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A. L. CLARK,
Grand Master of Records.

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Knights of the Golden Eagle.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Castle

OF
NEW JERSEY.

SESSION HELD IN THE HALL OF TO-KALON CASTLE, No. 72,
LONG BRANCH.

September 5th and 6th, 1898

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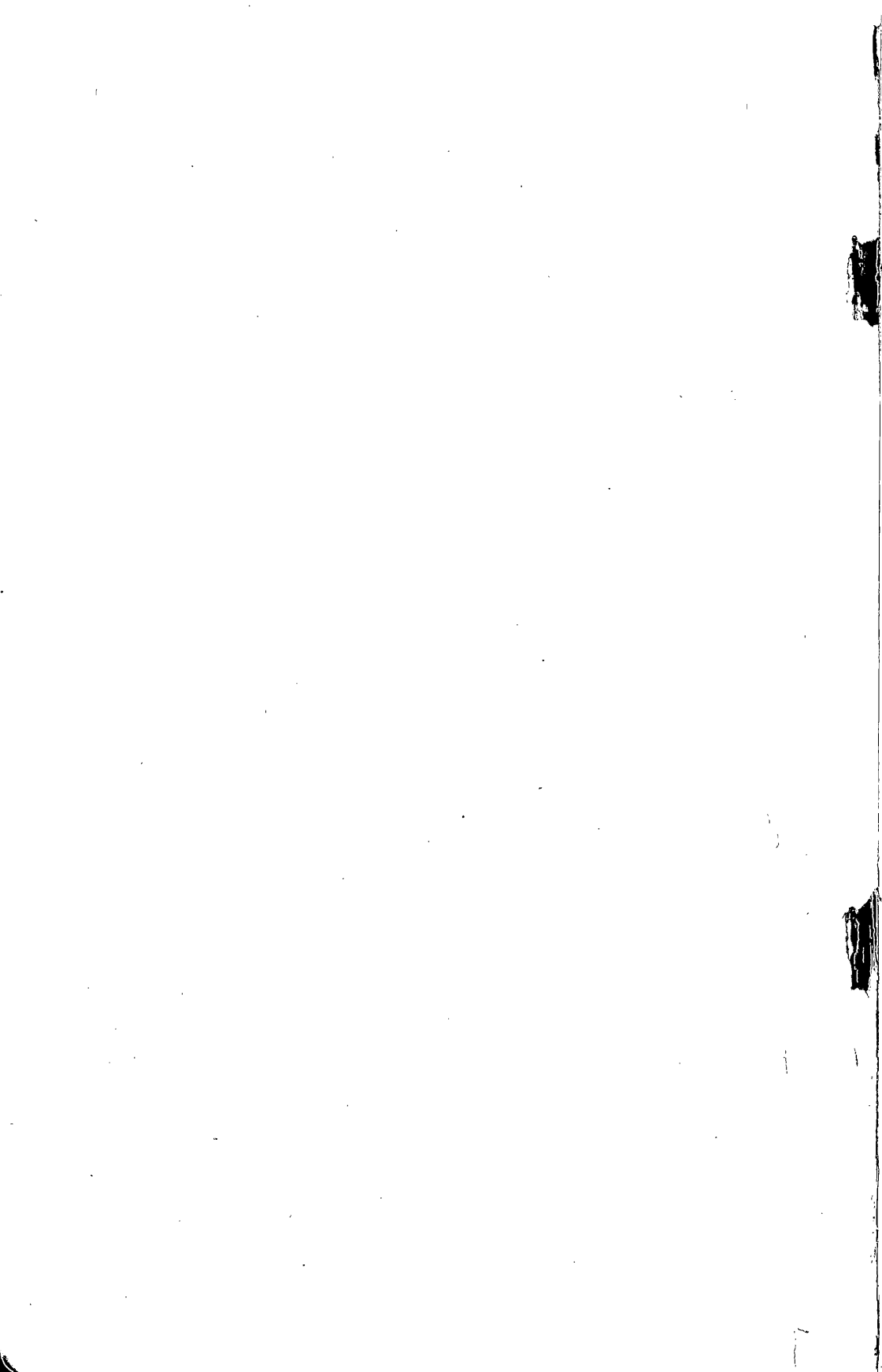
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PROCEEDINGS.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., September 5th, 1898.

The Fifteenth Annual Session of the GRAND CASTLE OF NEW JERSEY, KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE, convened on above date.

The officers and members were conducted to the Town Hall at 12.30 P. M., where P. C. S. Robert White, chairman of the local reception committee, introduced his Honor, Mayor Rufus Blodgett, who, in a pleasant address, welcomed the visiting Sir Knights to the city, and extended the freedom thereof, which was responded to on behalf of the Grand Castle by Supreme Vice-Chief William C. Hunter, No. 36, in his inimitable manner.

District Grand Chief Edgar Bills, No. 42, then welcomed the Grand Castle on behalf of the Fourteenth District.

The closing address was made by Chairman White, after which the meeting arose and proceeded to the room of Arioch Lodge, I. O. O. F., where the Grand Castle was opened in due form at 1.15 P. M.

The following Grand Officers answered roll-call, and occupied their respective posts :

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

The members of the committees present were—

Finance—P. G. C. Horace J. Parks, No. 9 ; P. C. Dr. E. H. Ginnelley, No. 7.

Credentials.—P. C. Thomas Farrell, No. 23 ; P. C. Harry W. Senseman, No. 9.

Printing—P. G. C. F. A. Buren, No. 25 ; P. C. A. M. Whilt, No. 29.

Appeals—P. G. C. F. Wayland Potter, No. 3 ; P. G. C. William H. Ruf, No. 34 ; S. V. C. William C. Hunter, No. 36 ; P. G. C. Walter A. Barrows, No. 4.

Law—P. C. George F. Scheele, No. 28 ; P. C. Frank K. Gano, No. 72.

Representatives answering roll-call :

S. J. Hall, No. 2,
 W. M. Fisk, No. 3,
 F. C. Lewallen, No. 6,
 R. M. Coffman, No. 9,
 T. M. Birchmeier, No. 10,
 Howard Stevens, No. 11,
 J. M. Chamberlain, No. 12,
 Alex. C. James, No. 14,
 W. M. Carter, No. 15,
 W. H. Currie, No. 17,
 William N. Spotts, No. 18,
 Z. H. Eby, No. 19,
 Edw. M. Smith, No. 21,
 James H. Keil, No. 22,
 N. M. Letts, No. 26,

H. W. Fronley, No. 28,
 A. M. Whilt, No. 29,
 J. S. Nicholson, No. 31,
 George Van Billiard, No. 32,
 Moses Hill, No. 33,
 J. W. Van Houten, No. 34,
 Eugene Danley, No. 35,
 W. R. Stone, No. 36,
 J. A. F. Bydick, No. 37,
 William Sproat, No. 38,
 R. C. Turner, No. 39,
 J. H. Holcombe, No. 41,
 Thomas B. Seals, No. 43,
 H. W. Braeder, No. 44,
 E. N. Hubbard, No. 46,

A. C. Somerville, No. 50,
 I. J. Grimshaw, No. 51,
 Thomas Connolly, No. 54,
 W. B. Goodenough, No. 59,
 W. E. T. Keates, No. 60,
 E. H. Norburry, No. 61,
 I. B. Johnston, No. 62,

Charles Harsle, No. 63,
 Gus. W. Roeger, No. 64,
 Joseph T. Fagan, No. 65,
 W. C. Vanhorn, No. 66,
 John Kregar, No. 68,
 I. M. Hoey, No. 70,
 J. M. Stoetzel, No. 71.

The Grand Chief appointed P. C. Robert M. Coffman, No. 9, as Grand First Guardsman *pro tem.*—Grand First Guardsman John C. Pierce, No. 62, acting as Grand Second Guardsman.

The filling of vacancies on committees was deferred until after recess.

On motion of Grand Vice-Chief James E. Russell, No. 22, the reading of the minutes of the last annual session and special sessions were dispensed with, and the same were approved as printed.

The Grand Chief appointed P. G. C. E. D. Senseman to fill vacancy on Committee on Credentials.

P. G. C. Horace J. Parks moved that the Grand Castle now adjourn to meet again at 4 o'clock P. M.

P. C. James E. Wilson, No. 54, offered an amendment that we continue in session until 4 o'clock and then adjourn.

P. C. E. H. Ginnelley, No. 7, offered a substitute motion, that we now take a recess until 2.30 P. M.

The vote standing 34 to 34, P. G. C. F. W. Potter, in the chair, decided in the affirmative, and at 1.30 P. M. the Grand Chief declared a recess until 2.30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Castle reconvened at 2.45 P. M.

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

PAST CHIEFS.

Randolph Barrett, No. 1,	Fred. P. Cook, No. 20,
George C. Morgan, No. 1,	James Shaw, No. 21,
J. E. Anderson, No. 1,	Frank Thomas, No. 21,
W. M. Fisk, No. 3,	William H. Jones, No. 22,
David Watson, Sr., No. 3,	Charles M. Philps, No. 23,
Samuel Spears, No. 5,	Gilbert F. Smith, No. 23,
George W. Fowler, No. 5,	William E. Smith, No. 23,
Stacy C. Carrigan, No. 6,	Charles M. Price, No. 23,
E. A. Bauldauf, No. 7,	James D. Eastwick, No. 25,
Thomas D. Cassidy, No. 7,	A. L. Myers, No. 25,
R. P. Dinges, No. 7,	William J. Crane, No. 26,
G. Walter Urban, No. 9,	George Wilkins, No. 26,
William C. Owens, No. 10,	A. G. Stewart, No. 27,
A. A. Sims, No. 10,	John Bethke, No. 28,
John F. Hall, No. 11,	Albert Krueger, No. 28,
Edwin M. Roberts, No. 11,	H. B. Harned, No. 29,
Joseph Chamberlain, No. 12,	George Higgins, No. 30,
Alex C. James, No. 14,	H. H. Thoman, No. 30,
William R. Porter, No. 14,	W. B. Jones, No. 31,
Aug. Prehl, No. 15,	P. S. Trimmer, No. 32,
Arthur J. Rice, No. 15,	M. L. Appgar, No. 32,
George Makin, No. 16,	George H. Cook, No. 33,
Charles Dennings, No. 17,	John W. Swallow, No. 33,
Ellwood Birkhead, No. 17,	David A. Sloat, No. 34,
Frank Rodman, No. 18,	H. H. Wainright, No. 34,
C. Burton, No. 19,	Ira K. Norris, No. 35,
C. Bolio, No. 19,	Emil Viereck, No. 36,
T. Farrington, No. 19,	John A. F. Bydick, No. 37,
H. Summers, No. 19,	Charles D. Cooper, No. 37,
P. Hilkinney, No. 19,	Martin Jenson, No. 37,
H. Handy, No. 19,	George Tiplady, No. 37,
J. Jones, No. 19,	Emil Greiger, No. 38,
J. V. Montgomery, No. 19,	Frederick Engel, No. 38,
Z. H. Eby, No. 19,	William H. Sayers, No. 39,
A. Iseman, No. 19,	Samuel C. Morrow, No. 39,
J. J. Shelton, No. 19,	Mathias H. Young, No. 40,
G. W. King, No. 19,	George L. Bell, No. 41,
C. Drew, No. 19,	John T. Conover, No. 41,
D. Powell, No. 19,	Christopher S. Swallow, No. 41,
C. Lantz, No. 19,	Horatio K. Case, No. 41,
Daniel Culver, No. 20,	William Kinney, No. 41,

Jacob Leon, No. 41,
 Howard A. Painter, No. 41,
 Oscar Miller, No. 41,
 John C. Roche, No. 41,
 Furman R. Williamson, No. 41,
 James H. Dean, No. 41,
 Charles Godley, No. 41,
 Asher R. Stryker, No. 41,
 John H. Holcombe, No. 41,
 Frederick W. Rose, No. 41,
 John B. Carhart, No. 43,
 S. B. Emmons, No. 43,
 John Bishoff, No. 44,
 Charles Doetweiler, No. 44,
 William A. Mathis, No. 45,
 W. F. Saul, No. 46,
 Frank Vines, No. 46,
 J. S. Clayton, No. 47,
 Harry Layton, No. 47,
 Henry D. Chamberlain, No. 47,
 Frank P. Wilbert, No. 49,
 Charles E. Bunnell, No. 49,
 R. C. Eno, No. 49,
 Tobias Grace, No. 50,
 Alonzo Grace, No. 50,
 James Vankirk, No. 51,
 A. P. Applegate, No. 51,
 T. R. L. Packer, No. 53,
 Adam Morrison, No. 54,

James McGill, No. 54,
 William D. Robinson, No. 57,
 Albert Butterfield, No. 58,
 Jacob S. Reddinger, No. 58,
 William E. Palmer, No. 59,
 Charles Nesley, No. 60,
 Charles H. Loper, No. 61,
 Eli Johnson, No. 61,
 Edgar F. Riley, No. 62,
 Herbert A. Harper, No. 62,
 John H. Thompson, No. 63,
 Matthias Apgar, No. 63,
 Isaac Whitmour, No. 64,
 John J. Kinney, No. 64,
 George Bailey, No. 64,
 Nelson Van Riper, No. 64,
 Ichabod Love, No. 65,
 Major McDaniels, No. 65,
 Samuel M. Chafey, No. 66,
 Charles Horner, No. 66,
 Rudolph Domres, No. 68,
 Fried. Engler, No. 68,
 Henry R. Serf, No. 70,
 William T. De Pew, No. 71,
 George R. Elkins, No. 71,
 Fred W. Bitzer, No. 71,
 Thomas De Pew, No. 71,
 H. P. Bennett, No. 72,
 J. W. Seaman, No. 72.

REPRESENTATIVES.

William Weldie, No. 1,
 S. J. Hall, No. 2,
 W. M. Fisk, No. 3,
 George J. Robertson, No. 4,
 L. L. Dunham, No. 5,
 Frank C. Lewallen, No. 6,
 George M. Applegate, No. 7,
 W. T. Cameron, No. 8,
 R. M. Coffman, No. 9,
 T. M. Birchmeier, No. 10,
 Howard Stevens, No. 11,
 J. M. Chamberlain, No. 12,
 Alex. C. James, No. 14,
 William M. Carter, No. 15,
 P. V. B. Stroud, No. 16,
 William H. Currie, No. 17,
 William N. Spotts, No. 18,
 Z. H. Eby, No. 19,
 Thomas Graham, No. 20,
 Edward M. Smith, No. 21,
 James H. Keil, No. 22,
 William G. Ziegler, No. 23,

T. S. Wonderland, No. 24
 W. H. Green, No. 25,
 N. M. Letts, No. 26,
 A. G. Stewart, No. 27,
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 Charles K. Pullen, No. 45,
 E. N. Hubbard, No. 46,

Charles E. King, Jr.,
 Elon Gaithwaite, No. 49,
 A. C. Somerville, No. 50,
 I. J. Grimshaw, No. 51,
 H. L. Haines, No. 53,
 Thomas Connolly, No. 54,
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 John Kregar, No. 68,
 I. M. Hoey, No. 70,
 J. M. Stoetzel, No. 71,
 J. W. Seaman, No. 72,

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

W. M. Fisk, No. 3,
 Joseph Chamberlain, No. 12,
 Alex. C. James, No. 14,
 Z. H. Eby, No. 19,
 Daniel Culver, No. 20,
 Fred P. Cook, No. 20,
 James Shaw, No. 21,
 John McLaughlin, No. 22,
 M. W. Wisham, No. 22,
 J. S. Nicholson, No. 31,
 Moses E. Hill, No. 33,
 George Tiplady, No. 37,
 John H. Holcombe, No. 41,
 H. Braeder, No. 44,

William Van Lieu, No. 47
 J. S. Clayton, No. 47,
 Tobias Grace, No. 50,
 Walter Watts, No. 50,
 E. H. Norburry, No. 61,
 John J. Kinney, No. 64,
 George Bailey, No. 64,
 Joseph Fagan, No. 65,
 Granville Moore, No. 71,
 Thomas De Pew, No. 71,
 George R. Elkins, No. 71,
 Fred W. Bitzer, No. 71,
 H. P. Bennett, No. 72,
 J. W. Seaman, No. 72.

The Past Chief's Degree was conferred on the above in the ante-chamber—P. G. C. F. A. Buren as Grand Chief, assisted by Grand Trustee A. Q. Bloom, No. 28, as Grand High Priest.

Grand Trustee A. Q. Bloom, No. 28, moved that the order of business for three o'clock be the nomination and election of officer for the ensuing term. So ordered.

Vacancies on committees were then filled by the Grand Chief as follows :

Printing—P. C. W. H. Chew, No. 31.

Appeals—P. C. W. H. Currie, No. 17.

Finance—Col. A. H. Troth, No. 22,

Grand Chief's Report—P. C. G. W. Chamberlain, No. 66.

The following are the reports as printed :

REPORT OF THE GRAND CHIEF.

CAMDEN, N. J., September 5th, 1898.

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

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS.—Through the kind providence of Almighty God, and in the dispensation of His mercy, at this, the end of another year that has passed into the great beyond of time, and on the threshold of one full of promise and opportunities, we have been permitted to assemble again in a happy reunion of our beloved Order. For this privilege and blessing we should indeed be grateful, and, ever mindful of our duty to Him whose watchful care has preserved our lives and endowed us with health, strength and courage to battle with the temptations and misfortunes of the world should endeavor to so shape our legislation that it may result in lasting moral, social and fraternal benefit. We are especially thankful that death has touched our ranks so lightly and borne in His arms of mercy, so few of our beloved members.

The growth of our Order, while not as extensive as I had wished for, has been as satisfactory as could be reasonably expected with existing circumstances and conditions.

As each administration seems to fall heir to the embarrassing question of defunct Castles, we had hoped to escape without having to record any, yet we are compelled to announce the surrender of Elmer Castle, No. 52. Efforts have been made to place it in good standing; but owing to sickness and death in their ranks, with lack of quorums and no funds, they have been obliged to succumb. Instructions have been given to the District Grand Chief to obtain the charter and property, but as yet it has not been secured.

The charter, books, etc. of the defunct Golden Cross Castle, No. 67, have been received. This was accomplished through the efficiency of District Grand Chief Sproat, of the Seventeenth District, who has proved himself a most valuable officer.

It is a more pleasing duty to record the fact of the institution of new Castles—three having been added this year: the first being Newark Castle, No. 19, which was organized by P. C. John Dorwart, a member of Lancaster Castle of Pennsylvania, with a charter list of over fifty members. This promises to be a bright, active Castle.

Jersey City, No. 37; was the next, its organizer being P. C. John A. F. Bydick, of New York. From the composition of its members it will make a strong Castle.

Flemington, No. 41, was the last. I was unable to attend the institution of this Castle, therefore delegated P. G. C. William H. Ruf to preside. The charter list contained the names of fifty-three gentlemen, all of whom were initiated. The organizer was P. C. Robert P. Dinges, of No. 7.

At each of the above institutions the three degrees were conferred in full, for which I am indebted to P. G. C. Parks, P. G. C. Senseman, P. G. C. Ruf, D. G. C. Chapman Brelsford, G. S. H. Jacob S. Kent, G. M. of R. Clark; Past Chiefs Ziegler, Umberger, Farrell and Miles, of No. 23, P. C. Davis, No. 7; Sir Knights Patschkowski, Morohn and Howell of No. 23, and others.

Owing to the nature of my personal business, and in consideration for the financial welfare of our Grand Body, I have been forced to restrict my official visitation to a large extent, and have trusted to the active co-operation of my District Grand Chief-at-large, District Grand Chiefs and Grand Instructors to fulfill those duties usually the pleasure of the Grand Chief. In many instances the departure has proved very beneficial, while in a few cases disappointment and dissatisfaction were expressed; yet I can truthfully say I felt the keenness of the necessity for such a procedure more than all, and have no doubt missed many pleasant hours. However, may it prove for the best.

The finances of the Grand Castle, as will be seen from the report of the Finance Committee, are in good condition, yet I had hoped we would show a much larger balance on hand, with all accounts paid, at the close of the present term; but, owing to several unlooked for drains, viz.: \$50.00 to the Military Branch, \$79.96 to the entertainment of the Supreme Castle, \$50.00 to organizers of new Castles, together with the extra expenses of three special sessions, reaching an amount of nearly \$300.00, this result has not been attained. In view of the extraordinary expenses, we have cause to congratulate ourselves for having lived within our income. I trust a more satisfactory result may await my successor.

When you called me to preside over the destinies of our illustrious Order, I responded with alacrity, appreciating the honor thus conferred upon me, believing that in the discharge of my official duties I would find unalloyed pleasure and delight. To a great extent I have realized this anticipation, but the unfortunate legacy of the appeal of Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, has subdued and clouded the happiness and satisfaction I hoped would accrue from my year's service as your Grand Chief.

In my endeavors to adjust the difficulty between Bridgeton Castle and this Grand Body, I have acted conscientiously and with due regard and consideration for all parties concerned, have been as lenient and fore-

bearing as the execution of your mandates would permit, and have taken no steps without your advice and command, for which instructions I called a special session at Camden on April 20th, 1898.

The sovereignty of the Grand Castle over the Subordinate Castles of the State should be rigorously maintained, the majesty of its laws upheld, and obedience to them demanded and enforced.

For carrying out your instructions in this matter I have been disrespectfully criticised in the Bridgeton papers as your Grand Chief, slanderously vilified, and my honesty and motives in my official capacity impugned. The articles evidently emanated from members of Bridgeton Castle, and the authors, whoever they may be, should blush with shame. I regret that we have on our honorable roll men who have so light a sense of honor and justice, and so little respect for their obligations as members and officers.

As the case of Bridgeton Castle has occupied considerable of my time as Grand Chief it is proper that the proceedings should be here recorded.

Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, having appealed from the action of the Grand Castle at its last regular session, to the Supreme Castle, the latter body adopted the following legislation prior to action on the Appeal of No. 13 (See page 647, Supreme Castle proceedings, 1897.)

"P. S. C. Barnes, of Philadelphia, requested a decision on the following, viz.:

"When a Grand Castle, in an appeal case, directs a Castle to reinstate a member, does the said member secure admission to his Castle at once, or is he excluded from the Order, in case an appeal is taken from the action of said Grand Castle to the Supreme Castle, until the final disposition by the latter body."

"Supreme Keeper of Exchequer McCarthy moved that it is the sense of the Supreme Castle that the Castle is required to reinstate at once said party under direction of the Grand Castle, and the motion was adopted."

In accordance with the above I therefore, on December 25th, 1897, addressed them as follows:

CAMDEN, N. J., December 25th, 1897.

Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, K. G. E.

NOBLE CHIEF AND SIR KNIGHTS:—At a cabinet meeting of the Grand Officers it was decided that you must at once obey the mandates of the Supreme Castle, and reinstate to full membership in Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, William T. DuBois, pending final disposition of his case by the Supreme Castle. Therefore, as Grand Chief, I call upon you to reinstate William T. DuBois to full membership at the session of Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, to be held on Tuesday evening, 28th inst.

Fraternally yours in Fidelity, Valor and Honor,

CHARLES E. LANE, *Grand Chief.*

[SEAL]

Attest:

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

In answer I received the following :

BRIDGETON, N. J., January 4th, 1898.

MR. CHARLES E. LANE, Grand Chief, K. G. E. of N. J.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER :—Your communication of date December 25th, 1897, was received by Bridgeton Castle, No. 13. It is recited therein that the Supreme Castle has issued a mandate to this Castle requiring it at once to reinstate to full membership W. T. DuBois, pending final disposition of his case.

We have been permitted to read the full proceedings of the Supreme Castle session held at Trenton in September last, and we can find therein no reference to DuBois' case, neither do we find any note of any mandate issued to this Castle, or to the Grand Castle of New Jersey in relation to this or any other matter.

We are led to believe you have been imposed upon, and have been led to believe that something has been done which has not been done.

Our New Jersey Grand Castle, at its session in September last, adopted the report of the Committee on Appeals recommending that DuBois' appeal be sustained, and the accused go free, &c., and from that action this Castle has appealed in due form and time.

The final determination of that appeal lies with the Supreme Castle, and when it has considered the same in the time and manner prescribed by the laws of the Golden Eagle Knights, *then* will its action be binding upon this Castle as one of the parties in interest.

The case is beyond the jurisdiction of the Grand Castle of New Jersey at the present time, and we therefore protest that the Grand Chief of New Jersey cannot at this time direct this Castle in the premises.

Protesting that Bridgeton Castle is loyal to the principles and laws of the Order of Knights of the Golden Eagle, and that in matter under present consideration it is the Grand Chief who has been led into error, we submit that the assertion that the Supreme Castle has taken any action or issued any mandate in the appeal case of Bridgeton Castle *vs.* W. T. DuBois is not founded on fact, and that the evidence thereof is not disclosed in any record to which we have access, nor has any such action or mandate been certified to this Castle.

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

F. ALEXANDER,
Noble Chief of No. 13.

Attest :

[SEAL.]

WM. A. ROBINSON,
Master of Records.

Learning that they had not complied with my request as above, I sent the following letter of warning dated January 29th, 1898 :

To the Noble Chief, Officers and Members of Bridgeton Castle, Knights of the Golden Eagle.

DEAR BROTHERS :—At the annual meeting of the Grand Castle, K. G. E. of New Jersey, held at Trenton (Jersey City) in September last past, the appeal of Brother DuBois was sustained, and it was ordered he go

without further prosecution for the offence named. You have been regularly and legally notified by the proper authority to reinstate Brother DuBois, and have refused to do so. You are hereby notified to reinstate Brother DuBois at once, and a refusal or neglect so to do is improper conduct, and neglecting and refusing to conform to the Constitution, laws and enactment of the Grand Castle, and subjects you to suspension or dissolution and a forfeiture of your charter, and the reversion of the moneys and property of your Castle to the Grand or Supreme Castle. So please take kindly warning, obey the above mandate and avoid the consequences of a forfeiture of charter, etc.

CHARLES E. LANE, *Grand Chief*.

[SEAL]

Attest :

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

Dated January 29th, 1898.

No. 13 made an appeal from this letter (See minutes of special session held April 20th, 1898.)

On February 22d I paid a visit to Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, in company with P. S. C. J. D. Barnes, and asked this question of the Noble Chief: "Has Past Chief William T. DuBois been reinstated to membership?"—to which he replied, "No!" and while on the floor a motion to adjourn (though illegal) was made and adopted, thus grossly insulting the Grand Chief.

In view of the fact that Bridgeton Castle had not obeyed the mandates of the Supreme Castle, as well as those of the Grand Castle and Grand Chief, thus persistently and flagrantly violating the laws, I therefore suspended them on February 24th, 1898, and issued due notice as per Circular No. 6. They (Bridgeton Castle) also appealed from this. (See special session minutes of April 20th, 1898.) I then preferred charges against Bridgeton Castle. (See special session minutes of April 20th, 1898.) I also preferred charges against the Noble Chief, Master of Records and Clerk of Exchequer for wilfully defying our mandates of February 24th, 1898, copy of which is on file at the Grand Castle office. These charges were properly filed and notification sent to the parties concerned. I then issued call for special session to be held April 20th, 1898 (See Circular No. 7.) The record of this special session is before you—No. 13, being properly notified of said action. Not being able to accomplish anything with Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, on May 25th, 1898, I revoked their charter, issuing due notice of same, as per Circular No. 8. I then employed counsel, as per instructions of the Grand Castle (special session of April 20th, 1898) and applied to the State courts for an order restraining Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, from transacting the business of a Castle of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, but the order, though granted

temporarily, was finally dissolved, owing to the inefficiency of our Constitution. The evidence and proceedings of the courts are in the hands of the Grand Master of Records, and are at the disposal of the Grand Castle.

Thus I leave the case with you, brothers. I have truly done the best I know how. I sincerely hope what efforts I have put forth may meet with your approval, and that you may be able to so guide affairs that my successor may not be put to the annoyance that I have been.

A matter of great importance to our Order has been accomplished during the present administration—viz., the establishment of the K. G. E. Funeral Benefit Fund.

The Supreme Castle, at its last session, having granted jurisdictions the right to formulate, operate and maintain funeral fund associations, I called a special session for that purpose on November 18th, 1897, and at the subsequent session of February 24th, 1898, rules were adopted and a board of managers appointed to conduct the same. Up to the present Castles have been slow in taking advantage of this association, although the membership at large demand to be placed upon equal footing with other organizations paying increased funeral benefits, which can only be done by such an association as has been provided for. When once started it will certainly prove of inestimable value to our jurisdiction, and I trust the time is not far distant when those who have not yet united therewith will do so, and thereby assist in placing our Order second to none.

During the year I have issued the following official circulars :

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR NO. I.

OFFICE OF THE
GRAND CASTLE OF NEW JERSEY, KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE,
ROOM 5, RIBSAM BUILDING, TRENTON, N. J., September 30th, 1897.

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

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS :—As your Grand Chief, it becomes my first duty to express to you my appreciation and thanks for the honor conferred in selecting me to occupy the highest position within your gift. I shall endeavor, so far as possible, to render, by a faithful discharge of the duties devolved upon me, such an account of my stewardship that you shall not regret having bestowed the distinction upon me.

I am fully aware of the responsibilities connected with the post, and it shall be my aim to maintain the honor and integrity of our Order by the exercise of such energy, tact and devotion as will insure success and merit your esteemed approbation at the conclusion of my term of office.

It will be necessary to have the active co-operation of every individual Sir Knight to accomplish satisfactory results—for while the efforts put forth

by me will be directed to the benefit of the Order, yet I am cognizant of the fact that mere personal interest will be no avail. CO-OPERATION IS IMPERATIVE; without this I cannot hope to present a report at Long Branch, next September, that would be satisfactory to myself or gratifying to you.

Therefore, it is my earnest desire that every individual Sir Knight will, by word, deed and action contribute the energy which, coupled with the efforts of myself and associate Grand Officers, will create such interest and enthusiasm in our ranks that our advancement as an Order will be rapid and our success assured.

Attend every session of your Castle, if possible; make up your minds to do so for this year at least, and rest assured, if this is done by all,
THE PROSPERITY OF THE ORDER LONG LOOKED FOR WILL BE UPON US SOONER THAN EXPECTED.

The Grand Master of Records will furnish you with a list of my appointments of Committees, District Grand Chief-at-Large, District Grand Chiefs and Grand Instructors.

Trusting the above requests will be faithfully carried out and not be forgotten, and all future circulars be received and acted upon with that celerity which means success, I am

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

CHARLES E. LANE, *Grand Chief.*

Attest:

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

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR No. 2.

OFFICE OF THE
GRAND CASTLE OF NEW JERSEY, KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE.
ROOM 5, RIBSAM BUILDING, TRENTON, N. J., September 30th, 1898.

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

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS:—The Supreme Castle will convene in annual session in the city of Trenton, in our jurisdiction, on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12th. I am constrained to issue this circular for the purpose of bringing the matter before you as vividly as possible. The reputation of New Jersey, with its list of sixty-three Castles and five thousand membership, demands that their coming among us should be made the occasion of such a demonstration on our part as has seldom before been extended in honor of that event.

I sincerely hope that the Castles of our noble little commonwealth will prove by their presence that our members are fully alive and aglow with the burning heat of enthusiasm, that we only await the opportunity of bursting forth and showing our loyalty to the cause, and if properly cared for will easily surpass any similar society.

We have every reason to believe we are on the eve of a general forward movement; therefore, as it is very likely to take birth on Jersey soil, let not our jurisdiction be found straggling in the rear, but be up and doing.

We desire to see every Castle represented in the magnificent pageant that occurs on the streets of Trenton on the afternoon of October 12th.

The Military Branch, under the leadership of Lieutenant General H. P. Reineke, will make one of the grandest and most imposing displays ever held in our State.

The Grand Castle of New Jersey will be ably represented, a committee having been appointed at our late session to look after that part of the affair.

Remember the date, OCTOBER 12th, and see that your Castle is found in the Castle division.

The local Committee of Arrangements (while not receiving the aid and encouragement that should have been extended to them, still feel thankful to all who have flown to their assistance when in need thereof) will do their utmost to make your visit a pleasant one.

The citizens of Trenton will also extend a royal welcome.

A Grand Reception will be held in Taylor's Opera House at ten o'clock A. M., and a monster Smoker will be held in Masonic Hall in the evening of the opening day, October 12th, which will be free to all.

The railroads have made arrangements to carry passengers for this demonstration at the rate of three cents per mile one way for the round trip. This comes within the reach of all; avail yourselves of the opportunity it affords—you may never have a chance of taking part in another reception to our Supreme Body. If you have a parade banner, by all means show it on this occasion.

For further information address R. W. DAVIS, Secretary of Local Committee, 28 Lamberton Street, Trenton, N. J.

Having received numerous communications from Castles in reference to special dispensation to admit and reinstate members for \$3.00, 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, 1898.

I trust this may be the means of continuing the stimulating influence so well begun by my predecessor, to the end that our Order may grow and wax strong in the good work.

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

CHARLES E. LANE, *Grand Chief.*

Attest:

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

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR No. 3.

OFFICE OF THE
GRAND CASTLE OF NEW JERSEY KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE,
ROOM 5, RIBSAM BUILDING, TRENTON, N. J., NOV. 10, 1897.

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

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS:—Having received the following official communication from the Supreme Master of Records, I take pleasure in presenting the same for your consideration:

ACTION OF THE SUPREME CASTLE IN RELATION TO THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A FUNERAL BENEFIT FUND, AS PRAYED FOR IN MEMORIAL
FROM THE JURISDICTION OF NEW JERSEY.

“*Resolved*, That any Grand Jurisdiction desiring to establish a Funeral Benefit Fund, is hereby authorized to do so, providing the amount paid beneficiaries shall not exceed three hundred dollars: *And provided further*, that before the promulgation of the same in the respective jurisdictions, that all plans, regulations and laws shall first be submitted to and approved by the Committee on Law and the Supreme Chief or the Supreme Castle.”

