

**The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge
of Free and Accepted Masons
of Alaska**

Proceedings

**Constitutional Convention
February 3-6, 1981**

And

**First Special Communication
February 7, 1981**



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CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OPENING

A Constitutional Convention of Alaskan Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons, all of which were chartered by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington at the time, convened at the Anchorage Westward-Hilton Hotel, Anchorage, Alaska at 10:00 am, February 3, 1981. The Convention was opened by VW James A. Williams (Tanana Lodge No. 162) who then turned the meeting over to Temporary Chairman W Robert E. Morse, Sr. (Anvil Lodge No. 140) as the official Delegate of the oldest Lodge which had declared its intent to participate and to belong to the proposed MW Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska. (Invocation had been given at an immediate preceding meeting of AMRA).

Introduction of Visitors

MW Charles S. “Chuck” Moulthrop, Past Grand Master of Michigan
MW Francis D. Hess, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Montana
MW Byron C. Jenkins, Grand Master of Nebraska
MW E. L. “Roy” Foss, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington

Appointments by Temporary Chairman

Temporary Secretary	W Henry Ferguson (Matanuska Lodge 293)
Master-at- Arms	Bro. Fred V. Angleton (Anvil Lodge No. 140)
Parliamentarian	VW William H. Sanders (Anvil Lodge No. 140)

Temporary Credentials Committee:

VW John C. Ingram (Seward Lodge No. 219 and Kenai Lodge No. 307) Chairman
W Charles F. Johnson (Glacier Lodge No. 303 and Kenai Lodge No. 307)
VW Charles F. Lewis (Anvil Lodge No. 140)
VW Ralph Kavorkian (Tanana Lodge No. 162 and Fairbanks Lodge No. 308)

Permanent Convention Positions

Chairman

Nominees:

W Melvin A. Porter (Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 294)
Ernest J. Andres (Ketchikan Lodge No. 159)
Will Josey (Anchorage Lodge No. 221)
W Robert E. Morse (Anvil Lodge No. 140) Elected

Secretary

W Henry R. Ferguson (Matanuska Lodge No. 293)
W Gunnar Flygenring (Glacier Lodge No. 303)
VW Glen W. Pruett (Tanana Lodge No. 162 and Fairbanks Lodge No. 308) Elected

Parliamentarian

VW William H. Sanders (Anvil Lodge No. 140) – appointed by W Robert E. Morse (140)

The Parliamentarian announced rules to be followed by speakers during the convention.

Master-at- Arms

Bro. Fred V. Angleton (Anvil Lodge No. 140) – appointed by W Robert E. Morse (140).

Discussion

Discussion ensued regarding credentials of Lodge Delegates and under what conditions they would be allowed to vote. The matter was referred to the Credentials Committee.

VW Chester L. Proudfoot (Anchorage Lodge No. 221 and Deputy of the Grand Master for District No. 2) called the Convention's attention to instructions from the Grand Lodge of Washington that each Lodge should have a vote at the Convention, whether the Lodge does or does not favor the forming of a Grand Lodge of Alaska. He also voiced objection to wording contained in the invitation (call) to the Convention.

VW John Sivertsen (Petersburg Lodge No. 262 and Deputy of the Grand Master for District No. 3) endorsed VW Proudfoot's remarks.

VW Ralph Kavorkian (162, 308, and Deputy of the Grand Master for District No. 1) reported that the Lodges in the District had been coordinated and have followed the credentials format with no problems.

CALL FOR THE CONVENTION OF LODGES

October 17, 1980 - Anvil Lodge No. 140

I, Robert E. Morse, Sr., Worshipful Master of Anvil Lodge No. 140, located in Nome, Alaska, pursuant to resolution passed at the Stated Communication on Thursday, October 16, 1980, am extremely pleased and honored, on behalf of the said Lodge, to issue this official Call for a Convention of Lodges, or Constitutional Convention, for the specific purpose of implementing the plan for forming a Grand Lodge of Alaska.

You are hereby notified that the said Constitutional Convention will be held at the Masonic Temple in Sitka, Alaska, starting at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon on Tuesday, February 3, 1981, and continuing, including any recesses and/or postponements thereof, until all the work relative to the formation of the said Grand Lodge has been accomplished.

Please join Anvil Lodge No. 140 and other Alaskan Lodges in this historic event and may we, with the blessing of our Mother Grand Lodge, and under the watchful eye of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, continue in the footsteps of those dedicated Brethren, who went before us, and from whom we derive our strength and authority.

Please be represented by one official delegate with proper credentials and duly empowered to act on behalf of your Lodge in all matters pertaining to the formation of the said Grand Lodge. Included among these credentials should be a Certificate of Affirmation of the desire of your Lodge to be one of the founding ones, duly completed, and carrying the signature of the Worshipful Master of your Lodge and attested to by the Secretary and carrying the Seal of the Lodge.

So Mote It Be - until we meet in Sitka.

Signed: Robert E. Morse, Sr., Worshipful Master
Attested by the Lodge Secretary with the Lodge Seal

Amendment to Letter November 21, 1980 – Anvil Lodge 140

I, Robert E. Morse, Sr., Worshipful Master of Anvil Lodge No. 140, F. & A. M., located in Nome, Alaska, on behalf of said Lodge, do hereby amend the official Call for the Convention of Lodges - Constitutional Convention - issued by this Lodge on October 17, 1980, as follows:

First page, second paragraph, second line: Delete "in Sitka" and insert "15th and Eagle, Anchorage, Alaska" in place thereof.

First page, bottom line: Delete "Sitka" and insert "Anchorage" in place thereof.

The remainder of the call remains the same.

Signed: Robert E. Morse, Sr., Worshipful Master
Attested by the Lodge Secretary with the Lodge Seal

VW James A. Williams (162): I would like to have it entered in the record, at this point, that the original Call and the amendment thereto were received by all nineteen Lodges, as evidenced by returned postal receipts now in the hands of the Anvil Lodge.

I would also like to have the record reflect that the change of meeting place, announced in the call, was cleared with Most Worshipful Grand Master Wayne A. Sparger. I discussed this with him by telephone, but cannot give you the exact date at the moment. I have it on my phone log at home, so in case anyone wants to question it, I can find it; and he did approve the meeting in the Anchorage Westward Hotel on those dates so long as the room where we meet is properly tiled.

One more point of interest: There is a notice posted on the door of the Masonic Temple on 15th and Eagle directing anyone who did not get the word on the change of meeting place, telling them that the meeting is being held here. So we are covered on that also.

