) recited that the power resided in the subordinate Castle, and that it was moved to act in the matter only by the request of such subordinate Castles, and all that was done was done at the request of the Castles. The action of the New Jersey Grand Castle in the premises affects only those Castles which choose to take advantage of the thing done, and which solicited the thing to be done. No other person or body of members can have any cause for complaint in the premises.

The antagonism manifested by those who are so interested in the Supreme Castle Death Benefit Fund towards the New Jersey Mortuary Fund arises not from fear that the laws have been violated, but rather from an acknowledged fear of a rival. This fear is groundless, unless our New Jersey plan is the best, and if it is the best, it ought to survive.

The Supreme Castle has declared unanimously that our New Jersey plan is not illegal. We knew it was constitutional. We may go on perfecting our plans, and if we are successful in it may be able to convince those who now will not look at it that the plan is a good thing.

The case of Vineland Castle of New Jersey against Carlisle Castle of Pennsylvania, was reported by the Committee on Appeals and Grievances as follows:

"After carefully going over the evidence and facts, as presented, we hereby endorse and approve the action of the Committee on Appeals of the Grand Castle of Pennsylvania."

I am told that this means that the decision is in favor of Vineland Castle. No report of the Pennsylvania Committee is on record; therefore I cannot speak advisedly. The whole matter was recommitted to the incoming Committee on Appeals, etc., with directions to report the facts and their conclusions or findings thereon.

The newly installed Supreme Chief, in naming his committees, placed the following Past Grand Chiefs of New Jersey: George J. Robertson on Finance Committee; Robert M. Foust on Printing Committee; Walter A. Barrows on Appeals Committee and Special Committee on Incorporation.

The Executive Board of the Death Benefit Fund presented a report showing a net decrease in the members of 133. There were 2773 members in the Fund on September 7th, 1896. The Board was authorized to borrow sufficient moneys to pay existing death claims not provided for by levying assessments. The death-rate during the last year having been over fifteen to a thousand, the Board has decided not to levy assessments as fast as deaths occurred, hoping for a smaller death-rate, when the Fund might catch up without levying over three assessments per month. The Reserve Fund provision was stricken from the laws governing the Fund, and the assets of the Reserve Fund were turned over to the Beneficiary Fund. Radical change was made in the laws of the Death Benefit Fund. Three classes of certificates are provided for, viz: \$1,000, \$500 and \$250. The plan of level assessments was abandoned, and in lieu thereof a classified assessment plan was adopted. The plan was copied from the Ancient Order of United Workmen, being adopted by that society in 1896.

The hope is, that by the changes noted, the Fund may be attractive to young men.

A new degree, called the Degree of Chivalry, was adopted, and is associated only with the Military Branch of the Order. The ritual and floor-work were exemplified to the Supreme Castle in a most satisfactory manner by a team from a Philadelphia Commandery.

The ritual was prepared by Brother C. B. Wood, who is now to be hailed as Past Supreme Chief. It created a most favorable impression on those who witnessed it, and the author was most fortunate in having the same presented by so thorough a team. A volume of laws called "Rules and Regulations of the Degree of Chivalry" were adopted. If the success of this new feature equals the volume of its laws, it will be no small success.

The hospitality extended to the visitors by the Grand Castle of Pennsylvania and the local Reading committee was characteristic of the liberal hearts and hands that extended it. Our stay in Reading was made very pleasant. Reading is a thriving city and is very pleasantly located. The beauty of its environments is remarkable. We all enjoyed a trip by the gravity road up and around Mount Penn. From the lookout on its summit we looked down upon the city as upon a chess-board, and the valleys stretched away as far as eye could discern, filled with farms and fields, and with the Schuylkill winding its way through. It was a charming sight. Mount Neversink also was visited, and again the glorious scene was opened to our view. Surely all who attended at Reading session of Supreme Castle came away with the most favorable impressions of its surroundings.

On Friday evening at six o'clock the Supreme Castle closed its session of 1896, to re-open in our own City of Trenton on the second Tuesday of October, 1897.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER A. BARROWS,  
*Supreme Representative.*

## REPORT OF THE MANAGERS OF THE NEW JERSEY MORTUARY FUND.

*To the Officers and Members of the Grand Castle of New Jersey,  
Knights of the Golden Eagle.*

The following is a report of the action of the Managers of the New Jersey Mortuary Fund, appointed at the annual session of Grand Castle at Atlantic City, September 9th, 1896:

TRENTON, N. J., September 15th, 1896.

The Board of Managers of the New Jersey Mortuary Fund met at Trenton on above date with the following members present: Grand Chief W. H. Ruf, P. G. C. Barrows and G. M. of R. Clark. Letters were read from G. K. of E. Cogill and P. C. Chamberlain stating their inability to be present.

The Board organized with the election of Grand Chief Ruf as President of the Board, and G. M. of R. Clark as Secretary.

On motion of P. G. C. Barrows, the following circular was adopted and ordered to be sent to each member of the Board, and, if satisfactory, to be printed and sent to each Castle in the State:

TRENTON, N. J., September 15th, 1896.

*To the N. C., V. C., Officers and Members of — Castles, No.—K. G. E.*

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS:—The Board of Managers of the New Jersey Mortuary Fund, appointed by the Grand Castle of New Jersey, in session assembled on the ninth day of September, at Atlantic City do hereby request, by this circular, the co-operation of every Castle in the State, in the organization of said Fund, to the end that it may be the means of great good in the upbuilding of our Order throughout the jurisdiction, as well as assisting the families of deceased Sir Knights.

A copy of the rules governing the Fund is sent herewith, and should be read before each Castle before action is taken thereon. To become a part of this Fund, a Castle must comply with these rules.

We recommend the adoption of the following by-law by such Castles as decide to come into the Fund.

“BY-LAW.—This Castle elects to join the New Jersey Mortuary Fund, established by the Grand Castle of New Jersey, K. G. E., and hereby gives assent to the rules adopted by the Grand Castle for the establishment and government of such Fund.

“All By-Laws relating to funeral benefits and assessments, therefore, are hereby repealed from and after the admission of this Castle to the benefits of the Mortuary Fund.

“The duties required by the rules of said Fund to be performed by the officers of the Castles admitted to the Fund are hereby made the duties of the respective officers of this Castle.”

It is desirable that this Fund shall be put into operation at as early a day as possible, and to this end we ask prompt action by every Castle contemplating entering the Fund.

The Grand Chief and Law Committee will act promptly upon the By-Laws as they shall be sent to them, and when these By-Laws are returned to the Castle duly approved we recommend that the proper officers of the Castle promptly furnish to the Board of Managers a full list of the membership of the Castle, giving the names in full, together with their date of birth and the name of the person to whom the benefit is to be paid at death of the member, and such information as shall be required, upon the blank to be furnished to you by the Board, and at the same time forward to the Secretary of the Board by check, draft, or money order, made payable to the order of J. Harris Cogill, Grand Keeper of Exchequer, such sum of money as the rules require for the advance assessment.

As soon as a sufficient number of Castles shall have taken this action, and the number of members thus brought into the Fund will warrant so doing, the Board of Managers will give formal announcement of the establishment of the Fund, and of the date on which it will go into actual operation.

Since the putting of this Fund into operation will require the expenditure of a reasonable sum of money in providing necessary books, blanks and stationery, we request that each, Castle at the same time it sends in its list of members and advance assessments, also send in a sum equal to five cents per capita on its membership to create an expense fund.

Should any part of this circular or the rules of the Fund not seem clear, and further information be desired, the same will be cheerfully furnished by the Secretary of the Board on application.

By order of the Board,

A. L. CLARK, *Secretary.*

222 North Willow St., Trenton, N. J.

On motion of P. G. C. Barrows the Board adjourned to meet again at the call of the President.

A. L. CLARK, *Secretary.*

November 23d, 1896, President William H. Ruf, Grand Chief, called a meeting of the Board for November 25th, at New Egypt, N. J.

NEW EGYPT, N. J., November 25th, 1896:

A specially-called meeting of the New Jersey Mortuary Board was held at above date and place, P. G. C. Barrows acting as President *pro tem.*, with the following members present: Dr. G. W. Chamberlain and Secretary A. L. Clark.

The minutes of meeting of September 15th were read and declared approved.

A communication was read from President W. H. Ruf, Grand Chief, accompanied with abstracts taken from letters received by him from various Past Grand Chiefs throughout the State, giving views, etc. on proceeding with the organization of the Fund, as follows:

MANASQUAN, N. J., November 24th, 1896.

*To the Board of Managers of the Mortuary Fund.*

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS.—After careful consideration, and while I am in favor of the Mortuary Fund, I do not think it important enough to give my consent or vote toward any further advancement of the same, except to formulate a report and present the same to the Grand Castle at its next session. I am satisfied that if we proceed and perfect the arrangements after the action taken by the Supreme Castle, the whole matter will end in our being suspended or expelled from the Order—that is, our Grand Castle and the entire jurisdiction of New Jersey, and do not think that the Mortuary Fund is worth such a risk. I also remember the obligation that I assumed to support and maintain the laws and mandates of the Supreme Castle. I have written to all the Past Grand Chiefs for their views on the case, and enclosed abstracts from their replies. On account of sickness in my family, I cannot be with you at the meeting called, and hoping, Sir Knights, that you can fully consider the important step you are about to take, I remain,

Fraternally Yours,

WILLIAM H. RUF, *Grand Chief.*

Abstracts of letters from Past Grand Chiefs received in reply to request, "What action shall Managers of Mortuary Fund take?"

1. As the Supreme Castle has decided that such a fund is a violation of the law, useless to pursue the matter any further; better lay aside for the present.
2. As New Jersey has been told that her action was not in keeping with the Supreme Castle laws, do not see the necessity or policy of taking up and permitting technical points to bring our Grand Castle in disrepute, and cannot see that any good will be done our Grand body by continuing the same.
3. After due consideration we must abide by the decision of the Supreme Castle. If the Castles desire such a fund, let some Sir Knight call a convention and ask each Castle to send a delegate and then formulate a plan as individual Castles.
4. The establishment of the Mortuary Fund is in violation of the laws of the Supreme Castle. Know that it will cause the Order trouble in this State if we undertake to carry out the plans of the Fund. The Supreme Castle is the head of the Order and we should obey its laws.
5. As the Supreme Castle has adopted a \$250 fund would advise all to turn in and make a success of the Death Benefit Fund.
6. Would suggest that you, as Grand Chief, instruct the Managers of the Fund to take no further steps, and present to the Grand Castle at the next session a report of the action of Supreme Castle, and request a formal relief of the duties of the Managers and the abolishment of the attempted fund. Think it better to do the matter up at once, and not attempt to try some other plan, or, plainly speaking, do not try to "whip the Devil around the stump."
7. The Supreme Castle has warned New Jersey that their action in regard to the Mortuary Fund is not in favor with them, and is of the opinion that it is illegal. All that we can do is to obey the Supreme Castle, as we have obligated to do—drop the New Jersey Mortuary Fund, and in its place institute a Fund Building Association.
8. Call a meeting of the Grand Castle and push the Fund for all its worth. We ought to have it—the sooner the better.

On motion of P. C. Chamberlain, it was received and filed.

On motion of P. G. C. Barrows, it was agreed that a communication be addressed to each Castle of the State, signed by the members present, setting forth that—

“*Whereas*, the Grand Chief has been advised by many of the Past Grand Chiefs of the State that it is inadvisable for him to allow the Board of Managers to take any further action toward establishing the New Jersey Mortuary Fund: *And Whereas*, the Grand Chief of New Jersey himself is indisposed to proceed further in the matter, owing to seeming opposition in the Supreme Castle, as manifested in its action at its late session held at Reading, Pa., October, 1896.

*Therefore* we deem that it is idle for us to maintain the organization of the Board of Managers further, and rest all proceedings as a Board until the next session of the Grand Castle.

WALTER A. BARROWS, P. G. C. *President pro tem.*  
DR. G. W. CHAMBERLAIN, P. C.