Having the knowledge that many Castles in our State favor the establishment of such a fund, but, owing to the apparent illegality of former attempts, have refrained from uniting therein, they now possess, by the above action, the requisite legal right to formulate and operate the same.

Therefore, in the exercise of the power and authority in him vested by the Constitution of the Grand Castle, the Grand Chief of the Grand Castle of New Jersey, Knights of the Golden Eagle, hereby calls a special session of the Grand Castle, to convene in the New Jersey Trust and Safe Deposit Company Building, Third and Market, fourth floor, Camden, N. J., on Thursday, the 18th day of November, 1897, at 2.30 o'clock P.M. sharp.

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

1. The matter of establishing a State Funeral Benefit Fund under the care and control of the Grand Castle, and the adoption of laws and rules for such Fund, if the matter of establishing a State Fund shall be approved.
2. Conferring the Past Chief's Degree.

As there will be no business for the consideration of the standing committees at this session, it is suggested that the members of these committees attend as individuals only, in order that the expenses of the session be as light as possible.

In Witness Whereof, the Grand Chief has hereunto set his hand and caused the seal of the Grand Castle to be affixed this 8th day of November, 1897.

CHARLES E. LANE, *Grand Chief*.

Attest:

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

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR, No. 4.

HEADQUARTERS
GRAND CASTLE OF NEW JERSEY, KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE,
ROOM 5, RIBSAM BUILDING, N. E. COR. BROAD AND FRONT STS.,

TRENTON, N. J., February 15th, 1898.

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

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS:

In accordance with the desire of the Grand Castle, as expressed in the motion adopted at the late special session, held November 18th, 1897, I, Charles E. Lane, Grand Chief of the Grand Castle

of New Jersey, Knights of the Golden Eagle, in the exercise of the power and authority in me vested by the Constitution of the Grand Castle, hereby call a special session of the Grand Castle, to convene in the New Jersey Trust and Safe Deposit Building, Third and Market, Fourth Floor, Camden, N. J., on THURSDAY, the 24th day of FEBRUARY, 1898, at 2.30 o'clock P. M. sharp.

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

1. Hearing the report of the Special Committee on Laws for the Government of the Funeral Benefit Fund, and action thereon.
2. Conferring the Past Chief's Degree.

As there will be no business for the consideration of the standing committees at this session, it is suggested that the members of these committees attend as individuals only, in order that the expenses of the session be as light as possible.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Grand Castle to be affixed this 15th day of February, 1898.

CHARLES E. LANE, *Grand Chief*.

Attest:

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

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR No. 5.

HEADQUARTERS

GRAND CASTLE OF NEW JERSEY, KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE,
ROOM 5, RIBSAM BUILDING, N. E. COR. BROAD AND FRONT STS.,

TRENTON, N. J., February 15th, 1898.

To all Subordinate Castles, K. G. E. of New Jersey, and all District Grand Chiefs and Grand Instructors.

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS :—The time is now at hand when it has been customary for the Grand Chief to hold meetings throughout the jurisdiction, under the title of District Meetings, at which all Castles comprising the same met as one body for the purpose of strengthening the bonds of fraternal fellowship, disseminating new ideas for the welfare of the Order, exemplifying the unwritten work, etc.

As these meetings, in many instances, have not been attended with that unanimity of purpose that should have characterized them, and with the knowledge of the existence of a few weak Castles that could be benefitted more by personal visits of the Grand Chief from time to time, I have decided to forego the holding of District Meetings personally, and request that this be done by the District Grand Chiefs of the various Districts as soon as possible.

I would particularly request that the Grand Instructors assist the District Grand Chiefs and pay strict attention to all matters relating to their office, and see that the work of the degrees, etc. is properly rendered by the Castles under their supervision.

In view of the above, all Castles are hereby ordered to assist their District Officers in the discharge of these duties.

Trusting that this may prove beneficial to all concerned, I am

Fraternally in F., V. and H.,

CHARLES E. LANE, *Grand Chief.*

Attest:

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

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR NO. 6.

HEADQUARTERS

GRAND CASTLE OF NEW JERSEY, KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE,
ROOM 5, RIBSAM BUILDING, N. E. COR. BROAD AND FRONT STS.,

TRENTON, N. J., February 24th, 1898.

PROCLAMATION BY THE GRAND CHIEF.

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

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS:—Owing to insubordination on the part of Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, K. G. E. of N. J., in refusing to obey the mandates of the Supreme Castle, as well as those of the Grand Castle and your Grand Chief, and thus persistently and flagrantly violating the laws, it becomes my duty to proclaim said Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, suspended from all rights, titles, benefits and privileges of the Order of the Knights of the Golden Eagle.

In accordance with above, I hereby order all Castles and members in this jurisdiction to take due notice, and refrain from any intercourse with the above body as a Castle whatsoever, they having, by their refusal to so obey the proper mandates, etc., forfeited their claims to all courtesies that are granted to a subordinate Castle in good standing.

Any Castle or Sir Knight willfully violating the above order will have charges preferred against it or him, and be proceeded against according to K. G. E. usage.

I trust that the Castles of our State, which have been ever loyal to the principles of Fidelity, Valor and Honor, will use their utmost endeavors to see the foregoing proclamation carried out, to the end that insubordination may be made as odious as the breaking of obligation is.

The following is a copy of the notice of suspension sent to Bridgeton Castle, No. 13:

To the Officers and Members of Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, K. G. E.

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS:—On September 22d, 1896, P. C. WILLIAM T. DUBOIS, of your Castle, was expelled by Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, for conduct unbecoming a Sir Knight in having written a certain letter. P. C. DuBois appealed the case to the Grand Castle of New Jersey, which appeal was sustained by that body on September 7th, 1897. (See Proceedings 1897, pages 356 and 357.) This action therefore reinstated him to his original standing in said Castle.

On September 9th, 1897, you were notified by the Grand Master of Records of the action of the Grand Castle.

An appeal was then taken by you from the action of the Grand Castle to the Supreme Castle. At the session of the latter body the following legislation was adopted prior to action on your appeal. (See page 647, Supreme Castle Proceedings, 1897.)

"P. S. C. Barnes, of Philadelphia, requested a decision on the following, viz.:

"When a Grand Castle, in an appeal case, directs a Castle to reinstate a member, does the said member secure admission to his Castle at once, or is he excluded from the Order, in case an appeal is taken from the action of said Grand Castle to the Supreme Castle, until the final disposition of the case by the latter body."

"Supreme Keeper of Exchequer McCarthy moved that it is the sense of the Supreme Castle that the Castle is required to reinstate at once said party, under direction of the Grand Castle, and the motion was adopted."

In accordance with the above we therefore, on December 25th, 1897, addressed you as follows:

CAMDEN, N. J., December 25th, 1897.

Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, K. G. E.

NOBLE CHIEF and SIR KNIGHTS:—At a cabinet meeting of the Grand Officers it was decided that you must at once obey the mandate of the Supreme Castle, and reinstate to full membership in Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, William T. DuBois, pending final disposition of his case by the Supreme Castle. Therefore, as Grand Chief, I call upon you to reinstate William T. DuBois to full membership at the session of Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, to be held on Tuesday evening, 28th inst.

Fraternally yours in Fidelity, Valor and Honor,

CHARLES E. LANE, *Grand Chief.*

Attest:

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

Having heard that you had not complied with said notice, on February 7th we sent you the following letter of warning, dated January 29th, 1898:

To the Noble Chief, Officers and Members of Bridgeton Castle, Knights of the Golden Eagle.

DEAR BROTHERS:—At the annual meeting of the Grand Castle, K. G. E. of New Jersey, held at Trenton (Jersey City) in September last past, the appeal of Brother DuBois was sustained, and it was ordered that he go without further prosecution for the offence named. You have been regularly and legally notified by the proper authority to reinstate Brother DuBois, and have refused to do so. You are hereby notified to reinstate Brother DuBois at once, and a refusal or neglect so to do is improper conduct, and neglecting and refusing to conform to the Constitution, laws and enactment of the Grand Castle, and subjects you to suspension or dissolution and a forfeiture of your charter, and the reversion of the moneys and property of your Castle to the Grand or Supreme Castle. So please take kindly warning, obey the above mandate and avoid the consequences of a forfeiture of charter, etc.

Dated January 29th, 1898.

On February 22d, while in attendance at the regular session of Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, we asked the question of the Noble Chief, "Has Past Chief William T. DuBois been reinstated to membership?"—to which he replied, "No!" and while on the floor a motion to adjourn (though illegal) was made and adopted, thus grossly insulting the Grand Chief.

In view of the fact that Bridgeton Castle has not obeyed the mandates of the Supreme Castle, as well as those of the Grand Castle and Grand Chief, thus persistently and flagrantly violating the laws,

Therefore we, CHARLES E. LANE, Grand Chief of the Grand Castle of New Jersey, Knights of the Golden Eagle, by the authority in us vested, do hereby and herewith suspend Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, of New Jersey, Knights of the Golden Eagle from all rights, titles, benefits and privileges of said Order, and the Clerk of Exchequer, Keeper of Exchequer, Trustees and all members are hereby warned that they will be held individually and severally accountable for all moneys, securities and property of said Bridgeton Castle now in their possession or charge. All members of said Castle are hereby forbidden, under penalty of the law, of holding a session of said Castle or visiting any Castle.

The above action of the Grand Chief was unanimously approved by the Board of Grand Castle officers in session.

Given under my hand and seal of Grand Castle this 24th day of February 1898.

[SEAL.]

Attest :

CHARLES E. LANE, *Grand Chief.*

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

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR No. 7.

HEADQUARTERS

GRAND CASTLE OF NEW JERSEY, KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE,
ROOM 5, RIBSAM BUILDING, N. E. COR. BROAD AND FRONT STS.,

TRENTON, N. J., April 9th, 1898.

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

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS :

In the exercise of the power and authority in him vested by the Constitution of the Grand Castle, the Grand Chief of the Grand Castle of New Jersey, Knights of the Golden Eagle, hereby calls a Special Session of the Grand Castle to convene in the hall of Monarch Castle, No. 9, K. G. E., Southeast Corner Fourth and Market Streets, Camden, N. J., third floor (entrance on Fourth Street), WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20th, 1898, at 7 o'clock P. M. sharp.

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

1. Conferring the Past Chief's Degree.
2. To act upon the appeal of Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, from the action of the Grand Chief in suspending said Castle.
3. To act upon action of the Grand Chief in suspending Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, by proclamation dated February 24th, 1898.
4. To act upon charges preferred against Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, by the Grand Chief, Charles E. Lane, under date of February 24th, 1898.

5. To act upon charges preferred by Grand Chief Lane against the Noble Chief, W. B. Groff, Master of Records, William A. Robinson, Clerk of Exchequer W. B. Stiles and others of Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, K. G. E., who, in defiance of the mandate of February 24th (at which date said Castle was suspended), have persisted in holding meetings of said Castle; receiving and paying moneys; sending out due notices to members, and transacting general business of a Castle.

6. To act upon the conduct of any member or members of the Order who have aided or abetted said Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, or members thereof, in violating the law.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Grand Castle to be affixed this 9th day of April, 1898.

CHAS. E. LANE, *Grand Chief*.

[SEAL.]

Attest:

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

N. B.—It is desired that all Past Chiefs in this jurisdiction attend the session.

[CORRECTED CIRCULAR.]

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR No. 8.

HEADQUARTERS

GRAND CASTLE OF NEW JERSEY, KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE,
ROOM 5, RIBSAM BUILDING, N. E. COR. BROAD AND FRONT STS.,

TRENTON, N. J., May 25th, 1898.

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

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS:—At a special session of the Grand Castle, held at Camden, April 20th, 1898, the following legislation on charges made by Grand Chief Lane against Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, suspended, was enacted (see printed minutes of said session):

1. "P. G. C. Senseman moved that the charges as a whole be sustained. This was also unanimously agreed to.

2. "P. G. C. William H. Ruf, No. 34, moved that the charter of Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, be revoked for the reasons stated in the charges.

3. "P. C. J. L. Vehe, No. 25, moved to amend that No. 13 be given until May 24th next to obey the laws, and during the interval a committee of five be appointed to arrange, if possible, this matter of reinstatement of P. C. William T. DuBois with No. 13. If unsuccessful, then the charter be revoked on above date.

4. "Supreme Vice-Chief William C. Hunter, No. 36, moved to further amend that in case No. 13 does not reinstate P. C. William T. DuBois, the Grand Chief be authorized to go into the courts to obtain the money and property of said Castle.

5. "The amendment was accepted by the maker of the original motion, as was the amendment to the amendment, and the motion was agreed to unanimously."

In conformity with Paragraph 3 of the above, Grand Chief Charles E. Lane, P. G. C. William H. Ruf, No. 34 and P. C. George C. Mead, No.

62, of the committee appointed (G. M. of R. A. L. Clark and G. H. P. Dr. J. B. Wainright were also present) held a consultation with the members of Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, suspended, on the evening of May 24th, and endeavored to have the matter adjusted as per direction of the Grand Castle.

But without success.

Therefore I, CHARLES E. LANE, Grand Chief, by and with the authority of the Grand Castle of New Jersey, did on May 24th revoke the charter of said Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, and do hereby and herewith declare the charter of said Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, of New Jersey, revoked from May 24th, and further order that the charter, books, moneys and properties of said Castle be delivered to the Grand Castle of New Jersey, Knights of the Golden Eagle.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Grand Castle to be affixed, this twenty-fifth day of May, 1898.

CHARLES E. LANE, *Grand Chief*.

Attest:

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

DECISIONS.

1. *Question* from No. 64.

a. Is a dispensation needed for the officers of an installing team to wear full uniform?

Answer.—No.

b. Who is the proper Grand Officer to apply to for a dispensation?

Answer.—The Grand Chief.

c. Has a District Grand Chief the authority to forbid an installation in full uniform?

Answer.—No.

2. *Question* from No. 31.

a. A brother paying into the Keeper of Exchequer's hands money for dues. Our By-Laws provide that it shall be credited to him at the next stated session. In case there was no session on the next stated session, when is it credited to the brother's account—that night or the first night of holding a session?

Answer.—During interim, it should be credited at next meeting night your By-Laws call for.

b. What is the meaning of stated sessions?—the night we should hold a session, or the first night we do?

Answer.—The night your By-Laws have set for holding a meeting.

3. *Question*.—Is a Castle required to pay per capita for a Sir Knight who has been granted a withdrawal card, and who uses the same to visit other Castles and who does not connect himself with any other?

Answer.—Referred to Article III, Section 1, of Subordinate Constitution.

4. *Question* from Nos. 57 and 20.—Is a Castle compelled to pay the expenses of a District Grand Chief and staff in travelling to and from the same to instal officers?

Answer.—It is not obligatory so to do.

5. *Question.*—Is the Noble Chief required to arise prior to the Sir Herald delivering his charge in the concluding part of the Crusader's Degree?

Answer.—No.

6. *Question* from No. 20.—In case the newly elected officers are not installed on the first meeting night of the term, to whom does the Master of Records deliver the S. A. P. W.—to the acting Noble Chief, or hold it for the incoming Noble Chief?

Answer.—To the Noble Chief in the chair at the time.

7. *Question* from No. 54.

a. A brother was elected one of the Trustees for the term of eighteen months. He was then elected Master of Records. Is it legal for him to hold two offices?

Answer.—It is not legal to hold the office of Trustee together with any of the posts provided for in Article VIII, Section 1, of Subordinate Constitution and the ritual.

b. The Noble Chief resigns after one month's service. Does the Sitting Past Chief's term expire with the resignation of the Noble Chief, and does the said Noble Chief occupy the Past Chief's post?

Answer.—The Noble Chief resigning does not become Past Chief; neither does the Past Chief's term expire with such resignation. If your Vice-Chief, who is eligible, is elected to fill the unexpired term of Noble Chief, he will become Sitting Past Chief at the close of the term.

8. *Question* from No. 1.—Can a motion be entertained that no bills be paid from the exchequer, except per capita tax, until a certain amount on hand is obtained?

Answer.—No. (See Article VIII, Subordinate Constitution.)

9. *Question.*—When is the proper time to commence to charge dues to a new member?

Answer.—As soon as he is initiated.

10. *Question* from the District Grand Chief of the Eighteenth District—Can a Castle instal publically without a dispensation?

Answer.—Yes.

11. *Question* from No. 2.—We have a sick brother who refuses to sign the order and take his benefits, claiming he is entitled to more than our By-Laws provide. Must we continue to deduct his dues and keep him in good standing, as we draw an order for his benefits regularly and they are in the Keeper of Exchequer's hands.

Answer.—Yes. Deduct the amount of dues regulary from his sick benefits. Tender his benefits every week. No fault of the Castle if he does not accept.

12. *Question* from No. 20.—A brother was taken sick before he had been a member one year—January 21st, 1898, being the end of his probationary period, and being still sick claims benefits from said date. Is he beneficial?

Answer.—Yes. According to your By-Laws, Article XIV, Section 1, which states that "every person who has been a member one year, of the Crusader's Degree, and in good standing, is entitled to benefits when sick or disabled."

13. *Question* from No. 44.—Can a Castle pay a premium of \$2.50 to officers serving during the term, the same to be present every session?

Answer.—Yes.

14. *Question* from No. 10.—To whom do the Trustees present their report, the Castle or the Auditing Committee?

Answer.—To the Castle.

15. *Question.*—Where the By-Laws of a Castle say that a person must be a member one year before being entitled to benefits, is a member entitled to benefits under Article IX, Section 1, of Subordinate Constitution, which says, "a member shall be entitled to benefits: *Provided*, he shall have been a member for not less than six months, etc.?"

Answer.—No. The By-Laws of the Castle govern the case.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

Monarch Castle, No. 9. To omit meeting of November 24th in order to hold twelfth anniversary. Fee, twenty-five cents.

Crusader's Castle, No. 14. To change place of meeting, also to omit meeting of December 28th. Fee twenty-five cents each.

Crusader's Castle, No. 14. To change meeting night from Tuesday to Wednesday. Fee, twenty-five cents.

Monarch Castle, No. 9. To omit session of April 20th, as they kindly tendered the use of their hall free to the Grand Castle for special session. No fee charged.

DISPENSATION REFUSED.

Progressive Castle, No. 62. To suspend paying sick benefits for one year.

Reason.—Castles control their own dues, benefits and assessments. (See Article VII, Paragraph 24, of Section 3, Supreme Castle Constitution.)

SPECIAL REQUEST.

June 14th, 1898. Received request from Grand Chief Walter H. Pelly, of Pennsylvania, permission to make P. G. C. Joseph Arnold of Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, defunct, a member of the K. G. E. in Pennsylvania. Permission granted.

RESIGNATIONS.

November 11th, 1897. Received and accepted the resignation of P. C. Claytonarris as Gr and Instructor of Thirteenth District.

November 22d, 1897. Received and accepted the resignation of P. G. C. J. C. F. Trachsel, No. 25, as one of the committee appointed at special session, held November 18th, 1897, to draft laws for the government of the Funeral Benefit Fund.

December 1st, 1897. Received and accepted the resignation of P. C. J. Frank Cobb, No. 47, whom I appointed in place of P. G. C. Trachsel, No. 25, on committee to draft laws for the government of the Funeral Benefit Fund.

May 5th, 1898. Received and accepted the resignation of S. V. C. William C. Hunter, No. 36, from special committee appointed at special session of April 20th, on Bridgeton Castle matter.

APPOINTMENTS.

October 25th, 1897. Appointed P. C. John W. Sharp, No. 43, as District Grand Chief of Sixteenth District (Castles Nos. 12, 32, 43 and 63.)

October 25th, 1897. Appointed P. C. Charles A. Milham as Grand Instructor of Sixteenth District (Castles Nos. 12, 32, 43 and 63.)

November 16th, 1897. Appointed P. C. Elmer J. Harle, No. 28, as Grand Instructor of Thirteenth District, in place of P. C. Clayton Harris, resigned.

November 22d, 1897. Appointed P. C. J. Frank Cobb, No. 47, on special committee to draft laws for government of Funeral Benefit Fund in place of P. G. C. Trachsel, No. 25, resigned.

February 24th, 1898. Appointed P. G. C. William H. Ruf, No. 34, on special committee to draft laws for government of Funeral Benefit Fund in place of P. C. Cobb, No. 47, resigned.

APPEALS.

September 22d, 1897. Appeal case of William B. Smith *vs.* Ocean Castle, No. 11. Referred to Appeal Committee.

September 28th, 1897. Appeal case of Frank Fagan *vs.* Cumberland Castle, No. 65. Referred to chairman of Appeals Committee, P. G. C. F. Wayland Potter, with instructions to visit the Castle and adjust matters, which was accomplished with satisfactory results to all concerned.

October 2d, 1898. Appeal case of Bridgeton Castle, No. 13 *vs.* Grand Castle. Properly attested, and forwarded to Supreme Master of Records.

March 15th, 1898. Appeal case of Samuel Kessler *vs.* Washington Castle, No. 3. Referred to Appeal Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the organizer's fee of \$15.00 be paid to John A. F. Bydick for organizing Jersey City Castle, No. 37, within less than thirty members.

2. That charters be granted to Castles Nos. 19, 37 and 41, in lieu of dispensations under which they are now working, and that I be permitted to sign the same.

3. That, owing to the inefficiency of our present Constitution, a new one be drafted to meet all requirements.

4. That the honors of Past Chief be conferred upon Sir Knight William J. Kraft, a member of Monarch Castle, No. 9, for valuable services rendered our Order.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Postage	\$12 19
Desk supplies	5 89
Freight and carting on desk	3 00
Telegrams	3 35
Expressage	2 00
Trips to Grand Castle office	14 30
Trips to Supreme Castle office	2 92
Trips to Bridgeton	31 30
Paid Janitor Monarch Castle all, special session, April 20th	2 00
Typewriting	2 00
Visits to Castles	9 27
Instituting Castle, No. 19	22 64
" " No. 37	20 00
" " No. 41	19 70
Suit of Bridgeton Castle, court charges	21 81
Expenses of District Grand Chief-at-Large, P. G. C. F. Wayland Potter,	5 60
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I am thankful to the Grand Officers for their advice and assistance during this year. I am especially indebted to Grand Master of Records Clark for the valuable help he has rendered me throughout my term. He has been ever ready and willing to respond to my call, and his services have been of inestimable value. I take great pleasure in bearing this testimony of his efficiency and worth. In Brother Clark the Grand Castle has a faithful servant and competent officer.

To you who invested me with the emblem of authority, I return the gavel with my heartfelt thanks for the honor, and beg leave to express my appreciation of the confidence you reposed in my integrity. I have conducted the business of the Order to the best of my ability, and at all times had the welfare of the Knights of the Golden Eagle at heart. My intercourse with our members has been pleasant, and I beseech them, one and all, to accept my thanks for their courteous and fraternal greeting.

Bespeaking for my successor a repetition of the manifold kindnesses that have been extended to me, I remain

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

CHARLES E. LANE, *Grand Chief.*

REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT GRAND CHIEFS.

For the purpose of avoiding repetitions I desire to state that each report of my District Grand Chiefs and Grand Instructors contains expressions of hearty appreciation of the courtesy extended to them by the various Castles of their Districts; also thankfulness to those who so kindly assisted them in the discharge of their duties. Their thanks for the honors I conferred upon them by their appointment is hereby acknowledged, and mine returned for their faithfulness.

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

CHARLES E. LANE, Grand Chief.

MILLVILLE, August 4th, 1898.

I have installed the officers at the beginning of each term. I found both Vineland Castle, No. 46 and Excelsior Castle, No. 61 in a good, healthy condition, especially No. 61, which deserves especial mention. This Castle, although isolated from any other Castle, is moving along nicely and is well up in the ritualistic work, due in a great measure to the untiring zeal and efforts of Brothers Robinson and Matthews, who have been Grand Instructors for my own Castle, Millville, No. 2. I would report that we are getting along nicely, and are filling the mission for which the Castle was organized in taking care of the sick and distressed. We have made a nice gain financially in the last term. I wish to state that the brothers have given me their hearty co-operation in my work, and that I have been treated courteously at all my visitations.

Yours in F., V. and H.,

WM. H. CALKIN, *D. G. C.*

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

CHARLES E. LANE, Grand Chief.

MAY'S LANDING, August 6th, 1898.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—I have installed the officers at their proper time and place. I have visited my Castles as much as I have had time, and find them in fair working condition. I called a district meeting at Bayside Castle, No. 60, on May 17th, but owing to bad weather it was poorly attended.

Yours in F., V. and H.,

WILLIAM MORRIS, *D. G. C.*

FOURTH DISTRICT (Nos. 5, 10.)

CHARLES E. LANE, Grand Chief.

QUINTON, August 6th, 1898.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—Have visited frequently, during my term of office, the Castles of my District, and found them pushing ahead both in finances and membership, especially Puritan, No. 10, which is taking in new

members every month, and gaining financially thereby; also there is a fair average attendance at both Castles of this District. I have installed the officers at the proper time or caused the same to be done.

Yours in F., V. and H.,

LEWIS S. RIGGINS, *D. G. C.*

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

CLAYTON, August 4th, 1898.

CHARLES E. LANE, Grand Chief.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—On receiving my commission I organized a team which I am pleased with. On January 5th, 1898, we went to Lincoln Castle, No. 31, and installed their officers. We found them in the old ruins of the past, and had a good talk on the subject of new members. On my next visit I found a full set of officers to be installed (something they had not done since January 1st, 1893) and seventeen new members with more to follow. We also had the pleasure of witnessing them confer the Second Degree without the ritual on two candidates. Their report shows they have been working last term. On January 5th I went to Volunteer Castle, No. 30, and found a full set of officers to be installed. No. 30 is up to date with their work. February 9th they initiated eleven candidates without the rituals. January 6th, I went to Prospect Castle, No. 40, and also found a full set of officers waiting to be installed, but no work. July 7th the Pilgrim's Degree was conferred on a candidate in a satisfactory manner. Clayton Castle, No. 39, had a full set of officers both terms, and good attendance; opening and closing work done without the ritual. The report of the District is good, both in finances and membership.

Thanking the members of the team who assisted me, and the Sir Knights whom I met on my different visits for the welcome they gave me, I remain

Yours in F., V. and H.,

CHAS. STEPHENSON, *D. G. C.*

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

CHARLES E. LANE, Grand Chief.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—I am called upon to perform a duty, which I do with a feeling of love, combined with sadness for one who has been unfortunate by being stricken with paralysis, preventing him from attending to this or any other duty. I speak of our District Grand Chief, Chapman Brelsford, one whose whole soul is in the good of our noble Order, and who is always willing with hand and heart to further its interests. I trust that he may be spared by the Great Chief of the heavenly Castle, so that we may have the pleasure of seeing his ever-smiling face within our Castle walls once again. He wishes me to make out a report and take the honors. I will do my best, but give the honor to Brother Chapman Brelsford.

P. G. C. Senseman, assisted by others, installed the officers of the several Castles, and had a very pleasant time. The Castles are all doing nicely, with a small gain in membership and finances, and doing their work in a creditable manner.

Yours in F., V. and H.,

R. M. COFFMAN, *G. I.*

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

TOWN OF STOCKTON, August 15th, 1898.

CHARLES E. LANE, Grand Chief.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—With the assistance of Past Chiefs of Cross and Crown Castle I have installed the officers of the Castles of my District

regularly in January and July. On Monday evening, July 18th, Cyrene Castle, No. 8 and Cross and Crown Castle, No. 25, held a joint public installation, which proved quite a success.

I granted a dispensation to Fidelity Castle, No. 24, on March 25th to change their meeting place; also granted dispensation to Merchantville Castle, No. 29, on July 12, to hold their meetings during July and August semi monthly—first and third Tuesday nights.

As to the general condition of the Castles in my District, it is fair. There seems to be a lack of enthusiasm, and it appears to me that is a good subject for solid discussion in the "Good of the Order" at our coming Grand Castle session: "How and What We Can Do to Revive the Spirit of Eagleism in our Subordinate Castles."

I desire here to make special mention of a District Meeting held on Tuesday evening, May 17th, at Merchantville Castle Hall. As I was unable to get there myself on account of business, P. C. E. T. Johnson, of Merchantville Castle, presided. There was a large attendance—all the Castles of the District being represented. One of the features of the meeting was the conferring of the Third or Crusader's Degree upon a candidate by a picked team (each Castle being represented) and the work was done in a very creditable manner.

The new quarters into which Fidelity Castle, No. 24, have moved are a great improvement upon their old ones, and I hope will assist in increasing their membership. The work of Cyrene Castle shows marked improvement, and the members are working hard. This also applies to Merchantville Castle.

Upon all my official duties I have been received with the utmost knightly courtesy by all the members of the various Castles, to whom I extend my sincere thanks. I also desire to express my appreciation of services rendered by P. C. William H. Green and P. C. F. A. Vehe, who have accompanied me upon all my visits.

Trusting this report will meet with your approval, I am

Yours in F., V. and H.,

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

ELEVENTH DISTRICT (Nos. 35, 66.)

WRIGHTSTOWN, August 8th, 1898.

CHARLES E. LANE, Grand Chief.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER:—Castles Nos 35 and 66 are both doing well, but taking in few members.

Yours in F., V. and H.,

PEARSON TAYLOR, *D. G. C.*

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

BURLINGTON, August 4th, 1898.

CHARLES E. LANE, Grand Chief of N. J.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER:—I take pleasure in submitting to you my report for the term now ended. I have visited each Castle as often as circumstances would permit, and have been received with courtesy by each Castle. My business has prevented me from visiting the Castles very often. Each Castle in the District is well up to the ritualistic work, and I take great pleasure in saying that I never saw that work performed more strictly to the ritual than I have in the District during this year. I have installed the officers of each Castle each term in due form with a well-drilled installation team selected for the

occasion. The Castles are in good financial standing. The gain in membership has been small, No. 14 being the only Castle that has made considerable increase, they, during the last six months, having initiated ten and reinstated four. There has been but one district meeting held during the year. I have caused the unwritten work to be exemplified several times during the term.

Yours in F., V. and H.,

THOS. LOCK, *D. G. C.*

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

TRENTON, August 3d, 1898.

CHARLES E. LANE, Grand Chief.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—Owing to lack of interest in Trenton Castle No. 7, I am sorry to report that the Castle is in a very bad condition, both financially and otherwise. I have exerted every effort on my part to create an interest, but find it to no avail. I have not been able to install the officers for this term, as the per capita tax has not been paid.

Mercer Castle, No. 23, is in a better financial condition than last year.

Capital Castle, No. 28, is in a good healthy condition, both in regards to finances and membership. The officers have been properly installed. I have been received with all the courtesy that could be extended to me on my visitations to the Castles.

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

Yours in F., V. and H.,

ASHER LOVETT, *D. G. C.*

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT (*German Castle.*)

TRENTON, August 10th, 1898.

CHARLES E. LANE, Grand Chief.

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

During the term I have visited the Castles comprising this District and found them in a good condition. I have installed the officers, and endeavored to do my duty in a satisfactory manner, and the work is being done in accordance with the ritual.

Yours in F., V. and H.,

CHARLES STAHL, *D. G. C.*

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

ASBURY PARK, August 3d, 1898.

CHARLES E. LANE, Grand Chief.

DEAR CHIEF AND BROTHER :—With pleasure I submit my report as *D. G. C.* All the officers have been installed at the proper time (excepting Wall Castle) which I hope to install before the close of my term. A slight but steady gain in membership and finances has existed. Each Castle has sent some of its members to the front, Corinthian having twelve in our country's service. Thanking the Fourteenth District for kindness and courtesy and yourself for my appointment,

I remain yours in F., V. and H.,

EDGAR BILLS, *D. G. C.*

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT (Nos. 50, 71.)

CHARLES E. LANE, Grand Chief.

SOUTH AMBOY, August 8th, 1898.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—I have personally installed the officers of the two Castles comprising this District, and am pleased to report them in excellent condition.

While the increase of new members has not been as great as I would have wished, on the other hand the finances show a steady increase.

I am sorry that it has not been my privilege to meet you or any of the other Grand Officers in this District during the term that is fast drawing to a close. I am sure that the Sir Knights would have been pleased to have met you.

In concluding, I wish to say that my intercourse with the brothers have been most pleasant, and my thanks are tendered for their many acts of kindness.

To those Past Chiefs who so kindly assisted me I am very grateful.

Thanking you for the honor conferred on me,

I remain yours in F., V. and H.,

A. C. SOMERVILLE, D. G. C.

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT (Nos. 32, 43, 63, 12.)

CHARLES E. LANE, Grand Chief.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—In submitting my report of the Sixteenth District would say during the term I have visited each Castle from time to time and found them in good working condition. I have installed the officers at the proper time, and endeavored to do my duty in a satisfactory manner.

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

I remain yours F., V. and H.,

JOHN W. SHARP, D. G. C.

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT (Nos. 37, 38, 54.)

CHARLES E. LANE, Grand Chief.

PATERSON, August 6th, 1898.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—I have visited Jersey City Castle, No. 37, on two occasions since they were instituted. I find them making very little headway. I must say that Past Chief Bydeck and some of his colleagues are good workers for the Order, but it seems to be up-hill work. I, with Grand Instructor James Mackey, of Columbia Castle, No. 54, and Past Chiefs Samuel R. Templeton, James Corbett, John Gustenhoven, and William Gassman, all Past Chiefs of Mount Everest Castle, No. 38, installed the officers of Jersey City Castle at the proper time. I deputized P. C. Bydeck to install those of the officers who failed to attend at the proper time. I might mention here that the delegation from Paterson assisted in initiating a candidate on the same evening.

I cannot say a great deal about Mount Everest Castle, No. 38, although the mother Castle of eagledom of Paterson, New Jersey. She has seen prosperous Castles pass out of existence and weak ones prosper. Our exchequer has suffered extensively during the last term through sickness and death. A few weeks ago we lost one of our charter members after a lingering illness. Sir Knight, John R. Williams, who was once a valuable member of Mount Everest, passed away. With a continual drain on your exchequer through sickness, and not increasing in membership, soon tells a tale. But with all their drawbacks the members of Mount Everest are still determined to stick together and wait and hope for better times. We have a fair attendance every Monday night, and all present seem to enjoy the sessions, as the best of feeling prevails amongst the members of No. 38. I attended to the installation of their officers at the proper times and at their posts.