ALASKAN LODGES IN ATTENDANCE

We, the Temporary Committee on Credentials, fraternally report that the following Alaskan Lodges are faithfully represented at this convention, and their official Representatives are:

<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Delegate</u>
White Pass Lodge No. 113	W Francis S. Lewis PM
Gastineaux Lodge No. 124	No Delegate
Anvil Lodge No. 140	W Charles F. Lewis PM
Mt. Juneau Lodge No. 147	No delegate
Ketchikan Lodge No. 159	W John J. Falconer PM
Tanana Lodge No. 162	W Thomas W. Campbell WM
Valdez Lodge No. 168	W Richard Dunning PM
Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 183	W William D. Little WM
Seward Lodge No. 219	W David J. Thomas PM
Anchorage Lodge No. 221	W Kenneth J. Rourke WM
Petersburg Lodge No. 262	W Uley White PM
Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 291	W. James O. Burris PM
Matanuska Lodge No. 293	W Henry R. Ferguson PM
Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 294	W Melvin A. Porter WM
Kodiak Lodge No. 295	W Ray G. Williams PM
Glacier Lodge No. 303	VW H. B. "Jack" Bentley PM
Kenai Lodge No. 307	W Walter C. Church
Fairbanks Lodge No. 308	W Franklin Erie WM
Adak Lodge No. 309	No Delegate

Fraternally submitted:

John C. Ingram PM Chairman
Ralph Kavorkian PM
Charles F. Lewis PM

Motion by VW Williams (162) that the report of the Credentials Committee be accepted and the Brothers named in the report as Delegates or Representatives of their respective Lodges be accepted as such by this Convention.

Seconded by VW Floyd Saltz, Jr. (219, 307)

Motion carried

VOTE OF LODGES

VW Sanders (140) moved, and was seconded, to delay the vote of the Lodges on the formation of the proposed Grand Lodge of Alaska until the next day.

Motion made and seconded and failed.

VW Williams (162) made motion to proceed immediately to call the roll of the Lodge Delegates for their Lodges' votes for or against forming a Grand Lodge of Alaska.

Motion made and seconded and passed.

The Convention Secretary called the roll of Lodge Delegates, who responded as follows:

<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Delegate</u>	<u>Vote</u>
White Pass Lodge No. 113	W Francis S. Lewis	Yes*
Gastineaux Lodge No. 124	No Delegate	
Anvil Lodge No. 140	W Charles F. Lewis	Aye
Mt. Juneau Lodge No. 147	No delegate	
Ketchikan Lodge No. 159	W John J. Falconer	No
Tanana Lodge No. 162	W Thomas W. Campbell	Yes
Valdez Lodge No. 168	W Richard Dunning	Yes
Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 183	W William D. Little	Yes
Seward Lodge No. 219	W David J. Thomas	Yes
Anchorage Lodge No. 221	W Kenneth Rourke	No
Petersburg Lodge No. 262	W Uley White	No
Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 291	W. James O. Burris	No
Matanuska Lodge No. 293	W Henry R. Ferguson	Yes**
Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 294	W Melvin A. Porter	Yes
Kodiak Lodge No. 295	W Ray G. Williams	Yes
Glacier Lodge No. 303	VW H. B. "Jack" Bentley	Yes
Kenai Lodge No. 307	W Walter C. Church	Yes
Fairbanks Lodge No. 308	W Franklin Erie	Yes
Adak Lodge No. 309	No Delegate	

MW Roy Foss (Adak No. 309) indicated that: he would like to hold the vote of Adak until tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.

VW John Sivertsen (Deputy in District No. 3) indicated that: I would like to hold the vote of Gastineaux and Mt. Juneau, until 9:00 a.m. the following day because he expects them to come that day.

Total Vote Count: 10 votes "YES"

5 votes "NO"

4 votes reserved the right to vote the following day of which only White Pass Lodge No. 113 and Matanuska Lodge No. 293 cast their vote in the affirmative.

* W Francis S. Lewis (113): I would like to say a little something here. I was instructed by my Lodge to vote "nay" as far as forming a Grand Lodge, but also, if the majority of the Lodges in Alaska decided to form a Grand Lodge, that White Pass Lodge would join them. Although I did vote "no" on forming it, we will join the Grand Lodge because we feel that, living in America, it is a democratic society where the majority should rule and, if the majority decided to do this, then we want to be a part of it. I still vote "nay" on the formation of it, but we will join and support it.

** Originally voting no W Henry R. Ferguson (293), the following day, indicated, "It is with great pride and honor that I bring news. Matanuska Lodge No. 293 now says "yes."

Total Vote Count: 12 votes "YES"
4votes "NO"
3 votes No voting delegates came

Resolution of Formation and Organization of the Grand Lodge of Alaska

VW Jack Bentley (303) read and moved for the following resolution:

Whereas, there are in operation in the State of Alaska the requisite number of just and legally constituted Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons to authorize the formation and organization of a Grand Lodge in the said State of Alaska; and

Whereas, a sufficient number of Delegates from the said several Lodges are now present and vested with ample authority or organize and constitute said Grand Lodge; and

Whereas, the said Delegates have cast a majority vote for the formation of said Grand Lodge;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved: that this body, in Constitutional Convention, assembled proceed with said formation and organization of a Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

VW H. B.. "Jack" Bentley (303)

Motion made by VW H. B. "Jack" Bentley
Seconded by W Thomas W. Campbell (162)

Note: Resolution passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES

Chairman Morse appointed Convention Committees as follows and offered seats to any other Brothers wishing to serve:

Jurisprudence

- VW James A. Williams (162) Chairman
- W Leslie R. Little (303)
- W Marvin B. Fitzpatrick (303)
- VW Charles F. Lewis (140)
- W William D. Little (183)
- W Thomas W. Campbell (162)
- W Richard A. Dunning (168)
- W David J. Thomas (219, 307)
- W Melvin A. Porter (294)
- W Ray G. Williams (295)
- VW H. B. "Jack" Bentley (303, 307)
- W Walter C. Church (307)
- W Franklin W. Erie (162, 308)

Credentials

- VW John C. Ingram (219, 307) Chairman
- VW Harry A. Lewis (140)
- W Charles F. Johnson (303, 307)
- VW Ralph Kavorkian (162, 308)
- W Werner Bohrer (140)

Finance

- VW H. B. "Jack" Bentley (303, 307) Chairman
- W Robert M. Parkins (294)
- W Marvin J. Green (162,308)
- W Orrin S. Felmley (294, 307)
- W Melvin A. Porter (294)

MOTIONS

The Grand Master-elect moved for a public installation. It carried.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Jurisprudence

1ST Report (February 4, 1981)

VW Williams (162) reported for the Code Committee as follows:

That more time was needed for the task of reviewing and amending the proposed Code and invited any other interested Brothers to join the Committee.

2ND Report (February 5, 1981)

VW Williams (162) reported for the Code Committee as follows:

We of the Convention Code and Jurisprudence Committee make the following report: We have carefully examined and made amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws, originally drafted and amended by the Alaska Masonic Research Association in 1976, and now approve it for use by the Grand Lodge of Alaska. We recommend it be adopted with our amendments, by this Convention as the official Alaska Masonic Code.

Respectfully submitted,

s/s James A. Williams Chairman (PM 162)

Leslie R. Little (PM 303)

William D. Little (WM 183)

Marvin R. Posey (PM 294)

Thomas W. Campbell (WM 162)

Gene Freeman (PM 308)

Frank E. Erie (WM 308)

Ray G. Williams (PM 295)

Richard A. Dunning (PM 168)

Charles F. Lewis (PM 140)

Francis S. Lewis (PM 113)

Marvin B. Fitzpatrick (PM 303)

Gunnar Flygenring, (PM 303)

Walter C. Church (WM 307)

David J. Thomas (PM 219)

Peter O. Hansen (PM 307)

VW Williams made the following motion:

Mr. Chairman, I move adoption of this report - and that doesn't mean that we "approve" this report. It merely means that we accept this report for the purpose of putting the Code on the floor.

