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A. L. CLARK,
Grand Master of Records.

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Knights of the Golden Eagle.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Castle

OF

NEW JERSEY.

SESSION HELD IN THE HALL OF MONARCH CASTLE; No. 9
CAMDEN.

September 4th and 5th, 1899.

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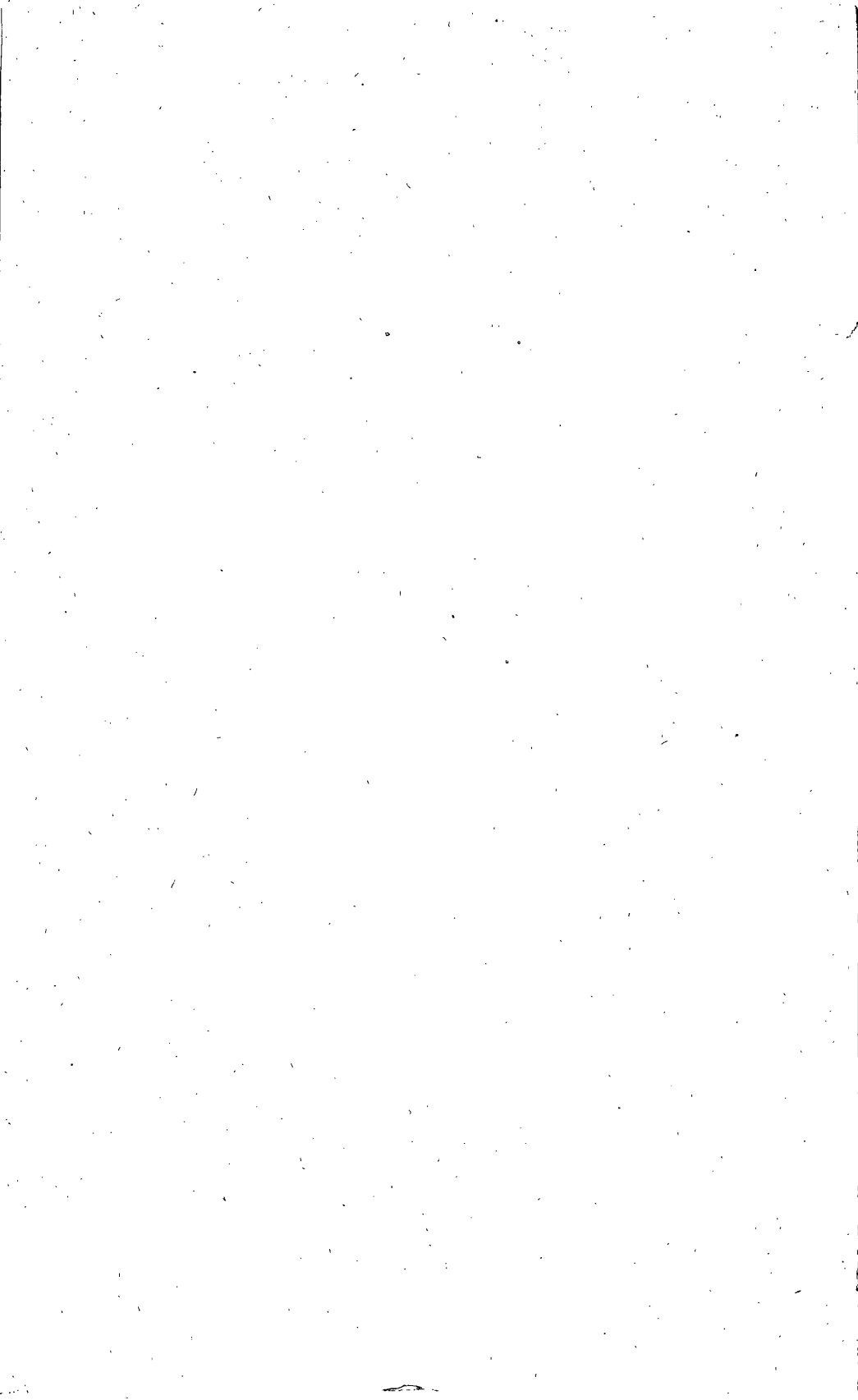
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PROCEEDINGS.

CAMDEN, N. J., September 4th, 1899.

The Sixteenth Annual Session of the GRAND CASTLE OF NEW JERSEY, KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE, convened in Morgan's Hall, corner Fourth and Market Streets, in this city, on above date at 10.30 A.M.

The hall was filled with the visiting Sir Knights and Companions of the various Castles and Temples of the State.

District Grand Chief John L. Vehe, chairman of the local committee, presided and made the opening address of welcome on behalf of the Sir Knights of Camden, which was followed by Past Grand Chief F. Wayland Potter on behalf of the Grand Castle, and by Grand Templar Mrs. Mary Parsons on behalf of the Grand Temple.

The programme of the day was announced as follows :

11 o'clock A. M. Opening of session of Grand Castle and Grand Temple.

3.30 o'clock P. M. Parade of the Order.

8 o'clock P.M. Reception to the visiting members and ladies in Sigle's Hall, Twenty-fourth and Federal Streets.

The meeting thereupon arose.

The Grand Castle was called to order at 11 o'clock A.M., Grand Chief James E. Russell presiding.

The Grand Chief appointed P. C. Joseph W. Jackson, No. 3, and P. G. C. E. D. Senseman, No. 9, to fill vacancies in Committee on Credentials.

P. G. C. William H. Ruf, No. 34, P. G. C. Walter A. Barrows, No. 4, P. C. James Forrester, No. 22, and P. C. George W. Chamberlain, No. 66, were appointed as the Committee on Distribution.

The Grand Castle session was opened in due form.

Officers present :

Grand Chief—James E. Russell.

Grand Vice-Chief—Jacob S. Kent.

Grand High Priest—Dr. J. B. Wainright.

Grand Master of Records—A. L. Clark.

Grand Keeper of Exchequer—J. Harris Cogill.

Grand Sir Herald—Arthur H. Hope.

Grand First Guardsman—Tobias Grace.

Grand Second Guardsman—S. Robert White.

Grand Trustees—John C. F. Trachsel.

A. Q. Bloom,

and a constitutional quorum.

The members of the committees present were—

Law—P. G. C. William H. Ruf, No. 34 ; P. C. George F. Scheele, No. 28 ; P. C. James Forrester, No. 22.

Finance—P. C. Dr. E. H. Ginnelley, No. 23 ; P. C. Robert Cottam, No. 18 ; P. C. Moses Hill, No. 33.

Credentials—P. C. Thomas A. Warren, No. 3.

Printing.—P. G. C. F. A. Buren, No. 25 ; P. C. Thomas Farrell, No. 23 ; P. C. Joseph H. Matlack, No. 21.

Appeals.—P. G. C. F. Wayland Potter, No. 3 ; P. C. Dr. George W. Chamberlain, No. 66 ; P. C. George P. Sutton, No. 9 ; P. C. A. S. Haines, No. 6 ; C. C. K. Mayer, No. 36.

The following Representatives answered roll-call :

J. W. Knowles, No. 2,
 J. S. H. Sprague, No. 3,
 S. L. Richmond, No. 5,
 F. C. Leuallen, No. 6,
 Charles W. Gelpke, No. 7,
 George M. Diamond, No. 9,
 Harry Robinson, No. 10,
 William S. Hewitt, No. 11,
 Whitfield Castner, No. 12,
 William F. Smith, No. 14,
 Joseph Beaudry, No. 18,
 Z. H. Eby, No. 19,
 Fred. P. Cook, No. 20,
 Joseph H. Matlack, No. 21,
 Wilbur R. Jones, No. 22,
 Dr. E. H. Ginnelley, No. 23,
 Nathan M. Letts, No. 26,
 H. W. Fronley, No. 28,
 Charles G. Chew, No. 30,
 J. S. Nicholson, No. 31,
 T. E. Philhower, No. 32,
 L. Weber, No. 33,

Samuel Garrison, No. 34,
 Emil Viereck, No. 36,
 William Sproat, No. 38,
 M. H. Young, No. 40,
 J. H. Dean, No. 41,
 S. B. Emmon, No. 43,
 L. P. Schmidt, No. 44,
 T. J. Cowperthwaite, No. 45,
 Frank Vines, No. 46,
 Charles E. King, No. 47,
 A. C. Somerville, No. 50,
 David E. Kent, No. 54,
 H. Wainright, No. 59,
 W. R. Fox, No. 60,
 William S. Eldridge, No. 61,
 I. B. Johnson, No. 62,
 Mathias Apgar, No. 63,
 T. C. Schanck, No. 64,
 John Krueger, No. 68,
 Linden Lewis, No. 70,
 J. A. Drake, No. 71,
 Charles W. Bennett, No. 72.

[During the roll-call of Representatives, it was announced by D. G. C. John H. Story, No. 51, that the Representative of No. 71, P. C. I. J. Grimshaw, had died suddenly on the second inst.]

P. C. George P. Sutton, No. 9, moved that this Grand Castle remain in session until 2 o'clock P.M. and then adjourn until 9 o'clock A.M. on September 5th. The motion was lost—30 votes in the affirmative, 40 votes in the negative.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular session was, on motion of P. G. C. William H. Ruf, No. 34, dispensed with and the proceedings approved as printed.

Reading of the Grand Chief's report was begun. P. G. C. Walter A. Barrows moved that the same be referred to the Committee on Distribution without further reading. Agreed to.

The report of the Committee on Law was read and approved as printed.

The Committee on Credentials reported as follows :

CAMDEN, N. J., September 4th, 1899.

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

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS :—We, your Committee on Credentials, beg leave to report that we have examined the certificates of the following Past Chiefs and Representatives, and find them correct.

THOMAS A. WARREN, P. C.,
JOSEPH W. JACKSON, P. C.,
E. D. SENSEMAN, P. G. C.;
Committee on Credentials.

PAST CHIEFS.

James Beetle, No. 1,
Howard Rosell, No. 2,
Joseph S. Ernst, No. 3,
William Wagner, No. 3,
William B. Strang, No. 3,
David B. Hurley, No. 5,
Robert S. Reeves, No. 5,
Henry P. Thorn, No. 6,
Josiah M. Rice, No. 7,
Jacob C. Headley, No. 7,
Ervin Hawk, No. 7,
John V. Hagerman, No. 7,
Charles W. Gelpke, No. 7,
W. T. Bissell, No. 7,
William H. Eckhardt, No. 7,
George W. Smith, No. 7,
John Seas, No. 7,
Mathias Salter, No. 7,
George C. Gordon, No. 7,
William S. Millick, No. 7,
John Parker, No. 7,
R. A. Applegate, No. 7,
John S. Millick, No. 7,
George M. Diamond, No. 9,
Charles J. Sweeten, No. 9,
E. C. Harris, No. 10,
Edmund P. Howell, No. 10,
Wilbur Smith, No. 11,
George Claypoole, No. 11,
Charles Blackman, No. 11,
W. H. Andrews, No. 12,
E. K. Leary, No. 13,
Fronk Alexander, No. 13,
James Dennington, No. 13,
Emor Boultinghouse, No. 13,
John W. Hayes, No. 14,
David A. Stout, No. 14,
Abram B. Perkins, No. 17,
William Stephenson, No. 17,
John Bishop, No. 18,
Thomas Farrington, No. 19,

John E. Clayton, No. 20,
Herbert Havens, Jr., No. 20,
Budd R. Hancock, No. 21,
William Atkinson, Jr., No. 21,
Abram Gardner, No. 21,
W. R. Jones, No. 22,
Alexander Dover, No. 22,
A. G. Howell, No. 23,
Michael Morohn, No. 23,
T. Scott Wonderland, No. 24,
James L. Machette, No. 24,
Harry Soistman, No. 25,
A. W. Brown, No. 26,
William J. Crane, No. 26,
George Wilkins, No. 26,
L. H. White, No. 28,
George T. Jenkins, No. 28,
Jacob Miller, No. 30,
John S. Saul, No. 30,
A. M. Hurff, No. 31,
Seward Wear, No. 32,
John W. Huffman, No. 32,
G. W. Creveling, No. 32,
William Cleveland, No. 32,
William Percy, No. 33,
Harry Lauer, No. 33,
William H. Searfoos, No. 33,
S. B. Sculthorp, No. 34,
Samuel Garrison, No. 34,
A. F. Vannote, No. 34,
John A. West, No. 38,
William W. Smith, No. 38,
Charles Bell, No. 38,
John Ashbridge, No. 39,
Rees Haines, No. 39,
Frank Dilks, No. 39,
Irvine W. Newkirk, No. 40,
Frank R. Kincaid, No. 40,
John Parkes, No. 41,
William H. Cradey, No. 41,
Jacob C. Cregan, Jr., No. 43,

Edward Manning, No. 43,
 Hugh Meinke, No. 44,
 A. Hasenteuffel, No. 44,
 Joseph Mason, No. 46,
 Franklin Stevens, No. 46,
 S. A. McMahan, No. 46,
 M. L. Atkinson, No. 46,
 Harry Wallace, No. 47,
 Alfred Hurby, No. 47,
 Adam Stetter, No. 47,
 Samuel W. Barkalow, No. 49,
 Ernest Game, No. 50,
 J. E. Hartshorne, No. 51,
 B. T. Backer, No. 53,
 David E. Kent, No. 54,
 John E. Whalen, No. 54,
 W. H. Reed, No. 57,
 H. V. Height, No. 57,
 Frank Neafie, No. 57,
 John J. Black, No. 58,
 S. R. Stinson, No. 60,

Joseph Thomas, No. 62,
 Jesse DuBois, No. 62,
 C. T. Voorhees, No. 63,
 Ira Campbell, No. 63,
 Peter Geene, No. 64,
 Adolph Reichert, No. 64,
 Frank B. Robbins, No. 65,
 Charles D. Whitaker, No. 65,
 E. A. Stackhouse, No. 66,
 William Jordan, No. 66,
 John Rath, Sr., No. 68,
 Fried. Jauss, No. 68,
 William Shroeder, No. 68,
 Otto Newmann, No. 68,
 George W. Hillman, No. 70,
 Casper Schmidt, No. 71,
 George F. Eden, No. 71,
 W. S. VanBrunt, No. 72,
 J. V. N. Conover, No. 72,
 Charles Bennett, No. 72,

REPRESENTATIVES.

H. B. Morgan, No. 1,
 J. W. Knowles, No. 2,
 J. S. H. Sprague, No. 3,
 George J. Robertson, No. 4,
 S. L. Richmond, No. 5,
 F. C. Leuallen, No. 6,
 Charles W. Gelpke, No. 7,
 George M. Diamond, No. 9,
 Harry Robinson, No. 10,
 William S. Hewitt, No. 11,
 Whitfield Castner, No. 12,
 W. F. Smith, No. 14,
 S. D. Farrow, No. 16,
 William A. Birkhead, No. 17,
 Joseph Beaudry, No. 18,
 Z. H. Eby, No. 19,
 Fred. P. Cook, No. 20,
 Joseph H. Matlack, No. 21,
 Wilbur R. Jones, No. 22,
 Dr. E. H. Ginnelley, No. 23,
 J. W. Jones, No. 24,
 W. R. Chew, No. 25,
 Nathan M. Letts, No. 26,
 H. W. Fronley, No. 28,
 Charles G. Chew, No. 30,
 J. S. Nicholson, No. 31,
 T. E. Philhower, No. 32,
 Lenhard Weber, No. 33,
 Samuel Garrison, No. 34,

John Parker, No. 35,
 Emil Viereck, No. 36,
 William Sproat, No. 38,
 John Ashbridge, No. 39,
 M. H. Young, No. 40,
 H. A. Painter, No. 41,
 Stacy B. Emmons, No. 43,
 L. P. Schmidt, No. 44,
 T. J. Cowperthwaite, No. 45,
 Frank Vines, No. 46,
 Charles E. King, No. 47,
 Elon Garthwaite, No. 49,
 Harry E. Mack, No. 50,
 I. J. Grimshaw, No. 51,
 Henry L. Haines, No. 53,
 David E. Kent, No. 54,
 William D. Robinson, No. 57,
 H. Wainright, No. 59,
 W. R. Fox, No. 60,
 Willetts Johnson, No. 61,
 Nathan Suran, No. 62,
 Mathias Apgar, No. 63,
 T. C. Schanck, No. 64,
 Robert Garrison, No. 65,
 W. S. Chafey, No. 66,
 John Krueger, No. 68,
 Linden Lewis, No. 70,
 J. A. Drake, No. 71,
 Charles W. Bennett, No. 72,

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

Joseph S. Ernest, No. 3,
 William Wagner, No. 3,
 David Watson, No. 3,

Jacob C. Headley, No. 7,
 Ervine Hawk, No. 7,
 Charles W. Gelpke, No. 7,

George C. Gordon, No. 7,
 William S. Millick, No. 7,
 John S. Millick, No. 7,
 George M. Diamond, No. 9,
 Charles F. Middleton, No. 9,
 Whitfield Castner, No. 12,
 E. K. Leary, No. 13,
 Frank Alexander, No. 13,
 James Dennington, No. 13,
 William B. Groff, No. 13,
 Benjamin Claypoole, No. 13,
 John W. Hayes, No. 14,
 David A. Stout, No. 14,
 Alfred Vernon, No. 14,
 Ellis D. Conrow, No. 14,
 John Bishop, No. 18,
 W. R. Jones, No. 22,
 William H. Cook, No. 22,
 Michael Morohn, No. 23,
 Charles M. Price, No. 23,
 A. L. Myers, No. 25,
 L. H. White, No. 28.

George T. Jenkins, No. 28,
 Jesse S. Nicholson, No. 31,
 Lenhard Weber, No. 33,
 Samuel Garrison, No. 34,
 Emil Viereck, No. 39,
 Mathias H. Young, No. 40,
 John Parkes, No. 41,
 James H. Dean, No. 41,
 Furman R. Williamson, No. 41,
 Horatio K. Case, No. 41,
 S. B. Emmons, No. 43,
 Frank Vines, No. 46,
 Adam Stetter, No. 47,
 Frederick B. Vandegrift, No. 50,
 David E. Kent, No. 54,
 Mathias Apgar, No. 63,
 Charles J. Maxfield, No. 65,
 Linden Lewis, No. 70,
 William F. Depew, No. 71,
 Casper Schmidt, No. 71,
 George F. Eden, No. 71,
 Charles Bennett, No. 72,

P. G. C. F. Wayland Potter moved that the report of the Committee be accepted and the Past Chief's Degree conferred upon those in waiting. Agreed to.

Grand Chief Russell appointed G. H. P. Wainright, P. G. C. John C. F. Trachsel and P. G. C. E. D. Senseman to confer the Degree in the ante-chamber.

Following are the reports of the officers as printed :

REPORT OF THE GRAND CHIEF.

CAMDEN, N. J., September 4th, 1899.

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

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS:—Through the mercy of a beneficent Providence we have again been permitted to assemble together in annual session to review the work of the past year, to consult together and legislate for the best interest of our organization, and to bind more closely the ties of brotherhood and fraternity.

While we, as an organization, have not been able to make large additions by way of new Castles, yet our membership as a whole has more than held its own, which, taking into consideration the sharp competition of kindred societies, is very flattering.

It has been my pleasure to meet with Sir Knights from different parts of our jurisdiction from time to time, and am pleased to say that, from my conversation with them, enthusiasm prevails in a majority of our Castles; in fact, renewed activity is noted throughout the entire State.