Attest :

A. L. CLARK, P. C. *Secretary.*

On motion of Brother Chamberlain the Board then adjourned *sine die.*

A. L. CLARK, *Secretary.*

P. G. C. Parks read the report of Finance Committee as printed.

P. C. Grimshaw, No. 51, moved that the report be received and the recommendations be taken up for action *seriatim*, which was agreed to.

1. That the per capita tax remain at thirty cents per annum.

Adopted as read, on motion of P. G. C. Highley.

2. That in the future all bills of expense of officers and committeemen be itemized and approved by the Finance Committee before they are paid.

Adopted as read, on motion of P. G. C. Highley.

3. That the special tax of five cents be continued.

Adopted as read, on motion of P. G. C. Highley.

4. That the same restrictions as to the number of officers attending district meetings and institutions at the expense of the Grand Castle, now in force, be continued another year.

Adopted as read, on motion of P. G. C. Highley.

Appropriations—

Expenses of the Grand Chief	\$300 00
Salary of Grand Master of Records	500 00
Incidentals of same	100 00
Printing	300 00
Dues to Supreme Castle	200 00
Supplies from Supreme Castle	200 00
Card in K. G. E. newspaper	12 00
Rent of office	100 00
Total	\$1712 00

Adopted as read, on motion of P. G. C. Senseman.

The report of the Committee on Law was adopted as printed, on motion of P. G. C. Senseman.

P. G. C. Highley moved that all other reports be received and adopted as printed, which was agreed to, with the exception of the report of the Managers of the New Jersey Mortuary Fund, which was, on motion of P. G. C. Barrows, referred to the special committee appointed by the Grand Chief, on Section I of the report of the committee on distribution of the Grand Chief's report.

P. G. C. Barrows<sup>o</sup> offered the following resolution, which was also referred to same committee :

*By the Grand Castle of New Jersey, K. G. E.*

*Whereas*, By the fundamental articles of association whereby the society of Knights of the Golden Eagle is constituted, all matters of a business nature, to-wit : dues assessments and benefits of every sort, are wholly committed to the subordinate Castles,

*Resolved*, That the Grand Castle of New Jersey declares that the Castles under its jurisdiction have full power and authority, under the laws of the Order, to unite, as many as shall choose, in the establishment of a common fund for the payment of death benefits under such rules as shall be adopted by those Castles thus associating themselves together.

*Resolved further*, That any attempt on the part of the Supreme Castle or its officers to thwart or hinder such exercise of an undeniable right by the Castles in New Jersey will be in violation of good faith, and will eventuate in the demoralization and disintegration of the Order in this State.

That the continuance and prosperity of the Order in New Jersey depends largely on the undisturbed allowance of this lawful exercise of power by the subordinate Castles in this jurisdiction.

The special committee appointed last session to arbitrate the case of John H. Black *vs.* Franklin Castle reported as follows, which was adopted :

JERSEY CITY, N. J., September 7th, 1897.

*To the Officers and Members of the Grand Castle of New Jersey, Knights of the Golden Eagle.*

We, your special committee appointed at the last session of the Grand Castle to act as a committee of arbitration in the case of Brother John H. Black *vs.* Franklin Castle, No. 33, do most respectfully present the following report :

That the committee visited Franklin Castle and, after a private interview with Brother Black, we made an earnest appeal to the Castle and succeeded in having them meet us half way in the matter, when the committee drew up the accompanying agreement, which is a *fac-simile* of the others, had them signed by all parties, and which agreement has proved an amicable settlement of the case.

We, your committee, herewith return all papers in our possession relative to the case, accompanied with the agreement, and ask to be discharged.

E. H. GINNELLEY, P. C.,  
 WM. S. CLARK, P. C.,  
 A. Q. BLOOM, P. C.,  
*Committee.*

THIS INDENTURE OF AGREEMENT, made this first day of October, A. D., eighteen hundred and ninety-six, between John H. Black, P. C. of Franklin Castle, No. 33, Knights of the Golden Eagle, of the city of Lambertville, State of New Jersey, the party of the first part, and Franklin Castle, No. 33, Knights of the Golden Eagle, of the city of Lambertville, party of the second part :

*Witnesseth.* In consideration of the appeal of the party of the first part, he does hereby agree to receive from the party of the second part the sum of two dollars (\$2.00) per week for thirty-three (33) weeks, to date from the eleventh day of February to the twenty-ninth day of September, and if same sickness continues longer, two dollars per week for a period making nine (9) months from date of the eleventh day of February, 1896, and thereafter the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) per week as long as said sickness continues, or the brother is entitled to benefits.

The party of the first part does also agree, that in consideration of the above sum, he will relinquish all claims in his case of appeal now pending before the Grand Castle of New Jersey, and under consideration by a special committee appointed by that body, the said John H. Black does forever after relinquish any claim of appeal in said case again, and the party of the second part does hereby agree to faithfully abide by the contents of this agreement and faithfully perform all the covenants therein contained, and in payment thereof they hereby agree to pay to the said party of the first part the amount now due him (the sum of two dollars (\$2.00) per week) until the full amount has been paid, and should the said party of the first part, at any time become debarred from benefits before all arrearages are paid, the said party of the second part shall continue to pay to the said party of the first part, the sum of two dollars (\$2.00) per week until the full amount owing him has been paid.

That both parties to this agreement do hereby pledge themselves, separately and individually, to the special committee appointed in this case, and that said committee shall have full jurisdiction in the matter until the final payment has been made.

*In Witness Whereof*, the said party of the first part has hereunto set his common seal and caused this indenture to be signed by himself; and the said party of the second part have hereunto set their common seal and caused this indenture to be signed by their Relief Committee or Trustees of said Castle, the day and year first above mentioned.

Signed,

WM. S. POWELL.	[SEAL.]
W. G. LAUER.	[SEAL.]
W. R. MICHENER.	[SEAL.]
JOHN H. BLACK.	[SEAL.]

GEORGE TOMLINSON, Witness.

Witness Committee:

E. H. GINNELLEY,  
WM. S. CLARK,  
A. Q. BLOOM.

P. C. Ginnelley, No. 7, offered the following memorial, which was referred to the special committee on Mortuary Fund already appointed.

We, the officers and members of the Grand Castle of New Jersey, Knights of the Golden Eagle, in annual session assembled, do, through our Representative, beg leave to present for your careful and immediate consideration the following memorial and resolutions:

Fully recognizing our inability as an Order to compete in benefits granted by the various benevolent and insurance Orders now established within the borders of this Grand Jurisdiction, and that the means and methods pursued by them are more progressive, advanced and in keeping with the present day than the policy of our Supreme Castle has allowed us to progress.

And that the present policy of enforced limitations respecting benefits granted has had a very deleterious effect upon our Order is patent to every member of this Grand Body, as well as the Order generally, and which a perusal of the reports of "Increased Membership" of the various other Orders, in comparison with our own for the past three years, will readily show.

Furthermore, that the percentage of members in this jurisdiction belonging to the present Death Benefit Fund of the Supreme Castle is so small that it is almost without consideration. That it cannot be enforced upon candidates or members, leaves us with nothing but individual Castle benefits.

Firmly believing, as we do, that collectively the Castles comprising this Grand Jurisdiction; if given the power, can formulate, organize and operate a death benefit system more in keeping with those of various other Orders, which will redound to the benefit, honor and glory of the Knights of the Golden Eagle of New Jersey,

*Therefore be it Resolved,* That we, the members of the Grand Castle of New Jersey, representing over five thousand members of the Order, do most respectfully pray your Supreme Body to hear our petition and grant us the power to organize, operate and maintain a death benefit system or fund, composed only of such Castles within this Grand Jurisdiction as may desire to join the same.

And that we be allowed to operate the same separate and apart from any such fund now existing.

And that the Grand Castle of New Jersey shall have exclusive jurisdiction over same.

And for the passage and adoption of the following memorial and resolution by your Supreme Body we do ever pray.

P. G. C. Hunter offered the following resolution, which was also referred to special committee on mortuary fund, already appointed :

*Resolved,* That this Grand Castle instruct all its Representatives to the Supreme Castle at the coming session to be held at Trenton, New Jersey, to use all their influence to have the Constitution so amended as to permit the formation of a State Death Benefit Fund.

P. G. C. W. C. HUNTER,  
P. G. C. JOHN C. F. TRACHSEL,  
P. G. C. W. CHAMBERLAIN.

P. G. C. Parks moved that the Grand Castle adjourn at one o'clock to reassemble at two. Motion adopted.

P. G. C. Barrows moved we now go into nomination and election of officers, pursuing same course as at last session. Agreed to.

P. G. C. Parks moved that where there was no opposition for any office, P. G. C. Potter be authorized to cast the vote of the Grand Castle. Agreed to.

The Grand Chief appointed P. C. Woolley, No. 34, and P. C. G. W. Chamberlain, No. 66, as tellers.

The nomination for Grand Chief being in order, P. G. C. Arnold nominated G. V. C. Charles E. Lane, which was ably seconded by P. G. C. Parks. Nominations then closed.

P. G. C. Potter cast the vote of the Grand Castle and G. V. C. Lane was declared elected Grand Chief, and accepted in a graceful speech.

For Grand Vice-Chief—P. G. C. Parks nominated G. S. H. James E. Russell, after which nominations closed.

P. G. C. Potter cast the vote of the Grand Castle, and G. S. H. Russell was declared elected Grand Vice-Chief, and accepted same.

For Grand High Priest—P. G. C. Trachsel, in his usual happy manner, nominated our present Grand High Priest, P. C. J. B. Wainright. Nominations were closed.

P. G. C. Potter cast the vote of the Grand Castle, and G. H. P. Wainright was declared duly re-elected as Grand High Priest for the ensuing year, and accepted.

For Grand Master of Records—P. G. C. Hunter nominated G. M. of R. A. L. Clark. Nominations were closed.

P. G. C. Potter cast the vote of the Grand Castle, and P. C. A. L. Clark was declared re-elected Grand Master of Records for the ensuing year, and accepted.

For Grand Keeper of Exchequer—P. G. C. Trachsel nominated G. K. of E. J. Harris Cogill. Nominations closed.

P. G. C. Potter cast the vote of the Grand Castle, and G. K. of E. J. Harris Cogill was declared re-elected for the ensuing year, and accepted.

For Grand Sir Herald—P. C. J. C. Risley, No. 11, was nominated by P. G. C. Potter.

P. G. C. Hewitt nominated P. C. T. M. Birchmier, No. 10.

P. C. James Wilson, No. 54, nominated P. C. Jacob S. Kent, No. 54, which was seconded by P. C. Thomas B. Seals of No. 43.

First ballot, 96 votes cast.

P. C. J. C. Risley received . . . . .	37 votes
P. C. T. M. Birchmier received . . . . .	13 "
P. C. Jacob S. Kent received . . . . .	46 "

Neither candidate having received a majority of the votes cast, a second ballot was ordered.

The hour for the noon recess having arrived, the Grand Castle adjourned until two o'clock, as per resolution.

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#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Castle re-assembled at 2.15 P. M., all the Grand Officers being present—the business in order being the continuation of the election of Grand Sir Herald.

P. C. T. M. Birchmier, No. 10, thanking the Past Chiefs for their kind support, withdrew his name.

The balloting proceeded as follows :

Second ballot, 99 votes cast.

P. C. J. C. Risley received . . . . .	46 votes.
P. C. Jacob S. Kent received . . . . .	53 "

P. C. Jacob S. Kent, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared duly elected as Grand Sir Herald, and accepted.

For Trustee (3 years)—P. G. C. Trachscl nominated P. C. A. Q. Bloom, No. 28. Nominations closed.

P. G. C. Potter cast the vote of the Grand Castle, and P. C. A. Q. Bloom was declared elected as Grand Trustee for three years, and accepted.

P. G. C. Arnold moved the election for Representative to the Supreme Castle be deferred until after the installation of officers. Agreed to.