Motion was seconded and passed to accept the report.

VW Williams (162) moved that this Convention adopt the Alaska Masonic Code - that is, the Constitution and Bylaws - as recommended by the Convention Code and Jurisprudence Committee, with the amendments, if any, as adopted on the floor of this Convention, as the Code of the Grand Lodge of Alaska."

Seconded by John L. Dolenc (293)

Discussion as follows:

VW James A. Williams (162): I will just discuss the main features of this Code because, obviously, we cannot go through all eighty-five pages of it.

It is taken almost wholly from the Washington Masonic Code. The one large exception is that we have adopted Masonic Landmarks, which the Washington Code does not have.

We have adopted a Seal, which is a simple illustration, which reads: "The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alaska, February 7, AL 5981"; in the center is the outline of the State of Alaska and on it are the Two Pillars, the Three Great Lights, the Three Steps, and the All-Seeing Eye.

We have declared our Supreme Jurisdiction within the State of Alaska in this Code, but we also make provision for any Lodge still under Charter to the Grand Lodge of Washington on February 7 to remain under such Charter so long as it wishes and so long as the Grand Lodge of Washington does not object to this arrangement. Under the Supreme Authority that we have now declared for and within the State, we can allow this; of course, it has to have the concurrence of the Grand Lodge of Washington. There is no reason to question that it will concur in this. As a matter of fact, it has already indicated that it will.

We have established the Annual Communication to start on the first Thursday in February.

We have set up four Districts. District No. 1 will be the same as District No. 1 under Washington, i.e. the three Lodges to the North - two in Fairbanks and one in Nome.

District No. 2: The outlying Lodges in South central Alaska - i.e. Kodiak, Seward, Kenai, Valdez and Cordova.

District No. 3: The Lodges in and around Anchorage - i.e. the City of Anchorage, Palmer, Wasilla and the general surrounding geographical area.

District No. 4: Southeastern Alaska - apparently at the moment limited to only White Pass Lodge in Skagway.

We did this rather unique thing with the intent that it would create a District for Southeastern Alaska in the hope that we would make some points with the other Southeastern Lodges - showing them that they have a District and hoping that this would encourage them to join sooner inasmuch as we have gone so far as to create a District for them.

The Code Committee recommends, however, that if there is no sign of any of the other Southeastern Lodges joining after one or two years - or within one or two years - that District No. 4 be abolished and that White Pass Lodge (Skagway) be added to District No. 3. The reason behind this is that we cannot have one district for only one Lodge by itself, forever making every other Past Master a District Deputy. That sort of thing is, of course, limited.

We have deleted Representative Expenses - i.e. travel expenses paid for attendance at Grand Lodge. According to the way we have our Code now, it will have to be at each member's own expense. I am sure that this will change as our finances improve.

We have discussed at great length whether we should retain the requirement of a one-year's residency within the jurisdiction of a Lodge before a Candidate may petition. Some of the Brothers would like to reduce that time frame - others not. We did not come to a conclusion and decided, instead, to think about it for a year; to discuss it again next year, and, possibly, come up with a suggested solution at our next meeting.

Questions were asked and answered satisfactorily regarding titles of District Deputies and any possible restrictions on petitioning other Masonic bodies.

W Gene Freeman (162, 308) submitted a proposed amendment as follows:

Amendment No. 1

To the Constitutional Convention of the future Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska:

The purpose is to delete a portion of Article 1 of the Constitution:

Whereas, the Codes of the majority of Grand Jurisdictions in the United States do not contain a specific list of Landmarks, and

Whereas, Alaskan Lodges have since 1901 been operating under a non-specific Landmark Code, now

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that Article 1 of the proposed Constitution, be deleted:

Respectfully submitted:

Gene Freeman PM
Frank W. Erie WM
Thomas W. Campbell WM
Ralph Kavorkian PM
Lloyd Triggs JW
Mitchell R. Miller SW
Buckley C. Hazen PM
George Steck PM
John W. Casey PM
Ernest Ryder SD
Glen W. Pruett PM

Note: This amendment was adopted.

Thus, Article 1, which listed Masonic Landmarks, was deleted from the proposed Code.

VW William H. Sanders (140): Made the following statement:

Mr. Chairman.

On behalf of Anvil Lodge No. 140 I am authorized to make this statement; i.e. that we have taken two issues to the Code and Jurisprudence Committee, that they have allowed us proper debate, and allowed us a sufficient hearing and they voted us down on both issues. But, also, that we feel that we have been heard. While we are not necessarily happy with the results, we can abide by the rulings for another year.

I was asked by the Lodge to state this for the record and not otherwise bring it up at this time.

We are in support of the Committee Report and will vote for such, but in a future Grand Lodge session we will bring up the question of concurrent jurisdiction - or, certainly, we want the remote Lodges to have jurisdiction to equate with military personnel living in the area, because we have a lot of State and Federal employees coming to Nome for a year or two and, by the time they are eligible, they are sent back to Anchorage or Fairbanks. We feel like this is a plague on the smaller, outlying Lodges.

The next issue that we felt very strongly about is that the Lodges should be numbered in accordance with the affirmative vote coming in and, since we were the first affirmative vote for Grand Lodge, we should be No. 1.

We have had our debate, we have had our day - and we were voted down. We will accept that decision.

We have a motion on the floor and a second to accept the Alaska Masonic Code, as amended and the motion passed unanimously.

Finance

1st Report (February 4, 1981)

VW Bentley (303, 307) reported for the Finance Committee that its work was completed but the report not yet typed for distribution. He read the report to the Convention as follows: (budget for first year of Grand Lodge):

Grand Lodge Budget for Year 1981

Grand Master's Expenses	\$ 1,000.00
Grand Master's National Conference Trip	1,000.00
Committee on Fraternal Correspondence	200.00
Committee on Masonic Research and Educational Printing.....	500.00
Committee on Arrangements for Grand Lodge.....	500.00
Representatives' Expenses.....	1,600.00
Printing and Binding Expenses	500.00
Comprehensive Liability Insurance	2,000.00
Entertainment of Visitors	500.00
Grand Secretary's Expenses.....	3,000.00
Unemployment taxes, FICA, insurance, etc.	600.00
Office supplies	1,000.00
Postage... ..	1,500.00
Telephone	750.00
Conference of Fraternal Recognition	100.00
Masonic Association Dues.....	50.00
Miscellaneous.	1,200.00
Total Budgeted Expenses.....	\$22,000.00

Income is projected as:

Per capita tax of \$5.00 each (for approximately 1900 members)	\$ 9,000.00
Fees for dues, degrees, etc.....	2,500.00
Actual donations and contributions to date	17,000.00
Estimated additional donations/ contributions	5,000.00
Total Projected Income.....	\$33,500.00

It gives us an excess of \$11,500.00 over our first year's expenses. I have got more. Any questions up to this point?