This condition is no doubt brought about by the increased confidence and general prosperity noted in business circles. I have every reason to believe that, as the times grow better and brighter, great success will attend our Order in this part of the Union in the near future. That we may be prepared to meet it, let us so work in harmony that our bonds of fraternity may be strengthened, and by wise legislation our pathway be made straight.

On entering upon the discharge of my duties for the year, I found it necessary to liquidate the outstanding accounts of the preceding term. This was accomplished by securing a loan of three hundred dollars from Palmyra Castle, No. 22.

The balance on hand last term being almost depleted by the expenses of the session held at Long Branch, and the per capita tax being based upon the amount of appropriations only, it became necessary that the strictest economy be practiced in order to present a clean balance sheet.

I had intended to visit personally a majority of our Castles, but owing to our unsatisfactory financial condition and my desire to retrench at every point, the pleasure anticipated was of necessity foregone. That I was right in my determination is borne out by the fact that our Grand Castle is now practically clear of indebtedness, and that I am able to turn its affairs over to my successor in far better shape than I received them. I do not wish to be understood as depreciating or in any way reflecting upon the work of my immediate predecessor, as the extraordinary calls upon our exchequer were caused by circumstances over which he had no control. The cause being now removed, and I trust never to recur again, there can be no good reason why success should not attend the efforts of my successor.

During the year I have visited several localities where interest had apparently ceased, and succeeded in almost every instance in rekindling the spark of life.

On September 20th, I issued the following :

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR NO. I.

HEADQUARTERS
GRAND CASTLE OF NEW JERSEY, KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE,
ROOM 5, RIBSAM BUILDING, TRENTON, N. J., Sept. 20th, 1898.

To the Noble Chief, Officers and Members of all Subordinate Castles in New Jersey.

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS :—In appreciation of the honor conferred upon me in electing me to the honorable and exalted post of Grand Chief, allow me to extend my sincere thanks. Being fully aware of the responsible duties in connection with a faithful discharge of the trust, I am not confident that I shall fill the office with such a success as may be expected of me by the Order in general ; but this I assure you, I shall exert every stimulus within my knowledge to promote the welfare of the Order throughout the State. Now, to make my administration a success, my feeble efforts require the hearty co-operation of every Past Chief of the Grand Castle and every individual Sir Knight of the Subordinate Castles. I earnestly request that you one and all buckle on the whole armor of the Order and rally around the leader and his associate officers, whom you have chosen, in an effort to create a spirit of enthusiasm throughout the jurisdiction that shall make this year a great success.

Again allow me to extend my thanks for the honor conferred.

In continuation of the custom followed by my recent predecessors, I hereby grant a dispensation to all Castles within my jurisdiction to reinstate and admit new members for the sum of Three Dollars ; also, to confer two or more Degrees on a candidate at any session. This dispensation to be and remain in force until September 1st, 1899.

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

JAMES E. RUSSELL, *Grand Chief.*

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

On October 29th, 1898, the following communication was received by me from the Supreme Master of Records, relating to action by the Supreme Castle on the Bridgeton Castle appeal :

OFFICE OF THE
SUPREME CASTLE, KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE,
814 and 816 North Broad Street,
PHILADELPHIA, October 24th, 1898.

To the Grand Chief of the Jurisdiction of New Jersey.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER :—At the session of the Supreme Castle held in the city of Baltimore, Md., October 11-14, 1898, the following action was taken in the case of Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, vs. Grand Castle of New Jersey.

The Appeal Committee reported as follows :

"We recommend that the Grand Castle of New Jersey in instructing that W. T. DuBois 'go without further prosecution' be sustained, and Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, be directed to deliver a withdrawal card to W. T. DuBois, which was granted by Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, of New Jersey."

On motion of P. G. C. R. Woods, of West Virginia, the report of the Committee was approved.

Yours Fraternally,

A. C. LYTTLE,
Supreme Master of Records.

On March 1st, overtures were made looking to a settlement of the strained relations existing between Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, and this Grand Castle, as it had been a source of great anxiety to me. It is therefore with extreme satisfaction that I am able to report the settlement of the controversy, and that peace and harmony prevails along the whole line. In view of the foregoing, I issued the following proclamation :

HEADQUARTERS
GRAND CASTLE OF NEW JERSEY, KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE,
ROOM 5, RIBSAM BUILDING, TRENTON, N. J., June 3d, 1899.

PROCLAMATION BY THE GRAND CHIEF.

To all Subordinate Castles K. G. E. of New Jersey.

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS :

Whereas, Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, K. G. E., of Bridgeton, N. J., whose charter was revoked May 24th, 1898, having agreed with your Grand Chief to the following plan for an amicable adjustment of the controversy existing between said Castle and the Grand Castle of New Jersey, K. G. E., to-wit :

1. Furnishing to P. C. William T. DuBois a withdrawal card, as per action of the Supreme Castle, held at Baltimore, Md., October 11-14, 1898.

See pages 145-146 Supreme Castle Proceedings, 1898,

2. Pending suit to be discontinued without cost by either party as against the other.

3. All members of said Castle who have refrained from paying dues pending settlement of the controversy shall be constituted members in good standing upon the payment of arrears of dues, and shall be entitled to *ad interim* benefits if any such have accrued.

4. By extending resolutions of regret for the strained relations existing between said Castle and the Grand Castle of New Jersey, and for the causes thereof.

5. Making proper application for a restoration of charter and reinstatement of Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, to good standing in the Order.

Therefore, In view of the foregoing, we, JAMES E. RUSSELL, Grand Chief of the Grand Castle of New Jersey, Knights of the Golden Eagle, by the authority in us vested by the Constitution, do issue this my proclamation restoring to Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, K. G. E. of New Jersey, the charter of said Castle, and investing them with all the rights and privileges as a component part of the Order in this jurisdiction.

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Castle, this third day of June, 1899.

JAMES E. RUSSELL, *Grand Chief*.

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

CONSOLIDATIONS.

The matter of consolidation has received considerable attention during the present term—December 27th, 1898, Trenton Castle, No. 7, uniting with Mercer Castle, No. 23, and January 6th, 1899, Cyrene Castle, No. 8, uniting with Cross and Crown Castle, No. 25 (records of which will be presented. In both cases it was strictly for the good of the Order that this step be taken, as it stood to losing a Castle and saving the membership or losing both Castle and membership. I chose the former course and granted cards of consolidation in both instances, which action I trust may be approved by this Grand Castle.

SUPREME CASTLE SPECIAL TAX.

The loyalty of the Castles of our State has been beautifully exemplified in the cheerful manner in which they responded to the cry of distress by our superior body, the Supreme Castle, which at its last session decided to call for an assessment of five cents on the entire membership of the Order, for the purpose of liquidating their outstanding indebtedness, and it is with mingled feelings of pleasure and pride that I record the fact that not one of New Jersey's Castles uttered a murmur, but flew with outstretched wings to their assistance.

FUNERAL BENEFIT FUND.

The K. G. E. Funeral Benefit Fund of New Jersey went into operation March 1st, 1899. I desire to record my unbounded faith in the ultimate success of the undertaking. I have been privileged to attend all meetings of the Board of Managers in an *ex officio* capacity, and am thoroughly conversant with its affairs in every detail, which are complete and without blemish. There are now eighteen Castles in the Fund, with a membership, August 1st, of 1368. One death claim had been paid up to August 1st, and only one and one-half assessment had been called in five months, with enough funds on hand to pay five more death claims at the present rate. I am thoroughly convinced that, should all of our Castles connect therewith, a death benefit of three hundred dollars could be paid and our Order become most prosperous and powerful.

NEW CASTLES.

A preliminary meeting looking to the formation of a new Castle at Phillipsburg was held on March 20th. Being unable to attend on account of sickness at home, I requested P. G. C. F. Wayland Potter, No. 3, P. C. Dr. E. H. Ginnelley, No. 23; and Grand Master of Records A. L. Clark to represent the Grand Castle. The success of same is shown by the institution of Phillipsburg Castle, No. 7 (This number was given owing to its being blank through the consolidation of Trenton, No. 7, with Mercer, No. 23.), on the evening of April 17th, with a charter list of 89 names, 54 of whom were present. I was very ably assisted on this occasion by P. G. C. F. Wayland Potter, No. 3, P. G. C. William H. Ruf, No. 34, P. C. Dr. E. H. Ginnelley, No. 23, and Grand Master of Records A. L. Clark. The degree work was beautifully rendered by the degree staff of Penn Castle, No. 41, of Easton, Pa., to whom I extend my thanks.

On May 13th, 1899, I received notice from the chairman of the Supreme Castle Appeals Committee that the cases of Smith *vs.* Grand Castle of New Jersey and Burr *vs.* Grand Castle of New Jersey would be tried at Baltimore May 28th. I at once commissioned P. G. C. F. Wayland Potter, chairman of the Appeals Committee, to attend said trial and defend the action of our Grand Castle. This he did to my entire satisfaction, as will appear from the following letter:

CAMDEN, N. J., May 31st, 1899.

JAMES E. RUSSELL, *Grand Chief.*

DEAR BROTHER:—According to your instructions, I proceeded to Baltimore and attended the meeting of Supreme Castle Committee on Appeals, as per enclosed notice. I beg to report that we carried both cases, and they will be returned to the respective appellants for action in accordance with law provided for such cases.

Trusting that the matter as settled will meet with your approval, I remain,

Fraternally Yours,

F. WAYLAND POTTER,
Chairman of Committee on Appeals.

DECISIONS.

1. *Question* from No. 30.—Can a Castle be legally opened without the usual sword exercises?

Answer.—Most emphatically, No.

2. *Question* from No. 6—A brother sick out in Minnesota claims benefits from January 30th, 1899. The Castle was not notified by him until March 16th, 1899, and physician's certificate received until March 31st, 1899. Can the Castle go back any further with the benefits than what Article IX of the Constitution provides.

Answer.—Be governed by Article IX of Constitution.

I have received numerous questions which have been answered with advice in order that the reports may not be unnecessarily lengthened.

DISPENSATIONS.

December 9th, 1898. Puritan Castle, No. 10. To change night of meeting temporarily on account of holiday. Fee, 25 cents.

December 27th, 1898. Star of Bethlehem Castle, No. 68. To change place of meeting. Fee, 25 cents.

March 31st, 1899. To-Kalon Castle, No. 72. To suspend meeting on account of anniversary. Fee, 25 cents.

April 12th, 1899. Monmouth Castle, No. 51. To change place of meeting temporarily for one night. Fee, 25 cents.

RESIGNATIONS.

September 26th, 1898. Accepted resignation of P. G. C. Horace J. Parks from Committee on Finance.

November 5th, 1898. Accepted resignation of P. C. I. J. Grimshaw No. 51, as Grand Instructor of the Nineteenth District.

November 7th, 1898. Accepted resignation of P. C. William B. Good-enough, No. 59, as District Grand Chief of the Nineteenth District.

APPOINTMENTS.

September 27th, 1898. Appointed P. C. Moses E. Hill, No. 33, to Finance Committee, in place of P. G. C. H. J. Parks, resigned.

October 31st, 1898. Appointed P. C. Dr. E. H. Ginnelley, No. 23, as chairman of Committee on Revision of Constitution.

November 8th, 1898. Appointed P. C. Albert Applegate, No. 51, as Grand Instructor of the Nineteenth District.

January 2d, 1899. Appointed P. C. John H. Story, No. 59, as District Grand Chief of the Nineteenth District.

July 17th, 1899. Appointed the remainder of the Committee on Revision of the Constitution, as follows: P. G. C. Walter A. Barrows, No. 4, P. G. C. F. Wayland Potter, No. 3, P. C. J. M. Stoetzel, No. 71, and P. C. William F. Smith, No. 14.

APPEALS.

Received an appeal from Charles Estlow vs. Burlington Castle, No. 21; and referred same to Appeals Committee.

Received an appeal from New Brunswick Castle, No. 71, and referred same to Appeals Committee.

October 16th, 1898. Received notice of appeal of W. B. Smith to Supreme Castle from action of Grand Castle. Records, etc. forwarded to Supreme Master of Records March 19th, 1899.

FORFEITURE OF CHARTERS.

June 23d, 1899. Received notice of surrender of charter of Jersey City Castle, No. 37, Jersey City. Endeavors were made to save this Castle, but as it was impossible to do so, I instructed D. G. C. Z. H. Eby, through the Grand Master of Records, to procure the effects, etc., but up to the present time they have not been received.

July 13th, 1899. Through the activity and courtesy displayed by District Grand Chief A. S. Haines, of the Tenth District, I was enabled to learn that the members of Merchantville Castle, No. 29, had met on the evening of July 11th, and proceeded to disband, dividing the funds of the Castle among themselves and removing the paraphernalia. No intimation of such intention upon the part of No. 29 had reached me. I immediately gave instructions looking to the recovery of the property, but up to this time the charter, ledger and rituals are all that have been received.

Such actions on the part of Castles are too frequent, and should receive serious attention from this Grand Castle.

RECOMMENDATION.

I would recommend that a charter be granted to Phillipsburg Castle, No. 7, in lieu of the dispensation under which they are now working, and that I be permitted to sign the same.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Postage,	\$8 20
Telegrams,	2 16
Traveling expenses,	31 01
Instituting Castle No. 7, at Phillipsburg,	17 00
Expenses attending meeting of Appeals Committee of Supreme Castle at Baltimore,	8 55
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	\$66 92

Permit me to extend my sincere thanks to all the District Grand Chiefs and Grand Instructors (nor should I fail to include the officers of the Grand Castle and the several committees) for their uniform courtesy and attention to duty. I cannot close without especially commending the faithfulness of Grand Master of Records A. L. Clark, who has neglected no opportunity to advance the interests of our Order, both as Grand Master of Records of the Grand Castle and as Secretary of the K. G. E. Funeral Benefit Fund of New Jersey, for which he is an indefatigable worker.

Again allow me to extend my thanks to this Grand Castle for the honor conferred upon me.

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

JAMES E. RUSSELL, *Grand Chief.*

CONSOLIDATED REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT GRAND CHIEFS.

In arranging the reports of our District Grand Chiefs and Grand Instructors, I have noticed the unanimous expressions of hearty appreciation for the many acts of kindness extended to them by the Castles comprising the various districts, and their profound thanks to those who have so kindly assisted them in the discharge of their duties. I also wish to add my thanks to theirs, and state that in order to curtail the many repetitions I have omitted them from the said reports.

FIRST DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 13, 62, 65).—Isaac B. Johnson, District Grand Chief, reports—

“I installed the officers of No. 65 in January, and had a good attendance, with the Castle in good working order. In July I installed the officers in No. 13 and No. 62. I will say I worked at No. 62 for six months in order to hold her up, and hope she will come out with a new interest in the near future, trusting in good faith. In July I installed the officers of No. 65, who have Eagleism at heart. They gave two members the Third and two the First Degree and they did it with credit to themselves as well as the Order in general. It pleases me to make a report of such interest as No. 65 has taken, both in their finances and membership. They are making a great gain. I must say No. 62 is doing well this term, hoping the good work may increase.”

SECOND DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 2, 46, 61).—E. N. Hubbard, District Grand Chief, reports—

“With the able assistance of a team organized from members of No. 46 I have installed the officers of Millville Castle, No. 2, and Vineland Castle, No. 46, at the beginning of each term. I was unable to take the team when the officers of Excelsior Castle, No. 61, were installed, but received able assistance from the brothers of that Castle. Excelsior Castle held a public installation on July 8th, which was well attended and the work performed in a manner that was a credit to the Castle. The Castles in this District are about holding their own as regards membership, No. 46 having made a decided gain during the term.”

FOURTH DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 5, 10).—Henry Opel, District Grand Chief, reports—

“As D. G. C. of the Fourth District, I wish to report that both of the Castles of my district have been very successful during the past year, Ivanhoe, No. 5, having nearly doubled in membership, while Puritan, No. 10, has gained several new members, both Castles having made good financial gains. I have installed the officers elect at the proper time and place and have visited the Castles whenever I have found it convenient to do so.”

FIFTH DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 1, 30, 31, 39, 40).—Walton H. Chew, District Grand Chief, reports—

“During my term of office I have visited every Castle and given all instructions when called for, and answered all inquiring Sir Knights to the best of my ability. Blackwood Castle, No. 1, which for a time seemed to be going backwards, has taken a renewed step forward and is enthusiastic in its desire for new members. During the past term Volunteer, No. 30, has had quite a drain on her exchequer (caused by sickness), but fortunately has a nice sum to meet all demands. Castles Nos. 31, 39 and 40 are holding their own and getting along nicely, and in a most prosperous condition. On account of the K. G. E. Funeral Benefit Fund the prospect ahead for new members is very encouraging.”

SEVENTH DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 26, 45, 49).—Charles K. Pullen, District Grand Chief, reports—

“I have visited all the Castles in my district and find them in good working condition. I have installed the officers, or caused to be installed those that were not present.”

EIGHTH DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 3, 9, 70).—Robert M. Coffman, District Grand Chief, reports—

“I have installed the officers of the Castles under my care promptly. I have visited each Castle, with few exceptions, every meeting night, and I am pleased to see them doing so well. No. 3 has taken a boom, and has added a number of new members to its list, as well as a large increase in finances. No. 70 has done nobly as to new members, also in better condition financially than they have been for a long time. No. 9 has not been so fortunate in adding new material as the rest, but financially has made quite a gain. As for the work of the Order, they are all doing fairly well. The only drawback is the small attendance of all the Castles, leaving the work for the willing ones to do.”

NINTH DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 24, 25, 29)—John L. Vehe, District Grand Chief, reports—

“I regret to say the past year has been an unfortunate one for the Ninth District. On January 6th, Cyrene Castle, No. 8, consolidated with Cross and Crown Castle, No. 25. While this meant the loss of a Castle, yet its membership was kept within the Order, and as both Castles were in close proximity to one another, it was for the best interests of the Order to have one good Castle located here. On July 11th, Merchantville Castle, No. 29, disbanded. This action on the part of the active members of the Castle was uncalled for. Having a fair treasury, there was no reason why, with a little energy and push, that they could not keep on. That the matter of their disbanding was done in a very ungentlemanly way is saying little. Speaking plainly, it was far from honorable. I gleaned very little information as to how it was done, as District Grand Chief Haines, of the Tenth District, was present the night they disbanded and as he assumed the responsibility of taking possession of their charter and other papers. I must leave further comment upon the above for him to report; only, in conclusion, desire to say that I have tried to secure certain books as per your instructions and have been flatly told that the Grand Castle could not have them.

“As far as my other duties are concerned I have visited the Castles from time to time and installed their officers regularly at the appointed time. Fidelity Castle, of Moorestown, and Cross and Crown Castle, of Camden, are holding their own. There appears to be a stagnation in Eagleism at this end of the line, and the principal cause for it is inactivity and lack of interest, and the general complaint is that those who have received the honors of the Order do not interest themselves in its welfare. Were this otherwise, there naturally would be a difference in the situation.

"In conclusion I desire to say, if we intend to make a success of our Order we must lay aside the question of honors and work for one cause, the Good of the Order."

ELEVENTH DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 35, 66).—Dr. L. E. Foulks, District Grand Chief, reports—

"I am pleased to report the two Castles in this District doing well. A very good gain in finances is shown. The officers have been duly installed."

