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Knights of the Golden Eagle

Founded in 1873 by John Emory Burbage, the Knights of the Golden Eagle is a fraternal organization with rituals based on those of the crusaders. Members pass through three stages: pilgrim, knight, and crusader. In addition to giving moral and intellectual guidance, the society provided relief to sick or unemployed members and gave survivor benefits to widows and orphans. In 1900 the Knights of the Golden Eagle had approximately 20,000 members and functioned in twenty states. The society's motto is "Fidelity, Valor, and Honor," and rituals reflect the emphasis placed on the word of the Bible. The Knights of the Golden Eagle currently have approximately 2,000 members in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. The female auxiliaries are known as "Ladies of the Golden Eagle."

Castle name	volume type	dates
Acme of Stoney Creek Castle No.333	Minutes	1889-1896
Cyrene Castle No. 27	Minutes	1879-1926
East Greenville Castle	Minutes	1889-1903
Easton Castle No. 524	Minutes	1916-1923
Ivanhoe Castle No. 2	Minutes	1880-1886
Ivanhoe Castle No. 2	Minutes	1886-1872
Ivanhoe Castle No. 2	Minutes	1892-1901
Ivanhoe Castle No. 2	Minutes	1876-1893
Ivanhoe Castle No. 2	Minutes	1875-1880
Kennett Square Castle No. 243	Minutes	1888-1900
Kennett Square Castle No. 243	Minutes	1900-1909
Kennett Square Castle No. 243	Minutes	1909-1935
Ladies of the Golden Eagle Liberty Bell Temple	Minutes	1923-1925
Ladies of the Golden Eagle, Ivanhoe Temple No. 125	Minutes	1906-1910
Ladies of the Golden Eagle, Ivanhoe Temple No. 125	Minutes	1910-1914
Millheim Castle No. 353	Minutes	1914-1921
Olive Castle	Minutes	1913-1919
Pioneer Castle No. 85	Minutes	1915-1935
Pioneer Castle No. 85	Accounts/Fees	1886-1887
Port Matilda Castle No. 219	Minutes	1906-1910
Puritan Castle No. 523	Minutes	1916-1921
Rock Castle No. 80	Minutes	1886-1907

Shannonville Castle	Minutes	1914-1935
	Day Book	1888-1934
	Loose papers	1868-1933

Knights of Pythias

The Knights of Pythias, founded in 1864 by Justus H. Rathbone, was the first American order to receive a charter by an act of Congress. The society has lodges in the United States and Canada and at one point had nearly half a million members. The society's motto is "Friendship, Charity, and Benevolence," and it gets its name from the story of Damon and Pythias, Greek youths who were bound to one another by loyalty and friendship, each of whom was willing to die for the other. The Knights of Pythias seek to practically apply the lessons taught in the Bible to everyday life.

Lodge name	volume type	dates
Red Cross Lodge No. 312	Members	1895-1898
Red Cross Lodge No. 312	Minutes	1889-1896
Livingston Lodge No. 69	Minutes	1872-1878
Livingston Lodge No. 69	Minutes	1878-1883
Crystal Fount Lodge No. 17	Minutes	1867-1877
Crystal Fount Lodge No. 17	Minutes	1877-1883
Crystal Fount Lodge No. 17	Minutes	1893-1899

Independent Order of Odd Fellows

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows was begun in England in the 17th century. In 1819 Thomas Wildey instituted the Washington Lodge No.1 in Baltimore, which was the first IOOF lodge in America. Rebekah Lodges, the female auxiliary of the IOOF, were founded in 1851 when a proposal known as "The Rebekah Degree" was adopted. "The Rebekah Degree" was written by Schuyler Colfax, who later became Vice President of the United States during the Grant administration. The name "odd fellows" supposedly dates back to the Order's early days in England, when it was considered peculiar to take part in mutual assistance societies. The Order places a strong emphasis on relief for sick or destitute. In 1872 the Order became the first fraternal organization to create special homes for elderly members and orphaned children.

Lodge name	volume type	dates
Amity Association [Amity Lodge No. 19]	Rules/Accounts	ca. 1890
Atlantic Lodge	Minutes	1853-1882
Atlantic Lodge	Minutes	1857-1861
Atlantic Lodge	Minutes	1869-1874
Atlantic Lodge	Minutes	1900-1904
Atlantic Lodge	Due Book	n.d.

Arminia Rebeckah Lodge	Cash Book	1890-1901
Capitol Lodge No. 208	Minutes	1846-1850
Coaquanock Lodge	Ledger	1852-1859
Coaquanock Lodge	Ledger	1852-1898
Coaquanock Lodge	Ledger	1865-1870
Coaquanock Lodge	Ledger	1890-1894
Coaquanock Lodge	Minutes	1864-1873
Coaquanock Lodge	Minutes	1873-1880
Coaquanock Lodge	Minutes	1880-1888
Coaquanock Lodge	Minutes	1888-1895
Coaquanock Lodge	Minutes	1895-1903
Coaquanock Lodge	Visiting reports	1874-1891
Coaquanock Lodge	Accounts	1853-1859
Coaquanock Lodge	Accounts	1880-1894
Coaquanock Lodge	Day Book	1881-1900
Coaquanock Lodge	Receipt Book	1884-1929
Coaquanock Lodge	Dues Ledger	1894-1927
Coaquanock Lodge	Membership	1867-1896
Coaquanock Lodge	Membership	1852-1867
Coaquanock Lodge	Ledger	1918-1922
Coaquanock Lodge	Minutes	1918-1922
Coaquanock Lodge	Membership	1919-1936
Coaquanock Lodge	Minutes	1931-1933
Coaquanock Lodge	Minutes	1922-1925
Cohocksink Lodge No. 383	Minutes	1872-1881
Cohocksink Lodge No. 383	Minutes	1893-1896
Colfax Lodge, Degree of Rebekah Lodge No. 1	Minutes	1866-1867
Colfax Lodge, Degree of Rebekah Lodge No. 1	Order book index	n.d.
Commercial Lodge	Minutes	1862-1869
Fidelity Lodge	Minutes	1845-1854
Fidelity Lodge	Minutes	1854-1864
Fidelity Lodge	Minutes	1864-1872
Fidelity Lodge	Cash Book	1845-1857
Franklin Lodge	Membership list	n.d.
Grand Encampment of Patriarchs	Minutes	1829-1843
Grand Encampment	Minutes	1854-1876
Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania	Minutes	1849-1875
General Harrison Lodge	Minutes	1879-1887
General Harrison Lodge	Minutes	1868-1878
General Marion Encampment	Membership Book	1849-1936
General Marion Encampment	Minutes	1876-1889
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania	Minutes	1852-1864
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania	check stubs	1930-1934
Harmony Encampment	Minutes	1847-1862

Harmony Encampment	Minutes	1862-1877
Hermann Lodge No. 7	Semi-annual reports	1870-1896
Jefferson Lodge	Membership Applications	1873-1884
Landford Encampment	Minutes	1871-1893
Mercantile Lodge No. 237	Minutes	1904-1917
Mount Olive Encampment	Minutes	1839-1846
Mount Olive Encampment	Minutes	1846-1857
Mount Olive Lodge	Minutes	1849-1857
Mount Olive Lodge No. 375	Treasurer's Book	1849-1854
Mount Olive Encampment	Cash Book	1850-1873
Mount Olive Encampment No. 6	Roll Book	1850-1868
Mount Olive Encampment	Minutes	1857-1869
Mount Olive Lodge	Minutes	1857-1869
Neptune Lodge	Amendments and by-laws	n.d.
Neptune Lodge No. 354	Ledger	1882-1886
Neptune Lodge No. 354	Ledger	1887-1891
Neptune Lodge No. 354	Ledger	1897-1899
Northern Liberties Lodge No. 17	Minutes	1829-1849
Northern Liberties Lodge No. 17	Minutes	1859-1868
Pacific Lodge	Minutes	1846-1858
Pacific Lodge	Membership bk.	1846-1871
Pacific Lodge	Due Book	1873-1879
Pacific Lodge	Minutes	1895-1901
Radiant Lodge	Minutes	1877-1885
Radiant Star Lodge	Minutes	1885-1892
Radiant Star Lodge	Minutes	1904-1910
Robert Morris Lodge	Membership Applications	1859-1886
Trustees [?] of Robert Morris Lodge	Minutes	1860-1876
Robert Morris Lodge No. 29	Minutes	1871-1882
Robert Morris Lodge No. 29	Records	1882-1889
Star of America Lodge No. 52	Minutes	1850-1856
Star of America Lodge No. 52	Accounts	1856-1865
Star of America Lodge No. 52	Minutes	1859-1867
Star of America Lodge No. 52	Ledger	1873
Star of America Lodge No. 52	Minutes	1891-1896
Star of America Lodge No. 25	Minutes	1896-1903
Star of America Lodge No. 52	Minutes	1903-1912
Star of America Lodge No. 52	Minutes	1871-1876
Subordinate Encampments	Seals	n.d.
Susquehanna Encampment	Members book	1849-1920
United Brothers Encampment No. 26	Membership	1846-1853

	Applications	
United Brothers Encampment No. 26	Membership Applications	1854-1881
United Brothers Encampment No. 26	Cash Book	1877-1883
Unidentified IOOF	Membership Book	1872-1909
Unidentified IOOF	Membership Book	1852-1872

Miscellaneous Volumes

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic	Minutes	1921-1925
Washington Camp Patriotic Order Sons of America	Minutes	1888-1893
Washington Camp Patriotic Order Sons of America	Minutes	1897-1905
Orden Caballeros de la luz	1 box	
Orden Caballeros de la luz Logia la luz No. 1	Minutes	1873-1875
Orden Caballeros de la luz No. 1	Actas [Minutes]	1875-1880
Caballeros de La Luz, Logia de la Luz	Due Book	1880-1905
Orden Caballeros de la Luz	Actas [Minutes]	1880-1896
Orden Caballeros de la Luz	Actas	1896-1914
Orden Caballeros de la Luz Grand Lodge	Minutes	1876-1891
Orden Caballeros de la Luz Grand lodge	Minutes	1877-1880
Order of the United American Mechanics, Freedonia Council No. 52 West Phila.	Records	1850-1857
Order of the United American Mechanics, Union Star Council No. 204	Minutes	1869-1892
Order of the United American Mechanics, Nassau Council No. 103	Minutes	1873-1878
Order of U.S. of A., Camp No. 2	Minutes	1849-1854
St. John's Lodge	Account Book	1731-1791
Tun Tavern Lodge [Note: this volumes is available on microfilm, number XR 792]	Journal	1749-1755
Walhalla Lodge #7	Minutes	1863-1878
Walhalla Lodge #7	Minutes	1878-1892
Walhalla Lodge #7	Minutes	1841-1849
Walhalla Lodge #7	Cash Book	1858
Young American Humane Union	Catalogue of Authors	n.d.

Unidentified

[German Lodge Book]	?	n.d.
[German Lodge Book]	?	1828-1829
[German Lodge Book]	?	1842-1850
[German Lodge]	Receipt Book	1833-1865

?	Roll of Officers	1918-1936
Unidentified	Address Book	n.d.
Unidentified	Address Book	n.d.
Unidentified	Receipts and Disbursements	1902-1929