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 A FULL LIST OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES WILL BE FOUND ON THE THIRD PAGE OF THIS COVER.

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

Office, Room 5, Ribsam Building,  
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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 ODD FELLOWS' HALL, ATLANTIC CITY.

September 8th and 9th, 1896.

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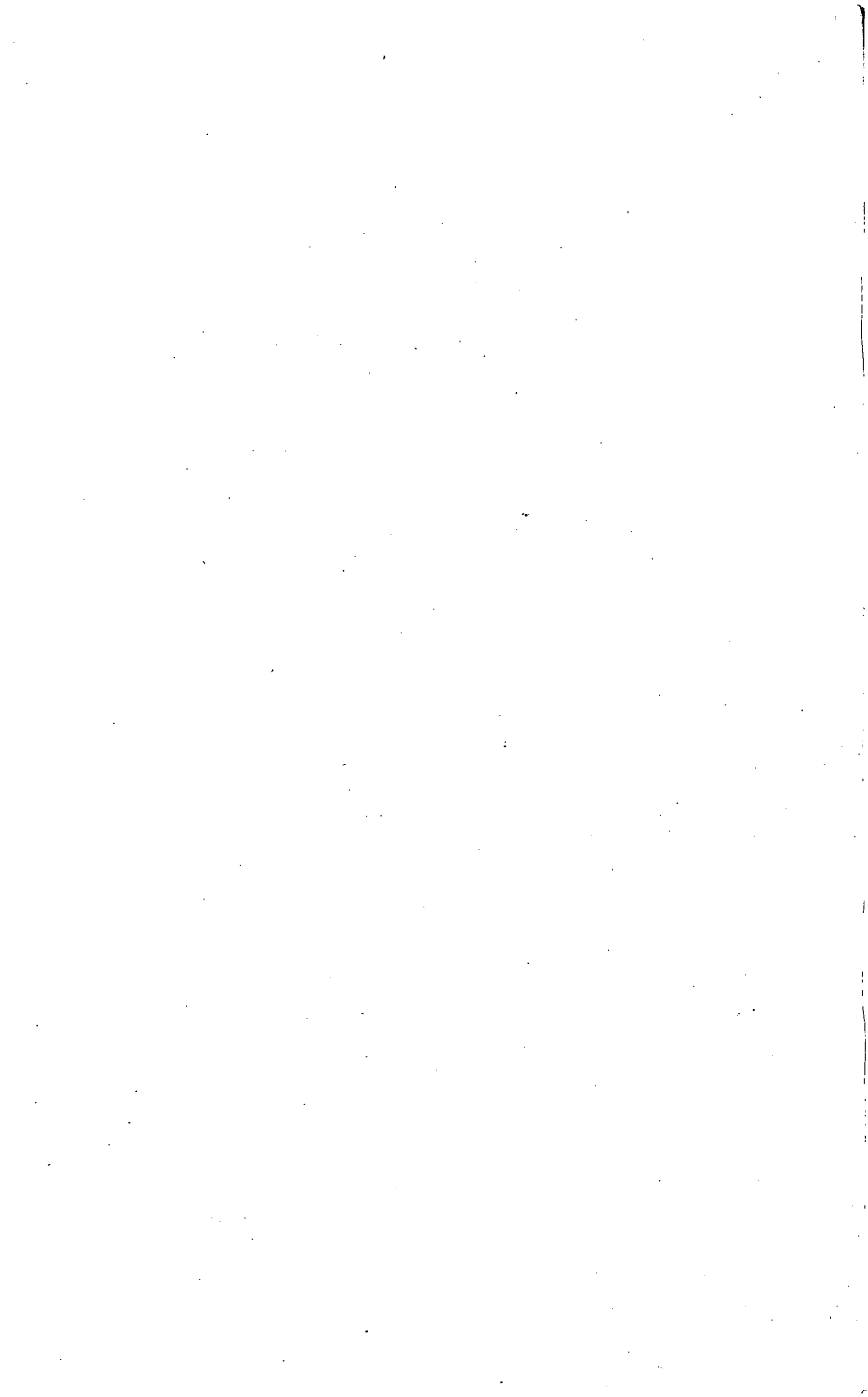
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# PROCEEDINGS.

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ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., September 8th, 1896.

The Thirteenth Annual Session of the GRAND CASTLE OF NEW JERSEY, KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE, convened in Odd Fellow's Hall at 10.50 A. M. to-day.

The following Grand Officers were present and occupied their respective posts :

Past Grand Chief—William C. Hunter.  
Grand Chief—Walter A. Barrows.  
Grand Vice-Chief—William H. Ruf.  
Grand High Priest—John C. F. Trachsel.  
Grand Keeper of Exchequer—J. Harris Cogill.  
Grand Master of Records—E. D. Senseman.  
Grand Sir Herald—William T. Dubois.  
Grand Second Guardsman—Jacob H. Spateholtz.  
Trustee—James E. Highley.

The Grand Chief appointed P. C. Thomas Lock, No. 14, as Grand First Guardsman, *pro tem.*

P. C. Roland Perkins, No. 17, being the only member of the only member of the Committee on Credentials present, the Grand Chief appointed P. C. Thomas A. Warren, No. 3, and P. C. Charles B. Greenfield, No. 14, to fill said committee.

The Committee on Credentials retired to examine the certificates of the Past Chiefs desiring admission.

The roll of standing committees was called and vacancies filled. The following is a list of the committees as reorganized :

*Law*—Robert M. Foust, P. G. C., No. 15; Jacob S. Kent, P. C., No. 54.

*Finance*—Joseph Arnold, P. G. C., No. 13; F. A. Buren, P. G. C., No. 25; E. H. Ginnelley, P. C., No. 7.

*Printing*—Horace J. Parks, P. G. C., No. 9; Joseph W. Jackson, P. C., No. 3.  
*Appeals*—F. Wayland Potter, P. G. C., No. 3; Charles F. Taylor, P. C., No. 7; Herman Rosade, P. C., No. 70.

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

Joseph Gaskill, No. 2,  
John H. Elfreth, No. 3,  
John C. Burod, No. 3,  
Michael H. Johnson, No. 4,  
John A. Nack, No. 4,  
George Myers, No. 5,  
Robert S. Mason, No. 5,  
George M. Applegate, No. 7,  
Harry Craythorne, No. 8,  
William T. Cameron, No. 8,  
Frank T. Nace, No. 9,  
Thomas Merrion, No. 10,  
Paul Paulson, No. 11,  
John W. Chester, No. 11,  
C. W. Dare, No. 13,  
Nicholas S. Conover, No. 14,  
Alfred Vernon, No. 14,  
C. Walter Hawn, No. 15,  
E. F. Woolston, No. 17,  
Jesse Husted, No. 18,  
Robert H. Fering, No. 21,  
J. B. Watley, No. 22,  
Charles B. Schnell, No. 23,  
Grant Umberger, No. 23,  
Charles T. Vansant, 23,  
Howard A. Dix, No. 24,  
Frank A. Pease, No. 25,  
Joseph Straub, No. 25,  
J. P. Bunnell, No. 26,

Thomas McClure, No. 27,  
Clayton Harris, No. 28,  
Charles G. Chew, No. 30,  
John L. Pease, No. 31,  
Thomas J. Heritage, No. 31,  
John H. Apgar, No. 32,  
Samuel Young, No. 33,  
Conover Megill, No. 34,  
James Manahan, No. 34,  
Wilbert Batten, No. 36,  
George Hann, No. 36,  
Rudolph Geiger, No. 38,  
David Sproat, No. 38,  
Charles Royal, No. 38,  
George Rawson, No. 38,  
Bernard Roelofson, No. 38,  
Harry Swain, No. 39,  
Charles Allen, No. 40,  
George W. Anderson, No. 40,  
Joseph M. Sharrott, No. 43,  
C. N. Berkaw, No. 43,  
Jacob Stasset, No. 43,  
Louis Pfeiffer, No. 44,  
Wm. F. G. Hentzey, No. 44,  
H. Heinsohn, No. 44,  
Harry May, No. 44,  
Brazilla Pullen, No. 45,  
Charles H. Smith, No. 46,  
William Van Lieu, No. 47.

Howard Van Schoick, No. 47,  
 Charles E. King, No. 47,  
 George Wooley, No. 49,  
 A. C. Somerville, No. 50,  
 Walter Watts, No. 50,  
 D. H. Piest, No. 51,  
 Gilbert M. Shute, No. 53,  
 Harry King, No. 53,  
 David F. Kay, No. 54,  
 John Algar, No. 56,  
 H. Chumard, No. 57,  
 G. G. Schanck, No. 57,  
 Luther Laffin, No. 59,  
 E. F. L. Charles, No. 60,

Edward F. Dilks, No. 60,  
 Truman Hickman, No. 61,  
 William Kimble, No. 61,  
 William Bowen, No. 64,  
 Joseph Heinzmann, No. 64,  
 Robert Garrison, No. 65,  
 Charles J. Maxfield, No. 65,  
 Wardell Harker, No. 66,  
 L. E. Foulks, No. 66,  
 August Koch, No. 68,  
 W. Norman Downing, No. 69,  
 Walter S. Hoey, No. 70,  
 Charles P. Crouch, No. 71,  
 Rudolph J. Janzen, No. 71.

#### REPRESENTATIVES.

Harry Lippincott, No. 2,  
 Benjamin Kellum, No. 3,  
 Thomas Chafey, No. 4,  
 Charles F. Taylor, No. 7,  
 Harry McKinney, No. 8,  
 George P. Sutton, No. 9,  
 William Berry, No. 10,  
 Griffith B. Ireland, No. 11,  
 William B. Kirby, No. 13,  
 Charles B. Greenfield, No. 14,  
 John A. Farrow, No. 16,  
 William H. Currie, No. 17,  
 Peter Spotts, No. 18,  
 William J. Cook, No. 20,  
 Ezra Leatherbury, No. 21,  
 James E. Russell, No. 22,  
 A. L. Clark, No. 23,  
 L. M. Hansen, No. 24,  
 D. H. Soule, No. 25,  
 O. F. Brown, No. 26,  
 Daniel McClure, No. 27,  
 Adam O. Bloom, No. 28,  
 A. M. Whilt, No. 29,  
 Frank R. Stanger, No. 30,  
 C. Henry Rapp, No. 31,  
 Edson Apgar, No. 32,  
 Edward Silver, No. 33,  
 Robert M. Marks, No. 34,

Benjamin Remine, No. 35,  
 B. R. Moffett, No. 36,  
 George W. Smith, No. 38,  
 James K. Potter, No. 39,  
 James Adams, No. 40,  
 John C. Haynes, No. 43,  
 L. P. Schmidt, No. 44,  
 T. K. Eastburn, No. 46,  
 R. B. Stetser, No. 48,  
 Elon Garthwait, No. 49,  
 Edwin Williams, No. 50,  
 I. J. Grimshaw, No. 51,  
 Henry L. Haines, No. 53,  
 Jacob S. Kent, No. 54,  
 E. H. Warner, No. 57,  
 A. J. N. Lockwood, No. 58,  
 Halstead Wainright, No. 59,  
 Allen Atkinson, No. 60,  
 William S. Eldridge, No. 61,  
 Hiram J. Shoemaker, No. 62,  
 John N. Conover, No. 63,  
 Wesley T. Snowden, No. 64,  
 W. L. Shropshire, No. 65,  
 George W. Chamberlain, No. 66,  
 John Krueger, No. 68,  
 I. M. Hoey, No. 70,  
 Charles W. Crouch, No. 71.

P. G. C. Potter moved that the nomination and election of officers take place immediately after the introduction of new members.

P. C. Eastburn, No. 46, moved, as an amendment, that the nomination and election of officers take place immediately after the noon recess. The motion as amended was adopted.

G. H. P. Trachsel reported the following Past Chiefs as having received the Past Chief's Degree, and they were formally introduced by P. C. Greenfield, No. 14.

William T. Cameron, No. 8,  
John H. Chester, No. 11,  
J. B. Watley, No. 22,  
Grant Umberger, No. 23,  
Joseph Straub, No. 25,  
C. Henry Rapp, No. 31,  
Joseph K. Potter, No. 39,

William S. Karrer, No. 44,  
Louis Pfeiffer, No. 44,  
Joseph Huettinger, No. 44,  
Levi Foster, No. 61,  
John Krueger, No. 68,  
John J. Swan, No. 69.

The Grand Chief requested the District Grand Chiefs to take seats in front of his post.

The Grand Chief read a portion of his report, when

P. G. C. Parks moved that the reports of the Grand Officers be referred to a special committee of three for distribution to appropriate committees. The motion was adopted, and P. G. C. Foust, P. G. C. Arnold and P. C. Wainwright, No. 34, were named as said committee.

The Committee on Distribution made the following report :

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., September 8th, 1896.

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

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS :—Your Committee on Distribution of Grand Chief's report, would recommend as follows :

That all decisions and dispensations be referred to the Committee on Law.

That circular on page 18 be referred to Grand Castle for action.

We would also recommend that the matter on page 4, in reference to funeral benefits, be referred to the Grand Castle for action.

That the reports of the Grand Master of Records, Grand Keeper of Exchequer and Committee on Printing be referred to the Committee on Finance.

All of which is respectfully submitted

In F., V. and H.,

ROBT. M. FOUST,  
J. B. WAINRIGHT.

JOS. ARNOLD, *Secretary.*

P. G. C. Parks moved that the report be received and the recommendations of committee complied with. Motion adopted.

The following are the reports as printed :

## REPORT OF THE GRAND CHIEF.

MOUNT HOLLY, N. J. September 8, 1896.

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

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS :—In pursuance of a well established custom, I now submit a report of my official acts during my incumbency of the office of Grand Chief. Recalling the many happy experiences of my official term, I am led to express my personal gratification on having been permitted by your suffrages to occupy this post. I have a stronger regard and higher esteem for the Order in this jurisdiction, through having been permitted to come into closer contact with the Castles and with the membership during the year now closing.

Through ways we know not of, and by experiences unthought of, the Order of Knights of the Golden Eagle has arrived at its present standing in this State. We have cause to feel pride in the character and standing of our society among the kindred societies established in New Jersey. We are no insignificant factor in the great work of ameliorating the condition of mankind, and of uplifting men, which is being so grandly carried forward in quiet and unobtrusive ways. "The thoughts of men are widened with the process of the suns." We are now met to rehearse no great victories over the wills or fortunes of men; nor can we chronicle any great accession to our ranks; yet were it seemly and proper, I could tell of victories won by individual men over the selfishness in the heart; of notable accessions to that number who are able to grasp the great truths and realities of life, and know more of their true relations to each other, and to Him who is the gracious Father of us all. The year and the efforts put forth have not been wasted. The Order is stable and able to stand, both to endure and to uphold and manifest the grand underlying truth, that he works best who most accomplishes—

"That man to man, the world o'er,  
Shall brother be, and a' that."

It has been my happy privilege to meet the brethren in all sections of the State, and it gives me satisfaction to be able truthfully to say, that everywhere I found earnest men with warm hearts, interested in the well-being of our society and heartily at work in upholding its character and increasing its usefulness. No society, no union of men, no ritual, no arrangement of ceremonies is worthy our attention, unless out of them and by means of them the hearts of men are reached and warmed to nobler aspirations and impulses. I believe and know we are largely composed of good and true-hearted men. We have a ritual and ritualistic ceremonies which are calculated to reach, and do reach the heart; and I look forward to coming years to declare that the Order of Knights of the Golden Eagle has not been planted on the soil of New Jersey in vain.

Promptly after the close of the last stated session of the Grand Castle I made appointments of District Grand Chiefs and Grand Instructors. The list of these appointments will be found under the proper schedule annexed to this report.

Under our laws, there is required the appointment of both District Grand Chiefs and Grand Instructors. Practically their seems to be little use for only one of these two classes of appointees.

I have tried to keep myself closely in touch with the District Grand Chiefs, asking them to keep me steadily informed of all things relating to the Order in the several districts. This most of them have done. I have no complaint to make. I would recommend that the office of District Grand Chief be magnified, and be regarded more highly in the machinery of the government of the Order. To this end, at all our district meetings I have required that the District Grand Chief should preside. They are part and parcel of the official force who are intrusted with the welfare of the society, and the more they are recognized as such, the more earnestness and zeal will they display in the performance of duty. I can not speak too kindly or in too high praise of the work performed by these officers during the year past. I have requested them all to be in attendance at this session, promising them seats of honor by the Grand Chief. I bespeak for them at your hands such honor and courtesy as is due to the worker who has well performed his work. I have condensed the reports of these officers for the sake of saving of space in the printed reports, but you will find the condition of each district portrayed in the condensed report, which is annexed to this report. Relying upon the faithfulness and experience of Grand High Priest Trachsel, I placed the matter of arranging the several district meetings in his hands, and he has performed the duty assigned him in a manner pleasurable to myself and honorable to himself. His report upon these district meetings will be found in the proper place. My heart will always remain warm towards Brother Trachsel for all his kindness to me personally, and the great assistance he has given me in my official duties.

Such circulars as I have caused to be issued during the term you will find in the proper place in the printed reports laid before you. One subject mainly has been the matter treated of in those circulars. That subject is so thoroughly treated in those circulars that I will not here enlarge upon it. The matter of a larger death benefit to be paid out of a fund created by a union of Castles in concerted effort is the most important subject which will come to your attention at this session.

Such is the earnestness of the competition which we meet with from other similar associations in our efforts to gain new members, and to some extent in holding our own, that we must make use of every means in our power to make our Order useful and attractive.

This feature of a moderate death benefit is being used by other societies as an attraction to gain new members to such an extent as almost to drive us to the use of the same feature; besides it is a good thing in itself, and its natural tendency is to make an Order stable in its membership. Knowing that this matter would be brought to your attention at this session, I have thought it proper to have drafted a set of rules for the government of a fund for the above specified purpose. If it be decided to establish such a common fund for such purpose, then these rules as printed will furnish a basis from which to extract or build up a set of rules for its government. As printed they have the

approval of men who are familiar with the workings of societies established for the payment of death benefits. I believe them to be well adapted to our needs, should this Grand Castle consent to the establishment of such a fund.

I have not exhausted the appropriation for Grand Chief. Not that it was not earned, or the amount actually used and expended by myself in my relation to the Order, but simply for the reason that other expenses, clearly necessary from my point of view, threatened to closely use up the moneys secured by taxation upon the membership, which is substantially the only source of revenue. The Grand Castle at New Brunswick ordered the securing of an office for use of Grand Castle officers at an expense of \$120 per year for rent. The Trustees promptly secured a suitable office—Room 17, in the New Jersey Trust Company Building, Camden, N. J. Furniture was purchased and the place made attractive and comfortable. The details will appear in report of the Trustees. The expenses for rent, including light, heat and janitor, exceed your appropriation by forty-eight dollars. My judgment approved the course followed by the Trustees. The office thus provided has proved quite a valuable assistance to the administration now about to retire. Your records and papers are collected and arranged in safe and desks, ready to be passed over to such of your number as you shall elect to official station. I am happy to announce that every bill against the Grand Castle is fully paid; and such balance of moneys as appears in the statement of your officers and committees is a real balance after the payment of every claim.

In closing my report I desire to say that the uniform courtesy of every one in official station, exercised towards me, has earned and received my warmest gratitude. I feel that I retain their affection and esteem, and this gives me no small pleasure. If, in the exercise of my official power I have anywhere and anyhow seemed to be a cross and disappointment to any member of the Order, I ask him and them to pardon me for what I have done through zeal for the Order and jealousy for its good name. I have always desired a place in the heart of every member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle in New Jersey. At your bidding I took up the reins to guide the Order as best I could to September 8, 1896. That time has now arrived, and I readily turn over the conduct of affairs to my successor.

Respectfully, in F. V. and H.

WALTER A. BARROWS, *Grand Chief.*

#### LIST OF APPOINTMENTS.

##### COMMITTEES.

- Law*—Robert M. Foust, P. G. C., No. 15; Francis B. Lee, P. C., No. 69; James P. Beckley, P. C., No. 2.  
*Finance*—Joseph Arnold, P. G. C., No. 13; F. A. Buren, P. G. C., No. 25; E. H. Ginnelley, P. C., No. 7.  
*Credentials*—William C. Hunter, P. G. C., No. 36; W. Y. Cadwallader, P. C., No. 69; Roland Perkins, P. C., No. 17.  
*Printing*.—Horace J. Parks, P. G. C., No. 9; Theodoré S. Burrows, P. C., No. 15; Joseph W. Jackson, P. C., No. 3.  
*Appeals*.—F. Wayland Potter, P. G. C., No. 3; George J. Robertson, P. G. C., No. 4; William N. Hewitt, P. G. C., No. 13; R. J. Robertson, P. C., No. 71; Charles F. Taylor, P. C., No. 7.

