

PROCEEDINGS
—OF THE—
◀SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING▶
—OF—
THE GRAND LODGE KNIGHTS OF HONOR
OF NEW JERSEY.

First Day, September 10th, 1884.

The Grand Lodge, Knights of Honor of New Jersey, met in the Hall of Columbian Lodge, I. O. O. F., Newark, N. J., and was called to order at 10 A. M., by B. H. Van Ness, Grand Dictator, and opened in due form.

The roll of Lodges was called, and representatives from the following were present :

Nos. 80, 209, 469, 486, 557, 585, 634, 714, 808, 1019, 1468, 1595, 1828, 2188, 2190, 2227, 2342, 2350, 2374, 2399, 2429, 2638, 2758, 2805, 2858, 2896, 2961, 2986.

The roll of officers was called and the following found to be present :

N. H. Stevens, Past Grand Dictator.
B. H. Van Ness, Grand Dictator.
S. E. Woodhull, Grand Vice Dictator.
C. Pope, Grand Assistant Dictator.
J. M. Mayhew, Grand Reporter.
Oscar Weiner, Grand Treasurer.
Wm. Chenoweth, Grand Chaplain.
Wm. H. Neefus, Grand Guide.
R. J. S. White, Grand Guardian.
J. Balevre, Grand Sentinel.

E. B. Webbe, Grand Trustee.
 W. J. Cadmus, State Medical Examiner.
 O. Wiener, Supreme Representative.
 S. Klotz, " " "

Committee on Laws.—N. H. Stevens, A. Klee.

Committee on Finance.—J. A. Rodrigo, C. A. Williams, L. Hannoeh.

Committee on Appeals and Grievances.—A. Kalisch, G. D. Swaney, T. Foote.

Committee on Returns and Credentials.—J. N. Carpenter, C. Kappauf, I. P. Carpenter.

Committee on Printing and Supplies.—B. H. Van Ness, S. E. Woodhull, J. M. Mayhew.

Committee on German Work.—A. Markert.

To fill vacancy the Grand Dictator appointed :

Bro. G. G. Hardy, of No. 2429, on Committee on Laws.

Representatives were present during the session from the following Lodges :

L. I. Burke,	Ingomar, 80
W. M. Shaw,	Alpha, 209
V. Mager,	Germania, 469
H. J. Francisco,	Passaic, 486
T. C. Whitman,	Ivanhoe, 509
J. O. Tunison,	Columbia, 557
H. Rommell,	Newark, 585
C. Pope,	Protection, 634
G. P. Robinson,	Palisade, 714
Peter Baker,	Hudson, 808
J. V. Ash,	Enterprise, 1019
A. Simon,	Freiligrath, 1038
C. E. Greene,	Mutual, 1433
J. Leitenberger,	Schiller, 1468
T. Woodruff,	Bridgeton, 1561
L. Hannoeh,	Essex, 1595
W. Melosh,	Humboldt, 1752
J. Wickenhoffer,	Goethe, 1828
G. W. Wilhelm,	Phillipsburg, 2188
J. A. Broadwell,	Northern, 2190
J. Rudolph,	Washington, 2227
G. M. Cadmus,	Excelsior, 2342
D. M. Skinner,	Valley, 2348
T. W. Branagan,	Phil. Kearny, 2350
W. H. Blunt,	Americus, 2374
Emil Koller,	Atlas, 2399
G. G. Hardy,	Lincoln, 2429
R. J. S. White,	Montclair, 2638
E. R. Laine,	Harmony, 2717
S. Dennis,	Ridgewood, 2723
P. Scheib,	Stueben, 2758
J. G. Geigenheimer,	Garfield, 2775
A. Bodler,	Auerbach, 2805
W. H. Neefus,	Onward, 2858

J. C. Scott,	Amicitia, 2864
A. Kahrman,	Elizabeth, 2885
C. S. Norris,	Morris, 2896
H. Meuser,	Bloomfield, 2908
C. Schmurger,	Union, 2961
J. F. Glutting	Aurora, 2986
H. Rose,	Fred. Hecker, 3006

On motion the minutes of the last meeting were adopted as printed, and the reading of the same dispensed with.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following Past Dictators present with proper credentials, and entitled to receive the degree of "Old Age."

On motion the report was received, and the brothers admitted, and instructed in the secret work of the Grand Lodge.

(This includes all who were admitted during the session.)

S. W. Hartshorn,	Centennial, 216
P. Von Thaden,	Germania, 469
H. Asthermer,	" "
Jno. Otto,	Passaic, 486
A. Roemmele,	Newark, 585
J. Stansfield,	Protection, 634
Jno. Nash,	Palisade, 714
J. McKee,	Enterprise, 1019
Chas. Flammer	Schiller, 1468
T. Woodruff,	Bridgeton, 1561
C. K. Teuchman	Essex, 1595
H. C. Farrand,	Excelsior, 2342
W. Sharinghausen,	Americus, 2374
J. A. Satterer,	Atlas, 2399
M. Cook,	Lincoln, 2429
S. Dennis,	Ridgewood, 2723
J. Schionharr,	Stueben, 2758
Chas. Starr,	Garfield, 2775
G. Korell,	Auerbach, 2805
L. Weber,	" "
A. Kahrman,	Elizabeth, 2885
H. W. Doremus	Morris, 2896
H. Meuser,	Bloomfield, 2908
C. Schmurger,	Union, 2961
H. Rose,	Fred. Hecker, 3006

GRAND DICTATOR'S REPORT.

The Grand Dictator then read his report, as follows :

NEWARK, N. J., Sept. 10th, 1884.

Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Honor of New Jersey :

BRETHREN :—The designated time for our Seventh Annual Meeting has arrived, and the hour is at hand wherein we shall begin to perform the duties and execute the trusts reposed in us by the Subordinate Lodges of this jurisdiction.

To the Supreme Ruler of the universe, in whom we all believe and trust, our devout thanks are due for the many blessings bestowed us, as a Grand Lodge and as individuals, during the year about to close.

To those of us who assembled in this place one year ago, the time seems very short and almost a continuation of our Sixth Annual meeting, but if the roll of last year was called it would be found that three of the number then present would not, *could* not answer the summons. Past Dictators William E. Eanes, of Americus Lodge, No. 2374, James H. Way, of Excelsior Lodge, No. 2342, and John H. Bahrs, of Centennial Lodge, No. 216, are only with us through memory.

Past Dictator James W. Rhodes, of Northern Lodge, No. 2190, whose manly form we had hoped to see at this meeting, is also numbered with the silent dead.

All were exemplary men and true Knights of Honor, and as such should be cherished in our memory, and their death suitably recognized by this Grand body.

In compliance with the requirement of our Constitution, it is my duty to submit a report of my official acts during the time I have administered the affairs of this office, and as the Grand Lodge year is in many respects an entirety, such report must necessarily include some records and matters appertaining to the months previous to the resignation of Brother W. C. Taylor.

In respect to such resignation and the official changes it occasioned, the circulars issued and herewith submitted as a matter of record, are perhaps a sufficient explanation, but I desire to preface them by saying that in December last, about three months subsequent to his election, I was called upon by Brother Taylor and informed that by advice of his physician he was contemplating the step and had about concluded to resign. The announcement was to me as unwelcome as unexpected, and I urged him to forego such purpose, believing it would not be for the best interests of the order.

A further consideration on his part was promised, but when a month had elapsed and the inference was justifiable that there would be no change, he came with a letter relinquishing the office of Grand Dictator, as follows:

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Dec. 10th, 1883.

B. H. VANNESS, Esq., G. V. D., K. of H. of N. J.

DEAR SIR AND BRO. :—Since my election as Grand Dictator of the Knights of Honor of New Jersey, ill health has prevented my giving that attention to the duties of the office, which the good of our Order demands. Regretting that I must give up such an honorable position, but, feeling that it is to the interest of the Order in our State, and by the positive advice of my physician, I hereby resign into your hands the office of Grand Dictator of the Knights of Honor of New Jersey, such resignation to take effect at once.

I congratulate the Order in the State that they gain by my resignation, in the fact that the office falls by law into your hands.

Fraternally Yours,

W. C. TAYLOR.

On receipt of the above, and such property of the Grand Lodge as the Grand Dictator is the custodian, I proceeded to file with the Grand Trustees the required bond, and the following circulars were issued :

Official Circular, No. 2.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., DEC. 10th, 1883.

To the Officers and Members of Subordinate Lodges, Knights of Honor of N. J.:

BROTHERS :—Owing to ill health, and under the imperative advice of my physician, I have this day resigned and surrendered my position as Grand Dictator of the Knights of Honor of New Jersey, and have notified the Grand Vice Dictator and Grand Reporter of the same.

Regretting that necessity compelled me to such a course, I congratulate you that my resignation elevates to the position of Grand Dictator, Grand Vice Dictator B. H. Van Ness, in whom the order will find an earnest worker, zealous in the interest of the Knights of Honor.

Yours, in O. M. A.,

W. C. TAYLOR, G. D.

ATTEST,

JOHN M. MAYHEW, G. R.

Official Circular, No. 1.

GRAND LODGE KNIGHTS OF HONOR, }
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, }
NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 12th, 1883. }

To Knights of Honor of New Jersey :

GREETING :—I have received an official letter, dated Dec. 10th, 1883, from Grand Dictator W. C. Taylor, addressed to me as Grand Vice Dictator, which is in part as follows :

“Since my election as Grand Dictator of the Knights of Honor of New Jersey, ill-health has prevented my giving that attention to the duties of the office, which the good of the Order demands.

Regretting that I must give up such an honorable position, but feeling that it is to the interests of the Order in our State so to do, and by the positive advice of my physician, I hereby resign into your hands the office of Grand Dictator of the Knights of Honor of New Jersey, such resignation to take effect at once.”

This is the material portion of his letter, the necessity for, and the effect of which, are to me, as I feel sure they are to the Brotherhood, matters of sincere regret.

In other words, not only is my sympathy for him in his continued ill-health sincere, but the contingent result that flows from his surrender of the office, is to me most unwelcome.

This may seem to some merely the language of usual formality in respect to the first particular, and of assumed diffidence in respect to the last, but I am conscious it is to me a heartfelt truth and a real misgiving.

Nevertheless, the position to which I was elected by the Grand Lodge leaves me no alternative consistent with duty, but to announce to you, as I now do, my assumption of the duties of the office of Grand Dictator for the unexpired term, trusting that in any deficiencies and shortcomings I may have the sympathy of the membership, and in all projects and measures for the progress and betterment of the Order in our beloved State, I hope to have the advice, support and co-operation of all Knights of Honor. The interests of the Order deserve our united efforts to promote its welfare in the various ways and by the various means that lie in our power.

Correspondence is invited with Deputies appointed and to be appointed, with a view to organizing new lodges, more especially in the many thriving towns where our order has not been introduced.

Supreme Dictator Cochran, in his circular No. 3, says: "Scores of cities, villages and hamlets in our land are yet without a Lodge." This, in a degree, we know to be true of New Jersey, and the field is ample for extended work.

To Grand Officers and members of our Grand Lodge I take occasion to quote the concluding paragraph of a former circular of our honored Supreme Dictator. He says: "I earnestly ask you, Grand Officers, to give unusually active attention to spreading and strengthening the Order in your respective jurisdictions. It is to you the Order most looks, and will award most praise for good work. Command me when I can help you. He is nearest Supreme who best serves!

Among the Mutual Fellowships of Earth, we acknowledge no superior, if any equal. Let us so *watch* and *work* during the year as to deserve the continued fellowship of good men and the abundant favor of Almighty God."

In conclusion, let me exhort all Knights of whatever degree or station, to be zealous in work, regular in attendance at their lodges, and frequent visitors at sister lodges, thereby cultivating the fraternal features, any abatement of which can be justly regarded as the initial note of danger to the stability of our brotherhood.

Fraternally, in O. M. A.,

ATTEST,

JOHN M. MAYHEW, G. R.

B. H. VANNESS, G. D.

The position of Grand Vice Dictator thus becoming vacant, I carefully considered the question as to my right to make appointment, and when the conclusion was reached that our Constitution conferred the power, the office was tendered to Past Dictator S. E. Woodhull, of Alpha Lodge, No. 209, as a brother who would worthily and creditably fill the position; and this was done with no thought or intention on my part of discriminating against any other Past Dictator, or infringing upon the rights or expectations of any officer of the Grand Lodge. I announced the appointment by

Official Circular, No. 2.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND DICTATOR,)
KNIGHTS OF HONOR OF N. J.)
NEWARK, N. J., JAN. 1st, 1884.)

To all Knights of Honor of New Jersey:

BROTHERS:—By the resignation of Brother W. C. Taylor, of the office of Grand Dictator and my succession thereto, a vacancy occurs in the position of Grand Vice Dictator, that a careful regard for the interests of the Order requires should be filled. Therefore, by the authority reposed in me, as Grand Dictator, I hereby appoint Past Dictator S. E. Woodhull, of Alpha Lodge, No. 209, of Newark, to the office of Grand Vice Dictator of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, to fill such vacancy for the term ending as provided by our laws; and furthermore, in accordance with precedent and usage, do appoint him a member of the Committee on Printing and Supplies, to fill vacancy arising as above stated.

And now, Brother Knights, I avail myself of the opportunity afforded by the promulgation of the above, to say that, as the time is at hand when new officers assume duties in the Lodges, may we not expect, from their zeal, imbuing the membership, an impetus will be given to the growth of the Order in this grand jurisdiction, that will rival, if not exceed in results, the very satisfactory progress of the past.

Grand Officers and Deputies may do much, but their labors to increase the

numbers in organized Lodges, and often in recruiting for new Lodges, can only be effective when heartily assisted by officers and members of subordinate lodges.

A continuing growth in membership secures the future prosperity of our beloved Order, and that being so, it is well to remember that the Supreme Lodge, in its wisdom, had reduced the age limit to 18 years, which ought to enable us to introduce into the Order many young men to share with us fraternal protection, and lodge influences that will tend to elevate and ennoble by the inculcation of the Golden Rule, observing the teachings of which, we can never be disconcerted when we ask the world to sit in judgment and apply to us our broad invitation, *Spectemur Agendo*—"Let us be judged by our actions."

Brothers of New Jersey, one and all, bend to effort, and let there be an advance along the whole line.

Fraternally, in O. M. A.,

ATTEST,

JOHN M. MAYHEW, G. R.

B. H. VANNESS, G. D.

My action in making the appointment was appealed from by Brother Carsten Pope, G. A. D., who claimed to succeed to the office of Grand Vice Dictator *ex-officio*.

The appeal was made to the Supreme Dictator under date of January 21st, and by him dismissed.

From his decision the appeal was taken to the Supreme Lodge, where the dismissal was sustained. See S. L. Pro. (pages 41, 216, 330 and 404).

This question involved with it the further doubt resting in the minds of some brothers as to the complete succession to the office of Grand Dictator under the circumstances of the case, and two or three lodges went so far as to hold the circulars announcing the appointment to be without due authority, as shown by their refusal to properly receive it; and it will be to me a lasting regret, that, inasmuch as the incumbent of the office should protect it from disparagement, I was obliged to have the Grand Reporter communicate to such lodges a requirement that such action be rescinded and duly authenticated circulars be received.

I am now satisfied that their action was impulsively, if not ill advisedly taken, and I regret that a true report of my official acts requires some allusion to such occurrences.

Another appeal taken to the Supreme Lodge and by it referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, to be appointed at the close of its sessions, has been recently disposed of by them in concurrence with the Supreme Dictator. The interest the case has excited, as well as its importance generally, justifies more than a brief mention.

Enterprise Lodge, No. 1019, at a meeting held March 14th, unanimously recommended a brother for appointment as examining physician for the lodge, and upon the refusal of the State Medical Examiner to appoint him, an appeal was made to me for such action as might be thought necessary with the view understood of having the appointment made.

Doubtful of any authority of a compulsory nature to over-rule any official act of the S. M. E., with respect to appointments, if claimed to be done upon judgment I communicated with him to learn if his refusal was final and made after full consideration.

Receiving an affirmative reply under date of May 5th, my conclusion, as communicated to the lodge, was, that no power was vested in the Grand Dictator through the exercise of which the decision of the S. M. E. could be over-ruled, and I declined to entertain the appeal, but recommended that the case be submitted to the Supreme Lodge for settlement.

The opinions of the committee and endorsement of the Supreme Dictator, recently received, are as follows:

OFFICE SUPREME DICTATOR,
 SUPREME LODGE KNIGHTS OF HONOR,
 NEW HAVEN, Conn., Aug. 29th, 1884.

B. H. VANNESS, G. D., K. of H., Newark, N. J.,

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER :—The Appeal of Enterprise Lodge, No. 1019, of N. J., from your decision in the case of Dr. W. J. Cadmus, S. M. E., who refused to appoint Dr. H. W. Gedicke, Medical Examiner, was referred by the Supreme Lodge in session, to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances to be appointed at the close of the session.