Columbia Castle, No. 54, is progressing rapidly, both in initiation of new members and financially. They have six candidates for this month. Grand Sir Herald, Jacob S. Kent, has the honor of being the Keeper of Exchequer of Columbia Castle, and he is a great worker for the Castle and the Order. I have visited them on different occasions, and I installed their offices at the proper times. I held a very successful District meeting in the hall of Columbia Castle, at which there was a large attendance. Grand Chief Hallock, of the State of New York, was in attendance.

After considerable time and persuasion I succeeded in collecting the charter, seal, and all paraphernalia of Golden Cross Castle, No. 67, now defunct, and forwarded the same to the Grand Master of Records, receiving his receipt for the same.

Before closing my report I must take this means of expressing my thanks to Past Chief James Mackey, Grand Instructor of the Seventeenth District, for his assistance in the installation of the officers of the different Castles, and the manner in which he conducted the work allotted to him; also I wish to extend my thanks to all Sir Knights for kindnesses shown me during my term.

Yours in F., V. and H.,

WILLIAM SPROAT, *D. G. C.*

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT (Nos. 58, 64.)

POMPTON LAKES, August 4th, 1898.

CHARLES E. LANE, Grand Chief.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—I have been unable to visit the Castles of my District as often as I should wish to. But I thank the District Grand Instructor, Gus, W. Roeger, for his untiring work and installing when I was unable to be present, and other work for the benefit of the Order. Passaic Castle, No. 64, is increasing in membership and finances, and there seems to be interest in the work generally. Newark Castle, No. 19, is getting along nicely. The District meeting was held there June 14th with good attendance. Although unable to be present myself the meeting was carried on by the Grand Instructor. Star of Liberty Castle, No. 58, is just about holding its own. One brother has been sick for over a year, and the Castle has paid him five dollars a week, they are proud to say, without touching one cent invested. I have given all instructions when necessary, and did what I thought was proper for me to do.

Hoping this report may meet with your approval, and that our noble Order may grow and prosper so that it may redound to His glory, I am

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

A. W. VAN SAUN, *D. G. C.*

NINETEENTH DISTRICT (Nos. 51, 59.)

FREEHOLD, August 1st, 1898.

CHARLES E. LANE, Grand Chief.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—I find both Castles in a good condition both in membership and finance. It speaks well for No. 51 in the way the members turn out. There is a good feeling among them. They have missed but two sessions in seven years. Their work is done with credit. I have installed the officers in both Castles at the appointed time with the assistance of No. 51. I wish, through my report, to thank the Sir Knights of both Nos. 51 and 59 for the courtesies they have shown me in the three years I have been District Grand Chief. As this will be my last term, I thank all the Grand Chiefs for the honor they have shown me.

I remain yours in F., V. and H.,

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

TWENTIETH DISTRICT (No. 33.)

LAMBERTVILLE, August 15th, 1898.

CHARLES E. LANE, Grand Chief.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER:—I would respectfully submit the following report as District Grand Chief of the Twentieth District during the term: I have installed the officers of No. 33 and instructed the Representative of No. 41 to install officers of No. 41, as Nos. 41 and 33 meet on same night. And I am glad to report the condition of No. 33 is better than it has ever been. Large increase in members and fine increase in finances.

No. 41 is still increasing in members. I held District meeting of Twentieth District in Franklin Castle, No. 33, May 24th, with large turn out of members. Second Degree conferred on three candidates at this meeting. I was pleased to see the interest taken by members of No. 43 in taking in new members.

I remain yours in F., V. and H.,

SAMUEL YOUNG, *D. G. C.*

REPORTS OF THE GRAND INSTRUCTORS.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

CAMDEN, July 7th, 1898.

CHARLES E. LANE, Grand Chief.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER: I have frequently visited each Castle, and assisted them in their work whenever it was required, I find them all progressing as well as the present state of affairs will permit. The increase in membership has not been as large as I should like to see. In finances they are all holding their own. I have been received with the greatest of courtesy by all Sir Knights.

I remain yours in F., V. and H.,

R. M. COFFMAN, *G. I.*

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

FLORENCE, August 10th, 1898.

CHARLES E. LANE, Grand Chief.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER: The Castles in this District are in excellent condition. We have held one District meeting in the hall of Herald Castle with a representation from all the Castles present. We had a very instructive session. I have been unable to attend the Castle as much as I would like on account of sickness and death. I have been trying to organize a degree team in Florence Castle, but have not accomplished it yet.

Yours in F., V. and H.,

ELMER E. PAGE, *G. I.*

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT (*German Castle.*)

CHARLES E. LANE, Grand Chief.

TRENTON, August 8th, 1898.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—I have visited all the Castles of my District. No. 68 is doing as well as can be expected.

Thanking you for the honor you have conferred on me, also the members of Star of Bethlehem Castle, No. 68, for the knightly courtesy and kindness with which they have received me, I remain

Yours in F., V. and H.,

FRIED. ARNDT, *G. I.*

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

CHARLES E. LANE, Grand Chief.

TRENTON, August 4th, 1898.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—I have visited the Castles in my District and report them in first class condition, and doing the work up to the standard of perfection so prominently characteristic of the Thirteenth. I was unable to attend regularly during the months of January and February, and have given as much time as possible during the following months. Hoping you will excuse the tardiness of my report,

I remain fraternally yours in F., V. and H.,

ELMER E. HARLE, *G. I.*

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

CHARLES E. LANE, Grand Chief.

LONG BRANCH, August 8th, 1898.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—It has been utterly impossible for me to attend the duties assigned me owing to several causes, viz.: inclemency of the weather, bad roads, poor railroad facilities, last, but not least, my occupation was of such a nature and condition this year as render my intended visitations all out of the question.

When I was appointed to the office I had fully determined to fill all the obligations of the office, and made several attempts to reach the several Castles in this District but each time failed. I did manage to reach Corinthian once or twice, made one trip with District Grand Chief Bills to Clyde Castle, and reached there all covered with mud and glory only to find that the members of Clyde had held their meeting and dispersed before 9 o'clock P. M., and that, too, after I had written to Brother Ruf that I would be there. I was informed that some of the other Castles hardly have a meeting in the summer, the only time I had.

All praise is due to Corinthian for its excellent floor work and ritual recitation. The members of my own Castle would do well to take a few lessons from Corinthian, both in harmonious feeling and Castle work. To-Kalon needs renewed life. Would have been pleased to see the Grand Chief at our meetings.

Yours in F., V. and H.,

S. ROBERT WHITE, *G. I.*

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

CHARLES E. LANE, Grand Chief.

PATERSON, August 8th, 1898.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—I have during my term visited each and every Castle in my district, instructed them on the sword and floor movement. Mt. Everest Castle, No. 38, made great improvement during my term. Columbia Castle, No. 54, might have done better. Jersey City Castle, newly admitted, I regret, did not get the attention it should have and on account of the distance from Paterson. The members complained bitterly against the Grand officers for taking so little interest in them.

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

JAMES MACKEY, *G. I.*

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT.

CHARLES E. LANE, Grand Chief.

PASSAIC, August 11th, 1898.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER :—I visited Newark Castle, No. 19, as often as I could. I gave them instruction to the best of my ability. The Castle is doing fairly well for a new Castle; financially no increase, but increase in membership.

District Grand Chief Brother Van Saun set the date June 14th for District meeting, to be held in Newark Castle. Grand Sir Herald Brother Kent was present, but not our District Grand Chief. The meeting came off satisfactorily. I visited No. 19 July 26th and again August 9th. I, at their request, installed the officers with the aid of several Past Chiefs of my home Castle. My home Castle is doing all right. We have an increase financially, but not in membership, but we have six candidates in this month.

I am sorry to state I have not visited No. 58 as yet. It is about fourteen miles from here. The accommodations to return home are inconvenient.

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

GUSTAV W. ROEGER, *G. I.*

REPORT OF STATE DEPUTY.

CAMDEN, August 22, 1898.

CHARLES E. LANE, Grand Chief.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER : Herewith render my report as State Deputy for term ending September, 1898 :

Under date November 6 visited Cumberland Castle, Port Norris, by your direction, to adjust, if possible, a dispute as to legality of a benefit claim made by a member against the Castle. After a thorough hearing of the case pro and con the matter was brought to an amicable adjustment.

On November 16, by your direction, assisted in the institution of Newark Castle.

August 20, 1898, visited Elmer to investigate the status of the defunct Castle at that place. I am convinced, after going over the ground with some of the principal members, that the Castle can be reorganized, and have already taken steps to that end. Am positive that this Castle's banner will again rally its former numbers if proper attention looking to its reorganization be given.

Having at all times the best interests of our beloved Order in view, and holding myself subject to your commands, I am

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

F. WAYLAND POTTER,
State Deputy.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SIR HERALD.

PATERSON, N. J., August 4th, 1898.

CHARLES E. LANE, Grand Chief.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER : In accordance with well-established custom I herewith transmit my report as Grand Sir Herald :

I have visited a number of Castles in different sections of the State, but have made most visits in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Districts, they being in my immediate vicinity. Have attended the institution of three new Castles during the term and would have been only too well pleased to have assisted in more ; also special sessions held during the year. And in my journeys wherever I have met either Castles or individual Sir Knights I have been received with knightly courtesy and fraternal hospitality.

I believe that we are on the eve of an era of prosperity, and that we can look forward in the near future to a large increase in membership and Castles in this jurisdiction of the Grand Castle of New Jersey, because the principles that we put forth are noble, true and just, and truth, though crushed to earth, will rise again and eventually prevail.

I take this opportunity of again thanking the Grand Castle of New Jersey for the honor conferred in selecting me as Grand Sir Herald, and assure them of my appreciation of said honor, and it has been my desire to so fulfill the duties thereof that I may retain their confidence and friendship in future.

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

JACOB S. KENT,
Grand Sir Herald.

REPORT OF THE GRAND MASTER OF RECORDS.

TRENTON, N. J., August 17th, 1898.

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

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS: In presenting this, my second annual report, I desire to say that the past year, owing to the continued business depression and the excitement occasioned by the outbreak of war, has not been as prosperous as we had hoped for; yet we can congratulate ourselves on holding our own so well.

Our decrease in membership is caused strictly by the surrender of the charter of Elmer Castle, No. 52, and the revoking of the charter of Bridgeton Castle, No. 13—for had these not occurred we would have made a small increase.

I feel satisfied that No. 52 can be revived if proper measures are pursued, viz.: remit their per capita tax for a time, and have the Castles of the State fly to their assistance by contributing at least \$1.00 each. This would inconvenience none, and yet prove a good lift to the struggling Knights of No. 52. Thus we might save a Castle, and, without making an exhibition of our charity, proclaim to the world that our knighthood bond is not a myth, but a reality.

On November 16th, 1897, I received, through the efforts of D. G. C. William Sproat, of Patterson, the charter, etc., of No. 67, defunct. This leaves No. 48, of Paulsboro, the only one of those surrendered last year to hear from.

No report for the June term just ended has been received from Nos. 26, 29, 53, 57 and 58, although I have written several times for them. No. 29 has paid the per capita tax, and No. 26 states that they have held no meetings for two months. Hence we are compelled to omit these Castles from our tabulated June statement. The Grand Castle should set a limit to such delay, as it causes great inconvenience in the completing of the Grand Castle reports and the reports to the Supreme Castle.

The active work of our District Grand Chiefs and Grand Instructors has caused the Castles to put forth renewed vigor, so that the future is full of bright prospects.

Three new Castles have been instituted, viz.: Newark, No. 19, at Newark, Essex county, with a charter list of 46, on November 16th, 1897;

Jersey City, No. 37, at Jersey City, Hudson County, with a charter list of 30 (although only 18 have united therewith so far) on February 18th, 1898; and Flemington, No. 41, at Flemington, Hunterdon County, with a charter list of 53, on April 18th, 1898.

Thus we see that during the year our banner has been unfurled in two new counties, whose capabilities for sustaining more Castles is unsurpassed by any in the State, and, judging from the material which composes them, they will be a credit to our Order.

The adoption by our Grand Castle of a Funeral Benefit Fund is no doubt a step in the right direction, and, when properly taken hold of by our Subordinate Castles, will prove of vast benefit and lasting good to our Order.

Out of a membership of 4910 only eight deaths occurred during the last six months. What a boom it would have been for our jurisdiction if they had all been connected with this fund. The families would have received \$300 each, at a cost of 48 cents per member.

During the year I have attested the following by-laws and amendments :

- September 8, 1897, Volunteer, No. 30; Cross and Crown, No. 25; September 15, 1897, To-Kalon, No. 72.
- October 13, 1897, Franklin, No. 33.
- December 18, 1897, Burlington, No. 21; Vineland, No. 46; Star of Liberty, No. 58; Puritan, No. 10.
- December 29, 1897, Mt. Everest, No. 38; December 31, 1897, Cour de Lion, No. 36.
- January 28, 1898, Califon, No. 32; Cumberland, No. 65.
- February 12, 1898, Corinthian, No. 47; Capital, No. 28.
- March 2, 1898, Herald, No. 17; Silver Cross, No. 63; March 26, 1898, Monmouth, No. 51.
- April 23, 1898, Silver Star, No. 27; Crusaders', No. 14.
- May 5, 1898, Volunteer, No. 30.
- June 20, 1898, New Brunswick, No. 71.
- July 28, 1898, Mercer, No. 23; Flemington, No. 41.
- August 15, 1898, Ivanhoe, No. 5.

The amount of correspondence has nearly doubled that of last year, all of which has been accomplished in a prompt business-like manner, 3150 pieces of mail being sent out at a cost of \$58.89.

In all my intercourse with the Grand Officers, Masters of Records of the various Castles, District Grand Chiefs and Grand Instructors I have been treated with the utmost courtesy, which it has been my constant aim to reciprocate. I feel that the Grand Castle office is in close touch with the Castles of this jurisdiction.

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.

1897		
Aug.	25. Elmer Castle, No. 52,	\$3 30
Oct.	19. Merchantville Castle, No. 29,	5 10
Dec.	24. Sterling Castle, No. 50,	10 05
	28. Sterling Castle, No. 50,	3 35
	31. Palmyra Castle, No. 22,	19 80
1898.		
Jan.	3. Burlington Castle, No. 21,	18 80
	Star of Bethlehem Castle, No. 68,	17 80
	Silver Cross Castle, No. 63,	4 00
	Crusaders' Castle, No. 14,	13 65
	Red Cross Castle, No. 6,	9 40
	Bayside Castle, No. 60,	11 00
	Antioch Castle, No. 44,	20 80
	To-Kalon Castle, No. 72,	14 60
4.	Vineland Castle, No. 46,	18 20
	Capital Castle, No. 28,	25 60
	Greenwich Castle, No. 53,	9 20
	Clayton Castle, No. 39,	14 20
6.	Star of Liberty Castle, No. 58,	8 00
	Silver Cross Castle, No. 63,	1 00
	Puritan Castle, No. 10,	19 00
	Herald Castle, No. 17,	9 00
	Franklin Castle, No. 33,	17 20
	Mt. Everest Castle, No. 38,	13 00
	Excelsior Castle, No. 61,	9 60
	Volunteer Castle, No. 30,	15 60
	Ivanhoe Castle, No. 5,	15 20
8.	Lincoln Castle, No. 31,	6 40
	Florence Castle, No. 18,	20 00
	Wrightstown Castle, No. 35,	12 40
	Crusaders' Castle, No. 14,	4 35
	Washington Castle, No. 3,	44 20
	Marlton Castle, No. 16,	6 60
	New Jersey Castle, No. 4,	9 40
	Plumsted Castle, No. 66,	11 40
10.	Warren, No. 12,	7 05
	Millville Castle, No. 2,	26 20
	Cumberland Castle, No. 65,	30 60
	Mercer Castle, No. 23,	23 40
11.	Blackwood Castle, No. 1,	8 20
	Prospect Castle, No. 40,	19 40
	Califon Castle, No. 32,	19 20
	Annandale Castle, No. 43,	25 80
	Leod Castle, No. 20,	18 60
12.	New Brunswick Castle, No. 71,	24 50
	Columbia Castle, No. 54,	14 00
13.	Phœnix Castle, No. 70,	13 00
	Ocean Castle, No. 11,	29 20
15.	Cœur de Lion Castle, No. 36,	6 20
	Carried forward,	\$706 55

	Brought forward	\$706 55
	Monmouth Castle, No 51,	16 40
	Windsor Castle, No. 59,	12 20
	Forked River Castle, No. 49,	9 20
	Wall Castle, No. 57,	10 80
	17. Bridgeton Castle, No. 13,	36 80
	19. Clyde Casile, No. 34,	16 20
	Passaic Castle, No. 64,	9 40
	20. Vineland Castle, No. 46,	15
	Silver Star Castle, No. 27,	6 20
	Corinthian Castle, No. 47,	22 60
	22. Merchantville Castle, No. 29,	6 80
	Tuckerton Castle, No. 45,	32 40
	24. Stafford Castle, No. 26,	11 20
	25. Warren Castle, No. 12,	2 35
Feb.	1. Progressive Castle, No. 62,	18 60
	Annandale Castle, No. 43,	25
	Cyrene Castle, No. 8,	3 90
	Monarch Castle, No. 9,	31 00
	4. Cross and Crown Castle, No. 25,	8 25
	15. Cyrene Castle, No. 8,	1 30
	19. Fidelity Castle, No. 24,	7 80
	21. Cross and Crown Castle, No. 25,	2 95
March	5. Woodbury Castle, No. 15,	16 00
June	30. Franklin Castle, No. 33,	14 40
	Star of Bethlehem Castle, No. 68,	14 40
July	1. Palmyra Castle, No. 22,	14 25
	Volunteer Castle, No. 30,	13 20
	Cumberland Castle, No. 65,	21 60
	5. Capital Castle, No. 28,	21 30
	Silver Cross Castle, No. 63,	3 75
	Red Cross Castle, No. 6,	7 35
	Excelsior Castle, No. 61,	7 50
	Vineland Castle, No. 46,	14 40
	6. Passaic Castle, No. 64,	6 75
	Puritan Castle, No. 10,	14 85
	Flemington Castle, No. 41,	8 40
	7. Lincoln Castle, No. 31,	7 20
	Florence Castle, No. 18,	15 45
	8. Woodbury Castle, No. 15,	12 60
	Herald Castle, No. 17,	6 75
	Marlton Castle, No. 16,	4 65
	11. Antioch Castle, No. 44,	15 00
	Burlington Castle, No. 21,	13 80
	13. Jersey City Castle, No. 37,	2 70
	Warren Castle, No. 12,	8 10
	Prospect Castle, No. 40,	17 85
	Columbia Castle, No. 54,	10 35
	Plumsted Castle, No. 66,	8 10
	14. Sterling Castle, No. 50,	10 05
	Bayside Castle, No. 60,	7 80
	Mercer Castle, No. 23,	15 90
	Mount Everest Castle, No. 38,	9 15
	Forked River Castle, No. 49,	8 55
	Clayton Castle, No. 39,	10 65
	Merchantville Castle, No. 29,	4 95
	15. Monmouth Castle, No. 51,	12 30
	Cœur de Lion Castle, No. 36,	4 35
	Corinthian Castle, No. 47,	17 25
	Crusaders' Castle, No. 14,	15 60
	New Brunswick Castle, No. 71,	18 75
	Carried forward,	\$1410 10

	Brought forward,	\$1410 10
16.	Annandale Castle, No. 43,	19 35
	Califon Castle, No. 32,	14 55
19.	Washington Castle, No. 3,	31 80
	Millville Castle, No. 2,	18 75
	Wrightstown Castle, No. 35,	9 15
	Clyde Castle, No. 34,	11 85
	Ivanhoe Castle, No. 5,	10 95
	Tuckerton Castle, No. 45,	24 60
	Ocean Castle, No. 11,	19 35
21.	To-Kalon Castle, No. 72,	10 05
	Silver Star Castle, No. 27,	4 95
	Windsor Castle, No. 59,	7 95
23.	Monarch Castle, No. 9,	26 40
25.	New Jersey Castle, No. 4,	6 90
28.	Phoenix Castle, No. 70,	8 40
29.	Newark Castle, No. 19,	9 75
30.	Cross and Crown Castle, No. 25,	7 35
Aug.	2. Cyrene Castle, No. 8,	3 60
	6. Trenton Castle, No. 7,	10 60
	9. Progressive Castle, No. 62,	13 35
	Blackwood Castle, No. 1,	3 60
	Leod Castle, No. 20,	14 10
11.	Fidelity Castle, No. 24,	4 95
	Total,	\$1702 40

1897.		MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.	
Aug.	21. Clyde Castle, No. 34, dismissal certificate	1 00	
	24. Monmouth Castle, No. 51, supplies	4 00	
	26. Trenton Castle, No. 7, supplies	2 25	
	Mercer Castle, No. 23, withdrawal card	1 00	
Sept.	15. Cumberland Castle, No. 65, dismissal certificate,	1 00	
	Ocean Castle, No. 11, withdrawal card	1 00	
Oct.	9. Ocean Castle, No. 11, supplies	3 50	
	11. Capital Castle, No. 28, loan	300 00	
	18. Volunteer Castle, No. 30, withdrawal card	1 00	
Nov.	2. Passaic Castle, No. 64, account dismissal certificate	75	
	6. John Dorwart, charter fee for No. 19	35 00	
	11. Passaic Castle, No. 64, balance on dismissal certificate	25	
	22. Edward D. Dobbins, dismissal certificate	1 00	
	Clyde Castle, No. 34, 2 dozen ode cards	2 40	
	30. Newark Castle, No. 19, supplies	5 40	
Dec.	23. James E. Highley, balance of appropriation unexpended by Committee on Supreme Castle Meeting	20 04	
1898.			
Jan.	15. Red Cross Castle, No. 6, exchange of rituals	5 00	
	19. Wall Castle, No. 57, 5 withdrawal cards	5 00	
	20. Lincoln Castle, No. 2, dismissal certificate	1 00	
Feb.	1. Monarch Castle, No. 9, supplies	2 25	
	9. John A. F. Bydick, charter fee of No. 37	35 00	
	18. Tuckerton Castle, No. 45, dismissal certificate	1 00	
	19. Clyde Castle, No. 34, supplies	5 75	
Mar.	10. Capital Castle, No. 28, supplies	1 75	
	30. Monmouth Castle, No. 51, ode cards	2 50	
Apr.	13. R. P. Dinges, charter fee for No. 41	35 00	
	14. Franklin Castle, No. 33, dismissal certificate	1 00	
May	3. Clyde Castle, No. 31, ode book	40	
	Carried forward,		\$475 24

		Brought forward,	\$560 72
Feb.	3.	551 A. L. Clark, Grand Master of Records, 6 months salary, to February 1st	250 00
		552 A. L. Clark, Grand Master of Records, account of incidentals,	54 27
	7.	553 E. D. Senseman, account of printing	34 05
		554 E. D. Senseman, account of printing	50 00
	11.	555 Capital Castle, No. 28, loan (\$300 with interest)	305 00
	21.	556 John C. Pierce, Grand First Guardsman, expenses at special session, November 18, 1897	2 00
		557 S. Kahn & Sons, trunk	5 25
		558 N. J. Trust and Safe Deposit Co., rent of room, special session November 18, 1897	3 00
		559 Thomas Parry's Sons, refitting badges,	4 05
		560 J. B. Wainright, M. D., G. H. P., account of expenses	10 60
		561 John Dorwart, organizer's fee	25 00
		562 Supreme Castle, supplies	41 85
Mar.	15.	563 Supreme Castle, account of per capita tax	200 00
June	6.	564 C. Ribsam & Sons, 6 months rent of office	50 00
		565 Charles E. Lane, Grand Chief, account of appropriation	19 70
		566 Fraternal Societies' Indemnity Union, assessment No. 10	1 50
		567 John C. Pierce, Grand First Guardsman, expenses at special session February 24, 1898	2 00
		568 E. D. Senseman, account of printing	15 00
Aug.	1.	569 A. L. Clark, G. M. of R., 6 months salary, to date	250 00
		570 A. L. Clark, G. M. of R., account of incidentals	30 95
		571 Fraternal Societies Indemnity Union, assessment No. 11	1 50
	4.	572 Special Committee on Benefit Fund, expenses	10 95
		573 R. P. Dinges, organizer's fee	25 00
		574 J. B. Wainright, M. D., G. H. P. expenses	16 50
		575 N. J. Trust and Safe Deposit Co., rent of room, special session February 24, 1898	3 00
		576 J. D. Barnes, appropriation for card, \$12.00; papers for Grand Chief, \$2.11	14 11
	6.	577 E. D. Senseman, account of printing	61 82
	13.	578 Thomas Parry's Sons, repairing badges	4 10
		579 William H. Ruf, P. G. C., travelling expenses	32 00
		580 McCrellish & Quigley, printing	75
		581 A. L. Clark, G. M. of R., travelling expenses	36 01
		582 Trenton Light & Power Co., office light	10 30
		583 S. E. Kaufman, screens for office windows	1 50
	15.	584 Charles E. Lane, account of appropriation	130 30
		Total	\$2262 78

RECAPITULATION.

Mileage and hotel bills, session 1897	\$138 06
Appropriation to Military Branch	50 00
Appropriation to Supreme Castle Committee	100 00
Annual dues to Supreme Castle	200 00
Supplies from Supreme Castle	53 60
Salary of Grand Master of Records	500 00
Postage and incidentals of Grand Master of Records	85 22
Printing	316 52
Grand Chief, expenses	200 00
Expenses of Grand Officers and committees	135 66
Carried forward,	\$1779 06

Brought forward,	\$1779 06	
Office rent and light	80 71	
Hall rent for special sessions	6 00	
Appropriation to "Knights of the Golden Eagle," and copies of the same for organizing	14 11	
Organizers' fees	50 00	
Capital Castle, No. 23, loan with interest	305 00	
Renewing officers' bond, and assessments	10 00	
Miscellaneous—finishing badges, \$9.90; window screens, \$1.50; trunk, \$5.25; removal of Grand Chief's desk, \$1.25	17 90	
		\$2262 78
Total receipts,		\$2407 17
Total expenditures		2262 78
Balance on hand August 17th, 1898		144 39

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS.

ITEM I.—Expenses of Grand Chief		\$300 00
Order 537. Grand Chief, expenses	\$ 25 00	
539. " "	25 00	
565. " "	19 70	
584. " "	130 30	
		\$200 00
Balance unexpended		100 00
		\$300 00
ITEM II.—Salary of Grand Master of Records		\$500 00
Order 551. Grand Master of Records, salary	\$250 00	
569. " "	250 00	
Total		\$500 00
ITEM III.—Incidental expenses of Grand Master of Records		\$100 00
Order 552. Grand Master of Records, incidentals	\$54 27	
570. " "	30 95	
		\$85 22
Balance unexpended		14 78
		\$100 00
ITEM IV.—Printing		\$300 00
Order 541. E. D. Senseman, printing	\$102 40	
542. Frank Smith, "	2 50	
550. E. D. Senseman, "	50 00	
553. " "	34 05	
554. " "	50 00	
568. " "	15 00	
577. " "	61 82	
580. MacCrellish & Quigley, printing	75	
		\$316 52
Overdrawn \$16.52.		

MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCES OF SUBORDINATE CASTLES.

MEMBERSHIP.

The following is a summary of the membership and finances of the subordinate Castles for the year ending June 30th, 1898, less five Castles not reported :

Membership, June 30th, 1897,	4970
Initiated	573
On withdrawal cards	10
Reinstated	81
Errors	5
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Total	669
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Castles defunct	5639
Errors	209
Withdrawn	5
Suspended	4
Deceased	488
Expelled	21
Resigned	1
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	729
Membership June 30, 1898	4910

RECEIPTS.

From initiations, cards, etc.,	\$2,008 00
“ dues and fines	28,996 57
“ investments, etc.,	14,845 69
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Total receipts	\$45,850 26

EXPENDITURES.

Paid out for sick benefits	\$13,460 40
“ death “	2,517 65
“ donations	305 07
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Total relief	\$16,283 12
Paid out for sundry purposes	\$18,391 07
“ investments	10,976 14
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Total,	\$45,650 33
On hand June 30th, 1898	\$12,283 85
Invested	57,130 12
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Total fund	\$69,413 97

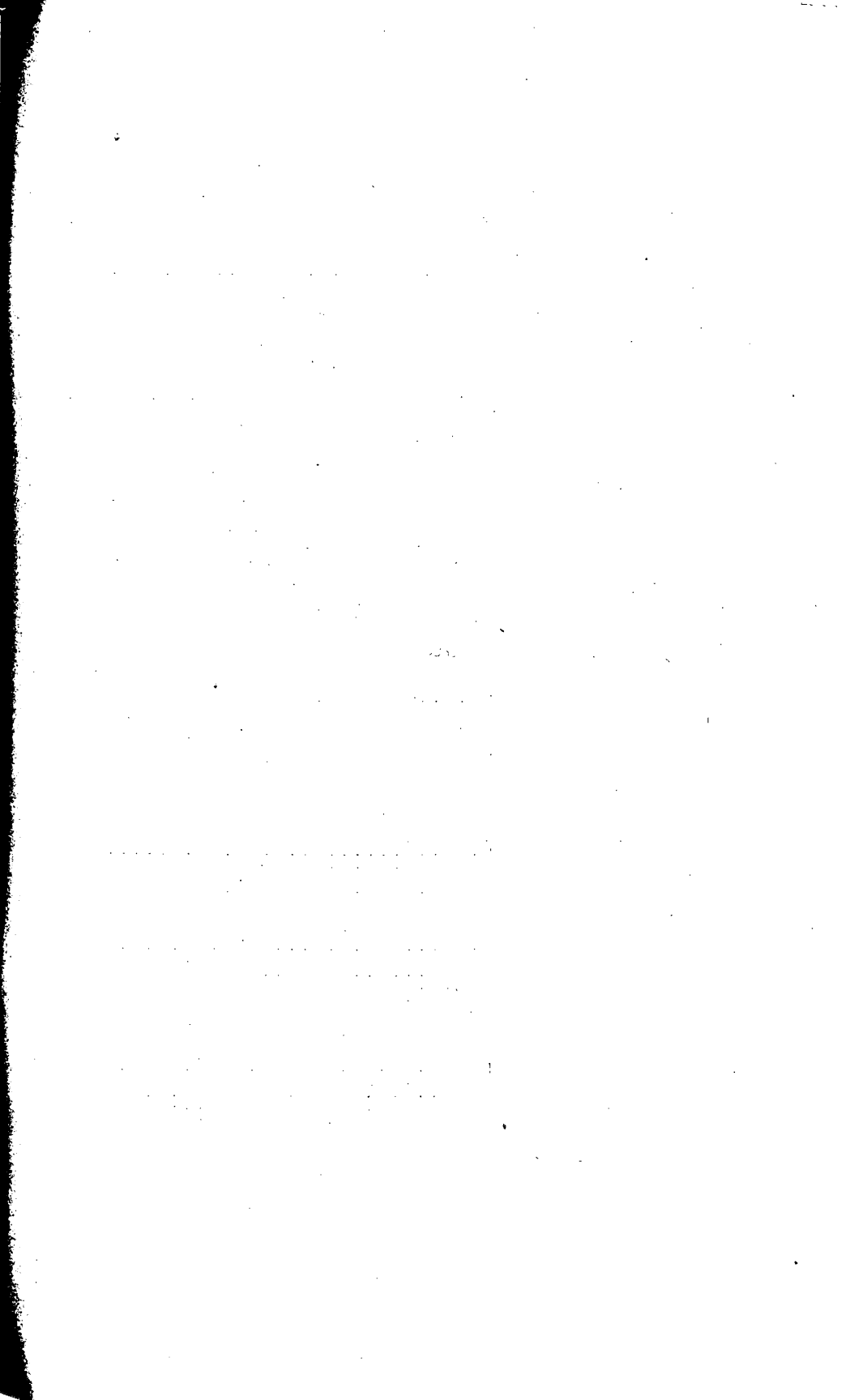
Increase for year on Castles reported \$6,303 16

We have disbursed, since our organization in this State, for relief of our afflicted brethren and families about \$170,000. Words cannot express the great good this has accomplished, but we feel safe in saying we shall receive from the Great Chief of the Universe the joyful command, “ Well done thou faithful valiant Knights,” etc.