## DISTRICT GRAND CHIEFS AND GRAND INSTRUCTORS.

- First District (Nos. 13, 52, 62, 65)—D. G. C., Joseph H. Garwood, No. 13; G. I., Harry W. Bates, No. 52.
- Second District (Nos. 2, 46, 61)—D. G. C., Mathias Hand, No. 2; G. I., Aaron M. Robinson, No. 61.
- Third District (Nos. 11, 27, 44, 56, 60)—D. G. C., Winfield R. Fox, No. 60; G. I., Lorenz Krein, No. 44.
- Fourth District (Nos. 5, 10)—D. G. C., George Meyers, No. 10; G. I., Joseph M. Bacon, No. 5.
- Fifth District (Nos. 30, 31, 39, 40)—D. G. C., Frank E. Garrison, No. 31; G. I., Thomas A. Goodwin, No. 40.
- Sixth District (Nos. 15, 36, 48, 53)—D. G. C., I. Hampton Williams, No. 15; G. I., Henry L. Haines, No. 53.
- Seventh District (Nos. 26, 45, 49)—D. G. C., Joseph R. Steelman, No. 26; G. I., Howard Mathis, No. 45.
- Eighth District (Nos. 3, 9, 16, 70)—D. G. C., William L. Skinner, No. 9; G. I., Bart Fogg, No. 3.
- Ninth District (Nos. 8, 24, 25, 29)—D. G. C., E. T. Johnson, No. 29; G. I., William L. Turpin, No. 24.
- Tenth District (Nos. 4, 6)—D. G. C., Franklin Dennis, No. 4; G. I., Edward B. Reeve, No. 6.
- Eleventh District (Nos. 35, 66)—D. G. C., F. C. Brown, No. 67; G. I., Benjamin Remine, No. 35.
- Twelfth District (Nos. 14, 17, 18, 21, 22)—D. G. C., Frederick Lowden, No. 14; G. I., Adelbert S. Bullock, No. 18.
- Thirteenth District (Nos. 7, 23, 28, 68, 69)—D. G. C., George Scheele, No. 28; G. I., Joseph L. Stout, No. 23.
- Fourteenth District (Nos. 20, 34, 47, 57, 72)—D. G. C., Edgar Bills, No. 47; G. I., F. Borden Woolley, No. 34.
- Fifteenth District (Nos. 50, 71)—D. G. C., Charles Vandegrift, No. 50; G. I., Albert Reeves, No. 71.
- Sixteenth District (Nos. 32, 43, 63)—D. G. C., William B. Pickell, No. 63; G. I., John W. Sharp, No. 43.
- Seventeenth District (Nos. 38, 54, 67)—D. G. C., Samuel R. Templeton, No. 38; G. I., Austin May, No. 54.
- Eighteenth District (Nos. 58, 64)—D. G. C., James Fraser, No. 58; G. I., Wesley Snowden, No. 64.
- Nineteenth District (Nos. 51, 59)—D. G. C., John H. Story, No. 51; G. I., William H. Flitcroft, No. 59.
- Twentieth District (No. 33)—D. G. C., J. Theodore Johnson, No. 33; G. I., Frederick Massey, No. 33.
- German Castle (No. 68)—D. G. C., Fred. Giermann, No. 68; G. I., Frank Thomann, No. 68.

## DECISIONS.

1. *Question.*—Is a castle restrained by laws of the Order from placing money in bank on certificate of deposit?

*Answer.*—No.

2. *Question.*

a. When an officer has received permission to retire from Castle session, does he retain his sword until he leaves the hall?

*Answer.*—He does not. He should lay aside his sword at his post before giving the retiring sign.

b. Is there any difference in the retiring sign, when sword is worn, from the sign given when no sword is worn?

*Answer.*—There is but one retiring sign. It is given in the same way whether sword is or is not worn.

3. *Question.*—Can a Castle elect officers at any session, provided the candidates are nominated at the preceding session?

*Answer.*—Acting within the limits set by the constitutions and laws adopted for their government, the will of the majority is the will of the entire membership of the Castle. The majority, in order to bind the minority by its acts, must comply with every formality which is prescribed by the articles of association. Where the laws prescribe that certain acts shall be done at a specified place and on a specified time, the limitation can not be avoided by the majority. The laws governing Castles prescribe that certain officers shall be elected annually at the last stated session in December, others semi-annually, &c. A Castle can elect officers only at the stated session designated in the laws for holding the election.

4. DEAR SIR AND BROTHER :—Your letter dated 14th, instant, but mailed the 16th instant, is before me.

With the fact or question whether some member of your Castle is entitled to benefits, the Grand Chief can have nothing to do. That is a question to be decided in the first instance by your Relief Committee, then the Castle either confirms or reverses the decision of Relief Committee; and then can follow appeal proceedings; but nowhere in our law is there any provision for the deciding of the question of fact by the Grand Chief. I do not understand the question submitted to me by you to be a question of fact; but rather you ask me to construe your law. This is the province of the Grand Chief. I put the question in following form so as to bring out distinctly the gist of the proposed question, viz :

*Question from Palmyra Castle No. 22.*—A case of disability was reported to Relief Committee at 7 o'clock on Sunday. The stated sessions of Castle are held on Wednesday evening. The By-Laws prescribe that only three days prior to giving notice can be included in disability period. Can one week of disability be reported at the stated session following receipt of notice as above?

*Answer.*—In construing the laws, where periods of time are mentioned, the hour in the day when a certain act is done cuts no figure. If any portion of a day is included, the whole day is included. Three days preceeding Sunday together with the following Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, constitute a week in the purview of your laws.

5. Your letter stating a question for me to answer is before me. Your question is—"Can a member in arrears to the amount of thirteen weeks' dues be nominated and elected to a post in the Castle?"

To this question I reply as follows: The only restrictions placed on the membership when choosing officers relating to the number from whom choice may be made, are to be found in Sec. 4 of Art. VII of present Constitution for government of Castles in New Jersey.

The members may choose any one of their number to fill a post in the Castle, provided that member has received the Crusader's Degree. And this limitation goes for nought now that only those who have received the Crusader's Degree take any part in conduct of Castle affairs.

When it comes to the installation of one who has been elected to a post, then the installing officer may not install him until he shall be *square* upon the books—that is, he must not owe anything.

My plain answer to your question is, Yes.

6. *Question.*

a. Is the C. of E. obliged to receive dues from members at any time and place other than the time and place of stated sessions of the Castle?

*Answer.*—The C. of E. is the agent of the Castle for the purpose of receiving all moneys due to the Castle. This duty is to be performed at all reasonable times and in all reasonable places. He may not be interrupted in the performance of his regular avocation; but attendance at stated sessions of Castle and receiving such moneys as are then and there tendered is not a full discharge of his duty.

b. When are members to be credited in their accounts with moneys paid by them for dues during the period intervening between sessions?

*Answer.*—The next stated session is the proper time to apply the credit to a member's account when he has made a payment between stated sessions.

7. *Question.*—What is meant by “square on the books,” in connection with installing an elected officer?

*Answer.*—“Square on the books” means not owing anything. His dues to that date must be fully paid.

8. An officer duly installed does not lose his office by getting in arrears for dues. If he remains a member of the Castle till the end of his official term he continues in his right to hold the office.

9. *Question.*

a. Has a member of any Castle got a right to give the semi-annual password to a Sir Knight outside of a Castle Room?

b. Who is the one authorized to give the password to a member?

My answer to first question is that being in or out of a Castle room does not effect the right to communicate the S. A. P. W.

My answer to second question is, The Past Chief communicates the S. A. P. W. to members.

10. *Question.*—I installed the officers of a Castle, and then the question arose, Who is the proper person to receive the cipher for new password—the retiring or the incoming Noble Chief.

*Answer.*—The Noble Chief is the custodian of the S. A. P. W. There is only one Noble Chief at any time. The word is not to be given until after installation.

11. Your question is, “a candidate for reinstatement is being balloted for. On the first ballot he failed of a two-thirds vote; immediately the ballot was renewed, and on second ballot he received a two-thirds favorable vote? Was a second ballot in order? Was the candidate duly elected?”

*Answer.* Sec. 9 of Art. II provides that an application for reinstatement shall be treated in like manner with an application for membership by initiation. When an application for membership by initiation is pending, a second ballot is in order when the first ballot is unfavorable. Consequently your Castle treated the application in question in *like manner* by taking a second ballot. The second ballot was in order; and the candidate elected.

#### DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

October 7, 1895.—Progressive Castle, No. 62. To change place of meeting.

October 11, 1895.—Cross and Crown Castle, No. 25. To initiate Mr. Henry Buck, a person over fifty years of age.

November 5, 1895.—Monarch Castle, No. 9. To dispense with meeting of November 9th in order to participate in parade in Philadelphia, on the occasion of the dedication of K. G. E. Hall.

November 18, 1895.—Monarch Castle, No. 9. To dispense with session of November 23d, the celebration of the tenth anniversary of that Castle taking place on that evening.

January 17, 1896.—Volunteer Castle, No. 30. To reinstate members at certain rates.

January 24, 1896.—Ocean Castle, No. 11. To reinstate suspended members for the sum of three dollars.

February 10, 1896.—Cyrene Castle, No. 8. To confer the Second and Third Degrees on same candidate on the same evening.

February 12, 1896.—Star of Liberty Castle, No. 58. To omit session of February 22, 1896.

## REPORT OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

WALTER A. BARROWS, Grand Chief.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER:—In compliance with your request that I should arrange for the holding of District Meetings in the several districts into which the jurisdiction has been divided, I have, with the co-operation of the District Grand Chiefs, arranged for meetings in each district, so as to visit those Castles which had not lately been honored with such meetings. These meetings have been held as per the following report.

The meetings have been fairly attended, but the attendance has been rather below the average of former years. Much interest has been manifested by those in attendance, and the reports made at the meetings by the District Grand Chiefs showed, on the whole, a gain in financial strength, with a slight loss in the membership. In a few Castles, however, there has been a marked increase in membership. There was manifested a strong desire for a Funeral Benefit Fund to be managed by the Grand Castle officers. The impression was strong that some such scheme was necessary to be added to our plan, to the end that our Order may successfully contest with other similar societies for new members, as well as retain its present members.

While not all the Castles seemed to favor such a plan, still a great majority expressed an unqualified approval of the establishment of such a common fund for the purpose of paying a reasonably large death benefit to his family on the death of a member. At our meetings remarks were made by the speakers on the character of our ritualistic ceremonies and the proper lessons to be derived therefrom. Matters of local interest were advised upon, and the wants of each district sought out, and solicitations to have them declared were constantly made. The officers in attendance were everywhere received with all due courtesy and honor, and our visits made pleasant and satisfactory. The District Grand Chiefs were requested to preside at these meetings, and did so with honor to themselves. Every effort was made to have it clearly understood that these were District, and not simply Castle meetings, and that they were being held for the advancement of the Order in that community, and the spread of the spirit of our Order in the hearts of all our membership.

In conclusion, allow me to thank you kindly for your uniform kindness and courtesy, and for the personal benefit I have derived from your many eloquent and spiritual talks at these meetings. Since our Order is founded on the vital truths of Christianity, it is eminently becoming that at our meetings the remarks made should be of a tenor corresponding to the teachings of our ritual, and I thank you for so closely observing the proprieties at all our District Meetings. It is the province of the Grand High Priest to note these things. Many times business and home duties have been laid aside to perform our duty to the Order we love. I feel largely repaid for all this in the many acts of kindness I have experienced this year, and the loving words and hearty hand-grasps will be remembered by me "whilst life and reason last." With this report I close my official career of five years as Grand High Priest of New Jersey, wishing to all "the blessings of that eternal Home prepared for those who have loved and served Him faithfully on earth."

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

JOHN C. F. TRACHSEL,  
*Grand High Priest*

## MEMORANDA.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 35 and 66).—January 14th, 1896. District Meeting held in the hall of Wrightstown Castle, No. 35, with thirty-three Sir Knights, Grand Chief, Grand Master of Records, Grand High Priest and District Grand Chief present. The officers were installed. Remarks were made on the benefit fund and the principles of the Order. Both Castles were reported in good condition, to wit: No. 35 and No. 66.

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 50 and 71).—January 18th, 1896. District Meeting held in the hall of Sterling Castle, No. 50, South Amboy. Present thirty-five Sir Knights, P. G. C. Joseph Arnold, Grand Vice Chief, Grand Master of Records, Grand High Priest and District Grand Chief. The ritual was exemplified. Remarks made on finance and the good of the Order. Both Castles were reported in good condition.

TENTH DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 4 and 6).—January 30th, 1896. Meeting was held in hall of New Jersey Castle, No. 4, Mount Holly. The weather was bad and interfered with the attendance, only a few being present. Present P. G. C. Robertson, Grand Chief, Grand Master of Records, Grand High Priest, D. G. C. Dennis. Castle suffering a heavy drain for sick benefits.

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 32, 43 and 63).—February 4th, 1896. District Meeting held in hall of Silver Cross Castle, No. 63, at White House. Twenty-two Sir Knights, Grand Master of Records, Grand High Priest and District Grand Chief present. Remarks on finance, how to increase interest, etc. Castles reported in an improving condition.

NINETEENTH DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 51 and 59).—February 14th, 1896. District Meeting held in hall of Windsor Castle, No. 59, at Farmingdale. Twenty-five Sir Knights, Grand Chief, Grand Vice-Chief, Grand Master of Records, Grand High Priest and District Grand Chief present. An enjoyable meeting, remarks being made on the benefit scheme, as well as on the purposes and teachings of the Order. Castles reported in good condition.

THIRD DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 11, 27, 44, 56, 60).—District Meeting held February 18th, in hall of Seaside Castle, No. 56, Atlantic City. Thirty Sir Knights, Grand Chief, Grand Master of Records and Grand High Priest present. The chief purpose of the meeting was to encourage No. 56 to renewed interest. Other Castles reported in good condition.

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 20, 34, 47, 57, 72).—February 27th, 1896. District Meeting held in the hall of Clyde Castle, No. 34, at Manasquan. Present, seventy-nine Sir Knights, P. G. C. Hunter, Grand Chief, Grand Vice Chief, Grand Master of Records, Grand High Priest and District Grand Chief. An enthusiastic meeting. Benefit scheme was discussed. Objects and aims of the Order were spoken to. Castles reported in good condition with one exception.

TWELFTH DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 14, 17, 18, 21 and 22).—March 4th, 1896. District Meeting held in hall of Palmyra Castle, No. 22, at Palmyra. Twenty-three Sir Knights, P. G. C. Arnold, Grand Chief, Grand Master of Records, Grand High Priest, District Grand Chief were present. Pilgrim's Degree conferred. Castles reported in good condition.

SIXTH DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 15, 36, 48, 53).—March 10th, 1896. District Meeting held in the hall of Paulsboro Castle, No. 48, at Paulsboro. Fifteen Sir Knights, P. G. C. Potter, Grand Master of Records, Grand High Priest, District Grand Chief were present. Remarks in encouragement of No. 48—how to increase interest and attendance. Castles reported in good condition with one exception.

FIFTH DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 30, 31, 39 and 40).—March 19th, 1896. District Meeting held in the hall of Prospect Castle, No. 40, at Pitman Grove. Forty-five Sir Knights, Grand Chief, Grand Master of Records, Grand High Priest, District Grand Chief were present. Remarks on ritualistic teachings and the Christian character of the Order were made. The benefit scheme was discussed. Castles reported as being all in good condition.

EIGHTH DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 3, 9, 16 and 70).—March 23d, 1896. District Meeting held in the hall of Phoenix Castle, No. 70, Camden. A heavy snow storm was prevailing. Twenty-five Sir Knights, Grand Master of Records, Grand High Priest, District Grand Chief were present. The benefit scheme, beneficial effect of the Order and remarks of pertinent character were made. Much sickness and a large number of deaths were reported, otherwise Castles were in good condition.

TWENTIETH DISTRICT (Castle No. 33).—March 31st, 1896. District Meeting held in the hall of Franklin Castle, No. 33, Lambertville. Thirty-five Sir Knights, Grand Chief, Grand Master of Records, Grand High Priest, District Grand Chief present. The Second Degree was conferred. Remarks on the present condition of Castle and how to improve thereon were made. This Castle has had a hard experience from large calls for sick benefits. Determined to survive and carry out its purposes.

FIRST DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 13, 52, 62, 65).—April 7th, 1896. District Meeting held in the hall of Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, at Bridgeton. Thirty-five Sir Knights, P. G. C's. Hewitt and Arnold, Grand Chief, Grand Master of Records, Grand Sir Herald, Grand High Priest, Grand Second Guardsman, District Grand Chief present. Purposes and aims of the Order and the character of its teachings were the subjects of the remarks made.

SECOND DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 2, 46 and 61).—April 16th, 1896. District Meeting held in the hall of Millville Castle, No. 2, at Millville. There were present sixty-three Sir Knights, P. G. C. Chester, Grand Chief, Grand High Priest, District Grand Chief. An excellent meeting with remarks of a character to be commended. A good spirit was manifest. Castles all reported in good condition.

FOURTH DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 5 and 10).—April 20th, 1896. District Meeting held in the hall of Puritan Castle, No. 10, at Quinton. Forty Sir Knights, Grand Master of Records, Grand High Priest, District Grand Chief present. Castles were reported in good condition. A pleasant and profitable meeting was held.

SEVENTH DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 26, 45 and 49).—April 30th, 1896. District Meeting held in hall of Forked River Castle, No. 49, at Forked River. Fifty-four Sir Knights, Grand Chief, Grand Sir Herald, Grand High Priest, District Grand Chief present. Quite an enthusiastic meeting, and there was a getting down to real facts. Castles reported in good condition.

NINTH DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 8, 24, 25, 29).—May 15th, 1896. District Meeting held in hall of Fidelity Castle, No. 24, at Moorestown. Sixteen Sir Knights, P. G. C. Hunter, Grand Chief, Grand Master of Records, Grand High Priest, District Grand Chief were present. Castles were reported in good condition, but the attendance slim. An enjoyable and profitable meeting.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 7, 23, 28, 68 and 69).—May 18th, 1896. District Meeting held in hall of Eyrie Castle, No. 69, Trenton. Forty-five Sir Knights, Grand Chief, Grand Master of Records, Grand High Priest, District Grand Chief, and District Grand Chief of District No. 8 were present. The Christian character of the Order and fraternal relationship, care of those in distress, were the themes of the remarks. Castles reported in good but rather sleepy condition.

NINETEENTH DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 38, 54, 67, 58, 64).—May 25th, 1896. District Meeting held in the hall of Columbia Castle, No. 54, Paterson. Thirty-six Sir Knights, Grand Chief, Grand High Priest, Grand Second Guardsman, District Grand Chief were present. The benefit scheme was discussed. The committee to present grievances of the District to the Grand Castle officers made report. A pleasant meeting was held, and none of us were the bad fellows as might have been supposed. Castles all reported in good condition.

Total visitations, October 4th, 1895 to July 1st, 1896: Thirty-seven evenings at Grand Castle office; twenty-one to Castles in New Jersey; ten to Castles in Pennsylvania; eight to Temples in New Jersey; nineteen District Meetings. An average of ten per month.

## CONSOLIDATED REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT GRAND CHIEFS.

Each and all the District Grand Chiefs expresses a hearty appreciation of the courtesy extended to them by the Castles in their several districts, and earnest thanks to those who have so kindly assisted them in the performance of the duties of the office. The expressions on these points are therefore omitted in the details given below, to avoid repetition.

FIRST DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 13, 52, 62, 65).—Joseph H. Garwood, District Grand Chief, reports :

“I have visited all the Castles, and find the condition of the several Castles as follows :

“Bridgeton, No. 13, is in excellent condition financially, and the attendance fair ; not much work done during the year in admitting members. It has an installing team second to none. Membership, 213.

“Elmer, No. 52, I found in some trouble. There was a lack of interest ; but by the persistent efforts of the Noble Chief a change has taken place and the Castle is putting on new life. Quite a delegation from Nos. 13 and 62 paid Elmer a visit, and good results have come from the effort. The finances are in good condition.

“Progressive, No. 62, is in good working order ; the degrees are conferred in a very creditable manner and members are being admitted, and the determination to succeed is apparent. Success can but crown the earnest efforts being put forth in this Castle.

“Cumberland Castle, No. 65, is also in good condition, both financially and in membership. We found this Castle doing good degree work, and the attendance of its members is so creditable as to put most Castles to shame in this respect. A public installation was given in this Castle in January, and the affair was of a character to give credit to the Order.

“The First District is in earnest to give to the Order the character and superior standing which its ritualistic ceremonies and teachings demands.”

SECOND DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 2, 46, 61).—Matthias P. Hand, District Grand Chief, reports :

“The officers of the several Castles have been duly installed promptly. Vineland Castle, No. 46, is doing the best floor work of any of the Castles in my district. It is steadily gaining in membership and financial strength.

“Excelsior Castle, No. 61, at Green Creek, I found in good working order. They have their own hall furnished tastefully, and are a power in that community for good. They are advancing in prosperity, and evidence the true spirit of the Order in all things.

“Millville Castle, No. 2, is strong in members, finance and the spirit of fraternity. They have gained new members and advanced in condition of exchequer during the last term.

“The outlook for the Second District is very encouraging.”

THIRD DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 11, 27, 44, 56, 60).—Winfield R. Fox, District Grand Chief, reports :

“The Castles in my district are doing as well as could be expected considering the times. There is one exception, however, as Seaside, No. 56, is in an uncertain position. Antioch, No. 44, has built a new hall, which was duly dedicated on July 14th. This Castle is on a good foundation, and is a credit to the Order.”

FOURTH DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 5, 10).—George Myers, District Grand Chief, reports:

"The officers of the Castles have been duly installed. Both Castles are in good financial condition, without much change otherwise than formerly reported. I was prevented giving as much attention as I wished through business calling me away from home."

FIFTH DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 30, 31, 39, 40).—Frank E. Garrison, District Grand Chief, reports:

"I have installed all the officers and find all the Castles flourishing financially, but there appears to be a lack of admission of new members. Hope is expressed that in the near future there will be considerable increase in membership. I found small attendance at meetings, but yet there was manifest in those who met a determination to have the Order succeed in overcoming all obstacles. It required two attempts before I could succeed in installing the officers of No. 40."