TWELFTH DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 14, 17, 18, 21, 22).—Wm. H. Currie, District Grand Chief, reports—

"I have tried to fulfill the duties assigned to me as District Grand Chief. Have visited the Castles in this district and find them in fair condition. No very large increase of membership during the past year, but the financial end is good."

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 23, 28).—A. Q. Bloom, District Grand Chief, reports—

"I have installed the officers of the Castles at the proper time (except Trenton, No. 7, which consolidated with Mercer, No. 23). By special request of the District Grand Chief of Star of Bethlehem Castle No. 68 (German) I installed their officers on January 6th, 1899. Owing to ill health I have not been able to visit the Castles as often as I should. The Castles of this District are all in good condition both financially and numerically."

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT (German Castle).—Fried. Arndt, District Grand Chief, reports—

"I herewith report to you having fulfilled the post of District Grand Chief to the best of my ability. Have installed the officers elect at the proper time in January and July and have devoted as much time as possible for the interest of the Order. I find No. 68 in good standing as to membership and finances."

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 20, 34, 47, 57, 72).—William J. Cook, District Grand Chief, reports—

"It has been my pleasure to visit all the Castles in my District and think I can truly say I believe the Fourteenth District to be in the best condition it was ever in. There is a gain in membership. Financial condition is very good. With my installing team to assist me, we have installed the officers at the proper times."

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 50, 71).—Albert R. Reeves, District Grand Chief, reports—

"All the officers have been installed at the proper time, excepting Sterling Castle, at which I was unable to be present at the end of this term, on account of a very heavy thunder storm which prevented us from attending. I wish to thank the brothers of Sterling Castle in this report for their kindness in doing my duty which I should have performed; also, for their expense and trouble in preparing for us for that occasion, of which I was informed through Brother S. G. Mosser, of Philadelphia. The Castles are in good financial standing; the gain in membership has been small. I am sorry that it has not been my privilege to meet you or any other of the Grand Officers in this district during the term. I am sure that the Sir Knights would have been pleased to have met you."

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 38, 54).—James Mackey, District Grand Chief, reports—

“I have, to the best of my ability, attended to all the duties required of the office. I have installed the officers of the Castles in the district at the proper time, taking the Past Chiefs of No. 38 to assist me in installing the officers of No. 54 and *vice versa* in installing the officers of No. 38. I would say for Mount Everest Castle that she is doing well, and manfully have the brothers done their part. Large demands have been made on the treasury for the relief of sick brothers. Most of the members are young and are determined to have the Castle one of the best in the State. Columbia Castle has had much sickness during the year; two brothers have been removed by death. Financially they are in good standing, ready to meet all claims for the relief of sick brothers and death. Grand Vice Chief Kent is working like a beaver for the good of the Order. From the remarks of the brothers they would like to see the custom of the Grand Chief having district meetings again.”

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 58, 64).—Gus. W. Roeger, District Grand Chief, reports—

“I have, with the aid of Grand Vice-Chief Kent and Grand Instructor Schank and some Past Chiefs, installed the officers of Star of Liberty Castle, No. 58, in due form July 18th, 1899. Previous to installation of officers I exemplified the unwritten work of the Order. I have found the Sir Knights of Star of Liberty Castle in good spirits and confident they will get along all right. Good advice was given them by Grand Vice Chief Kent, Grand Instructor Schank and others. Passaic Castle No. 64 (my home Castle) is doing well. We have a small increase in membership and also a small increase in the exchequer. I have, with the aid of Grand Instructor Schank and some Past Chiefs, installed the officers of No. 64 at the proper time in due form. I also exemplified the unwritten work of the Order at different times.”

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

“I am proud to say that this has been the most prosperous year since our Castle (No. 51) was instituted. About forty new members have been added to our roll. The attendance and the work done is a credit to the Castle. No. 51 celebrated their eighth anniversary on April the 12th. Sixty Sir Knights from No. 47 and twenty from No. 59 visited us. On that occasion, all had a good time. No. 59 is doing well and up to date. They had their officers ready and I had them installed on the first meeting night in January. They also celebrated their seventh anniversary, which was well attended by members of No. 51. I was sick in January and could not go and install officers, but sent our Grand Instructor, A. P. Applegate, who did the work with credit, without ritual. No. 51 is soon to have a commandery, as they only want a few members before sending for warrant. Temple No. 22 has been added a little over a year and is growing nicely.”

TWENTIETH DISTRICT (Castle Nos. 33, 41).—Samuel G. Young, District Grand Chief, reports—

“I have installed the officers in this District and am pleased to state to you both Castles are getting along nicely, especially No. 41 at Flemington. When I visited them, on Tuesday the 10th, they worked the First Degree, and had four names to come in that night.”

TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT (Castles Nos. 19, 37).—Z. H. Eby, District Grand Chief, reports—

“Have installed the officers at the proper time in No. 19, but found No. 37 in such a condition that it did not require any installing. Have been to see them quite often, but after the death of our Grand Instructor, Brother J. F. Bydick of No. 37, the Castle could not meet expenses. I was to see the Master of Records in reference of the property to the Grand Castle but could not find him nor have I received same as yet.”

CONSOLIDATED REPORTS OF THE GRAND INSTRUCTORS.

FIRST DISTRICT.—Oscar Buzby, Grand Instructor, reports—

“ Having been appointed at the last session of the Grand Castle without any effort on my part, I have endeavored to fill the office as best I could under circumstances existing in this district. I have been present at every meeting of No. 65 this year. Can say we are doing nicely—on the increase financially but slowly in membership. Have been taking in a few new members of late. Haven't been to visit No. 13, as you all know. We have only had a short time to do so in. No. 62 seems to have a hard time to get enough interested in its working to hold meetings until a short time ago. I trust the brother who will fill the office of Grand Instructor of this district will have a chance to give a more favorable report at the expiration of the next term.”

SECOND DISTRICT.—Sidney J. Hall, Grand Instructor, reports—

“ I have visited the Castles in the Second District. Had the pleasure of witnessing the public installation of the officers of Excelsior Castle, No. 61, in their own hall, by D. G. C. Hubbard assisted by Past Chiefs of No. 61, and can assure you it was an exceedingly creditable performance—one that is a credit to the Order throughout the State. Castle No. 46 is in a prosperous condition and well up in floor and secret work. Castle No. 2 is doing bravely considering the amount of sickness they have to contend with. District No. 2 is in a flourishing condition, with No. 61 the banner Castle.”

FOURTH DISTRICT.—L. S. Riggins, Jr., Grand Instructor, reports—

“ The Castles of our district are progressing nicely. No. 5 have swelled their numbers to a large extent during this year. No. 10 is also going ahead both in numbers and finance. I have been unable to give as much attention to my duty as I should, having been away for the last two months.”

FIFTH DISTRICT.—Joseph Lodge, Grand Instructor, reports—

“ On receiving my commission I organized a team of faithful brothers who stood by me through thick and thin, and of whom I am justly proud. We visited all the Castles in January and found, with a few exceptions, a full set of officers to be installed and the Castles in a flourishing condition. On the July trip we found that the hot weather made quite a difference in attendance, but those who were there were the backbone that are generally found in their places and anxious for the welfare of the Order.”

TWELFTH DISTRICT.—Col. C. B. Greenfield, Grand Instructor, reports—

“ I have visited all the Castles of my district and exemplified the unwritten work and given all necessary instructions concerning the same.”

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.—August Koch, Grand Instructor, reports—

“I have performed the duties assigned to me to the best of my ability, with pleasure, and for the good of the Order. I have visited my Castle as often as possible, and it gives me pleasure to find them in as good working order as can be expected.”

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.—Andrew B. Young, Grand Instructor, reports—

“I attended the two Castles in my district and went to them as often as I could, and instructed them in the sword and foot movements. There is a new degree staff under way in No. 38 and getting along good. In No. 54 the officers don't seem to take hold as they should, but I hope their new officers will attend to their duties.”

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.—Robt. M. Marks, Grand Instructor, reports—

“I have at various times visited the Castles in my district and found them progressing—Corinthian Castle being the banner Castle of the district, if not of the State regarding increase of membership. All the Sir Knights are working for the good of our Order.”

NINETEENTH DISTRICT.—Albert P. Applegate, Grand Instructor, reports—

“As our District Grand Chief, J. H. Story, was sick at the time of the installation of officers of Nos. 51 and 59 at January term, he requested me to install them. I did so. I also installed the officers of No. 51 at the second term, as brother Story was retiring Noble Chief. I have given instructions to the best of my ability. No. 51 is growing in membership, having taken in a number of new members this last year. No. 59 is also progressing. They do well in the floor movements, especially in conferring of degrees. The meetings of No. 51 and 59 are well attended by the members. They also take interest in our Castle work. The members of No. 51 are about to organize a commandery.”

REPORT OF THE GRAND SIR HERALD.

ASBURY PARK, N. J., August 14th, 1899

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

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS:—It is with feelings of mingled pleasure and pride that I avail myself of the opportunity, by invitation of our Grand Chief, to report to this Grand body the following as the work performed by me during the past year :

A series of disappointments have come and some plans have not matured as I wished, and yet in some sections of our jurisdiction the work achieved has been so brilliant that it permits us to rejoice and exclaim "Well done, thou faithful, valiant Knights." I have visited the Castles in this section of the State as far as my business and ability would permit and found them all prosperous and working in harmony for the welfare of our beloved Order. Corinthian, No. 47, of the Fourteenth District, has crowned herself with fame. Eighty-eight new members in one term, nearly all young men and the best in the twin cities by the sea, and I am sure 1900 will give them a still larger gain. Boom sessions did it; try them, Brothers.

The fraternal visit made by sixty members of No. 47 to Monmouth Castle was a most pleasant and delightful one, highly beneficial and will long be remembered by those present.

The honor given this section of our jurisdiction by the visit of Supreme Chief Hunter was the crowning event of the year. Six hundred Sir Knights and Companions met in Educational Hall, Asbury Park, to welcome the Supreme Officer of our Order in his own State. It was an overwhelming success. Members of the Order were present from all parts of the State, and it caused a great revivification of Knighthood in those Castles where the spark of Eagle life and light were fast ebbing away.

In conclusion I would say that with larger plans and riper ideas matured by experience, Nineteen Hundred should be a banner year. Let each member secure the application of one candidate and thereby double the number of our Order.

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

ARTHUR H. HOPE,
Grand Sir Herald.

REPORT OF THE GRAND MASTER OF RECORDS.

TRENTON, N. J., August 14th, 1899.

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

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS:—In compliance with my official duty, I herewith submit my report of the business, etc. of the Grand Castle for the past year, and trust that the work performed may merit your approbation.

It is needless for me to expatiate upon the various matters of interest which have confronted us since our last meeting, the subjects having been thoroughly and minutely handled by our Grand Chief.

By a careful perusal of the following pages, it will be apparent that our Order is on the increase—many districts having felt the effect of renewed confidence due to the return of business prosperity. When employment awaits the unemployed and wages are increased thereby, dues that were once a burden become easy to pay and candidates that were hard to find will be numerous. Let us then be prepared to meet this changed condition successfully. How?

First.—Be faithful to our Castle meetings.

Second.—Pay strict attention to business.

Third.—See that our exemplification of the ritualistic work is performed in a creditable manner. Be not satisfied if it is not well done—for the first impressions on a stranger to our midst are the most lasting.

Fourth.—Unite with the Death Benefit Fund individually and with the K. G. E. Funeral Fund collectively.

By so doing we may, with faith strong and expectancy great, see our Order in the near future mount to the topmost pinnacle of success.

In my last report mention was made of trying to revive Eliner Castle, No. 52; but after repeated inquiries and no replies to my communications, I decided to let the matter rest for a while. Several persons claiming to be members of No. 52, living in distant places, have made application for dismissal certificates, but owing to the books of the Castle not having as yet been received, it is impossible to grant them until satisfied of their membership therein.

Charters and books have been received from Trenton Castle, No. 7, consolidated with Mercer Castle, No. 23, and Cyrene Castle, No. 8, consolidated with Cross and Crown Castle, No. 25.

Through the activity of District Grand Chief A. S. Haines, of the Tenth District, we were enabled to obtain the charter, ledger and rituals of Merchantville Castle, No. 29, who at a meeting held on July 11th, disbanded, dividing their funds, which, according to last report, amounted to over \$800.00, and removing the paraphernalia from the Castle hall. No notice of such intention on their part was given; we therefore had no opportunity afforded to induce them to continue.

This action on the part of No. 29 should receive the serious attention of this Grand body, that such proceedings may be checked. Funds paid into a society, under the laws of our State, are trust funds, and no combination of individuals can lawfully divide the same to their own individual use and advantage.

The charter, books and property of Jersey City Castle, No. 37, have not as yet been returned to this office. D. G. C. Z. H. Eby has the matter in charge.

No reports for the June term have been received from Woodbury Castle, No. 15, or Greenwich Castle, No. 53. Although written for, no replies have been forthcoming.

The activity displayed by our District Grand Chiefs, Grand Instructors and Castle officers has been conducive to good results, viz., increased enthusiasm and attendance, better initiatory work, etc., etc.

Ten Castles, during the past year, have collectively introduced three hundred new members. If all the Castles in our State would do as well during the next year, what a record we would make.

The past term has been very prolific of sickness and distress among our membership. Hardly a Castle escaped its withering touch—over twelve thousand dollars being expended for relief, which is nearly four thousand dollars in excess of the previous term.

The following By-Laws and amendments to By-Laws of Castles have been attested and forwarded.

- September 26th, 1898. Ocean Castle, No. 11.
- November 10th, 1898. Warren Castle, No. 12; Cross and Crown Castle, No. 25.
- November 19th, 1898. Corinthian Castle, No. 47; Crusaders' Castle, No. 14.
- December 19th, 1898. Washington Castle, No. 3.
- January 3d, 1899. New Brunswick Castle, No. 71; Monmouth Castle, No. 51.
- January 18th, 1899. To-Kalon Castle, No. 72; Newark Castle, No. 19.
- February 20th, 1899. Wall Castle, No. 57.

March 6th, 1889. Clyde Castle, No. 34; Tuckerton Castle, No. 45.
 April 3d, 1899. Annandale Castle, No. 43; Phoenix Castle, No. 70;
 Stafford Castle, No. 26.
 May 15th, 1899. Crusader's Castle, No. 14; Windsor Castle, No. 59;
 Warren Castle, No. 12; Prospect Castle, No. 40; Monarch Castle, No. 9.
 June 12th, 1899. Phillipsburg Castle, No. 7; Ivanhoe Castle, No. 5.
 June 29th, 1899. Millville Castle, No. 2; Corinthian Castle, No. 47;
 Washington Castle, No. 3.
 June 30, 1899. Capital Castle, No. 28; Vineland Castle, No. 46.

The amount of mail matter sent out reached 1748 pieces, at a cost of \$34.14.

The correspondence of this office with the Grand Officers and Masters of Records has been most pleasant, and I desire to express my thanks to them, but to the latter particularly, for their promptness in answering all inquiries and their courteous treatment upon every occasion.

To those who have visited the office I am grateful. To the entire membership I extend my best wishes that the bonds of Fidelity, Valor and Honor may continue to be to them a source of pleasure, profit and benefit, and that the coming year may prove the most successful we have ever had.

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

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

GRAND CASTLE.

RECEIPTS—PER CAPITA TAX AND SUPREME CASTLE SPECIAL TAX.		Supreme Castle	Per Capita
		Special Tax.	Capita
1898.			
Aug.	22. To-Kalon Castle, No. 72,		45
	29. Stafford Castle, No. 26,		7 35
Sept.	19. Star of Liberty Castle, No. 58,		6 15
Nov.	19. Wall Castle, No. 57,		8 10
Dec.	28. Sterling Castle, No. 50,	\$1 30	11 70
	30. Bayside Castle, No. 60,	96	8 64
	Silver Cross Castle, No. 63,	50	4 50
	Newark Castle, No. 19,	1 22	10 98
	Franklin Castle, No. 33,	1 96	17 64
	Volunteer Castle, No. 30,	1 68	15 12
	Palmyra Castle, No. 22,	1 82	16 38
	31. Vineland Castle, No. 46,	2 00	18 00
	Red Cross Castle, No. 6,	98	8 82
1899.			
Jan.	2. Star of Bethlehem Castle, No. 68,	2 06	18 54
	Capital Castle, No. 28,	2 84	25 56
	3. Cumberland Castle, No. 65,	2 66	23 94
	Crusaders' Castle, No. 14,	1 82	16 38
	4. Cœur de Lion Castle, No. 36,	62	5 58
	1 5. Wall Castle, No. 57,	1 06	9 54
	Ivanhoe Castle, No. 5,	2 48	22 48
	Monmouth Castle, No. 51,	1 92	17 28
	Florence Castle, No. 18,	1 98	17 82
	Lincoln Castle, No. 31,	1 04	9 36
	Flemington Castle, No. 41,	1 52	13 68
	Puritan Castle, No. 10,	1 94	17 46
	Stafford Castle, No. 26,	94	8 93
	Burlington Castle, No. 21,	1 82	16 38
	Plumsted Castle, No. 66,	1 00	9 00
	Mercer Castle, No. 23,	2 86	25 74
	7. Wrightstown Castle, No. 35,	1 22	10 98
	Herald Castle, No. 17,	90	8 10
	Antioch Castle, No. 44,	1 98	17 82
	Warren Castle, No. 12,	1 06	9 54
	Monarch Castle, No. 9,	3 28	29 52
	9. New Brunswick Castle, No. 71,	2 44	21 96
	Columbia Castle, No. 54,	1 32	11 88
	To-Kalon Castle, No. 72,	1 28	11 52
	Forked River Castle, No. 49,	1 14	10 26
	10. Millville Castle, No. 2,	2 42	21 78
	Passaic Castle, No. 64,	96	8 64
	Califon Castle, No. 32,	1 92	17 68
	11. Marlton Castle, No. 16,	56	5 04
	12. Excelsior Castle, No. 61,	92	8 28
	Windsor Castle, No. 59,	1 08	9 72
	14. Phoenix Castle, No. 70,	1 24	11 16
	Clyde Castle, No. 34,	1 58	14 42
	Corinthian Castle, No. 47,	2 34	21 06
	Leod Castle, No. 20,	1 78	16 22
	Ocean Castle, No. 11,	2 54	22 86
	16. Merchantville Castle, No. 29,	48	4 32
	17. Annandale Castle, No. 43,	2 62	23 58
	18. Washington Castle, No. 3,	3 90	35 35
	Prospect Castle, No. 40,	2 30	20 90
	Carried forward,	\$83 84	\$763 93