The Committee has reported to me their opinion in the above case, and the majority report is as follows :

"The Committee on Appeals and Grievances are of the opinion that the appeal of Enterprise Lodge No. 1019, of Newark, N. J., from the action of Dr. W. J. Cadmus, State Medical Examiner, refusing to appoint Dr. H. W. Gedicke, Medical Examiner, cannot be sustained. The S. M. E. is, by Art. VIII, Sec. 3, vested with a discretion as to the appointment of Lodge Medical Examiners. This discretion cannot and should not be interfered with. If Dr. W. J. Cadmus, has in this case been actuated by any improper motive, in the belief of Enterprise Lodge or its officers, their mode of proceeding should be by preferring charges against him."

JAS. O. PIERCE,
 J. P. FITZGERALD.

The minority report is as follows :

In the matter of the Appeal of Enterprise Lodge, No. 1019, I respectfully submit a minority report. I cannot concur in the report of the majority of the committee, for the following reasons : I think that the State Medical Examiner should exercise his discretion in the matter of the appointment of Lodge Examiners free from all restraint, control or interference on the part of Subordinate or Grand Lodges, or the officers thereof. The Supreme Lodge has however expressly declared that the action of State Medical Examiners shall be subject to review on appeal to Grand Dictators and Grand Lodges.

(See proceedings of 1881, page 118, in the case of St. Louis Lodge, No. 13.)

The principles involved in the two cases are identical, and I find no change in the law that will justify the committee in over-looking the rule, as there unanimously declared by the Supreme Lodge, and adopting a rule completely at variance therewith. If the rule as declared at Minneapolis was the law when the appeal went to Bro. Van Ness, then it was his duty to entertain and act on the case presented. If he failed to do so, then, on appeal to the Supreme Dictator or Supreme Lodge, the case should have been remanded to the Grand Dictator with instructions to hear and determine the case.

I therefor recommended that the appeal be sustained, and the Grand Dictator of N. J., directed to entertain and hear the complaint of Enterprise Lodge, No. 1019.

W. C. JONES.

The Supreme Dictator concurs in the opinion presented in the majority report of the Committee, and declares the appeal not sustained.

Yours, in O. M. A.,

FRANK D. SLOAT, S. D.

STATE AND GROWTH OF THE ORDER.

The state of the Order, not only in New Jersey, but at large, is at all times a subject of deep interest to us, and the growth of the same, it must be conceded, is a matter of vital importance to our future welfare and prosperity.

So much has been said and written concerning affairs affected by the injunc-

tion the attempt by a few men to enforce through the Courts a technical construction of our Kentucky charter and by that means defeat the will of the Supreme Lodge, is on the point of proving a complete failure, and the outcome is likely to be a strengthening of our lines in the hearts of loyal members that will intensify fealty to the officers elected in conformity with our fraternal laws, and make our whole organization an united brotherhood indeed.

The failure with us to institute new lodges during the year should not imply a want of effort on the part of at least a considerable number of the deputies. Their institution is a recognized method of increase in growth, and ought to be encouraged in all proper localities.

In deference to the sentiment of this grand body expressed last year, that no more new lodges be organized in towns where there are three or more lodges, without consent of two-thirds of the lodges therein, little or no attempts have been made in the larger cities already well supplied with lodges. Considerable correspondence with, and personal visits to outside places have been made by deputies and grand officers with a view to new lodges, but whether the times were unpropitious, or promised assistance on the part of individuals lacked energy, no results are as yet accomplished.

But while this is so we can congratulate ourselves upon a steady growth in numbers through the working lodges of our State. The per centum of increase places New Jersey, in this respect, among the foremost of the jurisdictions.

Several enquiries have been made, some quite recently, that give promise of new lodges in places desirable to occupy, information of which can be furnished to the next Grand Dictator.

SUSPENSION OF LODGES.

The record of the part year in this particular cannot be surpassed. From time to time, when the list of suspended lodges was received, the first interest has been as to our own State.

It affords me great satisfaction to be able to say that there have been no suspensions of lodges, and the justifiable pride we can take in such a record is appreciated when the fact is recognized, that, it is the only State having a Grand Lodge of which the same is true for the same period.

DEPUTIES.

When I assumed the duties of the office the list of deputies was not complete. This arose from delay on the part of lodges and districts to make recommendations, such a course having been generally conceded. Efforts were made with success to complete the appointments, and with the exception of one County where the brother selected, while willing to serve, express an unwillingness to comply with the requirement as to bond, and was not therefore commissioned.

He has, however, kindly and by request performed the rites of installation at the beginning of the term, and I visited the lodge in July and equipped them for the remainder of the year.

The deputies who have made reports speak encouragingly of their lodges, and the lodges so far as heard from have been well satisfied with their deputies, the only exception causing delay being in a district where the deputy on account of absence or removal failed to deputeize a substitute or notify earlier of his inability to attend to his lodges early in July.

Two deputies have resigned, one recently on account of a misunderstanding, since acknowledged, and the other February 7th, occasioned by his suspension in his lodge and his failure to transmit to the Grand Reporter the reports and per capita tax collected at January installations.

On demand being made upon his bondsmen, summary proceedings were directed by his lodge to be taken against the deputy in default, (the bondsmen

being unwilling to pay before) and the result was friends came forward and the Grand Lodge, and the bondsmen were saved from loss.

I might here also mention that an unsettled claim to a considerable amount, arising from the institution of a lodge on the eve of our last meeting, was also pressed for settlement with success.

As may well be inferred, stringent measures such as these claims required and the financial interests of the Grand Lodge justified, were very distasteful to those whose official duty influenced the proceeding; but when repeated and persistent efforts to secure payment had failed, it would have been a dereliction of duty not to have employed such measures.

The following is the revised list of deputies with the lodges or territory assigned to them :

DEPUTIES.

W. H. Neefus, Union County.
 O. E. Peck, Cumberland County.
 Alex. Simon, Passaic County.
 W. H. Blunt, 557, 2374, 2350.
 J. G. Gegenheimer, 216, 2190, 2348, 2775.
 Jas. V. Ash, 209, 486, 1019, 1595.
 Samuel Phipps, Warren County.
 W. F. Jones, 2342, 2638, 2717.
 Adam Shaffer, At large.
 Jacob Schmidt, 469, 2805, 2961.
 Jno. Randolph, 1752, 2227.
 G. G. Hardy, 2429.
 J. H. Leudecke, 585, 1468, 1828, 2908, 3006.
 W. W. Silkworth, Monmouth County.
 E. Morley, 1433.
 J. N. Branin, 2089.
 C. S. Norris, 2896.
 R. McDonald, 509, 651, 2600, 2864.
 G. P. Robinson, 634, 714, 808.
 A. Dickinson, 80, 2803.
 Samuel Dennis, Bergen County.
 Otto Pott, At large.
 Emil Koller, 2399, 2758, 2885, 2986.

VISITS TO LODGES.

The pleasantest and least onerous duty connected with the office, it is scarcely necessary to say is paying visits to lodges and attending the special occasions to which invitations are from time to time received.

Of late, I have found it impossible, without a sacrifice of interests I could not afford, to make as many visits as I desired, and regret the inability to be present at some meetings and gatherings where I was perhaps expected.

Many of the lodges have however during the period referred to and previously, been favored with visits from Supreme Representatives Klotz and Wiener and other well informed brothers, and I confess to some reliance on them with their fuller information on the important subject that has been uppermost, to obscure from notice any failure on my part. I find, however, I have made as many visits as any of the Grand Dictators have reported during the same period.

My record contains the following list :

1884

VISITS.

January 15—Aurora, of Newark.
 “ 22—Lincoln, of Harrison.
 “ 28—Phil Kearny, of Newark.

Feb'y.	6—Highland, of Jersey City.
"	7—Atlas, of Newark.
"	9—Elizabeth, of Elizabeth.
"	15—Valley, of Belleville.
"	18—Freiligrath, of Paterson.
"	18—Cataract, of Paterson.
March.	4—Passaic, of Newark.
"	6—Centennial, of Newark, with Supreme Dictator Cochran.
"	7—Columbia, of " " " "
"	10—Phil Kearney, of Newark. (Anniversary).
"	22—Elizabeth, of Elizabeth.
"	27—Bloomfield, of Bloomfield.
"	28—Enterprise, of Newark.
May.	22—Americus, of Newark.
June.	25—Garfield, of Orange. (Entertainment).
"	30—Newark, of Newark.
July.	2—Aurora, of Newark. (Summer Nights Festival)
"	9—Northern, of Newark. (Centenary Meeting).
"	10—Centennial, of Newark. (Visited by S. D. Sloat, Sup. Dictator).
"	11—Brunswick, of New Brunswick.
"	14—Protection, of Hoboken.
"	23—Excelsior, of Bloomfield.
August.	1—Onward, of Elizabeth.
"	8—Ivanhoe, of Jersey City.
"	13—Germania, of Jersey City.

On most of the visits, Supreme Representatives or Grand officers were present who largely contributed to make them instructive and entertaining and, I here desire to record my thanks to them for kindly responding to invitations to visit.

DISPENSATIONS.

Several applications have been made for dispensations when the acts to be done did not require any, and a ruling was made to that effect and none issued. Requests were made by several lodges in January for dispensations to install officers publicly, all of which were granted, as there can be no doubt that, if prudently conducted, such installations are conducive to the good of the Order.

1. January 17th, a dispensation was issued to Steuben Lodge, No. 2758, to initiate a candidate who had been rejected through error and misunderstanding.

The committee of investigation had reported adversely, from having made inquiries of an entirely different man of somewhat similar name, and when they discovered their error, the committee and the lodge desired to retract their rejection and receive him into membership.

2. A request from a lodge for dispensation to create a Past Dictator was denied, on the ground that no such authority could be conferred when our present constitution prohibits that power to the Grand Lodge itself.

DECISIONS.

Many questions have been asked that a reference to the Constitution and Laws have furnished sufficient answer and are here omitted. The following are given:

1. A Dictator on the last meeting night in his first term is not *then* eligible to election as Grand Representative.

This implied that he might be eligible after installation but, later, and since, the last Supreme Lodge Meeting, where decided action was taken, I ruled in accordance therewith that no S. P. D. in his first term as such, is eligible at any special election held during such term. (Pro. S. L., page 315.)

2. Degrees can be conferred at regularly called special meetings when candidates have been elected at stated meetings.

3. The M. Ex. of a lodge being absent in Florida, and no other lodge examiner convenient, I decided that the examiner for a kindred organization, on satisfying the S. M. E. of his regularity, could make an examination.

4. That the payment of assessments of a deceased brother, falling due after death, cannot be insisted upon.

APPEALS.

In the latter part of February, Brother A. L. Babcock, Dictator of Alpha Lodge, No. 209, appealed from the decision of his lodge, in overruling his action, declaring a vacancy in the Board of Trustees, when the trustee elect, after due notice, had failed to qualify, in accordance with their By-Laws.

I sustained the appeal on the grounds set forth in the decision, accompanying the papers herewith submitted for the information of the Grand Lodge.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I have but few recommendations to place before the Grand Lodge. The proposed new Constitution will bring into review nearly every subject incident to our work, and, by action thereon, a more harmonious code of laws can be provided, than if adopted in detached portions.

The following are, nevertheless, recommended for consideration :

1. That the Grand Lodge be made a representative body, composed of its Officers, Supreme Representatives and representatives from subordinate lodges.

2. That the basis of representation be one representative to each lodge, and an additional representative to each lodge having more than one hundred members at the time of the election.

3. That the term for subordinate lodges be fixed at six months.

4. That the time for meetings of this Grand Lodge be made the first Wednesday of October in each year.

5. That our Supreme Representatives be requested to advocate in the next meeting of the Supreme Lodge, the adoption of a new ritual reduced in volume, and that can be worked in one degree.

STATE LEGISLATION.

On February 6th last, another attempt was made, through the introduction of Senate Bill, No. 125, to legislate upon the subject of fraternal insurance, and a copy of the proposed act was sent to me by an Assemblyman, with the assurance that its passage was not at all probable.

The result confirmed his judgment, and if our, and other organizations with similar aims continue united in opposing legislation, (and any State legislation would be against our interests), little fear need be entertained as to the future.

DEATHS AND DEATH BENEFITS.

The deaths during the year have occurred in about the same ratio to our membership, as for the years preceding, having been about 11 per 1000 members. Of the thirty-five who have been called hence, four heretofore named, either had taken the Grand Lodge degree, or were entitled to it at this meeting.

I recommend that we adopt suitable resolutions, and direct that a page *In Memoriam* be allotted to their memory, in our printed proceedings.

The death benefits of our lost brothers have been promptly paid during the year; and this reminds me of the change made by the Supreme Lodge in respect to beneficiaries that I am sure meets our hearty approval. I refer to the amended Constitution which provides that they must be members of his family, or persons dependent on him, which is more consistent with the true aims of our brotherhood.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, I desire to thank all who have assisted me with their advice and encouragement, during the time that the responsibilities of this office have rested upon me.

Some will appreciate the statement that the position has not been over pleasant at times, and will confirm me in saying that I have tried to perform its duties under adverse circumstances.

In devotion to the Order I am unwilling to take second place to any, but where judgment has failed, my regrets are sincere, and as sincerely expressed before you.

My labors have involved but little expense to the Grand Lodge, so far as they have been placed to account, but the demands upon my time for correspondence have extended over many a midnight hour. Upon the whole my intercourse with lodges, lodge officers and brother grand officers, has been pleasant and agreeable, and I cannot, now at the close, regret the labors, sometimes arduous, that have been required.

Trusting in your forbearance during the sessions of our meeting, and hoping your work will be so wisely planned that it will redound to your lasting credit and the good of our Order, I submit this report for such further consideration as you may decide to give it.

Fraternally, in O. M. A.,

B. H. VAN NESS, Grand Dictator.

On motion, it was received and referred to the Committee on Distribution, consisting of Bros. J. A. Spence, S. Dennis and J. F. Glutting.

REPORT OF JACOB SCHMIDT, D. D. G. D.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Sept. 8th, 1884.

B. H. Van Ness, Grand Dictator, K. of H. of N. J.:

DEAR SIR:—As Deputy of Germania, Auerbach, and Union Lodges, I beg leave to report that I have visited the lodges of my district once, and oftentimes twice in each month, and am pleased to report them in a prosperous condition.

I have collected the per capita tax, and remitted the same to the Grand Reporter promptly, also installed the officers in January.

I should like to have our Supreme Representatives instructed to do all in their power to have our Ritual shortened, and not allow it to be lengthened, as has been done this year. Dictators in my district refuse and neglect to perform the secret work at the close of the meeting as directed by the Supreme Lodge.

With many thanks to you for my appointment, and to the brothers who have aided me in my duties, I herewith resign my office, and remain

Yours, in O. M. A.,

JACOB SCHMIDT, D. D. G. D.

REPORT OF W. H. NEEFUS, D. D. G. D.

ELIZABETH, N. J., Aug. 18th, 1884.

To the Grand Dictator, K. of H. of N. J.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—In conformity with my duty I tender this my report as D. D. G. D., for the term ending September 1st, 1884.

During my term of office I have collected the per capita tax, received and examined the Semi-Annual Returns, and forward them to the Grand Reporter. I also installed the officers of Onward Lodge, and attended to all the duties of my office to the best of my ability.

I have repeatedly endeavored to work up a Lodge, in Rahway and Plainfield, at some considerable cost to myself, of both time and money, but I am sorry to say without any success. It seems, there are so many organizations now in existence, that the peoples minds and time are all occupied.

Respectfully, in O. M. A.,

W. H. NEEFUS, D. D. G. D.

REPORT OF EMIL KOLLER, D. D. G. D.

NEWARK, N. J., Aug. 31st, 1884.

To B. H. Van Ness Grand Dictator, K. of H. of N. J.:

I have visited the lodges under my charge, and find them in good working order.

Yours, in O. M. A.,

EMIL KOLLER, D. D. G. D.

REPORT OF JOHN RANDOLPH, D. D. G. D.

JERSEY CITY, Sept. 1st, 1884.

B. H. Van Ness, Grand Dictator, K. of H. of N. J.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—In accordance with the requirement of our constitution, I herewith submit my report as D. D. G. D., of Humboldt and Washington Lodges. During my term, I have visited the lodges on several occasions, both officially and otherwise, and always found them well attended, and taking a deep interest in the work of our beloved order. I have been unsuccessful in instituting any new lodges, although I have worked hard for that end.

I hope that my successor may be more successful. Thanking you for the honor of my appointment.

I remain Yours, in O. M. A.,

JOHN RANDOLPH, D. D. G. D.

RERORT OF J. V. ASH, D. D. G. D.

NEWARK, N. J., Sept. 10th, 1884.

B. H. Van Ness, Grand Dictator, K. of H. of N. J.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—As Deputy of lodges Nos. 207, 2186, 1019 and 1595, I would respectfully report that I have visited the lodges for which I was appointed and performed the duties of my office to the best of my ability; and have made several fraternal visits during my term of office, and find the lodges in good working order.

Respectfully submitted, in O. M. A.,

J. V. ASH, D. D. G. D.

REPORT OF JOHN N. BRANIN, D. D. G. D.

MILLVILLE, N. J., Sept. 8th, 1884

To the Grand Dictator, K. of H. of N. J.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—At the close of another year I am called upon as your Deputy to render an account of my stewardship as such.