Now, the per capita tax is \$5.00 total - not an increase of \$5.00: \$5.00 total - an increase of only \$1.25.

The Finance Committee has the following recommendations in regard to the present and future financial operation of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alaska, F. & A. M. and Alaska Masonic Research Association:

1. That the \$11,500 excess income over the projected expenses be kept in reserve and invested in Money Markets or other solid form of investment. This fund to be the start of the 1982 budget requirements, if needed, or a permanent one-year reserve fund, if needed.
2. That a requirement be established that no increase in projected budget can be made until at least one-year's deposit is on hand to equal any proposed budget. In other words, if someone wants to come along and increase the budget by \$40,000 next year, we want \$40,000 in the bank already, for one year, and then proceed forward from that.
3. That the Finance Committee, along with elected Grand Lodge Officers, be empowered to enlist the aid of any Mason that is experienced in obtaining the maximum return on surplus funds. Any plan that is recommended is to be approved by the Finance Committee and Grand Lodge Officers.
4. Due to travel expense involved, that the Grand Master or Chairman of the Finance Committee be empowered to hold either a conference phone committee meeting, or individual polling can be utilized if it appears in the best interest to do so. In other words, if we only have one or two little matters to take up in any case, it would be kind of cut and dried, but, in any case, we still want the authority to be able to do it by phone in order to avoid a lot of travel.
5. That the present AMRA Corporation be retained for the future.
6. That the balance in AMRA of approximately \$10,000 be disbursed as follows
 - (a) \$1,000.00 to be retained in AMRA.
 - (b) The balance to be transferred to the Grand Lodge of Alaska.
 - (c) The balance to be used first to purchase whatever supplies and equipment may be needed for start-up.
 - (d) Any other excess from this to be added to the \$11,500 reserve fund as outlined above.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Bentley Chairman (303, 307)

Marvin J. Green (308,162)

Orrin Felmley (294, 307)

Robert M. Parkins (294)

Melvin A. Porter (294)

Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Finance Committee's report.

2nd Report (February 5, 1981)

VW Bentley (303, 307) reported for the Finance Committee that its work would be complete and a report ready by that afternoon.

3rd Report (February 5, 1981)

VW Bentley (303, 307) reported that the Finance Committee reports were now printed, and called on a Finance Committee member for further report as follows:

Robert M. Parkins (294): Brethren, my name is Robert W. Parkins, Past Master of Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 294 - Master in 1955.

This is the culmination of a 25-year dream.

In 1954-1955, and through that era, we had quite an organization going to have a Grand Lodge in Alaska at that time. I wish that there were more of the fellows that were actively working towards the goal at that time with us here today - but they are scattered all over the zones of warm weather in the more southern regions at this time of the year, so they are not here.

But, it is great and it is one of the things I have looked forward to for many years. With respect to finances, I think you will agree from the Finance Report you have heard so far that we are well off. I never have had, from the very beginning, any doubt that we could finance a Grand Lodge of Alaska. And I think we are off to a good start. But to add to that, my wife and I are assigning one hundred shares of National Bank of Alaska stock - to the permanent fund - so that the income only from same may be used as we go along. So, as soon as the paperwork can be taken care of, they will be transferred to the Grand Lodge.

Further, at one of our last meetings, we talked about the finances of the people going to the Grand Lodge. One of the ways we thought of, and which was brought up and accepted by quite a few, was the "recapture" of gold. We can go right back to the Seal of the State of Alaska - and we go right back to gold. It was suggested that we take a look in our drawers at home, and in the dressers, and see how many old pieces of jewelry we have laying around. Maybe only one cuff link - covered with gold nuggets - not a pair of them. There may be an old watch that might have some of that "yellow stuff" on it, etc. etc. If we gathered together all of these items, from all over Alaska and among the Masons in the various areas, I am sure that there is enough money there that would finance the trips of new, individual Lodges, and I suggest at this time, and I feel that very

strongly, that the Past Masters of the Lodges in Alaska should assume the responsibility of seeing that their individual and respective Lodges are so organized and financed that they can and will keep going. So, why not take this suggestion back - rather than make a statewide project out of financing the Grand Lodge - get your old cuff-links, or what have you, out to the Finance Chairman, or a Past Master, and together we can start the fund and help the officers from your Lodges to do the things that your Lodges would like to do for the Grand Lodge. Thank you.

4th Report (February 5, 1981)

I think that everybody has had access to our recommendations - and I would move the adoption of this report at this time, to get it open for questions.

Respectfully submitted,

VW Jack Bentley (303)

Motion by VW H. B. "Jack" Bentley (303)

Seconded by VW John C. Ingram (219, 307)

Motion carried unanimously.

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Petersburg Lodge No. 262.....	W Uley V. White PM
Mount Verstovia Lodge No. 291.....	W James O. Burris PM
Matanuska Lodge No. 293.....	W Henry R. Ferguson PM
Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 294.....	W Melvin A. Porter WM
Kodiak Lodge No. 295.....	W Ray G. Williams PM
Glacier Lodge No. 303.....	VW H. B. "Jack" Bentley PM
Kenai Lodge No. 307.....	W Walter C. Church WM
Fairbanks Lodge No. 308.....	W Franklin Erie WM

Gastineaux Lodge No. 124, Mt. Juneau Lodge No. 147 and Adak Lodge No. 309 do not have official representatives thus far.

Fraternally submitted,

John C. Ingram PM Chairman

Ralph Kavorkian PM

Charles F. Lewis PM

Moved by VW Williams (162) and seconded by VW Floyd Saltz, Jr. (219, 307) that the report of the Credentials Committee be accepted and the Brothers named in the report as Delegates or Representatives of their respective Lodges be accepted as such by this Convention.

Motion carried.

2nd Report (February 4, 1981)

The Credentials Committee is lacking information on officers of several Lodges who may or may not be present and requested everyone to please register at the registration desk.

He then spoke regarding commemorative medallions made for this occasion and how to obtain them.

Fraternally submitted,

John C. Ingram PM Chairman
Ralph Kavorkian PM
Charles F. Lewis PM

3rd Report (February 4, 1981)

The Credentials Committee, made another plea for the names of the officers of Gastineaux Lodge No. 124, Mt. Juneau Lodge No. 147, and Adak Lodge No. 309 so that those names could be included in the historical record of this most important event, and he announced again that registration to vote for the new Grand Lodge Officers would close at 12:00 noon. He announced further that according to the Code that would be adopted by the time the balloting starts, only Wardens, Masters and Past Masters would be allowed to ballot for Grand Lodge Officers.

