

High Court of New Jersey.

ELVENTH ANNUAL SESSION.

A Large Attendance and Gratifying Reports.

MORRISTOWN, Sept. 24th, 1897.

High Court convened at 10.45 a m., High Chief Ranger Bro. James B. Febrey in the chair. The following brothers were appointed a committee to receive Bro. John A. McGillivray, Q.C., Supreme Secretary, viz.: Bros. T. Heywood, W. T. Bingham, W. S. Stevens.

Bro. O. Brian, Acting Mayor of Morristown, was introduced. He cordially welcomed the brethren and extended the freedom of the city to all Foresters.

Bro. the Supreme Secretary was introduced at this stage. He was received with enthusiastic cheers, and gave an able and comprehensive address, full of facts and points of interest to the members.

The greetings of the High Court were telegraphed to the High Court of Illinois, in session at Peoria.

The High Chief Ranger appointed the following Committees:

Committee on Credentials—F. A. McKenzie, C. Wardell, F. Stevens, Carl Toupon, L. T. Titsworth.

Committee on Distribution—Jos. Lowden, Gorman, Barnard, John W. Scott, Thos. Geimer, S. Bullock.

Committee on State of Order—C. C. McBride, F. Weller, Thos. Heywood, Geo. Colon, Wm. Stevens.

Committee on Finance—R. C. Plume, P. A. Banker, J. T. Lines, A. G. Black, W. A. Thorp.

High Chief Ranger's Report.

To the Officers and Members of the High Court N. J., I.O.F.:

In presenting for your consideration this my report for the year drawing to a close, I do so with the gratification of knowing that the officers of the High Court have every reason to be proud of its excellent condition and progress made. In the face of business depression, the equal of which has never been known in the history of this country, our growth has been a healthy one. For this I desire to extend my thanks to the active workers, to whom much credit is due.

This, together with our Supreme Organizer, Bro. W. T. Bingham, has enabled us to show an increase for the year of 531 members.

To liquidate our indebtedness to the Supreme Court, which instructions I am proud to state have been carried out to the letter, and for the first time in the history of this High Court, we have liquidated every claim against us and have a cash balance of \$1,245.30, and I am tempted at this point to make the assertion that we are the only High Court in existence which can boast of this record. Well done for New Jersey, and may the good work continue with greater zeal than ever.

I beg to make the following suggestions:

1st—We have felt severely the want of an Inspector. I trust this High Court will see its way clear at this meeting to create such an office and appoint or instruct the next High Standing Committee to appoint an able officer to do the work. From my experience this year I have come to the conclusion that the High Court cannot do really effective work without such assistance.

While the Order in this State is growing in popularity and favor, the upbuilding of weak courts should in no wise be neglected.

2nd.—That the High Standing Committee be authorized to present to every member in our jurisdiction who brings into the Order at least six new members before the first of February, 1898, a gold badge similar to those given two years ago.

Brethren of the High Court of New Jersey, I close this report thanking you for the honor you conferred upon me one year ago by electing me your High Chief Ranger. I felt deeply the responsibility of chief executive officer of such a High Court.

Trusting that our deliberations may be conducted in the spirit of harmony, and that they may result in a revival of the good work in which we are engaged, I am,

Yours sincerely in L. B. and C.,

(Signed) JAMES E. FEBREY.

Report of High Secretary.

Bro. Jas. C. Calvert, H.S., submitted a full and interesting report, showing the financial standing of every court, also the

STATE OF THE ORDER.

No. of courts at last session of High Court	48
“ “ since instituted	11
“ “ disbanded	2
“ “ consolidated with other courts	1
Net loss	3
Increase in courts	8
Total number of courts Sept 1st, 1897	56
Membership reported July 1st, 1896	3,008
“ “ “ 1897	3,579

Increase..... 531

High Treasurer's Report.

To the Officers and Members of the High Court of N. J., Independent Order of Foresters:

The High Treasurer submitted the following gratifying financial report of the past year for the approval of the High Court:

Receipts.

Sept. 22, 1896, balance in bank	\$1,286 39
Deposited in bank during term	1,746 73
Total	\$3,033 12

Disbursements.

Per Warrant No. 219 to No. 266, inclusive	\$1,787 82
Total receipts	3,033 12
Disbursements	1,787 82

Leaving cash balance in bank.... \$1,245 30

Respectfully submitted in L. B. and C.,

ARTHUR C. WENZEL,

High Treas.

Auditors' Report

We have examined the books of the High Secretary and High Treasurer. We find the entries as made therein correct. We have compared them with the receipts and vouchers and the balance in the bank, and find that they agree in every particular. The clear and business-like way in which the books are kept has enabled us to perform our duty quickly, and deserves commendation.

Respectfully submitted in L. B. and C.,

WM. H. DEHART, W. M. MACKEY,

High Auditors.