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of Free and Accepted Masons  
of Alaska**

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# ROLL CALL

## GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

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

## CONSTITUENT LODGES

(Would the most Senior Representative please respond?)

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

MW Grand Master, all Grand Lodge Officers, except the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Sword Bearer, and Senior Grand Deacon and all lodges are represented and we, therefore, have a Constitutional quorum to open Grand Lodge.

Gunnar Flygenring  
Grand Secretary

# SOLEMN CEREMONIES

Organ music for the First Annual Communication was provided by Brother Richard H. Comer of Tanana Lodge No. 3.

The First Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska convened in the Anchorage Westward-Hilton Hotel on the 4th Day of February, A.D. 1982, A.L. 5982. It was called to order by Worshipful John E. Reynolds, Worshipful Master of Glacier Lodge No. 10, Free and Accepted Masons, at 9:00 am, Alaska Standard Time.

Invocation by Grand Chaplain

Presentation of United States, Canada, and Alaska flags by VW Floyd Saltz, Jr. and W John W. Casey

Pledge of Allegiance

Singing of: United States and Canadian National Anthems, and Alaska Flag Song

Welcome address by MW James A. Williams, Grand Master

Roll Call of Officers and Lodges

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

The second through fourth sessions of Grand Lodge were called to order by the following brethren respectively:

## **Second Session**

W. Ronald H. Moore (11)

## **Third Session**

W Fred V. Angleton (2)

## **Fourth Session**

W Gary E. Ackerson (1)

## **Distinguished Guests in Attendance**

### **British Columbia, Canada**

MW Donald James MacLaurin, Grand Master

### **Michigan**

MW Charles S. Moulthrop, Junior Past Grand Master

### **Montana**

MW Benjamin R. York, Grand Master

Francis D. Hess, Past Grand Master

### **Nebraska**

MW Byron C. Jenkins, Past Grand Master

### **Oregon**

MW James R. Belshe, Grand Master



**Texas**

MW Claude Austin, Past Grand Master

**Washington**

MW Herbert M. Edman, Grand Master

RW George R. Bordewick, Deputy Grand Master

RW Donald Brons, Senior Grand Warden

RW Matt Martin, Junior Grand Warden

MW Roy Foss, Past Grand Master

VW Sprague G. Vigus, Grand Lecturer

VW Marks L. Ewing, Grand Marshal

W Robert D. Lowe, Grand Standard Bearer

# MESSAGE OF THE MW GRAND MASTER

To: The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Alaska:

This past year has not been simply another year of Masonry in Alaska, it has been the first year of our new Grand Lodge. It has been a year of real Masonic progress in Alaska and a tremendously rewarding experience for many of us. I thank the Great Architect for his guidance and help for what success has come to us so far.

We have mostly achieved what we set out to do during that first year, largely because of the extremely diligent and efficient work of our Grand Secretary, RW Gunnar Flygenring and the generous furnishing of transportation by our Grand Marshal, VW Floyd Saltz.

In the matter of fraternal recognitions, we have surpassed our expectations by far, thereby laying to rest the fears of quite a few Brothers who were apprehensive that it might be years before they could visit certain other Jurisdictions they might happen to want to visit. Progress might have been better in the Speculative Work, were it not for the large amount of preliminary Operative Work that first had to be accomplished, such as establishing the files and procedures, obtaining equipment, paraphernalia, supplies, producing a Code, incorporating, informing the Lodges and Brothers on progress and developments, all without regular stenographic help.

At my own desk, I typed and mailed two to three hundred, maybe more, Grand Lodge business and appointment letters, including several circular information letters which went to the Masters, Secretaries, and Lodge Officers and Grand Lodge Officers and Committeemen to try to keep them posted on what's going on and let them know what was being expected of them. These do not include the letters we sent out requesting recognition. Copies of all my letters are in the Grand Lodge files for your future reference. Much Grand Lodge business, of course, was also done by phone both in and out of the state.

Three of our larger chores, for me at least, were producing the code, getting out the letters requesting recognition, and the correspondence and commissions of office in connection with exchanging Grand Representatives with those Grand Lodges requesting such, after receiving recognition from them. As we learn more about operating a Grand Lodge and the preliminary one-time jobs are finished, these chores will decrease, giving future Grand Masters more time to devote to Speculative Masonry and the needs and welfare of the Craft.

Details of my actions, rulings and activities during the year are appended to this message for your consideration and judgment.

Conference of Grand Masters and Fraternal Recognition: Your Right Worshipful Grand Secretary and I had the most fortunate opportunity to attend the conference of Grand Masters of North America at Orlando, Florida last February, shortly after the formation of our new Grand Lodge. The trip was financed by your contributions put into my hat,

literally, on this floor, during the First Special Grand Communication. This action was inspired and organized by VW Floyd Saltz, and other Brothers helped out right away.

Those contributions and that trip turned out to be the most valuable moves that we could possibly have made toward obtaining early fraternal recognition from the other Grand Jurisdictions from all over the world.

Right Worshipful Gunnar Flygenring and I spent every available moment of that three-day conference telling our story and passing out a narrative that I had written which described the circumstances of the formation of our new Grand Lodge to all the Grand Lodge dignitaries at Orlando that we could contact. Further, we were able to appear before the Conference's Commission on Information for Recognition which subsequently reported to the assembled Conference that "The Grand Lodge of Alaska was organized in accordance with regular Masonic procedure and is, therefore, entitled to and worthy of, recognition." This paved the way. Results of that trip have, undoubtedly, brought us many recognitions that we otherwise would not have received for at least another year and possibly longer.

Upon returning home, then, we immediately sent out a letter to the Grand Master and another to the Fraternal Correspondent of each of the 121 Grand Jurisdictions reported in the Tyler's Book as being recognized by the Grand Lodge of Washington. As of press time for this message, January 7, 1982, we have received recognitions from 41 of the other 49 U. S. Grand Lodges, six of the nine Canadian Grand Lodges, and the report you will receive says twenty-two foreign Grand Lodges. We just received a letter from Grand Lodge of Sweden, the day before yesterday, giving us recognition. So that makes twenty-three foreign Grand Lodges now, which makes a grand total of seventy recognitions that we have received to date.

The recognitions we have received include those of England, Scotland and Ireland. Among the States, those who have not recognized us yet are only eight, and there may be less than that. I'm sure that the Grand Lodge of Utah, although we have not heard from them yet, must have recognized us earlier this week. They met on Monday and Tuesday.

Most Worshipful Brother Herb Edmond was there and said that was certainly their intention. The Grand Lodge of Utah invited the Grand Secretary and myself to attend its session even though they hadn't recognized us yet, so they surely intended to.

The Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, which changed its meeting date from February to April - they have tough weather conditions down there they tell us - informed us informally that they would process any paperwork that we have in regard to dimits and so forth; so that amounts to an interim recognition even though they haven't put it down on paper.

I think you will have to agree that we have done extremely well in this regard for a new Grand Lodge. But, of course, we had the immediate interim recognition of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska to start with and the help and advice of MW Byron C. Jenkins of Nebraska plus that of other Grand Lodge dignitaries too numerous to mention here. But I

think, again, that neither would these events have worked out so well without Divine Guidance. I really believe this.

As requested by thirty-six (according to my printed message) of the new Grand Lodges that have recognized us, I have appointed a Brother of each of those Grand Lodges as a Grand Representative of our Grand Lodge near his Grand Lodge. I have also recommended forty-five appointments of Alaskan Brothers to be Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges near our Grand Lodge. Lists of these appointments and recommendations are appended to this message. Since the report was printed that you will receive shortly, we have exchanged Grand Representatives with the Grand Lodges of Kentucky and Wisconsin. So this will up those numbers that I just gave you by two.

**Incorporation:** With the help and advice of a Brother attorney, we have incorporated your Grand Lodge as a nonprofit corporation under Alaska State Law. Application has been filed with the IRS for tax exemption of Grand Lodge income, something we don't have to worry too much about yet. Also, application has been filed for tax deductibility of donations to the Grand Lodge for the donors.

**Finances:** Regarding our finances, our critics were right on one point. The anticipated contributions and donations, for the most part, have not been forthcoming. It has been disappointing. Presently your Grand Lodge has less income than outgo. Details are in the Grand Secretary's report.

We have studied various fund-raising ideas, but none to date have been deemed appropriate and workable, or we simply didn't have time to get down into the details of getting them off the ground.

We must proceed to establish and build up a permanent type fund. But in the meantime, we must, also, increase our per capita tax to balance our budget.

Brothers, I want you to know this was a hard decision to come to. We had said, firmly, that we could get by for the first two years, and would get by, without raising the per capita tax. We were determined to not do this until the third year, but the finances are such that it's just not responsible to do that. We just haven't got that much money to carry us far enough. It became obvious that the only responsible thing to do is to recommend a raise, and I am doing that.

**Necrology:** A number of our Brethren have laid down their Working Tools and departed to the Celestial Lodge above during the past year. We miss them, but we know that they are enjoying immortal life in that Higher Brotherhood. Among them were Worshipful Brother Marvin J. Green, Senior Grand Warden and Worshipful Brother Francis S. Lewis, Committeeman. Each of these Brothers made a very significant contribution to the formation of our new Grand Lodge.