SIXTH DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 15, 36, 48, 53).—I. Hampton Williams, District Grand Chief, reports:

"I am sorry to report that the Knights of the Golden Eagle in this district seem to be at a standstill. One cause of this, I feel assured, is the want of a Death Benefit Fund. We must have such a fund, adapted to our needs, before we can successfully contest with other societies. No. 48 is apparently in a dilapidated condition as far as membership goes. I had to wait on them to elect their officers. They are slack in attendance upon the duties of membership. The other Castles are in a moderate condition, but showing lack of real interest."

SEVENTH DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 26, 45, 49).—Joseph R. Steelman, District Grand Chief, reports:

"I am glad to report that, although there has not been marked growth or improvement during the year, there has not been any retrogression. Wishing to know exactly the condition of affairs, and not having been in the district since June 1st, I sent to each Master of Records the following questions:

"Has there been an increase or decrease in membership during the past year?"

"Have your finances improved any during the year?"

"What interest is taken in Castle meetings now, compared to that shown by members one year ago?"

"In reply to these questions, No. 26 answered, 'A slight decrease of members, an increase of funds and more interest taken in Castle meetings.'

"No. 49 reported an increase of members, an increase of funds and more interest in Castle sessions.

"I have heard nothing from No. 45, but presume their condition is much like the others, it being altogether the strongest Castle in the district.

"I have attended all the Castles and was much pleased with the fraternal feeling exhibited."

Eighth District, (Castles Nos. 3, 9, 16, 70.) William L. Skinner, District Grand Chief, reports:

"I have visited each Castle from time to time: I installed the officers of each Castle, with the assistance of a well-drilled team from Monarch Castle. The Castles are holding meetings regularly; the attendance is moderately fair. Phoenix, No. 70, is progressing and bids fair to become a prosperous organization. Washington is well fixed financially and does the floor work in a creditable manner. The same is true of Monarch Castle. Marlton has a small membership but is well fixed in moneys. A large amount of money has been expended in paying benefits. The members of the Order in the Eighth District are taking a great interest in the Order and are working hard to advance it.

NINTH DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 8, 24, 35, 29).—E. T. Johnson, District Grand Chief, reports :

“I have installed the officers at the proper times; the success of the Order here during the year now ending has exceeded my expectations. I had grave doubts of No. 8, whether it could pull through the misfortunes which beset them. I am happy to report that the integrity of its membership has agreeably disappointed me; and that the Castle now bids fair to become an example for other Castles to copy after. No. 24 is about holding its own. No. 25 is doing well and in good working order. This is also true of No. 29. I have been much helped by the presence and aid of Brother Trachsel in my district. No. 29 held a public installation of officers, in which it was ably assisted by a team from No. 9, and by Brother Arnold and Trachsel.”

TENTH DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 4, 6).—Franklin Dennis, District Grand Chief, reports :

The officers of both Castles were duly installed in January and July. Both Castles have lost in membership during the year; and both have increased in financial standing. I think No. 4 has seen her darkest days, and that she is now getting back to her old condition of harmony and success. The members of No. 6 do not attend meetings as they ought, and there is a lack of interest which causes the Order to languish in their territory.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 35, 66).—Thomas C. Brown, District Grand Chief, reports :

“In making my report as District Grand Chief I would say that I have visited my Castles as often as possible, and found them in fair working order, and also in good condition financially. I have installed the officers at the proper time.”

TWELFTH DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 14, 17, 18, 21, 22).—Frederick Lowden, District Grand Chief, reports :

“I have made several visits to each Castle. I have found the Castles in fair working order. The financial condition of all the Castles is excellent. The officers have been duly installed at the proper times.”

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 7, 23, 28, 68, 69).—George F. Scheele, District Grand Chief, reports :

“I have installed the officers in all the Castles at the proper times. A public installation was held in Eyrie, No. 69, on January 6, which was a grand success. I can safely say that many of the members in the several Castles look forward with pleasure to the meeting of their Castle, and take great pride and delight in working for the advancement of their Castles and Order. All the Castles have good prospects before them. Eyrie is aroused to such an extent that she will surely tide over her difficulties.”

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 20, 34, 47, 57, 72).—Edgar Bills, District Grand Chief, reports :

“I have personally installed the officers of the Castles in my district, and found the Castles in good condition. Each Castle has made a gain in membership. No. 34 has gained 30 members, and No. 47 has passed the century mark. I organized an installing team of wheelmen, and thus secured good support in the performance of that duty. The spirit and tone of the Order in this district is excellent.”

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 50, 71).—Charles Vandegrift, District Grand Chief, reports :

“The two Castles in my district are in a flourishing condition. The officers have been duly installed, and matters have been conducted in regular manner. A public installation was held in New Brunswick on January 7th.”

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 32, 43, 63).—William B. Pickell, District Grand Chief, reports :

“With the assistance of the Grand Instructor I installed the officers in January and July. I found Nos. 32 and 43 in a flourishing condition, both financially and in membership. No. 63 is coming on steadily, with a brighter outlook, and may yet be the banner Castle of the District.”

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 38, 54, 67).—Samuel R. Templeton, District Grand Chief, reports :

“I have installed the officers of the Castles at the regular times. Mount Everest, No. 38, has been very unfortunate in regards to sickness and death among its members, but will in a short time recover its financial good standing. Columbia, No. 54, is in a substantial condition financially. Golden Cross, No. 67, might as well surrender its charter, as I do not think they will ever start again. I could do nothing with them in the matter however—they decline to surrender the charter, saying they will start up again, but they hold no meetings.”

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 58, 64).—James Fraser, District Grand Chief, reports :

“The Castles are getting along very good ; they hold their own in membership, and are instructing the members in the degree work. Brother Snowden has assisted me very kindly in my duties. The officers were installed at proper times and everything is working smoothly and in peace and harmony.”

NINETEENTH DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 51, 59).—John H. Story, District Grand Chief, reports :

“I installed the officers of both Castles in January and July, and found the Castles growing in numbers and in financial strength. The spirit abiding in the membership in this district is excellent ; frequent visitations are made, and good fellowship and a kindly spirit is always manifest. The attendance at the meetings is good ; and the way to secure attendance is to cultivate peace and harmony and make the meetings entertaining.”

TWENTIETH DISTRICT (Castle No. 33).—J. Theodore Johnson, District Grand Chief, reports :

“I have to the best of my ability attended to the duties required of me. Have installed all the officers and given all instruction possible. This year has been very severe on No. 33—so many of the members have been sick, but all sick benefits are paid to date and the wants of our brothers in their affliction have been carefully looked after. We have also had four deaths—two members and two members' wives. The most of the members of Franklin Castle who have hung on so long are still determined to stick and hope for better times.”

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT (German Castle, No. 68).—District Grand Chief, Fred. Gierman, reports :

“Castle in a fair condition. We have not made any gain in membership, but a small gain in finance, and I am satisfied that work is being done in accordance with the ritual. I have installed the officers of the Castle at the proper times.”

## CIRCULARS.

*To all the Members of the Order of the Knights of the Golden Eagle in New Jersey.*

## SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS :

Called unexpectedly to occupy the highest official post in the Order in this jurisdiction, I enter upon the discharge of the duties of my office with a feeling of diffidence, and realizing in considerable measure that it will require of me much study and earnest application to fill the office worthily, and to the advantage of the membership generally. The good brothers who urged upon me to accept the position, encouraged me to do so by the promise of every possible assistance. All those who have heretofore filled the post have in like manner promised me their aid, and from every quarter there has come to me a cordial expression of congratulation which is received with pleasure. But I am old enough and with sufficient experience to understand and appreciate that congratulations upon having an honor bestowed upon me in being elected to my present position are not to be compared to congratulations for having performed the duties of the office faithfully and well. I did not desire the office, but I now do intensely desire to so faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of the office as to merit your congratulations when I yield to my successor the place I now hold. My work is before me, and I now pledge myself to spare no reasonable exertion to advance the interests of the Order and its entire membership in this State. My interest in the Order is not larger than that of any individual member. We have equal interest in its advancement along the lines it is intended to occupy.

I will be conservative, and careful to be obedient to our Constitution and Rules. I ask and expect the same line of conduct of every officer and every member.

Our Order is a union of men to accomplish certain purposes and results. A society of men exists by force and virtue of laws adopted for the government of each individual in his relation to the whole body, and for the like government of the whole body in its treatment of the individual. We are a voluntary association, and are bound together by our obligations voluntarily assumed. It is not our individual will that is to be followed, but the will of the whole, expressed in our laws. A due and careful observance of our laws is a duty consequent upon our continuing members of the society. Self-seeking and imposition should have no place among us. The purpose of our society is to benefit the individual by means of our union, and along lines and by rules which work to the accomplishing of the result that each and every one shall have equal advantage before the law. We have a splendid Ritual and its teachings lead us up to the high level where Honor is engraved upon every act. The Honor taught is objective in its development. It governs and controls us in our conduct towards others; and when our conduct is so governed, Honor becomes subjective and we receive honor because we are honorable.

I suggest for your consideration, whether a perfect rendition of our ritualistic work will not tend largely to increase the interest and zeal of all our membership and draw them into constant attendance upon stated meetings. Does not a careless and indifferent rendition of the opening and closing ceremonies and of the conferring of the degrees tend to harm?

Will not an honorable and manly way of dealing with every question affecting an individual's rights increase our respect and esteem for our Order? and does not a contrary way of doing work harm?

Will not the discipline which we acquire by carefully seeking to carry on our relations with each other in strict accord with regularly adopted laws, the better fit us to be good citizens, and to act and judge righteously in all the departments of life?

And will not a faithful observance of all those things which I have hinted at, by our entire membership, result in the continued increase, and redound in an honorable reputation for our Order?

I shall endeavor to come into personal contact with the whole membership in this jurisdiction during the coming year. I will make the opportunity. It remains for you to avail yourselves of it. I may not visit you at your homes,

perhaps not in every Castle, but in every locality in such a way that with a little effort on your part we may meet, and consider, in meeting, the best means to make the Order of Knights of the Golden Eagle of such a character as to draw all worthy men into it.

As is my duty and privilege, I call every member to the work of making himself useful and beneficial to all the others. So shall Fidelity and Valor result in Honor to our Order and ourselves.

WALTER A. BARROWS,

MOUNT HOLLY, N. J., October 25th, 1895.

*Grand Chief.*

HEADQUARTERS

GRAND CASTLE OF NEW JERSEY, KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE,  
NEW JERSEY TRUST BUILDING, THIRD AND MARKET STREETS,  
CAMDEN, N. J., January 4th, 1896.

*To the Officers and Members of New Jersey Castles Knights of the Golden Eagle.*

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS :

I learn from many sections of the State that there is a desire or leaning towards establishing a State Death Benefit Fund, to be controlled and regulated by the Grand Castle and to include in its benefits all members of all the Castles in the State. This has been accomplished in some Orders, and has proved to be a very attractive feature and works satisfactorily. I have studied our statistics and am led to the conclusion that a plan can be arranged to pay a death benefit of \$300 on the death of each member of the Order in this State. The average death rate for five years has been about 7 to 1000 members. I would allow it to be 8 per 1000. This would call for 40 deaths per year at our present membership. To pay \$300 at each death would require \$12,000 per year. If there was paid into a common fund 20 cents per member each month, making \$2.40 per year for each member, a sufficient fund would be in hand to meet all calls on the Fund. It has required, during the past five years, about \$3.00 per year from every member to meet calls for weekly benefits. I calculate that \$2.60 per year from each member ought to meet the general expenses of the organization. That is, a Castle with 100 members ought, with an income of \$2.60 from each member besides admission fees, etc., to be able to pay all calls on its general fund for usual incidental expenses. Thus it would require to carry out the suggested plan, that every member should pay to his Castle about \$8.00 per year, or 16 cents per week. And this is a sum within the capacity of all members to pay. In return for such payment he would be guaranteed—

Weekly Benefits, when disabled, say, per week, \$5.00.

The payment of a Death Benefit, to his beneficiary, of \$300.

The payment of Weekly Benefits is best left to each Castle to attend to for itself. The payment of Death Benefits can best be carried out on the wider plan through the State organization, because thereby the deaths are averaged over a larger number. Should several deaths occur in any one Castle in one above it would be found difficult to meet the calls by the present plan. The year, suggested plan makes it easier to be accomplished.

I have simply outlined a plan: many details have to be attended to on adopting it. It would be necessary to limit the age of admission to fifty years and many other safeguards established. It is desirable to ascertain whether the plan itself is agreeable to the membership before entering into the details of it. I therefore earnestly request and ask each Castle to consider the suggested plan, and come to some determination over it, and make report of your views to the Grand Chief before the end of the present month. It is proposed to have a special session of the Grand Castle early in February, and if the plan seems to meet with general approval the details can be drawn up for adoption then, and one revision of the Constitutions will answer for some time to come.

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

WALTER A. BARROWS, *Grand Chief.*

*To all Castles, K. G. E., in New Jersey—Greeting.*

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS :

By the Constitutions and Laws of the Order K. G. E., as adopted and promulgated by the Supreme Castle, the Grand Castle has exclusive jurisdiction over all Subordinate Castles within its territorial limits. (See Article VI, Section 6, Supreme Castle Constitution). The Supreme Castle reserves appellate jurisdiction, which means, when interpreted into plainer language, the right to review the action of Grand Castle when that action is brought before the Supreme Castle by appeal. The Supreme Castle has not the power to originate laws for the government of Castles which are subject to Grand Castle. With the matter of rituals, forms, etc., the Grand Castle has nothing to do, save to see to it that the Castles conform to the Supreme Law on the subject. Domestic or business matters are committed to control of Grand Castle, which shall prescribe a Constitution for Subordinate Castles. In so doing, however, twenty-five rules shall be incorporated into such Constitution (See Article VII, Section 3, Supreme Constitution), as numbered in the last (1896) edition of Supreme Constitution. The 24th rule reads, "Each Castle possesses the power to regulate its own dues, benefits and assessments, and may by its By-Laws declare itself to be beneficial or otherwise."

It is clear that it is left to each Castle to determine whether benefits shall or shall not be paid, and the amount and who shall be entitled to receive benefits, and to arrange the plans for raising moneys wherewith benefits may be paid. No other conclusion can be drawn from the language of the laws cited.

Benefits of two sorts have long been recognized in this and kindred societies, viz: Disability or Weekly Benefits, payable to the member when disabled for work, and Death Benefits, payable on a member's death, to his family. The Supreme Castle has committed full and sole control over this matter of benefits to the Castles.

In New Jersey, at the present time, a majority of the Castles are desirous of uniting in the purpose of creating a common fund out of which can be paid to a member's family at his death the sum of three hundred dollars. They are led to this from an apprehension that it is a good thing of itself, and that it will work much good to the Order by making its membership stable and by increasing the membership. The experience of other societies of like character has shown effects and results which give good ground for believing the plan is a good one. It being true that a majority of our Castles desire the establishing of such a fund, it became the duty of the Grand Chief to give them the opportunity. Such opportunity was given at the special session held on February 20th last. When the matter was about to be considered by Grand Castle, a motion to indefinitely postpone was carried by a majority vote. Many members were led to vote for postponement because it was rumored that such a plan would be in violation of supreme law, and the plan was not considered upon its merits at all. No one suggested that the plan was not a good thing. As the rumor that the plan was in violation of supreme law is wholly false, the postponement was a shame, and the Castles desiring to enter into such an arrangement were unfairly treated. If it shall be made to appear to the Grand Chief by the certified action of a majority of the Castles in New Jersey, asking him to call a special session of the Grand Castle to act upon the proposition and adopt rules to carry the plan into operation, he, on his part, will not hesitate to call another special session. He is here to help the Castles to perform their will in the matter, and not to thwart their will in a matter which is entirely and clearly lawful.

The whole matter is submitted to the Castles. If you want the plan put into operation, and an opportunity to say so effectively, send in your petitions to that effect. I shall await the coming-in of petitions from a majority of Castles before taking any further step. If any Castle wants information on the general scope of the scheme they are at liberty to address Dr. G. W. Chamberlain, New Egypt, N. J., who will take pleasure in giving information.

With this circular is mailed a copy of the latest edition of Supreme Castle Laws. This copy should be preserved in the Castle hall for ready reference at all times.

Please examine to see whether the law has been correctly quoted by your Grand Chief.

WALTER A. BARROWS,  
*Grand Chief.*

MOUNT HOLLY, N. J., March 9th, 1896.

*To the Noble Chief, Officers and Members of each Subordinate Castle in New Jersey.*

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS :

In a circular letter recently issued, our Grand Chief refers to me for information in regard to the plan of establishing a Funeral Benefit Fund, whereby there shall be paid to the beneficiary of each Sir Knight enrolled therein the sum of *Three Hundred Dollars*. This method of paying funeral benefits has been in successful operation for the past fourteen years. The history of the organization referred to demonstrates that one dollar and ninety-two cents per member each year, paid in by monthly assessments, will be sufficient to pay three hundred dollars death claims. A careful comparison between the growth of our Order from June 30th, 1894 to June 30th, 1895, in New Jersey, and that of the oldest organization paying \$250 funeral benefits discloses the fact that while our Order *decreased* in membership, during the year, 243, the other organization *increased* in membership in New Jersey, 4409. While we are instituting one solitary Castle they started thirty-seven new Lodges. Now it is an admitted fact that seventy-five per cent. of this wonderful increase in membership referred to above is entirely due to the influence exerted by the payment of \$250 death claims on \$1.60 per year. Now if such a plan works so well and is such a good thing for other Orders why is it not a good thing for the Knights of the Golden Eagle.

It is proposed to organize as follows :

- 1st. To establish a State Death Benefit Fund to pay \$300 on the death of each member enrolled therein.
- 2d. Said Fund to be managed without any expense whatever to the Fund, so that every dollar paid into said Fund will be paid out in death claims—the necessary expense of postage and printing to be paid for in another way and no salaried office to be created.
- 3d. Each Castle to be at liberty to join said Association or not.
- 4th. Those Castles that do join will regulate their weekly dues to suit themselves, just the same as they now do.
- 5th. All Castles that join this Association will be at liberty to discontinue at once the payment of any death claims *out of their own treasuries*.
- 6th. Membership in this Death Benefit Fund will be acquired by a Castle voting to join it, and paying the first monthly assessment and sending the name of each member belonging to their Castle; thus each member in said Castle will be insured for \$300 as soon as enrolled in the Death Benefit Fund.

Now, Sir Knights and Brothers, let us rally to the rescue *at once* by establishing such a fund. Do not delay. Delays are dangerous. Let each Castle VOTE AT ONCE that they desire the formation of such a fund, and write to our worthy Grand Chief and request him to call a session of the Grand Castle as early as possible to establish the same.

Trusting this appeal in behalf of our beloved Order will not be in vain, I remain

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

DR. G. W. CHAMBERLAIN.

NEW EGYPT, N. J., March 27th, 1896.

The foregoing is sent out with my approbation.

WALTER A. BARROWS.  
*Grand Chief.*

## REPORT OF THE GRAND MASTER OF RECORDS.

CAMDEN, N. J., August 25th, 1896.

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

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS :—Following is 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.