	Brought forward	\$83 84	\$763 93
	21. Fidelity Castle, No. 24,	68	6 12
	Greenwich Castle, No. 53,	86	14 19
	Clayton Castle, No. 39,	1 40	12 60
	Cross and Crown Castle, No. 25,		8 82
	23. Tuckerton Castle, No. 45,	3 42	30 78
	New Jersey Castle, No. 4,	90	8 10
	25. Trenton Castle, No. 7,		4 65
	Mount Everest Castle, No. 38,	1 22	10 98
Feb.	2. Blackwood Castle, No. 1,	44	3 96
	24. Cyrene Castle, No. 8,	58	5 22
Mar.	1. Silver Star Castle, No. 27,	64	5 76
	23. Woodbury Castle, No. 15,	1 68	15 12
May	31. Progressive Castle, No. 62,	1 58	14 22
June	27. Sterling Castle, No. 59,	1 95	11 70
	29. Phillipsburg Castle, No. 7,	2 01	12 06
	Silver Cross Castle, No. 63,	81	4 86
	30. Palmyra Castle, No. 22,	3 09	18 54
	20. Vineland Castle, No. 46,	3 21	19 26
July	1. Capital Castle, No. 28,	4 38	26 28
	3. Star of Bethlehem Castle, No. 68,	3 15	18 90
	Burlington Castle, No. 21,	2 70	16 20
	5. Excelsior Castle, No. 61,	1 38	8 28
	31. Windsor Castle, No. 59,	1 68	10 08
	6. Flemington Castle, No. 41,	2 88	17 28
	Puritan Castle, No. 10,	3 39	20 34
	Ivanhoe Castle, No. 5,	3 99	23 94
	7. Volunteer Castle, No. 30,	2 43	14 58
	Herald Castle, No. 17,	1 32	7 92
	Red Cross Castle, No. 6,	1 32	7 92
	8. Millville Castle, No. 2,	3 66	21 96
	Ocean Castle, No. 11,	3 99	23 94
	Plumsted Castle, No. 66,	1 41	8 46
	Monmouth Castle, No. 51,	3 33	19 98
	Cœur de Lion Castle, No. 36,	1 02	6 12
	Antioch Castle, No. 44,	3 06	18 36
	Stafford Castle, No. 26,	1 50	9 00
	Tuckerton Castle, No. 45,	5 04	30 24
	12. Washington Castle, No. 3,	5 82	34 92
	Columbia Castle, No. 54,	2 01	12 06
	13. Cumberland Castle, No. 65,	4 17	25 02
	Phoenix Castle, No. 70,	1 71	10 26
	Warren Castle, No. 12,	1 56	9 36
	To-Kalon Castle, No. 72,	1 44	8 64
	Forked River Castle, No. 49,	1 77	10 62
	Passaic Castle, No. 64,	1 50	9 00
	Mercer Castle, No. 23,	4 80	28 80
	Lincoln Castle, No. 31,	1 44	8 64
	14. Marlton Castle, No. 16,		4 68
	Bayside Castle, No. 60,	1 35	8 10
	Corinthian Castle, No. 47,	6 06	36 36
	Florence Castle, No. 18,	2 88	17 28
	Annandale Castle, No. 43,	3 72	22 32
	15. Bridgeton Castle, No. 13,	5 19	31 14
	Progressive Castle, No. 62,	1 44	8 64
	17. Crusaders' Castle, No. 14,	2 67	16 02
	New Brunswick Castle, No. 71,	3 57	21 42
	Clyde Castle, No. 34,	2 13	12 78
	18. Wrightstown Castle, No. 35,	1 83	10 98
	19. Mount Everest Castle, No. 38,	1 86	11 16
	20. Clayton Castle, No. 39,	2 04	12 24
	Wall Castle, No. 57,	1 56	9 36
	Carried forward,	\$222 54	\$1660 45

	Brought forward,	\$222 54	\$1660 45
	21. Franklin Castle, No. 33,	2 94	17 64
	24. Monarch Castle, No. 9,	4 26	25 56
Aug.	1. Cross and Crown Castle, No. 25,	98	
	Cross and Crown Castle, No. 25,	2 10	12 60
	2. Blackwood Castle, No. 1,	42	2 52
	Silver Star Castle, No. 27,	99	5 94
	Leod Castle, No. 20,	2 61	15 46
	Star of Liberty Castle, No. 58,	2 05	14 76
	Prospect Castle, No. 40,	3 18	19 08
	4. Fidelity Castle, No. 24,	99	5 94
	5. Califon Castle, No. 32,	2 97	18 03
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	Supreme Castle special tax	\$245 13	\$1797 98
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	Total		\$2043 11

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MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

Aug.	22. To-Kalon Castle, No. 72, supplies	\$0 50
Sept.	6. Charles E. Lane, unexpended appropriation	17 50
	16. Capital Castle, No. 28, supplies	4 00
Oct.	8. P. J. Ringressy, dismissal certificate	1 00
	22. Capital Castle, No. 28, supplies	4 00
	31. Ocean Castle, No. 11, supplies	2 00
Nov.	5. Capital Castle, No. 28, supplies	4 00
	9. Palmyra Castle, No. 23, loan	300 00
	12. Capital Castle, No. 28, dismissal certificate	1 00
	19. Trenton Castle, No. 7, withdrawal card	1 00
	25. To-Kalon Castle, No. 72, withdrawal card	1 00
Dec.	7. William Sproat, 250 "Aims and Objects,"	1 00
	10. Capital Castle, No. 28, supplies	4 00
	22. Trenton Castle, No. 7, withdrawal card	1 00
1899.		
Jan.	2. Star of Bethlehem Castle, No. 68, dispensation	25
	5. Trenton Castle, No. 7, card of consolidation	3 00
	6. Cyrene Castle, No. 8, card of consolidation	3 00
	7. Monarch Castle, No. 9, supplies	2 25
	11. Thomas North, dismissal certificate	1 00
	14. Ocean Castle, No. 11, supplies	75
	Cœur de Lion Castle, No. 36, 250 "Aims and Ob- jects,"	1 00
	17. Passaic Castle, No. 64, 250 "Aims and Objects,"	1 00
	18. Washington Castle, No. 3, dismissal certificate and balance	1 85
	21. Capital Castle, No. 28, supplies	6 00
	26. Washington Castle, No. 3, dismissal certificate	1 00
Feb.	6. Vineland Castle, No. 46, 250 "Aims and Objects,"	1 00
	9. Excelsior Castle, No. 61, 250 "Aims and Objects,"	1 00
	11. Vineland Castle, No. 46, supplies	2 25
	25. Capital Castle, No. 28, supplies	4 00
	Cumberland Castle, No. 65, music ode book	40
	28. Clyde Castle, No. 34, supplies	4 00
Mar.	9. Stafford Castle, No. 26, dismissal certificate	1 00
	16. Monmouth Castle, No. 51, supplies	2 25
	18. Capital Castle, No. 28, supplies	4 00
	21. Leod Castle, No. 20, supplies	6 00
	22. Monmouth Castle, No. 51, 250 "Aims and Objects,"	1 00
	25. Clyde Castle, No. 34, withdrawal cards	2 00
April	1. Star of Bethlehem Castle, No. 68, withdrawal card,	1 00
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	Carried forward,	\$393 90

		Brought forward,	\$393 00
	II.	Charles W. Gelpke, charter fee, Phillipsburg Castle, No. 7	35 00
		14. Merchantville Castle, No. 29, withdrawal card	1 00
		17. Phillipsburg Castle, No. 7, music ode book	40
		25. Progressive Castle, No. 62, withdrawal card	1 00
May		15. Vineland Castle, No. 46, 2 funeral ceremonies	2 00
June		21. Ocean Castle, No. 11, supplies	4 50
		Capital Castle, No. 28, supplies	2 00
		29. Harry Kell, dismissal certificate	1 00
July		12. Washington Castle, No. 3, withdrawal card	1 00
Aug.		2. To-Kalon Castle, No. 72, withdrawal card,	1 00
		21. James E. Russell, Grand Chief, dispensations,	75
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			\$442 65
		Total receipts	\$2485 76

RECAPITULATION.

	Per capita tax	\$1797 98
	Supreme Castle special tax	245 13
	Loan	300 00
	Supplies	77 15
	Dispensations	1 00
	Unexpended appropriation	17 50
	Charter fee	35 00
	Cards of consolidation	6 00
	"Aims and Objects,"	6 00
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		\$2485 76
	Balance on hand last report	144 39
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	Total	\$2630 15

DISBURSEMENTS.

	1898.	Order.		
Oct.	17.	585	J. Harris Cogill, G. K. of E., expenses session 1898	\$131 05
		586	Edgar Bills, carriage hire, installation No. 57, 1898 term	5 00
		587	E. D. Senseman, account of printing	10 00
		588	John A. F. Bydick, organizer's fee, 1898 term	15 00
		589	Jacob S. Kent, as G. S. H., traveling expenses, 1898 term,	15 32
Dec.	5.	590	K. G. E. Funeral Benefit Fund, Managers' expenses,	50 12
		591	William J. Kraft, counsel fee, No. 13 case, 1898 term,	100 00
		592	E. D. Senseman, account of printing	112 25
		593	Supreme Castle, account per capita tax and supplies,	50 00
		594	John C. Risley, Grand Second Guardsman, expenses two special sessions, 1898 term	6 50
		595	Samuel Mellor, Jr., printing	1 75
		596	Trenton Gas and Electric Light Co., office light	3 00
	1899.			
Feb.	I.	597	E. D. Senseman, account of printing	135 05
		598	A. L. Clark, Grand Master of Records, salary,	289 57
		599	C. Ribsam & Son, rent of office	75 00
		600	J. D. Barnes, card in "Knights of the Golden Eagle,"	12 00
		601	Thomas Parry's Sons, finishing and repairing badges,	47 20
		602	J. Harris Cogill, Grand Keeper of Exchequer, postage	2 00
		603	W. H. Miers, Agent Fidelity C. Co., officers' bond, 3 years	18 75
		604	Col. A. H. Troth, appropriation to Military Branch	25 00
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			Carried forward,	\$1104 56

		Brought forward,	\$1104 56
	20.	605 E. D. Senseman, balance printing	49 95
	27.	606 Supreme Castle, account of supplies, 1898 term, . . .	90 76
		607 Supreme Castle, special tax	91 74
		608 W. H. Horstmann Co., silk flag and pole	31 50
Mar.	1.	609 James E. Russell, Grand Chief, acct. appropriation, . . .	25 00
May	13.	610 Charles W. Gelpke, organizer's fee	25 00
	13.	611 Thomas H. Parry's Sons, repairing badges	4 10
June	2.	612 James E. Russell, Grand Chief, acct. appropriation, . . .	25 00
		613 A. L. Clark, Grand Master of Records, incidentals and postage	58 80
	28.	614 Supreme Castle, account of per capita tax	100 00
July	11.	615 A. L. Clark, Grand Master of Records, salary,	150 00
	17.	616 James E. Russell, Grand Chief, acct. appropriation, . . .	25 00
Aug.	2.	617 J. B. Vansciver & Co., packing and shipping desk and chair	4 00
	3.	618 Supreme Castle, balance of per capita tax	115 65
		special tax	149 97
			265 62
		619 A. L. Clark, Grand Master of Records, salary to August 1st, 1899	150 00
	7.	620 Fraternal Societies' Co-operative Indemnity Union, Assessment No. 12, 1898 term	1 50
		621 Pennsylvania Railroad Co., freight and carting on desk and chair	1 25
		622 Palmyra Castle, No. 22, loan (\$300) and interest at 5 per cent. (\$11.25),	311 25
		623 Trenton Gas and Electric Light Co., office light	10 00
		624 A. L. Clark, Grand Master of Records, incidentals and postage,	21 09
	14.	625 C. Ribsam & Sons, 6 months rent of office	50 00
		626 A. L. Clark, Grand Master of Records, traveling expenses,	31 76
		Total	\$2627 88

RECAPITULATION.

Mileage and hotel expenses, officers and committees, session 1898,	\$131 05
Supreme Castle, annual dues,	232 71
Supreme Castle, special tax,	241 71
Supreme Castle, supplies,	123 70
Military Branch, account of appropriation,	25 00
Printing	309 00
Grand Chief, expenses	75 00
Grand officers' expenses, 1898 term,	21 82
Grand officers' traveling expenses,	31 76
Grand Master of Records, salary,	589 57
Postage and incidentals, Grand officers,	81 89
"Knights of the Golden Eagle," appropriation for card	12 00
Palmyra Castle, No. 22, loan and interest,	311 25
Organizers' fees	40 00
Counsel's fee,	100 00
Office rent and light	138 00
K' G. E. Funeral Benefit Fund, expenses of Managers,	50 12
Miscellaneous: Renewing officers' bonds three years, \$18 75	
Assessment No. 12, due on former officers' bond,	1 50
Finishing and-repairing badges,	51 30
Silk flag and pole,	31 50
Carriage hire, 1898 term,	5 00
Removal of desk from Camden,	5 25
	<u>113 30</u>
	\$2627 88

Total receipts,	\$2630 15
Total expenditures	2627 88
Balance on hand August 14th, 1899	\$2 27

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS.

ITEM I.—Expenses of Grand Chief,	\$250 00
Order 609. Grand Chief, expenses	\$25 00
612. " " "	25 00
616. " " "	25 00
Total,	\$75 00
Balance unexpended	175 00
	<u>\$250 00</u>
ITEM II.—Salary of Grand Master of Records	\$600 00
Order 598. Grand Master of Records, salary	\$289 57
615. " " "	150 00
619. " " "	150 00
Total,	\$589 57
Balance unexpended,	10 43
	<u>\$600 00</u>
ITEM III.—Incidental expenses of Grand Master of Records	\$100 00
Order 613. Grand Master of Records, incidentals	\$58 80
624. " " "	21 09
Total,	\$79 89
Balance unexpended	20 11
	<u>\$100 00</u>
ITEM IV.—Printing	\$300 00
Order 587. E. D. Senseman, printing	\$10 00
592. " " "	112 25
595. Samuel Mellor, Jr., "	1 75
597. E. D. Senseman, "	135 05
605. " " "	49 95
Total,	\$309 00
Overdrawn \$9.00.	
ITEM V.—Annual tax to Supreme Castle	\$225 00
Part of Order 593. Supreme Castle, balance of annual tax, 1898	\$17 06
" " 614. Account of annual tax	100 00
" " 618. Balance of annual tax, 1899	115 65
Total,	\$232 71
Overdrawn, \$7.71.	

MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCES OF SUBORDINATE CASTLES.

The following is a summary of the membership and finances of the subordinate Castles for the year ending June 30th, 1899, less two Castles not reported :

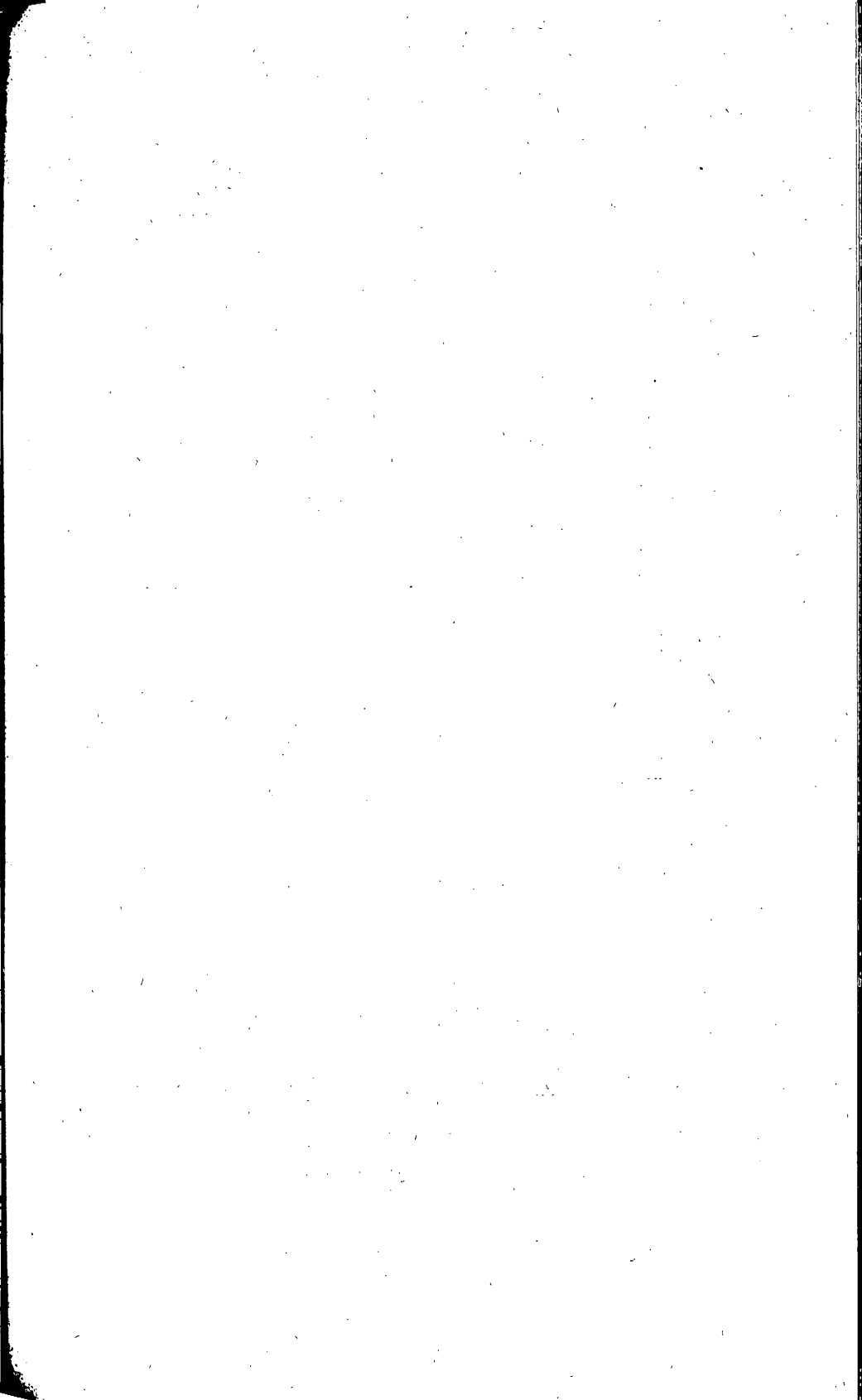
CASTLES.	
Number of subordinate Castles June 30th, 1898,	64
Instituted during the year	1
Castles reinstated,	1
Total,	<u>66</u>
Number of charters surrendered or consolidated,	4
Number of Castles June 30th, 1899,	<u>62</u>
MEMBERSHIP.	
Membership, June 30th, 1898,	4910
Initiated	597
On withdrawal cards	70
Reinstated	234
Total	<u>5811</u>
Castles defunct	103
Errors	11
Withdrawn	11
Suspended	529
Deceased	39
Expelled	3
Resigned	2
Total	<u>698</u>
Membership June 30, 1899	5113
RECEIPTS.	
From initiations, cards, etc.,	\$2,088 00
“ dues and fines	31,295 77
“ investments, etc.,	21,602 39
Total receipts	<u>\$54,986 16</u>
EXPENDITURES.	
Paid out for sick benefits	\$16,834 44
“ death “	3,055 47
“ donations	296 10
Total relief	<u>\$20,186 01</u>
Paid out for sundry purposes	\$19,417 41
“ investments	14,709 12
Total,	<u>\$54,312 54</u>
On hand June 30th, 1899	\$13,319 25
Invested	63,556 82
Total fund	<u>\$76,876 07</u>
Increase for year on Castles reported	\$2,936 16

We have disbursed, since our organization in this State, for relief of our afflicted brethren and families over \$190,000. The amount of comfort given and necessities provided, as represented by this outlay, can never be told in this life, and as individual distributors of this blessing we can only rest on the assurance that it will merit its reward at the hand of Him who said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Again thanking the officers and members of this Grand Castle for their many acts of kindness, assuring them that their confidence has been the means of stimulating endeavors on my part to do my utmost for our beloved Order, I am