As reported by the constituent Lodges in monthly reports to the Grand Secretary, twenty-nine Brothers of this jurisdiction have gone to that Celestial Lodge above in the past year.

I will not read their names here. They are listed in my printed report, but we will have a Memorial Prayer for our departed Brothers later this session by our Grand Chaplain.

Recommendations: I recommend the following:

1. That this Grand Lodge become a member of the Masonic Service Association of the United States.
2. I recommend that each petitioner for the degrees be required to contribute \$50 to the Grand Lodge general fund.
3. I recommend that the per capita tax, payable to the Grand Lodge, be increased from \$5 to \$10.
4. I recommend that the elective Grand Officers plus the Committee on Finance plus other Brothers that may be interested or needed to continue the study of methods, and implement any that may be appropriate and workable, for establishing and building up a permanent-type fund from which the proceeds can be placed in the general fund.
5. I recommend that the Committee on Public Masonic Relations with additional Brothers, if needed, be charged with determining the feasibility and cost of a Grand Lodge news and information periodical to be sent to all members of the constituent Lodges.

It develops, after having printed this, the present Committee on Masonic Public Relations has done some work along this line. I hadn't been informed of it, so I wasn't sure. I will have to temper these recommendations to the effect that the work that the Committee on Public Relations has done be followed with more work by the new Committee on Public Relations.

Appreciation: Appreciation and acknowledgment are due many Brothers and others for their work, their help, their encouragement, in putting this new Grand Lodge on the road. I wish I could mention them all, but I cannot, and I hope that those not named will not feel overlooked. A few of the outstanding ones include the following:

Most Worshipful Brother Roy Foss, for supporting our efforts to get started, installing us and advising us from his experience and knowledge.

Most Worshipful Byron C. Jenkins, for giving us immediate interim recognition of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, and for supporting us at the Conference of Grand Masters.

Most Worshipful Francis D. Hess of Montana and Most Worshipful Charles S. Moulthrop, Jr. of Michigan for traveling here last year to support us in our endeavor. They are back here again this year.

Many good Washington Brothers and friends, for traveling here last year and again this year to be with us and support us even though we reduced the size of their Grand Jurisdiction. They don't seem to be holding that against us at all. I appreciate that.

Right Worshipful Gunnar Flygenring, for his endless and untiring work in our Grand Lodge office to properly set up and implement files, forms, procedures, and other items at a serious cost to his personal income.

Very Worshipful Floyd Saltz, for furnishing air transportation at his own expense for numerous Lodge visitations.

The Grand Lodge Officers, Deputies, and Committeemen who traveled to various remote Lodges with me at personal expense, sometimes considerable.

The many members of the Arrangements Committee and others, this year and last, for the work they did in taking care of all the details necessary for the success of both sessions. I hope to get a chance to introduce all those to you before this session is up.

The Orders of Rainbow and DeMolay, for their contributions toward our Grand Lodge regalia. Right Worshipful Gunnar Flygenring handed me a check and said, "Please remember that." I just finally did. I have a check here from the Arctic Chapter of Order of DeMolay for \$150 made out to the Grand Lodge of Alaska, which is very nice. Another donation from one of those great youth groups.

And lastly, my Lady Lucie, for her patience and understanding during many, many days and evenings when I was gone, either in body or in spirit. Brothers, that spirit is important on Grand Lodge matters, thank you.

James A. Williams,  
Grand Master.

The Grand Master said further:

Thank you very much, Brethren. I should have said in there, somewhere, and I will now, it has been a tremendous honor, tremendous pleasure, and at times a tremendous frustration, to serve as your Grand Master this past year. The honors and the pleasures certainly overshadow the frustrations. Sometimes I tend to get a little upset about things, but we must remember, and I try to remember, to take men as God made and endowed them and make the best we can of all.

## **APPENDIX**

This appendix list the official acts of the Grand Master during the period of February 7, 1981 through February 4, 1982.

### **Special Installations**

On March 21, 1981 at Skagway, I installed Very Worshipful Wendell F. Long (1) as Deputy of the Grand Master for District No. 4.

On May 6, 1981 at Valdez, I installed Worshipful Brother. John R. Buehrle Jr. (5) as Grand Sword Bearer.

### **Proclamation - Public Schools**

On April 10, 1981 I proclaimed the week of April 13 to 18, 1981 to be Masonic Public Schools Week. In the Proclamation I urged all Symbolic Lodges to carry out a program of encouragement toward excellence in:

- (1) achievement by students,
- (2) instruction by teachers, and
- (3) support by the public.

### **Permission Granted for Temporary Change of Meeting Place**

On October 5, 1981 I granted permission to Tanana Lodge No. 3 to meet in Special Communication at Prudhoe Bay on November 13 and 14 for the purpose of conferring the First Degree on each of several qualified petitioners.

### **Authorization Given to Masonic Club**

On November 9, 1981 I authorized the Prudhoe Bay Masonic Club to meet and act as such, provided that the Club:

- (1) follow its bylaws,
- (2) keep the Grand Secretary informed regarding current officers of the Club, and
- (3) ascertain early each year that each member is in good standing in his Lodge(s).

### **Lodge Bylaws**

Five Lodges submitted amended bylaws to me for approval during the year. These were White Pass Lodge No. 1, Tanana Lodge No. 3, Valdez Lodge No. 4, Matanuska Lodge No. 7, and Fairbanks Lodge No. 12.

I approved the bylaw changes of Lodges No. 1 and 4 without referring them to a Committee because they merely increased fees to comply with the minimum required by the Alaska Masonic Code. The other amended bylaws were referred to the Committee on Bylaws, and in one case also to the Committee on Finance, and my subsequent approvals were based on committee recommendations.

The Committee on Bylaws will submit a report on its work and recommendations.

### **Rulings**

In a letter of March 2, 1981 to all the Brethren, I issued the following two edicts:

- (1) "Masons of any jurisdiction recognized by the Washington Jurisdiction are welcome to sit in Lodges of our Jurisdiction," and
- (2) "Lodges of this Jurisdiction may operate without their Charters in their Lodge rooms until they receive their endorsed Charters."

Later, I instituted a series of formal, numbered Rulings establishing Grand Lodge policies on the following matters:

Ruling No. 1: September 1, 1981 relating to the form and manner of issuing Lodge dues, life, and honorary membership cards.

Ruling No. 2: September 1, 1981 relating to the manner of giving the Apron Lecture.

Ruling No. 3: September 1, 1981 relating to retaining and returning the same original Lambskin Apron to the Candidate as he progresses.

Ruling No. 4: September 1, 1981 relating to when Grand Lodge regalia will and will not be worn.

Ruling No. 5: October 1, 1981 relating to furnishing the Grand Lodge office with a copy of each general mailing of each Lodge to its membership.

Ruling No. 6: November 14, 1981 relating to eligibility for:

- (1) appointment to Grand Lodge Office,
- (2) retention of title,
- (3) Grand Lodge voting rights, and
- (4) recommendation for appointment as Grand Representative.



**Appointments of Grand Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Alaska near  
other Grand Lodges**

Grand Lodge of Delaware	Edward M. Newth
Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia	Milton E. Daniel
Grand Lodge of Florida	H. Ben Collins
Grand Lodge of Georgia	James L. Brown
Grand Lodge of Idaho	Lynn E. Cannon
Grand Lodge of Indiana	Jesse G. Witherspoon
Grand Lodge of Kansas	Alfred L. Lewis
Grand Lodge of Maine	Stephen W. Harris
Grand Lodge of Massachusetts	Daniel A. Thurston
Grand Lodge of Missouri	Thomas K. McGuire, Jr.
Grand Lodge of North Carolina	Clifton Everette, Sr.
Grand Lodge of Ohio	Charles Spahr
Grand Lodge of Oregon	Walter Jaeger
Grand Lodge of Rhode Island	George R. Weidman
Grand Lodge of South Carolina	Thurman A. Baldwin
Grand Lodge of South Dakota	Wesley P. Jarman
Grand Lodge of Tennessee	J. Rye Garton
Grand Lodge of Texas	E. G. Hudel
Grand Lodge of Washington	Matt Martin
Grand Lodge of West Virginia	Denver D. Roberts
Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, Canada	Charles H. Thompson
Grand Lodge of Quebec, Canada	Douglas A. Rennie
Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, Canada	Wilfred R. Stephens
Grand Lodge of Ceara, Brazil	Theodoro Braga
Grand Lodge of Denmark	Andreas Heiberg
Grand Lodge of the Dominican Republic	Ramon H. G. Rojo
United Grand Lodge of England	Alan F. Ferris
Grand Lodge of France	Yves Trestounel
United Grand Lodges of Germany	Hellmut Groesser
Grand Lodge of New South Wales	K. R. McInnes
Grand Lodge of New Zealand	John B. Goulter
Grand Lodge of Panama	Walter C. Watson
Grand Lodge of Parana, Brazil	Fernando Henriques
Grand Lodge of Sao Paulo, Brazil	Nelson V. Melantonio
Grand Lodge of South Australia	Andrew M. Hardy
Grand Lodge of Western Australia	Albert L. Bartlett

