

Brethren,

Our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Dave Worel has asked me to edit the Grand Lodge of Alaska newsletter (*Light of the Great Land*) for 2014, and I need your assistance. It has always been a trial to secure suitable content in a timely manner; content that will satisfy the interests of all who wish to read our newsletter. Therefore, I am requesting help from you and your lodges to provide news, historic, and philosophic articles; poetry; reviews; etc. to fill our pages. I am sure there is a number of budding Masonic writers and scholars out there looking for an opportunity to be published.

News Articles

Consistent with MW Dave's focus on planning, it is anticipated that each lodge has developed or are in the process of developing an annual plan of their activities for this year. The *Light of the Great Land* would like to be your conduit to share information about your activities and events throughout the jurisdiction and around the Masonic world. Please consider appointing a lodge correspondent to provide information advertising your events before they happen and providing press coverage of the events afterward. Lots of pictures accompanying such articles would be most appreciated.

Historic Articles

I know that each of our lodges has some hidden history that can be ferreted out and discovered in old minute books, on dusty shelves, in closets, or back rooms. I ask that the brethren conduct a thorough search of your lodge records and artifacts to discover these hidden jewels. Once found, I ask that you take a bit time to research to find out from whence they came, what influence they may have had on your lodge, and to write a short article about your discoveries. Remember that lots of pictures are most welcomed.

Philosophic Articles

As each Mason goes through the degrees he is presented with many symbols and moral lessons. Later on, as you reflect on these symbols and philosophies, you begin to discover how they may be a benefit to improving your life. Each of you has a story of how Freemasonry has made you a better man. I ask that you write down these stories and share it with your brethren through our newsletter.

Poetry

Are there some apprentice poets out there who wish to try their hand at producing some Masonic prose? Please share your musings with our readers.

Reviews

Light of the Great Land is looking for original content only, and we don't wish to publish something that has already been published. I know, however, that many of you have read an article in some Masonic journal or magazine, or maybe you have read a Masonic book that has particularly resonated with you and something you would like to share. If that is the case, why not provide a review of what you have read and how it may have influenced you. When

providing a review, please provide information on the source of the article/book (title, author, source document, publisher, date) and if possible provide an internet link.

Submission Guidelines

The *Light of the Great Land* is published quarterly by the Grand Lodge of Alaska and posted on our website at: <http://www.alaska-mason.org/>. The following schedule will be followed this year to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to submit their items and benefit Alaska Masonry:

Submittal Deadline	Publishing Date
March 15, 2014	April 1, 2014
June 15, 2014	July 1, 2014
September 15, 2014	October 1, 2014
December 15, 2014	January 1, 2015

- Submit your articles in 12-point Calibri. Use the same typeface, or font, throughout the entire manuscript.
- Your manuscript should be double-spaced throughout.
- No columns.
- **DO NOT JUSTIFY YOUR TEXT.** All text should be **FLUSH LEFT.**
- Do not use the space bar to achieve tabs or indents or to align text.
- Do not use the automatic hyphenation feature.
- The default, or “normal” style should be the only style used in your manuscript.
- For capitalization, hyphenation, use of numbers, punctuation, and other matters of style, follow *The Chicago Manual of Style*, current edition.
- Notes should be placed at the end of the article and single-spaced.
- The proposed title of the article and the name of the author should appear at the top left of page one.

Submit your articles online only, to Bo Cline at: clineboak@gmail.com.

Contributions will be considered on the timeliness of their receipt, the amount of editing required, and space available. Please email me or call me at (907) 232-6269, if you would like to discuss ideas for possible articles.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

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