The lodge of which I am Deputy (Manantico, 2089) is still following in the well beaten path laid down at the commencement of her career, that is to continue to the end.

We have suffered some loss during the year, two of our members having been called to leave the stage of action for the great unknown future. We have filled their places in the lodge by the admission of two others.

The rupture in the Supreme Lodge has had a bad effect here, and will have for some time yet, still we hope to outlive all this trouble, and place our beloved order high upon the pinnacle where it of rights belongs. Wishing the Grand Lodge a harmonious and useful gathering

I am, yours respectfully,

J. N. BRANIN, D. D. G. D.

REPORT OF J. H. LEUDECKE, D. D. G. D.

NEWARK, N. J., Sept. 10, 1884.

B. H. Van Ness, Esq., Grand Dictator K. of H. of N. J.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I have the honor to submit herewith the result of my labor as D. D. G. D. for the past year. During the year I have installed the officers, and visited the lodges in the district for which I was appointed, as follows: Newark Lodge, No. 585, forty-four times; Schiller Lodge, No. 1468, five times; Goethe Lodge, No. 1828, six times; Bloomfield Lodge, No. 2908, three times, and Fred. Hecker Lodge, No. 3006, eight times.

I have instructed the lodges in my district to the best of my ability, and am happy to say that they are working harmoniously; at the same time I cannot help alluding to the fact that so few candidates have been initiated in my district during the year. This I believe to be partly due to the fact that Lodge examiners charge too much for examining candidates. As other organizations of the kind are content with charging only one dollar for their services, I would most respectfully suggest that our Representatives to the Supreme Lodge be instructed to advocate a change in the law, to the effect, that it shall be left with the subordinate lodges to arrange the fees with the Lodge Physician.

Yours, in O. M. A.,

J. N. LEUDECKE, D. D. G. D.

REPORT OF W. H. BLUNT, D. D. G. D.

NEWARK, N. J., Sept. 9, 1894.

B. H. Van Ness, Esq., Grand Dictator K. of H. of N. J.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—In rendering you my report for the term that I have held the position of D. D. G. D., it is but just to you and the members of the Grand Lodge, that I should give an account of my stewardship. It has been attended to with pleasure, although not with the success that I desired.

I should liked to have had the lodges in my district doubled their member-

ship during my term, although I believe, in turning them over to my successor, he will find them working harmoniously, and for the best interest of the order.

My business has prevented me from visiting the lodges as often as I have wished, but when they have desired my presence I have made it my business to go, no matter how much it inconvenienced me. My first duty was on Jan. 7th, when, with the assistance of Brothers J. P. Baker, P. D. of Alpha Lodge, and W. Scharinghausen, P. D. of Americus Lodge, I installed the officers of Phil. Kearny Lodge, No. 2350.

On January 10th, with the assistance of Brother Wm. Chenoweth, P. D. of Northern Lodge, and Thos. Betts, P. D. of Centennial Lodge, No. 216, I publicly installed the officers of Americus Lodge, No. 2374.

After the installation was over, the object and workings of the order were fully explained to the visitors present, by Brothers Chenoweth and Betts.

On January 11th, assisted by Brothers W. Scharinghausen, of Americus Lodge, and J. A. Glazier, of Columbia, I installed the officers of Columbia Lodge, No. 557.

Allow me at this time to thank the brothers who have so kindly assisted me in the performance of my duties, for I firmly believe that if success would attend our efforts, we should give to each other all the assistance in our power. I have also had to install several officers during the year to fill vacancies caused by resignations. My last official act was the installation of Brother Samuel Knott, as Vice Dictator of Columbia Lodge, on August 29th.

In closing this report, I will say to my successor that if I can assist him in any way I will cheerfully do so, and hope the lodges will extend to him the same courtesies of good fellowship and brotherly love they have shown to me. I also desire to thank Brothers O. Wiener and S. Klotz, and our Grand Reporter, Brother J. M. Mayhew, who have so cheerfully given me whatever information I have asked. Thanking you kindly for courtesies shown me, I remain

Yours, in O. M. A.,

W. H. BLUNT, D. D. G. D.

REPORT OF THE GRAND REPORTER.

NEWARK, N. J., Sept. 1st, 1884.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge Knights of Honor of N. J.:

GREETING:—In accordance with the laws governing this Grand Lodge, we have assembled to-day in our seventh annual meeting to hear the result of our work for the past year, and to do what we can for the growth of our beloved Order in this jurisdiction.

As co-laborers in our great work, I am happy to meet you all, and extend to you a warm fraternal greeting, and hope the business transacted at this session, may cement more firmly the ties that have bound us for the past seven years, and that when the session is closed we may feel that it has been good for us to meet, and that something has been done for the benefit of our Order.

In accordance with our requirement, I herewith submit my annual report, of the transactions of my office, and what we have accomplished during the year. Although it will not show as good results as in former years, yet we have no cause to be discouraged, as our membership has increased about five per cent., while in some States it has decreased.

Although efforts have been made in various localities to institute new lodges, yet we have been unsuccessful, and our number remains (at 48) the same as when we last met.

Our Membership on July 1st, 1883, was.....	3,097
During the year there have been initiated to June 30th, 1884.....	320
Joined by Card, to June 30th, 1884.....	12
Reinstated " " " ".....	68

3,497

Withdrawn by Card to June 30th, 1884.....	31
Suspended to June 30th, 1884.....	178
Expelled " " " ".....	3
Died " " " ".....	35

247

Membership June 30th,.....	3,250
Showing an increase of.....	153
(Exhibits A, B)	

Our death record shows we have lost 30 beneficiary members, and one honorary member to June 30th, and since then to September 1st, 5, making in all from Sept. 1st, 1883, to Sept. 1st, 1884, 36, or 5 more deaths than we had last year. Among the deaths we have this year to record, are 3 members of this Grand Lodge, viz :

Sept. 5th, Bro. Albert Link, P. D. of Newark Lodge, No. 585, (whose name was mentioned last year in my report, but not included in list of deaths).

April 29th, Wm. E. Eanes, P. D. of Americus Lodge, No. 2374.

Aug. 12th, James H. Way, P. D. of Excelsior Lodge, No. 2342.

The benefits accruing to the families of our deceased brothers amounts to \$68,000. The amount paid by the deceased brothers for assessments amounted to \$2,700, or about 4 per cent.

(Exhibit C.)

The amount paid by our State into the W. & O. B. Fund for the year ending June 30th, amounted to \$68,590.52, while the amount drawn out by deaths, occurring during the same time amounted to \$66,000.

Of the deaths occurring during the past year, but two were from suicide, showing conclusively that a less number are occurring from that cause than formerly. If our laws, as now in force, will retard a brother from committing self-murder, certainly a good work is being accomplished. Our assessment calls show in the last 284 deaths, but one from suicide. This shows a great contrast against having from 3 to 5 in every assessment, as formerly; and for the prevention of this great crime is certainly a strong argument in favor of the law as it now stands.

From Sept. 1st, 1883, to Aug. 31st, 1884, 19 assessments have been called by the Supreme Lodge, to pay benefits on 1,345 deaths reported on assessments called, averaging 71 deaths to each.

FINANCES OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Cash on hand July 1st, 1883.....	\$4,309 85
Received into general fund to June 30, 1884.....	18,086 32

Total.....\$22,396 17

From which deduct :

Amount paid, expenses.....	\$14,118 32
" " for Relief.....	1,531 83
" Invested.....	1,546 14
	<u>\$17,196 29</u>

Balance on hand June 30, 1884.....\$5,199 88

Balance on hand and in bank.....\$15,047 88

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' BENEFIT FUND.

Balance on hand June 30, 1883.....	2,059 65
Amount paid into the Fund since June 30, 1883.....	68,379 20
Total.....	\$70,438 85
Amount paid Supreme Lodge.....	\$68,590 52
Leaving on hand a balance of.....	1,848 33
(Exhibits D, E)	

FINANCE OF GRAND LODGES.

Balance on hand June 30, 1883.....	\$ 810 92
Received for per capita tax December 31, 1883, and June 30, 1884....	1,612 50
“ from Lodges for supplies (Exhibit F).....	208 15
“ “ Deputies “ (Exhibit G).....	2 46
“ “ Charter fees (Exhibit G).....	60 00
Total	\$ 2,694 03
Less orders on Grand Treasurer, 212 to 231 (Exhibit H)	2,288 51
In Treasury, August 31, 1884.....	405 52

ASSETS OF GRAND LODGE.

Cash in Treasury.....	405 52
Supplies on hand, as per inventory (Exhibit I).....	108 25
Due from Subordinate Lodges (Exhibit F).....	21 04
“ “ Deputies (Exhibit G).....	3 49
Total.....	538 30

LIABILITIES.

Due Subordinate Lodges (Exhibit F).....	1 70
	\$ 536 60

EXPENSES OF GRAND LODGE.

Amount paid mileage September 13th, 1883.....	\$ 427 85
“ “ bills ordered Jan. “.....	199 88
“ “ Instituting Lodge No. 3006.....	40 00
“ “ for printing 400 English proceedings.....	140 00
“ “ “ 200 German “.....	120 00
“ “ Supreme Lodge dues.....	805 62
“ “ D. M. Wilson & Co., for Regalia.....	26 50
“ “ Grand Reporter's Salary.....	250 00
“ “ Bill of B. H. Van Ness, Grand Dictator.....	14 43
“ “ Van Alstyne & Shurts, Printing.....	20 00
“ “ Grover Brothers, Printing.....	90 40
“ “ Expenses of Grand Reporter's office.....	50 46

Or about 69 cents a member.

\$2,185 14

By this you will see the importance of adopting some means of increasing our revenue. Unless we have more lodges instituted, or we wake up, and increase the membership more rapidly than during the past year, the surplus now in the treasury will be exhausted by the time we meet again.

One way in which we could meet our expenses with our present membership, would be to hold bi-ennial sessions, as we would save the cost of a session, which last year amounted to about \$550.00. Many of our Grand Lodges now meet but once in two years, and the grand officers issue a report to the lodges at the close of the intermediate year, giving statistics as to the condition of the Order.

Another way to assist ourselves would be to have the Subordinate Lodges pay the expense of their Representative to the Grand Lodge. If, however, the Grand Lodge think best to continue paying mileage and per-diem, then, with our present membership, we will have to think of increasing our per capita tax. The tax paid to our Grand Lodge is the smallest paid to any Grand Lodge, most of them paying one dollar per head.

The table of our membership since the organization of our Grand Lodge, presented to you at our last meeting, I have continued with my present report, that the members may see which Lodges are growing and which are not. (Exhibit J.)

During the year I have visited many of our lodges, but not as many as I desired. In doing so, however, I have found an improvement on the part of the Reporters, in the keeping of their books and records.

The semi-annual reports have shown a marked improvement, and but few have been returned for correction. The principal complaint this year is the tardiness some Reporters indulge in, in sending their reports to this office. In some cases I have had to repeatedly write to the Deputy and Reporter before I could obtain them; and it was only through the indulgence of our Grand Dictator, that one of our oldest lodges was not suspended, as they overrun the time allowed by the Supreme Lodge.

Only twenty-five out of our forty-eight lodges had their reports in by the time called for by this Grand Lodge—July 15th.

If our Subordinate Lodge Reporters and the Deputies were aware of the amount of labor required of the Grand Reporter in making up his returns for the Supreme Lodge, they would certainly make an effort to fully comply with the requirements of our Constitution.

The most trouble the past year has been caused by commencing the reports with a different amount from that which the previous report closed. This could not happen if the auditing committee of the lodge would thoroughly examine the reports and books of their financial officers, and not certify to their correctness until they are positive they are right. When the reports come to this office, they must be compared to previous ones, and when found incorrect, they have to be returned, or a correspondence had to find out the cause of the differences. This all takes up much of the short time allowed by the Supreme Lodge for the Grand Reporters to make their returns. A little more care would save much time, as well as the Reporters the annoyance of having to find out the cause of their errors, and the trouble of making out new reports. Although much time can be saved by a little care upon the part of the officers of each lodge, yet such is my pride in the record of this Grand Lodge on the books of the Supreme Lodge, that I take pleasure in doing all that can be done, by correspondence or otherwise, to have our returns to the Supreme Lodge correct. For the past term our report was the third one received by the Supreme Reporter, and was acknowledged as correct. I receive many communications and visits from our members, asking questions concerning different matters in connection with our Order, and have always taken great pleasure in helping them whenever I could do so.

January.	16.	"	J. M. Mayhew.....	217...	62 50
"	15.	"	M. H. Neuhut.....	218...	120 00
February	8.	"	B. F. Nelson.....	219...	399 37
"	18.	"	D. Wilson & Co.....	220...	26 50
"	18.	"	Grover Brothers.....	221...	121 58
May	9.	"	B. H. Van Ness.....	222...	14 43
"	9.	"	J. M. Mayhew.....	223...	62 50
July	29.	"	J. M. Mayhew.....	224...	62 50
"	29.	"	Grover Brothers.....	225...	21 77
August	6.	"	B. F. Nelson, S. R.....	226...	406 25
"	26.	"	Van Alstyne & Shurts.....	227...	20 00
September	1.	"	B. F. Nelson.....	228...	35 60
"	1.	"	Grover Brothers.....	229...	18 62
"	1.	"	J. M. Mayhew.....	230...	62 50
"	1.	"	Expenses G. R.'s office.....	231...	50 46
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					\$2,288 51
Balance on hand.....					\$405 52

All of which is respectfully submitted.

OSCAR WIENER,
Grand Treasurer.

On motion, it was received and referred to the Finance Committee.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TRUSTEES.

NEWARK, Sept. 1st, 1884.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Honor of New Jersey :

BROTHERS :—Your Trustees would respectfully report that they have examined the bonds of the officers of the Grand Lodge submitted to them, have approved the same, and now have them on file, together with the approved bonds of the District Deputies appointed during the past year. In the performance of our duties it became necessary for us in one instance, after careful consideration, to reject one of the bondsmen submitted to us ; and as we have been subjected to a great deal of annoyance for doing what we considered nothing but our duty, the constitution clearly stating, "That it shall be our duty to see that all bonds be good and sufficient before approving the same," we therefore feel that, in justice to ourselves, we have a right to state that the insinuations thrown out, that we were actuated by malice in our action, is entirely uncalled for, and is not in accordance with the facts, our sole object being to perform our duties as Trustees, for the interest of all concerned.

While we have no desire to reflect on the business standing of any one, and have been very careful not to do so, we have felt it our duty to use the same diligence in the performance of our duty to the Grand Lodge as would be pursued by us in our own private affairs.

We would respectfully make the following recommendations :

1st. That a new blank form of bond be prepared for the use of this Grand Lodge.

2d. That all moneys in the hands of the Grand Treasurer be placed in some banking institution to be approved by the Grand Trustees.

3d. That the Grand Trustees shall prepare a list of the bondsmen of each of the officers of the Grand Lodge, to be incorporated in their annual report to this body.

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. WEBBE,
MICHAEL MEYER,
Grand Trustees.

On motion the report was received and referred to the Finance Committee.

REPORT OF STATE MEDICAL EXAMINER.

JERSEY CITY, September 9, 1884.

To the Grand Dictator, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Honor of New Jersey :

I submit herewith the result of my labors during the past year, as follows :

Number of applications received.....	300
" " approved.....	282
" " rejected.....	18
" Death notices received and forwarded to the Supreme Reporter.....	36

The causes of death and number dying from each cause were as follows : accidental, 3 ; apoplexy, 2 ; cancer, 2 ; colic, 1 ; erysipelas, 1 ; gastro enteritis, 1 ; heart disease, 5 ; lunacy, 1 ; suicide, 1 ; rheumatism, 1 ; typhoid fever, 3 ; Bright's disease, 1 ; meningitis, 1 ; pneumonia, 4 ; consumption, 7 ; disease of liver, 2.

Respectfully submitted, in O. M. A.,

W. J. CADMUS, S. M. Ex.

On motion the report was referred back for report of his official actions.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

During the year I have approved of all medical examiners that have been recommended by Subordinate Lodges, with two exceptions, both of whom were disapproved by me for good and sufficient reasons.

Professional pride and a sense of Knightly honor, together with the approval of the Supreme Lodge, compels me to refrain from further discussion of this subject.

Respectfully submitted, in O. M. A.,

W. J. CADMUS, S. M. Ex.

Received and placed on file.

The Grand Lodge then took a recess until 3 o'clock.

Wednesday, 2 O'Clock, P. M.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRINTING AND
SUPPLIES.

NEWARK, N. J., September 1st, 1884.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Honor of New Jersey :

Your Committee on Printing and Supplies offer the following as their report for the year ending August 31, 1884 :

Purchased from the Supreme Lodge—

450 English Constitutions.
480 German "
10 Financial Reporter's Cash Books.
3 German Rituals.
5 English "
1 Member's Roll Book.
1,000 Applications.