Fraternally submitted,

John C. Ingram PM Chairman
Ralph Kavorkian PM
Charles F. Lewis PM

4th Report (February 5, 1981)

Worshipful Master, Most Worshipful Sirs, Brethren one and all:

The final report of the Credentials Committee, as per the official register - entitled to vote at this Convention are:

Twenty-three (23) Officers (Masters and Wardens)
Fifty-one (51) Past Masters
Six (6) Proxies

Fraternally submitted,

John C. Ingram PM Chairman

Ralph Kavorkian PM

Charles F. Lewis PM

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Presentations

1. W Buckley C. Hazen (162) presented to the future Grand Lodge of Alaska a plaque that had been mailed to him as President of AMRA, and it reads as follows:

"The Masons of Minnesota congratulate the Masons of Alaska on the fulfillment of a dream. The First Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska, February 7, 1981.

Samuel K. Dickinson
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge
F. & A. M. of Minnesota"

2. W Buckley C. Hazen (162) also gave some twenty letters that have been sent from various Grand Jurisdictions. Most of them are quite sorry that they cannot attend our functions, but all of them wish us Godspeed and a very prosperous Grand Lodge of Alaska.
3. Brother R. S. "Red" Richart (162) informed the Chairman and the Convention that this day was VW James A. Williams' birthday. W Buckley C. Hazen (162) requested that the record show that "we presented Brother Jim Williams with a cake with a candle on it" and saying "we hope this is the beginning of new Masonic career for you."

Remarks

MW Charles S. Moulthrop, Jr., Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Michigan addressed the Convention.

MW Byron C. Jenkins, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska then addressed the Convention. Both Most Worshipful Sirs spoke words of praise and encouragement for the venture that the Alaskan Brothers were embarked upon.

Between balloting, while the ballots were being counted, the Lodge was addressed by MW Charles S. Moulthrop, Jr., PGM of Michigan, MW Francis D. Hess, PGM of Montana, MW Roy Foss, PGM of Washington, and MW Byron C. Jenkins, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. Each gave the Lodge words of encouragement and inspiration.

ELECTION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

Chairman Morse announced that since Anvil Lodge No. 140 was being given the honor of opening its Lodge here later for the purpose of electing Grand Lodge officers, it would like Brothers of the other affirmative Lodges to participate in the following stations and places:

Worshipful Master	Robert E. Morse, Sr., Anvil Lodge No. 140
Senior Warden	Fred V. Angleton, Anvil Lodge No. 140
Junior Warden	Robert C. Bean, III, Anvil Lodge No. 140
Treasurer	Jerry C. Holly, Jr., Kenai Lodge No. 307
Secretary	James A. Oliver, Glacier Lodge No. 303
Chaplain	Matanuska Lodge No. 243
Marshal	Kodiak Lodge No. 295
Senior Deacon	
Junior Deacon	Thomas W. Campbell, Tanana Lodge No. 162
Senior Steward	Richard A. Dunning, Valdez Lodge No. 168
Junior Steward	William D. Little, Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 183
Tyler	
Assistant Tylers	Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 294 Fairbanks Lodge No. 308

W Robert Morse announced the purpose of this Special Communication by Anvil Lodge No. 140 to be that of electing Grand Lodge Officers of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alaska. He then introduced the current Worshipful Master of Anvil Lodge, Worshipful Edward Leo Murdock.

Anvil Lodge No. 140 was opened in Due Form at 1:00 pm for the purpose of electing Grand Lodge Offices with Brothers in Stations and Places as before assigned. Acting Worshipful Master Robert E. Morse, Jr., welcomed all present. Presiding Worshipful Masters were escorted to the Altar, introduced and welcomed to Anvil Lodge No. 140 as follows:

Thomas W. Campbell	Tanana Lodge No. 162
Melvin A. Porter	Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 294
Fred H. Moody	Seward Lodge No. 219
Wayne G. Coleman	Kodiak Lodge No. 295
Denny R. Sheldon	Matanuska Lodge No. 293
Walter C. Church	Kenai Lodge No. 307
William D. Little	Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 183
Richard A. Dunning	Valdez Lodge No. 168
Franklin W. Erie	Fairbanks Lodge No. 308
Charles I. Gregg	Glacier Lodge No. 303

An Officer and four Committeemen of the Grand Lodge of Washington, as follows, were introduced, welcomed, and extended the Public Grand Honors:

W Tim Twitchell, Grand Sword Bearer
VW John C. Ingram, Chairman of Credentials Committee
VW Glen W. Pruett, member of Masonic Home Endowment Committee
VW Floyd Saltz, Jr., member of Public Schools Committee
VW Jack Bentley, member of Masonic Public Relations Committee

VW Ralph Kavorkian, Deputy of the Grand Master for District No. 1 was introduced, welcomed, and given the Public Grand Honors.

Past Grand Masters MW Charles S. Moulthrop, MW Francis D. Hess, and MW Roy Foss of Grand Lodges as listed earlier were introduced, welcomed and given the Public Grand Honors.

MW Roy Foss accepted the gavel, assumed the East, and had MW Byron C. Jenkins, Grand Master of A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska escorted to the Altar and introduced.

W Robert Morse reassumed the East and appointed W James Holt, Honorary Past Master of Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 294, to be Honorary Tyler of Anvil Lodge for this occasion;

Also during the process of electing officers for the future Grand Lodge, MW Wayne A. Sparger, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Washington and a large group of his Grand Lodge officers, Deputies, Committeemen, and Brothers, all clothed in White Aprons rather than their Grand Lodge Regalia, entered the Lodge without ceremony. MW Sparger was introduced and escorted to the East. He then read copies of two letters to the Lodge which he had sent on earlier dates.

The first letter was addressed to W Morse (140) with copies to all Alaskan Lodges, Deputies, and the Alaska Masonic Research Association (AMRA). The letter gave permission for Anvil Lodge to open this Special Communication in Anchorage so long as it was engaged in business authorized by the Grand Lodge of Washington, but it also said the new Grand Lodge could not be recognized until it proved itself under the Washington Code so he could not accept Anvil Lodge's invitation to install the new Alaska Grand Lodge Officers nor could he give preliminary recognition to the new Grand Lodge nor could any member of the Washington jurisdiction sit in the formal opening of the Alaska Grand Lodge.

The second letter was addressed to MW Sparger's District Deputies of Districts 1, 2, and 3. It referred to the foregoing letter and requested the Deputies to stay neutral on the matter of whether or not a Grand Lodge of Alaska should be formed. After reading the two letters, MW Sparger made remarks regarding:

- (1) duties of the Lodges which would become part of the Alaska Grand Lodge,
- (2) status of dual members in the forming Lodges,

(3) a letter addressed to MW Frank Hallett which was circulated to Washington Lodges but not to Alaskan Lodges, and

(4) his questioning ". . . whether you can be electing the Grand Lodge Officers of Alaska from a Washington Jurisdiction Lodge," and that it should have been done in an undesignated Lodge of Master Masons.

VW Williams (162), Grand Master-elect, spoke of a "dream coming true," spoke of his pleasure, gratitude, and thanks that a Grand Lodge of Alaska was finally in the making and that the Brethren had the confidence in him to elect him first Grand Master. He then told the Lodge that MW Sparger's remarks were appropriate, and that an undesignated Lodge of Master Masons would be opened to redo and certify the election of the Grand Lodge Officers.