P. G. C. Highley moved we go into business of naming a place of meeting for next annual session.

P. C. N. S. Olmstead, No. 72, named Long Branch.

P. G. C. Buren named Camden.

P. C. Warren, No. 3, seconded Camden.

P. G. C. Hunter seconded Long Branch.

Long Branch received	71 votes.
Camden received	15 "

Long Branch was therefore declared to be the place for holding the next annual session.

P. C. Hardy, No. 71, on behalf of the Sir Knights of the Fourteenth District, presented a beautiful floral horseshoe to Grand Chief Ruf, which was received by him in a very feeling manner, after which the whole assembled Grand Castle extended an ovation of applause that is seldom heard within the confines of our Castle hall, showing thereby their appreciation of his labors among us.

P. G. C. Trachsel, in an elegant manner, on behalf of G. M. of R. Clark, presented to the Grand Castle a full life-size pastel portrait of P. S. C. John E. Burbage, the originator of the Order of Knights of the Golden Eagle, by the celebrated young artist, William E. Pedrick, No. 23, of Trenton.

It was received on behalf of the Grand Castle by P. G. C. Hunter in a very meritorious manner, at the conclusion of which a rising vote of thanks was tendered the Grand Master of Records for his kindness.

The following report of the Committee on Appeals was read :

JERSEY CITY, N. J. September, 7th, 1897.

*To the Grand Chief, Officers and Members of the Grand Castle of New Jersey, K. G. E.*

DEAR BROTHERS :—Acting under your suggestion, and with the purpose of settling, at as early a date as possible, the case of Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, *vs.* Dubois, the latter appealing from decision of the former, we herewith record our decision in the premises (the same being unanimous), with Committee all present save P. G. C. Hunter, who was duly notified. Your Committee, after a searching examination into aforesaid case, recommends that the appeal be sustained, and the accused go without further prosecution for the offence named.

Your Committee reaches its conclusion from the following points :

*First.* The charge is of general character—does not specify anything ; does not name wherein the accused had violated obligations, etc.

*Second.* In the conduct of the trial others than counsel and witnesses were permitted to be present, contrary to K. G. E. usage.

*Third.* The procedure of the Castle in acting upon Trial Committee report and in passing judgment thereon, was clearly illegal.

1. Extract of minutes does not show, after Trial Committee reported, evidence submitted, etc., that accused or his counsel, or prosecutor was heard regarding matter at issue, as Article X, Section 6, of the Constitution provides.

2. The methods adopted in the securing of the vote is not warranted by Constitution.

3. Noble Chief has no power to vote on this question, nor to require members to leave the Castle chamber when such voting took place.

4. *None* of the evidence submitted shows that witnesses were properly sworn or affirmed before a State officer, as required by Section 4, Article X of Grand Castle Constitution.

Other reasons exist, Grand Chief, but Objection Fourth annuls the trial of itself—hence the unanimous recommendation of the Committee.

Signed, F. WAYLAND POTTER, *Chairman*,  
GEORGE J. ROBERTSON,  
JOSEPH ARNOLD,  
F. A. BUREN.

Approved : WILLIAM H. RUF, *Grand Chief*.  
September 7th, 1897.

[EXPLANATION.—The above report, addressed to the *Grand Chief*, was also read at the special session held at Trenton, N. J., on June 24th, 1897. A large number of the members, at the annual session held this date, claimed it should be addressed the Grand Castle, hence the second presentation of the same.]

Pending action thereon the Grand Castle requested and had read, the appeal of P. C. W. T. Du Bois from the action of Bridgeton Castle, No. 13.

P. C. Ginnelley, No. 7, moved the adoption of the report of the Committee on Appeals, and during the discussion thereon—

P. G. C. Barrows requested that the letter in the case be read, which was granted.

P. S. C. Barnes, of Pennsylvania, counsel for P. C. W. T. Du Bois, reviewed the case at length, as also did P. G. C. Hewitt, of No. 13.

P. C. Ginnelley, No. 7, moved the previous question, which resulted in the adoption of the report of the Committee on Appeals (57 votes in the affirmative; 10 votes in the negative.)

P. C. Ginnelley, No. 7, moved that the Grand Castle instruct Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, to grant P. C. W. T. Du Bois a withdrawal card.

P. G. C. Barrows raised a point of order, that the Grand Castle had no right to issue such instructions. The point was decided well taken.

Grand Chief Hallock, of New York; P. C. Judson, of New York, and P. G. C. Dow, of Massachusetts, were at this time introduced to the Grand Castle by P. G. C. Parks. They were received properly, and invited to seats in the Grand body.

The special committee on Mortuary Fund reported as follows, which, together with the memorial was unanimously adopted.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., September 7th, 1897.

*To the Grand Castle, K. G. E. of New Jersey.*

The special committee to whom was referred the matter of the New Jersey Mortuary Fund, and resolutions bearing thereon, beg leave to report that we are of opinion that, under the laws of the Order as found

in the Constitution of the Supreme Castle and of subordinate bodies, all matters of pure business nature, such as benefits, dues and assessments, are wholly committed to Subordinate Castles to do therewith as they may elect.

That we are aware that for some reason the action of New Jersey Castles in uniting to establish a common fund for the payment of death benefits meets with the disapproval of Supreme Officers and of Supreme Castle.

That we believe a clear and distinct statement of our views on this subject in the form of a memorial to the Supreme Castle is desirable, and will, we hope, lead to a different course of action by the Supreme Castle and its officers.

We therefore recommend the adoption by this Grand Castle of the following memorial.

WALTER A. BARROWS,  
W. C. HUNTER,  
J. E. HIGHLEY,  
JOS. ARNOLD,  
W. N. HEWITT,

*Committee.*

MEMORIAL.

*To the Supreme Castle, Knights of the Golden Eagle.*

The Grand Castle of New Jersey, Knights of the Golden Eagle, in annual session assembled beg leave to present for your careful and immediate consideration, the following memorial:

Fully recognizing our inability as an Order to compete in benefits granted with the various Benevolent Insurance Orders now established in New Jersey, in that the means and methods pursued by them are more progressive, advanced and in keeping with the present day than the policy of our Supreme Castle has so far allowed us to progress.

And that the present policy of enforced limitations respecting death benefits has had a very deleterious effect upon our Order is patent to every member of this Grand-Body, as well as the Order generally, and which a perusal of the reports of the "Increased Membership" of the other Orders, in comparison with our own for the past three years, will readily show.

Furthermore, that the percentage of members in this jurisdiction belonging to the present Death Benefit Fund of the Supreme Castle is so small that it is almost without consideration. That it cannot be enforced upon candidates or members leaves us with nothing but individual Castle benefits.

Firmly believing, as we do, that, collectively, the Castles comprising this Grand Jurisdiction, if given the power, can formulate, organize and operate a death benefit system more in keeping with those of various other Orders, which will redound to the benefit, honor and glory of the Knights of the Golden Eagle of New Jersey :

*Therefore, be it Resolved,* That we, the members of the Grand Castle of New Jersey, representing nearly five thousand members of the Order, do most respectfully pray your Supreme Body to listen to our petition and grant us the right to organize, operate and maintain a death benefit system or fund, composed only of such Castles within this Grand Jurisdiction as may desire to join the same.

And that we be allowed to operate the same separate and apart from any such fund now existing.

And that the Grand Castle of New Jersey shall have exclusive jurisdiction over the same.

And for the peace and prosperity of your Supreme Castle we do ever pray.

*Resolved,* That this Grand Castle instruct all its Past Grand Chiefs in attendance at the Supreme Castle at the coming session to be held at Trenton, New Jersey, to use all their influence to have the laws so defined as to permit the formation of a State Death Benefit Fund.

It being reported that the Grand Castle could have the use of the upper floor of the building, if necessary, for an evening session, it was decided to take advantage of the offer, and, on motion, the Grand Castle adjourned at 6.30 P. M to reassemble at 8 P. M.

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#### EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Castle reconvened at 8.15 P. M.

Chairman P. G. C. Parks of the special committee on Grand Chief's report in reference to Supreme Castle meeting reported a recommendation that the amount of \$100 be appropriated towards entertaining the Supreme Castle at the city of Trenton on October 12th next.

On motion of Grand Trustee Bloom it was adopted.

The Committee on Law, to whom was referred the Grand Chief's decisions and dispensations, reported as follows, which was adopted :

JERSEY CITY, N. J., September 9th, 1897.

*To the Officers and Members of the Grand Castle of New Jersey, Knights of the Golden Eagle.*

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS:—Your Committee on Law, to whom were referred that portion of the Grand Chief's report covering "Decisions" and "Dispensations," beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and do recommend that they be approved as printed, with the exception of Decision No. 11, which we think should have been given in different language.

Fraternally Yours in F., V. and H.,

E. D. SENSEMAN, P. G. C., *Chairman,*

E. H. GINNELLEY,

W. N. HEWITT, P. G. C.,

*Committee on Law.*

P. G. C. Highley moved that a committee of five be appointed to entertain the Supreme Castle at its annual session at Trenton, beginning October 12th next, which was adopted, and the following committee appointed: P. G. C. Parks, P. G. C. Hunter, P. G. C. Highley, G. M. of R. Clark and P. G. C. Potter.

The following amendments to the Constitution, presented at last session, were taken up for consideration :

*Resolved,* That the Constitution of the Grand Castle, wherein it provides for the manner in which Grand Castle officers shall be elected, be so altered and amended as to provide for the election of such officers by the Past Chiefs of the several Castles at Castle session—to be designated in Constitution. The returns from the several Castles to be consolidated and counted at the Grand Castle session.

*Resolved,* That the Law Committee be directed to bring in such amendment as shall accomplish the foregoing.

EDWIN WILLIAMS, *Rep. of Sterling Castle, No. 50.*  
ROBT. M. FOUST, P. G. C.

On motion of P. G. C. Parks it was indefinitely postponed.

*To the Grand Chief, Officers and Members of the Grand Castle.*

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS :—I offer the following as an amendment to Article IX, Section 2, Grand Castle Constitution :

Strike out the entire section and insert : The Grand Castle officers shall be elected upon the last meeting night in June of each year. Said election to be held in the Subordinate Castles, and only Past Chiefs in good standing shall be allowed to vote. The Master of Records shall immediately forward to the Grand Master of Records, upon an election sheet provided by the Grand Castle, a correct report of said election, which shall not be opened until the annual session of the Grand Castle, when the election returns shall be referred to a committee of three, said committee to be appointed by the Grand Chief immediately after the opening of the Grand Castle ; said committee to receive no compensation for their services.

Respectfully submitted in F., V. and H.,

P. C. THOMAS LOCK, No. 14,  
P. C. C. B. GREENFIELD, *Representative.*

P. C. Matlack, No. 21, moved its adoption, which was not agreed to.

Amend Grand Castle Constitution as follows :

Article II, Section 1. Sessions.—There shall be one stated session of the Grand Castle held each year during the first week in September, at such place and on such day as shall be ordered by the Grand Castle at the preceding regular session.

R. M. FOUST,  
JOHN C. F. TRACHSEL.

Grand Trustee Bloom moved to amend by striking out the words, "at such place and," following the word "September" in second line, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "city of Trenton." This was not agreed to.

P. G. C. Highley moved that the whole matter be laid on the table. Motion adopted.

The Grand Chief presented the following communication from the Supreme Chief, accompanied with report of Committee on Appeals of the Supreme Castle :

WILMINGTON, DEL., August 24, 1897.

WM. H. RUF, Esq., Grand Chief of New Jersey.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—You will please find enclosed a copy of the report of the Committee on Appeals of the Supreme Castle on the case of Past Chief W. T. Du Bois *vs.* Grand Castle of New Jersey. The report has my approval and, in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee and Supreme Law, the case is hereby referred to the Grand Castle of New Jersey to make the proper disposition of it, which cannot be done without the appeal being read and brought properly before the Grand Castle, which, according to the minutes of your special session, was not done there.