Again thanking the officers and members of the Grand Castle for the confidence reposed in me, and trusting that my efforts may meet with your approval, I am

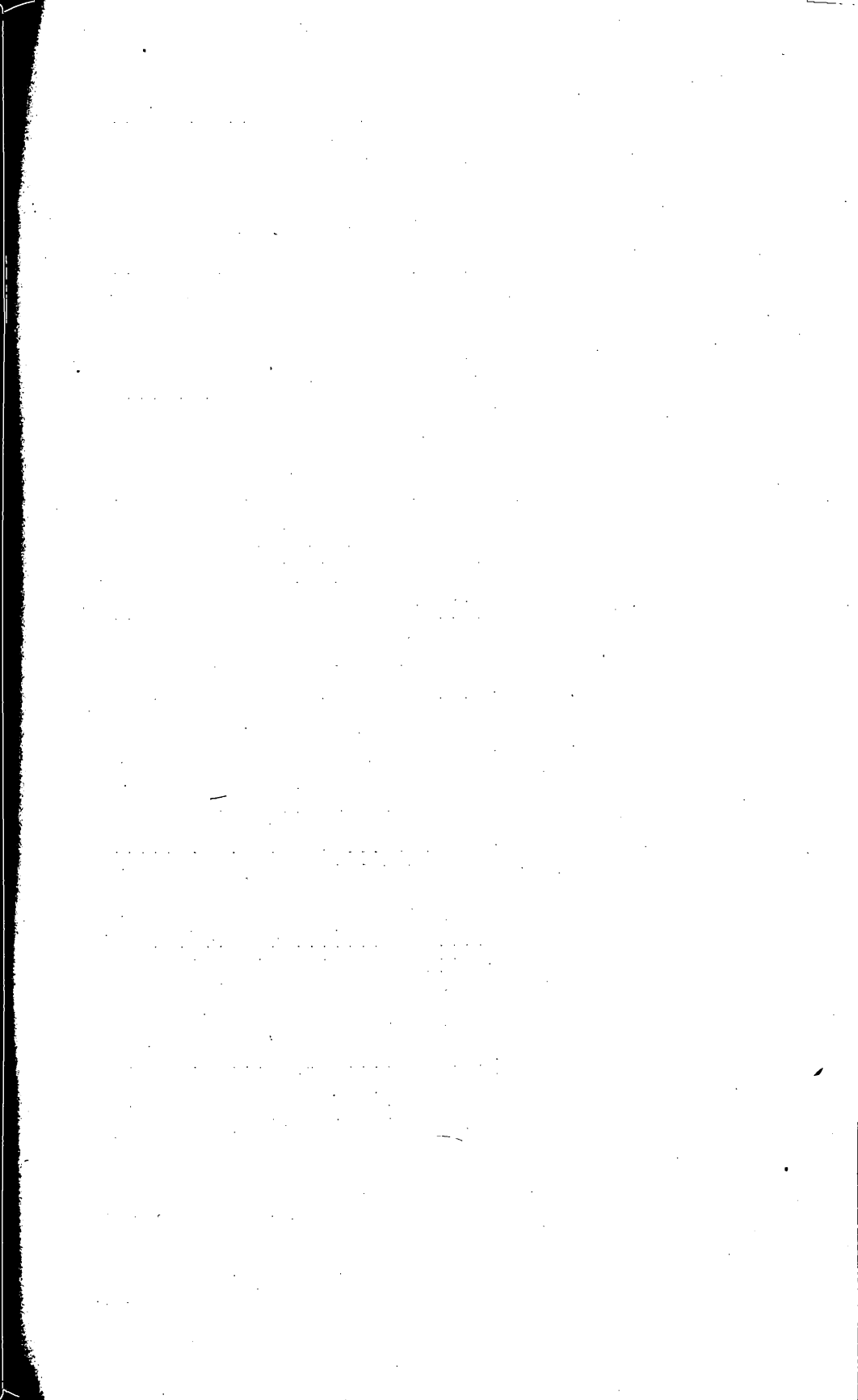
Respectfully in F., V. and H.,

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



Financial Statement of the Subordinate Castles for the Term ending December 31st, 1897.

No. of Castle.	RECEIPTS.						EXPENSES.						ON HAND AND INVESTED.				
	Initiation Fees, Cards and Reinstatements	Dues and Fines.	Investments, &c.	Total Receipts.	On hand June 30, 1897.	Total.	Sick Benefits.	Burial of the Dead.	Donations.	Total Relief.	Sundry Purposes.	Investments.	Total.	On hand December 31, '97.	Invested.	Total Fund.	Increase or Decrease
1	33	26	31	595	338	123	85	0	0	21	0	0	69	58	62	58	32
2	0	14	77	1177	224	1402	85	0	0	92	0	0	177	54	128	60	32
3	10	23	236	1046	379	1426	69	100	5	80	0	0	127	64	3128	0	166
4	0	57	10	171	95	267	20	0	0	77	0	0	134	07	3300	0	1307
5	6	0	190	354	299	688	30	0	0	88	0	0	310	49	1600	0	71
6	6	0	126	844	87	932	18	0	0	20	0	0	273	20	2000	0	59
7	2	35	80	154	15	169	84	0	0	52	0	0	165	69	700	0	11
8	12	0	60	98	105	204	42	0	0	175	0	0	129	88	17	0	82
9	87	0	497	868	300	1168	95	0	0	66	0	0	319	66	996	40	134
10	10	0	207	247	65	272	68	0	0	40	0	0	234	20	1171	68	36
11	12	0	409	516	38	706	20	0	0	38	0	0	434	82	3411	39	93
12	24	0	71	98	41	139	49	0	0	120	0	0	72	02	67	47	28
13	12	0	480	492	46	720	33	0	0	29	0	0	689	40	6845	50	75
14	22	50	288	626	48	745	76	0	0	50	0	0	858	59	2546	41	57
15	5	0	225	447	94	589	04	0	0	125	0	0	385	00	1694	21	83
16	0	0	94	94	78	339	03	0	0	66	0	0	268	61	2000	0	03
17	4	0	156	167	52	248	41	0	0	86	0	0	386	49	962	55	83
18	15	0	283	298	69	67	64	0	0	174	0	0	202	24	83	59	93
19	165	0	26	191	00	366	33	0	0	105	0	0	284	71	1418	83	42
20	19	0	202	275	05	414	91	0	0	93	0	0	93	43	97	57	93
21	7	0	457	929	08	967	04	0	0	162	0	0	290	27	709	25	26
22	9	0	356	795	70	857	87	0	0	409	0	0	760	47	2053	85	49
23	33	50	268	167	71	376	92	0	0	225	0	0	328	46	4672	40	119
24	14	0	102	376	83	544	63	0	0	112	0	0	350	18	137	74	74
25	16	50	161	208	89	311	56	0	0	163	0	0	263	63	1262	67	27
26	2	0	137	157	18	314	07	0	0	93	0	0	80	00	58	87	66
27	6	0	56	161	15	335	09	0	0	65	0	0	183	06	515	00	59
28	21	0	457	478	32	344	97	0	0	28	0	0	344	97	200	84	55
29	82	80	82	82	73	338	53	0	0	116	0	0	467	63	1396	11	60
								1	0	91	0	0	151	20	680	00	49



Financial Statement of the Subordinate Castles for the Term ending December 31st, 1897.

No. OF CASTLE.	RECEIPTS.						EXPENSES.						ON HAND AND INVESTED.				
	Initiation Fees, Cards and Reinstatements	Dues and Fines.	Investments, &c.	Total Receipts.	On hand June 30, 1897.	Total.	Sick Benefits.	Burial of the Dead.	Donations.	Total Relief.	Sundry Purposes.	Investments.	Total.	On hand December 31, 97.	Invested.	Total Fund.	Increase or † Decrease.
1.	38	202 31	695 31	838 48	133 79	1402 36	585 00		485 00	379 92	210 00	699 92	1074 92	327 44	3128 62	354 86	90 32
2.	00	380 14	1177 59	224 77	1402 36	1402 36	804 80		804 80	172 85	150 00	1127 65	1267 00	298 62	3360 00	3458 00	116 33
3.	10 00	800 23	1046 73	379 54	1426 27	1426 27	22 00	2 00	22 00	77 98	35 00	134 98	134 98	132 49	166 00	352 49	71 39
4.	6 00	161 57	171 57	95 90	267 47	267 47	218 00		218 00	92 20	700 00	310 20	310 20	344 20	1900 00	2244 20	44 32
5.	6 00	109 54	158 18	354 72	299 68	654 40	138 00			92 20	700 00	773 52	773 52	159 00	700 00	859 00	117 82
6.	2 00	126 18	712 35	844 53	932 52	169 84				165 17		165 17	165 17	4 67		4 67	11 82
7.	2 00	72 35	80 00	154 35	15 49	169 84				165 17		165 17	165 17	74 19		74 19	131 64
8.	12 00	60 73	25 51	105 83	204 07	42 00			42 00	57 88		57 88	129 88	74 19	996 47	1748 80	91 66
9.	87 00	497 82	283 50	300 63	1168 95	298 00			298 00	58 66	60 00	916 66	916 66	282 29	1771 68	1424 88	91 63
10.	10 00	207 65	30 00	247 65	239 95	487 60	68 00	2 00	70 00	86 40	78 00	234 38	234 38	253 81	171 68	171 68	63 93
11.	12 00	409 38	95 00	516 38	189 82	706 20	35 00	3 00	115 00	199 38	120 00	434 38	434 38	271 82	3411 39	3684 21	122 23
12.	24 00	71 30	3 00	98 30	41 19	139 49				72 02	150 00	62 02	62 02	67 47	6845 50	6876 50	75 57
13.	12 00	480 46	227 87	492 46	227 87	720 33	230 00		230 00	369 29	150 00	689 29	689 29	87 74	6845 50	6876 50	75 57
14.	22 50	288 28	315 70	626 48	119 28	745 76	233 00	1 00	234 09	364 50	60 00	588 39	588 39	87 74	2514 41	2633 58	611 87
15.	5 00	225 38	217 56	447 94	141 10	589 04	238 00	1 00	368 00	128 00	92 00	368 00	368 00	76 40	1604 21	1693 35	229 03
16.	4 50	94 78	94 78	244 25	339 03	202 50			202 50	86 11	86 30	202 50	202 50	44 26	200 00	270 42	173 83
17.	15 00	156 60	6 42	30 89	248 41	31 42			31 42	31 42	86 30	202 50	202 50	44 26	962 35	1006 55	49 61
18.	15 00	283 69	298 69	67 64	366 33	105 00			105 00	117 74	60 00	284 21	284 21	83 59	1418 83	1502 42	75 93
19.	26 00	26 00	191 00		191 00							93 43	93 43	97 57			97 57
20.	19 00	202 15	53 90	139 86	414 91	95 00			95 00	83 43	32 50	200 27	200 27	124 61	709 25	833 30	17 28
21.	7 00	457 83	404 25	37 96	967 04	289 91		1 00	289 91	409 76	60 00	860 57	860 57	205 47	2053 85	2060 32	171 49
22.	9 00	356 70	430 00	62 17	857 87	65 00			65 00	225 06	538 00	786 46	786 46	206 47	4643 08	4672 40	119 43
23.	33 50	268 42	73 00	167 71	544 63	137 63			137 63	212 85	30 00	330 18	330 18	104 45	194 45	194 45	27 74
24.	102 03	138 80	58 73	311 56	70 00	389 00			389 00	163 90	80 00	263 63	263 63	47 93	1262 67	1310 60	188 90
25.	16 50	161 35	206 89	107 18	414 07	82 00			82 00	63 56	105 00	188 06	188 06	58 87	515 00	576 28	85 59
26.	6 00	56 58	173 94	335 09	10 00	484 97			484 97	115 31	200 84	347 63	347 63	159 03	824 25	876 87	11 69
27.	21 00	457 32	282 39	344 97	28 00	683 74			683 74	118 63	300 00	467 63	467 63	300 00	200 84	200 84	481 55
28.	82	457 32	1385 42	1863 74	48 00	2775 73		1 00	49 00	91 09	60 20	151 29	151 29	207 24	680 00	1666 11	310 69
29.	21 00	457 32	1385 42	1863 74	48 00	2775 73		1 00	49 00	91 09	60 20	151 29	151 29	207 24	680 00	1666 11	310 69
30.	21 00	457 32	1385 42	1863 74	48 00	2775 73		1 00	49 00	91 09	60 20	151 29	151 29	207 24	680 00	1666 11	310 69

30	246 24	117 22	363 46	108 83	472 29	227 00	1 00	228 00	85 45	90 00	403 15	68 84	2884 87	2953 71	230 01
31	54 64	70 00	124 64	130 16	130 16	64 00	1 00	64 00	103 50	42 00	167 26	12 84	536 00	344 86	123 02
32	203 49	196 18	459 07	1235 65	1235 65	06 00	150 00	260 00	203 50	1 00	459 26	766 15	932 00	1792 15	170 83
33	12 00	43 25	258 05	775 08	329 47	104 00	3 00	100 30	103 94	60 00	234 67	175 08	903 00	175 08	4 21
34	241 32	45 80	295 12	57 63	353 75	15 00	1 00	18 00	124 97	300 00	234 67	119 08	443 00	1684 24	136 48
35	6 00	264 88	41 00	483 26	789 14	55 00	1 00	55 00	78 16	36 60	232 76	259 24	736 77	735 39	63 88
36	167 71	57 90	225 61	5 45	231 65	60 00	150 00	111 00	126 87	36 60	483 87	43 38	736 77	735 39	63 88
37	230 75	139 00	375 75	51 80	427 55	104 00	150 00	254 00	126 87	60 00	193 22	43 11	1271 30	1312 48	59 75
38	180 97	72 60	190 47	49 86	240 33	65 00	1 00	65 00	74 22	60 00	193 22	43 11	1271 30	1312 48	59 75
39	259 25	128 13	376 85	388 43	388 43	117 00	1 00	117 00	251 95	16 20	368 05	10 48	1515 00	1534 48	156 10
40	27 00	12 23	337 28	559 18	806 46	81 00	2 00	83 00	150 87	265 00	168 71	727 75	1329 40	1534 48	156 10
41	258 95	128 13	406 08	224 54	630 62	1 00	1 00	1 00	150 87	265 00	168 71	727 75	1329 40	1534 48	156 10
42	671 70	123 36	816 06	381 82	1197 88	506 00	10 00	748 65	150 87	265 00	168 71	727 75	1329 40	1534 48	156 10
43	283 55	62 00	364 55	237 09	602 24	254 96	21 75	276 71	148 15	60 00	1027 17	212 75	2033 74	2033 74	237 11
44	266 75	46 18	349 93	45 48	386 41	92 37	10 00	102 37	164 85	30 00	297 23	117 38	1033 89	2033 74	237 11
45	128 50	66 93	277 68	371 35	499 85	35 00	1 00	35 00	41 88	30 00	297 23	89 19	300 00	2033 74	237 11
46	210 75	66 93	277 68	332 65	332 65	35 00	1 00	35 00	150 14	64 80	258 94	47 71	1315 55	1387 56	83 54
47	278 98	2 66	299 56	481 00	780 56	37 87	1 00	37 87	104 41	60 00	202 38	578 28	370 00	948 28	157 28
48	141 86	23 85	168 65	131 11	299 76	72 00	1 00	72 00	23 07	72 00	167 07	132 60	970 56	1103 25	89 78
49	286 10	100 00	398 10	137 23	535 33	48 00	15 00	163 00	115 18	94 00	372 18	163 15	432 86	506 01	14 42
50	155 60	5 06	160 66	158 05	318 71	101 79	1 00	101 79	74 51	94 00	176 30	142 41	432 86	506 01	14 42
51	118 85	12 88	128 85	140 14	268 99	85 00	1 00	85 00	76 87	94 00	161 87	107 12	175 00	282 12	143 02
52	141 29	12 00	174 29	317 10	491 39	85 00	1 00	85 00	71 92	160 00	232 02	288 47	530 00	788 47	101 37
53	205 20	103 00	317 20	207 03	524 23	25 00	100 00	125 00	76 15	52 50	253 65	270 58	360 00	630 58	16 08
54	150 38	13 81	181 19	22 55	203 74	25 00	1 00	25 00	74 83	100 00	175 83	270 58	360 00	630 58	16 08
55	263 13	13 81	272 13	166 57	438 70	79 50	1 00	79 50	224 58	100 00	304 08	134 62	100 00	1463 56	105 36
56	59 40	6 00	68 40	78 29	146 69	68 40	1 00	68 40	38 45	100 00	304 08	134 62	100 00	1463 56	105 36
57	159 10	6 00	165 10	156 10	340 36	50 00	1 00	50 00	38 45	100 00	304 08	134 62	100 00	1463 56	105 36
58	345 95	90 30	435 25	637 68	1087 93	265 00	40 00	395 00	224 59	20 00	529 89	182 16	20 00	202 16	29 05
59	173 94	20 51	194 45	338 76	664 19	200 00	1 00	200 00	69 98	30 00	126 08	406 23	70 00	1458 04	170 64
60	261 63	395 92	585 55	78 64	664 19	200 00	1 00	200 00	69 98	30 00	126 08	406 23	70 00	1458 04	170 64
61	200 00	169 10	438 10	664 19	664 19	140 00	150 00	290 00	87 54	290 00	577 97	86 22	532 51	618 73	150 70
62	14 00	388 20	850 17	593 63	1443 80	65 00	1 00	65 00	91 00	212 00	317 00	87 54	532 51	618 73	150 70
63	447 97	6 99	197 65	270 78	270 78	15 00	1 00	15 00	87 00	212 00	1187 02	256 78	1122 14	1378 02	240 54
64	104 66	6 99	197 65	270 78	270 78	15 00	1 00	15 00	77 40	212 00	92 40	178 38	1122 14	1378 02	240 54
Total	\$967 50	\$4,688 92	\$6649 34	\$22,302 76	\$12,859 36	\$35,162 12	\$13,327 84	\$13,327 65	\$9540 72	\$5426 44	\$23,167 30	\$11,994 82	\$64,455 63	\$6,450 45	\$2977 34

Increase . . . \$4795 29
 + Decrease . . . 1817 95
 Net Increase \$2977 34

Statement of the Membership of the Castles and Total Membership, June 30th, 1898.

No.	NAME.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.	DATE OF INSTITUTION	MEMBERSHIP.					Per Capita Tax.	RECAPITULATION.													
					Membership Dec. 31, 1897.	Initiated.	Withdrawal Card	Reinstatement.	Total.		Errors.	Withdrawn.	Suspended.	Deceased.	Resigned.	Total.	Membership June 30, 1898.	Rejections.	Past Grand Chiefs.	Past Chiefs.	Crusaders.	Knights.	Pilgrims.	Total.
1	Blackwood	Blackwood	Camden	Mar. 16, 1897.	41	3		1	45					1	11	13					24			
2	Millville	Millville	Cumberland	April 5, 1884.	131	1		2	132					6	1						125			
3	Washington	Camden	Camden	April 4, 1884.	221	1		2	223					12							211			
4	New Jersey	Mount Holly	Burlington	April 26, 1884.	47	3			47					1							46			
5	Ivanhoe	Salem	Salem	May 13, 1884.	76	3			79					5							73			
6	Red Cross	Medford	Burlington	June 22, 1889.	47	4			51					2							49			
7	Trenton	Trenton	Mercer	Feb. 25, 1885.	53	2			55					22							31			
8	Cyrene	Town of Stockt'n	Camden	Nov. 28, 1885.	26	2			28					4							19			
9	Monarch	Camden	Camden	Nov. 11, 1885.	59	24			83					7							45			
10	Puritan	Quinton	Salem	Dec. 18, 1885.	95	6			101					6							99			
11	Ocean	Atlantic City	Atlantic	Jan. 19, 1886.	146	3			149					19							123			
12	Warren	Washington	Warren	Mar. 24, 1897.	47	9			56					2							5			
14	Crusader's	Burlington	Burlington	July 13, 1886.	90	4			94					2							84			
15	Woodbury	Woodbury	Gloucester	Aug. 17, 1886.	80	4			84					84							84			
16	Marlon	Marion	Burlington	Aug. 3, 1886.	33	3			33					2							31			
17	Herald	Beverly	Burlington	Sept. 2, 1886.	45	4			45					4							41			
18	Florence	Florence	Burlington	Aug. 24, 1886.	100	7			107					4							93			
19	Newark	Newark	Essex	Nov. 16, 1897.	53	12			65					4							55			
20	Leod	Point Pleasant	Ocean	Oct. 7, 1886.	93	2			95					1							94			
21	Burlington	Burlington	Burlington	Sept. 29, 1886.	94	2			96					4							92			
22	Palmyra	Palmyra	Burlington	Oct. 15, 1886.	99	1			99					4							95			
23	Fidelity	Trenton	Mercer	Nov. 4, 1886.	117	2			119					13							106			
24	Fidelity	Moorestown	Burlington	Feb. 4, 1887.	39	1			40					7							33			
25	Stross and Crown	Town of Stockt'n	Camden	Feb. 17, 1887.	50	1			51					1							49			
26	Stafford	Manahawken	Ocean	Mar. 10, 1887.	50	2			52					7							45			
27	Silver Star	May's Landing	Atlantic	Mar. 17, 1887.	128	14			142					2							133			
28	Capital	Trenton	Mercer	June 15, 1887.	128	14			142					2							133			
29	Merchantville	Merchantville	Camden	Oct. 10, 1887.	78	34			112					34							78			
30	Volunteer,	Glassboro	Gloucester	Oct. 12, 1887.	78	11			89					1							88			

31	Lincoln	Hurffville	Gloucester	Nov. 22, 1887.	32	14	3	49	1	1	48	7	20	15	31	2	48	1						
32	Calton	Calton	Hunterdon	Nov. 24, 1887.	96	12	1	100	3	3	97	14	55	23	75	4	3	8						
33	Franklin	Lambertville	Hunterdon	Dec. 13, 1887.	86	4	1	99	2	3	96	14	40	15	43	3	5	5						
34	Clyde	Manasquan	Monmouth	Jan. 26, 1888.	81	4	1	85	6	1	79	18	59	18	73	1	2	1						
35	Wrightstown	Wrightstown	Burlington	Feb. 24, 1888.	62	2	1	66	4	4	61	9	15	1	42	6	2	6						
36	Coeur de Lion	Swedesboro	Gloucester	Mar. 12, 1888.	31	18	3	31	2	2	29	4	25	1	8	2	2	2						
37	Jersey City	Hudson	Hudson	Feb. 17, 1898.	18	18	1	18	5	5	18	4	4	14	4	18	3	3						
38	Mt. Everest	Faterson	Passaic	Nov. 24, 1888.	65	1	1	66	4	4	61	9	15	1	46	6	1	1						
39	Clayton	Clayton	Gloucester	Dec. 8, 1888.	71	1	3	75	6	6	71	10	65	23	49	2	119	3						
40	Prospect	Pitman Grove	Gloucester	Feb. 6, 1889.	97	20	7	126	6	4	119	17	85	3	54	1	56	1						
41	Flemington	Flemington	Hunterdon	Apr. 18, 1898.	128	7	1	135	6	6	129	19	35	2	104	2	120	11						
42	Annandale	Annandale	Hunterdon	Dec. 5, 1889.	104	2	1	106	6	6	100	15	00	23	104	2	100	5						
43	Tuckerton	Egg Harbor	Atlantic	Apr. 29, 1890.	162	2	2	164	6	6	164	14	60	23	76	1	164	16						
44	Antioch	Tuckerton	Ocean	May 13, 1890.	162	2	2	164	6	6	164	14	60	23	76	1	164	16						
45	Vineyard	Vineyard	Cumberland	June 2, 1890.	91	5	2	98	2	2	96	14	40	24	145	1	96	7						
46	Corinthian	Asbury Park	Monmouth	June 9, 1890.	113	2	2	115	2	2	115	17	25	23	92	72	115	2						
47	Forked River	Forked River	Ocean	Mar. 12, 1891.	46	13	1	60	2	1	57	8	55	18	39	11	57	2						
48	Spring	South Amboy	Middlesex	April 15, 1891.	67	7	1	67	8	8	67	10	05	28	39	3	67	3						
49	Monmouth	Freshold	Monmouth	April 25, 1891.	82	7	1	89	7	7	82	12	30	16	85	1	82	6						
50	Greenwich	Clarksboro	Gloucester	Oct. 5, 1891.	46	7	1	46	3	3	46	10	35	17	85	1	46	6						
51	Wall of Liberty	Faterson	Passaic	Dec. 12, 1891.	70	2	2	72	3	3	69	10	35	17	29	29	69	3						
52	Windsor	Spring Lake	Monmouth	Feb. 9, 1892.	54	4	2	54	3	3	54	7	80	13	56	69	54	4						
53	Bayside	Farmingdale	Passaic	Feb. 23, 1892.	42	4	2	42	11	11	42	7	80	13	38	1	42	2						
54	Excelsior	Somers' Point	Monmouth	Mar. 5, 1892.	61	3	3	64	3	3	64	7	95	15	37	1	64	3						
55	Pacific	Cape May	Atlantic	Mar. 18, 1892.	55	1	1	50	5	5	50	13	35	19	33	1	50	1						
56	Agrestive	Green Creek	Cumberland	April 12, 1892.	49	1	1	50	5	5	50	13	35	19	33	1	50	1						
57	Silver Cross	Bridgeton	Cumberland	July 16, 1892.	93	2	2	94	5	5	89	13	35	17	72	1	89	15						
58	Passaic	White House	Hunterdon	July 29, 1892.	25	2	1	28	3	3	25	6	75	10	15	45	25	15						
59	Star of Liberty	White House	Passaic	Aug. 3, 1892.	47	2	2	49	4	4	45	6	75	11	34	25	45	1						
60	Windsor	Fort Norris	Cumberland	Sept. 3, 1892.	153	1	1	153	9	9	144	21	60	18	125	144	144	8						
61	Excelsior	New Egypt	Ocean	Nov. 5, 1892.	57	1	1	58	3	3	54	8	10	12	41	1	54	1						
62	Agrestive	Trenton	Merden	Dec. 23, 1892.	89	2	2	96	11	11	96	14	40	17	78	1	96	0						
63	Silver Cross	Camden	Camden	Feb. 20, 1893.	65	7	1	67	11	11	66	14	40	17	38	1	66	0						
64	Passaic	New Brunswick	Middlesex	Feb. 27, 1894.	124	4	2	128	3	3	125	18	75	15	110	125	125	10						
65	Star of Bethlehem	Long Branch	Monmouth	April 4, 1895.	73	2	2	75	5	5	70	18	05	17	59	1	70	3						
66	Star of Bethlehem	Long Branch	Monmouth	April 4, 1895.	73	2	2	75	5	5	70	18	05	17	59	1	70	3						
67	Phoenicia	New Brunswick	Middlesex	Feb. 27, 1894.	124	4	2	128	3	3	125	18	75	15	110	125	125	10						
68	Star of Bethlehem	Long Branch	Monmouth	April 4, 1895.	73	2	2	75	5	5	70	18	05	17	59	1	70	3						
69	New Brunswick	New Brunswick	Middlesex	Feb. 27, 1894.	124	4	2	128	3	3	125	18	75	15	110	125	125	10						
70	New Brunswick	New Brunswick	Middlesex	Feb. 27, 1894.	124	4	2	128	3	3	125	18	75	15	110	125	125	10						
71	New Brunswick	New Brunswick	Middlesex	Feb. 27, 1894.	124	4	2	128	3	3	125	18	75	15	110	125	125	10						
72	To-Kalon	Long Branch	Monmouth	April 4, 1895.	73	2	2	75	5	5	70	18	05	17	59	1	70	3						
Total					4832	319	3	3551	8	268	279	\$710	00	8	19	1272	3574	25	20	4910	249	2	8	10

★No report. Membership approximated same as last report.

Financial Statement of the Subordinate Castles for the Term ending June 30th, 1898.

No. of Castle.	RECEIPTS.						EXPENSES.						ON HAND AND INVESTED.					
	Initiation Fees, Cards and Reinstatement	Dues and Fines.	Investments, &c.	Total Receipts.	On hand December 31, 1897	Total.	Sick Benefits.	Burial of the Dead.	Donations.	Total Relief.	Sundry Purposes.	Investments.	Total.	On hand June 30, 1898.	Invested.	Total Fund.	Increase or Decrease	
1.	\$6	00	00	\$69 46	\$8	\$77 26	00	00	00	00	699 01	165 00	659 01	\$64 13	\$3996 87	\$64 13	\$9 55	
2.	2	00	24	1152 80	327 44	1480 24	403 33	00	2	495 33	437 73	00	1068 06	412 18	00	3509 05	52 99	
3.	6	00	87	850 09	208 62	1058 71	636 00	00	8	644 50	173 50	145 00	963 00	185 71	3511 30	3697 01	98 39	
4.	9	00	82	213 82	132 49	346 31	108 00	00	108	00	67 58	30 00	205 58	140 73	190 00	330 73	38 24	
5.	00	269	27	302 27	344 20	646 47	147 00	50	5	202 00	183 89	00	384 89	261 58	1900 00	2161 58	182 62	
6.	14	50	18	879 76	159 00	1038 76	85 00	00	85	00	104 97	800 00	989 97	48 79	800 00	848 79	110 21	
7.	00	42	90	149 56	4 67	154 23	00	00	00	206 58	206 58	00	206 58	*52 35	00	*52 35	157 02	
8.	8	00	59	68 71	74 19	142 90	00	00	00	54 72	54 72	00	54 72	88 18	17	88 35	13 99	
9.	52	00	48	2236 88	252 29	2489 17	193 00	200	303	00	824 10	1047 50	2204 60	224 57	1082 50	1307 07	58 38	
10.	31	00	14	355 14	253 20	608 34	75 00	00	75	00	115 75	82 50	273 25	335 09	1344 49	1679 58	254 70	
11.	8	00	41	529 36	271 82	801 08	270 00	100	380	00	196 49	120 00	696 49	104 59	3531 39	3635 98	47 23	
12.	30	00	15	178 30	67 47	245 77	00	00	00	100 84	100 84	00	100 84	144 93	00	144 93	77 46	
14.	41	50	78	812 76	87 17	899 93	193 84	00	193 84	00	464 72	193 93	552 49	47 44	2499 81	2547 25	186 33	
15.	12	00	00	387 23	4 04	391 27	105 00	00	105	00	30 15	86 00	238 60	152 67	1517 55	1670 22	128 03	
16.	00	97	70	97 70	70 42	168 12	00	00	00	32 97	32 97	00	32 97	32 97	200 00	232 97	137 45	
17.	00	145	20	382 63	44 20	426 83	90 00	00	93	00	91 22	79 40	263 62	163 21	950 00	1113 21	166 66	
18.	21	00	38	385 35	83 59	468 94	313 00	00	318	00	111 82	60 00	489 82	*20 88	1530 00	1509 12	6 70	
19.	36	00	143	179 97	97 57	277 54	00	00	00	240 01	240 01	00	240 01	37 53	00	37 53	160 04	
20.	12	00	159	184 20	124 73	308 93	33 50	00	33	50	76 79	00	110 29	108 64	709 25	907 89	74 00	
21.	6	00	396	1416 97	206 47	1623 44	350 31	00	350 31	00	112 361	70 00	538 67	1084 77	1484 60	2599 37	369 05	
22.	135	00	00	504 85	29 41	534 26	00	100	145	00	152 81	162 00	459 81	74 45	4723 28	4797 73	125 24	
23.	3	00	323	582 51	194 45	776 96	86 25	00	86	25	449 81	00	529 30	247 66	00	247 66	53 81	
24.	3	00	105	299 94	47 93	347 87	120 00	00	120	00	86 33	30 00	236 33	111 54	1167 43	1278 79	131 81	
25.	5	00	164	396 30	58 87	455 17	47 00	100	182	00	81 05	105 00	368 05	87 12	459 33	546 47	127 40	
26.	*	00	41	50 00	00	50 00	16 00	00	16	00	00	00	00	00	51	201 35	51	00
27.	42	00	00	841 28	1396 11	2237 39	151 00	00	156	00	180 09	00	342 09	1894 70	200 84	1894 70	189 39	
28.	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
29.	33	00	222	332 84	68 84	401 68	35 00	00	35	00	137 96	90 00	262 96	138 72	2974 89	3113 61	159 90	

31	54 00	105 65	80 18	239 83	12 88	257 71	40 00	115 49	44 00	199 49	53 22	481 08	534 30	110 88	175 42		
32	12 00	283 10	211 09	506 19	766 15	1272 34	132 00	448 77	60 00	590 77	681 57	1196 00	1877 57	1196 00	175 42		
33	18 00	216 30	59 50	293 80	119 63	369 43	68 00	113 70	60 00	197 70	171 73	975 00	1010 46	975 00	96 10		
34	15 00	180 94	27 50	223 44	75 08	342 52	70 00	167 66	60 00	307 06	35 46	975 00	1010 46	975 00	101 62		
35	35 00	234 88	64 00	298 88	259 24	558 12	10 00	97 35	30 00	107 35	450 77	1425 00	1875 77	1425 00	191 53		
36	35 00	106 55	121 10	227 65	530	232 95	30 00	151 18	30 00	211 18	21 77	712 15	733 92	712 15	11 38		
37	52 50	21 75	38 95	113 20	113 20	113 20	30 00	26 35	75 15	101 50	11 70	75 15	86 85	75 15	86 85		
38	12 00	246 75	267 09	246 75	43 68	290 43	115 00	122 15	60 00	249 15	41 28	62 77	104 05	62 77	104 05		
39	88 00	326 27	99 43	279 09	41 11	320 20	70 00	47 07	60 00	227 07	93 13	1477 60	1570 73	1477 60	258 32		
40	168 00	69 15	41 33	278 48	19 48	533 18	159 00	289 47	60 00	448 47	84 71	1425 00	1509 73	1425 00	224 77		
41	25 00	377 15	6 02	408 17	727 75	1135 92	219 00	232 64	660 00	1051 58	45 84	1189 40	1273 74	1189 40	45 84		
42	14 00	262 30	214 31	490 61	212 75	703 36	48 00	122 58	660 00	1051 58	84 34	1189 40	1273 74	1189 40	16 59		
43	6 00	741 45	43 10	790 55	170 71	961 26	442 00	303 71	58 25	409 96	293 40	1488 97	1782 37	1488 97	138 90		
44	16 00	354 45	161 85	532 30	117 38	649 68	119 00	181 66	45 00	816 26	145 00	2251 80	2386 80	2251 80	191 09		
45	6 00	265 78	271 78	271 78	89 19	360 97	98 00	102 28	30 00	230 28	130 69	336 00	466 69	336 00	327 06		
46	42 00	174 52	46 62	279 42	457 97	674 49	115 00	59 18	146 62	253 58	420 91	1462 17	1552 21	1462 17	137 06		
47	50 00	232 80	279 23	298 23	578 28	876 51	68 59	119 14	360 00	547 73	328 78	660 00	988 78	660 00	162 95		
48	12 00	226 08	238 08	238 08	163 15	401 23	6 00	107 90	84 00	217 90	183 33	536 04	719 37	536 04	40 50		
49	9 00	147 16	7 92	164 08	258 47	422 55	12 00	92 59	60 00	164 59	257 96	590 00	847 96	590 00	59 49		
50	3 00	115 42	6 39	124 81	27 91	152 72	15 00	75 82	37 50	128 32	267 56	397 59	665 06	397 59	34 48		
51	8 00	260 28	25 00	293 28	134 62	427 90	254 24	38 83	50 00	88 83	63 59	1485 56	1549 45	1485 56	85 98		
52	9 00	58 80	176 00	67 80	108 24	176 04	10 00	112 71	30 00	396 95	30 95	150 00	180 95	150 00	153 67		
53	6 00	123 05	36 00	129 05	182 16	311 21	10 00	33 27	30 00	43 27	132 77	132 77	132 77	132 77	24 53		
54	1 00	304 91	36 00	401 91	558 04	959 95	285 00	78 59	30 00	118 59	118 59	50 00	242 71	50 00	40 55		
55	2 00	156 07	7 55	165 02	406 23	571 85	60 00	160 18	60 00	450 18	509 77	900 00	1409 77	900 00	40 55		
56	68 00	292 28	199 40	512 68	86 22	598 90	247 50	63 28	25 00	184 28	387 57	150 00	537 57	150 00	61 34		
57	6 00	227 76	72 00	305 76	87 54	393 30	235 00	347 50	60 00	437 19	161 71	383 51	545 22	383 51	173 51		
58	14 00	448 16	462 16	462 16	718 94	1718 94	172 00	48 56	160 00	333 56	59 74	59 74	59 74	59 74	27 80		
59	9 00	88 64	77 16	174 80	178 38	353 18	32 00	70 45	160 00	102 45	250 73	1282 14	1407 19	1282 14	28 27		
Total	\$1040 50	\$14,307 65	\$1106 35	\$2,544 50	\$11,222 38	\$34,766 88	\$6722 58	\$1185 00	\$175 42	\$8082 98	\$8850 35	\$5549 70	\$22,483 03	\$12,283 85	\$57,130 12	\$69,413 97	\$3323 82

★No report received for this term.