From M. H. Neuhut—

200 German Proceedings of Grand Lodge.

From Van Alstyne & Shurts—

500 Semi-Annual Reports.

From Grover Bros.—

600 Postal Cards.
3,250 No. 6 Envelopes.
2,100 No. 9 Envelopes.
1,060 Official Circulars.
200 Charter Applications.
300 Lists of Lodges.
1,500 Letter Heads.
1,000 Monthly Reports.
1,000 Resolution Headings.
300 P. D. Certificates of Good Standing.
400 English Proceedings of Grand Lodge.
120 Blank Reports, ruled to order.
2,000 Reinstatement Blanks.
1,000 Suspension Notices.
600 Bonds.
1,000 Arrearage Notices.
5,200 Assessment Notices.

D. Wilson & Co.—

1 P. G. D. Badge.
1 Set Grand Officers' Badges.

Yours, in O. M. A.,

B. H. VAN NESS,
S. E. WOODHULL,
JOHN M. MAYHEW,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

NEWARK, N. J., September 1, 1884.

To the Grand Lodge, K. of H. of N. J.:

BROTHERS:—Your Committee on Returns report that they have carefully examined the reports of the Subordinate Lodges for the year ending June 30, 1884, and compared them with the abstracts of the Grand Reporter, and find them correct.

Number of Lodges September 1st, 1883.....	47
Instituted since.....	1
Present number.....	48

Membership July 1st, 1883.....	3,097
Increase during the year, to July 1, 1884.....	153
Membership July 1, 1884.....	3,250

We find some of the reports have been returned to the Lodges for correction, and recommend that the Reporters of our Lodges see that their reports are correct before giving them to the Deputy, as it will save much time and labor to the Grand Reporter.

J. N. CARPENTER,
I. P. CARPENTER,
CHAS. KUPPAUF,

Committee.

Received and ordered on file.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GERMAN WORK.

NEWARK, N. J., Sept. 10th, 1884.

To the Grand Dictator, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Honor of New Jersey:

Your Committee on German Work beg leave to report that they have had the English Proceedings of September 12th and 13th, 1883, translated, and two hundred copies printed in German. The printing was awarded to Bro. M. H. Neuhut, the lowest bidder, at a cost of one hundred and twenty dollars.

SIMON WIENER,
AUGUST MARKERT,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAWS.

To the Grand Dictator, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Honor of New Jersey:

Your Committee on Laws and Supervision would report that they have, during the year past, examined and approved the by-laws of several lodges,

but owing to the absence of the chairman of the committee, the list of the Lodges cannot now be given.

Yours, in O. M. A.,

N. H. STEVENS,
ADOLPH KLEE,

Committee.

On motion the report was received and placed on file.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

On motion the Grand Lodge then went into election of officers for the ensuing year, with the following result, Bros. W. Shaw, of Alpha, No. 209, and T. Foote, of No. 1433, acting as tellers:

Grand Dictator, Samuel Klotz, of Centennial Lodge, No. 216, Newark.
Grand Vice Dictator, Carston Pope, of Protection Lodge, No. 634, Hoboken.
Grand Assistant Dictator, R. J. S. White, of Montclair Lodge, No. 2638, of Montclair.

Grand Reporter, J. M. Mayhew, of Centennial Lodge, No. 216, Newark.
Grand Treasurer, George G. Hardy, of Lincoln Lodge, No. 2429, Harrison.
Grand Chaplain, Wm. Chenoweth, of Northern Lodge, No. 2190, Newark.
Grand Guide, W. H. Neefus, of Newark Lodge, No. 2858, Elizabeth.
Grand Guardian, J. Balevre, of Essex Lodge, No. 1595, Newark.
Grand Sentinel, Peter Baker, of Hudson Lodge, No. 808, Weehawken.
Grand Trustee (3 years), W. H. Blunt, of Americus Lodge, No. 2374, Newark.

Supreme Representative (2 years), Oscar Weiner, of Essex Lodge, No. 1595, Newark.

Alternate (2 years), Abner Kalisch, of Enterprise Lodge, No. 1019, Newark.
State Medical Examiner, W. J. Cadmus, of Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 509, Jersey City.

Document No. 1.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION.

To the Dictator, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Distribution, to whom was referred the reports of the Grand Dictator and Grand Reporter, respectfully submit the following: That the decision of the Grand Dictator be referred to the Committee on Laws; appeals to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, and his recommendations to the Committee on Laws.

That the financial portion of the Grand Reporter's report be referred to the Finance Committee, and his recommendations to the Committee on Laws.

Respectfully submitted,

S. DENNIS,
J. S. SPENCE,

Committee.

Report received and adopted.

Document No. 2.

Offered by Bro. L. Hannoeh, of No. 1595 :

Resolved, That the hours of this session be from 10 to 12.30 A. M., and from 2 to 7 P. M., on the first day of the session, and from 9 to 12 A. M., and 2 to 6 P. M. on Thursday, and if the business requires an evening session the hour shall be fixed during the day.

On motion the resolution was adopted.

Document No. 3.

Offered by Bro. Wiener, of Essex Lodge, No. 1595 :

Resolved, That Article II, Sec. 1, be so amended to strike out all after the words "old age" in said section, and substitute the following: None but Grand officers, Representatives and standing committees of the Grand Lodge shall be permitted to speak or vote on any subject before this body.

Also amend Article II, Sec. 2, by striking out the whole of said section and substitute the following, and to be known as Section 2: Each Subordinate Lodge in the State shall elect at their last stated meeting, in December, annually, one Representative for the first fifty members or fractional part thereof, and one Representative for each additional fifty members; also one Alternate for each Representative elected. The Alternate shall, in case of death, resignation, disqualification, or neglect of the Representative to perform his duties, act in his stead, and be entitled to all the privileges of the Representative for whom he was elected.

Also amend Article II, Sec. 3, by striking out the word "not," in the first line. Also strike out all after the words "Past Dictator," in the second line.

Also amend Article VI, Sec. 1, page 9, by striking out all after the line 20, "the State," and continue by substituting the following, viz: On or about January 15, he shall appoint the following standing committees, each to consist of three members, which shall be selected from the Representatives-elect at the last stated meeting, in December of each year, to wit:

1. Finance and Mileage.
2. Laws and Suspension.
3. Appeals and Grievances.
4. Returns and Credentials.
5. Printing and Supplies.
6. Committee on German Work.

And continue on page 9, as printed, he shall appoint in committees, &c.

Also amend Article XI, "Amendment," by striking out the words "members present," in the third line, and substitute the words "Representatives-elect."

On motion it was referred to the Committee on Laws.

Document No. 4.

Offered by J. H. Lueddeke, of Newark Lodge, No. 585 :

That the Finance Committee shall audit the books of the Grand Reporter and Grand Treasurer every six months, and transmit the result of their investigation to each Subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction.

Referred to the Committee on Laws.

Document No. 5.

Offered by Bro. J. A. Broadwell, of Northern Lodge, No. 2190 :

That the Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall hold their election of officers, semi-annually, at the last meeting in June and December.

Referred to the Committee on Laws.

Document No. 6.

Offered by Bro. J. H. Lueddeke, of Newark Lodge, No. 585 :

That the Representatives to the Supreme Lodge be instructed to work for the amendment of Article VIII, Sec. 4, Supreme Lodge Constitution, so that the Medical Examiners of Subordinate Lodges shall receive for their services such fees as shall be determined by the Subordinate Lodges, which fee shall be collected by the Subordinate Lodge.

Referred to Committee on Laws.

Document No. 7.

Offered by Bro. J. H. Lueddeke, of Newark Lodge, No. 585 :

That the Representatives to the Supreme Lodge shall work for the amendment of the Supreme Lodge Constitution so that hereafter the Supreme Lodge shall hold its meetings bi-ennially.

Referred to Committee on Laws.

Document No. 8.

Offered by Bro. Emil Koller, of Atlas Lodge, No. 2399 :

That the per capita tax be paid to the D. D. G. D. by check, payable to the order of the Grand Reporter.

Referred to the Committee on Laws.

Document No. 9.

Offered by Bro. A. Kahrman, of Elizabeth Lodge, No. 2885 :

That every D. D. G. D. shall pass an examination to fit him for that office.

Referred to Committee on Laws.

On motion Bro. C. Pope and R. J. S. White were excused from attending the session to-morrow morning.

Documents 10 to 24.

No. 10.	Bill of A. Dickinson.....	\$3 00
11.	“ G. P. Robinson.....	6 70
12.	“ E. Koller.....	6 00
13.	“ J. H. Lueddeke.....	17 00
14.	“ Jno. Rudolph.....	6 00
15.	“ Jacob Schmidt.....	10 60
16.	“ H. A. Kueffer.....	12 00
17.	“ O. Wiener.....	1 25
18.	“ A. Klee.....	1 00
19.	“ N. H. Stevens.....	1 00
20.	“ Rent of Hall.....	10 00
21.	“ J. G. Gegenheimer.....	15 00
22.	“ H. E. Schwartz.....	3 20
23.	“ W. H. Neefus.....	1 00
24.	“ B. H. Van Ness, G. D.....	15 80

Document No. 25.

Offered by Bro. J. A. Broadwell, of Northern Lodge, No. 2190 :

That a committee of three be appointed to draft resolutions of condolence on the decease of Brothers of this Grand Lodge.

Adopted.

Bros. J. A. Broadwell, S. W. Hartshorne and W. H. Blunt were appointed said committee.

The Grand Lodge was then closed until Thursday morning, at 9 o'clock.

Thursday, September 11th, 9 A. M.

The Grand Lodge was called to order by Bro. B. H. Van Ness, G. D., and there being a sufficient number of Lodges represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in due form.

Document No. 26.

Offered by the Finance Committee:

That the Grand Lodge pay their Officers, Representatives, Standing Committees, Assistant Reporter and Special Committees who report at this session two dollars a day for each full day's attendance, in lieu of mileage and per diem.

Adopted.

Document No. 27.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAWS.

To the Grand Dictator, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Honor of New Jersey:

Your Committee on Laws, to whom was referred certain parts of the Grand Dictator and Grand Reporter's reports, would respectfully report as follows:

We concur in the Grand Dictator's decisions Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Recommendations Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 we approve, and they will be provided for in the new Constitution, to be submitted.

No. 5 we concur in.

On the Grand Reporter's report we would report that his recommendation will be provided for in the new Constitution, to be submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

N. H. STEVENS,
A. KLEE,
GEORGE G. HARDY,
Committee on Laws.

Report received and adopted.

On motion the reports of the Deputies were referred to the Committee on Distribution.

Document No. 28.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAWS.

The Committee on Laws then offered a new Constitution, which, on motion, was taken up by sections and adopted, as follows:

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF NEW JERSEY.

ARTICLE I.

NAME AND POWERS.

SECTION 1. This body shall be known as the GRAND LODGE KNIGHTS OF HONOR, OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, with power and authority, by virtue of a charter granted it by the SUPREME LODGE KNIGHTS OF HONOR, dated the sixteenth day of April, 1877, to establish Subordinate Lodges; to make its own Constitution and By-Laws for its government, and to have the general supervision of the Order in the State of New Jersey, in conformity with the laws, rules and usages of the Supreme Lodge.

SEC. 2. It shall be the body to which all appeals shall be made, emanating from Subordinate Lodges or their members under its jurisdiction, excepting such as relate to the W. and O. B. Fund.

SEC. 3. It shall have an official seal, which shall be affixed to all documents issued in the name of this Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERSHIP, REPRESENTATIVES AND MEETINGS.

SEC. 1. This Grand Lodge shall be composed of its officers, Standing Committees, Past Grand Dictators, Representatives to the Supreme Lodge and Representatives from Subordinate Lodges.

SEC. 2. Past Dictators who are members in good standing in their Subordinate Lodges shall be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge, but without voice or vote; *provided*, however, that any Past Dictator may be granted the privilege to participate in debate, by a majority vote of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 3. The State Medical Examiner shall be *ex-officio* a member of this Grand Lodge.

SEC. 4. Each Subordinate Lodge in this State shall elect, at their last stated meeting, in December, annually, one Representative for the first fifty members or fractional part thereof, and one Representative for each additional fifty members; also one Alternate for each Representative elected. The Alternate shall, in case of the death, resignation, disqualification or neglect of the Representative to perform his duties, act in his stead, and be entitled to all the privileges of the Representative for whom he was elected.

SEC. 5. This Grand Lodge shall not have power to create Past Dictators, except of such Reporters, Financial Reporters and Treasurers of Subordinate Lodges who have served in such offices for three consecutive years, without compensation, and are recommended by their respective Lodges.

SEC. 6. This Grand Lodge shall meet annually, on the first Wednesday in October, at 10 o'clock A. M., at such place as the Lodge at each annual session may select. Special meetings may be held on the written request of one-third of the Lodges in the State of New Jersey, but no business shall be transacted

other than stated in the call, and at least twenty days' notice must be given each Lodge in this jurisdiction of the time, place and object of the meeting.

SEC. 7. Representatives from fourteen different Lodges shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SEC. 8. All Past Dictators attending a meeting of the Grand Lodge must present a certificate of such form as issued by this Grand Lodge, showing that they are in good standing in their Subordinate Lodges.

SEC. 9. This Grand Lodge shall admit to membership only at its annual session, and those entitled to receive the Grand Lodge Degree should be present at 9 o'clock on the morning of the first day of the session.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS.

SEC. 1. The elective officers of this Lodge shall be a Grand Dictator, Grand Vice Dictator, Grand Assistant Dictator, Grand Chaplain, Grand Reporter, Grand Treasurer, Grand Guide, Grand Guardian and Grand Sentinel, who shall be elected by ballot, annually; and there shall be elected by ballot, at the same time and in the same manner, one Representative and one Alternate to the Supreme Lodge, to serve for two years; also one Grand Trustee, to serve for three years.

SEC. 2. The nomination and election of officers shall take place on the first day of each annual session, when the order of New Business is first called, and the installation at the close of New Business, on the last day of the session.

SEC. 3. When there are more than two candidates for the same office, the one receiving the lowest number of votes on each ballot shall be dropped until an election is had. A majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to a choice. Any Past Dictator in good standing in his Subordinate Lodge is eligible to office in this Grand Lodge.

SEC. 4. During the nominations and election no motion shall be entertained or debate permitted, except by unanimous consent.

ARTICLE IV.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The Grand Dictator shall preside at all meetings of this Grand Lodge, enforce all laws thereof and those of the Supreme Lodge. He shall have the general supervision of the Order in the State of New Jersey, and, during the recess of the Grand Lodge, shall have power to grant dispensations. His decisions on all points, not provided for in the Supreme or Grand Lodge Constitutions and General Laws, shall be final, until reversed by this Grand Lodge, or the Supreme Lodge, upon an appeal thereto. He shall, in case of an equal division on any question, give the casting vote, except on appeals from his own decisions. He shall not be entitled to participate in any debate in this Grand Lodge, except in the committee of the whole, or upon questions of order or appeals from his own decisions. He shall sign all orders drawn on the Grand Treasurer, in accordance with a vote of this Grand Lodge, and all other documents that require his signature to properly authenticate them. He shall have power to fill all vacancies that may occur during the recess of the Grand Lodge not otherwise provided for. He shall appoint all committees, unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Lodge. He shall call special meetings of this Grand Lodge, upon the written request of one-third of the Subordinate Lodges of the State.

At the close of each annual session, immediately after his installation, he

shall appoint the following standing committees, each to consist of three members, to wit :

1. Laws and Supervision.
2. Finance.
3. Returns and Credentials.
4. Appeals and Grievances.
5. State of the Order.
6. German Work.

He shall appoint in counties where the Order exists as many District Deputy Grand Dictators as he may think best for the interest of the Order, and assign to each his district, all of whom must be Past Dictators.

He shall have power to appoint such Deputy Grand Dictators-at-Large as he may think for the good of the Order, to work in counties where no Lodges exist. He shall submit at each annual session of this Lodge a written report of all his official acts during his term of office, and perform such other duties as the laws, rules and usages require.

SEC. 2. The Grand Vice Dictator shall, in the absence of the Grand Dictator, preside at the meetings of this Lodge, and in case of the death, resignation, disqualification or neglect of the Grand Dictator to discharge his duties, then the duties of the Grand Dictator shall devolve upon him.

SEC. 3. The Grand Assistant Dictator shall perform such duties as the laws, rules and usages of the Order require; and in case of the death, resignation, disqualification or promotion of the Grand Vice Dictator, he shall assume the duties of that office.

SEC. 4. The Grand Reporter shall record accurately all the proceedings of this Lodge. He shall read all the communications, reports, petitions, resolutions, etc., from his station. He shall draw and attest all orders on the Grand Treasurer, subject to the approval of the Grand Dictator. He shall have charge of the seal of this Grand Lodge, and affix the same to all orders and other documents when necessary. He shall promptly forward to the Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction any documents received from the Supreme Lodge for that purpose. He shall, at each annual session, make a complete statement to this Grand Lodge of the condition of the Order in the State. He shall conduct the correspondence of the Grand Lodge. He shall have charge of the books, papers and other documents belonging to this Grand Lodge, and he shall deliver to the Grand Lodge, or its proper officer, the seal, books, papers and all documents and other property in his hands belonging to the Grand Lodge when demanded. He shall keep a true and correct account between this Lodge and the Supreme Lodge, and all Subordinate Lodges in the State of New Jersey, and report all delinquencies. He shall present to this Grand Lodge, at its annual session, a full and correct report of all moneys received by him from all sources, and all orders that have been drawn on the Grand Treasurer during the year, for what purpose and in whose favor. He shall receive all moneys due this Lodge, and immediately forward the same to the Grand Treasurer.