The election of Grand Officers for 1981-1982 was conducted and the ballots counted and the following results are:

Grand Master

James A. Williams (162)

Deputy Grand Master

Buckley C. Hazen (162)

Senior Grand Warden:

John C. Ingram (219, 307)

Junior Grand Warden

H. B. "Jack" Bentley (303, 307)

Grand Secretary

Gunnar Flygenring (303)

INSTALLATION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

An open installation for the 1981-1982 officers for the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was conducted in Anchorage, Alaska on February 6, 1981

The First officers of the new MW Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska were installed in a public ceremony. The ritual used was that of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Washington. The MW Grand Master and other Officers and members of the Washington Jurisdiction (including MW Foss) attended clothed in White Aprons rather than their Grand Lodge Regalia. Lodge was opened in Due Form in an adjacent well-tiled room prior to installation and closed in Due Form after the Installation.

OPENING CEREMONIES

INSTALLING OFFICERS

Installing Master	MW E. L. "Roy" Foss
Installing Marshall	MW Byron C. Jenkins
Installing Chaplain	MW Francis D. Hess
Installing Secretary	MW Charles J. Moulthrop

ELECTED OFFICERS

Grand Master	MW James A. Williams
Deputy Grand Master	RW Buckley C. Hazen
Senior Grand Warden	RW John C. Ingram
Junior Grand Warden	RW H. B. "Jack" Bentley
Grand Secretary	RW Gunnar Flygenring

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Grand Chaplain	W Robert S. "Red" Richart
Grand Lecturer	W Alfred M. White
Grand Orator	W Robert M. Parkins
Grand Historian	W Glen W. Pruett
Grand Marshal	VW Floyd Saltz, Jr.
Senior Grand Deacon	W John W. Casey
Junior Grand Deacon	W Leslie R. Little

Grand Standard Bearer	W John L. Dolenc
Grand Sword Bearer	W John W. Buehrle
Grand Bible Bearer	W William F. Kirk
Senior Grand Steward	W Marvin J. Green
Junior Grand Steward	W Richard A. Dunning
Grand Tyler	W Robert E. Morse, Sr.

DEPUTIES TO THE GRAND MASTER

District 1	VW Ralph Kavorkian.
District 2	VW David J. Thomas
District 3	VW William C. Athas
District 4	VW Wendell F. Long

The foregoing Officers and Deputies were then installed into their respective Stations and Places except for the Grand Sword Bearer and Deputy for District No. 4. Proclamation was made by the Installing Marshal, and Benediction was given by the Installing Chaplain.

MW Williams, Grand Master, accepted the gavel of authority from MW Foss, and invited MW Byron C. Jenkins, Grand Master of Nebraska to the East. MW Jenkins presented an historic book on Masonry in Nebraska to MW Williams for the Grand Lodge to start its library with and offered his congratulations. He then read a letter of temporary fraternal recognition to the assemblage as follows:

Most Worshipful Grand Master
of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge
of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I bring you and all Masons of the Grand Lodge of Alaska fraternal greetings. Under my power as Grand Master of Nebraska I do hereby grant Fraternal Recognition between the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and the Grand Lodge of Alaska. This recognition, to be temporary until the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, June 12-13, 1981. It is my prayer that the Grand Lodge will then grant normal recognition to the Grand Lodge of Alaska. Given under my hand and seal this 7th day of February, 1981.

s/s Byron C. Jenkins
Grand Master of Nebraska

MW Jenkins then explained that although the letter was dated February 7, he wanted to read it at this time while so many Brothers and others were present. MW Williams thanked him and expressed the great pleasure of all present for this first fraternal recognition.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Williams announced that he had not had the time yet to consider Committee appointments, and that he would be pleased to hear from Brothers who wished to volunteer for particular Committees. He then thanked the Installing Officers for their work and called for the Public Grand Honors for them.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Williams introduced Most Worshipful Grand Master Sparger of Washington and extended him Public Grand Honors. Most Worshipful Grand Master Sparger said he was "privileged to be here today as a Master Mason from the Jurisdiction of Washington," and expressed his hopes for the future of the Grand Lodge of Alaska. Most Worshipful Grand Master Williams then asked all members and ladies from Washington to stand. He thanked them for coming.

W Robert M. Parkins, Grand Orator and Representative of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Alaska, made the following remarks:

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren all. It is with a great deal of pleasure and pride that I announce at this time that the jewels for the Grand Lodge officers will be donated by our Rainbow Girls of Alaska. These girls have pledged and have raised some money over the past several years and, after you and your officers have selected the jewels for this Grand Lodge, we will purchase them and present them to you. At the banquet tonight an official representative of the Order of Rainbow Girls will be there, and make the formal announcement, but I thought that it would be nice to have it mentioned now, as there might not be as many at the banquet tonight.

W Lloyd W. "Bullgear" Ives (162) presented three handcrafted engraved gavels and blocks to the Grand Lodge to be kept as its permanent property. They were presented on behalf of himself, his brother, and RW Buckley C. Hazen; and were made by W Leonard Larson, PM of Port Orchard Lodge No. 98, Washington.

Following the presentation of the gavels, the ladies and non-members were invited to leave and Lodge was closed.

FIRST SPECIAL COMMUNICATION



JAMES A. WILLIAMS
GRAND MASTER
1st Special Communication
February 7, 1981

ROLL CALL

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Master	MW James A. Williams (3)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deputy Grand Master	RW Buckley C. Hazen (3)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Warden	RW John C. Ingram (6, 11)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Warden	RW H. B. "Jack" Bentley (10, 11)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Secretary	RW Gunnar Flygenring (10)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Chaplain	W R. S. "Red" Richart (3)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Lecturer	W Alfred M. White (8, 10)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Orator	W Robert M. Parkins (8)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Historian	VW Glen W. Pruett (3, 12)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Marshal	VW Floyd Saltz, Jr. (6, 11)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Deacon	W John W. Casey (3, 12)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Deacon	W Leslie R. Little (10)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Standard Bearer	W John L. Dolenc (7)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grand Sword Bearer	W John R. Buehrle
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Bible Bearer	W William F. Kirk (9)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Steward	W Marvin J. Green (3, 12)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Steward	W Richard A. Dunning (4)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Organist	Not appointed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Tyler	W Robert E. Morse Sr. (2)

DEPUTIES OF THE GRAND MASTER

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	District No.1	VW Ralph Kavorkian (3, 12)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	District No.2	VW David J. Thomas (6, 11)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	District No.3	VW William D. Athas (10)
<input type="checkbox"/>	District No.4	VW Wendell F. Long (1)

CONSTITUTENT LODGES

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	White Pass Lodge No. 1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anvil Lodge No. 2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tanana Lodge No. 3
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Valdez Lodge No. 4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Seward Lodge No. 6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Matanuska Lodge No. 7
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kodiak Lodge No. 9
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Glacier Lodge No. 10
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kenai Lodge No. 11
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fairbanks Lodge No. 12

MW Grand Master, all Grand Lodge Officers, except the Grand Sword Bearer and all lodges are represented.