## GRAND CASTLE.

## RECEIPTS—PER CAPITA.

1895.			
Sept.	19.	Seaside Castle, No. 56.	\$13 65
	23.	Stafford Castle, No. 26, balance	3 30
Dec.	30.	Vineland Castle, No. 46,	16 60
		Star of Bethlehem Castle, No. 68,	15 20
		Sterling Castle, No. 50,	13 60
		Califon Castle, No. 32,	20 40
1896			
Jan.	1.	Leod Castle, No. 20,	12 00
		Annandale Castle, No. 43,	18 80
		Columbia Castle, No. 54,	20 00
	2.	Burlington Castle, No. 21,	17 80
		Excelsior Castle, No. 61,	9 40
	4.	Volunteer Castle, No. 30,	16 40
		Cumberland Castle, No. 65,	34 60
		Silver Cross Castle, No. 63,	6 60
		Washington Castle, No. 3,	50 00
	6.	Mercer Castle, No. 23,	20 60
		Monarch Castle, No. 9,	30 00
		Passaic Castle, No. 64,	11 00
		Fidelity Castle, No. 24,	6 40
	7.	New Brunswick Castle, No. 71,	24 20
		Antioch Castle, No. 44,	21 60
		Bayside Castle, No. 60,	8 85
		Crusaders' Castle, No. 14,	17 00
	8.	Palmyra Castle, No. 22,	20 20
	10.	Wrightstown Castle, No. 35,	13 60
		Florence Castle, No. 18,	18 60
		Cross and Crown Castle, No. 25,	9 40
		Prospect Castle, No. 40,	19 40
		Cœur de Lion Castle, No. 36,	8 60
	11.	Lincoln Castle, No. 31,	7 20
		Herald Castle, No. 17,	9 60
		Greenwich Castle, No. 53,	13 80
	13.	Phoenix Castle, No. 70,	20 60
		Ivanhoe Castle, No. 5,	18 20
		Marlton Castle, No. 16,	7 40
	14.	Clayton Castle, No. 39,	15 80
		Millville Castle, No. 2,	28 20
		New Jersey Castle, No. 4,	13 20
		Monmouth Castle, No. 51,	14 40
	15.	Mt. Everest Castle, No. 38,	16 60
		Puritan Castle, No. 10,	20 00
		Forked River Castle, No. 49,	10 80
		Red Cross Castle, No. 6,	9 40
		Carried forward,	\$703 00

1896.		Brought forward . . . . .	\$703 00
Jan.	15.	To-Kalon Castle, No. 72, . . . . .	4 95
	16.	Franklin Castle, No. 33, . . . . .	19 80
		Bayside Castle, No. 60, balance . . . . .	2 95
	18.	Plumsted Castle, No. 66, . . . . .	13 00
		Wall Castle, No. 57, . . . . .	9 60
		Eyrie Castle, No. 69, . . . . .	7 60
		Capital Castle, No. 28, . . . . .	21 20
		Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, . . . . .	31 95
		Trenton Castle, No. 7, . . . . .	14 40
		Star of Liberty Castle, No. 58, . . . . .	9 20
		Silver Star Castle, No. 27, . . . . .	7 80
		Elmer Castle, No. 52, . . . . .	7 20
	20.	Ocean Castle, No. 11, . . . . .	28 60
	21.	Corinthian Castle, No. 47, . . . . .	12 30
	23.	Paulsboro Castle, No. 48, . . . . .	3 75
	25.	Tuckerton Castle, No. 45, . . . . .	32 80
		Clyde Castle, No. 34, . . . . .	11 00
	27.	Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, balance . . . . .	10 65
		Woodbury Castle, No. 15, . . . . .	18 60
		Windsor Castle, No. 59, . . . . .	12 40
	30.	Progressive Castle, No. 62, . . . . .	20 60
		Cyrene Castle, No. 8, . . . . .	6 00
	31.	Stafford Castle, No. 26, . . . . .	9 45
Feb.	3.	To-Kalon Castle, No. 72, balance . . . . .	1 65
		Merchantville Castle, No. 29, . . . . .	6 00
	4.	Corinthian Castle, No. 47, balance . . . . .	4 10
	13.	Stafford Castle, No. 26, . . . . .	3 15
June	17.	Leod Castle, No. 20, balance . . . . .	4 00
	25.	Palmyra Castle, No. 22, . . . . .	15 45
	26.	Volunteer Castle, No. 30, . . . . .	11 85
	29.	Califon Castle, No. 32, . . . . .	15 00
	30.	Sterling Castle, No. 50, . . . . .	10 65
		Vineland Castle, No. 46, . . . . .	13 20
July	2.	Trenton Castle, No. 7, . . . . .	9 90
	3.	Capital Castle, No. 28, . . . . .	15 75
		Annandale Castle, No. 43, . . . . .	15 30
		Silver Cross Castle, No. 63, . . . . .	3 75
		Washington Castle, No. 3, . . . . .	36 60
	6.	Millville Castle, No. 2, . . . . .	20 85
		Bayside Castle, No. 60, . . . . .	7 95
		Red Cross Castle, No. 6, . . . . .	6 45
		Burlington Castle, No. 21, . . . . .	12 90
	7.	Cumberland Castle, No. 65, . . . . .	25 35
	8.	Puritan Castle, No. 10, . . . . .	14 70
	9.	Star of Liberty Castle, No. 58, . . . . .	7 20
		Florence Castle, No. 18, . . . . .	13 80
		Crusaders' Castle, No. 14, . . . . .	14 10
		Progressive Castle, No. 62, . . . . .	15 45
	10.	Lincoln Castle, No. 31, . . . . .	5 70
		Leod Castle, No. 20, . . . . .	12 15
		New Jersey Castle, No. 4, . . . . .	9 30
		Coeur de Lion Castle, No. 36, . . . . .	6 15
	11.	Ocean Castle, No. 11, . . . . .	21 60
		Mercer Castle, No. 23, . . . . .	16 95
		Passaic Castle, No. 64, . . . . .	6 90
	13.	Marlton Castle, No. 16, . . . . .	4 65
		Plumsted Castle, No. 66, . . . . .	9 60
		Star of Bethlehem Castle, No. 68, . . . . .	11 25
		Cross and Crown Castle, No. 25, . . . . .	6 45
	15.	Mount Everest Castle, No. 38, . . . . .	11 25
		New Brunswick Castle, No. 71, . . . . .	18 75

Carried forward . . . . . \$1465 60

1896.		Brought forward . . . . .	\$1465 60
July	15.	Clyde Castle, No. 34, . . . . .	12 00
	16.	Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, . . . . .	31 95
		Phoenix Castle, No. 70, . . . . .	14 25
		Herald Castle, No. 17, . . . . .	7 35
	17.	Wrightstown Castle, No. 35, . . . . .	10 20
		Franklin Castle, No. 33, . . . . .	13 65
		Columbia Castle, No. 54, . . . . .	13 50
		Monmouth Castle, No. 51, . . . . .	10 65
	20.	Ivanhoe Castle, No. 5, . . . . .	12 30
		Greenwich Castle, No. 53, . . . . .	9 00
	21.	Antioch Castle, No. 44, . . . . .	15 30
		Windsor Castle, No. 59, . . . . .	8 40
		Clayton Castle, No. 39, . . . . .	11 65
		Excelsior Castle, No 61, . . . . .	7 70
	22.	Stafford Castle, No. 26, . . . . .	9 00
		Prospect Castle, No. 40, . . . . .	13 80
	23.	Fidelity Castle, No. 24, . . . . .	5 10
		Silver Star Castle, No. 27, . . . . .	5 10
		Woodbury Castle, No. 15, . . . . .	13 20
	31.	Corinthian Castle, No. 47, . . . . .	14 75
		Washington Castle, No. 3, balance . . . . .	15
Aug.	3.	Merchantville Castle, No. 29, . . . . .	4 50
	5.	Forked River Castle, No. 49, . . . . .	8 25
	7.	Windsor Castle, No. 59, balance . . . . .	15
	8.	Wall Castle, No. 57, . . . . .	7 65
		Tuckerton Castle, No. 45, . . . . .	24 75
	13.	Cyrene Castle, No. 8, . . . . .	4 50
	20.	To-Kalon Castle, No. 72 . . . . .	5 10
	22.	Eyrie Castle, No. 69 . . . . .	6 00
		Elmer Castle, No. 52, . . . . .	5 10

\$1770 60

1895.		MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.	
Sept.	16.	Camden Temple, No. 4, donation for Grand Temple	\$4 00
		Ocean Temple, No. 1, donation for Grand Temple	4 00
		Monarch Temple, No. 9, donation for Grand Temple	4 00
		Laurel Temple, No. 3, donation for Grand Temple	4 00
		William C. Hunter, Grand Chief, dispensation . . . . .	1 25
		Califon Castle, No. 32, dispensation . . . . .	25
	18.	Star of Bethlehem Temple, No. 12, donation to Grand Temple . . . . .	4 00
	19.	Phoenix Castle, No. 70, transfer of property! . . . . .	5 00
	23.	Banner Temple, No. 8, donation to Grand Temple	4 00
		Liberty Temple, No. 6, donation to Grand Temple	4 00
	25.	Golden Star Temple, No. 5, donation to Grand Temple . . . . .	4 00
		Bayside Temple, No. 7, donation to Grand Temple	4 00
		Harmony Temple, No. 10, donation to Grand Temple . . . . .	4 00
Oct.	1.	A. L. Clark, D. G. C., dispensations . . . . .	1 25
		Washington Temple, No. 2, ode book . . . . .	20
	4.	Plumsted Castle, No. 66, drill manual . . . . .	1 00
	6.	Antioch Castle, No. 44, 3 withdrawal cards . . . . .	1 50
	11.	John C. Haynes, D. G. C., dispensation . . . . .	25
	12.	Fidelity Castle, No. 24, exchange of rituals . . . . .	5 00
Nov.	16.	Monarch Castle, No. 9, dispensation . . . . .	50
	17.	J. H. Harvey, D. G. C., dispensation . . . . .	50
	25.	E. T. Johnson, D. G. C., drill manual . . . . .	1 00
		Peter Earl, withdrawal card . . . . .	1 00

\$58 70

Carried forward . . . . . \$1829 30



1896.		Brought forward . . . . .	\$106 78
Jan.	13.	424 New Jersey Trust and Safe Deposit Co., rent of office to February 1st, 1896 . . . . .	28 00
		425 William C. Hunter, Past Grand Chief, Representative to Supreme Castle, mileage, &c. . . . .	15 52
		426 Fraternal Societies' Co-operative Indemnity Union, renewal of bond of G. K. of E. and G. M. of R. . . . .	6 50
		427 J. C. F. Trachsel, G. H. P., travelling expenses . . . . .	5 70
		428 " " keys for headquarters . . . . .	3 00
		429 E. D. Senseman, printing . . . . .	49 00
		430 Thomas Parry & Sons, repairing badges . . . . .	1 74
		431 J. D. Barnes, appropriation to "KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE" and publishing card . . . . .	37 00
		432 Walter A. Barrows, cabinet for headquarters . . . . .	15 00
	20.	433 J. C. F. Trachsel, G. H. P., and Joseph Arnold, P. G. C., expenses to New Brunswick . . . . .	10 00
		434 J. Harris Cogill, G. K. of E., expenses of installation team to New Brunswick . . . . .	11 70
		435 Walter A. Barrows, Grand Chief, expenses . . . . .	50 00
		436 Watson Stevens, repairing cabinet at headquarters . . . . .	7 60
Feb. 1.		437 E. D. Senseman, G. M. of R., salary to February 1, 1896 . . . . .	41 67
		438 E. D. Senseman, incidentals . . . . .	25 00
	15.	439 Walter A. Barrows, Grand Chief, expenses . . . . .	50 00
	19.	440 Supreme Castle, annual dues . . . . .	200 00
	20.	441 W. H. Ruf, G. V. C. and J. C. F. Trachsel, G. H. P. travelling expenses . . . . .	41 18
		442 Expenses, special session . . . . .	38 80
		443 Expenses, special session . . . . .	2 25
		444 E. D. Senseman, G. M. of R., salary to March 1, 1896., . . . . .	41 67
Apr.	1.	445 E. D. Senseman, travelling expenses . . . . .	28 94
		446 E. D. Senseman, printing . . . . .	40 45
		447 E. D. Senseman, G. M. of R., salary to April 1st. . . . .	41 67
		448 E. D. Senseman, G. M. of R., salary to May 1st. . . . .	41 67
May	6.	449 John C. F. Trachsel, G. H. P., travelling expenses . . . . .	24 25
	8.	450 Walter A. Barrows, Grand Chief, expenses . . . . .	100 00
	11.	451 Fraternal Societies' Co-operative Union, assessment, New Jersey Trust and Safe Deposit Co., rent from February 1st to June 1st . . . . .	1 50
		452 . . . . .	56 00
June	1.	453 E. D. Senseman, G. M. of R., travelling expenses . . . . .	8 25
		454 E. D. Senseman, G. M. of R., salary to June 1st. . . . .	41 67
	17.	455 J. Harris Cogill, G. K. of E., travelling expenses . . . . .	1 75
July	1	456 New Jersey Trust and Safe Deposit Co., rent to August 1st . . . . .	28 00
		457 E. D. Senseman, salary to July 1st. . . . .	41 67
	25.	458 J. C. F. Trachsel, G. H. P., travelling expenses . . . . .	20 65
Aug.	1.	459 E. D. Senseman, printing . . . . .	23 00
		460 E. D. Senseman, G. M. of R., salary to August, 1st . . . . .	41 67
		461 New Jersey Trust and Safe Deposit Co., rent to September 1st. . . . .	14 00
		462 R. M. Foust, Chairman Law Committee, postage. . . . .	1 50
		463 F. B. Lee, Law Committee, fare and postage . . . . .	1 77
Aug. 14.		464 Joseph Arnold, Chairman Finance Committee, fare and postage . . . . .	1 35
		465 Fraternal Societies' Co-operative Union, assessment, Henry Wirth, translating Constitution. . . . .	1 50
		466 Supreme Castle, balance to date. . . . .	20 00
		467 . . . . .	100 42
		468 E. D. Senseman, salary to September 1, . . . . .	41 67
		469 J. Harris Cogill, discount . . . . .	3 20
		470 Finance Committee, railroad fare and postage. . . . .	6 75
		471 J. C. F. Trachsel, postage . . . . .	10 00
		Total . . . . .	\$2441 41

## RECAPITULATION.

Annual dues to Supreme Castle . . . . .	\$200 00	
Supplies . . . . .	100 42	
Expenses of Grand Chief . . . . .	250 00	
Travelling expenses Grand Officers . . . . .	152 42	
Balance expenses of G. C. Hunter for 1895 . . . . .	30 72	
Salary of Grand Master of Records . . . . .	458 37	
Postage and incidentals . . . . .	50 00	
Postage and expenses of committees . . . . .	25 27	
Printing . . . . .	373 62	
Appropriation for and card in KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE . . . . .	37 00	
Mileage and hotel bills . . . . .	127 00	
Officers' bonds . . . . .	9 50	
Finishing badges . . . . .	40 64	
Carriages (Philadelphia parade) . . . . .	10 00	
Janitor . . . . .	2 00	
Grand Second Guardsman . . . . .	5 00	
Charter fee for Grand Temple . . . . .	10 00	
Balance of collections paid to Grand Temple . . . . .	38 00	
Expenses Representative to Supreme Castle . . . . .	15 52	
Expenses of Past Grand Chiefs to session Supreme Castle . . . . .	90 00	
Expenses of special session at Trenton . . . . .	41 05	
Translating Constitution . . . . .	20 00	
Furniture and fixtures for office . . . . .	191 93	
Rent of office . . . . .	150 50	
Painting signs . . . . .	9 00	
Discount . . . . .	3 20	
		\$2441 16
Balance on hand this date . . . . .		271 63
		\$2712 79

## SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS.

ITEM I.—Expenses of Grand Chief . . . . .	\$300 00
Order 409. Grand Chief, expenses . . . . .	\$50 00
435. " " . . . . .	50 00
439. " " . . . . .	50 00
450. " " . . . . .	100 00
	\$250 00
Balance unexpended . . . . .	50 00
	\$300 00
ITEM II.—Salary of Grand Master of Records . . . . .	\$500 00
Order 415. Grand Master of Records, salary . . . . .	\$ 41 67
422. " " . . . . .	83 34
437. " " . . . . .	41 67
444. " " . . . . .	41 67
447. " " . . . . .	41 67
448. " " . . . . .	41 67
454. " " . . . . .	41 67
457. " " . . . . .	41 67
460. " " . . . . .	41 67
468. " " . . . . .	41 67
	\$458 37
Balance unexpended . . . . .	41 63
	\$500 00



## RECEIPTS.

From initiations, cards, etc., . . . . .	\$1,351 81
“ dues and fines . . . . .	30,399 27
“ investments, etc., . . . . .	12,041 69
Total receipts . . . . .	\$43,792 77

## EXPENDITURES.

Paid out for sick benefits . . . . .	\$12,850 15
“ death “ . . . . .	3,811 00
“ donations . . . . .	615 45
Total relief . . . . .	\$17,276 60
Paid out for sundry purposes . . . . .	\$8,043 86
“ investments . . . . .	7,753 25
	\$15,797 11
On hand June 30th, 1896 . . . . .	\$12,669 99
Invested . . . . .	55,559 81
Total fund . . . . .	\$68,229 80

Increase for year . . . . . \$4,654 13

Since the organization of the Order in New Jersey there has been paid out for relief over \$136,000.00.

The returns for the six months just closed are somewhat incomplete. Two Castles (Paulsboro, No. 48, and Seaside, No. 56) have failed to report. I have made every effort to secure reports from these Castles, but have been unable to do so. No. 48, at last report, had a membership of 29, with a fund of \$609.89. Seaside Castle, No. 56, at its last report, had a membership of 91. No. 67, at Paterson, has not made any report for the past two years, and practically only exists on paper. Repeated efforts have been made to secure the charter and papers of the Castle, but so far without success.

Again taking occasion to thank this Grand Castle and the members of the jurisdiction at large for the honors conferred on me, I am

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

E. D. SENSEMAN, *G. M. of R.*

Statement of the Membership of the Castles and Total Membership for the Term ending December 31st, 1895.

No.	NAME.	LOCATED AT	COUNTY.	DATE OF INSTITUTION.	MEMBERSHIP.						Per Capita Tax.	No. of Rejections.	RECAPITULATION.					Widowed Families Relieved.	Brothers Buried.	Wives Buried.			
					Membership June 30, 1895.	Initiated.	Withdrawal Card	Reinstatement	Total.	Withdrawn.			Suspended.	Expelled.	Total.	Membership Dec. 31, 1895.	Past Grand Chiefs.				Past Chiefs.	Crusaders.	Knights.
2	Millville.	Millville.	Cumberland.	April 5, 1884.	142	1	2	145	1	2	1	1	4	141	1	34	105	1	141	12			
3	Washington	Camden.	Camden.	April 4, 1884.	228	1	26	255	4	1	1	1	5	289	5	26	205	1	250	5	1	1	
4	New Jersey	Mt. Holly.	Burlington.	April 26, 1884.	74	1	1	75	17	2	1	1	9	66	1	21	37	1	66	1	2	1	
5	Ivanhoe.	Salem.	Salem.	May 13, 1884.	100	1	1	102	11	1	1	1	11	91	3	20	27	1	91	4	1	1	
6	Red Cross	Medford.	Burlington	June 22, 1889.	50	2	1	58	7	1	1	1	6	47	1	20	27	1	47	4	1	1	
7	Trenton.	Mercer.	Burlington	June 25, 1885.	75	2	1	78	3	1	1	1	3	74	1	27	43	1	72	1	1	1	
8	Cyrene.	Trenton.	Camden.	Nov. 28, 1885.	34	2	1	38	1	1	1	1	3	36	1	17	20	1	30	1	1	1	
9	Monarch	Camden.	Camden.	Nov. 13, 1885.	156	2	1	159	7	1	1	1	8	160	3	28	72	1	159	20	1	1	
10	Puritan	Camden.	Camden.	Dec. 18, 1885.	102	3	1	106	26	1	1	1	28	134	2	120	12	2	100	8	1	1	
11	Ocean.	Atlantic City.	Atlantic.	Jan. 19, 1886.	105	3	5	121	8	2	1	1	8	113	2	121	20	2	113	30	2	1	
13	Bridgeton.	Bridgeton.	Cumberland.	May 31, 1886.	213	3	5	221	19	5	1	1	28	243	2	28	182	2	213	20	2	1	
14	Crusaders	Burlington.	Burlington.	July 13, 1886.	90	1	1	92	5	1	1	1	8	88	2	58	30	1	83	3	2	1	
15	Woodbury	Woodbury.	Gloucester	Aug. 17, 1886.	112	37	1	152	19	1	1	1	21	131	2	19	72	1	131	37	1	1	
16	Marion	Marion.	Burlington	Sept. 3, 1886.	37	1	1	38	1	1	1	1	3	37	2	10	22	1	37	1	1	1	
17	Herald	Pewsey.	Burlington	Sept. 4, 1886.	52	3	1	56	4	3	1	1	8	60	2	10	30	1	48	1	1	1	
18	Florence	Florence.	Burlington	Aug. 24, 1886.	27	3	1	31	3	3	1	1	9	36	2	24	66	2	31	9	1	1	
19	White Cross	Camden.	Camden.	Aug. 26, 1886.	82	27	1	110	8	2	1	1	21	131	1	24	66	2	131	9	1	1	
20	Wood	Point Pleasant.	Ocean.	Oct. 7, 1886.	80	1	1	82	1	1	1	1	2	80	1	59	59	1	80	1	1	1	
21	Burlington	Burlington.	Burlington	Sept. 29, 1886	90	1	1	92	2	1	1	1	2	89	1	25	59	1	89	5	1	1	
22	Palmira	Palmira.	Burlington	Nov. 5, 1886.	113	1	1	114	12	1	1	1	13	103	20	20	72	1	101	5	1	1	
23	Trenton.	Mercer.	Mercer.	Nov. 15, 1886.	113	8	1	123	16	1	1	1	17	103	20	25	75	3	103	7	1	1	
24	Fidelity	Moorestown.	Burlington	Feb. 4, 1887.	35	4	1	36	4	1	1	1	32	32	12	12	17	1	32	2	1	1	
25	Cross and Crown.	Town of Stockton	Burlington	Feb. 7, 1887.	65	4	3	72	5	1	1	1	5	67	1	20	26	1	47	2	1	1	
26	Silver Star	Mary's Landing.	Ocean.	Mar. 10, 1887.	66	1	1	67	4	1	1	1	63	63	20	43	63	1	63	1	1	1	
27	Capitanville.	Mary's Landing.	Atlantic.	Mar. 17, 1887.	105	4	1	110	4	1	1	1	3	106	1	14	25	39	106	1	1	1	
28	Volunteer	Mary's Landing.	Mercer.	June 15, 1887.	105	3	1	110	4	1	1	1	3	106	1	12	17	1	106	2	1	1	
29	Capitanville.	Mary's Landing.	Camden.	Oct. 13, 1887.	85	3	1	88	3	1	1	1	3	82	30	12	17	1	82	3	1	1	
30	Volunteer	Glassboro.	Gloucester	Oct. 13, 1887.	85	3	1	88	3	1	1	1	3	82	17	65	17	65	30	82	3	1	
31	Lincoln	Hurffville.	Gloucester	Nov. 22, 1887.	32	4	1	37	1	1	1	1	3	36	7	20	21	36	4	36	4	1	