He shall, on the first day of each month, transmit to the Grand Dictator, and to each member of the Committee on Finance, a full and complete statement of the finances of this Grand Lodge, showing balance in treasury, as per last statement, the amount received during the month, and from what sources, together with the amount drawn on Grand Treasurer, and for what purposes, and the amount remaining in the Grand Treasurer's hands. He shall, when notified, attend any committee meeting of this Grand Lodge, and furnish such books, papers, documents or vouchers in his possession as may be required. He shall keep a roll of all members of this Grand Lodge, wherein shall be stated the date the Grand Lodge Degree was conferred; the name, location and number of Subordinate Lodge to which each member of this Grand Lodge

belongs. At such times as he shall be required, he shall make out the reports of the state of the Order in New Jersey to the Supreme Lodge, and submit the same to this Grand Lodge at its annual session. He shall notify the Representatives of each Subordinate Lodge to attend any meeting of this Grand Lodge; said notice to be forwarded at least twenty days previous to the time of meeting; and if a special meeting, state its object. He shall, as soon as the semi-annual reports of the Subordinate Lodges are received, make out and send to each Lodge in the State a printed list of Lodges, time and place of meeting, and the name of the Reporter of each Lodge, respectively. He shall have his books and abstracts ready for examination by the Committee on Finance, and on Returns, at least one week before the annual meeting of this Grand Lodge.

At the expiration of his term of office, or when he resigns, or is removed therefrom, he shall make a full and complete settlement with the Grand Trustees, and deliver to his successor in office all money, books, papers, vouchers, documents, and all other property belonging to or held in trust for the Grand Lodge, that may be in his possession. He shall perform such other duties as the laws, rules and usages of the Order require.

SEC. 5. The Grand Treasurer shall receive from the Grand Reporter all moneys belonging to this Lodge, and give his receipt therefor. He shall hold and keep secure all moneys received by him belonging to this Lodge, and pay all orders drawn on him in accordance with the laws of this Lodge, when signed by the Grand Dictator and attested by the Grand Reporter. He shall keep a correct record of all moneys received and all orders paid by him. He shall, when notified, attend any committee meetings of this Lodge, and furnish such books, papers, vouchers or other documents in his possession, as may be required. He shall make to the Grand Lodge, at each annual session, a complete and full statement of the condition of the Grand Treasury, showing the amount of money received and paid out, and to whom paid. At the expiration of his term of office he shall make a full and complete settlement with the Grand Trustee, and deliver to his successor, or the Grand Lodge or its proper officer, all books, moneys, papers, vouchers and documents belonging to or held in trust for the Grand Lodge that may be in his possession. And whenever it is possible he shall, in conjunction with the Grand Trustees, deposit all money in his possession belonging to this Grand Lodge in such a manner as to be at interest; said deposit must be subject to the check of the Grand Trustees, drawn to his order. He shall have his books and papers ready for examination by the Finance Committee at least one week before the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 6. The Past Grand Dictator, Grand Chaplain, Grand Guide, Grand Guardian and Grand Sentinel, shall perform all the duties of their stations as required by the laws and rules of the Order.

SEC. 7. The Grand Trustees shall have general control of the property of this Lodge. They shall have control of the investment of such portion of funds as may, from time to time, be set apart for that purpose. They shall approve all bonds of Grand officers, and it shall be their duty to see that all bonds be good and sufficient before approving the same; and they shall have the custody of all bonds not otherwise provided for.

SEC. 8. The State Medical Examiner shall properly examine all applications for membership, and all other documents that he may receive from any Subordinate Lodge, and return the same at once to the Reporter of the Lodge from which they emanated, with his decision endorsed thereon. He shall render a report of his transactions at each regular meeting of this Grand Lodge, in accordance with the regulations of the Supreme Lodge.

SEC. 9. All District Deputy Grand Dictators shall have power to institute Lodges in their districts, and nowhere else, in accordance with the Constitu-

tion of the Supreme and Grand Lodges, and the laws, rules and usages of the Order. They shall, in all cases, collect the fee for dispensation and supplies before instituting any Lodge, and forward the same to the Grand Reporter within five days after institution. They shall receive for their services such compensation as may be provided by this Grand Lodge. No District Deputy Grand Dictator shall receive any compensation until he furnish the Grand Reporter a certificate from the Lodge instituted, which shall be signed by the Dictator and Reporter of said Lodge, that he had exemplified the secret work in their Lodge, and conferred the Subordinate Lodge Degrees in full.

They shall see that the laws, rules and usages of the Order are enforced. They shall install the officers of the Lodge, or cause the same to be done. They shall not install said officers until the semi-annual reports are made out, signed and approved, and the tax due the Grand Lodge placed in their hands, together with the semi-annual report, which they shall forward to the Grand Reporter within *ten days* after installation. They shall see that the work is conducted uniformly throughout their district, and report any disregard of laws to the Grand Dictator; and shall visit all Lodges in their jurisdiction during each semi-annual term of the Subordinate Lodges.

They must be fully qualified to instruct all the officers of the Subordinate Lodge in their respective duties, and see that their books are properly kept. They shall make a full report of their transactions to the Grand Dictator two weeks previous to the meeting of this Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE V.

COMMITTEES.

SEC. 1. The Committee on Printing and Supplies shall consist of the Grand Vice Dictator, Grand Assistant Dictator and Grand Reporter. They shall have power to purchase such supplies as they may deem necessary. They shall have power to contract for all printing that may be required and ordered by this Grand Lodge, under such regulations as they may deem for the interest of this Grand Lodge.

All printing of this Grand Lodge shall be submitted for bids, in writing, and the lowest bidder shall be awarded the printing. All bids received by them shall be retained and returned to the Grand Lodge as a part of their report.

They shall examine all proof sheets and manuscript copy before completion, and shall report all transactions at each annual meeting.

SEC. 2. The Committee on Laws and Supervision shall examine all Subordinate Lodge By-Laws, and all alterations thereof, and approve the same when they do not conflict with the Supreme, Grand or Subordinate Lodge Constitutions and the General Laws of the Order. They shall submit a report to this Grand Lodge at each annual session, and they shall also examine and report on such documents as may be referred to them at any of the sessions of this Grand Lodge.

SEC. 3. The Committee on Finance shall examine and approve all bills, or report their inaccuracy, before being paid. They shall examine the Grand Reporter's books and his financial accounts and reports in connection with Subordinate Lodge reports. They shall examine the Grand Treasurer's books and vouchers, and submit at each annual session a full and complete report of the finances of this Grand Lodge, and perform such other duties as may be required of them.

SEC. 4. The Committee on Appeals and Grievances shall examine and report at each session on all appeals and grievances that may be referred to them, with such recommendations as they may deem necessary. They shall not receive new testimony, but shall base their report on the evidence submitted.

SEC. 5. The Committee on Returns and Credentials shall, at each session, compare the credentials of Representatives and Past Dictators with the returns from Subordinate Lodges, and report on the correctness of the same.

They shall compile the pay-roll of members entitled to per diem or mileage, or both, in accordance with instructions from this Grand Lodge, and have it ready to submit to the Grand Lodge at 2 o'clock P. M. on the Second day of the session.

SEC. 6. The Committee on the State of the Order shall, at each session, make a written report upon all matters referred to them by this Grand Lodge, and offer such recommendations as they deem expedient.

SEC. 7. The Committee on German Work shall see that all documents ordered printed in German by this Grand Lodge is properly translated before the same is printed.

SEC. 8. All committees shall submit their reports in writing, duly signed.
 SEC. 9. All bills must set forth specifically each item, and be certified to as correct by the committee who contracted the debt before the same shall be approved by the Finance Committee or paid.

ARTICLE VI.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

This Grand Lodge shall pay mileage to its Officers, Representatives and Standing Committees of three cents per mile each way from their residence, by the shortest first-class route, at all sessions of the Grand Lodge at which they are in attendance; and such per diem as this Grand Lodge may vote for each days actual attendance, but such per diem shall not exceed three dollars.

ARTICLE VII.

BONDS, SALARIES, &C.

SEC. 1. The Grand Dictator, Grand Reporter and Grand Treasurer shall, within thirty days after their election, each give to the Grand Trustees a bond, with two or more sureties, for the faithful discharge of their duties, as follows:

Grand Dictator, in the penal sum of.....	\$1,000 00
Grand Reporter, " "	1,000 00
Grand Treasurer, " "	2,000 00

which bonds shall be approved and held by the Grand Trustees.

Each Grand Trustee shall, in like manner, give a bond in the penal sum of \$500, to be approved by the Committee on Finance, and deposited with the Grand Reporter.

All Deputies shall each give a bond in the penal sum of \$500, to be approved by the Grand Dictator, and deposited with the Grand Trustees.

SEC. 2. The Grand Dictator shall, for his faithful services, receive such sum as the Grand Lodge may, from time to time, determine.

The Grand Reporter shall receive for his faithful services \$250 per annum.

The Grand Treasurer shall, for his faithful services, receive \$50 per annum.

Deputies shall receive for instituting Lodges the following compensation:

For the first Lodge in a County where there are no Lodges, \$100.

For the first Lodge in any place other than the above, \$70; and for a Lodge in any place where there are Lodges, \$40.

The State Medical Examiner shall receive for each examination he supervises the sum of fifty cents, to be paid by the applicant, and forwarded with the examination; such fee to cover all his expenses.

ARTICLE VIII.

REVENUE.

SEC. 1. The revenue of this Lodge shall be derived from the following sources :

For Subordinate Lodge Charter and Supplies	\$100 00
Withdrawal Cards, each.....	50

Each Subordinate Lodge within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall pay semi-annually, on the first day of January and July, a per capita tax of 30 cents on each Third Degree member on their roll. Revenue may also be derived from the sale of any blanks or printed matter used in the Order, and the price of the same may be fixed by the Grand Dictator and Grand Reporter, jointly. This Grand Lodge shall not have authority to print any matter reserved and furnished by the Supreme Lodge, but shall furnish all blanks and supplies for the use of Subordinate Lodges.

SEC. 2. All prescribed supplies, blanks and blank books in use in the Subordinate Lodges shall be procured of the Grand Reporter.

SEC. 3. No supplies shall be furnished to any Lodge indebted to this Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE IX.

CHARTER AND SUPPLIES?

SEC. 1. All applications for charters shall be furnished by the Grand Lodge. The supplies to a Subordinate Lodge shall be :

- 7 Rituals.
- 50 Odes.
- 50 Petitions for Membership.
- All the working material for the Degrees.
- 1 Complete Badge for Dictator; and one Badge for each Degree.
- 1 Roll-book of Membership.
- 1 Treasurer's Receipt-book to Financial Reporter.
- 1 Order-book on Treasurer.
- 1 Benefit Account-book.
- 1 Ledger.
- 1 Record-book.
- 3 Gavels.
- 1 Financial Reporter's Cash-book.
- 1 Treasurer's Cash-book.
- 50 Assessment Notices.
- 50 Constitutions.
- 1 Receipt-book for dues.
- 1 Ballot-box and three dozen white balls and one dozen black cubes, same as furnished by the Supreme Lodge.

SEC. 2. The fiscal year of this Grand Lodge shall close on the 30th of September, and commence on the 1st day of October.

SEC. 3. The election of officers of the Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction shall be held semi-annually, on the last regular meeting in June and December.

ARTICLE X.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

SEC. 1. When the presiding officer takes the chair the officers and members

shall take their respective seats, and at the sound of the gavel there shall be general silence.

SEC. 2. The business of the annual meeting shall be taken up daily, as follows :

1. Calling Roll of Officers.
2. Calling Roll of Subordinate Lodges.
3. Reading Minutes.
4. Report of Committee on Credentials.
5. Initiation of Representatives and Past Dictators.
6. Reports of Officers :
 - Grand Dictator,
 - Grand Reporter,
 - Grand Treasurer.
 - Grand Trustees.
7. Reports of Committees, in the following order :
 - Printing and Supplies.
 - Finance.
 - Laws and Supervision.
 - Returns, Credentials and Mileage.
 - Appeals and Grievances.
8. Reports of Special Committees.
9. Unfinished Business.
10. New Business :
 - Election of Officers.
 - Calling Roll of Lodges for New Business.
11. Closing.

SEC. 3. This Order of Business may be transposed at any time, as occasion may require, by a two-thirds vote of all the members present.

ARTICLE XI.

AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution shall not be altered or amended except by a two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the Grand Lodge, at a regular session thereof ; and all proposed amendments must be presented in writing, signed by three or more members, and be referred to and reported upon by the Committee on Laws before being acted upon.

On motion the Constitution as adopted by sections was adopted as a whole, to go into effect at once.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned until 2 o'clock.

Thursday Afternoon, 2 O'Clock.

The Grand Lodge was called to order.

Bro. S. Foote was excused for the balance of the session.

Document No. 29.

Bro. S. Klotz offered the following:

Resolved, That the Representatives who have attended this Grand Lodge, and who reside outside of the counties of Essex, Hudson, Passaic, Union and Bergen; be paid a sum equal to four cents per mile for the distance between their homes and the City of Newark.

Amendment offered that it include all members within ten miles of Newark.

Moved and seconded that it be laid on the table.

The Grand Dictator decided it was the amendment that was laid on the table. The decision was appealed from and sustained.

On motion the whole matter was laid on the table, 37 to 23.

Document No. 30.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Honor of New Jersey:

BROTHERS:—Your Committee on Finance and Mileage respectfully report that they have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Reporter, and find the same correct, showing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of four hundred and five dollars and fifty-two cents.

Your committee take great pleasure in announcing the books of the Grand Reporter kept in a most creditable and concise manner, and we cheerfully refer to the willingness and labor of the Grand Reporter in placing the fullest facilities before the committee in investigating his books.

The expenses of his office have been on an average of but one dollar a Lodge for the year, and the economy that has been practiced is commendable.

Your committee find that the very small balance remaining in the treasury makes the strictest economy necessary in the expenses of this session and the coming year, and we suggest that Deputies and others to be appointed should remember this.

We recommend the payment of the following per diem and mileage, as per action of this Grand Lodge:

Grand Officers—

B. H. Van Ness, Grand Dictator.....	\$4 00
S. E. Woodhull, Grand Vice Dictator.....	4 00
C. Pope, Grand Assistant Dictator.....	4 00

J. M. Mayhew, Grand Reporter.....	4 00
O. Wiener, Grand Treasurer.....	4 00
W. Chenoweth, Grand Chaplain.....	4 00
W. H. Neefus, Grand Guide.....	4 00
R. J. S. White, Grand Guardian.....	4 00
J. Balevre, Grand Sentinel.....	4 00
N. H. Stevens, Past Grand Director.....	9 00
Committee on Laws—	
A. Klee.....	\$4 00
G. G. Hardy.....	4 00
Committee on Finance—	
J. A. Rodrigo.....	\$4 00
L. Hannoeh.....	4 00
C. A. Williams.....	4 05
Committee on Returns and Credentials—	
J. N. Carpenter.....	\$4 00
C. Kappauf.....	4 00
I. P. Carpenter.....	4 00
Committee on Appeals—	
A. Kalisch.....	\$4 00
G. D. Swaney.....	4 00
S. Foote.....	9 00
Committee on German Work—	
S. Wiener.....	\$4 00
A. Markert.....	4 00
Trustees—	
M. Meyer.....	\$4 00
E. B. Webbe.....	4 00
State Medical Examiner—	
W. J. Cadmus.....	\$4 00
Assistant Reporter—	
C. H. Mayhew.....	\$4 00
Ingomar, No. 80....	L. J. Burke.....\$4 00
Alpha, 209....	W. M. Shaw.....4 00
Germania, 469....	V. Mager.....4 00
Passaic, 486....	H. J. Francisco.....4 00
Ivanhoe, 509....	T. E. Whitman.....2 00
Columbia, 557....	J. V. Tunison.....4 00
Newark, 585....	H. Rommell.....4 00
Palisade, 714....	G. P. Robinson.....4 00
Hudson, 808....	Peter Baker.....4 00
Enterprise, 1019....	J. V. Ash.....4 00
Freiligrath, 1038....	A. Simon.....4 00
Mutual, 1433....	C. E. Greene.....9 00
Schiller, 1468....	J. Leitenberger.....4 00

Humboldt,	1752	W. Melosh	4 00
Goethe,	1828	J. Wickenhoffer	4 00
Phillipsburg,	2188	G. Wilhelm	4 00
Northern,	2190	J. A. Broadwell	4 00
Washington,	2227	J. Rudolph	4 00
Excelsior,	2342	G. M. Cadmus	4 00
Phil. Kearny,	2350	F. W. Branagan	4 00
Americus,	2374	W. H. Blunt	4 00
Atlas,	2399	E. Koller	4 00
Harmony,	2717	E. R. Laine	4 00
Ridgewood,	2723	S. Dennis	4 70
Steuben,	2758	P. Schieb	4 00
Garfield,	2775	J. G. Gegenheimer	4 00
Auerbach,	2805	A. Bodler	4 00
Amicitia,	2864	J. C. Scott	2 00
Elizabeth,	2885	A. Kahrman	4 00
Morris,	2896	C. S. Norris	4 00
Bloomfield,	2908	H. Meunser	4 00
Union,	2961	C. Schneuriger	4 00
Aurora,	2986	J. F. Glutting	4 00
Fred. Hecker,	3006	H. Rose	4 00

\$255 70

Your committee have carefully considered the bills presented by the Deputies, and find that many of them have charged for visiting their own Lodges—an unprecedented proceeding. The charges for services on other occasions have been made much beyond their worth and what our treasury will permit paying. We therefore recommend the following payments:

A. Dickinson	\$2 00
G. P. Robinson	6 70
E. Koller	3 00
J. H. Luddecke	10 00
J. Rudolph	3 00
Jacob Schmidt	3 50
O. Wiener	1 25
A. Klee	1 00
N. H. Stevens	1 00
J. G. Gegenheimer	10 00
H. C. Schwartz	2 50
W. H. Neefus	1 00
B. H. Van Ness	15 80
Rent of Hall for Grand Lodge meeting	10 00
Appropriation to B. H. Van Ness, G. D.	25 00
“ O. Wiener, G. T.	25 00
“ Janitor	3 00

\$123 75

Per Diem and Mileage	\$255 70
Bills Ordered Paid	123 75

\$379 45

On motion the report was received and the recommendations adopted.