*Overdrawn.

†Decrease.

Increase, . . . \$4037 79
 Decrease, . . . 711 97
 Net Increase . \$3325 82

REPORT OF THE GRAND KEEPER OF EXCHEQUER.

TRENTON, August 14th, 1898.

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

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS:—The following is respectfully submitted to you as the report of your Grand Keeper of Exchequer for the term ending June 30th, 1898 :

1897. RECEIPTS.		1897. DISBURSEMENTS.	
Sept. 1.	Balance on hand, \$171 88	Sept. 10.	Order No. 534 . . . \$138 06
Oct. 11.	From A. L. Clark, 300 00	Oct. 11.	" 535 . . . 50 00
Dec. 17.	" " " 62 55	12.	" 536 . . . 100 00
1898.		27.	" 537 . . . 25 00
Jan. 18.	" " " 430 80	Nov. 6.	" 538 . . . 10 60
Feb. 10.	" " " 500 00	24.	" 539 . . . 25 00
Mar. 21.	" " " 100 00	24.	" 540 . . . 1 75
June 6.	" " " 71 20	24.	" 541 . . . 102 40
Aug. 1.	" " " 500 00	24.	" 542 . . . 2 50
2.	" " " 153 14	24.	" 543 . . . 15 00
13.	" " " 98 60	Dec. 7.	" 544 . . . 16 66
17.	" " " 17 00	13.	" 545 . . . 5 50
		13.	" 546 . . . 1 50
		13.	" 547 . . . 3 75
		13.	" 548 . . . 1 25
		13.	" 549 . . . 11 75
		1898.	
		Feb. 7.	" 550 . . . 50 00
		7.	" 551 . . . 250 00
		7.	" 552 . . . 54 27
		7.	" 553 . . . 34 05
		11.	" 554 . . . 50 00
		11.	" 555 . . . 305 00
		22.	" 556 . . . 2 00
		22.	" 557 . . . 5 25
		22.	" 558 . . . 3 00
		22.	" 559 . . . 4 05
		22.	" 560 . . . 10 60
		22.	" 561 . . . 25 00
		22.	" 562 . . . 41 85
		Mar. 21.	" 563 . . . 200 00
		June 6.	" 564 . . . 50 00
		6.	" 565 . . . 19 70
		6.	" 566 . . . 1 50
		6.	" 567 . . . 2 00
		6.	" 568 . . . 15 00
		Aug. 1.	" 569 . . . 250 00
		1.	" 570 . . . 30 95
		1.	" 571 . . . 1 50
		4.	" 572 . . . 10 95
		4.	" 573 . . . 25 00
		4.	" 574 . . . 16 50
		4.	" 575 . . . 3 00
		4.	" 576 . . . 14 11
		6.	" 577 . . . 61 82
Carried forward . . .	\$2407 17	Carried forward . . .	\$2047 82

Brought forward	\$2407 17				
		Brought forward	\$2047 82		
		Aug. 13. " 578	4 10		
		13. " 579	32 00		
		13. " 580	75		
		13. " 581	36 01		
		13. " 582	10 30		
		13. " 583	1 50		
		15. " 584	130 30		
				\$2262 78	
		Balance on hand	144 39		
	<u>\$2407 17</u>			<u>\$2407 17</u>	

Again taking this opportunity to express to you my appreciation of the honor you have conferred, I remain

Fraternally yours in F., V. and H.

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

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

LONG BRANCH, September 5th, 1898.

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

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHERS: Your Finance Committee respectfully report that we have performed the duties incumbent upon us by the laws and usages of the Order in a careful and conscientious manner. Have examined the accounts of the Grand Master of Records and Grand Keeper of Exchequer and found them correct. We have audited and approved all bills submitted to us, except the bill of Sir Knight Kraft for advice and professional services rendered the Grand Chief in the Bridgeton Castle appeal case. Also the bill of D. G. C. Edgar Bills, of the Seventeenth District, for stage hire to install officers of Wall Castle, No. 57.

There being no provision made in the annual budget for the payment of such accounts we refer them to the Grand Castle, and recommend that they be paid.

As regards the bill for stage hire, would recommend that hereafter any Castle desiring the services of the District Grand Chief or other officers for installation, etc., be compelled to pay the expenses incurred.

Balance on hand from last year	\$171 88
Receipts during term ending August 17th	2235 29
Total	<u>\$2407 17</u>
Expended during term	2262 78
Balance in hands of Grand Keeper of Exchequer	<u>\$144 39</u>

We respectfully make the following recommendations :

1. That the per capita tax be thirty-six cents per annum.
2. That the same restrictions as to the number of officers attending District meetings and institutions at the expense of the Grand Castle now in force be continued another year.
3. That all expense incurred by the Grand Castle, direct or indirect, through the disobedience, insubordination, and rebellion of Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, be charged to and paid by the said Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, before they can ever be restored to the rights and privileges of the Order again.

We also recommend the following appropriations :

Expenses of the Grand Chief	\$250 00
Salary of the Grand Master of Records	600 00
Incidentals of same	100 00
Printing	300 00
Dues to Supreme Castle	225 00
Supplies from Supreme Castle	150 00
Card in K. G. E. paer	12 00
Rent of office	100 00
Expense of session at Long Branch	150 00
Total	\$1887 00

The committee tender their thanks to the Grand Master of Records for his courtesy and assistance during the past year, and commend him for the painstaking care which characterizes his work. His system of keeping accounts and conducting the business of the office is admirable, correct, and thorough. In Brother Clark the Grand Castle has a worthy and competent officer.

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

HORACE J. PARKS,
E. H. GINNELLEY,
GEORGE N. WIMER,
Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LAW.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., September 5th, 1898.

To the Grand Castle, Knights of the Golden Eagle.

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS: Your Committee on Law would report that they have examined and approved twelve sets of by-laws and ten amendments to by-laws for as many different Castles. But few corrections were needed to make them conform to the constitution for Subordinate Castles.

We would recommend that the Castles of our jurisdiction take heed of the new law passed by the last State Legislature, March 24th, 1898, entitled "An Act for the Better Regulation of Benevolent Societies and Associations," and see that their by-laws are made to conform with same, to the end that unnecessary litigations may be avoided.

Respectfully in F., V. and H.,

GEORGE F. SCHEELER,
FRANK K. GANO,
Committee on Law.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., September 5th, 1898.

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

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

1897.			
Aug. 16.	100 letter circulars		\$2 50
Sept. 6.	200 copies preliminary report for use of session.		102 40
Oct. 25.	1650 envelopes, No. 6¾, 2 colors @ \$3.25	\$5 37	
	Alterations	50	
	G. M. of R.	1000	
	Grand Chief	250	
	Grand Vice-Chief.	100	
	Grand K. of E.	100	
	Grand Sir Herald.	100	
	State Deputy.	100	
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	1650		
	300 envelopes, No. 11, 2 colors	2 00	
	G. M. of R.	150	
	Grand Chief	100	
	State Deputy	50	
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	300		
	250 pamphlet envelopes, 2 colors	2 00	
	1000 envelopes, No. 6¾, lots of 50, for D. G. Cs	4 00	
	300 envelopes, No. 6¾, for committees	1 50	
	100 envelopes, No. 11, for committees	75	
	1150 letter heads, 2 colors	4 75	
	Alterations	50	
	G. M. of R.	500	
	Grand Chief	250	
	Grand Vice Chief.	100	
	Grand K. of E.	100	
	Grand Sir Herald	100	
	State Deputy	100	
		<hr/>	
	1150		
	1000 note heads for D. G. C. (2 colors).	3 25	
	300 letter heads for committees	2 00	
	100 copies circular No. 1	1 75	
	100 copies circular No. 2	2 25	
	150 copies circular Grand officers and appointments	3 00	
		<hr/>	
			\$33 62
Dec. 18.	1500 copies proceedings, 1897		120 00
	100 copies circular No. 3	1 75	
	1000 Past Chief certificate blanks.	2 75	
	250 laws Funeral Benefit Fund	5 75	
	100 proceedings special session	3 00	
	100 circulars to Masters of Records	1 75	
	100 per capita tax receipts	1 00	
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			\$16 00
1898.			
Feb. 10.	Printing postals notice of institution		75
15.	100 copies circular No. 4	1 75	
15.	150 copies circular No. 5	1 75	
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			\$3 50

March	1.	300 copies circular No. 6		\$4 50
April	7.	1250 envelopes, No. 6½, (G. C. and G. M. of R.)	4 00	
	7.	600 envelopes, No. 11, (G. C. and G. M. of R.)	3 00	
			<hr/>	\$7 00
	7.	100 copies circular No. 7		1 75
	12.	100 " " (corrected)		1 00
May	4.	100 " " proceedings special session, April 20th, 1898		19 00
June	1.	300 " " circular No. 8		2 75
	18.	100 " " to Masters of Records		75
				<hr/>
				\$316 52

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

F. A. BUREN,
 A. M. WHILT,
 GEORGE M. APPLIGATE,
Committee on Printing.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

ON ENTERTAINMENT OF THE SUPREME CASTLE AT TRENTON,
 N. J., OCTOBER 12-15, 1897.

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

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS :—The above committee desire to report that they attended to the duties assigned them by the Grand Castle in a faithful and conscientious manner.

That our efforts were appreciated is shown by the resolution offered and adopted by the Supreme Castle at the close of their session, in which they say, that words can hardly express their gratification for our unlimited hospitality.

Amount of appropriation received	\$100 00
Amount expended for badges, elevator service, coach hire, decorations, traveling expenses, and entertainments	79 96
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Balance unexpended and returned to the Grand Castle, \$20 04	

Fraternally submitted,

P. G. C., HORACE J. PARKS,
 S. V. C., WM. C. HUNTER,
 P. G. C., JAMES E. HIGHLEY,
 P. G. C., A. L. CLARK,
 P. G. C., F. WAYLAND POTTER,
Committee.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TRUSTEES

LONG BRANCH, N. J., September 5th, 1898.

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

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS:—Your Trustees beg leave to report the valuation of the property of the Grand Castle as follows, less discount for wear and tear for, the year of 1898.

1 office carpet		\$38 60
2 " oak desks	}	
2 " chairs revolving		
6 " arm chairs		66 00
6 spittoons		
1 safe		2 50
1 cabinet book-case		60 00
1 letter press		22 60
1 genuine skull, articulated		3 00
4 stereopticon slides and curtain for Third Degree		6 00
1 cross and crown		6 00
1 guidon		4 00
20 District Grand Chiefs' badges and jewels		4 00
18 Grand Instructors' "		20 00
		18 00
		<hr/> \$250 18
1897 valuation on above		
1 new District Grand Chief's badge		\$210 10
2 new Grand Instructors' badges		2 25
9 Grand Officers' badges		4 50
1 trunk for paraphernalia		9 00
2 screens		5 25
		1 50
		<hr/> \$232 60
Less 10 per cent. for 1898		23 26
		<hr/> \$209 34
1 seal		
4 drill manuals @ \$1.00		3 00
2 dozen ode cards (German) @ \$1.20		4 00
11 withdrawal cards @ \$1.00		2 40
16 dismissal certificates @ \$1.00		11 00
		16 00
		<hr/> \$36 40
		<hr/> \$245 74

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

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

SUPREME REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT.

MANASQUAN, August 19th, 1898.

To the Grand Castle, Knights of the Golden Eagle :

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS:—As your Representative to the Supreme Castle, I beg leave to submit the following report :

The public reception was held in Taylor's Opera House, on Tuesday morning, October 12th. The members of the Supreme Castle were escorted from Eagle headquarters (Trenton House) by Mercer Commandery, No. 6, headed by Winkler's Seventh Regiment Band. Past Chief Dr. E. H. Ginnely, of Trenton Castle, No. 7, as Master of Ceremonies, in a brief speech introduced his Honor, Mayor Welting G. Sickels, who, on behalf of the citizens of Trenton, extended a welcome and the freedom of the city to the visitors. Past Grand Chief William C. Hunter, extended a welcome to the Supreme Castle on behalf of the Grand Castle of New Jersey. Supreme Chief W. Oscar Brown thanked the Mayor and Grand Castle for their cordial welcome, and on account of ill health introduced Past Grand Chief Jenkin Hill, of Reading, Pa., who in an eloquent address, responded to the hearty words of welcome that had been spoken. With the conclusion of the address the public reception came to a close, and the Supreme Castle adjourned to Eagle Hall, in Ribsam Building, Supreme Chief Brown presiding. The business of the morning session was confined to receiving the reports of the Supreme officers, arranging of the several committees, and the reception of new members.

The report of Supreme Master of Records Culbertson shows that during the year 1896 there were 7779 members initiated into the Order.

Receipts of the 861 Castles, \$452,995.64; total paid for relief, \$179,156.78; present membership, 59,674.

The case of Vineland Castle, No. 46, of New Jersey, *vs.* Carlisle Castle, No. 110, of Pennsylvania, which, by action of the Supreme Castle at its last session, was referred to the Appeal Committee was reported by that Committee as follows :

"Inasmuch as the Grand Castle of Pennsylvania has taken no action on the case, and the report of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances on the case not having been approved by their Grand Chief, should have been properly presented to their Grand Castle, would therefore recommend that it be referred to the Grand Castle of Pennsylvania with instructions to take proper action by either approving the report of the Committee on Appeals of Pennsylvania or the action of their Grand Chief."

The following amendments to the Constitution of the Supreme Castle were adopted :

Article V, Section 3, amended to read :

The Committee on Finance and Mileage shall examine the accounts of the Supreme Master of Records and Supreme Keeper of Exchequer quarterly, and report annually to the Supreme Castle, and take into consideration such matters appertaining to the finances of the Supreme Castle as may be referred to them.

Article VI, Section 2.

The section as amended reads :

SEC. 2. When five or more Subordinate Castles are established and in good working order in any State, Territory, Province or Country, and have not less than five hundred (500) members, they may petition the Supreme Chief, through the Deputy Supreme Chief thereof, for a warrant of dispensation to institute a Grand Castle, who shall, provided he is satisfied that the Castles applying for the same are in good working order, cause to be issued a warrant of dispensation authorizing the Past Chiefs in good standing to meet at such place as may be designated by the Supreme Chief, and proceed to organize a Grand Castle by the election of the regular officers.

Provided, That when the membership in any State, Territory, Province or Country, having a Grand Castle, shall be reduced to less than five hundred (500) members, the said Grand Castle or its Representatives shall not be entitled to mileage for the latter.

Article VI, Section 4.

The section as amended reads :

SEC. 4. The Grand Officers shall consist of Past Grand Chief, Grand Chief, Grand Vice-Chief, Grand High Priest, Grand Master of Records, Grand Keeper of Exchequer, Grand Sir Herald, Grand First Guardsman and Grand Second Guardsman: There shall also be appointed and commissioned such number of District Grand Chiefs as the Grand Chief may deem advisable, whose duties shall be to institute new Subordinate Castles, install the officers of Subordinate Castles, and perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Grand Castle or Grand Chief. He may also appoint such number of Grand Instructors as he may deem necessary to insure a proper degree of uniformity in the ceremonial work of the Subordinate Castles. Each Grand Castle shall, at the time at which its officers are chosen, elect as a Representative to the Supreme Castle one Past Grand Chief in good standing, who shall attend all sessions of the Supreme Castle and represent the interests of his Grand Castle therein. Representatives so elected shall be entitled to mileage at the rate of two and a half cents per mile of actual travel by the most direct route, to be paid by the Supreme Castle during their attendance at the annual session, and shall also be entitled to such per diem, to be paid by their respective Grand Castles, as shall be prescribed in the Constitution or By-Laws of such Grand Castle. Vacancies occurring in the position of Representative, by reason of death, removal from the jurisdiction, or any other cause, shall be filled in the manner prescribed in the Constitution of said Grand Castle.

SEC. 5. Upon the organization of a Grand Castle, notice thereof, together with a list of its officers, shall be forwarded through the Supreme Master of Records to the Supreme Chief, and the latter officer shall install, or cause to be installed by a Deputy Supreme Chief the officers-elect of said Grand Castle, after which it shall proceed to frame a Constitution and By-Laws for its own government, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution and the laws made in pursuance thereof: *Provided*, That Constitutions of Grand Castles, or amendments thereto, shall not go into effect until approved by the Committee on Law and Supreme Chief or Supreme Castle.

Paragraph 2, Section 3, Article VII.

The paragraph as amended reads :

2. Not less than five members shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business, including one qualified to preside; and if only five members be present no appropriation of money shall be made except by unanimous consent.

The following amendment to Article VIII was adopted :

Each Grand Castle shall annually pay to the Supreme Castle the sum of six cents per member for every member of all Subordinate Castles under its jurisdiction, until the membership of such jurisdiction reaches 3334, after which

the annual dues shall be two hundred dollars, and one cent per capita on each and every member over 3,334; and each Subordinate Castle under the immediate jurisdiction of the Supreme Castle shall pay the sum of six cents semi-annually on each member. Each Grand and Subordinate Castle shall pay for supplies such sums as may be fixed by the Supreme Castle, and all supplies so ordered must be paid for when ordering the same.

This will increase the dues of the Grand Castle, according to last year's report, \$16.36.

The memorial of the Grand Castle of New Jersey was read, and upon motion the same was received and entered on the journal. As your Representative I offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That any Grand Jurisdiction desiring to establish a Funeral Benefit Fund is hereby authorized to do so; *Provided*, That the amount paid beneficiaries shall not exceed three hundred dollars.

P. G. C. Tobin, of Pennsylvania, moved to amend by adding :

Provided, That before promulgation of the same in the respective jurisdictions, that all plans, regulations and laws shall first be submitted to and approved by the Committee on Law and the Supreme Chief or Supreme Castle.

The resolution as amended was adopted.

The Committee to whom had been referred the Death Benefit Fund reports submitted the following report :

TRENTON, N. J., October 14, 1897.

To the Supreme Chief, Officers and Members of the Supreme Castle, Knights of the Golden Eagle.

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS : The Committee, to whom was referred the reports of the Death Benefit Fund, have given as careful consideration to the same as the time at their disposal admitted, and would respectfully refer them, in their entirety, for action by the Supreme Castle, with the following comments :

Since the new schedule of assessments was put into effect the results therefrom give evidence of the wisdom of the legislation of this body at its last annual session.

The members are to be congratulated thereupon, and it should act as a stimulus to renewed zeal and activity on their part to increase the membership and extend its benefits.

We regret very much the facts set forth in the report which record the lack of interest, and even hostility, manifested in some directions to this very important feature of our Order, due mostly to lack of knowledge and repetition of false rumors, also gross mis-statements of mismanagement and extravagance on the part of the Executive Board which your Committee believe to be wholly unwarranted and exceedingly reprehensible.

The condition of the finances do not appear to be as favorable as at the commencement of the year. After a careful analysis of the Reserve and Beneficiary Fund reports of this and the previous year, we note that there has been a decrease in the funds available of \$5952.27; due to the fact that the amounts realized from assessments levied was less than the moneys paid to beneficiaries, the Executive Board deeming it the wiser course to pursue, under the circumstances, inasmuch as each double assessment called was followed by a heavy decrease in membership.

Your Committee, however, are firmly of the opinion that during the present year sufficient assessments should be levied to at least meet the death losses of the year. In this connection we would also call your attention to the state-

ment of the Supreme Medical Examiner, that of the forty-nine deaths, from September 1, 1896, to August 31, 1897, all but one were from among those first admitted to the Death Benefit Fund at its inception without medical examination. To this latter fact your Committee attribute the cause of so many losses. That which the Supreme Castle did in order to popularize the Fund, has in reality been its greatest drawback, and yet the time cannot be far distant when this effect must of necessity cease to exist.

We also believe that it would be wise to adopt all the proposed amendments to the laws governing this Fund.

As to the matter of the abolishment of the position of Clerk to the Fund, we are of the opinion that this should be done, and the duties thereof merged into those of the Supreme Master of Records, the compensation for which we think should be \$500 per annum, thus enabling the expense of management to be reduced over \$800 per year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. MCKINNEY,
LYMAN P. LEWIS,
JACOB H. AULL,
Committee.

The following amendments to the Constitution of the Fund were adopted :

Article II, Section 1.

The section as amended reads :

SEC. 1. This Death Benefit Fund shall be composed of members of the Knights of the Golden Eagle who are in good standing in their respective Subordinate Castles, and members of the Ladies of the Golden Eagle who are in good standing in their respective Temples. Saloon keepers and all other persons engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, also all persons engaged in mining, submarine operations, manufacture of highly inflammable or explosive material, aeronauts, and linemen in the employ of electric light, telegraph or telephone companies, either in the construction or repair of lines through which the electric current passes, are ineligible to membership. No person shall be eligible, on and after October 14, 1897, to membership from the following States : Texas, Louisiana, Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, Mississippi, Florida, and the Island of Cuba.

Article III, Section 1.

The section as amended reads :

SEC. 1. The working of the Death Benefit Fund shall be vested in an Executive Board, consisting of the Supreme Chief, Supreme Vice-Chief, Supreme Keeper of Exchequer, Supreme Master of Records, Supreme Medical Examiner, and four members of the Supreme Castle, who shall be members of the Fund, who shall be elected annually, immediately after the election of the Supreme Medical Examiner, who shall meet quarterly at the office of the Supreme Castle in the City of Philadelphia, or at such other place as the Board may determine upon at its preceding stated meeting, on the third Tuesday in March, June, September and December, and who shall decide all questions pertaining to the working of the Fund, except salaries. This shall be the duty of the Supreme Castle.

Article IV, Sec. 1.

SEC. 1. The rate of assessment shall be as follows :

AGES.	\$250	\$500	\$1000
Eighteen to twenty-four.....	15	30	60
Twenty-five to twenty-nine.....	16	32	64
Thirty to thirty-four.....	18	36	72
Thirty-five to thirty-nine.....	21	42	84
Forty to forty-four.....	25	50	1 00
Forty-five to forty-nine.....	33	66	1 32
Fifty and over.....	44	88	1 76

These rates are to be applied to all members at their attained ages at the time the rates are put into operation, and upon all new members upon date of their connection with the Fund—the members to advance from the lower group to the next higher group, the advance to be made on the 1st day of January of each year, on the basis of the attained ages of the members at that date.

The annual dues shall be one dollar, payable quarterly in advance, in the months of January, April, July and October.

Article VI, Section 1.

The section as amended reads :

SEC. 1. The amount paid to the beneficiaries shall in no case exceed One Thousand Dollars in Class A, nor Five Hundred Dollars in Class B, nor Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars in Class C. Should the membership at any time be reduced to a less number than will realize the sum of One Thousand Dollars, the amount paid shall be the proportionate part of that realized on the assessment, according to the Class or Classes to which the deceased member belonged.

The following four additional members of the Executive Board of the Death Benefit Fund were elected :

P. G. C. L. H. Tobin, of Pennsylvania ; P. S. C. Jacob H. Aull, of Maryland ; P. G. C. Jenkin Hill, of Pennsylvania ; P. S. C. Wm. Oscar Brown, of Delaware.

The following amendments to the Constitution were submitted, and ordered to lie over until the next annual session :

Amend Article VII, Section 3, paragraph 4. Strike out "June and December." and insert "March and September."

Amend Article VII, Section 3, paragraph 5. Strike out "January and July," and insert "April and October."

Amend Paragraph 4, Section 3, of Article VII, by striking out the word "last" in the third line thereof, and insert in lieu thereof the word "first."

Amend Article II, Section 3, by adding :

The election of officers shall be held on the afternoon of the last day of the session.

In consideration of the active services rendered the Order in the State of New Jersey during the last ten years, the honors of P. G. C. were conferred upon our worthy Grand Master of Records Clark.

The following P. G. C's of New Jersey were appointed on committees by the Supreme Chief:

Law—R. M. Foust, J. Arnold.

Finance—James E. Highly.

The officers of the Supreme Castle elected are as follows:

Supreme Chief, E. V. Moore, Sidney, Ohio; Supreme Vice-Chief, William C. Hunter, Swedesboro, N. J.; Supreme High Priest, Eli W. Le Feber, Newport, Kentucky; Supreme Keeper of Exchequer, Timothy McCarthy, 1319 South Sixth Street, Philadelphia, Pa.; Supreme Master of Records, Albert C. Lyttle, 814-816 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa.; Supreme Sir Herald, John B. Roberts, Somerville, Mass.; Supreme First Guardsman, Daniel W. Hallock, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Supreme Second Guardsman, A. McDonald, Denver, Colorado; Supreme Medical Examiner of Death Benefit Fund, James E. Whiteford, M. D., 819 Aisquith Street, Baltimore, Md.; Lieutenant-General of Military Branch, Harry P. Reinicke, 816 North Broad Street, Philadelphia.

Supreme Castle was closed in due form at 5.50 P. M., on Friday, October 15th, to meet in annual session in the city of Baltimore on the second Tuesday of October, 1898.

In conclusion again permit me to tender to the Grand Castle of New Jersey my sincere thanks for all the honors that have been conferred upon me by your suffrages, and as I now retire to the more humble walks of brotherhood, I hope I shall ever bear with me the best wishes of all with whom I have stood connected.

Fraternally in F., V. and H.,

WILLIAM H. RUF, P. G. C.,
Supreme Representative.

The hour for nomination and election of officers having arrived, the Grand Chief appointed as tellers, P. C. John L. Vehe, No. 25 and P. C. J. H. Duncan, No. 51.

P. C. S. H. Pearce, No. 20, desiring admission, but not being in possession of the S. A. P. W., P. G. C. H. J. Parks moved that he be admitted, and the password withheld.

The Grand Chief declared the motion out of order.

Grand Trustee A. Q. Bloom, moved that where only one candidate appeared in nomination for an office the Grand Master of Records be authorized to cast the vote of the Grand Castle. So ordered.

The nomination for Grand Chief being in order, Colonel A. H. Troth, No. 22, named G. V. C. James E. Russell,

which was seconded by P. G. C. F. W. Potter. Nominations then closed.

G. M. of R. A. L. Clark then cast the vote of the Grand Castle, and G. V. C. Russell was declared elected and accepted in a pleasant manner.

For Grand Vice-Chief—S. V. C. William C. Hunter nominated G. S. H. Jacob S. Kent, after which nominations closed.

G. M. of R. A. L. Clark cast the vote of the Grand Castle, and G. S. H. Kent was declared elected as Grand Vice-Chief, and accepted same.

For Grand High Priest—P. G. C. H. J. Parks nominated the present incumbent, Dr. J. B. Wainright. Nominations were closed.

G. M. of R. Clark cast the vote of the Grand Castle, and G. H. P. Wainright was declared duly re-elected as Grand High Priest, and accepted.

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

G. K. of E. J. Harris Cogill, was instructed to cast the vote of the Grand Castle, which he did, and G. M. of R. Clark was declared re-elected Grand Master of Records for the ensuing year, and accepted.

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

G. M. of R. Clark cast the vote of the Grand Castle, and G. K. of E. J. Harris Cogill was declared re-elected Grand Keeper of Exchequer for the ensuing year, and accepted.

For Grand Sir Herald—P. C. Arthur H. Hope, No. 47, was nominated by P. C. Dr. E. H. Ginnelley, No. 7.

Theodore M. Birchmeier, No. 10, was nominated by G. F. G. John C. Pierce. Nominations closed.

The balloting being completed the tellers were instructed to retire to the ante-room accompanied by the respective candidates, and there to proceed to the counting of the ballots.

The Grand Chief appointed as extra tellars, P. C. Thomas Warren, No. 3. P. C. George P. Sutton, No. 9.

For Grand First Guardsman—P. C. George Van Billiard, No. 32, was nominated by P. G. C. F. Wayland Potter.

P. C. Tobias Grace, No. 50, was nominated by P. C. R. W. Davis, No. 7. Nominations closed.

The balloting being completed, P. G. C. Potter moved the tellers retire and count the votes, which was agreed to.

The tellers in the election of Grand Sir Herald announced number of votes cast 150.

P. C. Arthur H. Hope received	127 votes.
P. C. T. M. Birchmeier "	23 "

P. C. Arthur H. Hope, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared duly elected Grand Sir Herald, and accepted.

The tellers in election of Grand First Guardsman announced number of votes cast 117.

P. C. George Van Billiard received	29 votes.
P. C. Tobias Grace "	88 "

P. C. Tobias Grace having received a majority of the votes cast was declared elected Grand First Guardsman and accepted.

For Grand Second Guardsman—P. C. S. Robert White, No. 72, was nominated by S. V. C. William C. Hunter. Nominations closed.

G. M. of R. Clark cast the vote of the Grand Castle, and

P. C. S. Robert White was declared elected Grand Second Guardsman and accepted.

For Grand Trustee—The Term of P. G. C. James E. Highley, Grand Trustee, having expired, he was again nominated and elected for three years term, and accepted.

The tellers were then discharged with thanks.

In consideration of the request of parade committee, at 4.30 P. M., the Grand Chief declared a recess until 9 o'clock A. M. Tuesday, September 6th, 1898.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Grand Castle re-assembled pursuant to recess at 9 o'clock.

Reports of committees being called for, the special committee on entertainment of Supreme Castle made their report, which was approved by motion of G. V. C. Russell.

P. G. C. H. J. Parks moved that the reports of all other committees not in the hands of the committee on distribution be taken up and considered *seriatim*. Carried.

The report of the Finance Committee was then read.

P. G. C. H. J. Parks moved that the recommendation in reference to bill of Sir Knight Kraft be approved.

P. G. C. James E. Highley moved to amend that the bill be referred to the incoming Finance Committee for the purpose of compromising the amount with Sir Knight Kraft. The amendment was adopted.

P. G. C. James E. Highley moved that the bill of D. G. C. Edgar Bills, as referred to by the Finance Committee, be paid,

and that the recommendation of the Committee concerning District Grand Chiefs or other officers for installation, etc., be approved. Agreed to.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the per capita tax be thirty-six cents per annum.

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

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

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

3. That all expense incurred by the Grand Castle, direct or indirect, through the disobedience, insubordination and rebellion of Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, be charged to and paid by the said Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, before they can ever be restored to the rights and privileges of the Order again.

P. G. C. Parks moved this be deferred until the matter of Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, is considered. Agreed to.

Appropriations—

Expenses of Grand Chief,	\$250 00
Salary of Grand Master of Records,	600 00
Incidentals of same,	100 00
Printing,	300 00
Dues to Supreme Castle,	225 00
Supplies from Supreme Castle,	150 00
Card in K. G. E. paper,	12 00
Rent of office,	100 00
Expense of session at Long Branch,	150 00
Total,	<u>\$1887 00</u>

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

The report of the Grand Trustees was approved as printed on motion of G. K. of E. Cogill.

The committee on distribution reported as follows :

That the sections of the Grand Chief's report comprising decisions and dispensations (granted and refused) be referred to the Law Committee.

Approved.

That all circulars from pages 8 to 17 of printed report be approved.

So ordered.

That recommendation No. 1 be approved.

Agreed to.

That recommendation No. 2 be approved and request granted.

Agreed to.

That recommendations Nos. 3 and 4 be referred to the Grand Castle for action thereon.

P. C. E. H. Ginnelley, No. 7, moved that recommendation No. 3 be laid over until the afternoon session.

P. C. G. W. Chamberlain, No. 66, moved that recommendation No. 4 be approved.

Remarks were then made by P. G. C. Parks ; Representative I. J. Grimshaw, No. 51 ; P. C. John L. Vehe, No. 25 ; Representative I. M. Hoey, No. 70 ; G. S. H. Jacob S. Kent, and P. C. Thomas A. Warren, No. 3.

The motion was not agreed to.

The committee on distribution then recommended that all matters relating to the Bridgeton Castle case be acted upon by the Grand Castle as a body.

P. G. C. James E. Highley moved to lay the whole matter on the table.

A rising vote being called for, the Grand Sir Herald announced 30 votes in the affirmative and 30 votes in the negative.

The Grand Chief declared the motion lost.

Grand Trustee A. Q. Bloom moved that the Grand Chief be given the privilege of the floor to explain the No. 13 case.

The motion was not agreed to.