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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, 1895.	Total.	Sick Benefits.	Burial of the Dead.	Donations.	Total Relief.	Sundry Purposes.	Investments.	Total.	On hand December 31, '95.	Invested.	Total Fund.	Increase or Decrease.													
2.	00	\$32	10	\$194	05	\$2	\$394	15	\$4	24	\$488	39	\$2	07	\$292	65	\$1773	50	\$207	22	\$81	17	\$3437	18	\$3518	35	\$159	95		
3.	00	\$65	27	\$145	12	\$103	39	341	92	\$155	51	246	00	\$103	00	143	85	280	00	872	85	482	46	2817	60	3300	06	456	84	
4.	00	260	55	145	12	263	55	205	01	468	56	149	00	349	00	78	17	30	00	457	17	11	39	30	00	41	39	1403	62	
5.	00	279	10	165	59	456	69	333	89	784	86	324	00	324	00	127	46	100	00	451	46	333	12	1900	00	2233	12	1900	00	
6.	00	121	48	101	48	456	69	154	33	275	81	316	00	54	00	48	16	100	00	218	16	57	65	600	00	657	65	196	68	
7.	12	00	120	05	230	25	362	30	102	47	464	77	1	00	290	42	100	00	291	42	173	35	173	35	173	35	173	35	92	48
8.	00	06	21	159	00	102	21	37	54	139	75	10	00	10	00	62	41	100	00	72	41	67	34	17	00	173	35	173	35	
9.	00	13	12	159	00	697	12	196	12	893	24	364	00	464	00	296	39	90	00	850	39	42	85	1710	86	1753	65	193	27	
10.	00	9	25	35	62	395	97	167	75	473	72	110	25	110	25	130	74	60	00	300	99	172	73	800	86	973	59	64	98	
11.	12	00	529	72	299	42	541	72	272	52	814	24	105	00	228	04	96	00	475	04	338	70	2805	28	3143	98	85	66		
13.	24	00	685	77	299	42	1009	19	304	56	1313	75	348	00	331	00	150	00	829	00	484	75	6869	70	7354	45	464	69		
14.	00	4	55	359	30	101	01	464	81	249	51	714	32	160	25	160	25	97	00	1670	57	196	17	1670	57	1670	57	208	60	
15.	00	206	35	57	25	263	60	439	95	703	55	161	00	161	00	73	15	120	00	354	15	349	40	2053	00	2402	40	99	49	
16.	00	00	90	59	90	59	276	90	276	90	367	49	100	00	100	00	51	05	51	05	316	44	200	00	516	44	200	00	39	54
17.	00	146	45	45	00	191	45	71	00	262	54	45	00	45	00	66	29	113	52	224	81	47	73	943	00	990	72	79	89	
18.	12	00	268	42	124	00	404	42	47	97	452	39	207	00	81	59	60	00	47	73	103	60	1325	40	1325	40	10	43		
20.	00	170	70	48	75	219	45	121	37	340	82	9	29	84	29	149	86	32	50	266	65	74	17	579	25	653	40	114	99	
21.	00	388	45	74	22	462	67	13	89	476	56	122	58	122	58	161	05	60	00	343	63	132	93	2213	85	2340	48	592	93	
22.	00	391	20	104	25	498	45	71	01	569	46	40	00	140	00	131	26	60	00	421	26	148	20	3538	62	3686	62	333	57	
23.	00	297	76	29	41	349	67	196	22	545	89	113	40	113	40	113	92	5	24	233	36	313	33	618	34	931	07	122	33	
24.	3	00	81	30	104	00	188	30	*9	08	179	22	15	00	65	00	45	60	30	00	140	60	38	62	1132	31	1132	31	112	33
25.	00	172	00	51	20	244	20	384	02	384	02	11	00	11	00	125	70	100	00	136	70	491	54	500	00	491	54	187	30	
26.	00	161	25	140	72	164	25	386	31	550	56	10	00	10	00	70	84	200	00	136	70	269	72	500	00	769	72	183	41	
27.	00	56	10	140	72	196	82	*69	1160	31	196	82	17	00	103	18	100	00	103	18	103	18	294	15	387	00	184	14	35	99
28.	15	00	305	97	1	00	321	97	838	34	1160	31	17	00	93	67	100	00	17	00	1049	64	1049	64	1949	64	1949	64	21	82
29.	12	00	105	02	119	02	117	02	165	00	282	02	45	00	77	40	90	00	77	40	204	62	204	62	350	00	350	00	39	82
30.	15	00	51	12	195	58	446	70	89	22	585	02	86	00	45	00	71	52	90	00	206	52	329	46	2060	75	2354	16	409	88
31.	15	00	88	16	103	16	182	65	182	65	285	81	86	00	166	00	44	25	60	00	270	35	329	46	2060	75	2354	16	409	88
32.	30	00	299	38	100	00	429	38	1245	69	1675	07	48	50	122	06	100	00	48	50	1404	51	1404	51	1584	51	1584	51	158	82

33	9 00	226 68	126 62	362 30	91 05	453 35	256 00	28 00	284 00	113 91	30 00	427 91	25 44	901 65	927 09	206 04
34	8 00	138 85	40 00	186 85	*11 14	175 10	83 00	60 00	115 00	100 52	42 00	151 52	311 98	569 70	593 89	85 50
35	4 00	246 75	20 00	266 75	259 80	510 35	65 00	50 00	115 00	53 37	42 00	168 57	189 97	1050 00	1361 98	52 17
36	3 00	128 39	103 10	234 49	72 31	368 80	81 00	14 00	105 00	130 83	12 00	287 83	56 57	604 54	683 51	71 47
37	32 00	207 50	36 00	239 86	79 53	319 39	81 00	25 00	80 00	68 51	59 40	202 81	269 85	827 00	1096 85	75 31
38	4 00	178 82	45 00	223 82	283 94	477 78	5 00	5 00	25 00	159 06	60 00	249 06	156 92	1448 92	1448 92	236 77
39	4 00	318 80	318 80	318 80	87 18	495 98	8 00	5 00	30 00	126 19	270 00	446 19	96 56	697 44	794 00	41 66
40	15 00	202 85	217 85	217 85	324 90	542 75	50 00	81 90	12 00	67 05	294 72	373 77	387 40	919 73	1397 14	257 24
41	5 00	292 80	38 50	336 30	424 87	761 17	17 00	5 00	12 00	145 84	100 00	351 21	691 31	1635 00	2326 31	236 91
42	14 00	777 33	111 23	902 56	493 77	1390 33	377 60	81 90	459 18	145 84	190 00	705 02	130 73	858 91	959 64	130 09
43	14 00	287 30	90 00	391 30	99 64	481 94	177 00	5 00	157 50	103 71	35 00	277 14	70 01	186 01	256 02	139 37
44	10 50	212 05	122 43	345 58	8 57	347 53	83 00	25 00	80 00	24 60	32 00	136 60	70 95	585 52	739 57	144 80
45	5 00	149 00	149 00	149 00	331 01	487 53	100 00	5 00	125 00	68 96	70 00	193 96	286 65	953 50	1039 23	151 81
46	5 00	239 25	10 00	249 25	62 44	490 60	58 00	25 00	63 00	127 56	70 00	197 84	726 20	1039 23	1039 23	151 81
47	5 00	249 55	116 11	249 55	67 49	314 21	34 27	5 00	34 27	93 57	70 00	197 84	726 20	1039 23	1039 23	151 81
48	5 00	116 11	116 11	116 11	196 10	274 21	45 00	100 00	45 00	39 37	120 00	386 78	229 84	1068 99	1068 99	44 65
49	3 50	158 13	332 75	494 43	24 14	318 57	124 00	100 00	124 00	142 76	3 35	324 20	151 84	205 19	205 19	36 80
50	4 50	312 30	23 35	386 74	195 33	595 63	6 00	100 00	106 00	214 85	3 35	324 20	151 84	205 19	205 19	36 80
51	5 00	157 48	157 48	157 48	105 67	262 68	6 00	100 00	60 00	103 68	75 00	173 04	92 16	175 00	218 48	94 16
52	8 00	110 55	110 55	110 55	154 05	325 26	100 00	100 00	100 00	104 80	75 00	279 80	265 73	280 00	345 73	92 80
53	9 00	135 70	74 34	232 45	139 25	193 01	20 00	20 00	20 00	19 10	45 00	84 10	222 00	180 00	1063 11	129 80
54	9 00	266 16	350 00	620 00	144 70	311 44	343 77	20 00	20 00	80 04	100 00	84 10	222 00	180 00	1063 11	129 80
55	4 00	123 07	11 88	134 36	299 40	330 36	190 00	25 00	215 00	273 31	37 70	588 60	282 05	999 06	1063 11	129 80
56	15 00	140 50	65 93	177 33	41 00	173 97	15 00	14 50	95 70	135 37	300 00	166 25	32 14	300 00	1269 68	26 88
57	16 00	207 54	62 55	270 33	822 26	1373 50	116 00	50 00	116 00	139 09	300 00	454 09	919 60	300 00	1269 68	26 88
58	33 00	240 13	64 85	305 68	242 30	466 77	124 00	50 00	116 00	81 29	300 00	454 09	919 60	300 00	1269 68	26 88
59	15 90	88 22	94 85	126 32	63 34	399 02	97 41	201 00	174 00	70 87	213 29	244 87	154 15	250 00	464 15	90 81
60	51 00	351 00	93 80	465 82	17 85	509 67	46 00	52 00	200 00	223 17	121 05	423 17	86 50	132 50	379 08	38 59
61	11 00	333 80	29 45	63 88	208 80	613 04	6 00	6 00	6 00	194 51	121 05	305 90	274 48	132 50	379 08	38 59
62	11 00	52 88	29 45	63 88	1 50	65 38	6 00	6 00	6 00	53 27	53 27	53 27	12 11	132 50	112 11	10 81
Total	\$696 75	\$15,211 43	\$6,451 33	\$22,358 51	\$13,265 56	\$35,624 07	\$5653 39	\$1298 40	\$375 20	\$7328 99	\$5565 28	\$20,935 13	\$14,647 50	\$53,760 44	\$68,407 94	\$514,450

↑Decrease.

\*Overdrawn.

Statement of the Membership of the Castles and Total Membership, June 30th, 1896.

No.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.	DATE OF INSTITUTION	MEMBERSHIP.			Per Capita Tax.	Rejections.	RECAPITULATION.						
					Initiated.	Withdrawal Card	Reinstatement			Past Grand Chiefs.	Past Chiefs.	Crusaders.	Knights.	Pilgrims.	Total.	Sick Brothers Relieved.
2	Millville.	Millville.	Cumberland.	April 5, 1884.	141	1	143	0.85	1	35	103	130	11	1	1	1
3	Washington	Camden.	Camden.	April 5, 1884.	250	2	253	0.28	1	4	108	295	11	3	3	3
4	New Jersey	Mount Holly.	Burlington	April 26, 1884.	66	0	66	9.30	1	23	108	245	6	1	1	1
5	Ivanhoe.	Salem.	Salem.	May 13, 1884.	91	0	91	12.30	2	20	60	82	10	1	1	1
6	Red Cross	Medford.	Burlington	June 22, 1889.	47	0	47	6.45	1	18	25	43	3	1	1	1
7	Trenton.	Trenton.	Mercer	Feb. 25, 1885.	72	0	72	9.00	1	20	36	66	3	1	1	1
8	Cyrene	Town of Stock'n	Camden.	Nov. 28, 1885.	30	1	31	4.50	1	11	18	30	5	1	1	1
9	Monarch	Camden.	Camden.	Nov. 11, 1885.	150	5	156	22.20	3	37	106	148	5	1	1	1
10	Puritan	Quinton.	Salem.	Dec. 18, 1885.	102	4	106	14.70	0	23	69	98	7	1	1	1
11	Ocean.	Atlantic City.	Atlantic	Jan. 19, 1886.	143	3	151	21.60	2	30	118	214	6	1	1	1
13	Bridgeton.	Bridgeton.	Cumberland.	May 31, 1886.	213	0	213	31.95	2	31	179	213	7	1	1	1
14	Crusader's	Burlington.	Burlington	July 13, 1886.	84	4	94	14.10	0	28	64	94	8	1	1	1
15	Woodbury	Woodbury	Gloucester	Aug. 17, 1886.	93	0	93	13.20	2	20	66	114	2	1	1	1
16	Marion	Marion.	Burlington	Aug. 3, 1886.	37	0	37	4.65	1	12	19	31	4	1	1	1
17	Herald	Beverly.	Burlington	Sept. 2, 1886.	48	1	49	7.35	1	17	31	49	4	1	1	1
18	Florence	Florence.	Burlington	Aug. 24, 1886.	93	2	95	13.80	0	25	67	102	10	1	1	1
20	Leed	Point Pleasant.	Ocean.	Oct. 7, 1886.	80	5	85	12.15	2	22	56	81	6	1	1	1
21	Burlington	Burlington.	Burlington	Sept. 29, 1886.	89	1	89	12.90	0	25	61	86	10	1	1	1
22	Palmira	Palmira.	Burlington	Oct. 15, 1886.	101	5	106	15.45	0	25	83	103	8	1	1	1
23	Mercer	Trenton.	Mercer	Nov. 4, 1886.	103	13	116	16.95	1	26	73	113	9	1	1	1
24	Fidelity	Mooresown.	Burlington	Feb. 4, 1887.	32	3	35	5.10	1	20	22	34	4	1	1	1
25	Cross and Crown.	Town of Stock'n	Camden.	Feb. 17, 1887.	47	0	47	6.45	1	18	41	60	4	1	1	1
26	Stafford	Manawken.	Ocean.	Mar. 10, 1887.	63	0	63	9.00	1	14	21	34	3	1	1	1
27	Silver Star	Mar's Landing.	Atlantic	Mar. 17, 1887.	38	1	39	5.10	0	14	21	34	3	1	1	1
28	Capital	Mar's Landing.	Atlantic	Mar. 17, 1887.	106	0	106	15.75	0	18	54	72	8	1	1	1
29	Merchantville.	Merchantville.	Mercer	June 15, 1888.	30	2	33	4.50	1	12	18	24	3	1	1	1
30	Volunteer.	Glassboro.	Camden.	Oct. 10, 1887.	82	1	83	11.85	0	22	57	79	5	1	1	1
31	Lincoln	Hurffville.	Gloucester	Nov. 22, 1887.	39	1	40	5.10	0	16	22	38	1	1	1	1
32	Califon.	Califon.	Hunterdon	Nov. 24, 1887.	102	0	102	15.00	0	15	71	100	6	1	1	1



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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, 1895	Total.	Sick Benefits.	Burial of the Dead.	Donations.	Total Relief.	Sundry Purposes.	Investments.	Total.	On hand June 30, 1896.	Invested.	Total Fund.	Increase or Decrease						
2	48	477 13	375 00	\$859 13	181 17	076 00	283 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	175 19	\$23 00	842 19	88 11	\$395 86	\$693 97	\$175 62						
3	12 00	882 00	517 40	1411 40	435 11	1846 51	543 00	400 00	00 00	00 00	23 00	270 00	1470 00	370 51	2739 40	3115 91	1136 80						
4	00 00	263 99	00 00	263 99	11 39	275 38	100 00	00 00	100 00	00 00	61 42	30 00	336 80	83 96	70 00	153 96	145 57						
5	00 00	231 00	142 00	373 00	333 14	706 14	210 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	73 26	00 00	283 26	422 88	1900 00	2322 88	89 74						
6	00 00	128 77	627 50	756 27	57 65	813 92	23 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	53 36	00 00	970 36	137 56	600 00	737 56	79 91						
7	00 00	129 95	186 67	315 72	173 35	489 07	151 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	213 72	00 00	395 72	123 35	00 00	123 35	150 00						
8	3 00	119 13	00 00	122 13	67 34	189 47	5 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	68 26	00 00	257 73	86 27	17 85	86 44	19 10						
9	14 00	563 70	131 00	708 70	42 85	751 55	226 00	100 00	00 00	00 00	280 65	00 00	722 65	28 90	1783 85	1814 75	61 10						
10	00 00	268 10	10 00	278 10	172 73	450 83	50 25	00 00	00 00	00 00	07 00	00 00	210 32	240 51	895 02	1135 53	161 94						
11	25 00	442 27	23 00	490 27	338 70	828 97	151 00	50 00	20 00	00 00	268 77	96 00	605 77	223 20	2901 28	3124 48	65 56						
12	00 00	554 59	00 00	554 59	484 75	1039 34	413 00	50 00	00 00	00 00	361 17	110 00	934 17	105 17	1725 00	7230 17	1124 28						
13	40 00	346 99	201 95	588 04	106 17	784 21	216 67	150 00	6 00	00 00	104 35	241 41	918 43	65 78	1761 98	1827 76	138 98						
14	00 00	229 65	00 00	229 65	349 40	579 50	110 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	160 88	120 00	490 43	298 34	200 00	2173 00	414 78						
15	00 00	99 78	00 00	99 78	316 44	416 22	55 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	52 88	00 00	177 88	117 88	2173 00	2261 62	118 10						
16	3 00	134 35	495 98	633 33	47 73	681 06	195 00	00 00	198 00	00 00	92 88	81 30	368 88	312 18	713 45	1025 63	34 90						
17	9 00	239 83	128 00	376 83	101 80	480 63	248 00	00 00	248 00	00 00	97 88	64 40	312 28	70 35	1210 90	1281 25	144 15						
18	00 00	179 50	257 01	455 51	74 17	529 68	145 00	00 00	00 00	00 00	164 23	32 50	416 73	112 95	511 75	624 70	148 27						
19	00 00	374 63	210 95	585 58	132 93	718 51	308 76	200 00	00 00	00 00	140 75	60 00	718 51	00 00	2273 85	2273 85	72 93						
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\*Overdrawn.



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Taking this opportunity to express my appreciation of the honor that you 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 LAW.

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

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS:—Your Committee on Law beg leave to submit the the following report:

Shortly after our appointment the necessity for an entire revision of the Constitution for Subordinate Castles which had been adopted at the session at New Brunswick, October 1st and 2d, 1895, was presented to us, and several meetings of the committee were held, at which a draft of a proposed Constitution presented by the Grand Chief, was thoroughly discussed, and, after some minor charges, handed to the Castles for their consideration, and afterward adopted at the special session held in Trenton, February 20th, 1896.

In addition to the above work we have approved complete codes of By-Laws for seven Castles, and one or more By-Laws for twelve Castles.

Indulging the hope that the present session may be productive of much good to the jurisdiction at large, we remain

Yours in F., V. and H.,

ROBERT M. FOUST, P. G. C.  
FRANCIS B. LEE, P. C.  
JAMES P. BECKLEY, P. C.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

CAMDEN, N. J., September, 1896.

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

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

1895.			
Sept.	18.	200 circulars (annual session) . . . . .	\$2 25
Oct.	10.	1000 letter heads (G. C. two colors) . . . . .	3 25
	15.	500 envelopes (G. C.) . . . . .	1 75
	20.	500 note heads (G. C.) . . . . .	2 25
	20.	1000 envelopes (G. M. of R.) . . . . .	2 50
	20.	250 copies Grand Castle reports for use at session	114 58
			\$126 58
	22.	1000 envelopes (G. M. of R.) . . . . .	2 50
	31.	100 D. G. C. commissions; 100 Grand Instruc- tors commissions . . . . .	3 75
		500 note heads (G. C.) . . . . .	1 75
		3 changes . . . . .	30
		500 envelopes (G. C.) . . . . .	1 75
		3 changes . . . . .	30
		250 copies of four page circular (G. C.) . . . . .	3 75
Nov.	2.	500 No. 10 envelopes (G. C. and G. M. of R.) . . . . .	2 50
	9.	200 circulars (officers and committees) . . . . .	3 25
	12.	1500 copies Proceedings 1895 . . . . .	114 74
			\$134 59
Dec.	6.	70 postals and printing (Law Committee) . . . . .	1 45
1896.			
Jan.	4.	300 circulars, four-pages (G. C.) . . . . .	3 00
	31.	125 " call for special session . . . . .	1 25
Feb.	17.	50 " District Meetings . . . . .	1 00
	17.	200 slips (Art. VIII. Constitution) . . . . .	1 25
	29.	1000 envelopes (G. M. of R.) . . . . .	2 50
Mar.	12.	1000 copies Constitution Subordinate Castles . . . . .	22 50
		125 circulars to accompany same. . . . .	1 75
	17.	125 circulars (D. B. Fund) . . . . .	1 75
		500 No. 10 manilla envelopes. . . . .	1 50
		175 circulars, four-page (G. C. and meeting April and May) . . . . .	2 50
			\$40 45
Jan.	1.	2000 note heads (D. G. C.) . . . . .	6 25
		20 alterations . . . . .	2 00
		2000 envelopes (D. G. C.) . . . . .	4 50
		20 alterations . . . . .	2 00
		500 copies proposed Constitutions . . . . .	15 00
		200 circulars (Committee on Law) . . . . .	2 50
		200 four-page circulars (G. C.) . . . . .	3 00
		100 circulars (To Masters of Records) . . . . .	1 75
		1000 semi-annual reports . . . . .	12 00
			\$49 00
Apr.	1.	300 circulars (Dr. Chamberlain) . . . . .	3 25
June	17.	250 envelopes (G. M. of R.) . . . . .	1 25
		75 circulars (G. M. of R.) . . . . .	1 50
July	15.	200 Constitutions in German . . . . .	17 00
			\$23 00

Fraternally in F., V. and H.,

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HORACE J. PARKS,  
THEO. S. BURROWS,  
JOS. W. JACKSON.

## REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SUPREME CASTLE.

SWEDSBORO, September 7, 1896.

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

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS:—The Supreme Castle met in the City of Washington, D. C., October 8, 9, 10, 11, 1895, with the Supreme Chief, Jacob H. Aull in the chair. The report of the Supreme Chief was complete in every particular. He labored zealously for the advancement and good of our noble organization. During his term he travelled 27,378 miles, and those deputized by him travelled 11,286 miles.

The honors of Past Templar, Past Grand Templar and Past Supreme Templar were conferred on all Past Chiefs, Past Grand Chief and Past Supreme Chiefs respectfully, if such officials are members of a Temple.

General Louis E. Stiltz of the Military Branch of the Order, who faithfully served the Order in that connection, declined re-election, and was superseded by P. G. C. Harry P. Reinecke.

The amendment to Article VIII, of the Supreme Castle Constitution was defeated and a compromise measure was passed, which leaves the per capita at the maximum of \$200. The Grand Castle of New Jersey pays the same as she has always done.

The Grand Castle of New Jersey appealed from the decision of the Grand Castle of Pennsylvania, in the case of Vineland Castle, No. 46 *vs.* Carlisle Castle, No. 110, of Pa. Past Supreme Chief J. D. Barnes, of Pa., objected to the hearing of the appeal, on the grounds of it being improperly and illegally brought, but Supreme Chief Lyttle, who was in the chair, recognized Past Grand Chief Robert M. Foust and sustained the action of New Jersey, and on motion it was referred to the Committee on Appeals to report at the next session of the Supreme Castle.

The decision of this case is of vital importance to every Castle in New Jersey and throughout the United States and abroad, and I recommend that the incoming Representative to the Supreme Castle be instructed to use his every endeavor before the Appeal Committee of the Supreme Castle to see that justice be done to Vineland Castle, No. 46.

Hereafter District Grand Chiefs and Grand Instructors who have served three years in the capacity as such will have the honors of the title of Past District Grand Chief and Past Grand Instructor bestowed upon them, with a suitable regalia to designate the same.

I did not bring up the matter per my instructions relative to a death benefit fund as committee on said fund did not report to me any of their suggestions and acts.

The printing of the ritual in the Spanish and Swedish languages was referred to a committee with instructions to act and to have the same published whenever there should be ten or more charters granted to such Castles.

The following was submitted and passed :

“That it is the sense of this Supreme Castle that a member of a subordinate Castle cannot be advanced to a higher degree who is not in good standing in his Castle.”

The honor of Past Grand Chief was conferred on Past Chief E. D. Senseman for meritorious services in this grand jurisdiction.

The following question was ordered to be added to the question book :

“Have you ever been a member of the Order? If so, when and where?”

Past Supreme Chief Barnes offered the following, which was passed :

"That in cases where English speaking Castles desire to confer the degrees in German, sets of rituals may be sold to such Castles as desire to organize degree teams?"

DEATH BENEFIT FUND.

*Resolved*, That so much of the legislation of the Supreme Castle at its last annual session as requires the different classes of the Death Benefit Fund to be kept separate and managed as distinct funds be, and the same is hereby repealed.

The working of the Death Benefit Fund shall be vested in an executive board, consisting of the Supreme Chief, Supreme Vice-Chief, Supreme Master of Records, Supreme Keeper of Exchequer and Supreme Medical Examiner, who shall meet quarterly at the office of the Supreme Castle in the city of Philadelphia, or at such other place as the Board may determine upon at its preceding stated meetings on the third Tuesday in March, June, September and December, and who shall decide all questions pertaining to the working of the Fund, except salaries. This shall be the duty of the Supreme Castle.

The amendment to Article I of the laws, submitted by the Executive Board (page 74 of the reports) having been read, viz: Amend Article I by adding a new Section, as follows:

SECTION 3. All laws enacted for the government of the Fund not specifically referred to either class, shall be equally applicable to Classes A and B. The motion and amendment was adopted.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing term, viz.: Supreme Chief, A. C. Lyttle, Pennsylvania; Supreme Vice-Chief, William O. Brown, Delaware; Supreme High Priest, A. H. Alexander, Ohio; Supreme Master of Records, William Culbertson, Pennsylvania; Supreme Keeper of Exchequer, Timothy McCarthy, Pennsylvania; Supreme Sir Herald, Anson C. McNab, New York; Supreme First Guardsman, W. W. Canada, Indiana; Supreme Second Guardsman, Howard Winslow, Maine.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

*Committee on Law*—P. S. C. J. D. Barnes, Pa.; P. S. C. Edward S. Rowand, Pa.; P. G. C. George R. Cross, Md.

*Committee on Finance and Mileage*—P. G. C. John Dickinson, Pa.; P. G. C. John B. Treibler, Del.; P. G. C. Joseph Arnold, N. J.; P. G. C. Louis E. Stiltz, Pa.; P. G. C. John Aspril, Md.

*Committee on Appeals and Grievances*—P. S. C. Jacob H. Aull, Md.; P. G. C. James E. Highley, N. J.; P. G. C. J. C. Gooding, D. C.; P. G. C. Fred L. Trowbridge, Conn.; P. G. C. E. V. Moore, Ohio.

*Committee on Printing*—P. S. C. Ernst Koch, Conn.; P. G. C. Lyman P. Lewis, Mass.; P. G. C. Edwin B. Dow, Mass.

The Supreme Castle closed in due form at 1.15 P. M. on Friday, October 11th, the Supreme Chief declaring the Supreme Castle adjourned to meet in annual session in the city of Reading, Pa., on the second Tuesday of October, 1896.

In conclusion, allow me to express my sincere thanks to the Sir Knights of this jurisdiction for their action in electing me as their Representative to the Supreme Castle, as well as for the past honors they have conferred upon me. I have been honored to the fullest extent by the Sir Knights of New Jersey and my only hope and desire is that the good work may continue until every hamlet, town and city in New Jersey will have a Castle of Golden Eagles planted within its borders.

Wishing you all "God speed," I am

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

WILLIAM C. HUNTER,  
*Supreme Representative.*

P. G. C. Foust read the report of the Committee on Law, as follows :

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., September 8th, 1896.

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

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS:—Your Committee on Law, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Chief's report relating to decisions and dispensations, would respectfully report that they recommend the adoption of all the decisions rendered. They would also report that they recommend the confirmation of the dispensations granted by the Grand Chief.

Yours in F., V. and H.,

ROBT. M. FOUST,  
JACOB S. KENT,  
*Committee on Law.*

P. C. Kent, No. 54, moved that the report be adopted as read, and the motion was carried.

P. G. C. Parks presented the report of the Committee on Printing, as printed, and said report was approved.

P. G. C. Parks moved that the Grand Castle adjourn at one o'clock to reassemble at two, and to continue in session until six. Motion adopted.

P. C. Ginnelley, No. 7, moved that immediately after the election of officers the matter of the mortuary fund be taken up. Motion adopted.

P. G. C. Foust moved that the installation of officers and the election of Representative take place immediately prior to adjournment *sine die*.

P. G. C. Parks moved, as an amendment, that the installation take place during the latter part of the session, at the pleasure of the Grand Castle, and the motion was adopted in this form.

P. G. C. Arnold presented the following report of the Finance Committee :

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., September 8th, 1896.

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

SIR KNIGHTS:—Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that we have attended to our duties, as we believe, to the best of our abilities; have approved or disapproved all matters presented for our consideration; have examined the books of the Grand Master of Records and Grand Keeper of Exchequer and found them to be correct.

The receipts of the Grand Castle have been, \$2712.79; the expenditures, \$2441.16. Leaving a balance in the hands of the Grand Keeper of Exchequer of \$271.63.

Amongst the items of expense we find \$168 for rent of Grand Castle office. In this connection we would recommend that *an* office be continued at an expense not exceeding \$100 per annum.

We would also recommend that the per capita tax remain at thirty cents per annum.

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.

We would also recommend, in the interest of economy, that, at the various district meetings called by the Grand Chief, he or his representative and the Grand Master of Records only be privileged to attend at the expense of this Grand Castle, unless the Grand Chief, at his discretion, otherwise specially directs.

We would also recommend that the sum of \$15 be paid the organizers of subordinate Castles, provided the membership reaches at least thirty at time of institution, and \$25 should the membership reach fifty at time of institution.

We would also recommend that the special tax of five cents be continued.

We would also recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year :

Expenses of 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 same . . . . .	200 00
Card in K. G. E. newspaper . . . . .	12 00
Total . . . . .	\$1612 00

We are pleased to announce that your Committee is enabled for the first time in the history of the Order in this jurisdiction to present a clean balance sheet—that is, a balance on hand with no outstanding debts. A fact that should be spread broadcast throughout the State.

We desire to commend the Grand Chief for his economy—fifty dollars of his annual appropriation remaining to the credit of his administration.

All of which is respectfully submitted

In F., V. and H.,

JOSEPH ARNOLD, *Chairman.*

F. A. BUREN,

E. H. GINNELLEY,

*Finance Committee.*

P. G. C. Parks moved that the report be received and the recommendations taken up for action *seriatim*. Carried.

1. That *an* office be continued at an expense not exceeding \$100 per annum

P. C. Eastburn, No. 46, moved as a substitute to the recommendation of committee that the matter be left in the hands of the Trustees, and the motion was adopted.

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

Adopted as read.

3. 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.

After some discussion the recommendation of the committee was adopted with the substitution of the words "from the location of their several Castles," in lieu of "from the place of residence, &c."

The recommendation as adopted reads :

That in the future expenses be paid to officers and committees of the Grand Castle as computed from the location of their several Castles."

4. That, at the various district meetings called by the Grand Chief, he or his representative and the Grand Master of Records only be privileged to attend at the expense of this Grand Castle, unless the Grand Chief at his discretion otherwise specially directs.

Adopted as read.

5. That the sum of \$15 be paid the organizers of subordinate Castles, provided the membership reaches at least thirty at time of institution, and \$25 should the membership reach fifty at time of institution.

Adopted.

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

Adopted.

7. Appropriations for the ensuing year :

Expenses of Grand Chief . . . . .	\$300 00
Salary of Grand Master of Records . . . . .	500 00
Incidentals of Grand Master of Records . . . . .	100 00
Printing . . . . .	300 00
Dues to Supreme Castle . . . . .	200 00
Supplies from Supreme Castle . . . . .	200 00
Card in "KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE." . . . .	12 00

The items of appropriation were taken up separately, and adopted as read.

P. G. C. Foust moved that the report of the committee be adopted as a whole, and the motion was carried.

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.*

P. G. C. Foust moved that the report of the committee on the case of P. C. Aaron Burr *vs.* Crusaders' Castle, No. 14, be approved, and the motion was adopted.

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 reassembled at 2.20 P. M., all the Grand officers being present.

The business in order was the nomination and election of officers.

P. G. C. Parks moved that in the conduct of this election, the election for each post take place immediately after the nomination for same and before proceeding with the nomination and election for the next post, and that the Grand Master of Records cast the vote of the Grand Castle when but one candidate is nominated for a post. Adopted.

The Grand Chief appointed as tellers, P. C. Dr. George W. Chamberlain, No. 66, and P. C. James Hartley, No. 22.

The nomination for Grand Chief being in order

P. G. C. Parks nominated G. V. C. William H. Ruf.

The Grand Master of Records cast the vote of the Grand Castle, and G. V. C. Ruf was declared elected as Grand Chief.

For Grand Vice-Chief—P. C. B. F. Souder, No. 11, nominated G. S. H. W. T. Dubois, No. 13.

P. G. C. Parks nominated P. C. Charles E. Lane, No. 9.

P. C. W. T. Dubois received . . . . .	61 votes
P. C. Charles E. Lane received . . . . .	77 "

P. C. Lane having received a majority of votes was declared duly elected.

For Grand High Priest—P. G. C. Potter nominated G. H. P. Trachsel, who declined the nomination.

G. H. P. Trachsel nominated P. C. J. B. Wainright, M. D., No. 34.

P. C. W. H. Currie, No. 17, nominated P. C. Thomas Lock, No. 14.

P. C. J. B. Wainright received . . . . .	118 votes.
P. C. Thomas Lock received . . . . .	22 "

P. C. J. B. Wainright, M. D. was declared duly elected as Grand High Priest.

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

The Grand Master of Records cast the vote of the Grand Castle, and G. K. of E. Cogill was declared re-elected for the ensuing year.

For Grand Master of Records—G. S. G. Spateholtz nominated P. G. C. Joseph Arnold.

P. G. C. Hunter nominated P. C. A. L. Clark, No. 23.

P. C. George W. Chamberlain, No. 66, nominated G. M. of R. E. D. Senseman.

P. C. A. L. Clark received . . . . .	61 votes.
G. M. of R. E. D. Senseman received . . . . .	51 "
P. G. C. Joseph Arnold received . . . . .	29 "

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

P. G. Arnold withdrew his name.

On the second ballot

P. C. A. L. Clark received . . . . .	74 votes.
G. M. of R. E. D. Senseman received . . . . .	62 "

P. C. A. L. Clark, No. 23, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared duly elected as Grand Master of Records.

For Grand Sir Herald—P. G. C. Potter nominated P. C. James E. Russell, No. 22.

P. C. Herman Rosade, No. 70, nominated P. C. J. C. Risley, No. 11.

P. C. James E. Russell received . . . . . 82 votes.  
P. C. John C. Risley received . . . . . 53 "

P. C. James E. Russell, No. 22, having received a majority of the votes cast was declared elected as Grand Sir Herald.

For Trustee (3 years)—P. C. J. Frank Cobb and P. G. C. J. C. F. Trachsel were nominated.

P. C. Cobb withdrew his name and P. G. C. Trachsel was declared elected as Trustee for three years.

Trustee (1 year)—P. C. Albert Ottinger, No. 2, P. C. A. Q. Bloom, No. 28, and P. C. W. T. Dubois, No. 13, were nominated.

After the vote had been polled the tellers retired, by consent, to the ante-chamber to count the same.

The Grand Castle, on motion of Grand Sir Herald elect, James E. Russell, No. 22, then proceeded to select a place of meeting for the next annual session.

- P. C. Wesley Snowden, No. 64, named Passaic.
- P. C. Jackson, No. 3, named Egg Harbor City.
- P. C. Herman Rosade, No. 70, named Cape May.
- P. C. Brelsford, No. 70, named Camden.
- P. G. C. Foust named Elizabeth.
- P. G. C. Hunter named Newark.
- P. G. C. Trachsel named Jersey City.

P. G. C. Parks moved that the matter be decided by a standing vote.

Passaic received . . . . .	8 votes
Egg Harbor City received . . . . .	4 "
Cape May received . . . . .	2 "
Camden received . . . . .	22 "
Newark received . . . . .	9 "

Before the vote on Jersey City was announced, P. G. C. Foust moved that said vote be made unanimous, and the motion was adopted.

The tellers on the election of Trustee announced the result of the ballot, as follows :

P. C. Albert Ottinger, No. 2, received . . . . .	15 votes.
P. C. W. T. Dubois, No. 13, received . . . . .	28 " "
P. C. A. Q. Bloom, No. 28, received . . . . .	53 " "

The Order of Business was then taken up, the first matter being the report of the Committee on Appeals, the consideration of which had been interrupted by the election of officers.

P. G. C. Potter moved that the appeal from the action of Star of Bethlehem Castle, No. 68, be sustained. Adopted.

P. G. C. Foust moved that the case of John H. Black *vs.* Franklin Castle, No. 33, be laid over until to-morrow. The motion was adopted.

Grand Chief Barrows called P. G. C. Buren to the chair and, after some preliminary remarks relative to the proposed mortuary fund, moved that the Grand Castle declare and tender itself ready to consent to the establishment of such a fund, and rules for the government of, and the election of officers for, the same.

P. C. L. P. Schmidt, No. 44, moved that the matter be laid over until to-morrow. The motion to postpone was lost and the original motion was adopted.

On motion of P. G. C. Barrows the Grand Castle then took a recess until 9.30 o'clock Wednesday morning.

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## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Grand Castle reconvened at 9.15 A. M. Wednesday, September 9th.

The Grand Castle went into committee of the whole to consider the laws for the mortuary fund and, on rising, the committee reported to the Grand Castle.

P. G. C. Highley moved that the rules be adopted as recommended by the committee of the whole. Carried.

P. G. C. Highley moved that we proceed to the nomination and election of officers for the Fund. Adopted.

P. G. C. Highley nominated G. C. Barrows for long term.

P. G. C. Foust nominated P. C. Chamberlain, No. 66, for short term.

P. G. C. Foust moved that the Managers be elected by acclamation. Carried.

On motion of G. C. Barrows, the case of John H. Black vs. Franklin Castle, No. 33, was taken up.

The hour for the noon recess having arrived, the Grand Castle adjourned at 1 P. M. to meet at 2 P. M.

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#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Castle reconvened at 2 P. M.

G. C. Barrows presented the case of Franklin Castle, No. 33, and, after some discussion,

P. C. Ginnelley, No. 7, moved that a committee of three be appointed to act as arbitrators between the parties and report to the Grand Castle. Adopted.

The bill of G. S. G. J. H. Spateholtz for \$22.35, travelling expenses, was read and referred to Finance Committee.

The following resolutions were read :

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., September 8th, 1896.

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

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS :

*Whereas*, Past Chief Daniel M. Stevens, an active and prominent member of this Grand Castle, an earnest and valuable worker for the Knights of the Golden Eagle, has been unable to earn the honors of Past Grand Chief by passing through the chairs of the Grand Castle, because of his devotion and

service to other work of this Grand Castle, extending over a period of eleven years, during which time he has been of inestimable value to the Order in this State in shaping and directing her finances, having served as Chairman of the Finance Committee for eight years, and as Grand Master of Records for two years without salary.

*And Whereas*, It is the sense of the Grand Castle that this unselfish sacrifice of time and ambition should not go unrewarded.

*Therefore, be it resolved*, That the Grand Castle of New Jersey, assembled in annual session, respectfully petition the Supreme Castle, at Reading, to confer the honor of Past Grand Chief upon Brother Daniel M. Stevens for meritorious service.

*Resolved*, That the Representative to the Supreme Castle be, and is hereby instructed to present these resolutions to the Supreme Castle, and use every means to secure favorable action.

*And be it further resolved*, That the Past Grand Chiefs of New Jersey are requested to aid our Representative in this matter by their votes and influence.

F. WAYLAND POTTER, P. G. C.  
 HORACE J. PARKS, P. G. C.  
 J. E. HIGHLEY, P. G. C.  
 JOHN C. F. TRACHSEL, P. G. C.  
 ROBT. M. FOUST, P. G. C.  
 JOS. ARNOLD, P. G. C.  
 E. D. SENSEMAN, P. G. C.

On motion of the Grand Master of Records the resolutions were adopted as read.

The Grand Master of Records read the approval of the Committee on Law of the Supreme Castle of the amendment changing date of meeting of the Grand Castle of New Jersey from October to September, as passed at the last annual session. Received and filed.

The following protest against the present Constitution of the Grand Castle was presented:

BURLINGTON, N. J., September 1st, 1896.

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

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS:—At a stated session of Crusaders' Castle, No. 14, K. G. E., of the city of Burlington, N. J., the following protest against the Constitution adopted at Trenton on February 20th, 1896 in its entirety.

1. Because they do not repeal the old Constitution.
2. Because they were passed at a special session when they should have been offered at a regular session and laid over for one year before final action should have been taken.
3. Because they provide in no manner for amendments thereto, thereby giving the opportunity to offer and pass amendments at any time.
4. Because, in our opinion, we consider them inferior to the old Constitution and not calculated to work to the advantage of the various Castles, and while they are not an improvement on the old Constitution, we move to set them aside, and revert back to the Constitution which was in vogue at the time, and previous to the special session of the Grand Castle, held on the 20th day of February, 1896.

JOHN PORTER, *Noble Chief*.

Attest:

WILLIAM F. SMITH, *Master of Records*.

The protest was received and filed.

The following telegrams were received and ordered filed :

BALTIMORE, M. D., September 8th, 1896.

WALTER A. BARROWS, Grand Chief, Knights of the Golden Eagle.

GREETING—Trust you will have a successful session.

JACOB H. AULL.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., September 8th, 1896.

WALTER BARROWS, at session of Grand Castle, Knights Golden Eagle.

Business will prevent being present, but still at work for the Order and increase in north Jersey.

R. J. ROBERTSON,  
*Committee on Appeals.*

A bill of Thomas Parry's Sons for \$58.68, for finishing presentation badges was read and ordered paid.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report :

ATLANTIC CITY, September 9th, 1896.

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

BROTHERS :—Your Committee on Finance would recommend that an order of one hundred dollars be drawn on the Grand Keeper of Exchequer, for the purpose of paying the expenses of this session.

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

JOS. ARNOLD, *Chairman.*  
E. H. GINNELLEY.

On motion of P. G. C. Foust it was directed that an order be drawn for the amounts.

The following amendments to the Constitution were offered and laid over for one year under the rules :

*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.

ATLANTIC CITY, September 9th, 1896.

*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.*

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.

Communications from Monarch Castle, No. 9, and Vineland Castle, No. 46, as below, were read by the Grand Master of Records.

CAMDEN, N. J. September 5th, 1896.

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

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS:—At a regular stated session of Monarch Castle, No. 9, held this date, it was unanimously resolved that we respectfully ask the Grand Castle to create brother Samuel E. Wall a Past Chief for his eleven years faithful service as Second Guardsman of this Castle.