**Recommendations for Appointment as Grand Representative of other Grand  
Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Alaska**

Grand Lodge of Connecticut	W Wayne W. Langbehn
Grand Lodge of Delaware	W John W. Casey

Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia	VW Wendell F. Long
Grand Lodge of Florida	W Travis L. Williams
Grand Lodge of Georgia	W Travis L. Williams
Grand Lodge of Idaho	W Jerry T. Sims
Grand Lodge of Indiana	RW John C. Ingram
Grand Lodge of Kansas	VW Glen W. Pruett
Grand Lodge of Maine	W George B. Rayburn
Grand Lodge of Massachusetts	W Henry R. Ferguson
Grand Lodge of Missouri	W John W. Patterson
Grand Lodge of Nevada	W Charles F. Johnson
Grand Lodge of New Hampshire	W George B. Rayburn
Grand Lodge of North Carolina	VW John W. Underwood
Grand Lodge of Ohio	RW John C. Ingram
Grand Lodge of Oregon	W Leslie R. Little
Grand Lodge of Rhode Island	W Wayne W. Langbehn
Grand Lodge of South Carolina	W Willie R. Josey
Grand Lodge of South Dakota	MW Roy Foss
Grand Lodge of Tennessee	W Ray G. Williams
Grand Lodge of Texas	W William D. Little
Grand Lodge of Vermont	W Henry R. Ferguson
Grand Lodge of Washington	RW Buckley C. Hazen
Grand Lodge of West Virginia	W Lester E. Elkins
Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, Canada	W Rodney L. Johnson
Grand Lodge of Quebec, Canada	VW Russell C. Milligan
Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, Canada	RW H. B. "Jack" Bentley
Grand Lodge of Ceara, Brazil	W John L. Dolenc
W Grand Lodge of Denmark	RW Gunnar Flygenring
Grand Lodge of the Dominican Republic	W Adam McDermott
United Grand Lodge of England	RW Gunnar Flygenring
Grand Lodge of France	W John W. Casey
United Grand Lodge of Germany	W Billy W. Harris
Grand Lodge of India	VW Fred L. McGuire
Grand Lodge of Israel	W Alfred M. White
Grand Lodge of New South Wales	MW Roy Foss
Grand Lodge of New Zealand	W Gene R. Freeman
Grand Lodge of Panama	W Robert M. Parkins
Grand Lodge of Parana, Brazil	W Lester E. Elkins
Grand Lodge of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil	W Denny R. Sheldon
Grand Lodge of Sao Paulo, Brazil	W Clifford E. Roberson
Grand Lodge of Scotland	RW Gunnar Flygenring
Grand Lodge of South Australia	W Milner L. Maynard
Grand Lodge of Turkey	W William F. Kirk
Grand Lodge of Western Australia	W Walter D. Teeland

### Visits to Other Grand Jurisdictions

1981		
June		
	12 – 13	Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Omaha
	16-18	Grand Lodge of Washington, Walla Walla
September		
	11	Atlinto Lodge No. 42 and Whitehorse Lodge No. 46, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada - Informal Meeting
November		
	5	Lafayette Lodge No. 241, Seattle - International Night

### Visitations, Addresses, and Meetings

1981		
February		
	15-18	Conference of Grand Masters, Orlando, Florida
	25	Spensard Lions Club, Anchorage
March		
	5	DeMolay Conclave, Anchorage
	21	White Pass Lodge No. 1, Skagway, Special Meeting – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree
April		
	7	Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8, Anchorage - Stated Meeting
	20	Kodiak Lodge No. 9, Kodiak - Stated Meeting
	23	Glacier Lodge No. 10, Anchorage - Fellowship Dinner
	24	Anvil Lodge No. 2, Nome - Special Meeting
	30	Kenai Lodge No. 11, Soldotna - Benefit Dinner
May		
	5	Seward Lodge No. 6, Seward - Stated Meeting
	6	Valdez Lodge No. 4, Valdez - Stated Meeting
	12	Scottish Rite Memorial Service, Fairbanks
	21	Kenai Lodge No. 11, Soldotna - Special Meeting
	26	Matanuska Lodge No. 7, Palmer - Special Meeting
	31	Order of the Eastern Star, Anchorage - Luncheon
June		
	4	Glacier Lodge No. 10, Anchorage - Special Meeting
July		
	14	Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8, Anchorage-Special Meeting - 1st Degree
September		
	2	Finance Committee Meeting, Anchorage
	23	Finance Committee Meeting, Anchorage
October		
	1	Glacier Lodge No. 10, Anchorage - Past Masters' Night-3rd Degree
	6	Seward Lodge No. 6, Seward - Stated Meeting
	10	Mount McKinley Lodge No. 5, Cordova - Informal Meeting

10	White Pass Lodge No. 1, Skagway - Special Meeting - 1st Degree
14	Tanana Lodge No. 3 and Fairbanks Lodge No. 12 - Joint Meeting - in Fairbanks
15	Tanana and Fairbanks Lodges - Brunch, Tour, and Fellowship Dinner in Fairbanks
16	Anvil Lodge No. 2, Nome - Special Meeting
19	Kodiak Lodge No. 9, Kodiak - Stated Meeting
26	Denali Chapter No. 16, O.E.S., Anchorage
27	Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8, Anchorage - Special Meeting
29	Kenai Lodge No. 11, Soldotna - Special Meeting
November	
4	Elective Grand Officers Meeting, Anchorage
17	Matanuska Lodge No. 7, Palmer - Special Meeting
19	Glacier Lodge No. 10, Anchorage - Special Meeting
25	Arrangements Committee Meeting, Anchorage
December	
8	Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8, Anchorage - Installation of Officers
8	Elective Grand Officers Meeting, Anchorage
17	Kenai Lodge No. 11, Soldotna - Installation of Officers

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

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

The following report is being submitted in compliance with Article 17, Paragraphs 5, and 6, and 11 of the Alaska Masonic Code. A detailed breakdown of the status of the constituent Lodges within the Jurisdiction and summary as well as detailed information of the financial condition of the Grand Lodge may be found in the following pages in the report which you will soon see. There are six separate breakdowns within the Secretary's report: The status of Lodges in the Jurisdiction, a statement of income and expense for the Calendar Year 1981, a balance sheet as of December 31, an operating budget statement actual vs. budget for the year 1981, comparisons of the proposed budgets for the two calendar years 1981 and 1982, and finally a pro forma statement of available funds, anticipated income, and expenses.

While we financially fared as well as, or better than, we expected at the onset, membership wise, unfortunately, we did not. We had anticipated that, and do still anticipate, a moderate annual growth pattern for the future. Admittedly some Lodges seem destined to experience, at least periodically, a no-growth or negative-growth situation, but other Lodges should counterbalance this situation so that the net results of the jurisdiction as a whole will be a positive, though moderate, annual growth. To improve this situation even further, it is recommended that each Lodge keep in touch with its membership. This should greatly reduce the membership losses due to non-payment of dues.

During the past year I was very fortunate at being accorded the opportunity to attend the Conference of Grand Masters and Secretaries at Orlando, Florida with Most Worshipful James A. Williams Grand Master, and thanks in no small part to the positive generosity of the members attending the first Constitutional Convention and subsequent First Special Communication a year ago. It was a most gratifying and very productive experience. I do thank you, one and all, for the opportunity.

I also traveled with the Grand Master and his party on all but one of the Lodge visitations and had a most enjoyable time doing so.

The courtesies extended and the fellowship exhibited by most of the Lodges were tremendous and greatly appreciated by all of us traveling. I also hope that, in some small way at least, our going to the various communities was some help, interest, and benefit to the officers and members of the Lodges visited. I feel that in general we experienced a healthy exchange of ideas that will do much to cement the feeling of Brotherly Love and Friendship.

And last, but not least, it has been a distinct honor and a great privilege to serve as the Grand Secretary of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge and with the Most Worshipful James A. Williams, its Grand Master. Thank you so very much.

Sincerely and Fraternaly Submitted,

Gunnar Flygenring,  
Grand Secretary.

The Grand Secretary then added these further explanations:

I would like to, just briefly if I may, point out a couple of the main points in the report. The statistical information on the Lodges has been compiled from the monthly reports submitted. It shows that we had a gross growth of 75 members for the year, a gross loss of 83, thus resulting in a net loss of 8 members for the year. We started with 1910 and we've wound up with 1902.

The statement of income and expense may to some extent appear to be a little misleading. It shows that we have, of the gross income for the year, some \$30,000 that was in donations and contributions, and the numbers are true. The misleading part is that virtually all of it came last February and March and very little since March and April of 1981. It does not appear to be a continuing trend, is what I'm trying to get across.

The expenses for the year were well in line with the proposed budget. We had been allowed a budget of \$22,000 with which to operate for the year. We were fortunate in completing our year having spent \$10,406.4, less than 50% of the proposed budget. We wound up at the end of the year - we started out at the beginning of the year with \$9,600 worth of equity; we wound up as of December 31, with equity of \$49,386.82. So statistically, we made a good showing for the year.