P. C. E. H. Ginnelley, No. 7, moved that the part of the report referring to Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, be deferred until such time this afternoon as the Grand Castle may call for same. Agreed to.

The report of the committee on Grand Chief's report was then adopted as amended, and the committee discharged with the thanks of the Grand Castle.

P. C. George F. Scheele, No. 28, then read the report of the Committee on Law.

Representative I. J. Grimshaw, No. 51, moved that it be adopted as printed, and the legislative act of 1898 be printed in the minutes. Carried.

P. C. Thomas Warren, No. 3, moved that the report of the Committee on Printing be adopted as printed. Agreed to.

The report of the Supreme Representative was received and approved as printed.

The Committee on Appeals reported as follows :

LONG BRANCH, N. J., September 6th, 1898.

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

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS :—Report of Appeal Committee relating to appeal of Samuel T. Kessler *vs.* Washington Castle, No. 3 :

The regular and formal appeal of Kessler is the only paper submitted to the Committee. The Committee can make no report on the merits of the case because of lack of record.

Respectfully submitted,

F. WAYLAND POTTER, *Chairman*,
W. C. HUNTER, P. G. C.,
W. H. RUF, P. G. C.,
WALTER A. BARROWS, P. G. C.,
WILLIAM H. CURRIE, P. C.,

LONG BRANCH, N. J., September 6th, 1898.

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

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS:—Report of Appeal Committee relating to the so-called appeal of William B. Smith of Ocean Castle :

This matter appears to be an attempt at appeal from an action of said Castle pursuant to Article IX, Section 3, Subordinate Constitution.

The notice of an appeal served on Ocean Castle, the report of the committee of said Castle, and the testimony taken by the committee constitute the record as submitted to this committee. No appeal by said William B. Smith appears in the record, and there being no appeal filed there is no case to report upon.

Respectfully submitted,

F. WAYLAND POTTER, *Chairman*,
W. C. HUNTER, P. G. C.,
WILLIAM H. RUF, P. G. C.,
WALTER A. BARROWS, P. G. C.,
WILLIAM H. CURRIE, P. C.

P. G. C. W. A. Barrows moved that the papers in the foregoing cases be returned to the proper parties, and the Grand Master of Records quote the law bearing on the same. Agreed to.

The reports of the Grand Master of Records and Grand Keeper of Exchequer were adopted as printed.

The recommendation of Grand Master of Records Clark

relating to Elmer Castle, No. 52, was approved, and the Grand Master of Records was authorized to issue a circular to all Castles in this State, and all Past Grand Chiefs and officers of this Grand Castle calling attention to the condition of No. 52, and asking assistance in saving the same.

The reports of the State Deputy and Grand Sir Herald were approved as printed.

The officers of the K. G. E. Funeral Benefit Fund reported as follows :

LONG BRANCH, N. J., September 6th, 1898.

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

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS :—We, the Provisional Board of Managers of the K. G. E. Funeral Benefit Fund, appointed at the special session of the Grand Castle held in Camden, N. J., February 24th, 1898, do respectfully present this as our report of the work and business done by us towards the institution of said Fund :

On March 7th, 1898, the Board organized by the selection of P. C. Dr. G. W. Chamberlain, No. 66, as President ; P. C. George P. Sutton, No. 9, as Treasurer, and P. G. C. A. L. Clark, No. 23, as Secretary.

We have held two meetings of the Board, and have formulated two circulars, which we have had printed and duly distributed to the Castles in our State.

At the present time we have six Castles connected, with a membership of 448.

We have received assurance that five Castles, aggregating 440 members, are ready to connect themselves with the Fund. Other Castles are calling meetings to take action on the matter.

Under our old plan of procedure, viz : paying death benefits by individual Castles, since 1893 we have lost ten per cent. in membership. Therefore something must be done to stem the tide. We are unanimous in the opinion that this Fund can and will prove the successful stop to this leak.

We have been legally at work for about six months, and if during that period the jurisdiction, as a body, had been connected with it, the cost per member for an insurance of \$300.00 would have been but forty-eight cents, as out of a total membership of 4910 only eight deaths occurred during the last six months.

We have no doubt that by personal effort more could be accomplished than by the issuing of circulars—this we propose to do as soon as the temperature will assure us of a large attendance of the members.

Our expenses to date are as follows :

P. G. C. Barrows, travelling,	\$2 85
P. C. Chamberlain, "	9 82
P. C. Sutton, "	11 20
Printing,	20 75
" on Mutual Aid Benefit Fund,	5 50
Total,	<u>\$50 12</u>

Respectfully submitted,

DR. GEO. W. CHAMBERLAIN, *President*
 WALTER A. BARROWS,
 GEO. P. SUTTON, *Treasurer*,
 WM. H. RUF,
 A. L. CLARK, *Secretary*.

Grand Trustee Bloom, No. 28, moved that the report be received and approved, and that an order be drawn for \$50.12 to cover the expenses of the Board. Agreed to.

P. C. Scheele, No. 28, of the Law Committee, moved that inasmuch as no other members of said Committee were present, that the Grand Castle act upon those matters referred to this Committee by the committee on distribution. Agreed to.

P. C. J. W. Jackson, No. 3, moved that the decisions and dispensations of the Grand Chief be adopted as printed.

P. C. Thomas Farrell, No. 23, moved to amend that they be considered *seriatim*. Amendment adopted.

Decisions Nos. 1 to 15 were adopted *seriatim*, after which they were adopted as a whole, on motion of P. G. C. Potter.

Dispensations granted and dispensations refused were approved, on motion of P. G. C. Potter.

P. G. C. J. E. Highley asked for information as to certificate issued by the Grand Chief to P. G. C. Joseph Arnold, late a member of Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, whereby he became a member in Pennsylvania.

The Grand Chief stated in reply that Bridgeton Castle, No. 13 was a defunct Castle, and having received an application from P. G. C. Arnold for said certificate he granted the same in accordance with the laws of the Order.

P. G. C. J. E. Highley moved that the remainder of the Grand Chief's report, except that pertaining to the case of Bridgeton Castle, No 13, be approved as printed. Agreed to.

P. G. C. F. W. Potter, presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted.

BY THE GRAND CASTLE OF NEW JERSEY, K. G. E. :

Resolved, That we recognize with great satisfaction the distinguished honor conferred upon our jurisdiction by the election by the Supreme Castle to the post of Supreme Vice-Chief of our worthy brother, P. G. C. William C. Hunter.

To say that we are gratified is a mild expression. We feel proud that the merits of our esteemed brother are recognized, and we ask of the Supreme Castle that he be advanced to the highest post in the Order. We feel sure that the members of the Supreme Castle will never regret such a step.

J. E. HIGHLEY, P. G. C.,
 A. L. CLARK, P. G. C.,
 WALTER A. BARROWS, P. G. C.,
 F. WAYLAND POTTER, P. G. C.,
 E. D. SENSEMAN, P. G. C.,
 W. H. RUF, P. G. C.,
 J. B. WAINRIGHT, G. H. P.,
 J. HARRIS COGILL, G. K. OF E.,
 GEO. P. SUTTON, P. C.

P. C. John L. Vehe, No. 25, moved that \$50.00 be appropriated to the Military Branch.

Remarks were made by Col. A. H. Troth, No. 22; P. C. E. H. Ginnelley, No. 7; P. C. John L. Vehe, No. 25; S. V. C. William C. Hunter; P. C. Thomas B. Seals, No. 43, and Grand Trustee A. Q. Bloom. The motion was agreed to.

P. C. G. W. Chamberlain, No. 66, presented the following resolution, which was unanimously agreed to:

Be it Resolved by the Grand Castle, K. G. E. of New Jersey, in session at Long Branch, N. J., September 5th, that the Trustees of the Grand Castle be instructed to procure an American flag to be placed on the altar of the Grand Castle, and that all subordinate Castles be requested to do the same.

DR. G. W. CHAMBERLAIN,
GEO. P. SUTTON.

The naming of a place for the next annual session being in order—

P. G. C. James E. Highley named Trenton.

P. G. C. F. Wayland Potter named Camden.

P. C. John L. Vehe, No. 25, seconded Camden.

Col. A. H. Troth, No. 22, seconded Camden.

Grand Trustee A. Q. Bloom seconded Trenton.

P. G. C. F. Wayland Potter moved that a vote be taken on the places named. Carried.

Trenton received	33 votes.
Camden	“	57 “

Camden having received a majority of the votes cast it was declared to be the place for holding the next regular session—on Labor Day, September 4th, 1899, at 11 o'clock A. M.

The following petition was received, and recommendation adopted :

LONG BRANCH, September 6th, 1898.

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

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS—We, the undersigned, would petition this Grand Castle to recommend to the Supreme Castle, at their coming session, that the honors of Past Grand Chief be conferred upon P. C. Dr. E. H. Ginnelley of Trenton Castle, No. 7, of Trenton, N. J., for meritorious services rendered this Order.

W. C. HUNTER, P. G. C.,
J. E. HIGHLEY, P. G. C.,
WALTER A. BARROWS, P. G. C.,
A. L. CLARK, P. G. C.

P. C. E. H. Ginnelley, No. 7, offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

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

Resolved, That we amend the Constitution of this Grand Castle as a whole, to read as the subject matter now in the hands of the Grand Master of Records, which, by consent of this Grand Castle, the printing thereof in the Journal is hereby waived, and that the Grand Chief appoint a committee of five to report upon this matter, with power to re-revise the same before the next session ; also same committee to act as a legislative committee to secure the enactment by our Legislature of a State Law similar to a law of Pennsylvania, and incorporated in the amended Constitution just offered.

The Grand Chief called on P. G. C. F. Wayland Potter to occupy the chair.

P. G. C. H. J. Parks moved to reconsider the vote on the motion of P. C. E. H. Ginnelley, No. 7, concerning the Grand Chief's report on the Bridgeton Castle matter. So ordered.

The original motion being again before the Grand Castle was not agreed to.

P. G. C. H. J. Parks moved that the Grand Chief's report on the Bridgeton Castle case be considered now. Agreed to.

Representative I. J. Grimshaw, No. 51, moved that the entire matter of No. 13 be deferred until action thereon is taken by the Supreme Castle.

P. S. C. J. D. Barnes, associate counsel for Grand Chief Lane, was given the privilege of the floor on motion of G. K. of E. J. H. Cogill.

Remarks were then made by P. S. C. J. D. Barnes, G. C. Charles E. Lane and P. G. C. H. J. Parks.

P. G. C. H. J. Parks moved to amend

That the Grand Castle of New Jersey endorse the action of Grand Chief Lane in the Bridgeton Castle case as printed in the Grand Chief's report.

This amendment was embodied as the original motion by consent of Representative I. J. Grimshaw, No. 51, and the Grand Castle, and the motion was adopted unanimously.

P. G. C. Potter moved that we now go into installation of officers elect. Carried.

S. V. C. William C. Hunter took the chair, appointing as his staff—

- P. G. C. William H. Ruf as Past Supreme Chief.
- P. G. C. James E. Highley as Supreme Vice-Chief.
- P. G. C. H. J. Parks as Supreme High Priest.
- P. S. C. J. D. Barnes as Supreme Master of Records.
- P. G. C. Walter A. Barrows as Supreme Keeper of Exchequer.
- P. G. C. F. Wayland Potter as Supreme Sir Herald.
- P. C. E. H. Ginnelley, No. 7, as Supreme First Guardsman.
- P. C. George P. Sutton, No. 9, as Supreme Second Guardsman.

The officers installed were—

Past Grand Chief—Charles E. Lane.
 Grand Chief—James E. Russell.
 Grand Vice-Chief—Jacob S. Kent.
 Grand High Priest—Dr. J. B. Wainright.
 Grand Keeper of Exchequer—J. Harris Cogill.
 Grand Master of Records—A. L. Clark.
 Grand Second Guardsman—S. Robert White.

The Supreme Sir Herald made suitable proclamation.

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

P. G. C. H. J. Parks nominated P. G. C. Charles E. Lane.

P. G. C. Lane declined the nomination with thanks for the honor.

P. G. C. Parks thereupon nominated P. G. C. F. Wayland Potter.

S. V. C. William C. Hunter nominated P. G. C. Robert M. Foust.

The Grand Chief appointed P. G. C. E. D. Senseman and Representative I. M. Hoey, No. 70, as tellers.

Vote announced, 69.

P. G. C. Robert M. Foust received	. . .	46 votes
P. G. C. F. Wayland Potter	“ . . .	23 “

P. G. C. Robert M. Foust having received a majority of the votes cast was declared elected Grand Representative,

The tellers were discharged with thanks.

Acting Supreme Chief Hunter deputized P. G. C. William H. Ruf to install the Grand Sir Herald and Grand First Guardsman elect as soon as convenient.

S. V. C. William C. Hunter moved that a Past Grand Chief badge and jewel be procured by this Grand Castle and presented to P. G. C. A. L. Clark at a suitable meeting in recognition of his services. So ordered.

S. V. C. Hunter moved that a vote of thanks be extended to the local reception committee, members of To-Kalon Castle, No. 72, newspapers and citizens of Long Branch for the manifest courtesy shown by their entertainment of this Grand Castle. So ordered.

P. G. C. Charles E. Lane moved that an order be drawn for \$2.00 in favor of the janitor of this hall. Agreed to.

Representative Alex. C. James No. 14, offered the following resolution :

Whereas, at the annual session of the Grand Castle of 1896, held in Atlantic City, an amendment was offered to the Grand Castle Constitution, providing for the election of Grand Officers in the Subordinate Castles ;

And Whereas, the amendment was laid on the table at the session of 1897, and adjournment was made before action was taken.

Therefore Resolved, That the amendment be taken up at this session for final action.

P. C. ALEX. C. JAMES, *Representative No. 14.*

P. G. C. Potter moved that it be postponed indefinitely. Agreed to—45 voting in the affirmative ; 13 in the negative.

The following amendment to Article IX, Section 2 of Grand Castle Constitution was presented and laid over for one year under the rules.

September 5th, 1898.

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

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS :—We, the undersigned Castles and Past Chiefs, offer the following as an amendment to Article IX, Section 2, Grand Castle Constitution :

Strike out the entire section and insert—

The Grand Castle officers shall be elected upon the last meeting night in June of each year—said election to be held in the Subordinate Castles,

and only Past Chiefs in good standing shall be allowed to vote. The Master of Records shall immediately forward to the Grand Master of Records, upon an election sheet provided by the Grand Castle, a correct report of said election, which shall not be opened until the annual session of the Grand Castle, when the election returns shall be referred to a committee of three, said committee to be appointed by the Grand Chief immediately after the opening of the Grand Castle; said committee to receive no compensation for their services.

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

W. R. CHEW, *N. C.*,
JOHN L. VEHE, *M. of R.*,
Cross and Crown Castle, No. 25.

WILBERT P. JONES, *N. C.*,
F. S. DAY, *M. of R.*,
Palmyra Castle, No. 22.

GEO. W. EDINGER, *N. C. pro tem*
WM. A. VINCELETTE, *M of R.*
WM. T. CAMERON, *Rep.*,
WM. POWELL, *P. C.*,
HOWARD FIRTH, *P. C.*,
Cyrene Castle, No. 8

JOS. S. ERNST, *N. C.*,
JOS. W. JACKSON, *M. of R.*,
Washington Castle, No. 3.

T. M. BIRCHMEIER, *P. C.*, No. 10.
R. C. TURNER, *P. C.*, No. 39.
I. M. HOEY, *P. C.*, No. 70.
WALTON H. CHEW, *P. C.*, No. 31.
J. PARK ANDREWS, *P. C.*, No. 31.
HENRY OPEL, *P. C.*, No. 5.
CLARENCE REINFRIED, *P. C.*, No. 5.
FRANK A. VEHE, *P. C.*, No. 25.
F. A. BUREN, *P. G. C.*, No. 25.
A. M. WHILT, *P. C.*, No. 29.

P. G. C. H. J. Parks then, on behalf of the Grand Castle, presented a handsome Past Grand Chief badge and jewel to retiring Grand Chief Charles E. Lane, which was received by the latter in a feeling manner,

G. K. of E. Cogill moved that an order be drawn in his favor for \$150.00, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of this session. So ordered.

P. G. C. W. A. Barrows 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 amendment to Subordinate Constitution offered at the last regular session was read. After explanation by G. M. of R. Clark. it was adopted.

The Grand Chief announced that his appointments of committees, District Grand Chiefs and Grand Instructors would be made later and duly published. [The same will be found on third page of cover.]

G. M. of R. Clark moved that the Grand Chief's appointments of committees, etc., when made, be considered approved. Agreed to.

No further business appearing, the Grand Castle, at 2.45 P. M., closed to meet at Camden, September 4th, 1899 (Labor Day) at 11 o'clock A. M.

Attest :



A. S. Clark

Grand Master of Records.

[The Grand Master of Records desires herewith to express his appreciation and thanks for the kind assistance rendered him during the session by G. K. of E. Cogill and P. S. C. Barnes, of Pennsylvania.]

INSTALLATION.

On September 19th, 1898, Grand Sir Herald elect Arthur H. Hope, No. 47, was duly installed as such in the hall of Corinthian Castle, No. 47, at Asbury Park, by P. G. C. William H. Ruf, assisted by P. S. C. Ernst Koch, of Connecticut, and G. H. P. Dr. J. B. Wainright.

PRESENTATION.

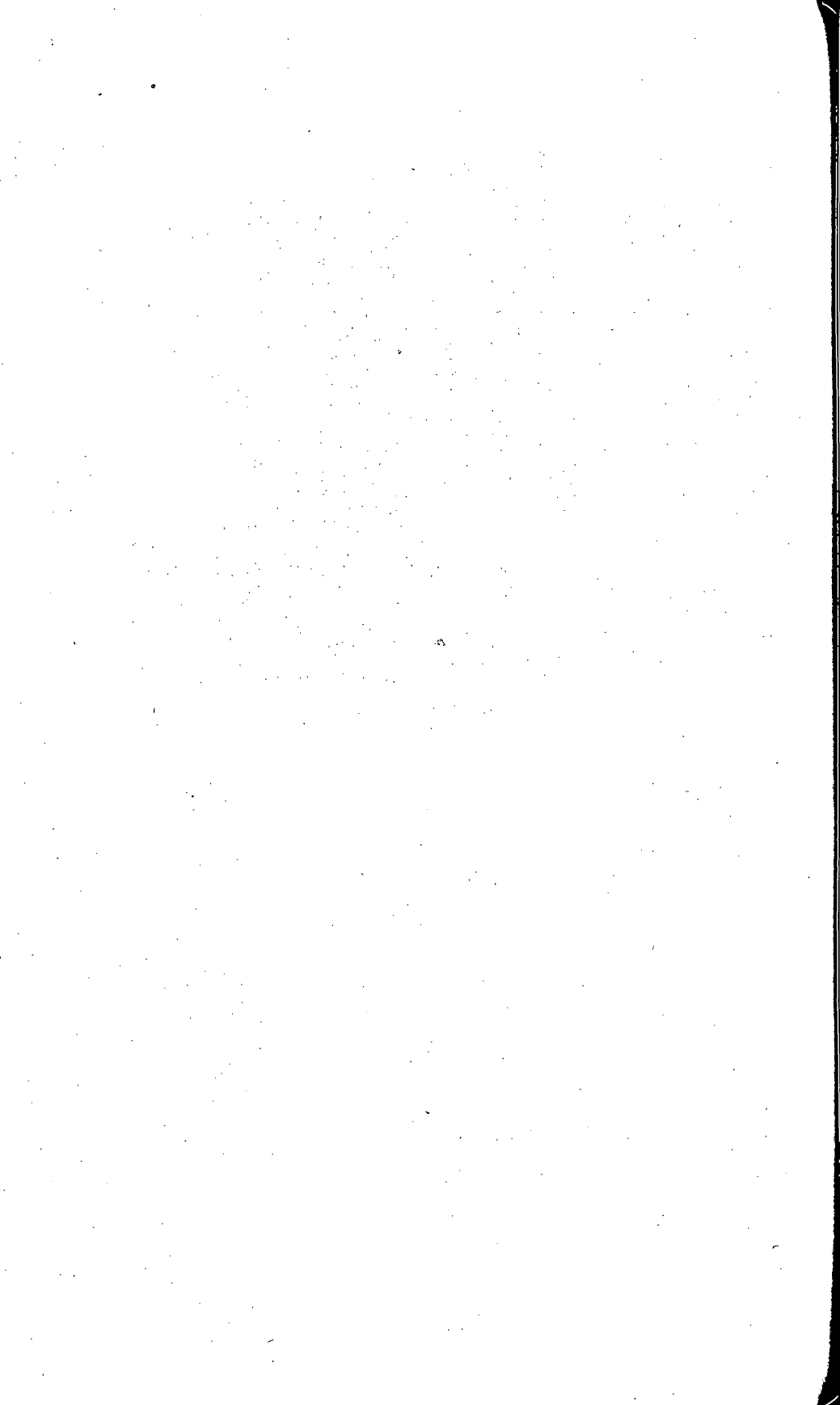
On September 22d, 1898, P. G. C. A. L. Clark was presented with a Past Grand Chief's badge and jewel by P. G. C. William H. Ruf, on behalf of the Grand Castle of New Jersey, the presentation taking place in the hall of Mercer Castle, No. 23, of Trenton.

Roster of Members in Attendance.

NAME.	RANK.	CASTLE.
Sidney J. Hall	Representative	Millville, No. 2.
William M. Fisk	Representative	Washington, No. 3.
Frank C. Luallen	Representative	Red Cross, No. 6.
R. M. Coffman	Representative	Monarch, No. 9.
T. M. Birchmeier	Representative	Puritan, No. 10.
Howard Stephens	Representative	Ocean, No. 11.
J. M. Chamberlain	Representative	Warren, No. 12.
Alex. C. James	Representative	Crusaders', No. 14.
William M. Carter	Representative	Woodbury, No. 15.
W. H. Currie	Representative	Herald, No. 17.
William N. Spotts	Representative	Florence, No. 18.
Z. H. Eby	Representative	Newark, No. 19.
Edw. M. Smith	Representative	Burlington, No. 21.
James H. Keil	Representative	Palmyra, No. 22.
Nathan M. Letts	Representative	Stafford, No. 26.
Henry W. Fronley	Representative	Capital, No. 28.
A. M. Whilt	Representative	Merchantville, No. 29.
J. S. Nicholson	Representative	Lincoln, No. 31.
George Van Billiard	Representative	Califon, No. 32.
Moses Hill	Representative	Franklin, No. 33.
James W. Van Houten	Representative	Clyde, No. 34.
Eugene Danley	Representative	Wrightstown, No. 35.
W. R. Stone	Representative	Cœur de Lion, No. 36.
John A. F. Bydick	Representative	Jersey City, No. 37.
William Sproat	Representative	Mount Everest, No. 38.
R. C. Turner	Representative	Clayton, No. 39.
John H. Holcombe	Representative	Flemington, No. 41.
Thomas B. Seals	Representative	Annandale, No. 43.
H. W. Breder	Representative	Antioch, No. 44.
E. N. Hubbard	Representative	Vineland, No. 46.
A. C. Somerville	Representative	Sterling, No. 50.
I. J. Grimshaw	Representative	Monmouth, No. 51.
Thomas Connolly	Representative	Columbia, No. 54.
W. B. Goodenough	Representative	Windsor, No. 59.
W. E. Keates	Representative	Bayside, No. 60.
E. H. Norbury	Representative	Excelsior, No. 61.
Isaac B. Johnson	Representative	Progressive, No. 62.
Charles A. Hansell	Representative	Silver Cross, No. 63.
Gus. W. Roeger	Representative	Passaic, No. 64.
Jos. Fagan	Representative	Cumberland, No. 65.
W. C. Van Horn	Representative	Plumsted, No. 66.
John Kregar	Representative	Star of Bethlehem, No. 68.
I. M. Hoey	Representative	Phœnix, No. 70.
J. M. Stoetzel	Representative	New Brunswick, No. 71.
J. W. Seaman	Representative	To-Kalon, No. 72.

Jay Dee Barnes	Past Supreme Chief	Cœur de Lion, No. 24, Pa.
F. Wayland Potter	Past Grand Chief	Washington, No. 3.
Joseph W. Jackson	Past Chief	Washington, No. 3.
Thomas A. Warren	Past Chief	Washington, No. 3.
Walter A. Barrows	Past Grand Chief	New Jersey, No. 4.
Clarence Reinfried	Past Chief	Ivanhoe, No. 5.
Henry N. Opel	Past Chief	Ivanhoe, No. 5.
E. H. Ginnelley	Past Chief	Trenton, No. 7.
R. M. Davis	Past Chief	Trenton, No. 7.
J. Harris Cogill	G. K. of E.	Trenton, No. 7.
Horace J. Parks	Past Grand Chief	Monarch, No. 9.
E. D. Senseman	Past Grand Chief	Monarch, No. 9.
H. W. Senseman	Past Chief	Monarch, No. 9.
George P. Sutton	Past Chief	Monarch, No. 9.
John C. Risley	Past Chief	Ocean, No. 11.
Oliver F. Johnston	Past Chief	Warren, No. 12.
J. P. Marlatt	Past Chief	Warren, No. 12.
C. B. Greenfield	Past Chief	Crusaders', No. 14.
J. E. Highley	Past Grand Chief	Woodbury, No. 15.
William M. Carter	Past Chief	Woodbury, No. 15.
Fred. P. Cook	Past Chief	Leod, No. 20.
John H. Reid	Past Chief	Leod, No. 20.
Freeman T. Smith	Past Chief	Leod, No. 20.
William J. Cook	Past Chief	Leod, No. 20.
Daniel Culver	Past Chief	Leod, No. 20.
Dr. F. Whitaker	Past Chief	Leod, No. 20.
Edward M. Smith	Past Chief	Burlington, No. 21.
James Shaw	Past Chief	Burlington, No. 21.
James E. Russell	G. V. C.	Palmyra, No. 22.
John M. McLaughlin	Past Chief	Palmyra, No. 22.
M. W. Wisham	Past Chief	Palmyra, No. 22.
W. G. Frank	Past Chief	Palmyra, No. 22.
A. H. Troth	Past Chief	Palmyra, No. 22.
A. L. Clark	Past Grand Chief	Mercer, No. 23.
Thomas Farrell	Past Chief	Mercer, No. 23.
Charle T. Vansant	Past Chief	Mercer, No. 23.
William Dalrymple	Past Chief	Mercer, No. 23.
F. W. Lemier	Past Chief	Mercer, No. 23.
F. A. Buren	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.
George Scheele	Past Chief	Capital, No. 28.
Elmer E. Harle	Past Chief	Capital, No. 28.
David G. Dennis	Past Chief	Capital, No. 28.
A. O. Bloom	Grand Trustee	Capital, No. 28.
Walton H. Chew	Past Chief	Lincoln, No. 31.
J. Park Andrews	Past Chief	Lincoln, No. 31.
J. B. Wainright, M. D.	G. H. P.	Clyde, No. 34.
R. M. Marks	Past Chief	Clyde, No. 34.
F. B. Woolly	Past Chief	Clyde, No. 34.
William H. Ruf	S. V. C.	Clyde, No. 34.
Harry R. Davis	Past Chief	Wrightstown, No. 35.
W. C. Hunter	Past Grand Chief	Cœur de Lion, No. 36.
C. K. Mayer	Past Chief	Cœur de Lion, No. 36.
George Tiplady	Past Chief	Jersey City, No. 37.
Joseph Lodge	Past Chief	Prospect, No. 40.
L. M. Reeves	Past Chief	Corinthian, No. 47.
William Van Liew	Past Chief	Corinthian, No. 47.
Irvin S. Hutchinson	Past Chief	Corinthian, No. 47.
J. S. Clayton	Past Chief	Corinthian, No. 47.
H. Bert Alexander	Past Chief	Corinthian, No. 47.
Walter A. King	Past Chief	Corinthian, No. 47.
Arthur H. Hope	Past Chief	Corinthian, No. 47.

Henry I. Bresnahan	Past Chief	Corinthian, No. 47.
Tobias Grace	Past Chief	Sterling, No. 50.
Walter Watts	Past Chief	Sterling, No. 50.
D. H. Prest	Past Chief	Monmouth, No. 51.
John H. Story	Past Chief	Monmouth, No. 51.
John H. Duncan	Past Chief	Monmouth, No. 51.
John W. Hess	Past Chief	Monmouth, No. 51.
William L. Campbell	Past Chief	Columbia, No. 54.
Austin May	Past Chief	Columbia, No. 54.
James H. Bowles	Past Chief	Columbia, No. 54.
James Wilson	Past Chief	Columbia, No. 54.
James Mackey	Past Chief	Columbia, No. 54.
S. Horten	Past Chief	Windsor, No. 59.
H. Wainright	Past Chief	Windsor, No. 59.
Winfield R. Fox	Past Chief	Bayside, No. 60.
J. L. S. Braddock	Past Chief	Bayside, No. 60.
John C. Pierce	G. F. G.	Progressive, No. 62.
George E. Bailey	Past Chief	Passaic, No. 64.
J. J. Kinney	Past Chief	Passaic, No. 64.
Dr. G. W. Chamberlain	Past Chief	Plumsted, No. 66.
Albert R. Reeves	Past Chief	New Brunswick, No. 71.
James A. Drake	Past Chief	New Brunswick, No. 71.
Granville Moore	Past Chief	New Brunswick, No. 71.
Rudolf G. Janzen	Past Chief	New Brunswick, No. 71.
Fred. W. Bitzer	Past Chief	New Brunswick, No. 71.
Thomas DePew	Past Chief	New Brunswick, No. 71.
George R. Elkins	Past Chief	New Brunswick, No. 71.
Ellwood Venable	Past Chief	To-Kalon, No. 72.
N. S. Olmstead	Past Chief	To-Kalon, No. 72.
S. Robert White	Past Chief	To-Kalon, No. 72.
H. P. Bennett	Past Chief	To-Kalon, No. 72.



SPECIAL SESSIONS.

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

CAMDEN, N. J., November 18th, 1897.

The GRAND CASTLE OF NEW JERSEY, KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE convened in special session in the New Jersey Trust and Safe Deposit Company Building, Third and Market Streets, fourth floor, at 7.45 o'clock P.M. of above date.

The Grand Officers present were:

Grand Chief—Charles E. Lane.
Grand Vice-Chief—James E. Russell,
Grand High Priest—Dr. J. B. Wainright.
Grand Master of Records—A. L. Clark.
Grand Sir Herald—Jacob S. Kent.
Grand First Guardsman—John C. Pierce.
Grand Second Guardsman—John C. Risley.
Trustee—James E. Highley.

The credentials of Samuel E. Wall, No. 9, Charles W. Meyer, No. 25 and Albert S. Campbell, No. 70, were examined and found correct, after which they were duly obligated and instructed in the Past Chief's Degree.

The following Castles were represented: Nos. 3, 7, 9, 11, 15, 22, 23, 25, 26, 28, 29, 34, 47, 50, 61, 65, 66 and 70.

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

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR No. 3.

OFFICE OF THE
GRAND CASTLE OF NEW JERSEY, KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE,
ROOM 5, RIBSAM BUILDING, TRENTON, N. J., NOV. 10, 1897.

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

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS :—Having received the following official communication from the Supreme Master of Records, I take pleasure in presenting the same for your consideration :

ACTION OF THE SUPREME CASTLE IN RELATION TO THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A FUNERAL BENEFIT FUND, AS PRAYED FOR IN MEMORIAL
FROM THE JURISDICTION OF NEW JERSEY.

“ *Resolved*, That any Grand Jurisdiction desiring to establish a Funeral Benefit Fund, is hereby authorized to do so, providing the amount paid beneficiaries shall not exceed three hundred dollars: *And provided further*, that before the promulgation of the same in the respective jurisdictions, that all plans, regulations and laws shall first be submitted to and approved by the Committee on Law and the Supreme Chief or the Supreme Castle.”

Having the knowledge that many Castles in our State favor the establishment of such a fund, but, owing to the apparent illegality of former attempts, have refrained from uniting therein, they now possess, by the above action, the requisite legal right to formulate and operate the same.

Therefore, in the exercise of the power and authority in him vested by the Constitution of the Grand Castle, the Grand Chief of the Grand Castle of New Jersey, Knights of the Golden Eagle, hereby calls a special session of the Grand Castle, to convene in the New Jersey Trust and Safe Deposit Company Building, Third and Market, fourth floor, Camden, N. J., on Thursday, the 18th day of November, 1897, at 2.30 o'clock P.M. sharp.

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

1. The matter of establishing a State Funeral Benefit Fund under the care and control of the Grand Castle, and the adoption of laws and rules for such Fund, if the matter of establishing a State Fund shall be approved.
2. Conferring the Past Chief's Degree.

As there will be no business for the consideration of the standing committees at this session, it is suggested that the members of these committees attend as individuals only, in order that the expenses of the session be as light as possible.

In Witness Whereof, the Grand Chief has hereunto set his hand and caused the seal of the Grand Castle to be affixed this 8th day of November, 1897.

CHARLES E. LANE, *Grand Chief*.

Attest :

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

P. G. C. Highley moved the adoption of the following resolution :

“That it is the sense of this Grand Castle that we organize a Funeral Benefit Fund in the State of New Jersey, to be known as the ‘K. G. E. FUNERAL BENEFIT FUND OF NEW JERSEY.’”

The same was agreed to.

G. V. C. Russell moved that a committee of five be appointed to draft laws for the government of a Funeral Benefit Fund, which was adopted.

The Grand Chief appointed P. C. Dr. G. W. Chamberlain, P. G. C. Walter A. Barrows, P. C. George P. Sutton, P. G. C. A. L. Clark, P. G. C. J. C. F. Trachsel.*

G. V. C. Russell moved that when this committee is ready to report they do so to the Grand Chief, and the Grand Master of Records be authorized to have enough copies of the rules, etc. printed to send a copy to each Master of Records in the State, after which the Grand Chief will call another special session of this Grand Castle, at his discretion, to act upon the same. This motion was adopted.