Gunnar Flygenring,
Grand Secretary

SOLEMN CEREMONIES

The First Special Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska convened in the Anchorage Westward-Hilton Hotel, Anchorage, on the 7th day of February, A.D. 1981, A.L. 5981. It was called to order by W Wayne G. Coleman, Worshipful Master of Kodiak Lodge No. 9 at 10:15 am, Alaska Standard Time. This was the first convening of the new Grand Lodge of Alaska in any Communication.

Entrance of Grand Lodge Officers

Opening of Grand Lodge by Most Worshipful James A. Williams, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska in Ample Form

Presentation of the Flags of the United States and Alaska flags by VW Floyd Saltz, Jr., Grand Marshal and W John W. Casey, Senior Grand Deacon

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Officers and Lodges

Reception of Distinguished Guests

The Second Section of the First Special Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was called to order by W William D. Little, Worshipful Master of Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5 of Cordova, at 1:10 pm Alaska Time.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Michigan

MW Charles S. Moulthrop, Jr., Past Grand Master

Montana

MW Francis D. Hess, Past Grand Master

Nebraska

MW Byron C. Jenkins, Grand Master

RECOGNITION OF GRAND LODGE

The letter of interim fraternal recognition from MOST WORSHIPFUL Byron C. Jenkins, Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska, was read into the record of this Communication:

February 7, 1981

Most Worshipful Grand Master
of the Most Worshipful Grand
Lodge of Free and Accepted
Masons of Alaska

Most Worshipful Sir:

I bring you and all the Masons of the Grand Lodge of Alaska fraternal greetings. Under my power as Grand Master of Nebraska I do hereby grant fraternal recognition between the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and the Grand Lodge of Alaska. This recognition to be temporary until the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, June 12-13, 1981.

It is my prayer that the Grand Lodge will then grant normal recognition to the Grand Lodge of Alaska.

Given under my hand and seal this 7th day of February, 1981.

(seal)

s/s Byron C. Jenkins Grand Master of Nebraska

GRAND MASTER'S REMARKS

We should take this opportunity to recognize the workers that put this meeting, this Convention, this Grand Lodge Communication together. If it wasn't for a group of Brothers working "around the clock," night and day, typing, running errands, etc., we wouldn't have it. Hope I don't miss any: Arlie Roe, Stan Williamson, Jerry Holly, Cecil Clifft, Bill Athas.

Can we give these Brothers a hearty welcome?

Brother Gunnar (Grand Secretary), for the record of these combined sessions, let it be shown that I truly appreciate all the efforts put in by everyone in order to make this Convention, this First Special Grand Communication, come off right. Without your efforts we would still be a year off. My most heartfelt thanks to one and all.

Also, I think that we should here give our thanks to that group of dedicated Masons from Anvil Lodge for the excellent job they have done in pushing for this, in getting out the calls, conducting preliminary meetings which were necessary, and then, in the final moments here, losing the coveted "No. 1 spot" in true Masonic spirit. I want you to know that I really appreciate this - we all do. So let's take notice of the Brothers from Anvil Lodge.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions were presented on the floor and disposed of as indicated.

Resolution No. 1-81

Be It Resolved: That the Charters of the several subordinate Lodges represented in and composing this Grand Lodge will have the following order endorsed on each of the said Charters, and that each be numbered according to the date thereof, as follows:

This Charter, having been submitted by _____ Lodge No. _____ to the Grand Lodge of Alaska, it is therefore ordered that _____ Lodge be recognized as regularly constituted under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, to hold its original name, and, according to the precedence of the date of this Charter, be renumbered No. _____, and that this order be signed by the MOST WORSHIPFUL Grand Master, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, the R.W. Grand Wardens, and countersigned by the R. W. Grand Secretary."

Be It Further Resolved: "That the Charters to be endorsed with this order are the Charters of the following Lodges:

White Pass Lodge No. 1	Matanuska Lodge No. 7
Anvil Lodge No. 2	Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8
Tanana Lodge No. 3	Kodiak Lodge No. 9
Valdez Lodge No. 4	Glacier Lodge No. 10
Mount McKinley Lodge No. 5	Kenai Lodge No. 11
Seward Lodge No. 6	Fairbanks Lodge No. 12.

Motion for adoption and a second were voiced.

Note: This Resolution received the required majority vote and was adopted.

Resolution No. 2-81

Be It Resolved: That the Grand Secretary shall procure the necessary blank forms for the use of the Grand Lodge and subordinate Lodges, the necessary supplies and equipment for the Grand Lodge office, and put the Grand Lodge office into operation.

Motion for adoption and a second were voiced.

Note: This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. 3-81

Be It Resolved: That this Grand Lodge will send a letter to each other Jurisdiction requesting fraternal recognition.

Motion for adoption and a second were voiced.

Note: This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. 4-81

Be It Resolved: That this Grand Lodge adopt the esoteric work and the Monitor of the MOST WORSHIPFUL Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Washington, making only such changes in the monitor necessary to reflect the change of names from 'Washington' to 'Alaska'.

Motion for adoption and a second were voiced.

Note: This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. 5-81

Be It Resolved: That this Grand Lodge adopt the Constitution and Bylaws adopted and recommended by the Convention of Lodges as the Alaska Masonic Code.

Motion for adoption and a second were voiced.

Note: This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. 6-81

Be It Resolved: That the per capita tax of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Alaska for 1981 will be five dollars.

Motion for adoption and a second were voiced.

Note: This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. 7-81

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alaska, Free and Accepted Masons: The Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters of Fairbanks and Tanana Lodges extend an invitation to hold, and urge your consideration of holding, the Annual Communication of 1983 in the City of Fairbanks, Alaska.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank W. Erie WM, Fairbanks Lodge No. 12
Mitchell R. Miller SW, Fairbanks Lodge No. 12
Lyle K. Allison JW, Fairbanks Lodge No. 12
Thomas Campbell WM, Tanana Lodge No. 3
Philip P. Kepler SW, Tanana Lodge No. 3
Lloyd W. Triggs JW, Tanana Lodge No. 3
Gene R. Freeman PM, Fairbanks and Tanana Lodges
Glen W. Pruett PM, Tanana Lodge No. 3
Buckley C. Hazen PM, Tanana Lodge No. 3
Lloyd W. Ives PM, Tanana Lodge No. 3
Roy A. A. Larson PM, Tanana Lodge No. 3
Ralph Kavorkian PM, Tanana Lodge No. 3
John W. Casey PM, Tanana and Fairbanks Lodges
George Steck PM, Tanana Lodge No. 3
Marvin J. Green PM, Fairbanks Lodge No. 12

Motion for adoption and a second were voiced.

Note: This Resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 8-81

Be It Resolved: That the Finance Committee Report that was accepted at the Convention of Alaska Lodges on February 4, 1981, be adopted by this Grand Lodge.

Motion for adoption and a second were voiced.

Note: This Resolution was adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Recognition of Service

Most Worshipful Grand Master Williams presented a 25-year Masonic service pin to W Marvin B. Fitzpatrick, a Past Master of Glacier Lodge No. 10.