Now for the bad one. The proposed budget for the year 1981 was pointed out as being \$22,000: In order to be realistic and even using the same austere type budgeting procedure we used last year, it is anticipated that the proposed expenditure for the year 1982 will amount to \$27,750, which is a budget increase of \$5,750. When we look at the income portion of it, the total estimated income based on current sources of revenue, and even anticipating the successful passage of the resolution that deals with assessing petitioners \$50 at the time of petition, our total estimated income is only \$18,000 even with that. With an anticipated \$27,000, almost \$28,000, you can see there is a shortfall of roughly \$10,000, hence, the reason for the resolution with the respect to the per capita. Per capita of \$5 per member for 1900 members is just shy of \$10,000. We know of no better way to assess it in an equitable fashion than to do it along the lines of per capita. For us to plan the proposed budget of money that is hoped for to come in by virtue of donations and contributions is not a fiscally responsible way of looking at things. So, I had wanted to just put that in because those were some of the underlying reasons for the two resolutions. While they are there, we had a hard time justifying them to ourselves, but when we looked at the bottom line there was no question that we had to put them in there. Thank you Most Worshipful, Brethren.

Gunnar Flygenring  
Grand Secretary

## Status of Lodges

	Lodge No.	Elected Only	Initiated	On File EOY	Passed	On File EOY	Raised	On File EOY	Members 1-1-94	MM Proficiency	Affiliates	Dual Members	Reinstated	Consolidate	Other	Total Gain	Dimitis	Deaths	Suspensions	Expulsions	NPD	Other	Total Loss	Net Gain / (Loss)	Members 12-31-97
White Pass	1	4	3	9	0	4	1	1	61	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	4	(3)	58
Anvil	2	2	2	11	2	5	2	3	71	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	5	0	7	(6)	65
Tanana	3	8	19	90	5	28	7	15	554	5	0	2	4	0	0	11	10	11	0	0	0	0	21	(10)	544
Valdez	4	5	1	24	0	6	0	3	55	0	0	2	2	0	0	4	1	3	0	0	1	0	5	(1)	54
Mt. McKinley	5	0	0	13	2	1	2	3	75	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	76
Seward	6	2	0	7	0	7	0	5	117	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	6	0	9	(8)	109
Matanuska	7	2	5	22	4	7	3	1	101	4	2	3	0	0	0	9	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	7	108
Mt. Susitna	8	2	11	67	9	17	8	21	270	7	0	2	2	0	0	11	4	3	0	0	0	0	7	4	274
Kodiak	9	7	5	52	2	7	6	5	148	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	7	1	0	0	0	0	8	(2)	146
Glacier	10	9	17	79	15	15	13	17	271	12	0	7	0	0	0	19	3	3	0	0	4	0	10	9	280
Kenai	11	1	4	19	3	0	3	1	128	3	0	2	0	0	0	5	2	0	0	0	2	0	4	1	129
Fairbanks	12	1	9	13	3	2	4	0	59	4	1	1	0	0	0	6	3	2	0	0	1	0	6	0	59
Totals		43	76	406	45	99	49	75	1910	44	3	20	8	0	0	75	32	31	0	0	20	0	83	(8)	1902

# REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The following is the number of votes available by lodge, as provided in the final report of the Committee on Credentials.

	<b>Total Number of Ballots</b>
<b>Grand Lodge</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>White Pass Lodge No. 1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Anvil Lodge No. 2</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Tanana Lodge No. 3</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Valdez Lodge No. 4</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Seward Lodge No. 6</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Matanuska Lodge No. 7</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Kodiak Lodge No. 9</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Glacier Lodge No. 10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Kenai Lodge No. 11</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Fairbanks Lodge No. 12</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>86</b>

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

We the Committee on Credentials fraternally report that all twelve Lodges holding Charters in the Grand Lodge of Alaska are represented at this First Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alaska. We further report that the following members of this Grand Lodge are present and entitled to seats and to vote in the Grand Lodge to wit: Grand Lodge Officers, 17; Deputies of the Grand Master, 4; Past Grand Masters, 1; Worshipful Masters and Wardens, 21; Past Masters, 36; Proxies, 7; Total entitled to vote, 86.

I further report, Most Worshipful Sir, a supplement to this. Of the Alaskan Lodges, Officers, Past Masters, and Proxies present at this First Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska;

White Pass No. 1, Worshipful Master Gary E. Ackerson, has a total of Officers, 1; Past Masters, 1; Proxies, 0; for a total of 2 votes.

Anvil Lodge No. 2, Worshipful Master Fred V. Angleton, Officers, 3; Past Masters, 5; Proxies, 0; total vote of 8.



Tanana No. 3, Worshipful Master Philip P. Kepler, Officers, 2; Past Masters, 12; Proxies, 1, with W.B. "Red" Richart as our Grand Chaplain is entitled to vote as his membership is included in the Past Master count for a total of 15.

Valdez No. 4, Worshipful Master Sidney W. Moore, Officers, 1; Past Masters, 1; Proxies, 2 for a total of 4.

Mt. McKinley No. 5, Worshipful Master William D. Little, Officers, 1, Past Masters, 2; Proxies, 0 for a total of 3.

Seward Lodge No. 6, Worshipful Master David J. Thomas, Officers, 1, Past Masters, 3; Proxies, 2 for a total of 6.

Matanuska No. 7, Worshipful Master Wayne M. Baskett, Officers, 2, Past Masters, 3; Proxies, 1 for a total of 6.

Mt. Susitna No. 8, Worshipful Master Gary Urbina, not present, Officers, 2; Past Masters, 7; Proxies, 0 for a total of 9.

Kodiak No. 9, Worshipful Master Alfred B. Cratty, Sr., Officers, 2; Past Masters 5; Proxies, 0, for a total of 7.

Glacier Lodge No. 10, Worshipful Master John E. Reynolds, Officers, 3; Past Masters, 8; Proxies 0, for a total of 11.

Kenai Lodge No. 11, Worshipful Master Ronald H. Moore, Officers, 3; Past Masters, 5; Proxies, 0 for a total of 8.

Fairbanks No. 12, Worshipful Master Mitchell R. Miller, Officers, 1; Past Masters, 4; Proxies 2 for a total of 7.

The vote tally is the same as 86.

Respectfully submitted,

William D. Little  
Henry R. Ferguson  
Clifford E. Roberson  
Mitchell R. Miller  
Jerry C. Holly, Jr. Committee

Report received for the record.

# APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

## **Jurisprudence**

VW William H. Sanders (2) Chairman  
W Frank W. Erie (3, 12)  
W Daniel J. Lawn (4)  
W Milton M. Routzahn (9)  
Bro. Dennis M. Bump (12) Advisor  
Bro. Richard N. Sutliff (9) Advisor

## **Grievance & Appeals**

W Adam McDermott (3) Chairman  
W Denny R. Sheldon (7)  
W Charles E. Wellong (8)

## **Finance**

W Marvin R. Posey (8) Chairman  
W Orrin S. Felmley (8, 11)  
W Walter C. Church (11)

## **Correspondence**

(No appointment)

## **Masonic Research & Education**

W George Steck (3) Chairman  
W Francis S. Lewis (1)  
VW Harry A. Lewis (2)  
W Sidney W. Moore (4)  
W Charles F. Johnson (10, 11)

## **Credentials**

Bro. Jerry C. Holly (11) Chairman  
W William D. Little (5)  
W Henry R. Ferguson (7)  
W Clifford E. Roberson (8)  
Bro. Mitchell R. Miller (12)

## **Masonic Public Relations**

W Neil R. Bassett (10, 11) Chairman  
W Lloyd W. Ives (3)  
W Wayne G. Coleman (9)

### **DeMolay**

Bro. Lloyd W. Triggs (3) Chairman  
W Jerry T. Sims (6, 11)  
W Clifford Darnell (8)

### **Bylaws**

W Ray G. Williams (9) Chairman  
VW Charles F. Lewis (2)  
W Eugene R. Freeman (3, 12)

### **Public Schools**

Bro. Lyle E. Allison (12) Chairman  
Bro. Ronald H. Moore (11) Advisor

### **Segregation & Reference**

W Willie R. Josey (8) Chairman  
W Richard T. Coffin (10)

### **Charters and New Lodges**

MW Roy Foss (11) Chairman  
VW Russell C. Milligan (8, 10)  
W Charles I. Gregg (10)

### **Deputies of the Grand Master**

District 1 VW Ralph Kavorkian (3, 12)  
District 2 VW David J. Thomas (6, 12)  
District 3 VW William D. Athas (10)  
District 4 VW Wendell F. Long (1)

## **REPORTS OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No unfinished business was discussed.

## **MOTIONS**

No motions received.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

In its foregoing First Report, the Committee on Jurisprudence found all proposed resolutions in proper form and consistent with Masonic Law, but made no recommendations on adoption or rejection. The Committee on Finance reported prior to this Communication that it was in agreement with the resolutions which pertain to finance or money.