P. G. C. Highley moved to adjourn. So ordered.

At 4 P.M. the special session closed in due form.

Attest :

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

[SEAL.]

* Subsequently resigned.

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

CAMDEN, N. J., February 24th, 1898.

The GRAND CASTLE OF NEW JERSEY, KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE convened in special session in the New Jersey Trust and Safe Deposit Company Building, Third and Market Streets, fourth floor, at 2.45 o'clock P. M. of above date.

The Grand Officers present were :

Past Grand Chief—William H. Ruf.

Grand Chief—Charles E. Lane.

Grand Vice-Chief—James E. Russell.

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

Grand Master of Records—A. L. Clark.

Grand Sir Herald—Jacob S. Kent.

Grand First Guardsman—John C. Pierce.

The Grand Castle was opened in proper form.

The credentials of George W. Edinger, No. 8 ; William H. Green, No. 25 ; Frank C. Lewallen, No. 6 ; W. E. T. Keates, No. 60 ; George D. Carr, No. 1, and R. C. Morgan, No. 1, were examined and found correct, after which they were duly obligated and instructed in the Past Chief's Degree.

The following Castles were represented : Nos. 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 13, 23, 25, 29, 34, 35, 54, 60, 62 and 66.

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

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR, No. 4.

HEADQUARTERS

GRAND CASTLE OF NEW JERSEY, KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE,
ROOM 5, RIBSAM BUILDING, N. E. COR. BROAD AND FRONT STS.,

TRENTON, N. J., February 15th, 1898.

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

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS:

In accordance with the desire of the Grand Castle, as expressed in the motion adopted at the late special session, held November 18th, 1897, I, Charles E. Lane, Grand Chief of the Grand Castle of New Jersey, Knights of the Golden Eagle, in the exercise of the power and authority in me vested by the Constitution of the Grand Castle, hereby call a special session of the Grand Castle, to convene in the New Jersey Trust and Safe Deposit Building, Third and Market, Fourth Floor, Camden, N. J., on THURSDAY, the 24th day of FEBRUARY, 1898, at 2.30 o'clock P. M. sharp.

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

1. Hearing the report of the Special Committee on Laws for the Government of the Funeral Benefit Fund, and action thereon.
2. Conferring the Past Chief's Degree.

As there will be no business for the consideration of the standing committees at this session, it is suggested that the members of these committees attend as individuals only, in order that the expenses of the session be as light as possible.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Grand Castle to be affixed this 15th day of February, 1898.

CHARLES E. LANE, *Grand Chief.*

Attest:

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

The report of the special committee on Laws for the Government of the Funeral Benefit Fund was then read. Upon reaching the preamble, G. V. C. Russell, No. 22, moved that the further reading of the report be dispensed with, and same be taken up for action *seriatim*. Agreed to.

After careful consideration of each section (changes being made in Section 21) G. V. C. Russell moved the adoption of same as a whole. Agreed to.

P. G. C. Barrows moved to reconsider, which was carried.

Section 4 was amended so as to conform to memorial of the Grand Castle sent to the Supreme Castle, after which the rules were adopted as a whole on motion of P. C. Sutton, No. 9. (See appendix.)

G. C. Lane appointed P. G. C. Ruf, No. 34, to fill vacancy caused by resignation of J. Frank Cobb, No. 47.

The G. M. of R. was instructed to send copy of the rules to Supreme Chief for approval.

No further business appearing, at 5.15 P. M. the special session closed in due form.

Attest :

[SEAL.]

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

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

CAMDEN, N. J., April 20th, 1898.

THE GRAND CASTLE OF NEW JERSEY, KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE convened in special session in the hall of Monarch Castle, No. 9, K. G. E., Southeast Corner Fourth and Market Streets, Camden, N. J., the 1 floor (entrance on Fourth Street) at 9 o'clock P. M. of above date.

[EXPLANATION.—The session was called for 7 P. M. Prior to that hour, about twenty Past Chiefs of Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, which had been suspended by the Grand Chief, entered the Castle room of Monarch Castle, No. 9, and were the first occupants of the same. As it was impossible to open with said members present, owing to the suspension of the Castle, a consultation of the Grand Castle Officers was held. Having learned that the Past Chiefs of No. 13 (suspended) intended to remain, Grand Chief Charles E. Lane subsequently stated that he was about to call the Grand Castle to order in special session, and that as Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, had been suspended, their members could not remain, and he requested them to retire. None of them did so, and the Grand Chief and others left the room for another adjoining and connecting apartment where the session was held, instructions being given by the Grand Chief to the Grand Second Guardsman, *pro tem.*, John C. Pierce, to refuse admission to any member of No. 13 (suspended) as the proclamation of suspension rendered them ineligible to participate as members of the Knights of the Golden Eagle.]

The Grand Officers present were :

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

The Grand Castle was opened in proper form.

The Grand Chief appointed P. C. Joseph W. Jackson, No. 3, P. C. Thomas A. Warren, No. 3, and P. C. R. R. West, No. 70, to act as Committee on Credentials in the absence of the regular committee.

The following Castles were represented : Nos. 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 15, 17, 18, 22, 23, 25, 29, 34, 36, 51, 62 and 70.

The names of those present, in addition to the Grand Castle officers mentioned and the Past Chiefs admitted (as stated elsewhere), were as follows :

Fred Simon, No. 3.
 J. P. R. Carney, No. 3,
 F. Wayland Potter, P. G. C., No. 3,
 Henry Bennett, No. 3,
 Thomas A. Warren, No. 3,
 Joseph W. Jackson, No. 3,
 Thomas A. Ziegler, No. 3,
 George J. Robertson, P. G. C., No. 4,
 Rep.,
 Frank C. Lewallen, No. 6, Rep.,
 William A. Vincelle, No. 8,
 Benjamin W. Myers, No. 8,
 G. W. Edinger, No. 8,
 E. D. Senseman, P. G. C., No. 9,
 Theodore Austermuhl, No. 9,
 W. Bucknell, No. 9,
 R. M. Coffman, No. 9, Rep.,
 William L. Skinner, No. 9,
 William H. Bergantz, No. 9,
 Samuel E. Wall, No. 9,
 William J. Ross, No. 9,
 P. K. Eldridge, No. 9,
 William B. M. Burrell, No. 9,
 E. W. Crowell, No. 11,

Howard Stephens, No. 11, Rep.,
 William S. Hewitt, No. 11,
 W. H. Currie, No. 17, Rep.,
 Peter Spotts, No. 18,
 W. N. Spotts, No. 18, Rep.,
 Elmer E. Page, No. 18,
 W. A. Worrell, No. 18,
 William G. Frank, No. 22,
 James H. Keil, No. 22, Rep.,
 Lorenzo Anderson, No. 22,
 William B. Powell, No. 22,
 James Forrester, No. 22,
 T. A. Lloyd, No. 22,
 William G. Ziegler, No. 23, Rep.,
 F. A. Buren, P. G. C., No. 25,
 John L. Vehe, D. G. C., No. 25,
 W. H. Green, No. 25, Rep.,
 E. T. Johnson, No. 29,
 A. M. Whilt, No. 29, Rep.,
 F. B. Wooley, No. 34, Rep.,
 William C. Hunter, S. V. C., No. 36,
 I. J. Grimshaw, No. 51, Rep.,
 George C. Mead, No. 62, Rep.,
 Richard R. West, No. 70.

Visitors present were—S. M. of R. A. C. Lyttle, of Pa.; P. S. C. J. D. Barnes, of Pa., P. G. C. H. P. Reinecke, of Pa.; P. G. C. A. R. Tomlinson, of Pa. and P. C. E. C. Absalom, of Pa.

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

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR NO. 7.

HEADQUARTERS

GRAND CASTLE OF NEW JERSEY, KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE,
ROOM 5, RIBSAM BUILDING, N. E. COR. BROAD AND FRONT STS.,

TRENTON, N. J., April 9th, 1898.

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

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS :

In the exercise of the power and authority in him vested by the Constitution of the Grand Castle, the Grand Chief of the Grand Castle of New Jersey, Knights of the Golden Eagle, hereby calls a Special Session of the Grand Castle to convene in the hall of Monarch Castle, No. 9, K. G. E., Southeast Corner Fourth and Market Streets, Camden, N. J., third floor (entrance on Fourth Street), WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20th, 1898, at 7 o'clock P. M. sharp.

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

1. Conferring the Past Chief's Degree.
2. To act upon the appeal of Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, from the action of the Grand Chief in suspending said Castle.
3. To act upon action of the Grand Chief in suspending Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, by proclamation dated February 24th, 1898.
4. To act upon charges preferred against Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, by the Grand Chief, Charles E. Lane, under date of February 24th, 1898.
5. To act upon charges preferred by Grand Chief Lane against the Noble Chief, W. B. Groff, Master of Records, William A. Robinson, Clerk of Exchequer W. B. Stiles and others of Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, K. G. E., who, in defiance of the mandate of February 24th (at which date said Castle was suspended), have persisted in holding meetings of said Castle; receiving and paying moneys; sending out due notices to members, and transacting general business of a Castle.
6. To act upon the conduct of any member or members of the Order who have aided or abetted said Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, or members thereof, in violating the law.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Grand Castle to be affixed this 9th day of April, 1898.

CHAS. E. LANE, *Grand Chief*.

[SEAL.]

Attest :

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

N. B.—It is desired that all Past Chiefs in this jurisdiction attend the session.

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

E. C. McDowell, Jr., No. 3,
J. A. H. Sprague, No. 3,
Fred. Simon, No. 3,
J. C. Burov, No. 3,
John A. Nack, No. 4,

Frank P. Nace, No. 9,
Thomas H. Bundick, No. 9,
John P. Kintzell, No. 9,
Leon Timberman, No. 15,
Jacob Bohrer, No. 70.

On motion of Grand Master of Records Clark, the report was received and the Past Chief's Degree conferred upon those named.

Action was then taken on No. 2 of call.

The Grand Master of Records read the mandate of suspension of Bridgeton Castle, as follows :

HEADQUARTERS

GRAND CASTLE OF NEW JERSEY, KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE,
ROOM 5, RIBSAM BUILDING, N. E. COR. BROAD AND FRONT STS.,

TRENTON, N. J., February 24th, 1898.

To the Officers and Members of Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, K. G. E.

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS:—On September 22d, 1896, P. C. WILLIAM T. DUBOIS, of your Castle; was expelled by Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, for conduct unbecoming a Sir Knight in having written a certain letter. P. C. DuBois appealed the case to the Grand Castle of New Jersey, which appeal was sustained by that body on September 7th, 1897. (See Proceedings 1897, pages 356 and 357.) This action therefore reinstated him to his original standing in said Castle.

On September 9th, 1897, you were notified by the Grand Master of Records of the action of the Grand Castle.

An appeal was then taken by you from the action of the Grand Castle to the Supreme Castle. At the session of the latter body the following legislation was adopted prior to action on your appeal. (See page 647, Supreme Castle Proceedings, 1897.)

"P. S. C. Barnes, of Philadelphia, requested a decision on the following, viz. :

"When a Grand Castle, in an appeal case, directs a Castle to reinstate a member, does the said member secure admission to his Castle at once, or is he excluded from the Order, in case an appeal is taken from the action of said Grand Castle to the Supreme Castle, until the final disposition of the case by the latter body."

"Supreme Keeper of Exchequer McCarthy moved that it is the sense of the Supreme Castle that the Castle is required to reinstate at once said party, under direction of the Grand Castle, and the motion was adopted."

In accordance with the above we therefore, on December 25th, 1897, addressed you as follows :

CAMDEN, N. J., December 25th, 1897.

Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, K. G. E.

NOBLE CHIEF AND SIR KNIGHTS :—At a cabinet meeting of the Grand Officers it was decided that you must at once obey the mandate of the Supreme Castle, and reinstate to full membership in Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, William T. DuBois, pending final disposition of his case by the Supreme Castle. Therefore, as Grand Chief, I call upon you to reinstate William T. DuBois to full membership at the session of Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, to be held on Tuesday evening, 28th inst.

Fraternally yours in Fidelity, Valor and Honor,

CHARLES E. LANE, *Grand Chief.*

Attest :

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

Having heard that you had not complied with said notice, on February 7th we sent you the following letter of warning, dated January 29th, 1898 :

To the Noble Chief, Officers and Members of Bridgeton Castle, Knights of the Golden Eagle.

DEAR BROTHERS :—At the annual meeting of the Grand Castle, K. G. E. of New Jersey, held at Trenton (Jersey City) in September last past, the appeal of Brother DuBois was sustained, and it was ordered that he go without further prosecution for the offence named. You have been regularly and legally notified by the proper authority to reinstate Brother DuBois, and have refused to do so. You are hereby notified to reinstate Brother DuBois at once, and a refusal or neglect so to do is improper conduct, and neglecting and refusing to conform to the Constitution, laws and enactment of the Grand Castle, and subjects you to suspension or dissolution and a forfeiture of your charter, and the reversion of the moneys and property of your Castle to the Grand or Supreme Castle. So please take kindly warning, obey the above mandate and avoid the consequences of a forfeiture of charter, etc.

Dated January 29th, 1898.

On February 22d, while in attendance at the regular session of Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, we asked the question of the Noble Chief, "Has Past Chief

William T. DuBois been reinstated to membership?"—to which he replied, "No!" and while on the floor a motion to adjourn (though illegal) was made and adopted, thus grossly insulting the Grand Chief.

In view of the fact that Bridgeton Castle has not obeyed the mandates of the Supreme Castle, as well as those of the Grand Castle and Grand Chief, thus persistently and flagrantly violating the laws,

Therefore we, CHARLES E. LANE, Grand Chief of the Grand Castle of New Jersey, Knights of the Golden Eagle, by the authority in us vested, do hereby and herewith suspend Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, of New Jersey, Knights of the Golden Eagle from all rights, titles, benefits and privileges of said Order, and the Clerk of Exchequer, Keeper of Exchequer, Trustees and all members are hereby warned that they will be held individually and severally accountable for all moneys, securities and property of said Bridgeton Castle now in their possession or charge. All members of said Castle are hereby forbidden, under penalty of the law, of holding a session of said Castle or visiting any Castle.

The above action of the Grand Chief was unanimously approved by the Board of Grand Castle officers in session.

Given under my hand and seal of Grand Castle this 24th day of February 1898.

[SEAL.]

Attest :

CHARLES E. LANE, *Grand Chief.*

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

Several members of Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, with their counsel, being in the adjoining room, the Grand Chief delegated P. G. C. Potter, No. 3, to read the following notice to them :

GENTLEMEN:—The Grand Castle of New Jersey is now holding a special session, in conformity with the call of the Grand Chief, dated April 9th, 1898. Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, which was suspended, is entitled to have counsel present, providing he is not a member of No. 13. You are accordingly notified.

P. G. C. Potter reported that he had attended to this duty and the following remark was made in reply: "Brother Barrows, you are lucky. That does not concern us."

The appeal of Bridgeton Castle was then read, as follows :

HALL OF BRIDGETON CASTLE, No. 13, K. G. E.,
BRIDGETON, March 1st, 1898.

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

THE APPEAL OF BRIDGETON CASTLE, No. 13, FROM THE ORDER OF GRAND CHIEF CHARLES E. LANE, BEARING DATE FEBRUARY 24TH, 1898.

At a stated meeting of said Castle, held March 1st, 1898, a communication purporting to be signed by Grand Chief Charles E. Lane and attested by the

Grand Master of Records and seal of the Grand Lodge, was read in open Castle, which paper, after reciting what purports to be a statement of certain facts and assertions of the said Grand Chief, closes with the following order :

“Therefore we, CHARLES E. LANE, Grand Chief of the Grand Castle of New Jersey, Knights of the Golden Eagle, by the authority in us vested, do hereby and herewith suspend Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, of New Jersey, Knights of the Golden Eagle, from all rights, titles, benefits and privileges of said Order, and the Clerk of Exchequer, Keeper of Exchequer, Trustees and all members are hereby warned that they will be held individually and severally accountable for all moneys, securities and property of said Bridgeton Castle now in their possession or charge. All members of said Castle are hereby forbidden, under penalty of the law, of holding a session of said Castle or visiting any Castle.”

Bridgeton Castle hereby appeals from the above-mentioned order made by the Grand Chief, and presents the following reasons for its appeal :

The Grand Chief, on January 29, 1898, issued an order directing Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, to reinstate W. T. Dubois at once.”

This order was received by the Castle February 8, 1898, and thereupon said Castle appealed from said order of the Grand Chief to the Grand Castle of New Jersey. Its reasons for appeal were duly appended, and said appeal is now pending and undetermined.

The present order bearing date February 24th, 1898, and received by the Castle on March 1, 1898, is now appealed from, because—

1. There exists no valid justifying cause for the making of such order. The Castle has violated no law of the society.
2. There is no power or authority vested in the Grand Chief by the Constitutions and laws of the society whereby he may suspend a Castle from its rights, benefits and privileges in said society.

This power to suspend is exclusively reserved to be exercised by the Grand Castle only. (See Article I, Section 2, Grand Castle Constitution.)

Article XV, Section 1, Grand Castle Constitution, provides the method for disciplining a Castle, and where one method is expressly pointed out, all other methods are, by necessary implication, excluded.

3. This appellant expressly denies that it grossly insulted the Grand Chief during his visit to the Castle on the evening of February 22d, 1898, and in correction of the assertions made by the Grand Chief in his printed communication containing the order now appealed from, wherein he says,

“On February 22d, while in attendance at the regular session of Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, we asked the question of the Noble Chief, ‘Has Past Chief William T. DuBois been reinstated to membership?’ to which he replied, ‘No!’ and while still on the floor a motion to adjourn (though illegal) was made and adopted, thus grossly insulting the Grand Chief.”

Appellant sets forth what actually occurred at said time, viz. :

The Grand Chief was present at the session of No. 13 held on February

22d, 1898, P. C. Tyler, a member of No. 13, went to the Grand Chief in the early part of the session and asked him if he had any official business. His answer was, "I am paying an official visit, but do not call on me—just let things take the usual course." When in the orderly course, "Good of the Order" was reached, Grand Chief Lane arose and stated substantially that he was surprised at No. 13 making an appeal to the Grand Castle on account of his letter to the Castle dated January 29th, 1898. That the letter was not an order. He further stated that the Grand Castle office had received a visit from the counsel of the Castle, who had there stated that DuBois was still a member of No. 13, and then the Grand Chief asked the Noble Chief if DuBois was a member of No. 13. By direction of the Noble Chief the Clerk of Exchequer, from his account book, read, showing the expulsion of DuBois. The Grand Chief then asked if DuBois had ever been reinstated. The Noble Chief answered, "I think not." The Grand Chief said, "I don't want to know what you think. I want an answer, and, remember, you are answering for the Castle." The Noble Chief answered that DuBois had not been reinstated. The Grand Chief then took his seat.

P. C. Tyler, after making a few remarks, asked the Grand Chief if he had anything else to offer. The Grand Chief replied in the negative.

P. C. Tyler thereupon moved that we now adjourn. The motion was seconded. Thereupon Past Supreme Chief Jay Dee Barnes, of the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, who was present with the Grand Chief, rose to make a point of order, and immediately Brother Tyler raised the point of order that no one but a member of the Castle could interpose a point of Order in Castle proceedings. The Noble Chief ruled the point of order of Brother Tyler well taken, and stated the motion was to adjourn.

The Grand Chief then rose and excitedly stated, "If you close now I will suspend the Castle." This threat was repeated. The motion to adjourn was carried, and the Castle was closed.

It is to be distinctly understood that no motion to adjourn was made while the Grand Chief was on his feet. He had closed his remarks and had taken his seat, and Brother Tyler had asked him if he had anything further to offer, and he had replied he had nothing further to offer, before the motion to adjourn was made.

The allegations made in the paper of February 24th, 1898, by the Grand Chief, grossly misrepresent the occurrences, which are now and herein correctly stated.

TO RECAPITULATE: This appellant Castle, in due form of law, expelled an offending member. He appealed to Grand Castle, which found that errors had been made in the trial, and directed that accused go free of further prosecution for the offense named.

This Castle appealed to the Supreme Castle, and that appeal is now pending and undetermined.

Subsequent to our appeal to Supreme Castle, Brother Barnes arose in Supreme Castle, at its session held in Trenton, New Jersey, and asked a question

—no doubt intended to seek in some way to have the Supreme Castle determine, in a general way, and without reference to any particular case, what was the status of a member in certain circumstances. Brother McCarthy moved that a certain reply be given to Brother Barnes' question. The motion was carried.

The appeal of this Castle was not before the Supreme Castle at Trenton. By the orderly course of things it could not come before the Supreme Castle at its stated session in 1897.

Whether the asking and answering of a question as stated can or cannot establish what is a law or rule of action to be observed among Knights of the Golden Eagle, need not be now admitted or denied by this appellant. The action then and there had was no mandate or order of the Supreme Castle upon our appeal.

It was made after our appeal had been regularly taken, and before said appeal could, in the orderly course of things, be acted upon by the Supreme Castle.

The Supreme Castle has no original jurisdiction over matters pertaining to the Order in New Jersey Jurisdiction, and its only way of getting jurisdiction over matters in the Grand Castle Jurisdiction of New Jersey is by appeal.

Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, K. G. E., respectfully tenders this appeal to the only body in the State which has power to suspend a Castle of the Order situate in New Jersey, and asks that an opportunity be afforded to it to show that it is not guilty of violating any law of the Order, or any mandate of the Supreme or Grand Castle.

Appellant tenders itself ready to meet any charge of any nature, and it will show that it is and always has been a truly loyal and consistent body, and willing at all times to submit to lawful authority.

It is contrary to the tenets of our society, and to the laws of the land and recognized American principles, that any one should be condemned and executed without an opportunity for defence.

Respectfully submitted by vote of Bridgeton Castle on March 1st, 1898.

WILLIAM B. GROFF, *Noble Chief.*

[SEAL.] Attest :
WILLIAM A. ROBINSON, *M. of R.*

Grand Chief Lane stated that he had retained counsel, also P. G. C. J. D. Barnes as associate counsel, in all matters concerning this case.

P. G. C. F. W. Potter, No. 3, moved that the appeal of Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, from the action of the Grand Chief in suspending said Castle be sustained. He stated that he made the motion to bring the matter before the Grand Castle, but that he was in favor of not sustaining the appeal.

The following extract from a letter of the Supreme Chief to Grand Chief Lane was read:

"The decision on page 647, Proceedings of the Supreme Castle, 1897, will control the actions of all parties to the case as far as it applies: Brother DuBois was reinstated the moment that motion was passed, and Bridgeton Castle has nothing to do except to treat him as any other brother."

Grand Chief Lane made a detailed statement of the entire case at length.

P. G. C. Potter, No. 3, stated that although he had made the motion as recorded, yet he wanted it distinctly understood that he was against insubordination at all times.

The motion to sustain the appeal was lost by a unanimous vote in the negative.

Action was then had upon No. 3 of call.

P. G. C. Senseman, No. 9, moved that the action of the Grand Chief in suspending Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, be sustained.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

Action on No. 4 of call:

The charges preferred against Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, by Grand Chief Lane were then read by the Grand Master of Records, as follows:

CAMDEN, N. J., February 24th, 1898.

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

SIR KNIGHTS AND BROTHERS:—I, CHARLES E. LANE, Grand Chief of the Grand Castle of New Jersey, K. G. E., hereby charge Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, K. G. E. of New Jersey—

1. With improper conduct towards the Grand Chief.
2. For refusing to conform to the legislation of the Grand Castle of New Jersey, and official notice thereof, by the non-reinstatement of P. C. William T. DeBois.
3. For refusing to obey the mandate or letter of warning of the Grand Chief dated January 29th, 1898, and sent February 7th, 1898.
4. For refusing to conform to the enactments of the Supreme Castle and mandate of the Grand Chief by the non-reinstatement of P. C. William T. DuBois, all of which is more fully set forth in the specifications, as follows:

1. On February 22d, 1898, while in attendance at the regular session of Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, and occupying the floor in pursuance of my official duties, a motion to adjourn (though illegal) was made and adopted, thus showing an act of discourtesy to the Grand Chief.

2. The Grand Castle of New Jersey, September 7th, 1897, sustained the appeal of P. C. William T. DuBois. By this action he was immediately reinstated. Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, on September 9th, 1897, was officially notified of said action by Grand Master of Records Clark, but has refused to reinstate P. C. William T. DuBois.

3. The Grand Chief, on February 7th, 1898, sent a mandate or letter of warning, dated January 29th, 1898, directing Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, to reinstate said P. C. William T. DuBois, and in which they were informed that a refusal was improper conduct and would subject the Castle to suspension or dissolution and a forfeiture of charter; but notwithstanding they refused to reinstate said P. C. William T. DuBois.

4. In accordance with an enactment of the Supreme Castle, adopted at its late session (page 647, Proceedings 1897), whereby a Castle is required to reinstate, at once, a brother pending the final disposition of an appeal case by the Supreme Castle, on December 25th, 1897, I ordered Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, to reinstate P. C. William T. DuBois to full membership at their session held on December 28th, 1897, which they did not do, nor have they done so subsequently, therefore refusing to conform to the enactments and mandates as required by the laws and obligations of the Knights of the Golden Eagle.

Signed,

CHARLES E. LANE, *Grand Chief.*

TRENTON, N. J., March 30th, 1898.

To Whom It May Concern.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That the above charges were withheld under a belief that the notice of suspension would cause the members of Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, to realize that their refusal to reinstate William T. DuBois was a violation of law; but having ascertained that the members are holding sessions as a Castle of the K. G. E., using its forms, ceremonies and symbols, receiving and paying moneys, issuing due notices, etc., thereby setting at defiance said notice of suspension, I hereby direct that said charges be recorded.

Signed,

CHARLES E. LANE, *Grand Chief.*

TRENTON, N. J., March 30th, 1898.

To Whom It May Concern.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That the above communications have been received and placed on file in the office of the Grand Castle of New Jersey K. G. E.

Signed,

CHARLES E. LANE, *Grand Chief.*

[SEAL.] Attest:

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

P. C. Joseph W. Jackson, No. 3, moved that the charges of the Grand Chief against No. 13 be sustained.

G. M. of R. Clark moved to amend by striking out the word "sustained" and adding the words "considered *seriatim*."

The amendment was accepted and the motion agreed to.

The first charge was read.

P. G. C. Potter, No. 3, moved that Charge No. 1 be sustained, which was unanimously agreed to.

The second charge was read.

P. G. C. Potter, No. 3, moved that Charge No. 2 be sustained, which was unanimously agreed to.

The third charge was read.

P. C. Jackson, No. 3, moved that Charge No. 3 be sustained, which was unanimously agreed to.

P. C. Bergantz, No. 9, moved that the vote on the latter motion be reconsidered. Agreed to.

The letter of the Grand Chief dated January 29th, 1898, was then read, as follows :

To the Noble Chief, Officers and Members of Bridgeton Castle, Knights of the Golden Eagle.

DEAR BROTHERS:—At the annual meeting of the Grand Castle, K. G. E. of New Jersey, held at Trenton (Jersey City) in September last past, the appeal of Brother DuBois was sustained, and it was ordered that he go without further prosecution for the offence named. You have been regularly and legally notified by the proper authority to reinstate Brother DuBois and have refused to do so. You are hereby notified to reinstate Brother DuBois at once, and a refusal or neglect to do so is improper conduct, and neglecting and refusing to conform to the Constitution, laws and enactment of the Grand Castle, and subjects you to suspension or dissolution and a forfeiture of your charter, and the reversion of the moneys and property of your Castle to the Grand or Supreme Castle. So please take kindly warning, obey the above mandate and avoid the consequence of a forfeiture of charter, etc.

Dated January 29th, 1898.

CHARLES E. LANE, *Grand Chief.*

Attest :

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

(SEAL OF GRAND CASTLE.)

Remarks, in the meantime, were made and questions asked by P. G. C. Robertson, No. 4, P. C. Forrester, No. 22, P. C. Grimshaw, No. 51, P. C. Bergantz, No. 9, and others.

The following from No. 13, was then read :

HALL OF BRIDGETON CASTLE, No. 13, K. G. E.
BRIDGETON, N. J., February 15th, 1898.

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

THE APPEAL OF BRIDGETON CASTLE, No. 13, FROM THE ORDER OF THE GRAND CHIEF, CHARLES E. LANE, BEARING DATE JANUARY 29, 1898.

At a stated session of No. 13, held on February 8th, 1898, a communication from Grand Chief of New Jersey was read, received and placed on file. Here follows a copy of the said communication :

COPY OF ORDER APPEALED FROM.

“ *To the Noble Chief, Officers and Members of Bridgeton Castle, Knights of the Golden Eagle.*

“ DEAR BROTHERS—At the annual meeting of the Grand Castle, K. G. E. of New Jersey, held at *Trenton* in September last past, the appeal of Brother DuBois was sustained, and it was ordered he go without further prosecution for the offence named.

“ You have been regularly and legally notified by the proper authority to reinstate Brother DuBois, and have refused to do so.

“ You are hereby notified to reinstate Brother DuBois at once, and a refusal or neglect so to do is improper conduct, and neglecting and refusing to conform to the Constitution, laws and enactments of the Grand Castle, and subjects you to suspension or dissolution and a forfeiture of your charter, and the reversion of the moneys and property of your Castle to the Grand or Supreme Castle. So please take kindly warning, obey the above mandate and avoid the consequences of a forfeiture of charter, etc.

“ Dated January 29, 1898.

“ CHARLES E. LANE, *Grand Chief.*

“ Attest :

“ A. L. CLARK, *G. M. of R.*”

(SEAL OF GRAND CASTLE.)

Bridgeton Castle hereby appeals from the order contained in said communication, and presents the following reasons therefor :

REASONS FOR APPEAL.

Appellant does not deny action by the Grand Castle of New Jersey to be found recorded on pages 356 and 357 of Proceedings of session held at Jersey City (not Trenton) in September last. 1897.

This appellant admits having due notice of the action of said Grand Castle on the appeal of said DuBois.

This appellant asserts that, within four weeks after it was notified of the said action of the Grand Castle, Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, made its appeal to the Supreme Castle, which appeal is now pending and undetermined.

That, at the time of making its said appeal, it was the rule in the society of Knights of the Golden Eagle, that the decision of the Castle stands until reversed by the final action of the tribunal of the last resort on appeal.

That, whatever may be the effect of the reversal by the Grand Castle of the action of the Subordinate Castle on appeal in those cases where an appeal is made from the action of the Grand Castle, it necessarily follows that the said effect is accomplished against the will and without any action of the Subordinate Castle, and that there is nothing for the Subordinate Castle to do to carry into effect the action of the Grand Castle.

That it does not appear that the Grand Castle of New Jersey has made any order upon this appellant in the premises.

That it does not appear that the Supreme Castle has made any order upon this appellant in the premises.

That no notice or order has come to this appellant from the Grand Castle of New Jersey, or the Supreme Castle, directing this appellant to do anything in the premises.

That the Grand Chief is without authority or power to make any order upon this appellant in the premises.

That there is nothing for this appellant to do in the premises, for the reason that the reversal and doing away with the action of this appellant, in trying and expelling the said DuBois, is dependent wholly upon the action of those bodies to which said action has been appealed, and is in nowise dependent upon anything being done by this appellant Castle.

That the utmost effect that can be given to the action of the Grand Castle of New Jersey at its last session upon the appeal of DuBois is—that the action of this appellant in expelling said DuBois should go for nought, and have no effect, and thereby the said DuBois would stand as though the trial had not occurred in his Subordinate Castle, and in such case there is nothing for this appellant to do.

That the true course is, when the Grand Chief conceives that a Castle is neglecting or refusing to conform to law, to make a charge against that Castle and have the matter referred to a committee to examine into the matter and make report to the next stated session of the Grand Castle. (See Article XV, Grand Castle Constitution.)

The position assumed by Bridgeton Castle is as follows :

That it is the rule of the society of K. G. E., that the decision of the subordinate Castle stands, where appeal is taken, until the final determination of the matter by the highest tribunal of the Order.

That, in the case in question, it is the bounden duty of all the parties to await the final determination of the case by the Supreme Castle on the appeal now pending.

That there is nothing that the appellant can now do which can affect the rights of the said DuBois one way or the other. If he is restored to membership at the present time, it is because of the act of the Grand Castle, and no act of this appellant Castle can assist or defeat any of his rights thus restored to him, if it be that they are restored.

In testimony whereof the Noble Chief of said Bridgeton Castle has hereto set his hand, attested by the signature of the Master of Records and the seal of said Castle, this fifteenth day of February, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight.

W. B. GROFF,
Noble Chief of Bridgeton Castle, No. 13.

[SEAL.]

Attest:

WM. A. ROBINSON,
Master of Records.

P. G. C. Potter, No. 3, was called to the chair.

Remarks were made by Grand Chief Lane, P. C. J. L. Vehe, No. 25, P. C. Whilt, No. 29, and others, after which P. C. Jackson's motion was unanimously agreed to.

The fourth charge was read.

P. G. C. Senseman, No. 9, moved that Charge No. 4 be sustained, which was unanimously agreed to.

P. G. C. Senseman moved that the charges as a whole be sustained. This was also unanimously agreed to.

P. G. C. William H. Ruf, No. 34, moved that the charter of Bridgeton Castle, No. 13, be revoked for the reasons stated in the charges.

P. C. J. L. Vehe, No. 25, moved to amend that No. 13 be given until May 24th next to obey the laws, and during the interval a committee of five be appointed to arrange, if possible, this matter of reinstatement of P. C. William T. DuBois with No. 13. If unsuccessful, then the charter be revoked on above date.

Supreme Vice-Chief William C. Hunter, No. 36, moved to further amend that in case No. 13 does not reinstate P. C. William T. DuBois, the Grand Chief be authorized to go into the courts to obtain the moneys and property of said Castle.

The amendment was accepted by the maker of the original motion, as was the amendment to the amendment, and the motion was agreed to unanimously.

Grand Chief Lane resumed the chair.