Respectfully in F., V. and H.,

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



32	Califon	Hunterdon	Nov. 24, 1887	07	3	1	1	1	1	06	17	76	3	96	2	..			
33	Franklin	Hunterdon	Dec. 13, 1887	09	5	2	103	1	1	08	23	23	..	08	3	..			
34	Clude	Monmouth	Jan. 26, 1888	09	1	1	1	1	1	29	17	39	..	79	1	..			
35	Wrightstown	Burlington	Feb. 27, 1888	09	2	61	61	1	1	27	19	42	..	31	5	..			
36	Coeur de Lion	Swedesboro	Mar. 12, 1888	20	2	31	31	1	1	5	16	08	..	31	5	..			
37	Jersey City	Hudson	Feb. 17, 1888	18	4	38	38	1	1	17*	13	9	..	67	1	..			
38	Mt. Everest	Paterson	Nov. 27, 1888	18	4	68	68	1	1	1	10	08	..	70	1	..			
39	Prospect	Clayton	Dec. 8, 1888	71	1	72	72	1	1	2	21	44	..	115	1	..			
40	Fleming	Hunterdon	Apr. 16, 1889	119	4	125	125	1	1	10	115	20	70	2	72	..			
41	Annandale	Hunterdon	Apr. 18, 1889	56	20	132	132	1	1	1	131	13	58	3	2	..			
42	Antioch	Atlantic	April 29, 1890	100	1	101	101	2	2	2	99	17	82	1	90	7	..		
43	Tuckerton	Egg Harbor City	May 13, 1890	164	7	102	102	2	2	171	30	78	..	171	12	..			
44	Vineland	Cumberland	June 9, 1890	95	6	109	109	1	1	100	18	00	..	100	5	..			
45	Vineland	Cumberland	June 9, 1890	115	4	119	119	1	1	2	117	21	06	..	117	3	..		
46	Corinthian	Asbury Park	Mar. 12, 1891	57	1	59	59	1	1	2	57	10	26	..	57	1	..		
47	Forked River	Middlesex	April 15, 1891	67	1	67	67	1	1	2	65	11	70	..	65	1	..		
48	Stirling	South Amboy	April 25, 1891	82	121	104	104	8	8	8	96	17	28	..	96	2	..		
49	Monmouth	Monmouth	Oct. 5, 1891	46	1	46	46	1	1	6	43	14	19	..	43	1	..		
50	Greenwich	Clarksboro	Oct. 5, 1891	69	8	77	77	11	11	11	66	11	88	..	66	3	..		
51	Columbia	Paterson	Dec. 12, 1891	59	8	54	54	1	1	53	9	54	..	53	1	..			
52	Wall	Spring Lake	Feb. 9, 1892	54	1	54	54	1	1	41*	14	25	..	41	1	..			
53	Star of Liberty	Pompton Lakes	Feb. 23, 1892	41	1	41	41	1	1	54	16	38	..	54	2	..			
54	Windsor	Farmingdale	Mar. 5, 1892	53	1	52	52	1	1	54	9	72	..	54	2	..			
55	Bayside	Atlantic	Mar. 18, 1892	52	1	51	51	2	2	4	8	64	..	4	2	..			
56	Excelsior	Somer's Point	Apr. 12, 1892	50	1	51	51	1	1	4	46	8	28	..	46	3	..		
57	Progressive	Green Creek	Apr. 16, 1892	89	1	10	10	10	10	79	14	22	..	79	1	..			
58	Silver Cross	Bridgeton	July 29, 1892	25	1	28	28	2	2	3	25	4	50	..	25	1	..		
59	Passaic	White House	Aug. 3, 1892	144	7	145	145	3	3	4	48	8	64	..	48	4	..		
60	Cumberland	Passaic	Sept. 3, 1892	54	1	52	52	1	1	12	133	23	04	..	133	5	..		
61	Plumsted	Port Norris	Nov. 5, 1892	54	6	104	104	4	4	1	103	18	54	..	103	7	..		
62	Star of Bethlehem	New Egypt	Dec. 23, 1892	56	1	56	56	1	1	2	62	11	10	..	62	5	..		
63	Phoenix	Camden	Feb. 20, 1893	56	1	7	7	6	6	6	122	21	96	..	122	10	..		
64	New Brunswick	Middlesex	Feb. 27, 1894	125	3	128	128	6	6	10	64	11	52	..	64	1	..		
65	To-Kalon	Monmouth	April 4, 1895	70	4	74	74	1	1	10	64	11	52	..	64	1	..		
Total				4877	222	3034	5163	10	5	264	4859	3538	19	10	4889	250	2	18	11

*No report. Membership approximated same as last term.

† Error last report.

Financial Statement of the Subordinate Castles for the Term ending December 31st, 1898.

No. of Castle.	RECEIPTS					EXPENSES.							ON HAND AND INVESTED.				
	Initiation Fees, Cards and Reinstatement	Dues and Fines.	Investments, &c.	Total Receipts.	On hand June 30, 1898	Total.	Sick Benefits.	Burial of the Dead.	Donations.	Total Relief.	Sundry Purposes.	Investments.	Total.	On hand December 31, 1898	Invested.	Total Fund.	Increase or Decrease
1	00	\$3	03	69	\$94	\$133	\$45	00	00	00	\$6	00	\$121	\$11	00	\$54	\$52
2	4	370	03	47	412	1062	57	00	00	00	26	20	98	86	82	68	37
3	00	742	15	00	185	1899	943	00	00	00	166	23	1478	426	2902	68	33
4	00	169	24	15	324	97	60	00	14	00	42	56	151	173	230	41	68
5	146	284	43	213	505	505	70	00	00	00	396	95	406	498	1900	00	33
6	00	132	03	800	932	980	87	00	00	00	67	70	554	26	1222	12	67
7	00	518	27	74	48	580	82	00	00	00	275	24	645	170	1222	35	28
8	27	288	60	15	224	665	98	00	00	00	163	75	1609	228	1609	49	85
9	00	444	96	784	335	1335	83	75	10	00	857	41	1220	115	3000	53	45
10	3	138	30	141	144	285	23	00	6	00	63	59	142	143	70	71	23
11	00	395	44	1939	47	268	20	00	397	17	504	22	1229	1084	93	78	85
12	00	142	23	00	126	67	25	00	25	00	62	65	157	111	27	86	20
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Total	\$819 00	\$15,232 95	\$0,641 37	\$26,713 32	\$12,678 93	\$39,392 25	\$6633 74	\$1336 55	\$156 98	\$8127 24	\$9450 08	\$765 35	\$13,858 58	\$61,451 21	\$75,309 79	\$2895 63

*Overdrawn.

★No report.

Increase . . . \$4867 30
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Net increase, \$2895 63

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Total	\$269 00	\$16,042	\$10,961 02	\$28,272 84	\$13,825 28	\$42,098 12	\$10,200 70	\$1718 92	\$139 15	\$2038 77	\$9667 33	\$6752 77	\$28,178 87	\$13,319 25	\$63,556 82	\$76,876 07

*Overdrawn.

*No report.

Increase, . . . \$222 03.
Decrease, . . . 2882 03.
Net Increase . . . \$40 47

REPORT OF THE GRAND KEEPER OF EXCHEQUER.

TRENTON, N. J., August 14th, 1899.

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

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS:—The following is submitted as the report of your Grand Keeper of Exchequer for the term ending August 14th, 1899:

1898. RECEIPTS.		1898. DISBURSEMENTS.	
Sept. 1.	Balance on hand, \$144 39	Oct. 25.	Order No. 585 . . . \$131 05
	Received from A. L.	25.	" 586 . . . 5 00
	Clark, G. M. of R.	25.	" 587 . . . 10 00
	as follows :	25.	" 588 . . . 15 00
Oct. 17.	. . . . . 36 95	25.	" 589 . . . 15 32
Nov. 21.	. . . . . 300 00	Dec. 10.	" 590 . . . 50 12
Dec. 17.	. . . . . 20 00	10.	" 591 . . . 100 00
1899.		10.	" 592 . . . 112 25
Jan. 16.	. . . . . 608 12	17.	" 593 . . . 50 00
Feb. 18.	. . . . . 300 00	17.	" 594 . . . 6 50
May 13.	. . . . . 50 00	17.	" 595 . . . 1 75
June 3.	. . . . . 58 80	17.	" 596 . . . 3 00
28.	. . . . . 100 00	1898.	
July 17.	. . . . . 600 00	Feb. 15.	" 597 . . . 135 05
Aug. 5.	. . . . . 383 21	15.	" 598 . . . 289 57
11.	. . . . . 28 68	15.	" 599 . . . 75 00
		15.	" 600 . . . 12 00
		15.	" 601 . . . 47 20
		15.	" 602 . . . 2 00
		15.	" 603 . . . 18 75
		15.	" 604 . . . 25 00
		21.	" 605 . . . 49 95
		Mar. 2.	" 606 . . . 90 76
		2.	" 607 . . . 91 74
		2.	" 608 . . . 31 50
		4.	" 609 . . . 25 00
		May 17.	" 610 . . . 25 00
		17.	" 611 . . . 4 10
		June 6.	" 612 . . . 25 00
		6.	" 613 . . . 58 80
		28.	" 614 . . . 100 00
		July 17.	" 615 . . . 150 00
		18.	" 616 . . . 25 00
		Aug. 5.	" 617 . . . 4 00
		5.	" 618 . . . 265 62
		5.	" 619 . . . 150 00
		11.	" 620 . . . 1 50
		11.	" 621 . . . 1 25
		11.	" 622 . . . 311 25
		11.	" 623 . . . 10 00
		11.	" 624 . . . 21 09
		14.	" 625 . . . 50 00
		14.	" 626 . . . 31 76
			\$2627 88
			Balance on hand, . . . 2 27
			\$2630 15

\$2630 15\$2630 15Thanking you for the honors you have conferred upon me, I remain
Fraternally yours in F., V. and H.J. HARRIS COGILL. *G. K. of E.*

REPORT OF THE GRAND TRUSTEES.

CAMDEN, N. J., September 4th, 1899.

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

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS:—Your Trustees beg leave to report the valuation of the property of the Grand Castle as follows, less discount for wear and tear, for the year of 1899.

1 office carpet	\$38 60
2 " oak desks	
2 " revolving chairs }	66 00
6 " arm chairs	
6 spittoons	2 50
1 safe	60 00
1 cabinet book-case	22 60
1 letter press	3 00
1 genuine skull, articulated	6 00
4 stereopticon slides and curtain for Third Degree	6 00
1 cross and crown	4 00
1 guidon	4 00
21 District Grand Chiefs' badges and jewels	22 25
20 Grand Instructors'	22 50
9 Grand Officers' badges	9 00
1 trunk for paraphernalia	5 25
2 screens	1 50
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	\$273 20
1898 valuation on above	\$209 34
Less 10 per cent. for 1899	20 93
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	188 41
1 seal	3 00
4 drill manuals @ \$1.00	4 00
2 dozen ode cards (German) @ \$1.20	2 40
1 funeral ceremony	1 00
10 dismissal certificates @ \$1.00	10 00
1 Past Chief's badge and jewel	2 25
1 silk regulation bag and pole	31 50
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	\$242 56

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

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

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

TRENTON, N. J., August 14th, 1899.

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

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS:—Your Committee on Finance most respectfully report that they have examined all books of both the Grand Master of Records and Grand Keeper of Exchequer this day, audited the same and found them correct.

Balance on hand at last session	\$144 39
Receipts during year ending August 14th, 1899,	2485 76
Total	\$2630 15
Expenditures during the year	2627 88
Balance in hands of Keeper of Exchequer,	\$2 27

All bills against this Grand Castle to date have been *paid* or provided for by the excess resources, and only the strictest economy upon the part of your Grand Officers is responsible for this excellent condition,

Immediately after the last session of this Grand Castle your committee were confronted with the bill of W. J. Kraft, of Camden, for one hundred and twenty-five dollars, who desired an early settlement. There was not a dollar with which to settle the claim, but your committee were fortunate enough to secure a private loan of one hundred dollars, which the claimant agreed to take for the amount in full, thereby saving twenty-five dollars to this Grand Castle.

We also desire to call the attention of this Grand body to the excessive number of copies of Annual Proceedings printed, two-thirds of which are absolutely useless in the judgment and knowledge of your committee, and we most earnestly recommend—

1. That hereafter this Grand Castle have but five hundred copies of Proceedings printed.
2. That the per capita tax remain at thirty-six cents per annum for this year.

3. That the resolution as to restriction of officers attending district meetings, institutions, etc. at the expense of this Grand Castle remain in force until changed.

4. That hereafter this Grand Castle require a written report of expenditures from any committee, officer, person, association or branch of this Order to whom it may vote any of its funds.

We also recommend the following appropriations.

Expenses of Grand Chief,	\$250 00
Salary of Grand Master of Records,	600 00
Incidentals of Grand Master of Records,	100 00
Printing,	300 00
Dues to Supreme Castle,	225 00
Supplies from Supreme Castle,	150 00
Rent of office,	100 00
Card in K. G. E. paper,	12 00

\$1737 00

INCOME: Per capita on 5000 members, @ 36 cents, \$1800 00.

We cannot refrain from calling the attention of this Grand Castle to the kind, courteous and tireless assistance rendered the committee by your Grand Master of Records, and highly commend the executive ability displayed by him in conducting the business of his office.

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

E. H. GINNELLY,
ROBERT COTTAM,
MOSES E. HILL,
Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LAW.

MANASQUAN, N. J., August 15th, 1899.

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

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS:—Your Committee on Law have approved of the following laws and amendments:

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| 1898, September | 22. | Amendments of Ocean Castle, No. 11. |
| October | 31. | By-Laws of Cross and Crown Castle, No. 25. |
| | | By-Laws of Warren Castle, No. 12. |
| | | By-Laws of Corinthian Castle, No. 47. |
| | | Amendments of Crusaders' Castle, No. 14. |
| November | 28. | Amendments of Washington Castle, No. 3. |
| | | Amendments of Monarch Castle, No. 9. |
| December | 26. | Amendments of New Brunswick Castle, No. 71. |
| | | By-Laws of Monmouth Castle, No. 51. |
| 1899, January | 31. | By-Laws of Wall Castle, No. 57. |
| | 9. | Amendments of To Kalon Castle, No. 72. |
| | | Amendments of Newark Castle, No. 19. |
| February | 28. | Amendments of Clyde Castle, No. 34. |
| | | By-Laws of Tuckerton Castle, No. 45. |
| March | 27. | By-Laws of Phoenix Castle, No. 70. |
| | | Amendments of Annandale Castle, No. 43. |
| | | By-Laws of Stafford Castle, No. 26. |
| May | 8. | Amendments of Monarch Castle, No. 9. |
| | | Amendments of Warren Castle, No. 12. |
| | | Amendments of Windsor Castle, No. 59. |
| | | Amendments of Crusaders' Castle, No. 14. |
| | | By-Laws of Prospect Castle, No. 40. |
| May | 27. | By-Laws of Phillipsburg Castle, No. 7. |
| | | Amendments of Ivanhoe Castle, No. 5. |
| June | 17. | By-Laws of Washington Castle, No. 3. |
| | | Amendments of Corinthian Castle, No. 47. |
| | | Amendments of Millville Castle, No. 2. |
| June | 26. | Amendments of Vineland Castle, No. 45. |
| | | Amendments of Capital Castle, No. 28. |

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

WILLIAM H. RUF, P. G. C.,
 GEORGE F. SCHEELE, P. C.,
 JAMES FORRESTER, P. C.,
Law Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

CAMDEN, N. J., September 4th, 1899.

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

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

1898.			
Aug.	16.	100 circulars (call for annual session),	\$1 75
	27.	100 circulars, and lines struck out	1 75
Sept.	3.	200 copies preliminary report for use of session.	120 50
	17.	1 receipt book, 2 colors, numbered and perforated,	5 75
	21.	100 circulars, No. 1, Grand Chief	1 75
		100 circulars, list of appointments,	3 00
	28.	1550 envelopes, No. 6¾, 2 colors @ \$3.25	5 00
		Grand Chief 250	
		G. M. of R. 1000	
		Grand Vice-Chief. 100	
		Grand K. of E. 100	
		Grand Sir Herald. 100	
		1550	
		Alterations	50
		100 envelopes, No. 11, 2 colors, Grand Chief.	75
		1150 letter heads, 2 colors.	4 75
		G. M. of R. 600	
		Grand Chief. 250	
		Grand K. of E. 100	
		Grand Vice-Chief. 100	
		Grand Sir Herald. 100	
		1150	
		Alterations	50
		1000 envelopes, No. 6¾, 1 color, lots of 50	4 00
		1200 note heads, 2 colors,	3 00
Oct.	24.	1500 copies Proceedings, 1898,	124 00
Nov.	21.	5000 pamphlets, "Aims and Objects,"	20 00
Dec.	30.	1000 Semi-Annual Report blanks	12 00
			\$309 00

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

P. G. C. F. A. BUREN,

P. C. THOMAS FARRELL,

P. C. JOSEPH H. MATLACK,

Committee on Printing.

REPORT OF THE K. G. E. FUNERAL BENEFIT FUND OF NEW JERSEY.

TRENTON, N. J., August 21st, 1899.

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

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS:—We, the Provisional Board of Managers, desire to present this report of the management of the above Fund, with its condition at the close of this fiscal year.

MEMBERSHIP.

Having attained the required number (1000), the Fund went into operation March 1st, 1899, and continued as follows:

1899.			
March, . . . 15	Castles and a membership of		1178
April . . . 16	“ “		1256
May, . . . 16	“ “		1278
June . . . 18	“ “		1361
July . . . 18	“ “		1368
August . . . 18	“ “		1360

Castles comprising the Fund are—Nos. 1, 3, 7, 9, 12, 23, 26, 31, 34, 35, 40, 41, 51, 59, 64, 66, 70 and 72.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

	ADVANCE FEES.	BENEFICIARY.	GENERAL.
1898.			
May,		\$21 20	\$5 30
June,		30 60	7 65
August		37 80	9 50
October,		10 60	2 65
November,		27 00	6 75
December,		15 00	4 00
	Carried forward,	\$142 20	\$35 85

1899.	Brought forward,	\$142 20	\$35 85
January		29 40	7 35
February,		50 80	12 45
March,		14 40	3 60
April		23 20	5 95
May,		5 60	1 35
June,		18 20	4 55
July,		3 70	95
August,		1 40	35
Total,		\$288 90	\$72 40

ASSESSMENTS.

1889.			
April,	Whole assessment, No. 1,	228 00	
June,	Half assessment, No. 2,	127 10	
July,	General Fund assessment,		66 80
Total receipts,		\$644 00	\$139 20

DISBURSEMENTS.

BENEFICIARY FUND.

NAME.	CASTLE.	AGE.	ADMITTED.	DIED.	CAUSE.	APPROVED. * DISAPPROVED	BENEFICIARY.	WARRANT.	BENEFIT.
Michael Cosgrove,	3	37	1899 Feb 2	1899 Mh 20	Tuberculosis of Lungs.	1899 *Ap24			
J. F. Emmons,	34	38	Mch 7	May 3	Acute Phthisis.	My 22	Annie Emmons.	1	\$100 00
Wm. B. Scattergo'd	3		Feb 2	Jun 30	Consumption	Aug21	Ellie Scattergood.	2	100 00
Theod. F. Tomlin,	40	54	Apr 1	Jul 26	Cardial Apoplexy.	Aug21	Martha J. Tomlin.	3	100 00
Total									\$300 00

* Conflicted with Rule 13.