### **Resolution No. 1-82**

To Amend Section 159 of the Alaska Masonic Code

To The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska:

Statement of Purpose. The purpose of this resolution is to provide additional revenue for the Grand Lodge.

Resolution. Whereas, when the Lodges of this jurisdiction were in the Washington Jurisdiction, they were required to charge each Petitioner for the Degrees of Masonry a twenty dollar fee, which fee was then forwarded to the Grand Lodge of Washington as a contribution to the Grand Lodge General Fund, and

Whereas, a similar requirement was not included in the Alaska Masonic Code, and

Whereas, the omission of such requirement caused a reduction of the fees received from each petitioner that the Lodges must pay to the Grand Lodge of Alaska, and

Whereas, the Lodges have not reduced the fees charged their petitioners to reflect this reduction of payments to the Grand Lodge,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that, effective with petitions reported to the Grand Lodge Office in Monthly Reports starting with the one for the month of April 1982, the portion of Section 159 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

A Lodge may not confer the degrees for a sum less than one hundred and fifty dollars.

In addition, thereto, a fee of two dollars is required as a contribution to the Endowment Fund of the George Washington National Memorial Association.

Be amended to read:

A Lodge may not confer the degrees for a sum less than one hundred and fifty dollars.

In addition to the fee for the degree fixed by the Bylaws of the Lodge, a further fee of fifty dollars is required as a contribution to the General Fund of the Grand Lodge.

In addition, thereto, a fee of two dollars is required as a contribution to the Endowment Fund of the George Washington National Memorial Association.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marvin R. Posey, PM (8)

**Note: This Resolution was adopted.**

## **Resolution No. 2-82**

To Amend Section 159 of the Alaska Masonic Code

To The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska:

Statement of Purpose. The purpose of this resolution is to increase the contribution to the Endowment Fund of the George Washington National Memorial Association.

Resolution. Whereas, most U.S. Grand Lodges are increasing, or have already increased, their contributions to the Endowment Fund of the George Washington National Memorial Association,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the portion of Section 159 of Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

In addition, thereto, a fee of two dollars is required as a contribution to the Endowment fund of the George Washington National Memorial Association.

Be amended to read:

In addition, thereto, a fee of five dollars is required as a contribution to the Endowment Fund of the George Washington National Memorial Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Marvin R. Posey, PM (8)

**Note: This Resolution was adopted.**

## **Resolution No. 3-82**

To Amend Section 6 of the Alaska Masonic Code (by adding a new paragraph

To The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska:

Statement of Purpose. The purpose of this resolution is to add a new paragraph to Section 6 in order to provide information to the Constituent Lodges regarding persons available for elective office (Junior Warden) of the Grand Lodge.

Resolution. Whereas, it has been the custom to elect Officers of the Grand Lodge without nomination, and

Whereas, many of the delegates to a Grand Communication are not acquainted with the Brethren seeking election to Grand Lodge office, and

Whereas, these delegates do not have the opportunity to become acquainted with or aware of the personality and ability of the Brethren seeking election to Grand Lodge office, and

Whereas, Freemasonry has traditionally supported the concept of individual decision and free will and accord,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that Section 6 of the Alaska Masonic Code -- Elections and Appointments - be amended by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

**STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY:** Any person desiring to serve as junior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge may on or before the first day of October preceding the Annual Grand Communication file with the Grand Secretary a Statement of Availability containing a resume of his service to his Symbolic Lodge and to the Grand Lodge.

Prior to December 1, all such Statements shall be printed and forwarded by the Grand Secretary to all Constituent Lodges for study prior to the next Annual Grand Communication.

This action does not preclude the right of the Grand Lodge to elect any eligible member without such Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

Glen W. Pruett, PM (3, 12)

**Note: This Resolution was adopted.**

## **Resolution No. 4-82**

To Amend Section 10, Item 8 of the Alaska Masonic Code

To The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska:

Statement of Purpose. The purpose of this resolution is to change the Committee on DeMolay to the Committee on Youth in order to include all youth groups.

Resolution. Whereas, this Grand Lodge recognizes other youth groups and supports same, and

Whereas, members of this Grand Lodge cooperate within and support other youth groups,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that Section 10, Item 8 of the Masonic Code, which now reads:

8. A committee of three on DeMolay

Be amended to read:

8. A committee of three on Youth.

Respectfully submitted,

Glen W. Pruett, PM (3, 12)

**Note: this Resolution was rejected.**

## Resolution No. 5-82

To Amend Section 19 of the Alaska Masonic Code

To The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska:

Statement of Purpose. The purpose of this resolution is to change the language of Section 19 of the Alaska Masonic Code if, but only if, Resolution No. 4-82 has been previously approved and passed.

Resolution. Whereas, currently, the language of Section 19 of the Alaska Masonic Code reads as follows:

Section 19. DeMolay: The Committee on DeMolay shall maintain a continuous program throughout the year to advise, assist, and guide the Committee on DeMolay in the constituent Lodges of this Grand jurisdiction for the purpose of assistance and guidance to DeMolay in their areas, and

Whereas, in the event of approval and passage of Resolution No. 4-82, the language of Section 19 of the said code must necessarily be amended to be consistent with and properly reflect the intent of the said Committee on Youth,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that Section 19 of the Alaska Masonic Code be amended to read:

Section 19. Youth: The Committee on Youth shall maintain a continuous program throughout the year to advise, assist, and guide the Committee on Youth, if any, in the Constituent Lodges of this Grand jurisdiction for the purpose of assistance and guidance to the said Committee in its respective area.

Respectfully submitted,

Gunnar Flygenring, PM (10)

**Note: This Resolution was not adopted. No vote taken because of rejection of Resolution No. 4-82.**

## Resolution No. 6-82

Appointment of Special Committee to Consider a Grand Lodge Publication.

To The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska:

Statement of Purpose. The purpose of this resolution is the appointment of a Temporary Committee to consider the feasibility of a Grand Lodge publication.



Resolution. Whereas, there is at present no simple method to communicate with ALL the members of the Craft within the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and

Whereas, an informed membership is necessary for the continued existence of our beloved institution, and

Whereas, other Jurisdictions publish and circulate amongst their members an official publication for these purposes,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that a committee be appointed to study the following and make report of its findings and recommendations to the Grand Lodge Communication of 1983:

1. Is a Grand Lodge publication to be circulated to all members in this jurisdiction a worthwhile project?
2. What is the experience of other Jurisdictions similar projects?
3. What would be the cost of publication and circulation?
4. How would this cost be met?
5. By whom and how would such a publication be implemented?

Respectfully submitted,

Glen W. Pruett, PM (3, 12)

**Note: This Resolution was rejected.**

## **Resolution No. 7-82**

To Amend Section 32 of the Alaska Masonic Code

To The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska:

Statement of Purpose. The purpose of this resolution is to allow for prompt purchases or prompt payment of bills even when the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master are not accessible to the Grand Secretary.

Resolution. Whereas, it is now required that checks for disbursement of Grand Lodge funds be signed by two of three officers: the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Secretary, and

Whereas, the Grand Secretary customarily writes the checks, and

Whereas, it is often urgent that a purchase be made or a bill be paid promptly, and

Whereas, the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master may often both be at a distant location from the Grand Secretary so that obtaining the signature of either will cause a considerable loss of time, and

Whereas, such has been the case on more than one occasion,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that Section 32 of the Alaska Masonic Code, which now reads:

Check or Warrant Signatures: The funds of the Grand Lodge may be disbursed only by checks or warrants signed by two of three following Grand Lodge Officers: Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Secretary.

Be amended to read:

Check or Warrant Signatures: The funds of the Grand Lodge may be disbursed only by checks or warrants signed by the Grand Secretary or signed by the Grand Master and one other elective Grand Lodge Officer.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams, PM (3)

**Note: This Resolution was rejected**

## **Resolution No. 8-82**

Proposed Membership in the Masonic Service Association of the United States

To The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska:

Statement of Purpose. The purpose of this resolution is to encourage and to authorize this Grand Lodge to obtain membership in the Masonic Service Association of the United States.

Resolution. Whereas, the Masonic Service Association of the United States (MSA) is a fine organization, devoted and dedicated totally to Masonry, and

Whereas, the majority of the other Grand jurisdictions of these United States belong to same, and

Whereas, it would be of great benefit to this, the newest of the Grand Jurisdictions of these United States of America to belong and to participate, and

Whereas, it is well within the financial capability of this Grand Lodge to obtain and maintain membership - the annual dues at inception being only approximately \$80.00,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska make application for membership in the said Masonic Service Association of the United States, and, if membership is approved by same, to pay the appropriate fees and/or dues associated therewith.

Respectfully submitted,

Gunnar Flygenring, PM (10)

**Note: This Resolution was adopted.**

## **Resolution No. 9-82**

Proposed Membership in the Masonic Service Association of the United States

To The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska:

Statement of Purpose. The purpose of this resolution is to provide necessary and additional Grand Lodge revenue.