Trusting that your Grand Castle will give this case a fair and impartial hearing, and may be able to dispose of the matter satisfactorily at its regular session in September, 1897, at which time you are notified to take action on the case, I remain

Fraternally Yours in the bonds of F., V. and H.,

WM. OSCAR BROWN,  
*Supreme Chief.*

N. B.—Before this case is taken up and decided I would request a mutual agreement from both sides that, should they take an appeal, it will be made and sent to me within ten days from the time the decision is made, in order to give us time to try this case and have it decided at our next session of the Supreme Castle, in Trenton, in October ; also you will find enclosed original papers as sent to me by the Grand Master of Records.

BALTIMORE, M. D., August 18th, 1897.

WM. OSCAR BROWN, Esq., Supreme Chief, K. G. E.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of W. T. Du Bois *vs.* Grand Castle of New Jersey, have carefully reviewed the appeal and the minutes of the Grand Castle of New Jersey, in special session held in Trenton, June 24th, 1897, and respectfully report : The only part of the appeal for our consideration is the action of said Grand Castle, wherein they have erred in dismissing

the appeal without proper action. Article X, Section 12, Constitution Grand Castle of New Jersey, reads, "The action of the Grand Castle shall be had upon the report of the committee without amendment, and shall be either in confirmation or rejection of the conclusions of the Committee on Appeals. If the action be in rejection of said conclusions, the Grand Castle shall, before proceeding to other business, determine said appeal." Inasmuch as the Grand Castle of New Jersey have not acted in accordance with their law, as quoted above, their actions therefore are irregular and illegal, and we would therefore recommend that the case be referred back to the Grand Castle of New Jersey with directions to make proper disposition of the case at their Grand Castle session, to be held at Jersey City, September 7th, 1897.

Article III, Section 7, Supreme-Castle Constitution, reads: "Whenever it shall appear that there has been illegality in the proceedings, the Committee on Appeals shall remit the case to the Grand Castle with full information."

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB H. AULL, *Chairman*,  
WM. R. SMILEY,  
ERNST KOCH,  
*Committee on Appeals.*

A. C. LITTLE, *Secretary.*

Approved August 23d, 1897.

WM. OSCAR BROWN, *Supreme Chief.*

On motion of P. G. C. Barrows the communication was received and the Grand Master of Records instructed to inform the Supreme Chief of the action of the Grand Castle in the matter of Du Bois vs. Bridgeton Castle, No. 13.

A communication from John F. Knox, of No. 47, was read and, on motion, received and filed.

The Finance Committee presented the following, which was adopted:

JERSEY CITY, N. J., September 7th, 1897.

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS:—Your Finance Committee would respectfully recommend that fifty dollars be appropriated to the Military Branch—the order to be drawn in favor of Colonel Troth.

HORACE J. PARKS,  
H. WAINRIGHT,  
E. H. GINNELLEY.

Grand Trustee Bloom, No. 28, offered the following as an amendment to Constitution of Subordinate Castles, to be known as Section 17, Article VI:

REMOVALS AND VACANCIES:

If any elective officer shall absent himself from three successive stated sessions, and being requested thereto shall fail to present a satisfactory excuse, his post shall be declared vacant and an election shall forthwith be held to fill the vacancy. Any appointed officer may be removed for like cause by the Noble Chief, and vacancy filled by appointment.

Laid over one year under the rules.

P. C. Ginnelley moved that an order be drawn on the Grand Keeper of Exchequer for \$138.06 to defray the expenses of the session, which was adopted.

P. G. C. Barrows moved that the Grand Chief, Grand Master of Records, Grand Keeper of Exchequer and Trustees be authorized to negotiate a loan of \$300 to carry the Grand Castle over until the next per capita tax comes in. Adopted.

P. S. C. Barnes took the chair to instal the newly elected officers of the Grand Castle, appointing his staff as follows:

- P. G. C. Barrows, New Jersey, as Past Supreme Chief.
- P. G. C. Dow, Massachusetts, as Supreme Vice-Chief.
- P. G. C. Parks, New Jersey, as Supreme Sir Herald.
- P. G. C. Trachsel, New Jersey, as Supreme High Priest.
- Grand Chief Hallock, New York, as Supreme Master of Records.
- P. G. C. Hewitt, New Jersey, as Supreme Keeper of Exchequer.
- P. G. C. Potter, New Jersey, as Supreme First Guardsman.
- P. G. C. Hunter, New Jersey, as Supreme Second Guardsman.

The officers installed were—

- Past Grand Chief—William H. Ruf.
- Grand Chief—Charles E. Lane.
- Grand Vice-Chief—James E. Russell.
- Grand High Priest—Dr. J. B. Wainright.
- Grand Master of Records—A. L. Clark.
- Grand Sir Herald—Jacob S. Kent.

P. G. C. Highley moved to proceed with the election of Representative to Supreme Castle. So ordered.

P. G. C. Highley nominated P. G. C. William H. Ruf. No further nomination, the election proceeded.

G. M. of R. Clark was instructed to cast the Grand Castle vote, which was done, and P. G. C. William H. Ruf was declared duly elected as Representative.

The tellers were discharged with thanks.

P. G. C. Trachsel, on behalf of the Grand Castle presented an elegant Past Grand Chief's badge and jewel to our retiring Grand Chief—the presentation speech being one of Brother Trachsel's inimitable productions. It was received by P. G. C. Ruf in a manner that indicated the depth of feeling under which he was laboring, and thankfulness for the manifestation of our sincerity and respect.

P. S. C. Barnes delegated G. M. of R. Clark to instal Grand Keeper of Exchequer Cogill.

P. G. C. Senseman moved that when the Grand Castle adjourn it be to meet at Long Branch, New Jersey, on Monday, the 5th day of September, 1898 (Labor Day) at 1 o'clock P. M., which was agreed to.

The Grand Chief then made a masterly address, which was loudly applauded, after which he made the following appointments:

Grand First Guardsman—John C. Pierce, No. 62.

Grand Second Guardsman—John C. Risley, No. 11.

District Grand Chief at-Large—P. G. C. F. Wayland Potter.

The other appointments will be found on third page of cover, all of which were confirmed by the Grand Castle.

The Grand Castle adjourned at 10.15 P. M.

Attest :



*Grand Master of Records.*



NOTE.—G. M. of R. Clark, having been delegated by P. S. C. Barnes to instal Grand Keeper of Exchequer J. Harris Cogill, this duty was performed at the Grand Castle office on Tuesday, September 14th, 1897, by the following officers : G. M. of R. Clark as Supreme Chief ; P. C. Ginnelley, No. 7, as Supreme High Priest ; Grand Trustee Bloom, No. 28, as Supreme Sir Herald, assisted by P. C. Lovett, No. 7, P. C. Davis, No. 7, and P. C. W. S. Clark, No. 28.

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[The Grand Master of Records hereby desires to express his thanks to G. K. of E. Cogill and P. G. C. Senseman for valuable assistance during the session.]

## Roster of Members in Attendance.

NAME.	RANK.	CASTLE.
E. Brooks Dow	Past Grand Chief	Suffolk, No. 12, Mass.
Jay Dee Barnes	Past Supreme Chief	Cœur de Lion, No. 24, Pa.
James W. Knowles	Past Chief	Millville, No. 2.
F. Wayland Potter	Past Grand Chief	Washington, No. 3.
Charles K. Wrifford	Representative	Washington, No. 3.
Joseph W. Jackson	Past Chief	Washington, No. 3.
Thomas A. Warren	Past Chief	Washington, No. 3.
Walter A. Barrows	Past Grand Chief	New Jersey, No. 4.
George J. Robertson	Past Grand Chief	New Jersey, No. 4.
Henry Opel	Past Chief	Ivanhoe, No. 5.
A. S. Haines	Representative	Red Cross, No. 6.
W. H. Potts	Past Chief	Trenton, No. 7.
E. H. Ginnelley	Past Chief	Trenton, No. 7.
R. M. Davis	Past Chief	Trenton, No. 7.
George M. Applegate	Representative	Trenton, No. 7.
J. Harris Cogill	G. K. of E.	Trenton, No. 7.
Horace J. Parks	Past Grand Chief	Monarch, No. 9.
E. D. Senseman	Past Grand Chief	Monarch, No. 9.
R. M. Coffman	Representative	Monarch, No. 9.
Lewis S. Riggins, Jr.	Grand Instructor	Puritan, No. 10.
T. M. Birchmeier	Past Chief	Puritan, No. 10.
John C. Risley	Past Chief	Ocean, No. 11.
E. W. Crowell	Past Chief	Ocean, No. 11.
Oliver F. Johnston	Past Chief	Warren, No. 12.
J. P. Marlatt	Representative	Warren, No. 12.
F. E. Robinson	Past Chief	Bridgeton, No. 13.
W. N. Hewitt	Past Grand Chief	Bridgeton, No. 13.
Joseph Arnold	Past Grand Chief	Bridgeton, No. 13.
R. T. West	Past Chief	Crusaders, No. 14.
J. E. Highley	Past Grand Chief	Woodbury, No. 15.
John A. Farrow	Representative	Marlton, No. 16.
Samuel L. Heal	Representative	Herald, No. 17.
Freeman T. Smith	Past Chief	Leod, No. 20.
John H. Reid	Representative	Leod, No. 20.
J. H. Matlack	Master of Records	Burlington, No. 21.
Lorenzo Anderson	Past Chief	Palmyra, No. 22.
A. H. Troth	Representative	Palmyra, No. 22.
A. L. Clark	G. M. of R.	Mercer, No. 23.
Thomas Farrell	Past Chief	Mercer, No. 23.
Fred. W. Hughes	Past Chief	Mercer, No. 23.
John C. F. Trachsel	Past Grand Chief	Cross and Crown, No. 25.
F. A. Buren	Past Grand Chief	Cross and Crown, No. 25.
Frank A. Vehe	Past Chief	Cross and Crown, No. 25.
Joseph B. Parry	Clerk of Exchequer	Cross and Crown, No. 25.