Moved and seconded that all Representatives and Officers of this Grand Lodge that have come from a distance of more than fifteen miles be entitled to mileage at the rate of four cents per mile, one way.

Adopted.

Document No. 31.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAWS.

To the Grand Lodge, K. of H. of N. J.:

Your Committee on Laws report as follows on Documents referred to them :

Document No. 4, provided for in the new Constitution.

Document No. 5, we refer to the Grand Lodge.

Moved and seconded the document be laid on the table. Lost.

Moved and seconded it be adopted and incorporated in the Constitution. Adopted, 53 to 0.

Document No. 6, not approved by committee.

Report of committee adopted.

On motion the vote was reconsidered, and the report of the committee non-concurred in, and the resolution adopted.

Document No. 7, approved by committee.

Report adopted.

Document No 8, not approved by committee.

Report adopted.

Document No. 9, incorporated in the new Constitution.

Document No. 32.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

The Chairman of Committee on Appeals arose to report on the appeal of Bro. Babcock, Dictator of Alpha Lodge, as incorporated in the report of the Grand Dictator, when Bro. J. P. Baker, P. D., of Alpha Lodge, raised the point of order that the appeal was not the property of the Grand Lodge, inasmuch as the decision of the Grand Dictator had not been appealed from by Alpha Lodge.

The point was decided as well taken, and the Grand Dictator decided the appeal was not the property of the Grand Lodge.

Moved and seconded the Grand Dictator's report be taken from the table. Motion lost.

On motion the report of the Committee on Appeals was referred to the Committee on Laws, without debate.

Moved and seconded that after the reading of the resolutions now on the Grand Reporter's desk the Supreme Representatives exemplify the secret work, and after that we proceed with the installation of officers. Adopted.

Document No. 33.

Offered by L. A. Hanooh, of Essex Lodge, No. 1595:

That the next session of the Grand Lodge be held in Newark.

Amended by Bro. L. I. Burke that it be held in Paterson.

Amendment adopted.

Motion as amended adopted.

Document No. 34.

Offered by the same:

WHEREAS, The Grand Treasurer, Bro. Oscar Wiener, having served the Grand Lodge faithfully, and without compensation, four-and-a-half years, and having positively refused to permit his name to be used again, although pressed to do so by a large number of the members; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to Bro. Oscar Wiener, for his valuable services as Grand Treasurer, and that a copy of this resolution be placed on the minutes, printed in the proceedings, and sent by the Grand Reporter to the Brother.

Adopted.

Document No. 35.

Offered by Bro. W. Chenoweth, of Northern Lodge, No. 2190:

Resolved, That the Grand Reporter be instructed to procure a new set of Grand Lodge Rituals, for the use of the Grand Lodge.

Adopted.

Document No. 36.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION.

To the Grand Dictator, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Honor of New Jersey:

Your Committee on Distribution have examined the reports of the District

Deputies, and refer them back to the Grand Lodge, to be embodied in the proceedings.

SAM'L DENNIS,
J. A. SPENCE,
Committee.

Report adopted:

Document No. 37.

From Humboldt Lodge, No. 1752 :

Resolved, That the Grand Reporter shall not allow any Deputy to retain any portion of the per capita tax for his private use. If any Deputy fails to remit the same within the time specified by our laws, the Grand Reporter shall report the same to the Grand Dictator, who shall take such steps as he may deem necessary to collect the same.

Laid on the table.

Document No. 38.

Offered by Bro. A. Kalisch, of Enterprise Lodge, No. 1019 :

Resolved, That the recorded number of votes shall be placed, and shall be stated as recorded, in the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

Laid on the table.

Document No. 39.

Offered by Bro. J. F. Glutting, of Aurora Lodge, No. 2986 :

We, the undersigned members of this Grand Lodge, would most respectfully recommend that Bro. J. M. Mayhew, Grand Reporter, and Bro. Oscar Wiener, Grand Treasurer, be recommended to the Supreme Lodge, with a request to create them Past Grand Dictators, for valuable services rendered this Grand Lodge.

Signed—

J. F. GLUTTING,	HENRY MUESER,
PHILIP SCHIEBE,	J. A. BROADWELL,
C. POPE,	H. ROMMELL,
EMIL KOLLER,	CHAS. C. GREENE,
JAS. V. ASH,	WM. MELOS,
W. H. BLUNT,	V. MAGER,
DAN'L HAUSER,	J. V. TUNISON,
	HENRY ROSE.

Unanimously adopted:

Document No. 40.

To the Grand Dictator, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Honor of New Jersey :

We, the undersigned, Past Dictators of the City of Newark, Elizabeth and Bloomfield, do hereby recommend for the positions of District Deputies :

For the Upper District—Comprising Newark, Schiller, Goethe, Fred Hecker, and Bloomfield Lodges, Bro. C. Kappauf, of Newark Lodge.

For the Lower District—Comprising Atlas, Steuben, Aurora, and Elizabeth Lodges, Bro. Emil Koller, of Atlas Lodge.

Fraternally, in O. M. A.,

J. H. LUDDECKE,
L. GRIEBEL.
C SINGER.
J. WICKENHOFFER,
L. BREINNING.
J. H. SATTERER,
H. ROMMELL,
GEO. MURKLAND.
CHAS. FLAMMER.

Document No. 41.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIAM.

To the Grand Dictator, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Honor of New Jersey :

Your Committee "In Memoriam" would respectfully report :

WHEREAS, Since last we assembled in annual session our Grand Lodge has been visited by death, and Brothers JOHN H. BAHR, who joined Centennial Lodge, No. 216, January 19, 1876, was elected Dictator June 30, 1878, entered this Grand Lodge March 12, 1879, and died September 6th, 1884 ; JAMES H. WAY, who joined Excelsior Lodge, No. 2332, January 5, 1881, was elected Dictator, entered this Grand Lodge September 2, 1883, and died August 12, 1884 ; and WM E. EANES, who joined Americus Lodge, No. 2374, February 22, 1881, was elected Past Dictator, same date entered this Grand Lodge, and died April 29th, 1884, are with us no more ; therefore, be it

Resolved, That while we bow with sorrow at the loss of our deceased and much beloved Brothers, we cherish the fond hope that this dispensation of the Supreme Dictator of the Universe is for the best.

Resolved, That in the loss of our Brothers the Order has lost zealous advocates of this Grand Lodge, useful members, and the families of the deceased devoted husbands.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with the family of each of our deceased Brothers, and join them in their grief ; and as a further token of our respect for our Brothers, order that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Grand session, and the Grand Reporter, under seal of the Lodge, furnish a copy of the same to the widows of our deceased Brothers.

JAMES A. BROADWELL,
SAMUEL W. HARTSHORNE,
WM. H. BLUNT,

Committee.

Unanimously adopted by standing vote.

On motion of the Finance Committee the sum of twenty-five dollars was appropriated to the Grand Dictator, for services rendered.

On motion the Committee on Printing was instructed to have four hundred copies of our Proceedings printed in English and two hundred in German; also two thousand copies of Constitutions in English and one thousand in German.

I N S T A L L A T I O N .

The installation of officers then took place as follows, with P. G. Dictator N. H. Stevens acting as Past Supreme Dictator; P. G. D. A. Dickinson, as Supreme Dictator; Past Dictator J. P. Baker, as Supreme Guide:

- Grand Dictator, Sam'l Klotz, of Centennial Lodge, No. 216.
- Grand Vice Dictator, Carston Pope, of Protection Lodge, No. 634.
- Grand Assistant Dictator, R. J. S. White, of Montclair Lodge, No. 2638.
- Grand Reporter, J. M. Mayhew, of Centennial Lodge, No. 216.
- Grand Treasurer, George G. Hardy, of Lincoln Lodge, No. 2429.
- Grand Chaplain, W. Chenoweth, of Northern Lodge, No. 2190.
- Grand Guide, W. H. Neefus, of Onward Lodge, No. 2858.
- Grand Guardian, J. Balevre, of Essex Lodge, No. 1595.
- Grand Sentinel, Peter Baker, of Hudson Lodge, No. 808.

The Grand Dictator then appointed the following committees:

On Laws and Supervision—

- B. H. Van Ness, of Centennial, No. 216, Newark.
- A. Klee, of Freiligrath, No. 1038, Paterson.
- G. P. Robinson, of Palisade, No. 714, Jersey City.

Finance—

- L. Hannoeh, of Essex, No. 1595, Newark.
- C. A. Williams, of Northern, No. 2190, Newark.
- S. E. Woodhull, of Alpha, No. 209, Newark.

Appeals and Grievances—

- A. Kalisch, of Enterprise, No. 1019, Newark.
- A. Dickinson, of Ingomar, No. 80, Paterson.
- J. A. Rodrigo, of Passaic, No. 486, Newark.

Returns and Credentials—

- J. N. Carpenter, of Columbia, No. 557, Newark.
- C. Kappauf, of Newark, No. 585, Newark.
- J. A. Spence, of Enterprise, No. 1019, Newark.

German Work—

- J. Leitenberger, of Schiller, No. 1468, Newark,
 A. Schaffer, of Germania, No. 469, Newark.
 C. P. Schmurger, of Union, No. 2961, Town of Union.

Printing and Supplies—

- C. Pope, of Protection, No. 634, Jersey City.
 R. J. S. White, of Montclair, No. 2638, Montclair.
 J. M. Mayhew, of Centennial, No. 216, Newark.

On motion the Grand Reporter was instructed to procure a P. G. D. badge for Bro. B. H. Van Ness.

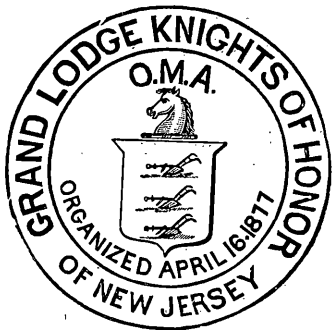
On motion a draft was ordered drawn for \$379.45, to pay bills, mileage, &c.

On motion a vote of thanks was tendered to our retiring Grand officers for their services the past year.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed in due form, to meet in Paterson, N. J., on the first Wednesday in October, 1885.

John M. Mayhew

Grand Reporter.





Deceased Past Dictators,

From Sept. 1st, 1883, to Sept. 1st, 1884.

Brother Albert Link,

NEWARK LODGE, No. 585,

Died Sept. 5th, 1883.

Brother W. E. Eanes,

AMERICUS LODGE, No. 2374,

Died April 29th, 1884.

Brother James H. Way,

EXCELSIOR LODGE, No. 2342,

Died August 12th, 1884.

Brother James W. Rhodes,

NORTHERN LODGE, No. 2190,

Died August 15th, 1884.

EXHIBIT A.

Abstract of Membership of Subordinate Lodges

December 31st, 1883.

NAME OF LODGE.	Number of Lodge.	Location of Lodge.	Membership June 30, 1883.	Initiated.	Joined by Card.	Reinstated.	Total.	Withdrawn by Card.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Died.	Total Deduction.	Membership December 31, 1883.	Honorary Members.	Beneficial Members.
INGOMAR	80	Paterson	138	2		5	145	1	6			7	133		133
ALPHA	209	Newark	109	2	15		126	1	12			3	113		113
CENTENNIAL	216	Newark	148	3			153	1	3			4	149	1	148
GERMANIA	469	Jersey City	237	1			248					1	247		247
PASSAIC	486	Newark	60	1		2	63	1				1	59		59
IVANHOE	509	Jersey City	66	2			68		3			3	65		65
COLUMBIA	557	Newark	109	2	1		113		3			2	111		111
NEWARK	555	Newark	210	4			214					4	210		210
PROTECTION	684	Hoboken	216	2			118	1	1		3	2	116		116
HIGHLAND	651	Jersey City	63				63					1	62		62
PALISADE	714	Jersey City	47	6			53		2			2	51		51
HUDSON	808	Town of Union	38	2			41				1	1	40		40
ENTERPRISE	1019	Newark	97	2			99	1	1			2	97		97
FREILIGRATH	1038	Paterson	56	2			59	1	2			3	56		56
MUTUAL	1433	Vineland	20				20	1			1	2	18		18
SCHILLER	1468	Newark	126	3			129					2	128		128
BRIDGETON	1561	Bridgeton	34				34	1	1			1	33		33
ESSEX	1595	Newark	62	1			63		2			1	61		61
HUMBOLDT	1752	Jersey City	72	2			74	1	1			2	72		72
GOETHE	1828	Newark	121	7	1		129				1	1	128	1	127
MANANTICO	2089	Millville	37				37		1		1	2	35		35
PHILLIPSBURG	2188	Phillipsburg	45	1			46						46		46
NORTHERN	2190	Newark	70	2	1	3	76		5			5	71		71
WASHINGTON	2227	Hoboken	102	4			106						106		106
EXCELSIOR	2342	Bloomfield	69	4			73						73		73
VALLEY	2348	Belleville	29	1			30						30		30
PHIL KEARNY	2350	Newark	67	3			70	3	1			4	66		66
AMERICUS	2374	Newark	52	4			56	3				3	53		53
ATLAS	2399	Newark	106	1			107	1		2		3	104		104
LINCOLN	2429	Harrison	33	1			34	1				1	33		33
CLAREMONT	2600	Jersey City	34				34	1			1	2	32		32
MONTCLAIR	2638	Montclair	54	1	8		63	8			6	5	55		55
HARMONY	2717	Caldwell	26				26	1				1	25		25
RIDGEWOOD	2723	Ridgewood	39	1			40					1	40		40
STEBEN	2758	Newark	76	6	1		83	1				1	82		82
CRESCENT	2764	Long Branch	23				23	2				4	21		21
GARFIELD	2775	Orange	29	3	1		33						33		33
CATABACT	2803	Paterson	45	3	9		57	12				12	45		45
AUERBACH	2805	Jersey City	19	3			22						22		22
ONWARD	2858	Elizabeth	40	4	1		45						45		45
AMICITIA	2864	Jersey City	37	2			39	1				1	38		38
BRUNSWICK	2850	New Brunswick	32	4	1		37					1	36	2	34
ELIZABETH	2885	Elizabeth	18	6			24	2		1		4	21		21
MORRIS	2896	Boonton	24	1			25	1	1			1	24	1	23
BLOOMFIELD	2908	Bloomfield	34				34	7				7	27		27
UNION	2961	Town of Union	28	6			34						34		34
AURORA	2986	Newark		29			29	5				5	24		24
FRED. HFCKER	8006	Newark		21			21						21		21
			3096	168	5	46	3316	10	97	1	12	120	3166	7	3189

EXHIBIT B.

Abstract of Membership of Subordinate Lodges

June 30 th, 1884.

NAME OF LODGE.	Number of Lodge.	Location of Lodge.	Membership Decem-ber, 31, 1883.	Initiated.	Joined by Card.	Reinstated.	Total.	Withdrawn by Card.	Suspended.	Expelled:	Died.	Total Deduction.	Membership June 30, 1884.	Honorary Members.	Beneficial Members.
INGOMAR.....	80	Paterson.....	138	2	3		143	1	7			8	135		135
ALPHA.....	209	Newark.....	113	6	4		123					1	121		122
CENTENNIAL.....	216	Newark.....	149	20	1		170	1	5		2	8	162	1	161
GERMANIA.....	469	Jersey City.....	247	13			260	2	1	1	4	8	252		252
PASSAIC.....	486	Newark.....	59	1	2		62	3				3	59		59
IVANHOE.....	509	Jersey City.....	65				65	1	1	1		3	62		62
COLUMBIA.....	557	Newark.....	111	4			115	1	1	1		3	113		113
NEWARK.....	555	Newark.....	210				212	2	5		3	10	202		202
PROTECTION.....	634	Hoboken.....	116	9			125						125		125
HIGHLAND.....	651	Jersey City.....	62				62					2	60		60
PALISADE.....	714	Jersey City.....	51	2	2		55	1	2			3	52		52
HUDSON.....	808	Town of Union.....	40				40						40	1	39
ENTERPRISE.....	1019	Newark.....	97	2			99	2	3			5	94		94
FREILIGRATH.....	1038	Paterson.....	56	3			59				1	1	58		58
MUTUAL.....	1433	Vineland.....	18				18	1				1	17		17
SCHILLER.....	1468	Newark.....	128	2	1		131	3		1		4	127		127
BRIDGETON.....	1561	Bridgeton.....	33	1			34				1	2	33		33
ESSEX.....	1595	Newark.....	61		1		62	1	1			2	60		60
HUMBOLDT.....	1752	Jersey City.....	72	4			76						76		76
GOETHE.....	1828	Newark.....	128	3			131	2		1		3	128	1	127
MANANTICO.....	2089	Millville.....	35	4			39	1	1	1		2	37		37
PHILLIPSBURG.....	2188	Phillipsburg.....	46				46	1	1	1		2	44		44
NORTHERN.....	2190	Newark.....	71	3			74						74		74
WASHINGTON.....	2227	Hoboken.....	106	2			108	1				1	107		107
EXCELSIOR.....	2342	Bloomfield.....	73	5			78	3				3	75		75
VALLEY.....	2348	Belleville.....	30				30	2	2			2	28		28
PHIL KEARNY.....	2350	Newark.....	66	1			67	2				2	65		65
AMERICUS.....	2374	Newark.....	53	1			54	4	4		1	5	49		49
ATLAS.....	2399	Newark.....	104	4			108	2	3		1	1	102		102
LINCOLN.....	2429	Harrison.....	33	2			35	1	1			1	34		34
CLAREMONT.....	2600	Jersey City.....	22				22						22		22
MONTCLAIR.....	2638	Montclair.....	55	3	5		63		5			5	58		58
HARMONY.....	2717	Caldwell.....	25	1			26	1	1			1	25		25
RIDGEWOOD.....	2723	Ridgewood.....	40				40	1	1		1	3	37	1	36
STEBEN.....	2758	Newark.....	82	11	1		94	3				3	91		91
CRESCENT.....	2764	Long Branch.....	21	1			22						22		22
GARFIELD.....	2875	Orange.....	33	9	1		43	1				1	42		42
CATABACT.....	2803	Paterson.....	45	1	1		47	1	3			4	43		43
AUARBACH.....	2805	Jersey City.....	22	2			24						24		24
ONWARD.....	2858	Elizabeth.....	45	4			49	1				1	48		48
AMICITIA.....	2864	Jersey City.....	38	1	2		41	3	3			3	38		38
BRUNSWICK.....	2880	New Brunswick.....	36	1	3		40	2	5			7	33		33
ELIZABETH.....	2885	Elizabeth.....	21	1			22						22		22
MORRIS.....	2896	Boonton.....	24	4			28						26		26
BLOOMFIELD.....	2908	Bloomfield.....	27	2			29	1	2			3	26		26
UNION.....	2961	Town of Union.....	34	3			37				1	1	36		36
AURORA.....	2986	Newark.....	24	5	2		31						31		31
FRED. HECKER.....	3006	Newark.....	21	7			28		3		1	4	24		24
			3196	152	7	22	3377	21	81	2	23	127	3250	4	3246

The death in No. 2723 was Bro. D. Griswold, an Honorary member.

EXHIBIT C.

List of Deaths from Sept. 1, 1883, to Sept. 1, 1884.

NAME.	LODGE.	No.	RAISED.	DIED.	Am't Pd	Benefit.
ALBERT LINK	Newark	585	Aug. 12, 1878	Sept. 5, 1883	\$129 00	2000 00
ANDREW MADDEN	Hudson	808	Nov. 9, 1878	Sept. 3, 1883	75 00	2000 00
HENRY WATRAUS	Claremont	2600	Nov. 14, 1881	Sept. 9, 1883	48 00	2000 00
ALFRED MARSH	Manantico	2089	March 9, 1880	Sept. 14, 1883	59 00	2000 00
CHARLES NIETZER	Newark	585	May 5, 1879	Oct. 24, 1883	85 20	2000 00
THOMAS PROUD	Mutual	1433	May 7, 1879	Nov. 2, 1883	73 00	2000 00
MAX KAUDENBACH	Atlas	2399	March 2, 1882	Dec. 8, 1883	30 00	2000 00
ERNST WEBER	Germania	469	Nov. 10, 1880	Dec. 21, 1883	56 00	2000 00
F. J. KRUMEICK	Essex	1595	Aug. 12, 1879	Jan'y 1, 1884	70 00	2000 00
CHAS. G. CRANE	Centennial	216	Feb'y 1, 1877	Jan'y 10, 1884	109 00	2000 00
HENRY P. OLIVER	Ivanhoe	509	Mch. 13, 1877	Jan'y 15, 1884	109 00	2000 00
B. HILDERBRANDT	Newark	585	June 4, 1883	Jan'y 25, 1884	5 00	1000 00
GEO. RUCKELSHELL	Germania	469	July 30, 1879	Jan'y 30, 1884	74 00	2000 00
DAVID UHL	Goethe	1828	Oct. 15, 1879	Feb'y 15, 1884	35 50	1000 00
NATHAN GOLDSMITH	Newark	585	Aug. 20, 1877	Feb'y 20, 1884	172 00	2000 00
WM. MENNE	Atlas	2399	Mch. 23, 1881	March 2, 1884	52 00	2000 00
JNO. H. POOLE	Bridgeton	1561	April 17, 1879	March 5, 1884	79 00	2000 00
G. A. RUDER	Fred Hecker	3006	Sept. 11, 1883	March 7, 1884	9 00	2000 00
L. M. OSMUN	Phillipsburg	2188	April 29, 1880	Mch. 20, 1883	67 00	2000 00
PAUL CORDES	Germania	469	Aug. 13, 1879	Mch. 22, 1884	76 00	2000 00
A. F. VALENTINE	Newark	585	Dec. 11, 1882	Mch 28, 1884	24 00	2000 00
HENRY GREISING	Schiller	1468	July 8, 1880	April 12, 1884	66 00	2000 00
JNO. A. SOMERVILLE	Union	2961	Nov. 30, 1883	April 3, 1884	7 00	2000 00
FRANCIS VOLK	Germania	469	July 24, 1878	April 4, 1884	99 00	2000 00
THOS. WILHELM	Freiligrath	1038	April 19, 1878	Mch. 17, 1884	131 30	2000 00
T. F. MCKIRGAN	Centennial	216	Nov. 20, 1879	April 12, 1884	71 00	2000 00
W. E. EANES, P. D.	Americus	2374	Feb'y 22, 1881	April 29, 1884	55 00	2000 00
AUGUST KATZ	Columbia	557	Oct. 15, 1880	June 5, 1884	192 00	2000 00
FRED. STENDLE	Germania	469	June 26, 1887	June 4, 1884	113 00	2000 00
J. B. RANAGAN	Manantico	2089	Mch. 12, 1884	May 18, 1884	3 00	2000 00
F. M. BABBITT	Centennial	216	Feb'y 3, 1881	July 16, 1884	61 00	2000 00
GEO. C. GROSCHELL	Germania	469	Sept. 24, 1879	July 11, 1884	249 00	2000 00
JAMES H. WAY	Excelsior	2342	Jan'y 5, 1881	Aug. 12, 1884	62 00	2000 00
JAMES W. RHODES	Northern	2190	May 7, 1880	Aug. 15, 1884	73 00	2000 00
JNO. WURSTON	Schiller	1468	March 6, 1879	Aug. 18, 1884	90 00	2000 00
					\$2,700 00	68000 00

EXHIBIT D.

Abstract of Finances of Subordinate Lodges for the Term Ending Dec. 31, 1883.

NAME.	No.	LOCATION.	Balance on hand June 30, 1883.	Receipts During Term.	Total on hand and received.	Paid out for Relief.	Paid General Expenses.	Invested.	Total Paid out.	Balance on hand.	Amount on hand and in Bank.	W. & O. BENEFIT FUND.				
												Balance June 30, '83.	Am't Rec'd during term.	Total.	Am't Paid to Supreme Lodge.	Balance on hand.
INGOMAR.....	80	Paterson.....	\$ 118 27	\$ 373 00	\$ 373 00	\$ 332 69	\$ 332 69	\$ 332 69	\$ 50 31	\$ 350 31	\$ 57 85	\$ 1475 50	\$ 1533 35	\$ 1501 00	\$ 82 35	
ALPHA.....	208	Newark.....	96 30	298 60	503 94	320 40	320 40	320 40	188 54	188 54	35 97	1355 05	1391 02	1240 65	150 37	
CENTENNIAL.....	216	Newark.....	331 38	825 56	1156 94	165 00	400 03	500 00	1065 03	91 91	3675 86	108 00	2650 20	2788 20	1547 00	
GERMANIA.....	489	Jersey City.....	156 76	101 60	258 36	1 00	248 53	249 53	8 83	8 83	40 67	671 20	671 69	2764 95	23 25	
PASSAIC.....	486	Newark.....	89 83	176 43	265 81	10 00	176 77	186 77	79 04	79 04	22 20	721 30	743 50	20 10	20 10	
IVANHOE.....	509	Jersey City.....	10 95	239 85	250 80	189 55	189 55	189 55	61 25	61 25	161 20	1232 35	1383 55	669 75	73 75	
COLUMBIA.....	557	Newark.....	513 47	1036 47	1549 94	45 75	378 90	424 65	1125 29	1 25	29 80	2503 25	2 38 05	1925 00	148 55	
NEWARK.....	585	Newark.....	228 41	426 50	654 91	61 95	274 54	100 00	436 49	218 42	863 66	89 85	1190 60	2328 90	204 75	
PROTECTION.....	634	Hoboken.....	34 24	136 50	170 74	161 01	161 01	161 01	9 73	9 73	9 10	644 60	733 70	1243 50	36 95	
HIGHLAND.....	651	Jersey City.....	123 18	132 00	255 18	65 95	65 95	65 95	1 9 23	18 23	11 25	4 6 30	447 55	658 00	75 70	
PALISADE.....	714	Jersey City.....	19 16	170 50	189 66	28 00	71 54	99 54	90 12	49 12	2 61	445 70	611 60	111 00	25 00	
HUDSON.....	808	Town of Union.....	24 07	153 45	181 52	1 00	147 45	148 45	33 07	181 52	87 35	1023 65	111 00	1086 00	35 00	
ENTERPRISE.....	1038	Paterson.....	38 10	108 55	140 65	99 80	99 80	99 80	46 85	359 85	10 65	602 95	613 60	211 00	13 10	
FREILIGRATH.....	1423	Vineland.....	14 00	14 00	14 00	9 65	9 65	9 65	4 35	4 35	8 60	215 50	224 10	111 00	13 10	
MUTUAL.....	1468	Newark.....	291 22	220 63	511 85	10 00	201 50	100 00	311 50	200 35	500 35	161 00	1429 95	1591 75	104 25	
SCHILLER.....	1561	Bridgeton.....	61 84	46 50	108 34	46 31	46 31	46 31	62 03	62 03	35 09	35 09	35 09	320 00	35 00	
BRIDGETON.....	1561	Bridgeton.....	41 13	109 45	150 58	5 00	95 63	96 63	53 95	53 95	31 36	642 15	673 51	691 75	87 50	
ESSEX.....	1595	Newark.....	544 95	210 63	755 58	1 00	126 50	177 50	578 05	578 05	1 00	811 50	812 50	792 70	19 80	
HUMBOLDT.....	1732	Jersey City.....	200 13	244 98	445 11	36 00	234 24	100 00	370 24	74 87	474 87	148 23	1302 70	1450 93	168 66	
GONTH.....	1828	Newark.....	4 09	55 15	59 24	52 49	52 49	52 49	6 75	6 75	6 75	42 85	370 65	413 50	63 75	
MANANTICO.....	2089	Millville.....	39 15	81 25	120 40	7 00	61 42	63 42	51 98	51 98	60 90	463 15	524 05	476 50	47 55	
PHILLIPSBURG.....	2158	Phillipsburg.....	75 17	143 98	219 15	8 10	145 32	163 42	65 73	65 73	50 00	683 60	733 60	738 00	Short.	
NORTHERN.....	2190	Newark.....	191 50	318 71	508 21	12 00	213 74	225 74	282 47	937 47	18 45	1070 70	1089 15	1020 25	68 90	
WASHINGTON.....	2227	Hoboken.....	67 89	398 03	965 92	22 00	561 43	563 43	382 49	382 49	7 27	732 95	710 22	720 35	Short.	
EXCELSIOR.....	2342	Bloomfield.....	26 37	60 25	86 62	78 60	78 60	78 60	8 02	8 02	19 80	295 90	315 70	1 98 00	17 70	
VALLEY.....	2348	Belleville.....	64 17	311 00	375 17	18 00	264 78	317 78	57 39	248 39	25 40	688 95	694 35	676 50	17 85	
PHIL KEARNY.....	2350	Newark.....	9 78	161 70	171 48	5 00	111 03	116 02	55 46	105 86	79 10	52 90	601 40	551 00	50 40	
AMERICUS.....	2374	Newark.....	115 56	185 20	300 76	13 00	200 64	213 64	87 12	64 40	980 29	1044 73	938 84	105 89	105 89	
ATLAS.....	2390	Newark.....	103 79	73 60	177 39	1 00	94 20	95 20	82 19	82 19	64 40	331 30	395 70	358 50	37 20	
LINCOLN.....	2429	Harrison.....	19 60	97 15	116 75	78 85	78 85	78 85	37 90	37 90	24 00	579 80	603 80	520 65	83 15	
CLAREMONT.....	2638	Montclair.....	105 51	190 50	296 01	188 62	188 62	188 62	107 39	107 39	30 75	249 20	279 95	2 9 50	45	
MONTCLAIR.....	2717	Caldwell.....	10 05	29 75	39 80	27 96	27 96	27 96	11 84	11 84	4 80	469 40	474 20	422 80	51 40	
HARMONY.....	2723	Ridgewood.....	86 70	83 00	169 70	82 96	82 96	82 96	86 74	86 74	91 33	784 05	875 35	750 07	125 31	
RIDGEWOOD.....	2758	Newark.....	43 02	142 15	185 17	146 39	146 39	146 39	38 78	38 78	59 30	214 00	267 20	171 20	96 00	
STREUBEN.....	2764	Long Branch.....	77 63	29 00	106 63	54 35	54 35	54 35	52 58	52 58	11 15	342 00	353 15	341 10	12 05	
GARFIELD.....	2775	Orange.....	23 66	81 00	103 66	93 20	93 20	93 20	10 46	10 46	10 46	447 20	473 75	411 65	62 10	
CATARACH.....	2803	Paterson.....	22 22	102 50	124 72	112 90	112 90	112 90	10 82	10 82	30 50	161 10	191 60	171 80	19 80	
AUERBACH.....	2805	Jersey City.....	90 21	114 25	204 46	35 98	35 98	100 00	145 98	58 48	12 49	442 40	479 25	463 20	16 05	
ONWARD.....	2853	Elizabeth.....	26 40	117 70	152 85	140 36	140 36	140 36	14 99	14 99	7 40	366 50	373 90	338 50	5 40	
AMICITIA.....	2864	Jersey City.....	48 15	107 81	155 96	82 91	82 91	82 91	7 49	7 49	46 40	247 95	394 35	352 50	41 85	
BRUNSWICK.....	2880	New Brunswick.....	24 45	74 25	98 70	52 05	52 05	52 05	46 65	46 65	17 00	181 60	201 60	181 45	20 15	
ELIZABETH.....	2885	Elizabeth.....	5 51	57 90	63 41	56 26	56 26	56 26	7 15	7 15	28 60	218 70	247 30	220 50	26 80	
MORRIS.....	2896	Boonton.....	29 40	45 00	74 40	50 16	50 16	50 16	24 24	24 24	15 00	264 00	279 00	257 00	22 00	
BLOOMFIELD.....	2908	Bloomfield.....	38 78	195 76	234 54	119 24	119 24	119 24	115 30	115 30	24 65	273 85	293 50	263 85	31 65	
UNION.....	2961	Town of Union.....	298 15	298 15	298 15	271 13	271 13	271 13	27 02	27 02	7 62	178 40	178 40	165 70	12 70	
AURORA.....	2986	Newark.....	137 95	137 95	137 95	130 33	130 33	130 33	7 62	7 62	7 62	76 20	76 20	76 20	19 05	
FRED. HECKER.....	3006	Newark.....														

Amount short on Lodges Nos. 714, 1595, 2190 and 2342.....62 22

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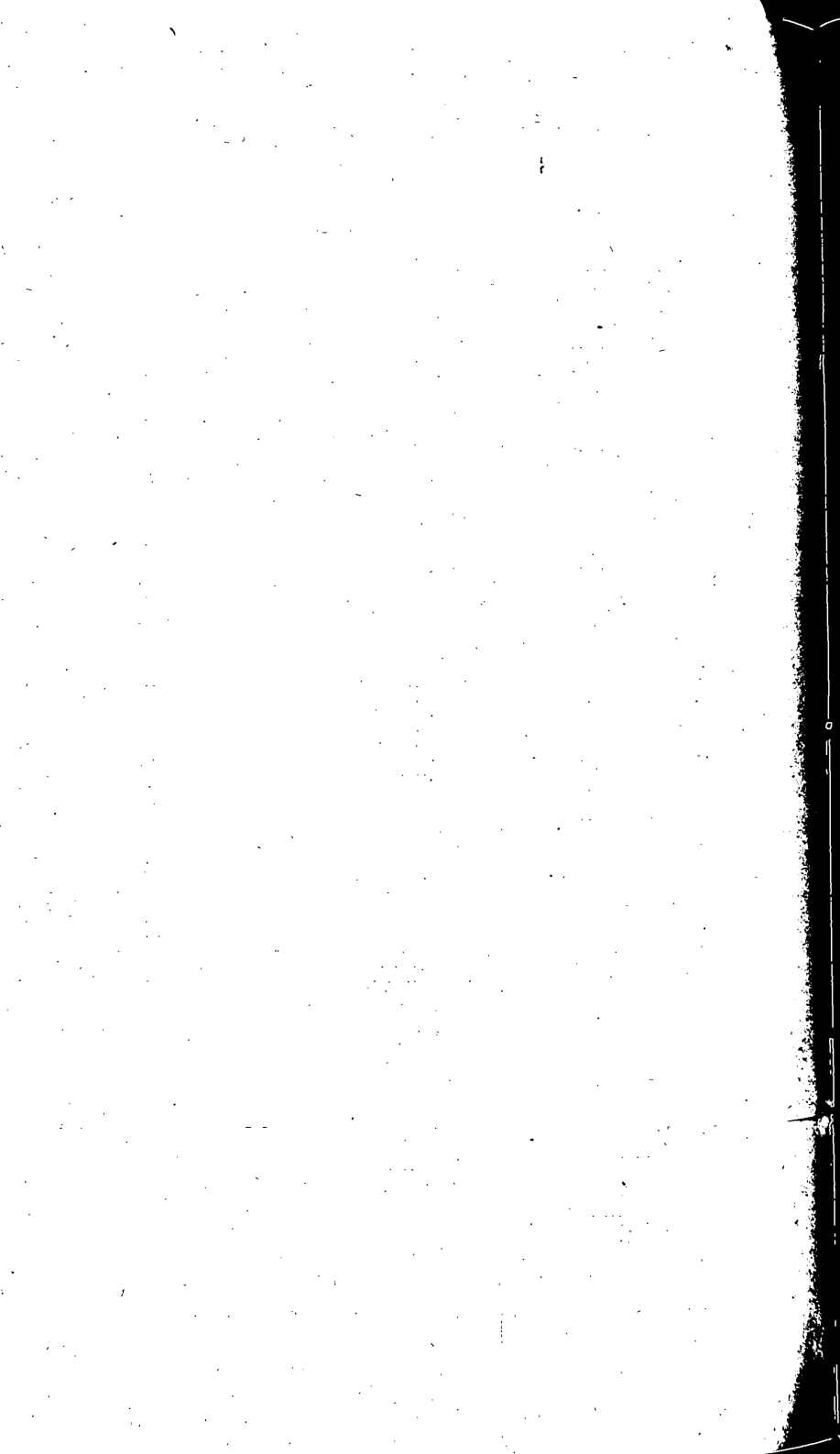


EXHIBIT F.

Subordinate Lodges in acc't with Grand Lodge,

For Year Ending August 31, 1884.

NAME OF LODGE	Number of Lodge.	Due Sept 1, 1883.	Debit for Supplies.	Debit for Dues.	Total.	Paid for Supplies.	Paid on Dues.	Overpaid in 1883.	Total.	Due Grand Lodge.	Overpaid.
INGOMAR.....	80		\$ 7 20	\$ 68 25	\$ 75 45	\$ 7 20	\$ 68 25		\$ 75 45		
ALPHA.....	209	25	4 10	59 75	64 10	4 10	59 00		63 10	1 00	
CENTENNIAL.....	216		5 05	77 75	83 40	5 65	77 75		83 40		
GERMANIA.....	469	5 25	6 50	124 75	136 50	11 75	124 75		136 50		
PASSAIC.....	486		3 98	29 50	38 48		29 50	1 10	30 60	2 88	
IVANHOE.....	509		17 45	31 75	49 20	16 10	31 75		47 85	1 35	
COLUMBIA.....	557		3 45	56 00	59 45	3 08	56 00		59 45		
NEWARK.....	585		13 00	103 00	116 00	13 00	103 00		116 00		
PROTECTION.....	634	60	3 50	60 25	64 35	4 10	60 25		64 35		
HIGHLAND.....	651			30 50	30 50		30 50		30 50		
PALISADE.....	714		2 45	25 75	28 20	2 45	25 75		28 20		
HUDSON.....	808		4 50	20 00	24 50	4 50	20 00		24 50		
ENTERPRISE.....	1019		1 10	47 75	48 85	1 10	47 75		48 85		
FREILIGRATH.....	1038	3 0	2 00	28 50	34 10	4 60	28 50		33 10	1 00	
MUTUAL.....	1433	50	3 50	8 75	12 75	4 00	8 75		12 75		
SCHILLER.....	1468		2 65	63 75	66 40	2 65	63 75		66 40		
BRIDGETON.....	1561			16 50	17 35		16 50		17 35		
ESSEX.....	1595		2 25	30 25	35 00	4 75	30 25		35 00		
HUMBOLDT.....	1752	1 75		37 00	38 75	1 25	37 00		38 25	50	
GOETHE.....	1828		6 25	64 00	70 25	6 25	64 00		70 25		
MANANTICO.....	2089		7 00	18 5	25 25	7 00	18 25		25 25		
PHILLIPSBURG.....	2188		7 50	22 50	30 00	5 00	22 50		27 50	2 50	
NORTHERN.....	2190	3 60	4 70	36 25	44 55	3 60	36 25		39 85	4 70	
WASHINGTON.....	2227		9 45	53 25	62 70	9 45	53 25		62 70		
EXCELSIOR.....	2342	60	7 50	37 00	45 10	5 30	37 00		42 30	2 80	
VALLEY.....	2348		25	14 50	14 75	25	14 50		14 75		
PHIL KEARNY.....	2350		3 06	32 75	35 81	3 06	32 75		35 81		
AMERICUS.....	2374		10 35	25 50	35 85	10 70	25 50	1 35	37 85	1 70	
ATLAS.....	2399		3 35	51 50	54 85	3 35	51 50		54 85		
LINCOLN.....	2429		2 35	16 75	19 10	2 35	16 75		19 10		
CLAREMONT.....	2600		50	16 00	16 50	50	16 00		16 50		
MONTCLAIR.....	2638	2 48	12 45	28 25	43 18	14 93	28 25		43 18		
HARMONY.....	2717		1 70	12 50	14 20	1 70	12 50		14 20		
RIDGEWOOD.....	2723	2 50	1 85	19 25	23 60	4 35	19 25		23 60		
STREUBEN.....	2753		5 25	43 25	48 50	5 25	43 25		48 50		
CRESCENT.....	2794			10 75	10 75		10 75		10 75		
GARFIELD.....	3775		12 35	18 75	31 10	12 35	18 75		31 10		
CATARACT.....	2803		1 70	22 00	23 70	1 10	22 00		23 10	60	
AUERBACH.....	2805		1 25	11 50	11 75	25	11 50		11 75		
ONWARD.....	2858	50	2 00	23 25	25 75	2 50	23 25		25 75		
AMICITIA.....	2864		1 93	19 00	20 93	1 93	19 00		20 93		
BRUNSWICK.....	2880		1 10	17 25	18 55	1 60	17 25		18 85		
ELIZABETH.....	2885		9 75	10 75	20 50	9 50	10 75	19	20 44	6	
MORRIS.....	2896		2 00	12 50	14 50	2 00	12 50		14 50		
BLOOMFIELD.....	2908		2 10	13 25	15 25	50	13 25		13 75	1 50	
UNION.....	2961	10	2 60	17 50	20 20	53	17 50		18 05	2 15	
AURORA.....	2986			13 75	14 00		13 75		14 00		
FRED. HECKER.....	3006		1 30	11 75	13 75	1 30	11 75		13 05		
Cash Sales and Dep- uties.....			2 61		2 61	2 61			2 61		
	24 23	207 98	1,613 25	1,845 46	210 61	1,612 50	3 01	1,826 12	21 04	1 70	

EXHIBIT G

Accounts with Deputies.

NAME.	Balance Sept., 1888.	Debit since Sept. 1, 88	Total Debt.	Cash Received.	Installation Fee.	Total Credit.	Balance Due.
JNO. S. LITTELL ..	\$2 00		\$2 00				2 00
J. P. BAKER.....	74		74				74
W. B. THUME.....	75		75				75
J. N. CARPENTER.	96		96	96		96	
W. C. MORRIS.....		\$1 00	1 00	1 00		1 00	
OTTO POTT.....		50	50	50		50	
A. KEUFFER.....		100 00	100 00	60 00	40 00	100 00	
	\$4 45	\$101 50	\$105 95	\$62 46	\$40 00	\$102 46	\$3 49

EXHIBIT H.

Drafts on the Grand Treasurer,

For Year Ending August 31, 1884.

1883.			
Sept.	13.	No. 212	Mileage and per diem.....\$427 85
Sept.	13.	No. 213	N. H. Stevens..... 75 00
Sept.	13.	No. 214	Bills Ordered Paid by Grand Lodge..... 124 88
Dec.	6.	No. 215	Grover Bros., on account..... 100 00
Dec.	6.	No. 216	Supreme Lodge, for Supplies..... 76 20
1884.			
Jan'y	15.	No. 217	Salary of Grand Reporter, 3 months..... 62 50
Jan'y	15.	No. 218	M. H. Neuhut, Printing German Proceedings.. 120 00
Feb'y	8.	No. 219	Supreme Lodge, per capita tax..... 399 37
Feb'y	18.	No. 220	D. Wilson & Co., Regalia..... 26 50
Feb'y	18.	No. 221	Grover Bros., Printing..... 121 58
March	31.	No. 222	B. H. Van Ness, Expenses..... 14 43
March	31.	No. 223	Salary of Grand Reporter, 3 months..... 62 50
July	10.	No. 224	Salary of Grand Reporter, 3 months..... 62 50
July	12.	No. 225	Grover Bros., Printing..... 21 77
Aug.	5.	No. 226	Supreme Lodge, per capita tax..... 406 25
Aug.	25.	No. 227	Van Alstyné & Shurts, Printing..... 20 00
Aug.	30.	No. 228	Supreme Lodge, Supplies..... 35 60
Aug.	30.	No. 229	Grover Bros., Printing..... 18 62
Aug.	30.	No. 230	Grand Reporter's Salary, 3 months..... 62 50
Aug.	30.	No. 231	Expenses of Grand Reporter's office, stamps, &c. 50 46
			\$2,288 51

EXHIBIT I.

Inventory of Supplies on Hand

September 1st, 1884.

500 Applications for Membership.....	\$8 00
22 Officers' Roll-Books and Blank Books.....	22 00
32 Funeral Rituals (English).....	1 28
105 Funeral Rituals (German).....	4 20
1 General Fund Account-Book.....	2 00
32 Constitutions and General Laws (1883) English.....	1 28
67 Constitutions and General Laws (1883) German.....	2 68
10 Withdrawal Cards.....	2 00
4 Financial Reporter's Cash-Books.....	8 00
4 Cash-Books, old style.....	4 00
1 Record-Book.....	1 50
6 Financial Reporter's Receipt-Books.....	1 80
2 Draft-Books on Treasurer.....	60
3 Books of Receipts.....	90
170 English Odes.....	2 40
1 Set Banners, \$8.00; 1 do, \$3.40.....	11 40
893 Blank Bonds.....	5 86
190 Assessment Notices.....	43
338 Initiation Fee Receipts.....	75
875 Permissions to Initiate.....	1 95
850 Requests for Permission to Initiate.....	1 70
570 Committee Notices.....	1 14
100 Investigating Committee Notices.....	25
300 Suspension Notices to Members.....	75
373 Notices of Election.....	1 00
1500 Notices of Application for Membership.....	5 25
828 Notices of Suspension to Lodges.....	2 47
975 Notices of Reinstatement to Lodges.....	3 41
220 Applications to Join by Card.....	90
750 Applications for Reinstatement in 30 days.....	2 25
120 Applications for Reinstatement when over 30 days.....	90
2 Dictator's Badges.....	1 80
1 E. M.....	1 00
2 Visitors' Roll-Books.....	1 40
1 Members' Roll-Book.....	75
6 Gavels.....	75

\$108 25

I have left out of the Inventory 5,000 Circulars of 1882.

EXHIBIT J.

Membership of Lodges

At the Close of Each Term Since January, 1877.

NAME.	No.	1877		1878		1879		1880		1881		1882		1883		1884
		June 30.	Dec. 31.	June 30.	Dec. 31.	June 30.	Dec. 31.	June 30.	Dec. 31.	June 30.	Dec. 31.	June 30.	Dec. 31.	June 30.	Dec. 31.	June 30.
INGOMAR.....	80	59	61	75	82	90	96	114	119	125	130	136	136	138	138	135
ALPHA.....	209	45	57	67	69	78	90	96	101	104	110	118	120	109	113	123
CENTENNIAL.....	216	39	41	51	56	66	75	99	113	122	136	139	142	148	149	163
GOOD WILL.....	376	10	11	11	11	12	Susp.	11	11	Susp.	Susp.					
GERMANIA.....	469	17	27	43	55	89	144	172	181	202	215	221	230	337	247	252
PASSAIC.....	486	15	17	19	22	30	42	59	69	64	61	68	66	60	59	59
IVANHOE.....	509	18	29	36	32	39	44	53	56	63	65	63	66	66	65	62
COLUMBIA.....	557	13	17	25	31	33	39	53	58	73	88	96	103	109	111	113
NEWARK.....	585	16	32	63	77	95	103	124	133	157	174	188	201	210	210	202
PROTECTION.....	634	13	18	23	27	29	35	40	50	69	97	106	107	116	116	125
HIGHLAND.....	651	12	25	25	27	29	32	77	78	76	68	61	62	63	62	60
PALISADE.....	714		11	12	14	11	12	15	19	30	37	44	44	47	51	52
HUDSON.....	808		9	14	17	17	18	21	30	31	35	37	41	38	40	40
ENTERPRISE.....	1019			27	34	40	45	51	55	70	87	91	97	97	97	94
FREILIGRATH.....	1038			29	33	33	38	40	39	44	47	54	55	56	56	58
MUTUAL.....	1433					16	20	22	25	26	24	20	20	20	18	17
SCHILLER.....	1468					38	44	53	58	86	106	109	115	126	128	127
BRIDGETON.....	1561					23	28	29	31	33	33	33	33	34	33	33
ESSEX.....	1595					29	31	35	48	53	57	64	65	62	61	60
HUMBOLDT.....	1752						35	39	43	50	59	64	67	72	72	76
GOETHE.....	1828						46	56	64	88	103	107	113	121	128	128
MANANTICO.....	2089							27	29	34	37	36	36	37	35	37
PHILLIPSBURG.....	2188							40	42	42	43	45	45	45	46	44
NORTHERN.....	2190							41	44	56	63	62	61	70	71	74
WASHINGTON.....	2227							27	45	61	78	85	94	102	106	107
EXCELSIOR.....	2342									40	40	47	61	65	63	73
VALLEY.....	2348									24	24	25	26	29	30	28
PHIL KEARNY.....	2350									38	44	53	60	67	66	65
AMERICUS.....	2374									43	49	45	47	52	53	49
ATLAS.....	2390									71	80	96	108	106	104	102
LINCOLN.....	2429									21	27	31	32	33	33	34
CLAREMONT.....	2600										24	33	33	34	32	32
MONTCLAIR.....	2638										27	49	50	54	55	58
HARMONY.....	2717											20	22	26	25	25
RIDGEWOOD.....	2723											25	34	39	40	37
STUBEN.....	2758											43	58	76	82	91
GRESCENT.....	2764											18	21	23	21	22
GARFIELD.....	2775											13	19	29	33	42
GATARACT.....	2803												45	45	45	43
AUERBACH.....	2805												16	19	22	24
ONWARD.....	2858												39	40	45	48
AMICITIA.....	2864												34	37	38	38
BRUNSWICK.....	2880												32	32	36	33
ELIZABETH.....	2885												18	18	21	22
MORRIS.....	2896													24	24	26
BLOOMFIELD.....	2908													34	27	26
UNION.....	2961													28	34	36
AURORA.....	2986														24	31
FRED. HECKER.....	3006														21	24
		257	355	523	587	797	1017	1394	1541	1906	2275	2558	2878	3097	3196	3250
Lodges.....		11	13	15	16	19	20	25	25	30	32	37	43	46	48	48