Remarks, in the meantime, were made by P. C. George C. Mead, No. 62, Supreme Vice-Chief W. C. Hunter, No. 36, Grand Sir Herald Jacob S. Kent, No. 54, P. C. Fred Simon, No. 3, and others.

The following committee was appointed: P. C. J. L. Vehe, No. 25, Supreme Vice-Chief William C. Hunter, No. 36, P. G. C. William H. Ruf, No. 34, P. C. George C. Mead, No. 62, and Grand Chief Lane, No. 9.

Action on No. 5 and 6 of call was, on motion, unanimously deferred until such time as may be deemed advisable by the Grand Chief.

The Grand Castle then closed at 12.45 A. M.

Attest :

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

[SEAL.]

INSTITUTIONS.

NEWARK, N. J., November 16th, 1897.

Newark Castle, No. 19, was instituted on above date, the ceremonies being conducted by Grand Chief Lane, assisted by P. C. Brelsford, No. 70; P. G. C. Parks, No. 9; P. G. C. Potter, No. 3; Grand Sir Herald Kent, No. 54; P. C. Ziegler, No. 23; P. C. Umberger, No. 23; P. C. Davis, No. 7, and Sir Knight Morohn, No. 23.

The three Degrees were conferred in full, followed by the institution ceremonies, and the following officers-elect were installed :

Past Chief—Z. H. Eby.
Noble Chief—C. Lantz.
Vice-Chief—G. King.
High Priest—J. J. Shelton.
Venerable Hermit—C. Burton.
Clerk of Exchequer—C. Drew.
Keeper of Exchequer—A. Iseman.
Master of Records—J. V. Montgomery.
Sir Herald—D. Powell.
Worthy Bard—J. Jones.
Worthy Chamberlain—H. Somers.
Ensign—P. Hilkeny.
Esquire—H. Handy.
First Guardsman—C. Bolio.
Second Guardsman—T. Farrington.

Number of names on charter application, fifty-six.

Castles represented, Nos. 3, 7, 9, 23, 54, 58, 64, and Grand Chief Hallock, of New York; P. G. C. Jutson, of New York; P. C. Bydick, of New York.

Organizer, P. C. John Dorwart, of Pennsylvania.

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

JERSEY CITY, N. J., February 17th, 1898.

Jersey City Castle, No. 37, was instituted on above date, the ceremonies being conducted by Grand Chief Lane, assisted by P. G. C. Horace J. Parks, No. 9 ; P. G. C. E. D. Senseman, No. 9 ; P. G. C. William H. Ruf, No. 34 ; G. S. H. Jacob S. Kent, No. 54 ; P. G. C. Daniel W. Hallock, of New York ; P. G. C. Jutson, of New York ; P. C. Arthur Hope, No. 47 ; Sir Knight Lansing Gilbert, No. 47 ; P. C. William G. Ziegler, No. 23 ; P. C. Grant Umberger, No. 23 ; P. C. Thomas Farrell, No. 23 ; Sir Knight Peter Patschkowske, No. 23, and Sir Knight A. G. Howell, No. 23.

The three Degrees were conferred in full, followed by the institution ceremonies, and the following officers-elect were installed :

Noble Chief—John A. F. Bydick.
 Vice-Chief—Charles D. Cooper.
 High Priest—John T. Cluff.
 Venerable Hermit—Frederick Keene.
 Sir Herald—Frank C. Rennert.
 Master of Records—John J. McKenna.
 Clerk of Exchequer—Frank Webb.
 Keeper of Exchequer—Peter Snyder.
 Worthy Bard—Nicholas Rudolph.
 Worthy Chamberlain—John Q. Adams.
 Ensign—George Tiplady.
 Esquire—Martin Jensen.
 First Guardsman—Charles Von Buender.
 Second Guardsman—Charles Hawksford.

Number of names on application for charter, thirty ; number admitted at institution, fourteen.

Castles represented, Nos. 9, 19, 23, 28, 34, 38, 47, 54, and 64.

Organizer, John A. F. Bydick, 73 Hudson street, Jersey City.

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

FLEMINGTON, N. J., April 18th, 1898.

Flemington Castle, No. 41, was instituted on above date, the ceremonies being conducted by P. G. C. William H. Ruf, No. 34, assisted by G. S. H. Jacob S. Kent, No. 54; Sir Knight Moses E. Hill, No. 33; P. C. Frederick Massey, No. 33; P. C. William G. Lauer, No. 33; P. C. William S. Mills, No. 23; P. C. William G. Ziegler, No. 23; P. C. Grant Umberger, No. 23, and P. C. Thomas Farrell, No. 23.

The three Degrees were conferred in full, followed by the institution ceremonies, and the following officers were installed:

Past Chief—John H. Holcombe.
 Noble Chief—George L. Bell.
 Vice-Chief—William Kinney.
 High Priest—Oscar Miller.
 Venerable Hermit—Jacob Leon.
 Clerk of Exchequer—John Roche.
 Keeper of Exchequer—Furman R. Williamson.
 Master of Records—James H. Dean.
 Sir Herald—Charles Godley.
 Worthy Bard—Frederick W. Rose.
 Worthy Chamberlain—Asher Stryker.
 Ensign—John T. Conover, Jr.
 Esquire—Christopher S. Swallow.
 First Guardsman—Horatio K. Case.
 Second Guardsman—Howard Painter.

Number of names on application for charter, fifty-three.

Castles represented, Nos. 7, 23, 32, 33, 34, 43, 46, 54, 63, and 64.

Organizer, Robert P. Dinges, No. 7.

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

In Memoriam.

TO OUR DEPARTED PAST CHIEFS.

P. C. George Myers, Ivanhoe Castle, No. 5.
Died November 15th, 1897.

P. C. Enoch Yourison, Woodbury Castle, No. 15.
Died September 11th, 1897.

P. C. William Wilkes, Columbia Castle, No. 54.
Died September 15th, 1897.

P. C. J. J. Denges, Bayside Castle, No. 60.
Died September 18th, 1897.

P. C. Aaron H. Clymer, Phoenix Castle, No. 70.
Died October 31st, 1897.

In Memoriam.

- Andrew Dilks, Millville Castle, No. 2.
Died March 5th, 1898.
- George H. Spaulding, Washington Castle, No. 3.
Died November, 19th, 1897.
- William H. Hancock, Ivanhoe Castle, No. 5.
Died April 23d, 1898.
- George W. Maginnis, Monarch Castle, No. 9.
Died March 2d, 1898.
- William A. Boston, Monarch Castle, No. 9.
Died March 19th, 1898.
- Peter Fox, Ocean Castle, No. 11.
Died December 18th, 1897.
- Charles A. Cox, Ocean Castle, No. 11.
Died April 14th, 1898.
- Carl G. Umba, Woodbury Castle, No. 15.
Died November 8th, 1897.
- W. Luke Cunningham, Leod Castle, No. 20.
Died October 5th, 1897.
- J. Henry Buch, Cross and Crown Castle, No. 25.
Died May 8th, 1898.
- George Farley, Califon Castle, No. 32.
Died November 5th, 1897.
- E. Van Megill, Clyde Castle, No. 34.
Died February 19th, 1898.
- Walter Courzons, Mt. Everest Castle, No. 38.
Died September 6th, 1897.
- John Jones, Tuckerton Castle, No. 45.
Died September 26th, 1897.
- Byron B. Culver, Vineland Castle, No. 46.
Died November 26th, 1897.
- Theodore Predmore, Forked River Castle, No. 49.
Died June 25th, 1897.

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,	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

*Suspended. †Deceased. **Defunct.

ORGANIZATION

OF THE

GRAND CASTLE OF NEW JERSEY.

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

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

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

Statistics of Counties

SUMMARIZED FROM SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS,

TERM ENDING, JUNE 30th, 1898.

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

COUNTY.	CASTLES.	MEMBERSHIP.	AVERAGE.	ADMISSIONS.	VALUATION.
Atlantic	4	314	78	9	\$6,284 76
Burlington	10	659	66	31	17,103 73
Camden	7	574	82	38	5,762 77 †
Cape May	1	50	50	1	1,549 45
Cumberland	4	454	113	9	7,480 10
*Essex	1	65	65	12	37 53
Gloucester	7	485	69	64	9,132 49 †
*Hudson	1	18	18	18	86 85
*Hunterdon	5	403	81	83	3,501 65
Mercer	4	375	94	23	2,635 23
Middlesex	2	192	96	4	2,959 40
Monmouth	6	453	75	19	3,564 62 †
Ocean	5	425	85	19	4,263 17 †
Passaic	4	217	54	5	1,066 13 †
Salem	2	172	86	13	3,841 16
Warren	1	54	54	9	144 93
Total	64	4910	76	357	\$69,413 97

*New Castles included.

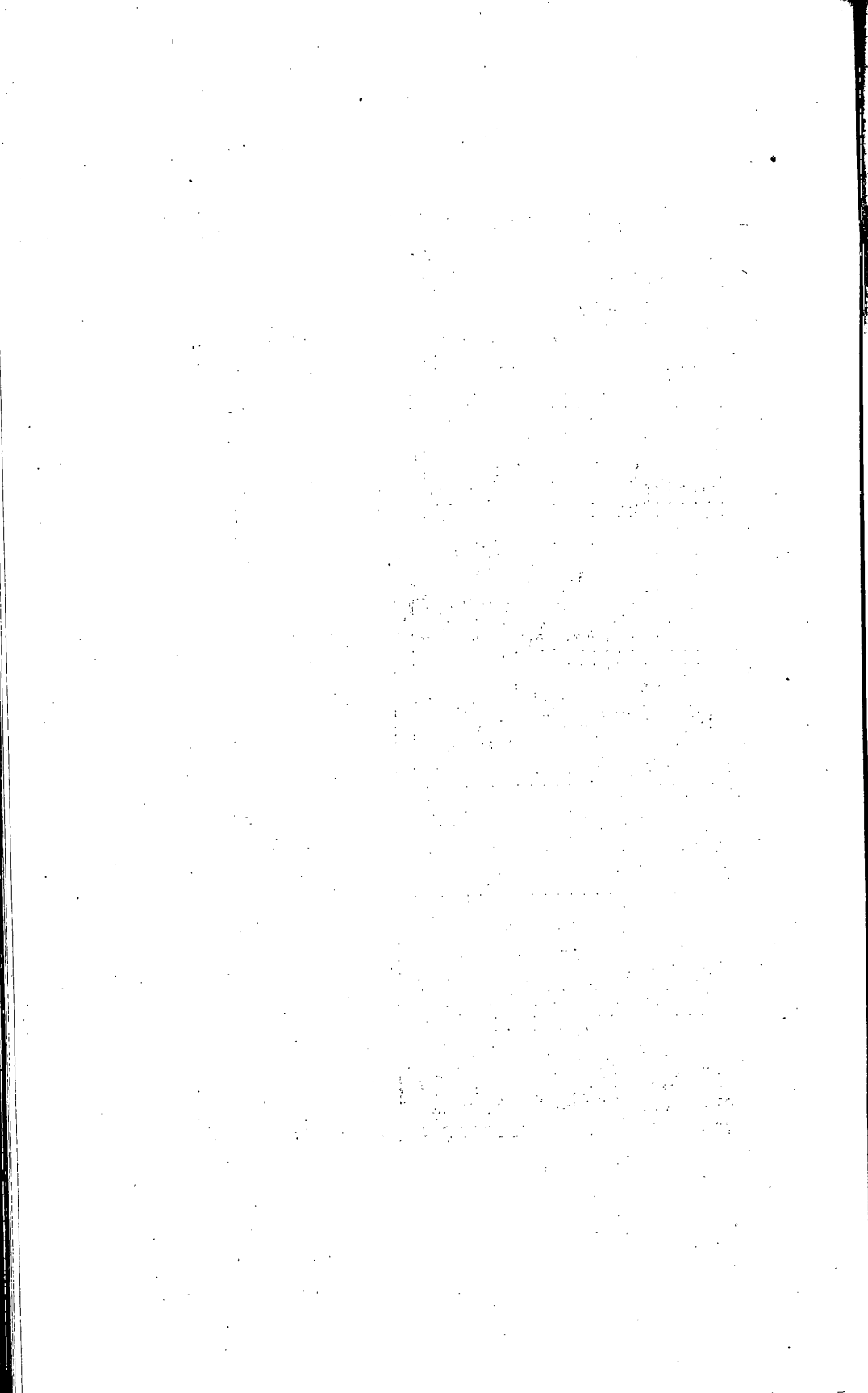
†One Castle not reported. Valuation not included.

Castles not reporting, Nos. 26, 29, 53, 57 and 58.

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	Milville	Milville	Cumberland	Wm. H. Calkin	216 South Fourth St.	Thursday	K. G. E. Hall.
3	Washington	Camden	Camden	Joseph W. Jackson	230 Stevens Street	Friday	Fifth and Pine Streets.
4	New Jersey	Mt. Holly	Burlington	Geo. J. Robertson	Mountholly	Thursday	Red Men's Hall.
5	Vanoye	Salem	Salem	Joseph M. Bacon	P. O. Box 248	Tuesday	Liberty Hall.
6	Red Cross	Medford	Burlington	A. S. Haines	Medford	Thursday	Odd Fellows' Hall
7	Trenton	Trenton	Mercer	Wm. A. Vincelle	Box 23	Thursday	Eagle Hall, State St.
8	Cyrene	Camden	Camden	E. D. Sensemam	Third and Arch Sts.	Wednesday	Citizens' Hall.
9	Puritan	Quinton	Camden	L. S. Riggitts, Jr.	Quinton Avenue	Monday	K. G. E. Hall.
10	Ocean	Atlantic City	Salem	William S. Hewitt	2316 Atlantic Avenue	Monday	Odd Fellows' Hall.
11	Warren	Washington	Warren	J. P. Mariatt	Young's Avenue	Wednesday	Red Men's Hall.
12	Crusaders	Burlington	Burlington	Thomas Lock	232 Broad Street	Wednesday	Libary Hall.
13	Woodbury	Woodbury	Gloucester	I. Hamp. Williams	Woodbury	Tuesday	Pich's Hall.
14	Marlon	Marlon	Burlington	Wm. H. Sowby	Marlon	Thursday	K. of P. Hall.
15	Florence	Beverly	Burlington	C. L. Hazard	Beverly	Thursday	Odd Fellows' Hall.
16	Herald	Florence	Burlington	Robert Cottam	Florence	Tuesday	Town Hall.
17	Newark	Newark	Essex	L. S. Huff	26 Willis' Avenue	Tuesday	210 Market Street.
18	Leod	Pr. Pleasant	Ocean	H. C. Shoemaker, Jr	Point Pleasant	Thursday	Leod Hall.
19	Burlington	Burlington	Burlington	Joseph H. Matlack	Burlington	Wednesday	Red Men's Hall.
20	Palmira	Palmira	Burlington	F. S. Day	Palmira	Thursday	Society Hall.
21	Fidelity	Moorestown	Mercer	A. L. Clark	222 North Willow St.	Friday	K. G. E. Hall.
22	Cross & Crown	Town of Stockton	Camden	J. Lewis Edwards	Moorestown	2d and 4th Monday	Heaton's Hall.
23	Star	Manahawken	Ocean	John L. Vele	125 S. 5th St., Phila.	Tuesday	Sigel's Hall.
24	Star	Manahawken	Ocean	Geo. E. Bennett	Manahawken	Tuesday	Predmore Hall.
25	Star	May's Landing	Atlantic	Thos. H. McClure	May's Landing	Wednesday	Veal's Hall.
26	Star	Merchantville	Camden	Geo. F. Scheele	238 Bayard Street	Thursday	Cor. Hudson and Mott St.
27	Star	Merchantville	Camden	E. H. Kilgore	Clatsco	Tuesday	Merchantville Hall.
28	Star	Merchantville	Camden	J. Ellis Paulin	Hurffville	Wednesday	Association Hall.
29	Star	Hurffville	Gloucester	W. H. Chew	Hurffville (Box 5)	Tuesday	Davenport Hall.
30	Star	Calton	Hunterdon	William Cleveland	Centaur Valley	Saturday	K. G. E. Hall.
31	Star	Calton	Hunterdon	W. G. Lauer	Manaquan	Thursday	Cooley Hall.
32	Star	Lambertville	Hunterdon	Willis A. Mount	Manaquan (Box 99)	Thursday	K. G. E. Hall.
33	Star	Manasquan	Monmouth	Joshua M. Lamb	Wrightstown	Tuesday	Davis' Hall.
34	Star	Wrightstown	Burlington	C. K. Mayer	Swedesboro	Monday	Masonic Hall.
35	Star	Swedesboro	Hudson	J. J. McKenna	35 Grand Street	2d and 4th Tuesday	Hasse Hall
36	Star	Jersey City	Hudson	John M. Orr	35 Pennington Street	Monday	First Nat. Bank Building.
37	Star	Paterson	Passaic	Chas. Stephenson	Clayton	Monday	K. of P. Hall.
38	Star	Clayton	Gloucester				
39	Star	Clayton	Gloucester				

40	Prospect	Pitman Grove	Gloucester	William S. Rink	Pitman Grove	Thursday	K. G. E. Hall.
41	Flemington	Flemington	Hunterdon	James H. Dean	Box 247	Tuesday	K. G. E. Hall.
43	Annandale	Annandale	Hunterdon	W. S. Boeman	Annandale	Thursday	Annandale Hall.
44	Antioch	Egg Harbor	Atlantic	L. P. Schmidt	Egg Harbor City	Thursday	Golden Eagle Hall.
45	Tuckerton	Tuckerton	Burlington	J. W. Horner	Vineland	Friday	Town Hall.
46	Vineland	Vineland	Cumberland	Joseph Mason	Vineland	Monday	G. A. R. Hall.
47	Corinthian	Asbury Park	Monmouth	Frank P. Wilbert	Box 82 River	Thursday	Asbury Council Hall.
49	Forked River	Forked River	Ocean	Edgar Mills	77 Main Street	Thursday	Fidelity Hall.
50	Sterling	South Amboy	Middlesex	Walter Watts	Freehold	Saturday	K. of P. Hall.
51	Monmouth	Freehold	Monmouth	Charles L. Sparks	77 Main Street	Saturday	G. A. R. Hall.
52	Elmer	Elmer	Cumberland	W. G. Hitchner	Elmer	Tuesday	Odd Fellows' Hall.
53	Greenwich	Clarksboro	Gloucester	Henry L. Haines	Clarksboro	Monday	Clark's Hall.
54	Columbia	Paterson	Passaic	James Wilson	80 Mercer Street	Thursday	Red Mens' Hall, Main St.
57	Wall	Spring Lake	Monmouth	P. C. Brown	Spring Lake	Thursday	Eagle Hall.
58	Star of Liberty	Pompton Lakes	Passaic	A. W. VanSaun	Pompton Plains	Tuesday	Durling's Hall.
59	Windsor	Farmingdale	Monmouth	W. B. Goodenough	Farmingdale	Tuesday	Red Men's Hall.
60	Bayside	Somers' Point	Atlantic	C. E. C. Steelman	Somers' Point	Friday	Hagerthy's Hall.
61	Excelsior	Green Creek	Cape May	Wm. F. McKeen	Fishing Creek	Saturday	K. G. E. Hall.
62	Progressive	Bridgeton	Cumberland	John C. Pence	White House Station	Saturday	Mystic Chain Hall.
63	Silver Cross	White House	Hunterdon	William B. Pickell	White House Station	Thursday	Stillwell's Hall.
64	Passaic	Passaic	Passaic	Gus. W. Roeger	Main & Highland Av.	Friday	Red Men's Hall.
65	Cumberland	Fort Norris	Cumberland	Oscar Bazy	Fort Norris	Friday	Red Men's Hall.
66	Phunsted	New Egypt	Ocean	George F. Betzier	New Egypt Street	Tuesday	K. of P. Hall.
68	St'r of Bethle'm	Trenton	Mercer	Fret Giermann	122 H. 4th Street	Wednesday	Meirs' Hall.
70	Phenix	Camden	Camden	I. M. F. Gey	71 S. Third Street	Friday	703 South Broad Street.
71	New Brunswick	New Brunswick	Middlesex	Robert S. Turton	9 Harwell Street	Monday	Fourth and Federal Sts.
72	To-Kalon	Long Branch	Monmouth	J. W. Seaman	Long Branch	Tuesday	Peoples' National Bank.
						Friday	Arloch Lodge Room.



APPENDIX.

RULES

FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND GOVERNMENT OF A FRATERNAL BENEFICIARY ASSOCIATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE OF NEW JERSEY.

ADOPTED AT A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GRAND CASTLE,
HELD AT CAMDEN, N. J., FEBRUARY 24TH, 1898.

WHEREAS, By the Supreme Law of the Order of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, as set forth in the Constitution of the Supreme Castle, the Grand Castle has exclusive jurisdiction over all Subordinate Castles within its territorial limits, and shall prescribe a Constitution for Subordinate Castles within its jurisdiction, but with this, among other restrictions, viz.: That each Castle possesses the power to regulate its own dues, benefits and assessments, and may by by-law declare itself to be beneficial or otherwise;

AND WHEREAS, A majority of the Subordinate Castles in New Jersey have evidenced a desire that the Grand Castle shall enable them to unite in establishing a common fund out of which a substantial benefit shall be paid on the death of a member enrolled in said Fund to such member of his family as he shall have designated to receive the same, and request the Grand Castle to provide the necessary rules for the said Fund;

AND WHEREAS, The Supreme Castle has assented that any Grand jurisdiction desiring to establish a funeral benefit fund may do so, provided the benefit shall not exceed the sum of three hundred dollars;

Now, to the end that a fraternal beneficiary association be established in connection with the Order of Knights of the Golden Eagle in New Jersey, and organized and carried on for the sole benefit of its members and their beneficiaries, and making provision for the payment of benefits in case of death, the fund from which the payment of such benefits shall be made, and the fund from which the expenses of such association shall be defrayed being derived from assessments and dues collected from its members, and the payment of death benefit being made to the families, heirs, blood relations or persons dependent upon the member,

It is ordered and enacted by the Grand Castle Knights of the Golden Eagle of New Jersey—

1. That such Association may be formed and constituted by and among the Subordinate Castles in New Jersey.

2. That the name of said Association shall be "K. G. E. FUNERAL BENEFIT FUND OF NEW JERSEY."

3. The benefit to be paid on the death of a member properly enrolled in the Fund shall be as follows:

No benefit shall be paid until there are one thousand names enrolled in the Fund.

While the membership is \$1000 and less than \$1500 the benefit shall be \$100.

While the membership is 1500 and less than 2000 the benefit shall be \$200.

While the membership is 2000 and over the benefit shall be \$300.

It being understood that the Fund shall not enter upon payment of benefits until one thousand members are actually enrolled, and then on and after the first day of the following month after the actual enrollment of one thousand members the assurance of benefit shall begin to operate. And when in the course of events it shall happen that the membership shall fall below one thousand and shall so continue for three months, thereupon the liability for payment of benefit on after-occurring deaths shall cease.

4. The governing body shall be the Grand Castle of New Jersey, but those participating in the said legislation shall consist of one delegate from each Castle connected with the Fund, and until change shall be made therein according to the manner herein provided, the following rules shall govern such Association and Fund.

5. A Board of Managers shall be elected by the Association, to receive, control and disburse the moneys which shall be contributed to the Fund under these rules. This Board shall consist of five persons, members of the associated Castles, who shall in the first instance be elected for terms as follows: two for one year, two for two years and one for three years, and thereafter for three years' terms. The Managers shall elect their own President, Secretary and Treasurer, and shall indemnify the Association against loss by bonding the Secretary and Treasurer in some security company at the expense of the Association. The Board of Managers shall have power to adopt and enforce rules for the management and conduct of the affairs of the Fund, which rules may not be in conflict with these General Rules. The Board shall make full report annually to the Association of the entire transactions and condition of the Fund.

6. The President of the Board of Managers shall call the annual meeting of the Association to order, and thereupon each meeting shall elect its own presiding officer and Secretary.

7. Any and each Castle in New Jersey shall be entitled to admission into the Association and to bring into the Fund all its membership, on compliance with the regulations adopted and subject to the restrictions contained in these rules.

8. On being admitted into the Association each Castle shall pay into the Beneficiary Fund an assessment equal to a per capita tax of twenty cents on each eligible member on its roll in good standing, and thereafter, upon the first day of each month, shall pay a like assessment: *Provided*, the Board of Managers shall have power to waive such assessment, in their discretion, for any month, and shall have power to call for extra assessments or one half assessment whenever in their judgment exigency may require; *And further provided*, that the Castle may drop from its roll of membership in the Fund any member who shall fall in arrears to his Castle to an amount exceeding one quarter's dues, and may restore said member to said roll on his being restored to good standing in his Castle—all such changes being made to take effect on and from the first day of the month, and to appear in the monthly report.

9. Assessments shall bear date on the first secular day of each month, and are immediately due and payable, and must be paid by each Castle on or before the fifteenth day of the month, and in default of such payment the entire membership of the defaulting Castle become thereby suspended at that date, and without any notice, from all benefit in the Fund, and shall so continue to remain until such assessment, and all intervening assessments, are fully paid and received by the proper officer.

10. The moneys paid into the Beneficiary Fund shall be used solely and only to pay the benefit on the death of a member enrolled in the Fund.

11. The fact whether a member is in good standing in his Castle shall not affect the payment of benefit at his death, If his name is

borne on the roll of membership in the Fund and his Castle has paid all assessments as required, including assessments for the month of his death, then, on the death of such member, the benefit shall be paid.

12. The General Fund of the Association shall be maintained by pro rata quarterly contributions from the Castles composing the Association, according to the membership in each Castle. And failure for one full month to pay, after same shall be called, shall suspend the membership of the Castle from the Fund.

13. A complete roll of the eligible members thereof shall be furnished to the Board on the admission of a Castle into the Fund, and thereafter on the first of every month the Castle shall report to the Board all changes which shall have occurred. A Castle shall not be permitted to place on the Fund roll the name of any member whose condition of health threatens an early death, and each Castle shall certify that the list of members presented by it for enrollment in the Fund does not contain the name of any member in apparent danger of early death from any disease or bodily or mental affection, and no benefit shall be paid on the death of a member wrongfully admitted to the Fund roll. A member newly admitted to the roll in a Castle shall be entitled to the benefit of the Fund on and after the first day of the month following his admission: *Provided*, his Castle shall have paid assessment for him, and his name has been duly reported to the Board for enrollment.

14. No person shall be admitted to membership in the Castles composing the Fund who is over fifty years of age. Each Castle joining the Fund shall bring all its present members into the Fund, except as mentioned in Rule 13, and shall pay assessments according to the number of members remaining on its roll on the first day of the month for which said assessment is paid.

15. It shall be the duty of the Master of Records of each Castle admitted to the Fund, on the first secular day of each month, to make report to the Secretary of the Board, on the blank furnished for the purpose, and to require from the Castle such sum of money as said report shall show to be necessary, and to forward such amount to the Secretary of the Board. The Secretary of the Board shall promptly return receipt for assessments forwarded, which receipt shall be read in open Castle and kept on file.

16. Upon his enrollment in the Fund, such member shall designate the person or persons to whom, at his death, the benefit provided for shall be paid, who shall, in every instance, be a member of his family, heir, blood relative, or a person dependent upon him; and in case any member enrolled in the Fund shall die without leaving any designated beneficiary, then and in such case the benefit shall be paid to his widow, if there be one; and if there be no widow, then to his children, if any, in equal portions; and if no children, then to his mother; and if no mother then to his father; and all these failing, then to his next of kin according to the laws for the distribution of personalty: *Provided*,

always, that the member may change his beneficiary at any time in the manner herein provided, to-wit: He shall, in writing, designate the change and file the same with the Master of Records of his Castle, and thereupon the change shall be noted upon the roll and be reported to the Board of Managers at the next monthly report.

17. On the death of a member enrolled in the Fund, the Castle of which he is a member, by its Noble Chief and Master of Records, shall certify the fact under the seal of the Castle, upon a blank to be furnished for the purpose, and send therewith the certificate of attending physician of cause of death; and on the coming in of such proof of death, the President and Secretary of the Board shall execute a warrant upon the Treasurer for the benefit. The Treasurer shall countersign the same, making the same payable at the bank where the moneys of the Fund are deposited, and to the order of the person to whom the benefit is payable, and the said warrant shall be forwarded to the Noble Chief of the Castle of which deceased was a member, to be by him delivered to the person named therein: *Provided, however*, it shall be a precedent condition to such delivery that the amount due from the deceased member to his Castle for dues shall be first paid.

18. An appeal shall lie from the action of the Board of Managers in refusing to pay a benefit. Any Castle desiring to prosecute an appeal shall, within thirty days, file with the Secretary of the Board a bill of particulars of the grounds of appeal. The Board of Managers shall thereupon prepare a statement of reasons for refusal to pay and bring the matter to the attention of the next stated session of the Association. The Associa-

tion shall determine the appeal upon the papers thus prepared and remit its determination to the Board of Managers, who shall be governed accordingly.

19. The Association at any annual or special meeting called for the purpose may add to, modify and change these rules by a two-thirds vote, but such change shall not go into effect until the same has been certified to the Grand Chief of New Jersey, and by him certified to the Supreme Chief, for approval by the Committee on Law of the Supreme Castle and the Supreme Chief, and until such approval shall be duly certified to the Board of managers: whereupon such change in the rules shall become operative.

20. For the purpose of organizing the Association and setting of the Fund in operation in New Jersey, the following named, to-wit:

- P. C. G. W. CHAMBERLAIN, No. 66,
- P. G. C. WALTER A. BARROWS, No. 4,
- P. C. GEORGE P. SUTTON, No. 9,
- P. G. C. A. L. CLARK, No. 23,
- P. G. C. WILLIAM H. RUF, No. 34,

are designated as a provisional Board of Managers, and these shall continue to hold office with all the powers mentioned in these rules, until a regular election shall be held by the Association as provided for in these rules.

21. The Association shall determine the salaries to be paid to the Secretary and Treasurer of the Fund and until the Association shall so determine the provisional Board of Managers may make such reasonable payments for its incidental expenses as they shall deem fit.

STATE LAW

FOR THE BETTER REGULATION OF BENEVOLENT
SOCIETIES AND ASSOCIATIONS.

PASSED MARCH 24, 1898.

RECORDED ON MOTION OF REPRESENTATIVE I. J. GRIMSHAW, No. 51.

CHAPTER 103.

AN ACT FOR THE BETTER REGULATION OF BENEVOLENT
SOCIETIES AND ASSOCIATIONS.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey :

1. Any society or voluntary association, organized and carried on for the sole benefit of its members and their beneficiaries, and not for profits, whether they shall have filed certificates of incorporation or not, are hereby authorized to make, adopt and use, and from time to time alter, amend and change, such constitution and by-laws for their government as to them shall seem right and proper : (*Provided*, that nothing therein contained shall be repugnant to the constitution or laws of the United States or of this State), and when so altered or amended shall be binding on all the members of such association, whether becoming such before or after such amendments, and whether present or voting for the same or not.

2. Said constitution and by-laws, and all amendments thereto, shall be binding upon all beneficiaries, and all persons claiming any rights or duties from said association by reason of the sickness or death of any member or any other person, whether said beneficiary or claimant be a member of said association or not.

3. It shall be lawful for such associations to provide in their constitutions and by-laws, that members or beneficiaries whose dues are unpaid shall not be entitled to sick or funeral benefit for a given time after all arrearages are paid.

4. This act shall take effect immediately.

PASSED MARCH 24, 1898.

District Grand Chiefs, Grand Instructors and Standing Committees.

1898-1899.

DISTRICT GRAND CHIEFS.

First District (Nos. 52, 62, 65)—ISAAC B. JOHNSON, Bridgeton.
Second District (Nos. 2, 46, 61)—E. N. HUBBARD, Vineland.
Third District (Nos. 11, 27, 44, 60)—HENRY OTTO, Egg Harbor City.
Fourth District (Nos. 5, 10)—HENRY OPEL, Salem.
Fifth District (Nos. 1, 30, 31, 39, 40)—W. H. CHEW, Hurffville.
Sixth District (Nos. 15, 36, 53)—HENRY L. HAINES, Clark'sboro.
Seventh District (Nos. 26, 45, 49)—C. K. PULLEN, Tuckerton.
Eighth District (Nos. 3, 9, 70)—R. M. COFFMAN, Camden.
Ninth District (Nos. 8, 24, 25, 29)—JOHN L. VEHE, Dudley.
Tenth District (Nos. 4, 6, 16)—A. S. HAINES, Medford.
Eleventh District (Nos. 35, 66)—DR. L. E. FOULKS, New Egypt.
Twelfth District (Nos. 14, 17, 18, 21, 22)—WILLIAM H. CURRIE, Beverly.
Thirteenth District (Nos. 7, 23, 28)—A. Q. BLOOM, Tremont.
Thirteenth District (No. 68—German Castle)—F. AHRENDT, Trenton.
Fourteenth District (Nos. 20, 34, 47, 57, 72)—WILLIAM J. COOK, Point Pleasant.
Fifteenth District (Nos. 50, 71)—ALBERT REEVES, New Brunswick.
Sixteenth District (Nos. 12, 32, 43, 63)—THOS. W. MCPHERSON, White House.
Seventeenth District (Nos. 38, 54)—JAMES MACKEY, Paterson.
Eighteenth District (Nos. 58, 64)—GUS. W. ROEGER, Passaic.
Nineteenth District (Nos. 51, 59)—W. B. GOODENOUGH, Farmingdale.
Twentieth District (Nos. 33, 41)—SAMUEL YOUNG, Lambertville.
Twenty-first District (19, 37)—Z. H. EBV, Newark.

GRAND INSTRUCTORS.

First District—OSCAR BUZBY, Port Norris.
Second District—SIDNEY J. HALL, Millville.
Third District—W. E. KEATES, Somers' Point.
Fourth District—L. S. RIGGINS, JR., Quinton.
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