Stephen Johnson . . . . .	Past Chief . . . . .	Stafford, No. 26.
Thomas McClure . . . . .	Representative . . . . .	Silver Star, No. 27.
A. Q. Bloom . . . . .	Past Chief . . . . .	Capital, No. 28.
W. V. Pierson . . . . .	Past Chief . . . . .	Capital, No. 28.
C. Edward Shute . . . . .	Representative . . . . .	Volunteer, No. 30.
George Van Billiard . . . . .	Representative . . . . .	Callion, No. 32.
J. Theodore Johnson . . . . .	Past Chief . . . . .	Franklin, No. 33.
William H. Ruf . . . . .	Past Grand Chief . . . . .	Clyde, No. 34.
James W. Manahan . . . . .	Past Chief . . . . .	Clyde, No. 34.
J. B. Wainright . . . . .	G. H. P. . . . .	Clyde, No. 34.
L. L. Woolley . . . . .	Representative . . . . .	Clyde, No. 34.
Harry R. Davis . . . . .	Past Chief . . . . .	Wrightstown, No. 35.
W. C. Hunter . . . . .	Past Grand Chief . . . . .	Cœur de Lion, No. 36.
C. K. Mayer . . . . .	Past Chief . . . . .	Cœur de Lion, No. 36.
B. Roelofson . . . . .	Past Chief . . . . .	Mount Everest, No. 38.
James Corbett . . . . .	Past Chief . . . . .	Mount Everest, No. 38.
William Sproat . . . . .	Past Chief . . . . .	Mount Everest, No. 38.
Thomas G. Stephenson . . . . .	Past Chief . . . . .	Clayton, No. 39.
Allen S. Conover . . . . .	Past Chief . . . . .	Prospect, No. 40.
W. S. Boeman . . . . .	Past Chief . . . . .	Annandale, No. 43.
Thomas B. Seals . . . . .	Past Chief . . . . .	Annandale, No. 43.
Harry May . . . . .	Past Chief . . . . .	Antioch, No. 44.
L. Krein . . . . .	Past Chief . . . . .	Antioch, No. 44.
George W. Mott . . . . .	Past Chief . . . . .	Tuckerton, No. 45.
George Mull . . . . .	Past Chief . . . . .	Vineland, No. 46.
Joseph D. Newlin . . . . .	Representative . . . . .	Corinthian, No. 47.
Charles E. King, Jr. . . . .	Past Chief . . . . .	Corinthian, No. 47.
J. Frank Cobb . . . . .	Past Chief . . . . .	Corinthian, No. 47.
Thomas O'Brien . . . . .	Past Chief . . . . .	Corinthian, No. 47.
I. J. Grimshaw . . . . .	Representative . . . . .	Monmouth, No. 51.
John Milligan . . . . .	Past Chief . . . . .	Columbia, No. 54.
James Wilson . . . . .	Past Chief . . . . .	Columbia, No. 54.
David F. Kay . . . . .	Past Chief . . . . .	Columbia, No. 54.
Jacob S. Kent . . . . .	Past Chief . . . . .	Columbia, No. 54.
William L. Campbell . . . . .	Representative . . . . .	Columbia, No. 54.
James H. Bowles . . . . .	Past Chief . . . . .	Columbia, No. 54.
James H. Harvey . . . . .	Past Chief . . . . .	Columbia, No. 54.
James Mackey . . . . .	Past Chief . . . . .	Columbia, No. 54.
Harry Belfield . . . . .	Past Chief . . . . .	Columbia, No. 54.
Thomas Connolly . . . . .	Past Chief . . . . .	Columbia, No. 54.
John H. Heir . . . . .	Representative . . . . .	Star of Liberty, No. 58.
Samuel Horton . . . . .	Representative . . . . .	Windsor, No. 59.
H. Wainright . . . . .	Past Chief . . . . .	Windsor, No. 59.
Ralph Schellinger . . . . .	Past Chief . . . . .	Excelsior, No. 61.
George C. Mead . . . . .	Past Chief . . . . .	Progressive, No. 62.
John C. Pierce . . . . .	Representative . . . . .	Progressive, No. 62.
Joseph Teats . . . . .	Past Chief . . . . .	Silver Cross, No. 63.
Gus. W. Roeger . . . . .	Representative . . . . .	Passaic, No. 64.
Joseph Heinzman . . . . .	Past Chief . . . . .	Passaic, No. 64.
T. C. Schanck . . . . .	Past Chief . . . . .	Passaic, No. 64.
Dr. Louis E. Foulks . . . . .	Representative . . . . .	Plumsted, No. 66.
Charles Heal . . . . .	Past Chief . . . . .	Star of Bethlehem, No. 68.
J. H. Spateholtz . . . . .	Past Chief . . . . .	Phoenix, No. 70.
R. R. West . . . . .	Past Chief . . . . .	Phoenix, No. 70.
James Hardy . . . . .	Past Chief . . . . .	New Brunswick, No. 71.
N. S. Olmstead . . . . .	Representative . . . . .	To-Kalon, No. 72.

# SPECIAL SESSIONS.

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HEADQUARTERS GRAND CASTLE OF NEW JERSEY,  
KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE,  
ROOM 5, RIBSAM BUILDING,

TRENTON, June 24th, 1897.

The Grand Castle of New Jersey, Knights of the Golden Eagle, convened in special session, in the hall of Mercer Castle, No. 23, corner South Broad and Front Streets, pursuant to call of the Grand Chief, at 10.30 A.M. on above date.

The Grand Officers present were :

Past Grand Chief—Walter A. Barrows.  
Grand Chief—William H. Ruf.  
Grand High Priest—Dr. J. B. Wainright.  
Grand Master of Records—A. L. Clark.  
Grand First Guardsman—John C. Risley.  
Grand Second Guardsman—Fred Giermann,  
Trustees—James E. Highley, P. G. C.  
A. Q. Bloom.

The following committees were represented :

Finance—H. Wainright.  
Credentials—Jacob S. Kent.  
Printing—F. B. Woolley ; William S. Clark.  
Appeals—W. C. Hunter, P. G. C. ; Joseph Arnold, P. G. C.

The Grand Chief appointed P. C. Gus. W. Roeger, No. 64, as Grand Vice-Chief, and P. C. James Hardy, No. 71, as Grand Sir Herald, to fill vacancies.

The Grand Castle was then opened in due form.

The credentials of P. C. Paul Paulson, No. 11, and P. C. Jacob D. Newlin, No. 47, being found correct, they were duly obligated and instructed in the Past Chief's Degree, in the ante-room.

The following Representatives answered roll call :

Paul Paulson, No. 11.  
H. S. Tyler, No. 13.  
John H. Ried, No. 20.  
J. H. Matlack, No. 21.  
William S. Clark, No. 23.  
William V. Pierson, No. 28.  
L. L. Woolley, No. 34.  
George A. Mott, No. 45.

John D. Newlin, No. 47.  
W. L. Campbell, No. 54.  
Samuel Norton, No. 59.  
G. W. Roeger, No. 64.  
Richard R. West, No. 70.  
James Hardy, No. 71.  
Nelson S. Olmstead, No. 72.

The Grand Master of Records read the call for the special session, as follows :

GRAND CASTLE OF NEW JERSEY, KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE,  
OFFICE OF THE GRAND CHIEF, MANASQUAN, June 10th, 1897.

*To all Subordinate Castles, K. G. E.—Greeting :*

Pursuant to request, I, William H. Ruf, Grand Chief of the Grand Castle of New Jersey, and in accordance with Article II, Section 2, of the Constitution of the Grand Castle, hereby call a special session of the Grand Castle of New Jersey, to convene in the Hall of Mercer Castle, No. 23, corner South Broad and Front Streets, Trenton, N. J., on Thursday, the twenty-fourth day of June, 1897, at 10.30 A.M.

The business to be brought before this special session is as follows:

*First.* To act upon the report of the Appeal Committee made to the Grand Chief in the case of P. C. William T. DuBois *vs.* Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, K. G. E. and all matters relating to said case.

*Second.* To consider the advisability of changing the place of holding the next annual session of the Grand Castle.

Given under my hand, and attested with the seal of the Grand Castle, this tenth day of June, 1897.

WILLIAM H. RUF, *Grand Chief.*

Attest:

A. L. CLARK, *G. M. of R.*

The first matter acted upon was the report of the Appeal Committee made to the Grand Chief in the case of P. C. William T. Dubois *vs.* Bridgeton Castle, No. 13—the committee's report being read by the Grand Master of Records, as follows :

CAMDEN, N. J., March 1st, 1897.

WILLIAM H. RUF, *Grand Chief.*

DEAR BROTHER:—Acting under your suggestion, and with the purpose of settling at as early a date as possible the case of Bridgeton Castle, No. 13 *vs.* DuBois, the latter appealing from decision of the former, we herewith record our decision in the premises (the same being unanimous), with Committee all present save P. G. C. Hunter, who was duly notified. Your Committee, after a searching examination into aforesaid case recommends that the appeal be sustained, and the accused go without further prosecution for the offence named.

The Committee reaches its conclusion from the following points :

*First.* The charge is of general character—does not specify anything; does not name wherein accused had violated obligations, etc.

*Second.* In the conduct of the trial others than counsel and witnesses were permitted to be present contrary to K. G. E. usage.

*Third.* The procedure of the Castle in acting upon Trial Committee report and in passing judgment thereon, was clearly illegal.

1. Extract of minutes does not show, after Trial Committee reported, evidence submitted, etc. that accused or his counsel, or Prosecutor was heard regarding matter at issue, as Article X, Section 6, of Constitution provides.

2. The methods adopted in the securing of the vote is not warranted by Constitution.

3. Noble Chief has no power to vote on this question, nor to require members to leave the Castle chamber when such voting took place.

4. *None* of the evidence submitted shows that witnesses were properly sworn or affirmed before a State officer, as required by Section 4, Article X of Grand Castle Constitution.

Other reasons exist, Grand Chief, but Objection Fourth annuls the trial of itself—hence the unanimous recommendation of the Committee.

Signed, F. WAYLAND POTTER, *Chairman,*  
 GEORGE J. ROBERTSON,  
 JOSEPH ARNOLD,  
 F. A. BUREN.

Approved : WILLIAM H. RUF, *Grand Chief.*

March 22d, 1897.

Past Chief Tyler, No. 13, asked if this report of the Committee was properly before the Grand Castle, inasmuch as the report was not printed, etc., as provided by Sec. 1, of Art. XIII, of the Constitution. (See amendments adopted September 5th, 1893).

The Grand Chief decided that it was proper to act upon it. P. C. Tyler, of No. 13, appealed from this decision.

A vote being taken, the decision of the Grand Chief was sustained.

Past Grand Chief Highley moved that the report of the Appeal Committee be approved, which, after a lengthy discussion, was not agreed to. (Seventeen votes in the affirmative; twenty votes in the negative.)

Past Grand Chief Barrows moved that the appeal of William T. DuBois *vs.* Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, be dismissed.

While this motion was pending Past Supreme Chief Kelly moved that a recess be taken for one-half hour. This motion was lost.

Past Supreme Chief Barnes, as counsel for P. C. William T. DuBois, raised the point of order that the motion to dismiss the appeal of William T. DuBois *vs.* Bridgeton Castle No. 13, is out of order, inasmuch as the appeal has not been presented to this Grand Castle, and it, with the accompanying documents, has not been read to this body.

The Grand Chief decided the point not well taken.

The motion of P. G. C. Barrows was then adopted.

The Grand Chief decided the second part of the call (in reference to changing the place of holding the next annual session) to be unconstitutional.

At 3 o'clock P. M. the special session closed in due form.

Attest:

A. L. CLARK, *G. M. of R.*

The following special sessions for conferring the Past Chief's Degree were held during the year, at which the Past Chiefs named were admitted to membership in the Grand Castle.

Hall of Monmouth Castle, No. 51, Freehold, February 1st, 1897, Grand Chief Ruf presiding. P. C. Duncan, No. 51, as Grand Sir Herald; P. C. Wainright, No. 59, as Grand High Priest; P. C. Hess, No. 51, as Grand First Guardsman.

Past Chiefs admitted:

H. E. Hulshart, No. 59.  
George F. Emmons, No. 51.

D. Prest, No. 51.

Hall of New Brunswick Castle, No. 71, New Brunswick, February 2d, 1897, Grand Chief Ruf presiding. D. G. C. Turton, No. 71, as Grand Sir Herald; P. C. Hardy, No. 71, as Grand High Priest; P. C. Bartholomew, No. 71, as Grand First Guardsman.

Past Chiefs admitted:

Joseph A. Drake, No. 71.  
J. M. Stoetzel, No. 71.

J. P. Crouch, No. 71.  
R. G. Janzen, No. 71.

Hall of Plumsted Castle, No. 66, New Egypt, February 3d, 1897, Grand Chief Ruf presiding. P. C. William Chambers, No. 66, as Grand High Priest; P. C. Jos. M. Thompson, No. 66, as Grand Sir Herald; P. C. William Vanhorn, No. 66, as Grand First Guardsman.

Past Chiefs admitted:

L. E. Foulks, No. 66.

Wardell Harker, No. 66.

Hall of Franklin Castle, No. 33, Lambertville, February 9th, 1897, Grand Chief Ruf presiding. P. C. Johnston, No. 33, as Grand High Priest; P. C. Winner, No. 33, as Grand Sir Herald; P. C. Silvers, No. 33, as Grand First Guardsman.

Past Chief admitted:

M. T. Heath, No. 33.

Hall of To-Kalon Castle, No. 72, Long Branch City, February 12th, 1897, Grand Chief Ruf presiding; G. H. P. Wainright officiating. P. C. Gano, No. 72, as Grand Sir Herald; P. C. Cobb, No. 47, as Grand First Guardsman.

## Past Chiefs admitted :

Henry Bresnahan, No. 47.  
E. Venable, No. 72.  
N. S. Olmstead, No. 72.

G. R. Waters, No. 72.  
A. B. Herman, No. 72.  
S. Robert White, No. 72.

Hall of Ivanhoe Castle, No. 5, Salem, February 16th, 1897, Grand Chief Ruf presiding. P. C. Riggins, No. 10, as Grand First Guardsman; P. G. C. W. J. Freas, No. 5, as Grand High Priest; P. C. E. F. Bacon, No. 5, as Grand Sir Herald.

## Past Chiefs admitted :

John Willis, No. 5.

George Dixon, No. 5.

Hall of Vineland Castle, No. 46, Vineland, March 4th, 1897, Grand Chief Ruf presiding. P. C. George Mull, No. 46, as Grand Sir Herald; P. C. H. J. Mason, No. 46, as Past Grand Chief; P. C. J. W. H. Knowles, No. 2, as Grand High Priest, P. C. T. K. Eastburn, No. 46, as Grand First Guardsman.

## Past Chiefs admitted :

Alfred Perks, No. 46.  
C. H. Smith, No. 46.

L. A. Adams, No. 46.  
Isaiah Boody, No. 46.

Hall of Florence Castle, No. 18, Florence, March 9th, 1897, Grand Chief Ruf presiding. P. C. Johnston, No. 14, as Grand First Guardsman; P. C. E. E. Page, No. 18, as Grand Sir Herald; G. H. P. Wainright, officiating.

## Past Chiefs admitted :

Harvey Jones, No. 18.

William N. Spotts, No. 18.

Hall of Passaic Castle, No. 64, Passaic, March 19th, 1897, Grand Chief Ruf presiding. P. C. Lockwood, No. 58, as Grand Sir Herald; D. G. C. Schenck, No. 64, as Grand High Priest; P. C. Roeger, No. 64, as Grand First Guardsman.

## Past Chiefs admitted :

James Webster, No. 64.  
Christ Van Heest, No. 64.

Joseph Heinzmann, No. 64.

Hall of Antioch Castle, No. 44, Egg Harbor City, April 6th, 1897, Grand Chief Ruf presiding; G. H. P. Wainright officiating; G. F. G. Risley, No. 11, at position. D. G. C. Otto, No. 44, as Grand Sir Herald; P. C. L. P. Schmidt, No. 44, as Grand Vice-Chief.

Past Chiefs admitted :

F. Schwenger, No. 44.  
H. Heinshon, No. 44.  
F. Thoms, No. 44.  
H. May, No. 44.  
George Steigauf, No. 44.

William Henze, No. 44.  
John Fisher, No. 44.  
William Morris, No. 27.  
Shedrick Tozer, No. 27.

Hall of Stafford Castle, No. 26, Manahawken, April 13th, 1897, Grand Chief Ruf presiding; G. H. P. Wainright officiating. P. C. Mosher, No. 45, as Grand Sir Herald; P. C. E. M. Berry, No. 45, as Grand First Guardsman.

Past Chiefs admitted :

A. B. Courtney, No. 26.  
George E. Bennett, No. 26.  
J. P. Bunnell, No. 26.  
W. B. Paul, No. 26.

C. H. Cox, No. 26,  
George A. Mott, No. 45.  
Joel W. Barkalow, No. 49.

Hall of Woodbury Castle, No. 15, Woodbury, April 20th, 1897, P. G. C. Hunter, No. 36, presiding; G. C. Ruf as Grand Sir Herald; P. G. C. Foust, No. 15, as Grand High Priest; P. C. Robert Burrows, No. 15, as Grand First Guardsman; D. G. C. Meyers, No. 36, as Grand Second Guardsman; G. V. C. Lane at position.

Past Chiefs admitted :

Walter Hawn, No. 15.  
Harry C. Waram, No. 15.  
Woodward Marcus, No. 15.

Howard S. Davis, No. 15.  
William Weldie, No. 1.

Hall of Volunteer Castle, No. 30, Glassboro, April 21st, 1897, Grand Chief Ruf presiding. D. G. C. Dischert, No. 30, as Grand Sir Herald; P. C. Stanger, No. 30, as Grand High Priest; P. C. Fishler, No. 30, as Grand First Guardsman.

Past Chiefs admitted :

H. H. Sickler, No. 30.  
C. Edward Shute, No. 30.

Charles G. Chew, No. 30.  
Clarence P. Moore, No. 30.

Hall of Star of Bethlehem Castle, No. 68, Trenton, April 30th, 1897, P. G. C. Hunter, No. 36, presiding. G. C. Ruf as Grand Sir Herald; P. C. Ginnelly, No. 7, as Grand High Priest; G. T. Bloom, No. 28, as Grand First Guardsman; P. C. Duncan, No. 51, as Grand Vice-Chief.

Past Chiefs admitted :

J. S. Worthington, No. 7.  
George M. Applegate, No. 7.  
Clayton Harris, No. 7.  
George H. Hard, No. 28.  
Henry W. Fronley, No. 28.

David McAllister, No. 23.  
Ludwig Muehlhausen, No. 68.  
August Koch, No. 68.  
George Most, No. 68.  
Frederick Buck, No. 68.

Hall of Califon Castle, No. 32, Califon, May 1st, 1897, Grand Chief Ruf presiding. D. G. C. Apgar, No. 32, as Grand Sir Herald; P. C. John H. Apgar, No. 32, as Grand High Priest; P. C. McPherson, No. 63, as Grand First Guardsman.

Past Chiefs admitted :

Thomas Philhower, No. 32.  
John Apgar, No. 32.  
Henry Trimmer, No. 32.

John W. Hoffmann, No. 32.  
E. B. Eakley, No. 32.

Hall of Progressive Castle, No. 62, Bridgeton, May 6th, 1897, Grand Chief Ruf presiding. P. C. Husted, No. 13, as Grand First Guardsman; P. C. Lewis, No. 13, as Grand High Priest; P. C. Shoemaker, No. 62, as Grand Sir Herald;

Past Chiefs admitted :

Howard L. Tyler, No. 13.  
H. C. Steffins, No. 62.

Harry Hughes, No. 62.  
V. B. Tubman, No. 65.

Hall of Columbia Castle, No. 54, Paterson, May 13th, 1897, Grand Chief Ruf presiding. P. C. William Sproat, No. 38, as Grand High Priest; D. G. C. J. H. Harvey, No. 54, as Grand Sir Herald; P. C. William L. Campbell, No. 54, as Past Grand Chief; P. C. Austin May, No. 54, as Grand First Guardsman.

Past Chiefs admitted :

Bernard Roelofsen, No. 38.  
David Sproat, No. 38.  
William Gassmann, No. 38.

David F. Kay, No. 54.  
Abram Crabtree, No. 54.

# INSTITUTIONS.

W. C. T. U. HALL,  
BLACKWOOD, N. J., March 16th, 1897.

Blackwood Castle, No. 1, was instituted on above date, the ceremonies being conducted by Grand Chief Ruf, assisted by P. G. C. Trachsel, as Grand High Priest; G. H. P. Wainright, as Grand Sir Herald; P. C. Carter, No. 15, as Grand Vice-Chief; P. C. Harry Cloud, No. 15, as Grand First Guardsman; P. C. Herman Rosade, No. 70, as Past Grand Chief; P. C. Harry Waram, No. 15, as Worthy Chamberlain; P. C. Samuel C. Carey, No. 15, as Ensign; Sir Knight Timbermann, No. 15, as Venerable Hermit.

The Pilgrims' and Crusaders' Degree were given in full.

The following officers were publicly installed:

Past Chief—William Weldie.  
Noble Chief—James G. Campbell.  
Vice-Chief—William H. Carter, Jr.  
High Priest—Harry J. Shinn  
Venerable Hermit—Joseph Conine.  
Keeper of Exchequer—Randolph Barrett.  
Clerk of Exchequer—R. C. Morgan.  
Master of Records—Herbert B. Morgan.  
Sir Herald—William Morgan.  
Worthy Bard—J. Elmer Anderson.  
Worthy Chamberlain—George C. Morgan, Jr.  
Ensign—Harry Peters.  
Esquire—George Carr.  
First Guardsman—David Carr.  
Second Guardsman—Penrose Thorn.

Number of names on charter application, fifty-four.

Castles represented, Nos. 15, 23, 25, 34, 70.

Organizer, R. C. Morgan.

A. L. CLARK, *G. M. of R.*

RED MEN'S HALL,  
WASHINGTON, N. J., March 24th, 1897.

Warren Castle, No. 12, was instituted on above date, the ceremonies being conducted by Grand Chief Ruf, assisted by P. G. C. Trachsel; G. H. P. Wainright; P. C. Woolley, No. 34; Grand Instructor Sharp, No. 43, and members from Nos. 43, 32 and 63.

The three Degrees were conferred in full, after which the following officers were publicly installed:

Past Chief—Whitfield Castner.  
Noble Chief—Charles A. Milham.  
Vice-Chief—Jacob P. Marlatt.  
High Priest—Ralph Dereemer.  
Venerable Hermit—O. F. Johnston.  
Clerk of Exchequer—Harry H. Jenkins.  
Keeper of Exchequer—C. S. Dalrymple.  
Master of Records—John S. Lance.  
Sir Herald—Frank Mensch.  
Worthy Chamberlain—Joseph M. Chamberlain.  
Ensign—Peter Castner.  
Esquire—Fred. Graner.  
First Guardsman—Henry Slater.  
Second Guardsman—John Groff.

Number of names on charter application, thirty-three.

Castles represented, Nos. 23, 25, 32, 34, 43 and 63.

Organizer, O. F. Johnston.

A. L. CLARK, *G. M. of R.*

## In Memoriam.

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P. G. C. GEORGE A. BINGHAM,

PHOENIX CASTLE, No. 70.

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DIED MAY 16th, 1897.

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Brother Bingham was a charter member of Camden Castle, No. 1—the first organized in the State of New Jersey. He was appointed Deputy Supreme Chief and, on July 16th, 1884, occupied the position of presiding officer at the preliminary meeting held to organize the Grand Castle of New Jersey.

At the institution of Phoenix Castle, No. 70, he connected himself with them by card.

Throughout his career as an Eagle Knight he was an active, energetic worker for the advancement of the Order.

Brother Bingham, being of a genial disposition, together with his manly bearing and courtesy, endeared himself to all, and his loss will be deeply felt.

## In Memoriam.

### TO OUR DEPARTED PAST CHIEFS.

- P. C. George Rigg, Crusaders' Castle, No. 14.  
Died March 28th, 1897.
- P. C. Nicholas Shaffer, Burlington Castle, No. 21.  
Died February 5th, 1897.
- P. C. Fred. H. Vogt, Mercer Castle, No. 23.  
Died August 6th, 1896.
- P. C. Isaac N. Housel, Mercer Castle, No. 23.  
Died April 26th, 1897.
- P. C. Rutledge T. Hoff, Mercer Castle, No. 23.  
Died May 25th, 1897.
- P. C. Peter Groff, Califon Castle, No. 32.  
Died January 16th, 1897.
- P. C. Bowdish Pearce, Clyde Castle, No. 34.  
Died October 22d, 1896.
- P. C. Harry Steelman, Clayton Castle, No. 39.  
Died December 26th, 1896.
- P. C. A. C. Morgenweck, Antioch Castle, No. 44.  
Died December 8th, 1896.
- P. C. Edward Mayden, Star of Liberty Castle, No. 58.  
Died March, 1897.
- P. C. James N. Bateman, Progressive Castle, No. 62.  
Died July 30th, 1896.
- P. C. Merrit H. Pike, Phoenix Castle, No. 70.  
Died June 25th, 1897.

## In Memoriam.

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Charles Hoell, Monarch Castle, No. 9.  
Died November 5th, 1896.

Joshua Bennett, Ocean Castle, No. 11.  
Died December 3d, 1896.

H. F. Bell, Bridgeton Castle, No. 13.  
Died July 30th, 1896.

G. B. Holmes, Bridgeton Castle, No. 13.  
Died September 7th, 1896.

Joseph S. Cattell, Woodbury Castle, No. 15.  
Died December 15th, 1896.

John H. Umba, Woodbury Castle, No. 15.  
Died December 19th, 1896.

Joseph Peters, Marlton Castle, No. 16.  
Died July 29th, 1896.

Julius Rummerfield, Herald Castle, No. 17.  
Died October 23d, 1896.

John R. Hann, Mercer Castle, No. 23.  
Died November 17th, 1896.

Charles I. Carr, Mercer Castle, No. 23.  
Died April 1st, 1897.

T. W. Rogers, Wrightstown Castle, No. 35.  
Died October 14th, 1896.

Jonathan Stackhouse, Wrightstown Castle, No. 35.  
Died February 9th, 1897.

## In Memoriam.

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Charles H. Huber, Cœur de Lion Castle, No. 36.  
Died September 28th, 1896.

John Reid, Mt. Everest Castle, No. 38.  
Died September 28th, 1896.

Robert MacLaren, Mt. Everest Castle, No. 38.  
Died November 14th, 1896.

Sampson M. Glover, Mt. Everest Castle, No. 38,  
Died February 23d, 1897.

George A. Bragg, Tuckerton Castle, No. 45.  
Died January 14th, 1897.

Hazelton Jones, Tuckerton Castle, No. 45.  
Died May 14th, 1897.

M. P. Hendrickson, Sterling Castle, No. 50.  
Died May 27th, 1897.

William W. Wilson, Monmouth Castle, No. 51.  
Died July 7th, 1896.

J. S. Cotrell, Monmouth Castle, No. 51.  
Died September 5th, 1896.

Frank Leddy, Columbia Castle, No. 54.  
Died March 31st, 1897.

Jesse B. Tallman, New Brunswick Castle, No. 71.  
Died November 11th, 1896.

Henry H. Wobbe, New Brunswick Castle, No. 71.  
Died November 12th, 1896.

# Roster of Past Grand Chiefs,

## GRAND CASTLE, OF NEW JERSEY.

NAME.	CASTLE.	No.
John P. Price,	Ivanhoe,	5
*Oliver P. Darlington	"	5
Joseph J. Chester,	Millville,	2
George J. Robertson,	New Jersey,	4
William J. Freas,	Ivanhoe,	5
Charles O. Pedrick,	Washington,	3
Joseph C. Rubicam*	Camden,	1
George A. Bingham†	" **	1
Joseph H. Minnett*	" **	1
William A. Garrison*	Millville,	2
Henry F. Bacon*	Ivanhoe,	5
Irving W. Kelly, P. S. C.,	Trenton,	7
Horace J. Parks,	Monarch,	9
Joseph T. Fortinert	Camden, **	1
H. Frank Pettit*	Washington,	3
F. A. Buren,	Cross and Crown,	25
William N. Hewitt,	Bridgeton,	13
George L. Frazee*	Monarch,	9
F. Wayland Potter,	Washington,	3
Joseph Arnold,	Bridgeton,	13
Robert M. Foust,	Woodbury,	15
William C. Hunter,	Cœur-de Lion,	36
James E. Highley,	Woodbury,	15
E. D. Senseman,	Monarch,	9
John C. F. Trachsel,	Cross and Crown,	25
Walter A. Barrows,	New Jersey,	4
Daniel M. Stevens,	Washington,	3
William H. Ruf,	Clyde,	34

\*Suspended †Deceased \*\*Defunct.

# ORGANIZATION

OF THE

## GRAND CASTLE OF NEW JERSEY.

The Grand Castle of New Jersey was organized in the city of Camden, July 16th, 1884. Subsequent regular sessions have been held as follows :

No.	PLACE.	DATE.	GRAND CHIEF.	CASTLES.
1	Salem, . . .	Mar. 3d, 1885, . . .	Joseph H. Minnett,	1
2	Trenton, . . .	Mar. 2d, 1886, . . .	William A. Garrison,	2
3	Camden, . . .	Mar. 2d, 1887, . . .	Henry F. Bacon,	5
4	Millville, . . .	Sept. 1st, 1887, . . .	Irving W. Kelly, . . .	7
5	Burlington, . . .	Sept. 5th, 1888, . . .	Horace J. Parks, . . .	9
6	Bridgeton, . . .	Sept. 3d, 1889, . . .	H. Frank Pettit, . . .	3
7	Trenton, . . .	Sept. 2d, 1890, . . .	William N. Hewitt,	13
8	Paterson, . . .	Sept. 7th, 1891, . . .	F. Wayland Potter,*	3
9	Woodbury, . . .	Sept. 6th, 1892, . . .	F. Wayland Potter,	3
10	Asbury Park, . . .	Sept. 4th and 5th, 1893,	Joseph Arnold, . . .	13
11	Trenton, . . .	Oct. 2d and 3d, 1894,	Robert M. Foust, . . .	15
12	New Brunswick, . . .	Oct. 1st and 2d, 1895,	William C. Hunter,	36
13	Atlantic City, . . .	Sept. 8th and 9th, 1896,	Walter A. Barrows,	4
14	Jersey City, . . .	Sept. 7th, 1897, . . .	William H. Ruf, . . .	34

\*Grand Vice-Chief presided in absence of Grand Chief Frazee.

## Statistics of Counties

SUMMARIZED FROM SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS,

TERM ENDING, JUNE 30, 1897.

The Order is now established in fourteen counties, distributed as follows (including admissions, financial standing and average membership per Castle.)

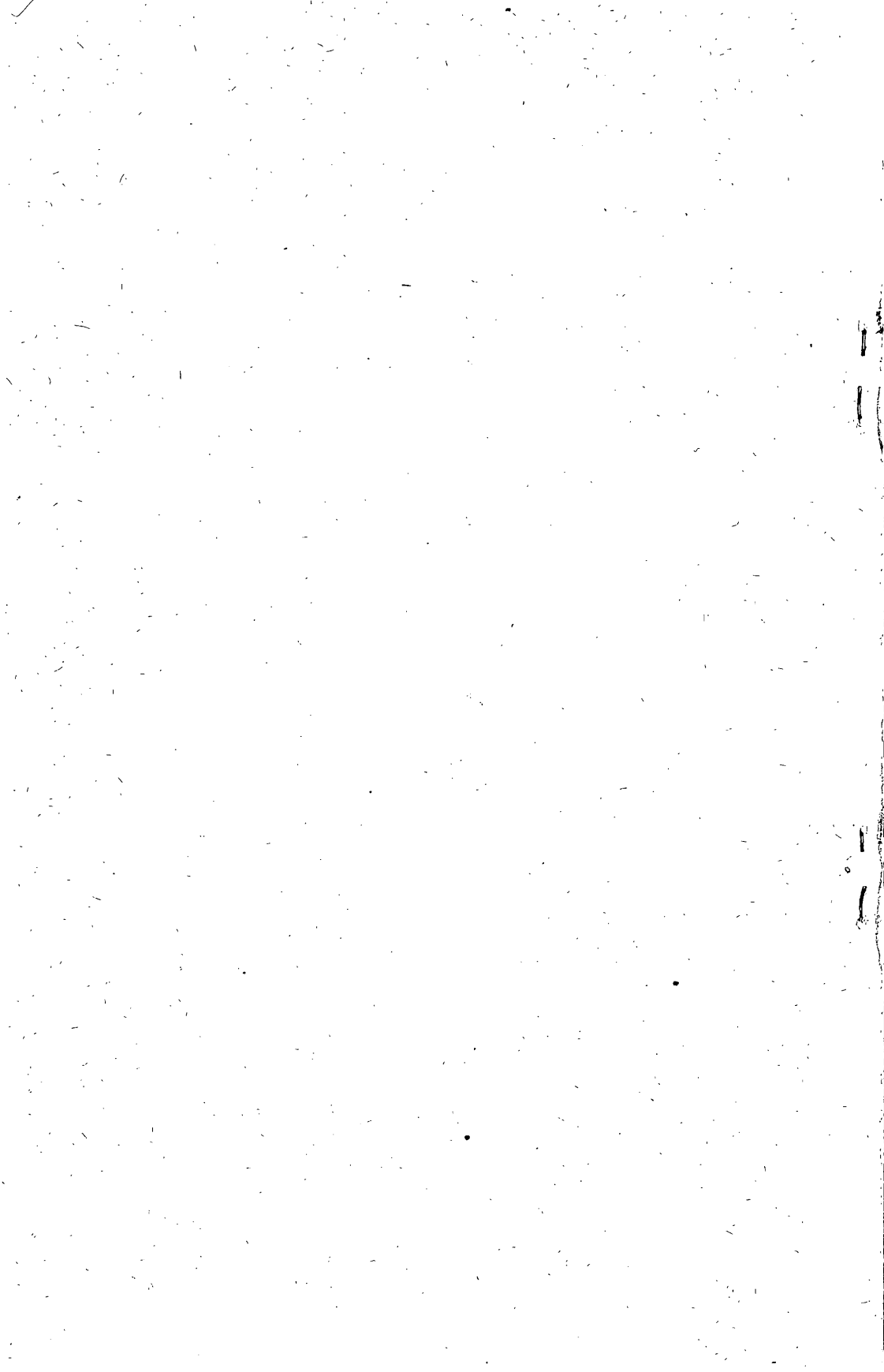
COUNTY.	CASTLES.	MEMBERSHIP.	AVERAGE.	ADMISSIONS.	VALUATION.
Atlantic . . . . .	4	336	84	24	\$6,109 61
Burlington . . . . .	10	657	66	38	15,573 06
Camden . . . . .	7	589	84	*82	5,911 82
Cape May . . . . .	1	51	51	1	1,358 11
Cumberland . . . . .	5	666	133	10	13,798 93
Gloucester . . . . .	7	427	61	10	9,743 14
Hunterdon . . . . .	4	317	79	26	3,017 27
Mercer . . . . .	4	373	93	32	2,027 56
Middlesex . . . . .	2	196	98	10	2,942 34
Monmouth . . . . .	6	447	75	48	2,916 89
Ocean . . . . .	5	434	87	37	4,864 23
Passaic . . . . .	4	243	61	14	1,235 56
Salem . . . . .	3	194	65	10	3,532 63
Warren . . . . .	1	40	40	*40	41 19
Total . . . . .	63	4970	79	382	\$73,072 34

\*New Castles included.

## CASTLE DIRECTORY.

No.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.	MASTER RECORDS	ADDRESS.	MEETS.	PLACE OF MEETING.
1	Blackwood	Blackwood	Camden	George D. Carr	Blackwood	Thursday	W. C. T. U. Hall.
2	Millville	Millville	Cumberland	Wm. H. Calkin	216 South Fourth St.	Thursday	K. G. E. Hall.
3	Washington	Camden	Camden	Joseph W. Jackson	330 Stevens Street	Friday	Fifth and Pine Streets.
4	New Jersey	Mt. Holly	Burlington	Geo. J. Robertson	Mount Holly	Thursday	Red Men's Hall.
5	Ivanhoe	Salem	Salem	Jos. M. Bacon	P. O. Box 248	Thursday	Liberty Hall.
6	Red Cross	Medford	Burlington	A. Haines	Medford	Thursday	Odd Fellows' Hall
7	Trenton	Trenton	Mercer	W. Harris Cogill	124 Montgomery St.	Thursday	Eagle Hall, State St.
8	Cyrene	Town of Stockton	Camden	E. D. J. Loughnan	North Cramer Hill	Thursday	Citizens' Hall.
9	Monarch	Camden	Camden	E. D. Seisenman	Third and Arch Sts.	Wednesday	Fourth and Market Sts.
10	Puritan	Quinton	Salem	George Myers	Quinton	Monday	K. G. E. Hall.
11	Ocean	Atlantic City	Atlantic	Geo. T. Parker	593 N. Indiana Ave.	Monday	Odd Fellows' Hall.
12	Warren	Washington	Cumberland	Wm. S. Lance	189 Broad Street	Wednesday	Red Men's Hall.
13	Bridgeton	Bridgeton	Warren	W. A. Robinson	Box 212	Tuesday	Eagle Hall.
14	Crusaders'	Burlington	Burlington	Wm. F. Smith	325 East Pearl Street	Tuesday	Library Hall.
15	Woodbury	Woodbury	Gloucester	Robert N. Burrows	Woodbury	Tuesday	Red Men's Hall.
16	Marlton	Marlton	Burlington	W. H. Sowry	Marlton	Tuesday	K. of P. Hall.
17	Herald	Beverly	Burlington	C. H. Lazzard	Beverly	Thursday	Odd Fellows' Hall.
18	Florence	Florence	Burlington	Robert Cottant	Box 28	Thursday	Leod Hall.
20	Leod	Pt. Pleasant	Ocean	H. C. Shoemaker	Pt. Pleasant	Thursday	Red Men's Hall.
21	Burlington	Burlington	Burlington	Josiah H. Matlack	Burlington	Wednesday	Society Hall.
22	Palmyra	Palmyra	Burlington	F. S. Day	Palmyra	Wednesday	K. G. E. Hall.
23	Mercer	Trenton	Mercer	A. L. Clark	North Willow St.	Thursday	Hector's Hall.
24	Fidelity	Moorestown	Burlington	J. Lewis Edwards	Moorestown	Friday	Sigets' Hall.
25	Cross & Crown	Town of Stockton	Camden	John L. Vebett	Dudley	2d and 4th Monday	Predmore Hall.
26	Stafford	Manahawken	Ocean	Geo. E. Bennett	Manahawken	Thursday	Atlantic Hall.
27	Silver Star	May's Landing	Mercer	Thos. H. McClure	May's Landing	Thursday	Cor. Hudson and Mott St.
28	Capital	Trenton	Mercer	Geo. F. Scheele	238 Bayard Street	Wednesday	Association Hall.
29	Merchantville,	Merchantville	Gloucester	E. H. Kilgore	Glassboro	Wednesday	Association Hall.
30	Volunteer	Glassboro	Gloucester	J. Ellis Pallen	Glassboro	Wednesday	K. G. E. Hall.
31	Lincob.	Hurffville	Huntdon	W. H. Chew	Hurffville (Box 5)	Tuesday	Cooley Hall.
32	Franklin	Lambertville	Huntdon	William Cleveland	Lambertville	Saturday	Freelander's Hall.
33	Clyde	Manasquan	Monmouth	W. G. Lauer	Manasquan (Box 99)	Thursday	Masonic Hall.
34	Wrightstown	Clyde	Burlington	Willis A. Mount	Wrightstown	Thursday	First Nat. Bank Building.
35	Cœur de Lion.	Swedesboro	Gloucester	J. B. Shaver	Swedesboro	Monday	K. of P. Hall.
36	Mt. Everest	Patterson	Passaic	C. K. Myer	20 Goshen Street	Monday	K. G. E. Hall.
38	Clayton	Clayton	Gloucester	Chas. Stephenson	Clayton	Monday	
39	Prospect	Pitman Grove	Gloucester	Frank LeFevre	Pitman Grove	Thursday	
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43	Annandale	Annandale	Hunterdon	W. S. Boeman	Annandale	Thursday	Annandale Hall
44	Antioch	Egg Harbor	Atlantic	L. P. Schmidt	Egg Harbor City	Tuesday	Golden Eagle Hall.
45	Tuckerton	Tuckerton	Burlington	I. W. Horner	Tuckerton	Friday	Town Hall.
46	Vineland	Vineland	Monmouth	Joseph Mason	Vineand	Thursday	G. A. K. Hall.
47	Corinthian	Asbury Park	Ocean	J. H. Ryno	Asbury Pk (Box 987)	Monday	Asbury Council Hall.
49	Forked River	Forked River	Middlesex	Frank P. Wilbert	Forked River	Thursday	Fidelity Hall.
50	Sterling	South Amboy	Monmouth	Walter Watts	27 Main Street	Saturday	K. of F. Hall.
51	Monmouth	Elmer	Monmouth	Charles L. Sparks	Freehold	Monday	G. A. K. Hall.
52	Elmer	Elmer	Cumberland	W. G. Hitchner	Elmer	Tuesday	Odd Fellows' Hall.
53	Columbia	Clarksboro	Gloucester	F. D. Henry	Clarksboro	Monday	Clark's Hall.
54	Star of Liberty	Spring Lake	Passaic	J. H. Harvey	797 Main Street	Thursday	Red Mens' Hall, Main St.
58	Wall	Pompton Lakes	Passaic	A. W. VanSaun	Spring Lake	Eagle Hall	Eagle Hall
59	Windsor	Farmingdale	Monmouth	W. B. Goodenough	Pompton Plains	Tuesday	Darling's Hall
60	Bayside	Somers Point	Monmouth	W. M. Steelman	Farmingdale	Friday	Red Men's Hall.
61	Excelsior	Somers Creek	Atlantic	C. E. C. Steelman	Somers' Point	Tuesday	Hagerly's Hall.
62	Progressive	Bergen Creek	Cape May	Wm. F. McKean	Fishing Creek	Saturday	K. G. E. Hall.
63	Silver Cross	White House	Cumberland	John C. Pierce	Bridgeton	Thursday	Mystic Chain Hall.
64	Passaic	White House	Hunterdon	William B. Pickell	White House Station	Thursday	Stillwell's Hall.
65	Cumberland	Port Norris	Passaic	Gus. W. Roeger	215 Washington Pl.	Friday	Red Men's Hall.
66	Flunsted	New Egypt	Ocean	Oscar Buzby	Port Norris	Tuesday	K. of F. Hall.
68	St of Bethle'm	Trenton	Mercer	George F. Betzler	New Egypt	Alternate Wednesdays	Metrs' Hall
70	Phoenix	Camden	Camden	Fred Giermann	122 Hewitt Street	Friday	793 South Broad Street
71	New Brunswick	New Brunswick	Middlesex	I. M. Hoey	422 Berkley Street	Monday	Fourth and Federal Sts.
72	To-Kalon	Long Branch	Monmouth	G. Francis Eden	419 Codwise Ave.	Tuesday	Peoples' National Bank.
				S. Robert White	Long Branch City	Friday	Antioch Lodge Room.



# District Grand Chiefs, Grand Instructors and Standing Committees.

1897-1898.

## DISTRICT GRAND CHIEFS.

District Grand Chief-at-Large,  
F. WAYLAND POTTER, 563 Bailey St., Camden.

First District (Nos. 13, 52, 62, 65)—W. G. HITCHNER, Elmer.  
Second District (Nos. 2, 46, 61)—WILLIAM H. CALKIN, Millville.  
Third District (Nos. 11, 27, 44, 60)—WILLIAM MORRIS, May's Landing.  
Fourth District (Nos. 5, 10)—LEWIS S. RIGGINS, Quinton.  
Fifth District (Nos. 30, 31, 39, 40)—CHARLES STEPHENSON, Clayton.  
Sixth District (Nos. 1, 15, 36, 53)—R. C. MORGAN, Blackwood.  
Seventh District (Nos. 26, 45, 49)—F. G. STEELMAN, Manahawken.  
Eighth District (Nos. 3, 9, 16, 70)—CHAPMAN BRELSFORD, Camden.  
Ninth District (Nos. 8, 24, 25, 29)—JOHN L. VEHE, Dudley.  
Tenth District (Nos. 4, 6)  
Eleventh District (Nos. 35, 66)—PIERSON TAYLOR, Wrightstown.  
Twelfth District (Nos. 14, 17, 18, 21, 22)—THOMAS LOCK, Burlington.  
Thirteenth District (Nos. 7, 23, 28, 68, )—ASHER LOVETT, Trenton.  
Thirteenth District (German Castle)—CHARLES STAHL, Trenton.  
Fourteenth District (Nos. 20, 34, 47, 57, 72)—EDGAR BILLS, Asbury Park.  
Fifteenth District (Nos. 50, 71)—A. S. SOMERVILLE, South Amboy.  
Sixteenth District (Nos. 12, 32, 43, 63)  
Seventeenth District (Nos. 38, 54, 67)—WILLIAM SPROAT, Paterson.  
Eighteenth District (Nos. 58, 64)—A. W. VAN SAUN, Pompton Plains.  
Nineteenth District (Nos. 51, 59)—JOHN H. STORY, Freehold.  
Twentieth District (No. 33)—SAMUEL YOUNG, Lambertville.

## GRAND INSTRUCTORS.

First District—GEORGE C. MEAD, Bridgeton.  
Second District—JOHN W. MATTHEWS, Green Creek.  
Third District—GEORGE H. PARKER, Atlantic City.  
Fourth District—HENRY OPEL, Salem.  
Fifth District—THOMAS GOODWIN, Pitman Grove.  
Sixth District—THEODORE S. BURROWS, Woodbury.  
Seventh District—HOWARD MATTHIS, Tuckerton.  
Eighth District—ROBERT M. COFFMAN, Camden.  
Ninth District—P. O. DICKS, Moorestown.  
Tenth District—A. S. HAINES, Medford.  
Eleventh District—DR. L. E. FOULKS, New Egypt.  
Twelfth District—ELMER E. PAGE, Florence.  
Thirteenth District—CLAYTON HARRIS, Trenton.  
Thirteenth District (German Castle) F. AHRENDT, Trenton.  
Fourteenth District—S. R. WHITE, Long Branch City.  
Fifteenth District—GRANVILLE MOORE, New Brunswick.  
Seventeenth District—JAMES MACKEY, Paterson.  
Eighteenth District—GUS. W. ROEGER, Passaic.  
Nineteenth District—SAMUEL NORTON, Farmingdale.

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

*Law*—WILLIAM N. HEWITT, P. G. C., Bridgeton; GEORGE F. SCHEELE, Trenton; FRANK K. GANO, Long Branch City.

*Finance*—HORACE J. PARKS, P. G. C., 276 Broadway, Brooklyn, N. Y.; GEORGE N. WIMER, Palmyra; DR. E. H. GINNELLEY, Trenton.

*Credentials*—GEORGE J. ROBERTSON, P. G. C., Mount Holly; THOMAS FARRELL, Trenton; HARRY W. SENSEMAN, Merchantville.

*Printing*—F. A. BUREN, P. G. C., 223 South Second Street, Philadelphia, Pa.; A. M. WHILT, Merchantville; GEORGE M. APPLIGATE, Trenton

*Appeals*—F. WAYLAND POTTER, P. G. C., 563 Bailey Street, Camden; WILLIAM H. RUF, P. G. C., Manasquan; C. O. PEDRICK, P. G. C., Camden; WILLIAM C. HUNTER, P. G. C., Swedesboro; WALTER A. BARROWS, P. G. C., Mount Holly.

# OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CASTLE.

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PAST GRAND CHIEF,  
WILLIAM H. RUF,  
Manasquan.

GRAND CHIEF,  
CHARLES E. LANE,  
Camden.

GRAND VICE-CHIEF,  
JAMES E. RUSSELL,  
Palmyra.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST,  
DR. J. B. WAINRIGHT,  
Manasquan.

GRAND KEEPER OF EXCHEQUER,  
J. HARRIS COGILL,  
Trenton.

GRAND MASTER OF RECORDS,  
A. L. CLARK,  
Room 5, Ribsam Building, Trenton.

GRAND SIR HERALD,  
JACOB S. KENT,  
Paterson.

GRAND FIRST GUARDSMAN,  
JOHN C. PIERCE,  
Bridgeton.

GRAND SECOND GUARDSMAN,  
JOHN C. RISLEY,  
Atlantic City.

TRUSTEES,

JAMES E. HIGHLEY,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

JOHN C. F. TRACHSEL,  
Cramer Hill.

A. Q. BLOOM,  
Trenton.