Presentations

Anvil Lodge Presentation

W Robert E. Morse, Sr. (2), Grand Tyler, was escorted to the East and presented with a plaque by Brother Fred V. Angleton (2), Senior Warden, on behalf of Anvil Lodge No. 2 in recognition of W Morse's dedication to Anvil Lodge and the Grand Lodge. On the plaque was the following inscription:

Worshipful Brother Robert C. Morse, Sr., Chairman,
Convention of Lodges for the formation of the Most
Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alaska, F. & A. M.,
February 3 - 7, 1981

Contributions

W Marvin J. Green (3, 12), Senior Grand Steward, presented a check for \$2,700 which had been raised in Fairbanks by the Alaska Masonic Research Association (AMRA) Finance Committee soliciting funds from many Brothers.

W Charles I. Gregg (10) reported \$4,146 in contributions on hand from many Brothers and an additional \$1,210 in pledges at the moment.

VW Floyd Saltz (6,11), Grand Marshal, stated a need for the Grand Master and Grand Secretary to go to the conference of Grand Masters of North America at Orlando, Florida. To raise travel money for the trip; VW Saltz passed the hat (the Grand Master's hat), starting the collection with a \$100 bill. W Alfred M. White (8, 10), Grand Lecturer, assisted, and approximately \$1,400 was contributed "on the spot" by the Brothers in attendance. The Grand Master voiced his appreciation and explained the importance of appearing at the Conference toward obtaining fraternal recognitions from the other Grand Lodges.

VW David J. Thomas (6, 11), Deputy for District No. 2 and Secretary Treasurer of AMRA, reported AMRA's bank funds to total over \$9,000, and said that any money in excess of AMRA's needs would be given to the Grand Lodge.

VW Glen W. Pruet (3, 12), Grand Historian, reported a little in excess of \$1,600 in an old Fairbanks bank account under his control that was started in 1955 and contributed to through the years by various efforts to obtain a Grand Lodge of Alaska prior to AMRA. He said the Grand Lodge will be receiving that money.

Notice was taken and thanks extended to W Robert M. Parkins (8), Grand Orator, for donating 100 shares of National Bank of Alaska stock to the future Grand Lodge, which donation was pledged by W Parkins on February 5 during the Constitutional Convention of Lodges.

VW Floyd Saltz, Jr., (6,11), Grand Marshal, made a pledge and a commitment to the Most Worshipful Grand Master to provide air transportation within the State of Alaska for the Grand Master and his party on official Grand Lodge visitations to the various Symbolic Lodges during the Masonic Year 1981-82.

W Thomas W. Campbell (3) presented the Grand Lodge with a master-reference Bible for the Grand Lodge Altar on behalf of the Brethren of Tanana Lodge No. 3.

Announcements

DeMolay

Brother Lloyd W. Triggs (3), Executive Officer of DeMolay for the Alaska DeMolay Association, announced that if the Grand Lodge had a need for aprons, DeMolay would be happy to help in procuring them. Brother Triggs invited all Brothers to attend the DeMolay Conclave in Anchorage, March 5, 6, and 7.

Concerning Washington Grand Lodge Officers

The Grand Master announced as follows: The Washington Grand Lodge Officers would like to enter in full Regalia after the closing of the Grand Lodge to mingle with us on a fraternal basis - after we close. I'm shooting for, and guessing, that we will close around 3:00 pm. I'm sure this will give us plenty of time for what business we have.

When we close, don't go running off, but remain here and if it is before 3:00 pm, it will take a few minutes to get them together, but they will come in with their Regalia.

Lodge Charters

Masters, or other designees, of the following Lodges turned over their "official" Charters to the Grand Secretary for safekeeping and subsequent endorsement.

Anvil Lodge No. 2

Tanana Lodge No. 3 (copy only)

Valdez Lodge No. 4

Matanuska Lodge No. 7

Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8

Kodiak Lodge No. 9

Mount McKinley Lodge No. 5
Seward Lodge No. 6

Kenai Lodge No. 11
Fairbanks Lodge No. 12

The remaining two, i.e., from White Pass Lodge No. 1 and Glacier Lodge No. 10, were to be brought in at the earliest opportunity.

Speeches and Remarks by Distinguished Guests

MW Byron C. Jenkins, Grand Master of Nebraska

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Distinguished Guests, Brethren al;. That is a very great pleasure to say Most Worshipful Grand Master and Grand Lodge, but I can hardly keep from (crying) ... I will never forget you. I am not normally caught this way. Somebody told me recently that the little Lodge that was once there, is no more. I don't know of a Mason that was ever more wrong in his life. That little Lodge that was there, still is there, and it is there to extend that warm hand of friendship. Those warm words of Brotherly Love, that feeling of being together, as Brethren under the Fatherhood of God; and that man who said that the little Lodge that once was is no more, just didn't know where to look! I am just sorry that that ignorant person couldn't be with me in Alaska. God bless each and every one of you. Thank you.

W Robert M. Parkins for Rainbow

It has been requested - and you have heard about the pledge that the Rainbow Girls of Alaska have made - but it has been requested that I restate it at this time so it will be on the record.

The pledge of the Rainbow Girls of Alaska is that we will buy, when you folks, the Grand Lodge of Alaska, pick out your Jewels by color, shape, size, etc., and insignia that we pledge to buy the Jewels and we hope, with all expectation that with those Jewels will come the Collars. We think we have enough money now to do that, unless, inflation catches up with us; but I know there are a lot of girls waiting out there to go to work, a little more and a little harder, to raise more money and to get that. I will say this; if they fall short I know where I can get money enough to cover it. You can look forward to getting the Jewels and collars from the Rainbow Girls of Alaska.

This offer has been pending for a long time, and these girls have a lot of faith, more than many of the Brothers.

Grand Orator

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Most Worshipfuls from visiting Jurisdictions, and Brethren all:

I am far from being an Orator, but I would be amiss if I didn't inject a thought or two, that I might be leaving with you to think about and to build upon, between now and our next Grand Communication.

Brethren, we here in Alaska today have come from all corners of the U. S. to Alaska, some being born and raised in Alaska, and some coming from several foreign countries and becoming U.S. citizens. We are in the true sense a melting pot of the whole U.S. assembled here in Alaska, to do what we can for and with Alaska. However you look at it, we are what we are today. We have come through different cultures, from one corner or another, some through one profession or another, but we are what we are today, and no one but we ourselves can change that. We stand as we are. But there isn't any one of us that cannot change what we are today, if we are not satisfied in our own hearts and feelings of what we are. If you have the determination, and the dedication, and the will, you can be what you want to be - and I feel the same way about this Grand Lodge. We have come from many walks, we have been raised Masons in many, many Grand jurisdictions, but we have assembled here as Masons in this new and wonderful Grand Lodge of Alaska, and I would like to have you take this with you as a thought for the coming year. It is a little slogan that I adopted many, many years ago in the Sunday School room, from a plaque that hung on the wall. It is as follows:

"Good, better, best, never let it rest, until your good is better and your better is best."

And I think, if each of you take that and apply it to our Masonry in Alaska, then we can come back a year from now with much improvement to ourselves and to this Grand Lodge. Thank you, Brethren.

W Robert M. Parkins,
Grand Orator: