

Meeting of the  
Matanuska Masonic Foundation  
September 20, 2007

Those in attendance:

President: Jim Summers

Secretary: Bo Cline

Treasurer: Lee Seagondollar

Director: Jerry Arthur

Director: Norm Gutcher

Guest: Larry Wright

Director John Paul Jones was traveling and not available for this meeting.

President Jim Summers called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm.

The directors present reviewed the minutes of April 18, 2007 MMF meeting. There were no issues or concerns.

Business

Bo Cline presented a copy of a cover letter and application form, which were intended to be available on the Matanuska Lodge No. 7 website. The members present reviewed these documents and recommended that Social Security Number not be required of the applicants, however that a note be placed on the application acknowledging that scholarship winners will be required to provide their Social Security Number for IRS reporting. Bo said he would make the suggested change and forward the cover letter, application form, and updated pamphlet to MW Chaffin for posting on the website.

The directors present entertained ideas for better outreach to potential scholarship applicants. One area of concern was the Valley Schools' Career Nights. Jim Summers stated that Palmer and Colony High Schools generally hold a joint Career Night each year. He said that he would confirm the date of this event and report it to the board of directors. Jim, also, said he would contact the school counselors, as he did last year, and inform that our scholarship information is available on the Lodge webpage, and encourage them to invite students to visit that webpage. Bo Cline reported that a poster promoting the MMF scholarship was displayed at the Masonic booth at the Alaska State Fair, along with copies of the MMF pamphlet. He did not know if any pamphlets were handed out at the Fair. Bo also suggested, as Matanuska Lodge is a member of the Palmer Chamber of Commerce, that we take advantage of the Chamber's offer to include items in their newsletter. He said that he would contact the Chamber and see about getting our information in their newsletter.

Bo Cline presented a letter from the Internal Revenue Service, which notified the Foundation of potential changes to our tax filing procedures. Jim Summers took the letter and said that he would contact Mike Johnston for guidance. However, upon reading the letter, he didn't believe it applied to our status as a 501(c)3 organization.

Bo Cline said that his duties to the Grand Lodge of Alaska were becoming more and more demanding and that he would be stepping down from the board at the next annual

meeting. This announcement prompted some discussion about the make of the board of directors. Larry Wright, who was instrumental in creating the Matanuska Masonic Foundation as a 501(c)3 organization, indicated his willingness to serve on the board in the future. He said that his primary area of interest would be monitoring the status of the Foundation's finances and reporting the same to the board of directors.

There was no further business, and the meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

#### Next Meeting

The next meeting of the MMF Board of Directors will be December 18, 2007 at 6:30 pm at the Matanuska Masonic Temple. Topics of discussion will be selecting and voting on a board of directors for 2008, a review of the status of the Foundation's earnings, and planning for the distribution of those earnings to winning scholarship applicants.

John R. "Bo" Cline  
Secretary, Matanuska Masonic Foundation