

**Roanoke Public Libraries
Virginia Room
Royal Arcanum, Council No. 1228, Record Books**

Collection Description:

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Title: Royal Arcanum Record Books

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Arrangement:

Creator: Royal Arcanum

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Historical Note:

The Royal Arcanum is a fraternal organization that provides insurance benefits to its members and their families. The Roanoke Council No. 1228 was established in 1890.

Scope and Content:

The collection includes four Meeting Minute Books, spanning the years from the organization's founding in 1890 through 1910. Additionally there is a Record of Applicants book with listings from 1895 through 1911. An Order Book on the Treasurer includes payment stubs from 1914 through 1919. Loose items within the books were moved to folders.

Container List:

Box 1

Meeting Minutes Book, 1890-1894

Meeting Minutes Book, 1894-1899 – Includes lists of officers and their attendance records

Meeting Minutes Book, 1900-1904 – Includes lists of officers and their attendance records

Meeting Minutes Book, 1904-1910 – Includes lists of officers and their attendance records

Record of Applications Book 1895-1911 – Names, occupations, persons recommending for membership, and results of application

Order Book on the Treasurer, 1914-1919 – Stubs with description of purpose of payment

Folder 1: Meeting Minutes Book, 1890-1894, loose items

- Supreme Council of the Royal Arcanum, Statement of Financial Conditions, year ending Dec. 31, 1894
- Correspondence to and from Jno. M. Payne Jr.

Folder 2: Meeting Minutes Book, 1894-1899, loose items

- Pamphlet from 1899 describing the Roanoke Council No. 1228 of the Royal Arcanum, membership requirements and costs and its benefits, as well as a list of officers and 127 member names
- Edgar B Tucker's incomplete application for membership from a suspended member
- Notices from state and national Royal Arcanum Councils
- Blank form for withdrawing from one council and applying to another

Folder 3: Meeting Minutes Book, 1900-1904, loose items

- Correspondence, notes related to memberships

Folder 4: Meeting Minutes Book, 1904-1910, loose items

- Notices from state and national Royal Arcanum Councils, 1910
- Various correspondence received in 1910

Folder 5: Record of Applications Book 1895-1911, loose items

- Blank forms related to membership applications
- Medical examiner rejection of James Walter Rhodes, 1909
- Notes on membership counts, 1905, 1906, n.d.

Folder 6: Order Book on the Treasurer, 1914-1919, loose items

- Receipt and ephemera from Lookabill's Printing House, Roanoke, Virginia
- Treasurer's form