JOHN B. ROY, *N. C.*  
WM. L. SKINNER, *M. of R.*

VINELAND, N. J., August 27th, 1896.

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

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS:—Vineland Castle, No. 46, K. G. E., requested Representative T. K. Eastburn to ask the Grand Castle and Past Chiefs of the Grand Castle to confer the honor of Past Chief on brother Alfred Perks for valuable services to this Castle.

I. BOODY, *N. C.*  
JOSEPH MASON, *M. of R.*

P. C. Sutton, No. 9, moved that the petitions, as read, be granted. Adopted.

Bill of G. S. G. J. H. Spateholtz was presented with approval of Finance Committee and ordered paid.

P. C. Lock, No. 14, moved the reconsideration of the motion by which the matter of Grand Castle headquarters was placed in the hands of the Trustees, and the motion was adopted.

P. C. Lock, No. 14, moved that the Trustees be directed to remove the Grand Castle headquarters to the city of Trenton. Carried.

P. G. C. Foust moved that the Trustees be instructed to procure an office at a rent not to exceed \$150 per year. Adopted.

G. M. of R. Senseman moved that a vote of thanks be tendered to the committee of arrangements of Ocean Castle, No. 11, for the courtesy and attention shown the members of the Grand Castle during this session. Carried.

G. M. of R. Senseman moved that an order be drawn for rent of hall when bill is presented. Carried.

Supreme Chief Lyttle took the chair to instal the newly elected officers of the Grand Castle, and appointed the following as his installing staff:

P. G. C. Foust as Supreme Vice-Chief.  
G. H. P. Trachsel as Supreme High Priest.  
P. G. C. Highley as Supreme Sir Herald.

The following officers were installed.

Past Grand Chief—Walter A. Barrows.  
Grand Chief—William H. Ruf.  
Grand Vice-Chief—Charles E. Lane.  
Grand High Priest—J. B. Wainright, M. D.  
Grand Keeper of Exchequer—J. Harris Cogill.  
Grand Master of Records—A. L. Clark.  
Grand Sir Herald—James E. Russell.

Grand Chief Ruf, on assuming the chair, made the following remarks:

Past Chiefs of the Grand Castle of New Jersey, you will please accept my thanks for the honor you have conferred upon me by electing me to so distinguished a position as that of Grand Chief of our Order in this State. I am deeply sensible that it is a position of great responsibility as well as of honor, and it is with feeling of the greatest mistrust of my own abilities to discharge the duties in a manner that will be satisfactory to you or commensurate with the wants of our Order, that I accept it. I beg to assure you, however, that my humble efforts in the discharge of its duties will be directed to whatever

may be for the permanent prosperity and efficiency of our cause. I presume that the building up of our Order—the correct dissemination of its principles among our fellow man—is paramount to every other consideration. In thus associating ourselves together to secure, then, this great object which we all desire, and for which we are banded together, it is of first importance that we have harmony in our ranks. You have adopted laws for the benefit of the Order which should commend the respect and enlist the active co-operation of our brothers, and make a strong appeal to our friends who yet are not among us. It will be my great endeavor to preserve that harmonious action that will make our cause triumphant, and without which our efforts will be in vain. I confidently trust to have your sustaining influence and co-operation in preserving that harmony and union of purpose so necessary to our success.

Past Grand Chiefs, in the discharge of duties so important to the interest of the Order as your Grand Chief I have but little experience, and I shall be compelled to draw largely upon your indulgence. I trust that I may have your generous support, and that the united efforts of each and every one of us may be directed to the upbuilding of our Order in this State.

Again, Sir Knights, permit me to thank you for the honor conferred on me.

P. G. C. Foust moved that the address just made be incorporated in the proceedings.

P. G. C. Foust, on behalf of the Grand Castle, presented to P. G. C. Barrows Past Grand Chief's badge and jewel. Brother Barrows responded with remarks fitting the occasion.

P. C. Adolph Holmes, of Bayside Castle, No. 60, was announced in waiting to receive the Past Chief's Degree. The Past Chief was obligated in the ante-chamber by G. H. P. Wainright and P. G. C. Senseman.\*

P. G. C. Barrows then presented Past Grand Chiefs' badges and jewels to P. G. C. Senseman and P. G. C. Trachsel, who responded with appropriate remarks.

The Grand Chief announced the following appointments, and stated that the appointment of District Grand Chiefs and Grand Instructors would be announced in the future.

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

Grand Second Guardsman—Fred Giermann, No. 68.

*Committee on Law*.—P. G. C. R. M. Foust, No. 15, Chairman, Woodbury; Thomas Goodwin, No. 40; D. H. Soule, No. 25.

*Committee on Finance*.—P. G. C. H. J. Parks, No. 9, Chairman, Camden; H. Wainright, No. 59; E. H. Ginnelley, No. 7.

*Committee on Credentials*.—Edwin Williams, No. 50, Chairman, South Amboy; J. S. Kent, No. 54; J. Frank Cobb, No. 47.

*Committee on Printing*.—F. B. Wooley, No. 34, Chairman, Manasquan; W. S. Clark, No. 23; H. C. Shoemaker, No. 20.

*Committee on Appeals*.—P. G. C. F. W. Potter, No. 3, Chairman, Camden; P. G. C. W. C. Hunter, No. 36; P. G. C. George J. Robertson, No. 4; P. G. C. Joseph Arnold, No. 13; P. G. C. F. A. Buren, No. 25.

P. G. C. Foust moved that the appointments be confirmed. Carried.

\*NOTE.—Past Chiefs Henry Otto, Jr., No. 44, J. E. Mosher, No. 45 and Charles E. King, Jr., No. 47, were obligated in the ante-chamber during the session.

Upon the request of P. G. C. Foust Supreme Chief Lyttle exemplified the unwritten work in an able and efficient manner.

P. G. C. Highley moved that we proceed to the nomination and election of Representative to the Supreme Castle. Adopted.

P. G. C. Barrows was nominated.

G. C. Ruf appointed P. G. C. Highley and P. G. C. Foust as tellers, and the Grand Master of Records was delegated to cast the vote of the Grand Castle.

The tellers announced that P. G. C. Walter A. Barrows had been unanimously elected as Representative to Supreme Castle.

The courtesies of the floor being extended to Supreme Chief Lyttle, the Grand Castle was entertained with some interesting and instructive remarks.

The Grand Chief appointed as the committee in the case of P. C. John H. Black vs. Franklin Castle, No. 33—P. C. E. H. Ginnelley, No. 7; P. C. William S. Clark, No. 23; P. C. A. Q. Bloom, No. 28.

P. G. C. Highley moved that when the Grand Castle adjourn it be to meet in Jersey City during the second week in September, 1897. Carried.

G. C. Ruf made the following recommendation:

That the "EAGLE KNIGHT" be adopted as the official organ of this State, with the understanding that the card of the Grand Castle officers be published in each issue, and the names and address of all standing committees, also all official notices as may be given by the Grand Chief or Grand Master of Records.

That one copy be sent monthly to the Master of Records of each subordinate Castle and that a suitable amount be appropriated by this Grand Castle to carry this into effect.

P. G. C. Barrows moved that the recommendation of the Grand Chief be confirmed, and an appropriation of fifty dollars be made to the official organ.

The Grand Castle adjourned at 4.10 P. M.

Attest:



A. S. Clark,

Grand Master of Records.

*In Memoriam.*

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P. C. JOHN J. WRIGHT,

TRUSTEE OF THE GRAND CASTLE OF NEW JERSEY.

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DIED JULY 12th, 1895.

AGED 44 YEARS.

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Brother Wright was the organizer and first Master of Records of Mercer Castle, No. 23. At the organization of Eyrie Castle, No. 69, he connected himself with that Castle, was subsequently elected Master of Records, which post he held until his death. He was elected Trustee of the Grand Castle at New Brunswick, October 2d, 1895. He was also an active member of Mercer Commandery, No. 6, Military Branch.

Brother Wright was a genial, whole-souled gentleman, whose kindly, courteous bearing endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. In the Castle he was an active, energetic worker whose loss will be severely felt.

## In Memoriam.

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- E. Eyre, Washington Castle, No. 3.  
Died October 1st, 1895.
- George Ferguson, Washington Castle, No. 3.  
Died April 12th, 1896.
- C. R. Manship, Washington Castle, No. 3.  
Died April 16th, 1896.
- Charles Hannah, Washington Castle, No. 3.  
Died April 18th, 1896.
- Caleb S. Nixon, New Jersey Castle, No. 4.  
Died August 23d, 1895.
- John H. Carr, New Jersey Castle, No. 4.  
Died December 6th, 1895.
- Burr Wilkins, Red Cross Castle, No. 6.  
Died March 29th, 1896.
- H. Craythorne, Cyrene Castle, No. 8.  
Died May 1896.
- Samuel C. Southard, Monarch Castle, No. 9.  
Died April 1896.
- James Russ, Crusaders' Castle, No. 14.  
Died April 27th, 1896.
- Henry Fraas, Woodbury Castle, No. 15.  
Died January 25th, 1896.
- William Grissum, Woodbury Castle, No. 15.  
Died June 22d, 1896.
- Frank Thacklingburg, Marlton Castle, No. 16.  
Died January 18th, 1896.
- H. T. Pearce, Leod Castle, No. 20.  
Died September 28th, 1895.
- George H. Cook, Burlington Castle, No. 21.  
Died March 17th, 1896.
- John H. Bareford, Burlington Castle, No. 21.  
Died April 3d, 1896.

## In Memoriam.

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- Thomas H. Munson, Palmyra Castle, No. 22.  
Died July 17th, 1895.
- Joseph A. Fluck, Palmyra Castle, No. 22.  
Died March 27th, 1896.
- A. T. Lake, Mercer Castle, No. 23,  
Died May 30th, 1896.
- George C. Howell, Mercer Castle, No. 23.  
Died June 5th, 1896.
- A. Heritage, Lincoln Castle, No. 31.  
Died December 16th, 1895.
- Sanford Dilley, Franklin Castle, No. 33.  
Died February 23d, 1896.
- Nicholas Weber, Franklin Castle, No. 33.  
Died May 29th, 1896.
- John I. Poinsett, Wrightstown Castle, No. 35.  
Died December 17th, 1895.
- P. C. George Rawson, Mt. Everest Castle, No. 38.  
Died March 9th, 1896.
- W. T. Glackin, Vineland Castle, No. 46.  
Died March 22d, 1896.
- E. C. Jeffries, Seaside Castle, No. 56.  
Died September 30th, 1895.
- Oliver Huff, Windsor Castle, No. 59.  
Died March 21st, 1896.
- Heinrich Schroeder, Star of Bethlehem Castle, No. 68.  
Died March 30th, 1896.
- P. C. Joseph H. Gibbs, Phoenix Castle, No. 70.  
Died August 25th, 1895.
- Lewis Watson, Phoenix Castle, No. 70.  
Died October 14th, 1895.
- John Dooley, Phoenix Castle, No. 70.  
Died March 18th, 1896.

# SPECIAL SESSIONS.

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HEADQUARTERS GRAND CASTLE OF NEW JERSEY,  
KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE,  
ROOM 17, NEW JERSEY TRUST BUILDING,

CAMDEN, N. J., November 4th, 1895.

Pursuant to proclamation by the Grand Chief, a special session of the Grand Castle was held this evening.

The Grand Officers present were:

Grand Chief—Walter A. Barrows.

Grand High Priest—John C. F. Trachsel.

Grand Keeper of Exchequer (elect)—J. Harris Cogill.

Grand Master of Records—E. D. Senseman.

Grand Trustee—James E. Highley.

There were also present the following Past Chiefs from the Castles named:

P. G. C. F. W. Potter, No. 3.  
P. C. Joseph W. Jackson, No. 3.  
P. C. E. H. Ginnelley, No. 7.  
P. C. William L. Skinner, No. 9.  
P. G. C. Joseph Arnold, No. 13.  
P. C. Thomas Lock, No. 14.  
P. G. C. R. M. Foust, No. 15.

P. C. William H. Currie, No. 17.  
P. G. C. F. A. Buren, No. 25.  
P. C. John L. Vehe, No. 25.  
P. C. A. M. Whilt, No. 29.  
P. C. E. T. Johnson, No. 29.  
P. C. J. C. Dischert, No. 30.  
P. C. Herman Rosade, No. 70.

The Grand Castle was opened in due form, and the Grand Master of Records read the proclamation for special session, as follows:

OFFICE OF THE GRAND CHIEF, KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE,  
MOUNT HOLLY, N. J., November 2d, 1895.

PROCLAMATION.

In the exercise of the power and authority vested in the Grand Chief by the Constitution and laws of the Order, I, Walter A. Barrows, Grand Chief of the Grand Castle, Knights of the Golden Eagle of New Jersey, do hereby call an emergent or special session of the Grand Castle of New Jersey, to meet at the Headquarters of the Order in this State, Room 17, in the New Jersey Trust Company Building, Northeast Corner of Market and Third Streets, in Camden, N. J., at 8.30 o'clock on Monday evening, November 4th, 1895.

The purpose of said meeting is to instal J. Harris Cogill, Grand Keeper of Exchequer elect, into his post.

Given under my hand and attested with the seal of the Grand Castle, this second day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five.

WALTER A. BARROWS,  
*Grand Chief.*

[SEAL.]

Attest:

E. D. SENSEMAN,  
*Grand Master of Records.*

The Grand Keeper of Exchequer elect, J. Harris Cogill, of Trenton Castle, No. 7, was then duly installed. P. G. C. Potter acting as Supreme Chief, assisted by G. H. P. Trachsel as Supreme High Priest, and P. G. C. Robert M. Foust as Supreme Sir Herald.

The Grand Castle then closed.

E. D. SENSEMAN,  
*Grand Master of Records.*

RIBSAM BUILDING, TRENTON, N. J., February 20, 1896.

The Grand Castle of New Jersey, Knights of the Golden Eagle convened in special session, pursuant to call of the Grand Chief, at 10 A. M., this date.

The following Grand Officers occupied their respective posts during the session:

Past Grand Chief—William C. Hunter.  
Grand Chief—Walter A. Barrows.  
Grand Vice Chief—William H. Ruf.  
Grand High Priest—J. C. F. Trachsel.  
Grand Keeper of Exchequer—J. Harris Cogill.  
Grand Master of Records—E. D. Senseman.  
Grand Sir Herald—W. T. Dubois,

Trustees present—P. G. C. J. E. Highley; P. C. John J. Wright.

Neither of the members of the Committee on Credentials being present at the opening of the session, the Grand Chief named P. C. Thomas Lock, No. 14, P. C. Edwin Williams, No. 50, and P. C. Jacob S. Kent, No. 54, to fill the vacancies.

Supreme Chief A. C. Lyttle, Lieutenant-General H. P. Reinicke and P. S. C. J. D. Barnes, were introduced and seated in the Grand Castle.

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

HEADQUARTERS, KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE,  
NEW JERSEY TRUST BUILDING, THIRD AND MARKET STREETS.

*To all Castles of the Knights of the Golden Eagle in New Jersey.*

In the exercise of the power and authority in him vested by the Constitution of the Grand Castle, the Grand Chief of the Grand Castle of New Jersey, Knights of the Golden Eagle, hereby calls a special session of the Grand Castle, to convene at the hall of Mercer Castle, No. 23, Corner South Broad and Front Streets, Trenton, N. J., on Thursday, the twentieth day of February, 1896, at 12 o'clock noon.

The business to be brought before the Grand Castle for action therein is as follows :

The matter of establishing a State Funeral or Death Benefit Fund, under the care and control of the Grand Castle and the adoption of laws and rules for the government of such Fund, if the matter of establishing a State Fund shall be approved.

In witness whereof the Grand Chief has hereto set his hand and caused the seal of the Grand Castle to be affixed this twenty-ninth day of January 1896.

Attest :

E. D. SENSEMAN, *G. M. of R.*

WALTER A. BARROWS,  
*Grand Chief.*

The Committee on Credentials reported the following Past Chiefs entitled to receive the Past Chief's Degree, and they were duly obligated and instructed and took their seats as members of the Grand Castle :

Benjamin F. Kellum, No. 3,  
Thomas Chafey, No. 4,  
Judson Hooper, No. 7,  
Benjamin Holland, No. 7,  
Morris T. Cogill, No. 7,  
George P. Sutton, No. 9,  
L. S. Waddington, No. 10,

Charles T. Vansandt, No. 23,  
Charles B. Schnell, No. 23,  
George M. Dallas, No. 28,  
Jacob Theis, No. 28,  
William S. Eldridge, No. 61,  
George Van Gilder, No. 72,

## The following Representatives were present :

Benjamin F. Kellum, No. 3,  
 Thomas Chafey, No. 4,  
 George P. Sutton, No. 9,  
 Griffith B. Irelan, No. 11,  
 Charles B. Greenfield, No. 14,  
 William H. Currie, No. 17,  
 Peter Spotts, No. 18,  
 William C. Wescoat, No. 21,  
 A. L. Clark, No. 23,  
 D. H. Soule, No. 25,  
 Adam Q. Bloom, No. 28,  
 A. M. Whilt, No. 29,  
 Edson Apgar, No. 32,  
 Edward Silver, No. 33,  
 R. M. Marks, No. 34.

Benjamin Remine, No. 35,  
 B. R. Moffett, No. 36,  
 John C. Haynes, No. 43,  
 L. P. Schmidt, No. 44,  
 T. K. Eastburn, No. 46,  
 Edgar Bills, No. 47,  
 Edwin Williams, No. 50,  
 I. J. Grimshaw, No. 51,  
 Jacob S. Kent, No. 54,  
 Halstead Wainwright, No. 59,  
 William S. Eldridge, No. 61,  
 W. T. Snowden, No. 64,  
 W. L. Shropshire, No. 65,  
 John J. Wright, No. 69,  
 Charles W. Crouch, No. 71.

## The following Castles were represented :

Millville, No. 2,  
 Washington, No. 3,  
 New Jersey, No. 4,  
 Trenton, No. 7,  
 Monarch, No. 9,  
 Puritan, No. 10,  
 Ocean, No. 11,  
 Bridgeton, No. 13,  
 Crusaders', No. 14,  
 Woodbury, No. 15,  
 Herald, No. 17,  
 Florence, No. 18,  
 Leod, No. 20,  
 Burlington, No. 21,  
 Cross and Crown, No. 25,  
 Capital, No. 28,  
 Merchantville, No. 29,  
 Califon, No. 32,  
 Franklin, No. 33,  
 Clyde, No. 34.

Wrightstown, No. 35,  
 Cœur de Lion, No. 36,  
 Annandale, No. 43,  
 Antioch, No. 44,  
 Vineland, No. 46,  
 Corinthian, No. 47,  
 Sterling, No. 50,  
 Monmouth, No. 51,  
 Greenwich, No. 53,  
 Columbia, No. 54,  
 Windsor, No. 59,  
 Excelsior, No. 61,  
 Passaic, No. 64,  
 Cumberland, No. 65,  
 Star of Bethlehem, No. 68,  
 Eyrie, No. 69,  
 Phoenix, No. 70,  
 New Brunswick, No. 71,  
 To-Kalon, No. 72.

A motion to take a recess from one until two o'clock was carried. Prior to closing, Supreme Chief Lyttle, P. S. C. Barnes and Lieutenant-General Reinicke were called upon and responded with interesting remarks.

At one o'clock the Grand Castle closed to reassemble at two.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Castle reassembled at 2.30 P. M., and immediately proceeded with the business for which the special session was called, the first matter taken up being the proposition to create a State Death Benefit or Funeral Fund, as suggested by the Grand Chief in the circular issued in relation to the subject.

After some preliminary remarks by Grand Chief Barrows, P. C. Jackson, No. 3, moved that the circular issued by the Grand Chief be read and the motion was carried.

The Grand Master of Records read the circular referred to.

Past Chief William C. Wescoat, No. 21, moved, that the matter be taken up for action.

Past Grand Chief Highley moved that the whole matter be postponed, and quoted from the laws of the Supreme Castle for the government of the Death Benefit Fund, which forbids the name of the said fund to be used by any other body of members of the Order.

Grand Chief Barrows called Past Chief Kent, No. 54, to the chair and took the floor in opposition to the motion, quoting from the Constitution of the Supreme Castle, which delegates to the Subordinate Castles the sole right to regulate their dues, benefits and assessments.

Quite a lengthy discussion then took place, which was participated in by Grand Chief Barrows, P. C. Kent, No. 54, P. C. Haynes, No. 43, P. C. Schmidt, No. 44, P. C. Sutton, No. 9, P. C. Lock, No. 14, P. C. Wescoat, No. 21, P. G. C. Hunter and others.

On a vote being taken the motion to postpone indefinitely was carried.

The Grand Castle then went into committee of the whole for the purpose of considering the new Constitution for Subordinate Castles and after acting on same the committee arose and reported the Constitution to the Grand Castle.

The Code of Trials and accompanying forms, together with the Rules of Order, which had been revised by the Committee on Law under resolution passed at the last annual session, were appended to the Constitution as reported by the committee, and the report, with this addition, was adopted as a whole.

On motion of P. G. C. Arnold a vote of thanks was tendered to P. S. C. Barnes for valuable suggestions and information.

On motion of G. H. P. Trachsel it was ordered that the new Constitution be printed in English and German and three copies furnished to each Castle.

The special session was then closed in due form.

Attest:

E. D. SENSEMAN,  
*Grand Master of Records.*

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 Sterling Castle, No. 50, South Amboy, January 18th, 1896.

H. P. Mack, No. 50,  
Edward Coville, No. 50,  
Joseph Wilson, No. 50,  
Charles Smock, No. 50,

G. W. Vorhees, No. 50,  
H. E. Mack, No. 50,  
A. C. Somerville, No. 50.

Hall of Silver Cross Castle, No. 63, White House, February 4th, 1896.

John N. Conover, No. 63.

E. G. Farley, No. 63.

Hall of Windsor Castle, No. 59, Farmingdale, February 14th, 1896.

John H. Story, No. 51,  
John Hess, No. 51,  
W. S. Chambers, No. 51,  
Harry W. Brown, No. 51,

Luther Green, No. 51,  
W. H. Flitcroft, No. 59,  
A. A. Marks, No. 59.

Hall of Seaside Castle, No. 56, Atlantic City, February 18th 1896.

E. F. Hann, No. 11,  
G. B. Irelan, No. 11,

A. L. Atkinson, No. 60,  
John H. Strang, No. 60.

Hall of Clyde Castle, No. 34, Manasquan, February 27th, 1896.

Frank Bills, No. 20,  
Edward Ricketts, No. 20,  
J. C. Sculthorp, No. 20,

Howard Van Schaick, No. 47,  
H. Chumard, No. 57,  
J. S. Allen, No. 57.

Hall of Paulsboro Castle, No. 48, Paulsboro, March 10th, 1896.

Harry Clark, No. 15,

R. P. Stetser, No. 48.

Hall of Prospect Castle, No. 40, Pitman Grove, March 19, 1896.

Clyde W. Sickler, No. 30,  
Thomas Stephenson, No. 39,  
Charles Allen, No. 40,  
S. G. Lefevre, No. 40,

Samuel Greenwood, No. 40,  
Joseph Lodge, No. 40,  
A. S. Conover, No. 40,  
John Warren, No. 40.

Hall of Phoenix Castle, No. 70, Camden, March 23d, 1896.

J. H. Elfreth, No. 3,

Aaron K. Clymer, No. 70.

Hall of Palmyra Castle, No. 22, Palmyra, March 25th, 1896.

F. S. Day, No. 22,  
C. W. Shinn, No. 22,  
William B. Powell, No. 22,

J. W. Conner, No. 22.  
A. H. Thompson, No. 22.

Hall of Franklin Castle, No. 33, Lambertville, March 31st, 1896.

W. G. Lauer, No. 33,  
W. R. Michener, No. 33,

William Phillips, No. 33,  
Frederick Massey, No. 33.

Hall of Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, Bridgeton, April 7th, 1896.

Frank D. Paulin, No. 13,  
William Daniels, No. 13,  
William Stiles, No. 13,  
William A. Robinson, No. 13,

George Cowan, No. 13,  
George Bowen, No. 62,  
H. J. Shoemaker, No. 62.

Hall of Millville Castle, No. 2, Millville, April, 16th, 1896.

Charles Hand, Jr., No. 2,  
Edward Rumbf, No. 2,  
Harry Lippincott, No. 2,

V. G. Audubon, No. 46,  
William O'Neil, No. 65,  
Robert Garrison, No. 65.

Hall of Puritan Castle, No. 10, Quinton, April 20th, 1896.

Hickman Spears, No. 10,  
William Berry, No. 10,

John Riggins, No. 10,  
Charles Royal, No. 10.

Hall of Forked River Castle, No. 49, Forked River, April 30th, 1896.

Edward Mount, No. 26,  
Nathan M. Letts, No. 26,  
Elon Garthwaite, No. 49,  
B. F. Holmes, Jr., 49,

George Woolley, No. 49,  
John W. Bunnell, No. 49,  
Horatio G. Wilbert, No. 49.

Hall of Fidelity Castle, No. 24, Moorestown, May 15th, 1896.

William A. Vincelleto, No. 8,  
Joseph J. Scott, No. 24,  
J. W. Jones, No. 24,

Frank G. Shreeve, No. 24,  
John L. Dix, No. 24,  
George Knell, Jr., No. 24.

Hall of Eyrie Castle, No. 69, Trenton, May 18th, 1896.

Harry C. Longstreth, No. 7,  
William Pierson, No. 28,  
John S. Kittle, No. 28,

Charles Stahl, No. 68,  
James M. Dillon, No. 69.

Hall of Columbia Castle, No. 54, Paterson, Thursday, May 21st, 1896.

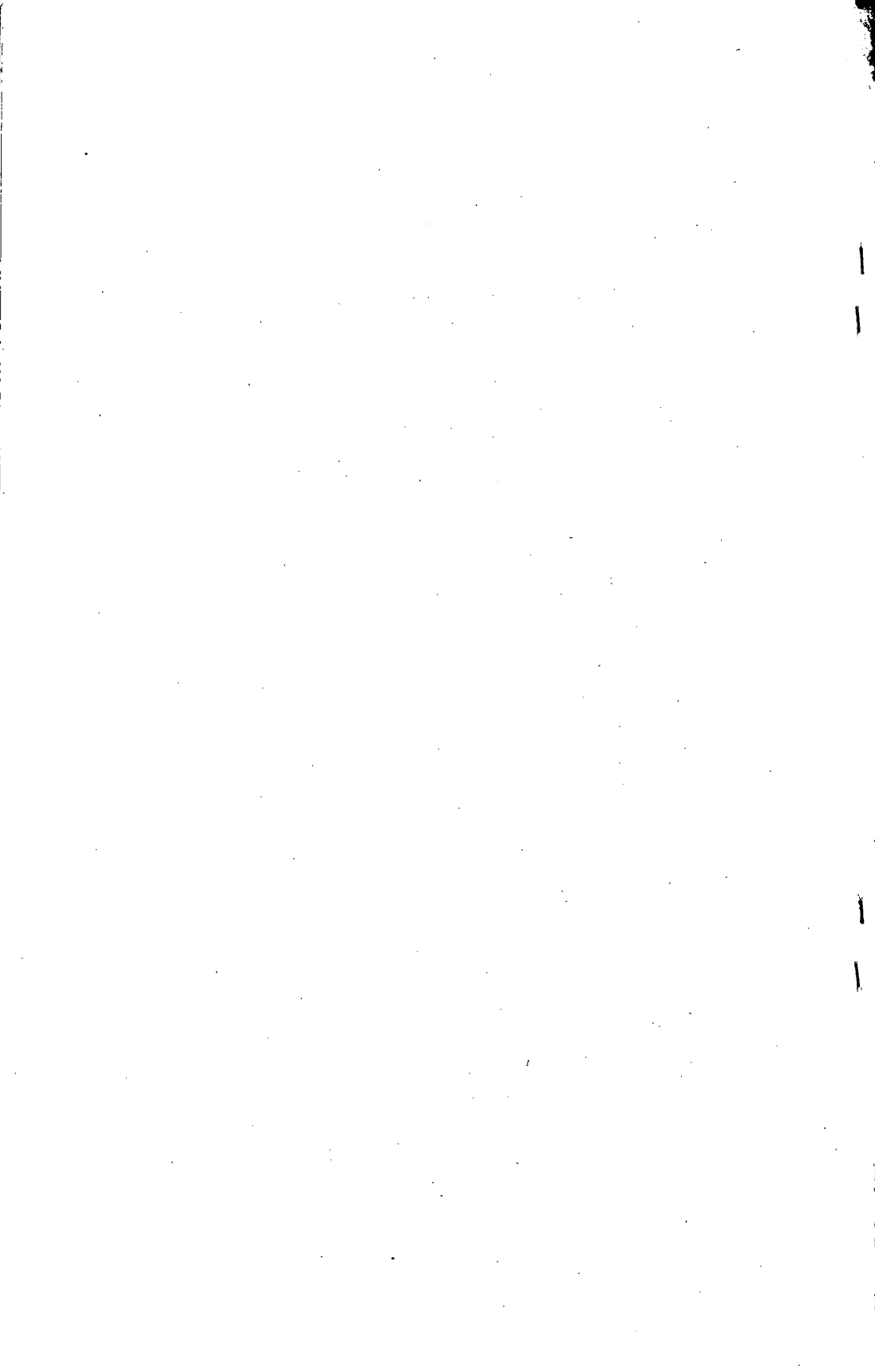
Thomas Connolly, No. 54,  
Nicholas Demarest, No. 58,

Gus. W. Røeger, No. 64.

# CASTLE DIRECTORY.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.	MEETS.	MASTER RECORDS	ADDRESS.	PLACE OF MEETING.
2	Millville	Millville	Cumberland	Thursday	Wm. H. Calkin	214 South Fourth St.	K. G. E. Hall.
3	Washington	Camden	Camden	Friday	Joseph W. Jackson	430 Stevens Street	Fifth and Pine Streets.
4	New Jersey	Mt. Holly	Burlington	Thursday	Geo. F. Coleman	Mount Holly	Red Men's Hall.
5	Ivanhoe	Salem	Salem	Tuesday	Leah M. Bacon	P. O. Box 248	Odd Fellows' Hall.
6	Red Cross	Medford	Burlington	Thursday	E. B. Reece	Medford	Odd Fellows' Hall
7	Trenton	Trenton	Mercer	Tuesday	I. Harris Cogill	124 Montgomery St.	Eagle Hall.
8	Cyrene	Town of Stockton	Camden	Thursday	Wm. J. Engelman	North Cramer Hill	Enterprise Hall.
9	Monarch	Camden	Camden	Saturday	Wm. J. Schiner	43 North Third St.	Fourth and Market Sts.
10	Puritan	Quinton	Salem	Monday	Geo. H. Parker	Quinton	K. G. E. Hall.
11	Ocean	Atlantic City	Atlantic	Monday	W. A. Robinson	905 N. Indiana Ave.	Odd Fellows' Hall.
12	Bridgeton	Bridgeton	Cumberland	Tuesday	Wm. F. Smith	Box 212	Eagle Hall.
13	Bridgeton	Burlington	Burlington	Tuesday	Robert M. Burrows	Burlington	Library Hall.
14	Crusaders	Woodbury	Burlington	Tuesday	Wm. F. Smith	Woodbury	Red Men's Hall.
15	Woodbury	Woodbury	Gloucester	Tuesday	Wm. H. Savoy	Marlton	K. of P. Hall.
16	Marlton	Marlton	Burlington	Tuesday	C. I. Hazard	Beverly	Odd Fellows' Hall.
17	Herald	Beverly	Burlington	Thursday	Robert Cottam	Beverly	Odd Fellows' Hall.
18	Florence	Florence	Burlington	Tuesday	H. C. Shoemaker	Box 28	Odd Fellows' Hall.
19	Leod	Pl. Pleasant	Ocean	Thursday	E. A. Leatherbury	Pl. Pleasant	Leod Hall.
20	Burlington	Burlington	Burlington	Thursday	F. S. Day	Burlington	Society Hall.
21	Burlington	Palmyra	Burlington	Thursday	A. L. Clark	Palmyra	Red Men's Hall.
22	Palmyra	Palmyra	Burlington	Wednesday	J. Louis Edwards	222 North Willow St.	Leod Hall.
23	Mercer	Trenton	Mercer	Thursday	D. H. Soule	Moorestown	Society Hall.
24	Fidelity	Moorestown	Burlington	Friday	J. R. Steelman	Moorestown	K. G. E. Hall.
25	Cross & Crown	Town of Stockton	Camden	Monday	L. W. Cramer	Cramer Hill	Ratons' Hall.
26	Stafford	Manahawken	Ocean	Tuesday	Geo. F. Scheele	Manahawken	W. C. T. U. Hall.
27	Silver Star	Manahawken	Ocean	Thursday	E. H. Kilgore	Manahawken	Prudom Hall.
28	Capital	May's Landing	Mercer	Wednesday	J. Ellis Paulin	May's Landing	Atlantic Hall.
29	Merchantville	Merchantville	Mercer	Wednesday	William Cleveland	248 Pavaud Street	Prudom Hall.
30	Volunteer	Glassboro	Gloucester	Wednesday	W. H. Chew	Glassboro	Cor. Hudson and Mott St.
31	Lincold	Hurricane	Gloucester	Wednesday	William Cleveland	Hurricane	Association Hall.
32	Calton	Calton	Hunterdon	Tuesday	W. R. Michener	Calton	Calton Hall.
33	Franklin	Lambertville	Hunterdon	Tuesday	Willis A. Mount	Lambertville	Cooper Hall.
34	Clyde	Manasquan	Monmouth	Thursday	J. B. Shinn	Manasquan	Frederick's Hall.
35	Wrightstown	Wrightstown	Burlington	Tuesday	C. K. Mavor	Wrightstown	Davis' Hall.
36	Cœur de Lion	Swedesboro	Gloucester	Monday	John M. Orr	Swedesboro	Masonic Hall.
37	Mt. Everest	Pateron	Passaic	Monday	Frank LeFevre	Swedesboro	Masonic Hall.
38	Clayton	Clayton	Gloucester	Thursday	Thomas B. Swals	84 Pennington Street	First Nat. Bank Building.
39	Clayton	Clayton	Gloucester	Thursday	C. I. Harding	Clayton	Odd Fellows' Hall.
40	Prospect	Pitman Grove	Gloucester	Thursday	Annandale	Pitman Grove	K. G. E. Hall.
41	Annandale	Annandale	Hunterdon	Thursday	L. P. Schmidt	Annandale	K. G. E. Hall.
42	Autouch	Egg Harbor	Atlantic	Tuesday		Egg Harbor City	Annandale Hall.
43	Annandale	Annandale	Hunterdon	Thursday			Annandale Hall.
44	Autouch	Egg Harbor	Atlantic	Tuesday			Beyer's Hall.

45	Tuckerton	Tuckerton	Burlington	Friday	J. W. Horner	Tuckerton	A. T. B. Society Hall.
46	Vineland	Vineland	Cumberland	Thursday	Joseph Mason	Vineland	G. A. R. Hall.
47	Corinthian	Asbury Park	Monmouth	Monday	J. H. Ryno	Asbury Park	Asbury Council Hall.
48	Paulsboro	Paulsboro	Gloucester	Tuesday	Harry Greenwood	Paulsboro	Odd Fellows' Hall.
49	Forked River	Forked River	Ocean	Thursday	Frank P. Wilbert	Forked River	Fidelity Hall.
50	Sterling	South Amboy	Middlesex	Saturday	Charles Vandegrift	South Amboy	Odd Fellows' Hall.
51	Monmouth	Freehold	Monmouth	Monday	Walter S. White	Freehold	Forman's Hall.
52	Elmer	Elmer	Cumberland	Tuesday	W. L. Hitchner	Elmer	Odd Fellows' Hall.
53	Greenwich	Clarksboro	Gloucester	Monday	Henry L. Haines	Clarksboro	District Hall.
54	Columbia	Paterson	Passaic	Thursday	J. H. Harvey	797 Main Street	Odd Fellow's Hall.
56	Wall	Atlantic City	Atlantic	Tuesday	Frank K. Field	1717 1/2 Atlantic Ave.	Odd Fellows' Hall.
57	Star of Liberty	Spring Lake	Monmouth	Tuesday	P. C. Brown	Spring Lake	Eagle Hall
58	Windsor	Pompton Lakes	Monmouth	Friday	A. W. VanSaun	Pompton Plains	Durings' Hall.
59	Excelsior	Farmingdale	Passaic	Tuesday	W. B. Goodenough	Farmingdale	Red Men's Hall.
60	Progressive	Green Creek	Monmouth	Tuesday	C. E. C. Steelman	Somers' Point	Hagerty's Hall.
61	Silver Cross	Bridgeton	Cape May	Saturday	Seth Miller, Jr.	Green Creek	School Building.
62	Passaic	White House	Hunterdon	Thursday	John C. Pierce	Bridgeton	Mystic Chain Hall.
63	Cumberland	Passaic	Passaic	Thursday	William B. Pickell	White House	Bonnell's Hall.
64	Golden Cross	Port Norris	Ocean	Tuesday	Gus. W. Koeger	287 1/2 Passaic Street	Red Men's Hall.
65	St. of Bethle'm	New Egypt	Passaic	Wednesday	Oscar Buzby	Port Norris	K. of P. Hall.
66	Phœnix	Trenton	Merrr	Friday	George F. Betzler	New Egypt	Red Men's Hall.
67	New Brunswick	Camden	Middlesex	Monday	Joseph J. Daley	77 Pine Street	Ball Building.
68	To-Kalon	Long Branch	Monmouth	Friday	Fred Germann	122 Hewitt Street	793 South Broad Street.
69					L. M. Hoey	422 Berkley Street	Fourth and Federal Sts.
70					Chas. H. Schuyler	111 Codwise Ave.	Peoples' National Bank.
71					S. Robert White	Long Branch City	Article Lodge Room.
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# District Grand Chiefs, Grand Instructors and Standing Committees.

1896-1897.

## DISTRICT GRAND CHIEFS.

First District (Nos. 13, 52, 62, 65)—W. L. SHROPSHIRE, Port Norris.  
Second District (Nos. 2, 46, 61)—GEORGE MULL, Vineland.  
Third District (Nos. 11, 27, 44, 60)—HENRY OTTO, Egg Harbor.  
Fourth District (Nos. 5, 10)—J. M. BACON, Salem.  
Fifth District (Nos. 30, 31, 39, 40)—J. C. DISCHERT, Glassboro.  
Sixth District (Nos. 15, 30, 48, 53)—C. K. MEYERS, Swedesboro.  
Seventh District (Nos. 26, 45, 49)—J. E. MOSHIER, Tuckerton.  
Eighth District (Nos. 3, 9, 16, 70)—CHAPMAN BRELSFORD, Camden.  
Ninth District (Nos. 8, 24, 25, 29)—JOHN L. VEHE, Cramer Hill.  
Tenth District (Nos. 4, 6)—FRANKLIN DENNIS, Mount Holly.  
Eleventh District (Nos. 35, 66)—WARDDELL HARKER, New Egypt.  
Twelfth District (Nos. 14, 17, 18, 21, 22)—WILLIAM H. CURRIE, Beverly.  
Thirteenth District (Nos. 7, 23, 28, 68, 69)—WILLIAM G. ZEIGLER, Trenton.  
Thirteenth District (German Castle)—FRANK THOMANN, Trenton.  
Fourteenth District (Nos. 20, 34, 47, 57, 72)—EDGAR BILLS, Asbury Park.  
Fifteenth District (Nos. 50, 71)—R. S. TURTON, New Brunswick.  
Sixteenth District (Nos. 32, 43, 63)—EDSON AFGAR, Califon.  
Seventeenth District (Nos. 38, 54, 67)—THOMAS CONNOLLY, Paterson.  
Eighteenth District (Nos. 58, 64)—W. T. SNOWDEN, Passaic.  
Nineteenth District (Nos. 51, 59)—JOHN H. STORY, Freehold.  
Twentieth District (No. 33)—WATSON R. MICHENER, Lambertville.

## GRAND INSTRUCTORS.

First District—I. B. JOHNSON, Bridgeton.  
Second District—A. M. ROBERTSON, Green Creek.  
Fourth District—L. S. RIGGINS, Quinton.  
Fifth District—C. I. HARDING, Clayton.  
Sixth District—HENRY L. HAINES, Clarksboro.  
Eighth District—BENJAMIN F. KELLUM, Camden.  
Ninth District—E. T. JOHNSON, Merchantville.  
Twelfth District—C. B. GREENFIELD, Burlington.  
Thirteenth District—JACOB YOUNG, Trenton.  
Thirteenth District (German Castle)—CHARLES STAHL, Trenton.  
Fourteenth District—WILLIAM J. COOK, Point Pleasant.  
Fifteenth District—C. B. PEARCE, South Amboy.  
Sixteenth District—J. W. SHARP, Annandale.  
Seventeenth District—J. W. SMITH, Paterson.  
Eighteenth District—A. J. N. LOCKWOOD, Pompton Lakes.  
Nineteenth District—EDWARD IMLAY, Farmingdale.

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

*Law*—ROBERT M. FOUST, Box 286, Woodbury; THOMAS A. GOODWIN, Pitman Grove; DANIEL H. SOULE, Cramer Hill.

*Finance*—HORACE J. PARKS, 533 Berkley Street, Camden; HALSTEAD WAINRIGHT, Farmingdale; E. H. GINNELLEY, Trenton.

*Credentials*—EDWIN WILLIAMS, South Amboy; JACOB S. KENT, Paterson; J. FRANK COBB, Asbury Park.

*Printing*—F. B. WOOLEY, Manasquan; WILLIAM S. CLARK, Trenton; H. C. SHOEMAKER, Point Pleasant.

*Appeals*—F. WAYLAND POTTER, 541 Bailey Street, Camden; WILLIAM C. HUNTER, Swedesboro; GEORGE J. ROBERTSON, Mount Holly; JOSEPH ARNOLD, Camden; F. A. BUREN, Cramer Hill.

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Mount Holly.

GRAND CHIEF,  
WILLIAM H. RUF,  
Manasquan.

GRAND VICE-CHIEF,  
CHARLES E. LANE,  
Camden.

GRAND HIGH PRIEST,  
DR. J. B. WAINRIGHT,  
Manasquan.

GRAND KEEPER OF EXCHEQUER,  
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Trenton.

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Atlantic City.

GRAND SECOND GUARDSMAN,  
FRED. GIERMANN,  
Trenton.

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A. Q. BLOOM,  
Trenton.

JAMES E. HIGHLEY,  
Woodbury.

JOHN C. F. TRACHSEL,  
Cramer Hill.

*Yes. Are you going?*