GENERAL FUND.

President George W. Chamberlain, expenses attending 5 meetings of Board of Managers,	\$14 75
Treasurer George P. Sutton, expenses attending 4 meetings of Board of Managers,	8 60
W. A. Barrows, expenses attending 4 meetings of Board of Managers,	5 70
W. H. Ruf, expenses attending 5 meetings of Board of Managers,	19 50
Officers' bond in Fidelity Casualty Company,	5 00
Postage and stationery, Secretary and Treasurer,	9 16
Printing books, blanks and forms,	27 50
Printing circular,	1 50
Printing envelopes, note heads and membership blanks,	8 93
Total,	\$100 64

RECAPITULATION.

Total receipts, Beneficiary Fund,	\$644 00
Total claims paid, 3 @ \$100,	300 00
Balance deposited in New Jersey Trust and Safe Deposit Company to credit of George P. Sutton, Treasurer	\$344 00
Total receipts, General Fund,	\$139 20
Total expenditures,	100 64
Balance deposited in New Jersey Trust and Safe Deposit Company to credit of George P. Sutton, Treasurer,	\$38 56

Our actual claim death rate for the past six months has been $2\frac{1}{3}$ per 1000, which means $4\frac{2}{3}$ per 1000 a year. This is lower than the estimated average ($5\frac{1}{2}$ per 1000). At the past six months rate it would cost, at the present benefit, 50 cents per member a year; \$200 would cost \$1.00 per year, and \$300.00 would cost \$1.50 per year.

Since the Fund went into operation only $1\frac{1}{2}$ assessments have been called for Beneficiary Fund. Assessments have been waived for months March, May, July, August and September. It is our earnest wish that the Castles of our State take hold of this feature, and feel if they did so our Order and its members would be greatly benefitted thereby.

Trusting our efforts in this work may meet your approval, we are

P. C. DR. GEORGE W. CHAMBERLAIN, *President*,
P. C. GEORGE P. SUTTON, *Treasurer*,
P. G. C. A. L. CLARK, *Secretary*,
P. G. C. WALTER A. BARROWS,
P. G. C. WILLIAM H. RUF,
GRAND CHIEF JAMES E. RUSSELL, *ex officio*,
Provisional Board of Managers.

The Committee on Appeals reported as follows :

PART FIRST.

CAMDEN, N. J., September 4th, 1899.

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

Your committee decides, in the case of appeal of Noble Chief Schmidt vs. New Brunswick Castle, No. 71, "Sustained." This opinion is simply based upon constitutional grounds, as follows: Grand Castle Constitution, Article VIII, commands that "a certain sum shall be charged against such member as *weekly* dues, etc. The sum so charged becomes in arrears if not paid at the next stated session, etc. If he shall allow such charges to accrue until he shall be in arrears in a sum aggregating the amount of such charges for one quarter he shall thereupon *become* not in good standing and shall so remain until *all arrearages and intervening charges shall be fully paid* and for four (4) full weeks thereafter."

Now, P. C. Van Horn, of No. 71, is reported sick December 6th, 1898. Noble Chief declares him non-beneficial, under Article VII, Section 1, Proviso 3, he not being in good standing—namely, on September 30, Brother Van Horn was indebted for dues in the sum of \$2.00; October 11th he paid \$2.00, leaving unpaid dues accrued between dates named, *i. e.*, September to October 11, which, Constitution says, *shall be charged weekly*. The action of the Castle in voting benefits in this case is clearly wrong, under both Grand Castle Constitution and Castle By-Law. Hence the decision of the Castle is reversed, and the Noble Chief sustained.

F. WAYLAND POTTER, *Chairman*,
DR. GEORGE W. CHAMBERLAIN,
GEORGE PARKER SUTTON,
A. S. HAINES,
C. K. MAVER,

Committee on Appeals.

P. G. C. F. Wayland Potter, No. 3, moved that the decision of the Committee on Appeals in above case stand as the decision of this Grand Castle.

The motion was stated. Remarks made thereon by P. C. J. A. Drake, No. 71. Upon call for a division, 42 voted in the affirmative and 4 in the negative. The motion was adopted.

PART SECOND.

CAMDEN, N. J., September 4th, 1899.

To the Grand Castle of New Jersey.

In the case of the appeal of Sir Knight Anthony Thomas from decision of Antioch Castle, No. 44, which charges him with attempt to defraud the Castle, your committee decides, "Appeal not sustained," and recommends the appeal be dismissed.

F. WAYLAND POTTER, *Chairman*,
 DR. G. W. CHAMBERLAIN,
 C. K. MAYER,
 GEORGE PARKER SUTTON,
 A. S. HAINES,

Committee on Appeals.

P. G. C. F. Wayland Potter. No. 3, moved that the decision of the Committee on Appeals in the foregoing case stand as the decision of the Grand Castle. Agreed to.

PART THIRD.

[SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT, ADDED TO ORIGINAL REPORT, ON MOTION OF P. G. C. F. WAYLAND POTTER.]

CAMDEN, N. J., September 5th, 1899.

To the Grand Castle of New Jersey.

Your Committee has received, at this session, papers in relation to a question of appeal by C. L. Hoffman from action of Califon Castle, No. 32. Your Committee finds—

First. No appeal by the said Sir Knight to this Grand Castle.

Second. The evidence as shown is not subscribed to, as is required by Article VI, Section 4.

Your Committee recommends that the matter be referred back to said Castle with instructions to comply with the law governing such cases.

F. WAYLAND POTTER, *Chairman*,
 DR. G. W. CHAMBERLAIN,
 GEORGE PARKER SUTTON,
 A. S. HAINES,
 C. K. MAYER,

Committee on Appeals.

P. G. C. F. Wayland Potter moved that this session continue until 2 o'clock P. M., take recess and reconvene at 3.30 P. M. Motion not agreed to.

P. C. E. H. Ginnelley, Representative No. 23, moved we take recess at 2.30 P. M. Agreed to.

P. C. George P. Sutton, No. 9, moved we go into the nomination and election of officers for ensuing year—which was agreed to.

At this stage of the proceedings Supreme Chief William C. Hunter was admitted and received with proper honors. His short speech of thanks was loudly applauded, after which he was seated on the platform.

The Grand Chief announced that immediately upon adjournment of the Grand Castle at 2.30 P. M. the meeting of the K. G. E. Funeral Benefit Fund would be held in the adjoining room.

Lieutenant-General H. P. Reinecke at this time entered the Grand Castle, and was received in proper manner.

The following nominations were then made :

For Grand Chief—G. V. C. Jacob S. Kent, nominated by P. G. C. F. Wayland Potter, No. 3.

For Grand Vice Chief—G. S. H. Arthur H. Hope, nominated by Representative E. H. Ginnelley, No. 23, seconded by P. G. C. John C. F. Trachsel, No. 25.

For Grand High Priest—G. H. P. Dr. J. B. Wainright, nominated by P. G. C. F. Wayland Potter, No. 3, seconded by P. G. C. John C. F. Trachsel, No. 25.

For Grand Master of Records—G. M. of R. A. L. Clark, nominated by Supreme Chief William C. Hunter, seconded by P. G. C. John C. F. Trachsel, No. 25.

For Grand Keeper of Exchequer—G. K. of E. J. Harris Cogill, nominated by P. G. C. William H. Ruf, No. 34, seconded by P. G. C. F. Wayland Potter, No. 3.

For Grand Sir Herald—P. C. A. S. Haines, No. 6, nominated by P. C. William L. Skinner, No. 9.

P. C. T. M. Birchmeier, No. 10, nominated by P. G. C. Walter A. Barrows, No. 4.

P. C. John L. Vehe, No. 25, nominated by P. G. C. J. C. F. Trachsel, No. 25.

P. C. John C. Risley, No. 11, nominated by Supreme Chief W. C. Hunter, No. 36.

P. C. Tobias Grace, No. 50, nominated by G. M. of R. A. L. Clark, No. 23.

P. C. Lorenz Krein, No. 44, nominated by P. C. L. P. Schmidt, No. 44.

P. C. A. Q. Bloom, No. 28, nominated by P. C. Henry W. Fronley, No. 28.

For Grand First Guardsman—P. C. S. Robert White, No. 72, nominated by P. C. William Sproat, No. 38.

P. C. Robert M. Coffman, No. 9, nominated by P. C. William L. Skinner, No. 9.

P. C. Robert S. Turton, No. 71, nominated by P. C. George Eden, No. 71.

For Grand Second Guardsman—P. C. Henry W. Fronley, No. 28, was nominated by P. C. George F. Scheele, No. 28.

For Grand Trustee—P. G. C. John C. F. Trachsel, No. 25, was nominated by P. G. C. F. Wayland Potter, No. 3, seconded by P. C. George P. Sutton, No. 9.

P. G. C. William H. Ruf, moved that where only one nominee appeared for any office the Grand Master of Records be instructed to cast the Grand Castle ballots. So ordered.

ELECTION.

The Grand Chief appointed as Tellers, P. C. George F. Scheele, No. 28, and P. G. C. E. D. Senseman, No. 9.

For Grand Chief—Jacob S. Kent received all the votes cast, was declared elected as Grand Chief and accepted.

For Grand Vice-Chief—Arthur H. Hope received all the votes cast, was declared elected as Grand Vice-Chief and accepted.

For Grand High Priest—Dr. J. B. Wainright received all the votes cast, was declared re-elected as Grand High Priest and accepted.

For Grand Master of Records—A. L. Clark received all the votes cast (P. G. C. Barrows casting the Grand Castle ballot), was declared re-elected as Grand Master of Records and accepted.

For Grand Keeper of Exchequer—J. Harris Cogill received all the votes cast, was declared re-elected as Grand Keeper of Exchequer and accepted.

For Grand Sir Herald—The ballots were cast and the Tellers were instructed to repair to the ante-chamber to count the same. (The name of Lorenz Krein was withdrawn).

The following extra Tellers were appointed: P. C. E. E. Cox, No. 3, and P. C. G. P. Sutton, No. 9.

For Grand First Guardsman—The ballots were cast and the Tellers instructed to retire and count the same.

Extra Tellers were appointed as follows: P. C. Charles King, No. 47, and Representative E. H. Ginnelley, No. 23.

For Grand Second Guardsman—P. C. H. W. Fronley, No. 28, received all the votes cast, was declared elected as Grand Second Guardsman and accepted.

For Grand Trustee—P. G. C. John C. F. Trachsel received all the votes cast, was declared elected as Grand Trustee for three years and accepted.

The Tellers on the ballot for Grand Sir Herald reported the result of the first ballot, as follows :

Votes cast, 148.

P. C. A. S. Haines, No. 6, received	17 votes.
P. C. T. M. Birchmeier, No. 10, received	24 "
P. C. John L. Vehe, No. 25, received	26 "
P. C. John C. Risley, No. 11, received	55 "
P. C. Tobias Grace, No. 50, received	15 "
P. C. A. Q. Bloom, No. 28, received	11 "

No candidate having received a majority of the votes cast, it was declared no election.

The names of Past Chiefs Tobias Grace, A. Q. Bloom and A. S. Haines were withdrawn.

The ballot for Grand Sir Herald was renewed. When completed the Tellers were instructed to retire and count the votes.

The Tellers on the ballot for Grand First Guardsman announced the result as follows :

Votes cast, 129.

P. C. S. Robert White, No. 72, received	41 votes.
P. C. Robert M. Coffman, No. 9, "	35 "
P. C. Robert S. Turton, No. 71, "	53 "

No candidate having received a majority of the votes cast, it was declared no election.

The balloting was thereupon renewed.

SECOND BALLOT.

Votes cast, 138.

P. C. S. Robert White, No. 72, received	65 votes.
P. C. Robert M. Coffman, No. 9, "	34 "
P. C. Robert S. Turton, No. 71, "	37 "
Blanks,	2 "

No candidate having received a majority of votes cast, it was declared no election, and P. C. Robert M. Coffman, No. 9, having received the lowest vote, was dropped.

The Tellers on second ballot for Grand Sir Herald announced the result of same, as follows :

Votes cast, 151.

P. C. John C. Risley, No. 11, received . . .	93 votes.
P. C. T. M. Birchmeier, No. 10, " . . .	26 "
P. C. John L. Vehe, No. 25, " . . .	32 "

P. C. John C. Risley, No. 11, having received a majority of all the votes cast was declared duly elected as Grand Sir Herald, and accepted.

Balloting was then renewed for Grand First Guardsman, which resulted as follows :

THIRD BALLOT.

Votes cast, 125.

P. C. S. Robert White, No. 72, received . . .	76 votes.
P. C. Robert S. Turton, No. 71, " . . .	46 "
Blanks,	3 "

P. C. S. Robert White, No. 72, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected as Grand First Guardsman, and accepted.

The Tellers were then discharged with thanks of the Grand Castle.

The Committee on Distribution reported :

CAMDEN, N. J., September 4th, 1898.

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

The Committee on the Grand Chief's report, etc., respectfully report, recommending—

That the matter of forfeiture of charters, found on page 14, be referred to the Committee on Good of the Order, and that all other matters contained in the Grand Chief's report be approved.

That, of the matters contained in the report of the Grand Master of Records, the matter of non-return of books, property, etc., by Jersey City Castle, No. 37, and non-report by Woodbury Castle, No. 15, be referred to Committee on Good of the Order, and all others matters in said report be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

P. G. C. WILLIAM H. RUF,
 P. C. DR. GEORGE W. CHAMBERLAIN,
 P. C. JAMES FORRESTER,
 P. G. C. WALTER A. BARROWS,
Committee.

P. G. C. Walter A. Barrows, No. 4, moved that the report of the committee, just read, be received and the recommendations of the same be adopted. Agreed to.

P. G. C. William H. Ruf moved to proceed to the nomination and selection of place for holding the next annual session. Agreed to.

P. C. George P. Sutton, No. 9, named Trenton.

P. C. W. B. Kirby, No. 13, named Bridgeton.

P. C. George P. Sutton, No. 9, moved the selection be decided by a rising vote, which was agreed to.

Bridgeton received	40 votes.
Trenton received	63 "

Trenton was thereupon made the unanimous choice of the Grand Castle for the next annual session.

P. G. C. Walter A. Barrows, No. 4, moved that the next annual session of the Grand Castle, be held in Trenton on the First Thursday of September, 1900, at 10 o'clock A. M.

P. C. J. M. Stoetzel, No. 71, moved to amend that the meeting be held on Labor Day, first Monday in September, 1900 at 10 o'clock A. M. This amendment was adopted.

The report of the Finance Committee was then read. [See pages 46, 47.]

P. G. C. Walter A. Barrows, No. 4, moved that it be approved and the recommendations contained therein adopted. Agreed to.

The Grand Chief named the committee on Good of the Order, as follows: P. G. C. Walter A. Barrows, No. 4; P. G. C. William H. Ruf, No. 34; P. C. George P. Sutton, No. 9.

Grand Master of Records Clark moved the report of the Printing Committee be approved. Carried.

The report of the Provisional Board of Managers of the K. G. E. Funeral Benefit Fund was read. [See pages 50-52.]

Representative E. H. Ginnelley, No. 23, moved the report be received and approved, and that the Grand Castle recommend it to the consideration of the various Castles of our State. Agreed to.

The Committee on Appeals made a supplementary report on the case of C. L. Hoffman *vs.* Califon Castle, No. 32, which was afterwards referred back to the committee at their request.

P. C. George P. Sutton, No. 9, moved the report of the Grand Trustees be adopted as printed. Carried.

P. G. C. William H. Ruf, No. 34, moved the report of the Grand Keeper of Exchequer be adopted as printed. Carried.

The amendment to the Constitution offered last session was read, as follows:

Amend 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.

P. C. James Forrester, No. 22, moved it be laid over until Tuesday morning 5th inst. at 9 o'clock. Agreed to.

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

Amend Article II, Section I, of Grand Castle Constitution, as follows:

Strike out the words, "First week in September", and insert "Third week in September."

F. WAYLAND POTTER, P. G. C., No. 3,
DR. GEORGE W. CHAMBERLAIN, P. C., No. 66,
WALTER A. BARROWS, P. G. C., No. 4.

Amend Article II, Section I. SESSIONS.

By striking out the entire section and inserting in lieu thereof—

"There shall be one stated session of the Grand Castle held each year, during the first week in September, in the city of Trenton."

WILLIAM H. RUF, P. G. C., No. 34,
GEORGE P. SUTTON, P. C., No. 9.

The hour of 2.30 P.M. having arrived, the Grand Chief declared a recess until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

CAMDEN, N. J., September 5th, 1899.

The Grand Castle reassembled pursuant to recess at 9 o'clock.

Officers present at Monday's session were in attendance, and a constitutional quorum.

The minutes of the first day's session were read and on motion of Grand Trustee A. Q. Bloom, No. 28, approved.

The amendment to the Constitution, laid over from yesterday, was again read.

A motion to indefinitely postpone was lost by a vote of 34 in the affirmative and 35 in the negative.

P. C. W. H. Green, No. 25, moved the adoption of the amendment as printed.

The motion was stated, remarks thereon being made by P. C. Tobias Grace, No. 50; Representative L. P. Schmidt, No. 44; Representative E. H. Ginnelley, No. 23; Representative T. C. Schank, No. 64. The question was called and the motion was not agreed to.

P. C. George P. Sutton, No. 9, moved that all speeches be limited to five minutes. Carried.

P. G. C. William H. Ruf, No. 34, moved that a Committee on Resolutions be appointed to draft suitable resolutions on the death of P. C. I. J. Grimshaw, No. 51. Carried.

The Committee on Good of the Order reported as follows :

CAMDEN, N. J., September 4th, 1899.

To the Grand Castle :

The Committee on Good of the Order to whom was referred so much of the Grand Chief's report as relates to forfeiture of charters, to be found on page 14 of printed reports, would report that while notice was given of purpose to surrender the charter of Jersey City Castle, No. 37, it seems to appear that proper attention was not given to the closing up of the affairs of said Castle, and to the protection and turning over of the properties and paraphernalia.

A high regard should be had for preservation of the secret properties of the Order from examination by those who are not bound by our obligations.

A jealous regard for the good name of the Order requires that the fullest consideration should be given to the correct and exact settlement of all bills and claims against a Castle which is about to surrender its charter.

We recommend that it be made the special duty of the incoming Grand Chief to visit Jersey City and ascertain all the facts and obtain a proper disposition of the properties of said Castle, and that hereafter, when it is proposed to discontinue the existence of a Castle, the Grand Chief give personal attention to the matter.

It appears that the membership of Merchantville Castle, No. 29, in violation of solemn obligations and of both the law of the Order and the law of the land, have divided the moneys and funds of the Castle among themselves and claim to be free from any further obligation or allegiance to the Order of K. G. E. Such conduct is shocking to the sense of every loyal member of the Order, and cannot be tolerated with the expectancy that our Order in this State shall retain its own respect or the respect of the Order in general. Self-preservation and self-respect compel the Grand Castle to take such action as shall put an end to such conduct.

We recommend that the Grand Castle direct the legal prosecution of those members who have wrongfully taken to their own use the moneys of Merchantville Castle, on which funds by our law and the laws of the State of New Jersey, a trust character has been imposed.

Another matter appearing in report of the Grand Master of Records, to be found on page 24 to-wit., the neglect of Woodbury Castle, No. 15, and Greenwich Castle, No. 53, to forward reports as required by our laws, was referred to this Committee. The Committee feel to recommend that the Grand Castle direct that these Castles be disciplined to the fullest extent of our laws, until they fully comply with those laws.

WALTER A. BARROWS, P. G. C.,
 GEORGE P. SUTTON, P. C.,
 W. H. RUF, P. G. C.,

Committee.

Remarks were made by P. G. C. J. C. F. Trachsel and Grand Master of Records A. L. Clark. The report was adopted.

Representative E. H. Ginnelley, No. 23, moved that, in conjunction with the report of the Committee on Good of the Order, so much money as is necessary be appropriated to prosecute the parties named therein. Agreed to.

The Committee on Resolutions reported as follows :

CAMDEN, N. J., September 5th, 1899.

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

Isaac J. Grimshaw, Past Chief, member of Monmouth Castle, No. 51, departed this life September 2d, 1899.

Brother Grimshaw was the accredited Representative of his Castle in this Grand body for seven years last past. We thus came to know him, and to know Brother Grimshaw was to respect and love him. His memory remains as a cherished treasure. This Grand Castle and Monmouth Castle have suffered a great loss. Our confidence, based on his life and conduct, is, that Brother Grimshaw has the great gain.

He so lived that when his summons came to join the innumerable caravan that moves to the pale realm of shade, he wrapped his mantle about him and laid down to rest.

WALTER A. BARROWS, P. G. C.,
WILLIAM H. RUF, P. G. C.,
GEORGE PARKER SUTTON, P. C.
Committee on Resolutions.

P. C. Tobias Grace, No. 50, moved the resolutions be adopted and spread upon the minutes.

P. G. C. E. D. Senseman, No. 9, moved to amend that it also be properly engrossed and framed and presented to Monmouth Castle, No. 51.

Grand Master of Records A. L. Clark volunteered to engross the resolutions and P. G. C. John C. F. Trachsel offered to frame the same.

The kind offers of P. G. C. Trachsel and Grand Master of Records Clark were accepted and a rising vote of thanks given, and the resolution unanimously adopted.

The following resolution was, on motion of Grand Master of Records Clark, referred to the incoming Grand Chief.

Resolved, That the incoming Grand Chief be instructed to designate and set apart as separate districts, each and every county in the State where Castles now exist, and that hereafter, whenever a Castle is instituted in a new county, such county shall be immediately set apart as a new district.

Offered by Castle No. 7.

Attest :

[SEAL.]

GEO. W. SMITH, *M. of R.*

The papers of consolidation of Trenton Castle, No. 7, with Mercer Castle, No. 23, and Cyrene Castle, No. 8, with Cross and Crown Castle, No. 25, were presented. Being found correct, they were, on motion of Grand Master of Records A. L. Clark, approved.

Bills of E. D. Senseman for printing preliminary reports and Thomas Parry Sons, for Past Grand Chief's badge, were referred to incoming Finance Committee.

P. C. Casper Schmidt, No. 71, asked about the proper course to be pursued by an Auditing Committee of a Castle, etc. The matter was referred to the Committee on Law.

The Committee on Revision of Constitution reported that owing to it being impossible to get the full Committee together, and it being apparent that some changes in the Constitution of Subordinate Castles were necessary, asked that they be constituted with power to make necessary changes and have, if possible, proper law passed by the State Legislature.

The report of the Committee was accepted and adopted, on motion of P. C. G. L. Moore, No. 71.

Representative E. H. Ginnelley, No. 23, moved that we now proceed to the installation of officers. Carried.

P. G. C. Walter A. Barrows, acting as Supreme Chief, assisted by P. G. C. James E. Highley as Supreme High Priest and P. G. C. Joseph Arnold as Supreme Sir Herald, proceeded to install the officers elect, as follows :

Past Grand Chief—James E. Russell.
Grand Chief—Jacob S. Kent.

[At this time Supreme Chief William C. Hunter entered, P. G. C. Walter A. Barrows relinquishing his post to the Supreme Chief.]

Grand Vice-Chief—Arthur H. Hope,
Grand High Priest—Dr. J. B. Wainright.
Grand Master of Records—A. L. Clark.
Grand Keeper of Exchequer—J. Harris Cogill.
Grand Second Guardsman—Henry W. Fronley.

The absentees being Grand Sir Herald John C. Risley and Grand First Guardsman S. Robert White.

Speeches were made by Supreme Chief William C. Hunter and Grand Chief Jacob S. Kent.

P. C. J. Frank Cobb, No. 47, was deputized by the Supreme Chief to install Grand First Guardsman S. Robert White at his convenience. The Supreme Chief stated he would install the Grand Sir Herald elect at the first opportunity.

Supreme Chief William C. Hunter, on behalf of the Grand Castle, presented Past Grand Chief James E. Russell with a Past Grand Chief's badge and jewel, which was received in a neat speech by the newly-made Past Grand Chief. Both the speeches of presentation and acceptance were models of excellence and were received with stupendous applause.

P. G. C. F. Wayland Potter moved that a vote of thanks be given to the Supreme Chief and associate officers who installed the Grand Castle officers. Carried.

Grand Master of Records Clark moved we go into nomination and election of a Representative to the Supreme Castle. Carried.

P. G. C. William H. Ruf placed the name of P. G. C. James E. Russell in nomination. The same was seconded and closed.

The Grand Chief appointed P. C. Thomas A. Warren, No. 3, and P. C. Joseph W. Jackson, No. 3, as Tellers.

The Grand Master of Records was instructed to cast the vote for the Grand Castle, which was done, and P. G. C. James E. Russell was declared duly elected as Representative and accepted.

The Tellers were then discharged with thanks.

The Committee on Appeals then reported, as per part third of their previous report.

P. G. C. F. Wayland Potter, No. 3, moved the action of the Committee be endorsed. After discussion the motion was agreed to.

A bill for two days rent of hall (\$12.00) was presented and referred back to the local Committee on Entertainment of Grand Castle.

The following resolution was presented and adopted :

Resolved, that the "NEW JERSEY CRUSADER" be recognized as the official organ of the K. G. E. of New Jersey by this Grand Body, and that an appropriation be set aside by this Grand Castle to publish its card therein.

P. G. C. William H. Ruf moved that the Trustees, Grand Master of Records, Grand Keeper of Exchequer and other

proper officers be authorized to negotiate a loan in favor of the Grand Castle for the purpose of defraying the necessary running expenses until the receipt of the per capita tax from the Subordinate Castles. So ordered.

The Grand Chief announced his appointment of Committees, District Grand Chiefs and Grand Instructors, as per page 3 of cover.

P. G. C. William H. Ruf moved that the appointments be approved. Agreed to.

P. C. C. Schmidt, No. 71, moved that the Grand Officers secure, if possible, special rates to annual sessions. After discussion the motion was not agreed to.

P. G. C. F. Wayland Potter offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Past Chief's Degree be conferred upon Sir Knight Thomas Veazy, of No. 3, for services rendered to our Order, and for long continued services in the Military Branch.

F. WAYLAND POTTER, P. G. C.,
WILLIAM H. RUF, P. G. C.

P. G. C. F. Wayland Potter, No. 3, offered the following resolution :

CAMDEN, N. J., September 5th, 1899.

The Grand Castle of New Jersey, in annual session, request and recommend that the honors of Past Grand Chief be conferred upon P. C. William T. DuBois for meritorious service in the Military Branch of the Order, covering a space of nearly eight years, and having served two full terms as Colonel of the First New Jersey Regiment, to which he devoted not only of his time but substance in furthering not only the interest of the Military Branch but the Order as well, and who, but for an unfortunate affair, would now be a Past Grand Chief by having gone through the chairs of the Grand Castle. We believe the conferring of the honors will be a happy solution of his difficulties, and will not only give satisfaction to this Grand Body, but will be rendering justice to a worthy and faithful Sir Knight.

The resolution was adopted—30 voting in the affirmative and 27 in the negative.

No further business appearing, the Grand Castle, at 12.30 P.M., closed to meet in annual session, in the city of Trenton, on the first Monday in September, 1900.

Attest :



A. S. Clark

Grand Master of Records.

[The Grand Master of Records takes this opportunity to extend his thanks for the kind assistance rendered him during the session by G. K. of E. Cogill, whose work was highly appreciated.]

Roster of Members in Attendance.

NAME.	RANK.	CASTLE.
James W. H. Knowles	Representative	Millville, No. 2.
J. S. H. Sprague	Representative	Washington, No. 3.
S. L. Richmond	Representative	Ivanhoe, No. 5.
Frank C. Leuallen	Representative	Red Cross, No. 6.
Charles W. Gelpke	Representative	Phillipsburg, No. 7.
George M. Diamond	Representative	Monarch, No. 9.
Harry H. Robinson	Representative	Puritan, No. 10.
William S. Hewitt	Representative	Ocean, No. 11.
Whitfield Castner	Representative	Warren, No. 12.
William F. Smith	Representative	Crusaders' No. 14.
Joseph Beaudry	Representative	Florence, No. 18.
Z. H. Eby	Representative	Newark, No. 19.
Fred P. Cook	Representative	Leod, No. 20.
Joseph H. Matlack	Representative	Burlington, No. 21.
Wilbert R. Jones	Representative	Palmyra, No. 22.
E. H. Ginnelley	Representative	Mercer, No. 23.
Nathan M. Letts	Representative	Stafford, No. 26.
Henry W. Fronley	Representative	Capital, No. 28.
Charles G. Chew	Representative	Volunteer No. 30.
J. S. Nicholson	Representative	Lincoln, No. 31.
T. E. Phillhower	Representative	Califon, No. 32.
Leonhard Weber	Representative	Franklin, No. 33.
Samuel Garrison	Representative	Clyde, No. 34.
Emil Viereck	Representative	Cœur de Lion, No. 36.
William Sproat	Representative	Mount Everest, No. 38.
Matthias H. Young	Representative	Prospect, No. 40.
James H. Dean	Representative	Flemington, No. 41.
S. B. Emmons	Representative	Annandale, No. 43.
L. P. Schmidt	Representative	Antioch, No. 44.
Thomas J. Cowperthwait	Representative	Tuckerton, No. 45.
Frank Vines	Representative	Vineland, No. 46.
Charles E. King, Jr.	Representative	Corinthian, No. 47.
A. C. Somerville	Representative	Sterling, No. 50.
D. E. Kent	Representative	Columbia, No. 54.
H. Wainright	Representative	Windsor, No. 59.
W. R. Fox	Representative	Bayside, No. 60.
W. S. Eldridge	Representative	Excelsior, No. 61.
Isaac B. Johnson	Representative	Progressive, No. 62.
Matthias Apgar	Representative	Silver Cross, No. 63.
T. C. Schanck	Representative	Passaic, No. 64.
John Krueger	Representative	Star of Bethlehem, No. 68,
Linden Lewis	Representative	Phoenix, No. 70.
J. A. Drake	Representative	New Brunswick, No. 71.
Charles W. Bennett	Representative	To-Kalon, No. 72.
R. C. Morgan	Past Chief	Blackwood Castle, No. 1.
James P. Beckley	Past Chief	Millville No. 2.
Albert Ottinger	Past Chief	Millville, No. 2.
Sidney J. Hall	Past Chief	Millville, No. 2.
William Edge	Past Chief	Millville, No. 2.
William J. Dummett	Past Chief	Millville, No. 2.
F. Wayland Potter	Past Grand Chief	Washington, No. 3.

James Spence	Past Chief	Washington, No. 3.
Joseph W. Jackson	Past Chief	Washington, No. 3.
Thomas A. Warren	Past Chief	Washington, No. 3.
Elmer E. Cox	Past Chief	Washington, No. 3.
Edward C. McDowell, Jr.	Past Chief	Washington, No. 3.
George A. Tenner	Past Chief	Washington, No. 3.
John Madara	Past Chief	Washington, No. 3.
David Watson, Sr.	Past Chief	Washington, No. 3.
William Wagner	Past Chief	Washington, No. 3.
Joseph S. Ernst	Past Chief	Washington, No. 3.
John C. Burov	Past Chief	Washington, No. 3.
Thomas A. Ziegler	Past Chief	Washington, No. 3.
Walter A. Barrows	Past Grand Chief	New Jersey, No. 4.
Clarence Reinfried	Past Chief	Ivanhoe, No. 5.
Henry Opel	Past Chief	Ivanhoe, No. 5.
A. S. Haines	Past Chief	Red Cross, No. 6.
Irvin Hawk	Past Chief	Phillipsburg, No. 7.
G. G. Gordon	Past Chief	Phillipsburg, No. 7.
Jacob C. Headley	Past Chief	Phillipsburg, No. 7.
W. S. Mellick	Past Chief	Phillipsburg, No. 7.
John Mellick	Past Chief	Phillipsburg, No. 7.
George P. Sutton	Past Chief	Monarch, No. 9.
R. M. Coffman	Past Chief	Monarch, No. 9.
W. B. M. Burrell	Past Chief	Monarch, No. 9.
William L. Skinner	Past Chief	Monarch, No. 9.
William J. Ross	Past Chief	Monarch, No. 9.
Charles F. Middleton	Past Chief	Monarch, No. 9.
E. D. Senseman	Past Grand Chief	Monarch, No. 9.
Samuel E. Wall	Past Chief	Monarch, No. 9.
William H. Bergantz	Past Chief	Monarch, No. 9.
Elwood B. Garrison	Past Chief	Puritan, No. 10.
T. M. Birchmeier	Past Chief	Puritan, No. 10.
L. S. Riggins, Jr.	Past Chief	Puritan, No. 10.
E. W. Crowell,	Past Chief	Ocean, No. 11.
John C. Risley	Past Chief	Ocean, No. 11.
J. P. Marlatt	Past Chief	Warren, No. 12.
Frank Alexander	Past Chief	Bridgeton, No. 13.
Benjamin H. Claypoole	Past Chief	Bridgeton, No. 13.
Edward K. Leary	Past Chief	Bridgeton, No. 13.
William B. Groff	Past Chief	Bridgeton, No. 13.
William M. Husted	Past Chief	Bridgeton, No. 13.
Charles H. Allen	Past Chief	Bridgeton, No. 13.
F. E. Robinson	Past Chief	Bridgeton, No. 13.
William B. Stiles	Past Chief	Bridgeton, No. 13.
James M. Caughey	Past Chief	Bridgeton, No. 13.
William B. Kirby	Past Chief	Bridgeton, No. 13.
Joseph H. Garwood	Past Chief	Bridgeton, No. 13.
C. B. Greenfield	Past Chief	Crusaders', No. 14.
Ellis S. Conrow	Past Chief	Crusaders', No. 14.
Alfred Vernon	Past Chief	Crusaders', No. 14.
D. A. Stout	Past Chief	Crusaders', No. 14.
J. W. Hays	Past Chief	Crusaders', No. 14.
James E. Highley	Past Grand Chief	Woodbury, No. 15.
Robert Cottam	Past Chief	Florence, No. 18.
John B. Bishop	Past Chief	Florence, No. 18.
William J. Cook	Past Chief	Leod, No. 20.
James E. Russell	Grand Chief	Palmyra, No. 22.
William H. Cook	Past Chief	Palmyra, No. 22.
James Forrester	Past Chief	Palmyra, No. 22.
W. B. Purnell	Past Chief	Palmyra, No. 22.
Lorenzo Anderson	Past Chief	Palmyra, No. 22.
W. G. Frank	Past Chief	Palmyra, No. 22.
A. L. Clark	G. M. of R.	Mercer, No. 23.
Michael Morohn	Past Chief	Mercer, No. 23.

Charles M. Price	Past Chief	Mercer, No. 23.
William B. Osmond	Past Chief	Mercer, No. 23.
William S. Mills	Past Chief	Mercer, No. 23.
J. S. Worthington	Past Chief	Mercer, No. 23.
R. W. Davis	Past Chief	Mercer, No. 23.
Thomas Farrell	Past Chief	Mercer, No. 23.
J. Harris Cogill	G. K. of E.	Mercer, No. 23.
J. L. Streset	Past Chief	Mercer, No. 23.
Charles T. Vansant	Past Chief	Mercer, No. 23.
Howard A. Dix	Past Chief	Fidelity, No. 24.
F. A. Buren	Past Grand Chief	Cross and Crown, No. 25.
John C. F. Trachsel	Past Grand Chief	Cross and Crown, No. 25.
Frank A. Vehe	Past Chief	Cross and Crown, No. 25.
John L. Vehe	Past Chief	Cross and Crown, No. 25.
William H. Green	Past Chief	Cross and Crown, No. 25.
W. B. Fisher	Past Chief	Cross and Crown, No. 25.
Arthur L. Meyer	Past Chief	Cross and Crown, No. 25.
A. Q. Bloom	Grand Trustee	Capital, No. 28.
George F. Scheele	Past Chief	Capital, No. 28.
Elmer E. Harle	Past Chief	Capital, No. 28.
George T. Jenkins	Past Chief	Capital, No. 28.
Lewis H. White	Past Chief	Capital, No. 28.
Jacob Thies, Jr.	Past Chief	Capital, No. 28.
J. C. Dischert	Past Chief	Volunteer, No. 30.
J. Park Andrews	Past Chief	Lincoln, No. 31.
Moses E. Hill	Past Chief	Franklin, No. 33.
James Manahan	Past Chief	Clyde, No. 34.
J. B. Wainright, M. D.	Grand High Priest	Clyde, No. 34.
Robert M. Marks	Past Chief	Clyde, No. 34.
William H. Ruf	Past Grand Chief	Clyde, No. 34.
J. T. Antonides	Past Chief	Clyde, No. 34.
W. C. Hunter	Supreme Chief	Cœur de Lion, No. 36.
C. K. Mayer	Past Chief	Cœur de Lion, No. 36.
David Sproat	Past Chief	Mount Everest, No. 38.
T. A. Goodwin	Past Chief	Prospect, No. 40.
H. R. Case	Past Chief	Flemington, No. 41.
John Parkes	Past Chief	Flemington, No. 41.
F. P. Williamson	Past Chief	Flemington, No. 41.
Arthur H. Hope	Grand Sir Herald	Corinthian, No. 47.
G. A. Lippincott	Past Chief	Corinthian, No. 47.
J. Frank Cobb	Past Chief	Corinthian, No. 47.
Adam Stetter	Past Chief	Corinthian, No. 47.
Tobias Grace	G. S. G.	Sterling, No. 50.
Charles Vandegrift	Past Chief	Sterling, No. 50.
James Mackey	Past Chief	Columbia, No. 54.
Jacob S. Kent	Grand Vice-Chief	Columbia, No. 54.
J. L. S. Braddock	Past Chief	Bayside, No. 60.
Charles J. Maxfield	Past Chief	Cumberland, No. 65.
Dr. G. W. Chamberlain	Past Chief	Plumsted, No. 66.
Jacob Tice	Past Chief	Star of Bethlehem, No. 68.
Herman Rosade	Past Chief	Phoenix Castle, No. 70.
William F. DePew	Past Chief	New Brunswick, No. 71.
G. L. Moore	Past Chief	New Brunswick, No. 71.
F. W. Bitzer	Past Chief	New Brunswick, No. 71.
George Eden	Past Chief	New Brunswick, No. 71.
J. M. Stoetzell	Past Chief	New Brunswick, No. 71.
Robert S. Turton	Past Chief	New Brunswick, No. 71.
Thomas Depuy	Past Chief	New Brunswick, No. 71.
Caspar Schmidt	Past Chief	New Brunswick, No. 71.
S. Robert White	G. S. G.	To-Kalon, No. 72.
Jenkin Hill	Past Grand Chief	Mt. Penn, No. 51, Pa.
Jas. M. Hutchinson	Grand Sir Herald	No. 433, Pa.
Joseph Arnold	Past Grand Chief	Dorian, No. 274, Pa.
W. T. DuBois	Past Chief	On withdrawal card, No. 13.

INSTITUTION.

GWINNER'S HALL, PHILLIPSBURG, N. J.,
April 17th, 1899.

Phillipsburg Castle, No. 7, was instituted on above date by Grand Chief James E. Russell, assisted by P. G. C. William H. Ruf, No. 34, P. G. C. F. Wayland Potter, No. 3, P. C. E. H. Ginnelley, No. 23, and G. M. of R. A. L. Clark, No. 23, fifty-four of the applicants for a charter being present.

The degree staff of Penn Castle, No. 41, of Easton, Pa., consisting of—

P. M. Seival as Past Chief,
Frank P. Horn as Noble Chief,
H. W. Schlough as Vice-Chief,
S. E. Miller as High Priest,
Clarence McKee as Venerable Hermit,
E. H. Young as Sir Herald,
Jacob Washiem as Ensign,
C. W. Fisher as Esquire,
George Grube as Worthy Chamberlain,
H. W. Schlough as L.,
E. D. Horn as F. K.,
John Dillon as First Guardsman,
E. E. Kutz as Second Guardsman,

conferred the three degrees in full in an elegant manner.

The Castle was then duly instituted and the following officers elected and installed :

Past Chief—Charles W. Gelpke.
Noble Chief—Josiah M. Rice.
Vice-Chief—Jacob C. Headley.
High Priest—Ervin Hawk.
Venerable Hermit—W. T. Bissell.
Clerk of Exchequer—John V. Hagerman.
Keeper of Exchequer—William H. Eckhardt.

Master of Records—George W. Smith.

Sir Herald—John Seas.

Worthy Bard—Mathias Salters.

Worthy Chamberlain—G. G. Gordon.

Ensign—William S. Mellick.

Esquire—John Parker.

First Guardsman—Richard Applegate.

Second Guardsman—John S. Mellick.

Number of names on application for charter, 89.

Castles represented, Nos. 3, 12, 17, 22, 23, 32, 34, 41, 43, 63, 66; Nos. 41 and 386 of Pa.

Organizer, Charles W. Gelpke.

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

INSTALLATION OF GRAND SIR HERALD AND GRAND FIRST GUARDSMAN.

CAMDEN, N. J., September 4th, 1899.

To the Grand Chief, Officers and Members of the Grand Castle of New Jersey.

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS:—Having been deputized by the acting Supreme Chief, William C. Hunter, to install the Grand Sir Herald and Grand First Guardsman elect, I desire to report that I attended to that duty as follows:

On September 19th, 1898, assisted by P. S. C. Koch, of Connecticut and Grand High Priest Dr. J. B. Wainright, I installed Grand Sir Herald Arthur H. Hope (as already recorded in Proceedings of 1898) in the hall of Corinthian Castle, No. 47, at Asbury Park.

On January 12th, 1899, assisted by Grand High Priest Dr. J. B. Wainright and Grand Master of Records A. L. Clark, I installed Grand First Guardsman Tobias Grace, in the hall of Clyde Castle, No. 34, at Manasquan.

Respectfully submitted,

P. G. C. WILLIAM H. RUF.

In Memoriam.

TO OUR DEPARTED PAST CHIEFS.

P. C. James Beetle, Blackwood Castle, No. 1.
Died February 15th, 1899.

P. C. Jacob Braddock, Red Cross Castle, No. 6.
Died February 10th, 1899.

P. C. Thomas Baker, Sr., Crusader's Castle, No. 14.
Died June 9th, 1899.

P. C. John M. McLaughlin, Palmyra Castle, No. 22.
Died May 9, 1899.

P. C. John V. Beckett, Silver Star Castle, No. 27.
Died January 9th, 1899.

P. C. George H. Morton, Clayton Castle, No. 39.
Died October 19th, 1898.

P. C. W. W. Whiting, Vineland Castle, No. 46.
Died May 2d, 1899.

P. C. Charles W. Bennett, Forked River Castle, No. 49
Died June 28th, 1899.

P. C. Charles P. Foster, Excelsior Castle, No. 61.
Died June 9th, 1899.

P. C. Samuel H. Deal, Phoenix Castle, No. 70.
Died July 13th, 1899.

P. C. Chapman Brelsford, Phoenix Castle, No. 70.
Died January 13th, 1899.

In Memoriam.

Frank Winters, Washington Castle, No. 3.
Died August 15th, 1898.

John Berryman, Washington Castle, No. 3.
Died October 18th, 1898.

Michael Cosgrove, Washington Castle, No. 3.
Died March 20th, 1899.

William B Scattergood, Washington Castle No. 3.
Died June 30th, 1899.

Charles B. Bingaman, Monarch Castle, No. 9.
Died November 1st, 1898.

William R. Towser, Puritan Castle, No. 10.
Died October 10th, 1898.

Frank C. Marshall, Ocean Castle, No. 11.
Died February 12th, 1899.

Jacob Rinehart, Warren Castle, No. 12.
Died January 9th, 1899.

Charles D. Krickler, Bridgeton Castle, No. 13.
Died 1899.

Jacob Kriner, Crusaders' Castle, No. 14.
Died November 19th, 1898.

George Commons, Burlington Castle, No. 21.
Died October 19th, 1898.

Charles Kolb, Burlington Castle, No. 21.
Died January 9th, 1899.

Robert W. Millican, Volunteer Castle, No. 30.
Died August 2d, 1899.

Nathan Ruben, Clyde Castle, No. 34.
Died July 11th, 1898.

In Memoriam.

John F. Emmons, Clyde Castle, No. 34.
Died May 3d, 1899.

John R. Williams, Mt. Everest Castle, No. 38.
Died July 11th, 1898.

Benjamin Bull, Mt. Everest Castle, No. 38.
Died January 6th, 1899.

Charles Kuhn, Prospect Castle, No. 40.
Died November 30th, 1898.

Allen Williams, Corinthian Castle, No. 47.
Died December 9th, 1898.

Anthony Parker, Forked River Castle, No. 49.
Died November 13th, 1898.

Benjamin Brown, Columbia Castle, No. 54.
Died January 29th, 1899.

Louis Masker, Columbia Castle, No. 54.
Died June 11th, 1899.

Albert J. Butterfield, Star of Liberty Castle, No. 58.
Died

Thomas Twining, Star of Liberty Castle, No. 58.
Died August 17th, 1898.

Enoch Robinson, Bayside Castle, No. 60.
Died August 21st, 1898.

Joseph H. Strang, Bayside Castle, No. 60.
Died November 1st, 1898.

George W. Arndt, Passaic Castle, No. 64.
Died December 5th, 1898.

Roster of Past Grand Chiefs.

GRAND CASTLE OF NEW JERSEY.

NAME.	CASTLE.	No.
John P. Price,	Ivanhoe,	5
Oliver P. Darlington*	"	5
Joseph J. Chester,	Millville,	2
George J. Robertson,	New Jersey,	4
William J. Freas,	Ivanhoe,	5
Charles O. Pedrick,	Washington,	3
Joseph C. Rubicam,*	Camden,**	1
George A. Bingham†	" **	1
Joseph H. Minnett*	" **	1
William A. Garrison*.	Millville,	2
Henry F. Bacon,*	Ivanhoe,	5
Irving W. Kelly, P. S. C.,	Trenton,††	7
Horace J. Parks,	Monarch,	9
Joseph T. Fortiner,	Camden,**	1
H. Frank Pettit*	Washington,	3
F. A. Buren,	Cross and Crown,	25
William N. Hewitt,	Bridgeton,	13
George L. Frazee*	Monarch,	9
F. Wayland Potter,	Washington,	3
Joseph Arnold***	Bridgeton,,	13
Robert M. Foust,	Woodbury,	15
William C. Hunter, P. S. C.	Cœur de Lion,	36
James E. Highley,	Woodbury,	15
E. D. Senseman,	Monarch,	9
John C. F. Trachsel,	Cross and Crown,	25
Walter A. Barrows,	New Jersey,	4
Daniel M. Stevens,	Washington,	3
William H. Ruf,	Clyde,	34
A. L. Clark,	Mercer,	23
Charles E. Lane,	Monarch,	9
James E. Russell,	Palmyra,	22

*Suspended.

†Deceased.

**Defunct.

***Withdrawn.

††Consolidated with No. 23.

ORGANIZATION

OF THE

GRAND CASTLE OF NEW JERSEY

The Grand Castle of New Jersey was organized in the city of Camden, July 16th, 1884. Subsequent regular sessions have been held as follows :

No.	PLACE.	DATE.	GRAND CHIEF.	CASTLE.
1	Salem,	Mar. 3d, 1885,	Joseph H. Minnett,	1
2	Trenton,	Mar. 2d, 1886,	William A. Garrison,	2
3	Camden,	Mar. 2d, 1887,	Henry F. Bacon, . . .	5
4	Millville,	Sept. 1st, 1887,	Irving W. Kelly, . . .	7
5	Burlington,	Sept. 5th, 1888,	Horace J. Parks, . . .	9
6	Bridgeton,	Sept. 3d, 1889,	H. Frank Pettit, . . .	3
7	Trenton,	Sept. 2d, 1890,	William N. Hewitt,	13
8	Paterson,	Sept. 7th, 1891,	F. Wayland Potter,*	3
9	Woodbury,	Sept. 6th, 1892,	F. Wayland Potter,	3
10	Asbury Park,	Sept. 4th and 5th, 1893,	Joseph Arnold, . . .	13
11	Trenton,	Oct. 2d and 3d, 1894,	Robert M. Foust, . . .	15
12	New Brunswick,	Oct. 1st and 2d, 1895,	William C. Hunter, . . .	36
13	Atlantic City,	Sept. 8th and 9th, 1896,	Walter A. Barrows, . . .	4
14	Jersey City,	Sept. 7th, 1897,	William H. Ruf, . . .	34
15	Long Branch	Sept. 5th and 6th, 1898,	Charles E. Lane, . . .	9
16	Camden,	Sept. 4th and 5th, 1899,	James E. Russell, . . .	22

*Grand Vice-Chief presided in absence of Grand Chief Frazee.

Statistics of Counties.

SUMMARIZED FROM SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS,

TERM ENDING, JUNE 30th, 1899.

The Order is now established in fifteen counties, distributed as follows (including admissions, financial standing and average membership per Castle) :

COUNTY.	CASTLES.	MEMBERSHIP.	AVERAGE.	ADMISSIONS.	VALUATION.
Atlantic	4	313	78	21	\$5,786 83
Burlington	10	631	63	36	16,814 33
Camden	5	476	95	66	5,382 59
Cape May	1	46	46	2	1,711 08
Cumberland	5	589	117	205	13,329 15
Essex	1	30	30	9	
Gloucester	7	464	66	24	7,563 26 †
Hunterdon	5	444	89	67	3,637 75
Mercer	3	411	137	93	3,001 22
Middlesex	2	184	92	7	3,600 99
Monmouth	6	540	90	146	4,209 11
Ocean	5	411	82	26	5,828 14
Passaic	4	209	52	35	1,164 93
Salem	2	246	123	90	4,687 24
*Warren	2	119	59	74	159 45
Total	62	5113	82	901	\$76,870 67

*New Castles included.

†Two Castles not reported. Valuation not included.

CASTLE DIRECTORY.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.	MASTER RECORDS	ADDRESS.	MEETS.	PLACE OF MEETING.
1	Blackwood	Blackwood.	Camden	H. B. Morgan.	Blackwood	Thursday	W. C. T. U. Hall.
2	Millville	Millville	Cumberland	Wm. H. Calkin	51 South Fourth St.	Thursday	K. G. E. Hall.
3	Washington	Camden	Camden	Joseph W. Jackson.	191 Mickle Street	Friday	Fifth and Pine Streets.
4	New Jersey	Camden	Burlington	Geo. J. Robertson,	Mount Holly	Thursday	Red Men's Hall.
5	Ivanhoe	Salmon	Salmon	Henry Opel.	Salmon	Tuesday	Liberty Hall.
6	Red Cross.	Medford	Burlington	Frank Lewallen	Medford	Thursday	I. O. O. Hall.
7	Phillipsburg	Phillipsburg	Warren	George W. Smith	790 South Main St.	Monday	Gwinner's Hall.
8	Monarch	Camden	Camden	E. D. Senseman.	Third and Arch Sts.	Wednesday	Fourth and Market Sts.
9	Puritan	Quinton	Salmon	L. S. Riggin, Jr.	Quinton	Monday	K. G. E. Hall.
10	Ocean	Atlantic City	Atlantic	William S. Hewitt	316 Arctic Avenue	Monday	Odd Fellows' Hall.
11	Warren	Washington	Warren	Jos. M. Chamberlain	180 W. Washing'n Av.	Wednesday	Red Men's Hall.
12	Bridgeton	Bridgeton	Cumberland	Joseph H. Garwood	100 Marion Street	Tuesday	Eagle Hall.
13	Crusaders'	Burlington	Burlington	William F. Smith	Box 716	Tuesday	K. G. E. Hall.
14	Woodbury	Woodbury	Gloucester	Theo. S. Burrows	Woodbury	Tuesday	K. G. E. Hall.
15	Mariton	Marlton	Burlington	Wm. H. Sowby	Marlton	Tuesday	K. of P. Hall.
16	Herald	Beverly	Burlington	C. L. Hazzard	Beverly	Thursday	Odd Fellows' Hall.
17	Florence	Florence	Burlington	Robert Cottam	Box 28	Thursday	Town Hall.
18	Newark	Newark	Essex	G. K. Hersey	264 Lafayette Street.	Thursday	210 Market Street.
19	Leod	Pt. Pleasant	Ocean	H. C. Shoemaker, Jr.	Point Pleasant	Thursday	John Arnold Hall.
20	Burlington	Burlington	Burlington	Joseph H. Matlack	Burlington	Wednesday	Red Men's Hall.
21	Palmyra	Palmyra	Burlington	F. S. Day	Palmyra	Wednesday	Society Hall.
22	Mercer	Trenton	Mercer	A. L. Clark	222 North Willow St.	Thursday	K. G. E. Hall.
23	Fidelity	Moorestown	Burlington	J. Lewis Edwards,	Moorestown	Friday	Greenwald's Hall.
24	Cross & Crown	East Camden	Camden	John L. Vehe	125 S. 5th St., Phila.	Monday	Sigt's Hall.
25	Stafford	Manahawken	Ocean	Geo. E. Bennett	Manahawken	Monday	Predmore Hall.
26	Silver Star	May's Landing	Atlantic	A. G. Stewart, Jr.	May's Landing	Thursday	Veal's Hall.
27	Capital	Trenton	Mercer	Geo. F. Scheele	238 Bayard Street	Wednesday	Cor. Hudson and Mott St.
28	Lincoln	Hurricane	Gloucester	J. Ellis Paulin	Glassboro	Wednesday	Association Hall.
29	Franklin	Lambertville	Hunterdon	George Van Billiard	Hurricane (Box 5)	Tuesday	Davenport Hall.
30	Clyde	Manasquan	Monmouth	W. R. Michener	New Hope, Pa	Saturday	K. G. E. Hall.
31	Wrightstown	Wrightstown	Burlington	Willis A. Mount	Manasquan	Tuesday	K. G. E. Hall.
32	Coeur de Lion	Swedesboro	Gloucester	Albert Watson	Wrightstown.	Thursday	Masonic Hall.
33	Mt. Everest	Paterson	Passaic	C. K. Mayer	Swedesboro	Monday	Harmony Hall.
34	Clayton	Pitman Grove	Gloucester	John M. Orr	74 Pennington Street	Monday	K. of P. Hall.
35	Prospect	Flemington	Gloucester	Chas. Stephenson,	Box 275	Monday	K. G. E. Hall.
36	Flemington	Flemington	Hunterdon	William S. Rink	Pitman Grove	Thursday	K. G. E. Hall.
37				James H. Dean	Box 247	Tuesday	K. G. E. Hall.

43	Anandale	Hunterdon	W. S. Boeman	Anandale	Thursday	Anandale Hall.
44	Antioch	Atlantic	L. P. Schmidt	Egg Harbor City	Tuesday	Golden Eagle Hall.
45	Tuckerton	Burlington	J. W. Horner	Tuckerton	Friday	Town Hall.
46	Vineland	Cumberland	Joseph Mason	Vineland	Thursday	G. A. R. Hall.
47	Corinthian	Monmouth	Edgar Bills	Box 352	Monday	J. F. O. U. A. M. Hall.
49	Forked River	Ocean	Frank P. Wilbert	Forked River	Thursday	Fidelity Hall.
50	Sterling	Middlesex	Walter Watts	27 Main Street	Saturday	K. of P. Hall.
51	Monmouth	Monmouth	John W. Hess	Freehold	Monday	G. A. R. Hall.
53	Greenwich	Gloucester	E. H. Nichols	Mickleton	Monday	Clark's Hall.
54	Columbia	Passaic	James Wilson	277 Sixth Avenue	Thursday	Red Mens' Hall, Main St.
57	Wall	Monmouth	P. C. Brown	Spring Lake	Tuesday	Eagle Hall.
58	Star of Liberty	Passaic	A. W. VanSaun	Pompton Plains	Tuesday	Durling's Hall.
59	Windsor	Monmouth	W. B. Goodenough	Farmingdale	Friday	Red Men's Hall.
60	Bayside	Atlantic	C. E. C. Steelman	Somers' Point	Friday	Rage's Hall.
61	Excelsior	Cape May	Wm. F. McKeon	Fishing Creek	Tuesday	K. of P. Hall.
62	Progressive	Cumberland	Paul M. Williams	Bridgeton	Saturday	K. of M. Hall.
63	Silver Cross	Hunterdon	William B. Pickell	White House Station	Friday	Stillwell's Hall.
64	Passaic	Passaic	Gus. W. Roeger	72 Jefferson Street	Tuesday	Red Mens' Hall.
65	Cumberland	Cumberland	Oscar Bazzy	Port Norris	Friday	Red Mens' Hall.
66	Lumbered	Ocean	George F. Betzler	New Egypt	Alternate Wednesdays	M. of P. Hall.
68	St. of Bethle'm	Norcer	Fred Giermann	122 E. Third Street	Friday	74 South Clinton Ave.
70	Pleunix	Camden	I. M. Hey	72 S. Third Street	Monday	Fourth and Federal Sts.
71	New Brunsw'k	Middlesex	Robert S. Turton	9 Harwell Street	Tuesday	Peoples' National Bank.
72	To-Kalon	Monmouth	J. W. Seaman	Long Branch	Friday	Antioch Lodge Room.

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