Resolution. Whereas, prior to the formation of our Grand Lodge, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska, we anticipated receiving contributions in a sufficient number and of sufficient sizes to be of significant help in financing our Grand Lodge operations, and

Whereas, during the first year of our Grand Lodge operation, contributions in such numbers and of such sizes have not been forthcoming, and

Whereas, there has not been sufficient time and opportunity to establish a suitable fund-raising program, and

Whereas, the proposed 1982 budget exceeds our estimated 1982 income by approximately \$10,000., and

Whereas, the only suitable method known, at present, to overcome this deficit is to increase the per capita tax, and

Whereas, this proposal provides an equitable method to finance the cost of basic, necessary operating requirements of our Grand Lodge, and

Whereas, failure to enact such an increase at this time would be unwise and tantamount to fiscal irresponsibility,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the per capita tax payable to the Grand Lodge, by the Constituent Lodges, be increased to ten dollars (\$10.00) effective January 1, 1983.

Respectfully submitted,

Gunnar Flygenring, PM (10)

**Note: This Resolution was adopted.**

## **Resolution No. 10-82**

Resolution No. 10-82 was introduced by Brother Jerry C. Holly as follows after election of Grand Lodge officers:

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

The Masters, Wardens, Past Masters, and our Past Grand Master of Kenai Lodge No. 11 extend an invitation to hold, and urge you to consider holding, the Third Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska in 1984 in the City of Soldotna, Alaska.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Moore, WM (11)

John C. Ingram, PM (11)

Roy Foss, PGM (11)

Dave Thomas, PM (11)

Billy Harris, PM (11)

Floyd Saltz, PM (11)

Walter C. Church, PM (11)

Jerry C. Holly, Jr., SW (11)

**Note: This Resolution was adopted.**

# REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

## Jurisprudence

### 1<sup>st</sup> Report

To The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska:

We the Committee on jurisprudence, having viewed the Rulings section of the Appendix of the Grand Master's Report and Message, the proposed resolutions and all other matters referred to the Committee make the following report.

With respect to the edicts contained in the Grand Master's letter of March 2, 1981, the Committee finds the edicts consistent with Masonic Law.

Ruling No. 1: Dues Cards: The Committee finds the ruling consistent with Masonic Law.

Ruling No. 2: Apron Lecture: The Committee finds ruling contrary to the Constitution, which provides: Constituent Lodges shall practice the Standard Work and no other.

Ruling No. 3: Lambskin Apron: The Committee is divided. However, two of the members considered ruling No. 3 as consistent with Masonic Law. However, one member thinks the Ruling No. 3 violates the esoteric meaning of the lecture.

Ruling No. 4: Grand Lodge Regalia: The Committee finds Ruling No. 4 consistent with Masonic Law.

Ruling No. 5: Masonic Mailings: The Committee finds Ruling No. 5 consistent with Masonic Law.

Ruling No. 6: Grand Lodge Appointments: The Committee finds that paragraphs 1 and 2 of Ruling No. 6 are inconsistent with Article 10, Paragraph C of the Constitution. The Constitution establishes the members of the Grand Lodge and, unlike the Washington Code, does not permit Master Masons to hold appointive offices.

With respect to the proposed resolutions indexed on page 19 of the Grand Master's Message and Annual Report of 1981, the Committee finds the resolutions in proper form and consistent with Masonic Law.

The Committee on Segregation and Reference referred the question of the Grand Master's authorization of the Prudhoe Bay Masonic Club to this Committee. The Committee has considered the authorization and believes it to be consistent with Masonic Law.

Respectfully submitted:

Franklin W. Erie  
Richard N. Sutliff (Adv)  
Milton M. Routzahn,

Committee Report received for the record and approved by majority vote.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Report**

No 2<sup>nd</sup> Report provided.

## **Grievance and Appeals**

To: The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Alaska

We the members of the Committee on Grievance and Appeals have met on the third day of February 1982, and having no matter of grievance or appeal to consider report as follows: We report that no matter requiring the attention of a Committee devoted to matters of appeal has come before this Committee and earnestly pray the continuation of this trend.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam McDermott, Chairman  
Denny R. Sheldon  
Charles E. Wellong

# **Finance**

## **Report of the Finance Committee**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Report**

To The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska:

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska:

The Right Worshipful Brother Secretary took most of our fire when he went into his speech on the budget and so forth for the Grand Lodge for this year, Worshipful Master, and we don't have much to report right now, but we will come back with our second report on the things that have been assigned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marvin R. Posey Chairman  
Orrin S. Felmley  
Walter C. Church

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Report**

No 2<sup>nd</sup> Report provided.

## BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1981

### ASSETS

#### CURRENT ASSETS:

Petty Cash - Cash on hand	\$ 2.34	
Cash in Bank - First Nat'l of Anchorage	2,136.09	
Short-term Investments - Ready Assets	17,207.71	
Total Operating Funds - available Cash		\$19,346.14
Cash in Bank - "Trust Savings"		3,485.43
Investments -100 Shares NBA Common (NPV)		100.00
Accounts receivable - Constituent Lodges	\$ 143.31	
Per Capita & Fees Rec. - Constituent Lodges	<u>10,426.00</u>	
	<u>10,569.31</u>	
less: Allowance for uncollectibles	<u>-0</u>	
Total Receivables - net		10,569.31
Inventory - Masonic Materials - at cost		<u>1,555.80</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>\$35,056.68</u>

#### FIXED ASSETS

Office Furniture and Fixtures (donated)	<u>-0</u>	
Office Equipment - Tel. Answering Device	299.95	
Office Equipment - Copying Machine	<u>5,000.00</u>	
Furniture and Equipment - at cost	\$ 5,299.95	
less: Allowance for Depreciation	<u>75.00</u>	
Furniture and Equipment - net		\$ 5,224.95
Grand Lodge Regalia - at cost	\$ 9,861.96	
less: Allowance for Depreciation	<u>293.25</u>	
Grand Lodge Regalia - net		<u>9,568.71</u>
Total Fixed Assets		<u>14,793.66</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$49,850.34</u>

### LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

#### CURRENT LIABILITIES:

Accounts Payable - Trade	\$ 297.52	
Geo. Washington Masonic Nat'l Memor.. Fund	<u>166.00</u>	
Total Accounts Payable		\$ 463.52
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$ 463.52
Net Worth		
Equity at formation - 7 February 1981	\$ 9,640.22	
Add'l Equity - from non-cash donations	<u>5,100.00</u>	
Net Worth - as adjusted		\$14,740.22
plus: Excess of 1981 Income over Expense	<u>34,646.60</u>	
TOTAL NET WORTH -as of 31 December 1981		<u>49,386.82</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH		<u>\$49,850.34</u>



## STATEMENT OF INCOME CALENDAR YEAR 1981

### INCOME

Operating Income - Assessments/ Dues and Fees:	
Income-Per Capita Assessments	\$ 9,295.00
Fees for Degree Conferrals	850.00
Fees for Affiliations	115.00
Fees from Petitioners/ Degrees	<u>0</u>
Total Income - Assessments and Fees	<u>\$10,260.00</u>
Operating Income - Other	
Contributions/Donations - General Operating	\$ 5,515.03
Contributions/Donations - Grand Lodge Regalia	6,697.50
Contributions/ Donations - "Savings Trust"	<u>3,395.00</u>
Total Contributions and Donations	15,607.53
Fundraisers - General Operating	8,429.00
Sale of Medallions and AMRA Pins	4,636.00
Misc. Donations - Other/Gen'l Operating	2,943.98
Sale of Masonic Materials - net	705.75
Total Operating Income	<u>\$42,582.26</u>
Non-Operating Income	
Interest on Savings and Short-term Investments	<u>2,470.81</u>
 TOTAL INCOME - CALENDAR 1981	 <u>\$45,053.07</u>

### EXPENSE

Operating Expenses	
Committee on Arrangements -G/L Communication	\$552.01
Grand Master's Allowance	1,000.00
Grand Lodge Office Salaries and Stipends	1,515.81
Grand Secretary's Allowance	2,381.06
Depreciation	368.25
Insurance - General Liability	1,727.00
Office Supplies and Expense	1,396.62
Postage	507.15
Printing Expense - misc. forms etc	294.25
Telephone	263.17
Miscellaneous	<u>401.15</u>
 TOTAL EXPENSES FOR YEAR	 <u>\$10,406.47</u>
 NET FOR YEAR - INCOME over EXPENSE	 <u>\$34,646.60</u>

**OPERATING BUDGET - GENERAL FUND CALENDAR  
STATEMENT – ACTUAL vs. BUDGET  
For Period February 7, 1981 to December 31, 1981**

	BUDGET	EXPENDED	(UNDER)
Grand Master's Expense Allowance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0
Grand Master's Travel Allowance	1,000.00	0	(1,000.00)
Committee on Fraternal Correspondence	200.00	0	(200.00)
Committee on Masonic Research & Education	500.00	0	(500.00)
Committee on Arrangements – G/L Comm.	500.00	552.01	52.01
Representatives' Expenses	1,600.00	0	(1,600.00)
Printing and Binding Proceedings	500.00	0	(500.00)
Comprehensive Liability Insurance	2,000.00	1,727.000	(273.00)
Entertainment of Visitors	500.00	0	(500.00)
Grand Master's Regalia	0	0	0
Reserve for Grand Lodge Regalia	0	0	0
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<b>SUB – TOTAL I</b>	<b>\$ 7,800.00</b>	<b>\$3,279.01</b>	<b>\$ (4,520.00)</b>
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Grand Secretary's Expense Allowance	\$3,000.00	\$ 2,381.81	\$ (618..94)
Grand Secretary's Travel Allowance	0	0	0
Grand Lodge Office Salaries, Fees, Stip	6,000.00	1,515.81	(4,484.19)
Grand Lodge Payroll Taxes-all	600.00	0	(600.00)
Grand Lodge – Fees for audit of book	0	0	0
Grand Lodge - Office Supplies & Expenses	1,000.00	1,396.62	396.62
Grand Lodge - Postage	1,500.00	507.15	(992.85)
Grand Lodge - Transcript of Proceedings	0	0	0
Grand Lodge - Telephone	750.00	263.17	(486.83)
Grand Lodge – Printing Exp. – Forms, blanks	0	294.25	294.25
Grand Lodge – Conf. on Fraternal Recognition	100.00	0	(100.00)
Grand Lodge – Dues – Masonic Service Assoc.	50.00	0	(50.00)
Grand Lodge - Dues – Masonic Relief Assoc.	0	0	0)
Depreciations Expense:	0	368.25	368.25
Miscellaneous	1,200.00	401.15	(798.85)
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<b>SUB – TOTAL II</b>	<b>\$14,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,127.46</b>	<b>\$ (7,072.54)</b>
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<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$22,000.00</b>	<b>\$10,406.47</b>	<b>\$(11,593.53)</b>

**COMPARISON OF ANNUAL BUDGETS  
CALENDAR YEARS 1981 AND 1982**

	<b>1981</b>	<b>PROPOSED 1982</b>	<b>+ INCREASE - DECREASE</b>
	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	
Grand Master's Expense Allowance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$0
Grand Master's Travel Allowance	1,000.00	1,000.00	0
Committee on Fraternal Correspondence	200.00	250.00	50.00+
Committee on Masonic Research & Education	500.00	250.00	250.00-
Committee on Arrangements – G/L Comm.	500.00	2,000.00	1,500.00+
Representatives' Expenses	1,600.00	0	1,600.00-
Printing and Binding Proceedings	500.00	3,000.00	2,500.00+
Comprehensive Liability Insurance	2,000.00	2,000.00	0
Entertainment of Visitors	500.00	500.00	0
Grand Master's Regalia	-0	750.00	750.00+
Reserve for Grand Lodge Regalia	-0	1,000.00	1,000.00+
<b>SUB – TOTAL I</b>	<b>\$ 7,800.00</b>	<b>\$11,750</b>	<b>3,950.00+</b>
Grand Secretary's Expense Allowance	3,000.00	3,000.00	0
Grand Secretary's Travel Allowance	0	0	0
Grand Lodge Office Salaries, Fees, Stip	6,000.00	6,000.00	0
Grand Lodge Payroll Taxes-all	600.00	0	600.00-
Grand Lodge – Fees for audit of book	-0	0	0
Grand Lodge - Office Supplies & Expenses	1,000.00	3,600.00	2,600.00+
Grand Lodge - Postage	1,500.00	1,200.00	300.00-
Grand Lodge - Transcript of Proceedings	-0	0	0
Grand Lodge - Telephone	750.00	750.00	0
Grand Lodge – Printing Exp. – Forms, blanks	0	0	0
Grand Lodge – Conf. on Fraternal Recognition	100.00	0	100.00-
Grand Lodge – Dues – Masonic Service Assoc.	50.00	100.00	50.00+
Grand Lodge - Dues – Masonic Relief Assoc.	0	0	0
Depreciations Expense:	0	750.00	0
Miscellaneous	1,200.00	600.00	600.00-
<b>SUB – TOTAL II</b>	<b>\$14,200.00</b>	<b>\$16,000.00</b>	<b>1,800.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>\$22,000.00</b>	<b>\$27,750.00</b>	<b>5,750.00+</b>

**PRO-FORMA STATEMENT OF AVAILABLE FUNDS,  
ANTICIPATED AND EXPENSES FISCAL/CALENDAR YEAR 1982**

**ESTIMATED INCOME**

Grand Lodge per Capita Tax	\$10,000.00	
Fees or degrees conferred and dual/affiliate memberships	750.00	
Contribution to General fund from Petitioners for Degrees	5,000.00	
Sale of merchandise - excess		
Income over cost of sales	750.00	
Interest income on investments	1,500.00	
 Total estimated income		 <b>\$18,000.00</b>
 Estimate of funds on hand at the beginning of year-carried over from previous period		 17,000.00

ESTIMATE OF TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR YEAR 1982	\$35,000.00
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**EXPENSES**

As per the Proposed budget for Fiscal/Calendar Year 1982	27,750.00
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ESTIMATE EXCESS OF AVAILABLE FUNDS OVER PROPOSED EXPENSES	<b><u>\$ 7,250.00</u></b>
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## **Masonic Research and Education**

No report from the Masonic Research and Education Committee was received at the time of publication.

## **Masonic Public Relations**

To The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska:

The Special Assignment given to this Committee by the Grand Master was to explore the need, feasibility, and cost of a Grand Lodge news bulletin. The proposal was discussed among the Committee members at the Stated meetings of a number of Lodges and with individual Brethren. There was agreement that a periodic newsletter is needed and desired to keep the Brethren informed of and interested in Masonic activities Statewide. Its success would depend on contribution of news items from the Lodges and a considerable amount of volunteer time for putting such a periodical together. This has its problems.

The preponderance of Brethren were greatly concerned about costs to the young Grand Lodge, and for that reason only, were generally not in favor of a newsletter at this time unless it was funded by subscriptions.

The cost for 2,000 copies, camera ready, printed commercially on both sides of an 8" X 14" page with no pictures and folded by the printer would be about \$150 per issue. A one-page letter on 11" X 17" paper ranges from \$212 to \$244. If not camera ready, the price rises about \$160. Added to these prices are about \$100 for address labels and roughly \$118 for postage. That, by the way, is at the bulk rate at a nonprofit rate. This makes a printed, camera-ready periodical cost about \$450 a month, \$1,800 quarterly, or \$5,400 annually.

The cost could, of course, be cut by Grand Lodge office work in the preparation for printing, label preparation, and folding. With present staffing and resources, this is totally unreasonable.

Cost reductions could also be achieved by negotiating lower printing costs, by typing the copy on bond paper and Xeroxing the publication, or by using stencils. Costs of paper, machine rentals, labels, and postage would still almost be \$300 per issue. The time required to put this type of publication together is likewise unreasonable for present office staffing. Voluntary help would be mandatory.

The Committee therefore recommends that:

- (1) Publication of a newsletter be temporarily deferred.
- (2) Grand Lodge request each Lodge to canvas its members through its local bulletin to secure a commitment to the subscription system or to agree to be

assessed for a monthly or quarterly publication. Assessments would probably have to be about \$3 a year. Subscriptions may be higher because a percentage of the members may not be interested.

- (3) If the financial situation is accommodated, the Grand Master appoint an Editor and two assistant Editors to assure that the total workload is not borne by one person.
- (4) Initial publication when started would be quarterly rather than monthly.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil R. Bassett, Chairman  
Lloyd W. Ives  
Wayne G. Coleman

Report received for the record.

## **Public Schools**

No report from the Public Schools Committee was received at the time of publication.

## **DeMolay**

To The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska:

This being the first Committee report to come before this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, I feel it necessary to bring to the Brethren present some of the history of DeMolay.

The Order was founded in 1919 in Kansas City, Missouri by Dad Frank S. Land and nine boys who needed brotherhood and fraternal guidance. It was decided at one of the earlier meetings that the Order would require Masonic sponsorship. Through the years and today, a Chapter of DeMolay requires at least five Master Masons as sponsors before it can be chartered. Also, it cannot meet without a Council of Advisors, one of which, called the Chapter Dad, must be present.

DeMolay in Alaska has had many ups and downs. It started in 1931 and at one time, our Territorial Governor was Executive Officer for Alaska DeMolay. There were nine Chapters in existence in the 40's and 50's. It suffered a decline in the early 60's and 70's and we hope is now on the return. At this time there are three Chapters in this jurisdiction: Anchorage Chapter, Arctic Chapter, and Kenai Peninsula Chapter. The growth rate of these Chapters has not been spectacular but has been steady. DeMolay is not a stepping-stone into Masonry, or is it a pre-school for the Fraternity, however, many of the senior DeMolays have gone on to become Master Masons. In past years, fifty of our boys have become Grand Masters. In our local area, as they become of age, there is a small but steady influx of DeMolay into the Fraternity.

Reporting on the last year's happenings, these events were of importance to DeMolay. Our Conclave in March was a huge success. Most Worshipful Grand Master James Williams gave an excellent speech at our opening luncheon. One hundred and sixty people attended our awards banquet at the Rabbit Creek Inn. Recognition is here paid to Brother Lyle Brown for donating the cost of the meal to DeMolay Association. Thanks also to the many people who made the event a complete success.

The first of July, the Arctic Chapter and the Kenai Chapter each sponsored one DeMolay to a leadership conference at Auburn, Washington. This is a one-week school intent on teaching leadership.

A Statewide advisors' meeting was held in Anchorage, a first in many years. We hope to continue these meetings as much was accomplished. Plans are under way on the 1982 Statewide Conclave in Fairbanks.

Addressing now some of the needs of DeMolay: The most pressing need this Committee found is advisor participation. There are many areas of activity in the DeMolay structure. If advisors are available to be assigned to each activity, much more interest is stimulated by the boys. Those areas cover sports, religion, education, music, and the arts. This Committee suggests to any Master Mason to come and experience the thrill of watching a young boy grow into manhood by your guidance and support.

This Committee thanks you for the privilege of serving on this first Alaska Grand Lodge DeMolay Committee. We hope that this will inspire continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Lloyd Triggs, Chairman  
Jerry Sims  
Clifford Darnell

Brother Lloyd Triggs then spoke further:

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I would like to request at this time a postscript with your permission.

I would like to express my sincere thanks for your support this morning on the DeMolay resolution. I felt it needs your support and it indicated to me and the advisors present, that we do have much support from our Grand Lodge. I would like also, to add or reiterate that there is much room for advisor support. Now, and in the future, we would like to establish DeMolay in some of the outlying areas. If you find in your area that there are boys that need what we have to offer and you would like to see them advance into a leadership program, I make myself available to you while I'm here in Anchorage, or anytime for that matter, to contact me and I will get you the material that is available from International Supreme Council to establish a new Chapter or to establish a club until

that time that we can get a new Chapter started so that these boys will grow to be substantial young citizens, experienced in leadership and able to carry on the government of our country. I think the attendance of our State Master Councilor here today has given you an example what DeMolay has done and is doing in this State. I thank you very much for being here.

Report received for the record.

## **Bylaws**

To The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska:

The Committee on Bylaws has reviewed during the past 12 months, five bylaws proposals from two constituent Lodges of this jurisdiction. This consisted of five proposals for amending existing Bylaws. The five amendments involved the following subjects: One increase in dues, one increase in fees for life membership, and three changes of Lodge administration.

The amendment proposals came to the Committee in proper form to be forwarded promptly to the Grand Master with the Committee's recommendation for approval. The Committee on Bylaws has received cooperation and helpfulness in its contacts with the constituent Lodges, the Grand Lodge office, the Grand Master, and has undertaken to respond with understanding and promptness. It has been a pleasure to serve the Grand Lodge and we request that this report be received and made part of the permanent record of this First Communication.

Fairbanks Lodge No. 12 and Matanuska Lodge No. 7 submitted proposed Bylaws and Bylaw amendments which, in accordance with Section 20 of the Bylaws of the Alaska Masonic Code, have been examined and referred to the Grand Master for approval or disapproval.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray G. Williams, Chairman

Charles F. Lewis

Eugene R. Freeman

Report received for the record.



# REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

## Report of Grand Chaplain (Necrology)

We remember these brethren who have laid down their working tools, as reported by the Constituent Lodges in their monthly reports for 1981

*Eternal God*

*We praise you for the great company of all those Masonic Brothers who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labor.*

*We praise you for those dear to us whom we name in our hearts before you.*

*Especially we praise you for whom you have graciously received into your presence*

*To all of these grant your peace.*

*Let perpetual light shine upon them: and help us so to believe where we have not seen, that your presence may lead us through our ears, into the joy of your home not made with hands, but eternal in the heavens.*

*Amen*

### **White Pass Lodge No. 1**

**James Clinton Hoyt, PM**

**March 5, 1981**

**Francis Steven Lewis, PM**

**August 11, 1981**

### **Anvil Lodge No. 2**

**John Johnson Shuford**

**September 19, 1981**

**Charles Woodrow Frazier**

**November 1981**

### **Tanana Lodge No. 3**

**Fredrick Lynn Ebert**

**March 23, 1981**

**Adam Thomas Anderson**

**March 27, 1981**

**Denny Gerald Breaid**

**April 16, 1981**

**Marvin Junior Green, PM**

**May 4, 1981**

**Elden John Butler**

**May 28, 1981**

**Frank Thompson Fleshman**

**July 22, 1981**

**Eugene B. Woodcox**

**September 15, 1981**

**Alden Lytton Wilbur, Jr.**

**September 16, 1981**

**Jens Martin Jorgensen, PM**

**October 1, 1981**

**John Gary Dunkin**

**November 1, 1981**

**Robert Grover McCarty, PM**

**November 2, 1981**

### **Valdez Lodge No. 4**

**Henry Thomas Rowbottom**

**Sometime in 1972**

**James Alden Rasmussen**

**April 7, 1981**

**Herman John Sontag, PM**

**July 31, 1981**

<b>Seward Lodge No. 6</b>	
<b>Homer Kyros</b>	<b>August 11, 1980</b>
<b>Edward Phillips Harwood</b>	<b>September 19, 1981</b>
<b>Matanuska Lodge No. 7</b>	
<b>James Richard Weltzheimer</b>	<b>February 12, 1981</b>
<b>Clarence Charles Hoffman, PM</b>	<b>November 2, 1981</b>
<b>Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8</b>	
<b>Lewis Lestock</b>	<b>June 1981</b>
<b>Benjamin Franklin Mansell</b>	<b>October 1981</b>
<b>James Howard Tretzel</b>	<b>December 19, 1980</b>
<b>Kodiak Lodge No. 9</b>	
<b>John B. Shoemaker, PM</b>	<b>December 5, 1981</b>
<b>Glacier Lodge No. 10</b>	
<b>Edward Neal Dodd</b>	<b>March 17, 1981</b>
<b>Ronald Hubert Dennison</b>	<b>October 14, 1981</b>
<b>Joseph Little Oneha</b>	<b>October 30, 1981</b>
<b>Fairbanks Lodge No. 12</b>	
<b>Floyd William Schwinn</b>	<b>December 30, 1981</b>

Our condolences go to the family and friends of each of these Brethren

**They may be gone from us, but they are not forgotten.**

### **Memorial Prayer**

*Almighty God, Our Gracious Heavenly Father, we pause today in memory of those dear Brethren who have answered the roll call. We regret their leaving, Heavenly Father, but allow us not to mourn their leaving because, according to the Rule and Guide of our Faith, Thou hast promised us that Thou is going to make a place, where Thou was, we could be also.*

*We pray this day that each and every one of us will keep our life as spotless as that Fair Emblem so that when we have come to the end of life's worrisome journey we may join them in that Celestial Lodge on High. This we pray in the name of God and Supreme Grand Architect of the Universe. Amen.*

W R. S. "Red" Richart, Grand Chaplain

## Report of Grand Lecturer

To The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska:

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished East, Right Worshipfuls, Very Worshipfuls, Worshipfuls, and Brethren I've got an awful act to follow here; I don't know how you worked this out where you could get all these renowned speakers up here and then ask the hams to come up last. He sure did a fine job on that. Jim has done a fine job all year and I've enjoyed working with him.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Members of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alaska:

This past year has been an honor and a great deal of pleasure that I will cherish throughout my life. I see the Grand Lecturer's job as the Secretary of State's job is to the President of the United States. I feel that it is his duty to carry out the messages and the programs of the Grand Master.

In traveling throughout the Jurisdiction in the State of Alaska last year, I have tried to do just that. In our travels throughout the Jurisdiction, we have visited Lodges and have received and enjoyed the Brotherhood of Masonry like I have never seen in my Masonic life.

I feel that the cause of the Grand Lodge of Alaska, the visitations to the Lodges, this past year, we have helped cement Brotherhood and have gotten better acquainted with our Brethren than we have ever been.

The second part of the Grand Lecturer's job, as I see it, is to suggest and encourage and direct, if possible, the work that should be done in accordance with the work the Grand Lodge is adopting. Through the suggestions and encouragement we have given to the Lodges this past year, I feel, we have accomplished a great deal. I feel that we have done this without being dictatorial in any way.

There was a lot accomplished in the past year. When we formed the Grand Lodge of Alaska, we adopted the Work from the Washington Jurisdiction. I feel that we do this Work in accordance with the Work that we presented ourselves to be to the Masonic world when we asked for Masonic recognition.

We can be proud of the Work that we do. I can be proud of this Work we have done in the past year. When we can do this Work and leave the little differences that we may have in our Lodges, being human as we are, I can feel proud of our work in the Grand Lodge of Alaska. This has been a goal that we have set forth to accomplish. We have come a long ways down that road and we still have a few miles yet to go. For the past year, I'm very proud of all of the achievements. We visited all of the Lodges in the Jurisdiction, most of them more than on one occasion. From the Brotherhood that we created, I can see the Grand Lodge of Alaska going forward year by year, and because of

this, I wish to thank the Brethren for the cooperation, for the opportunity to have served this year as the first Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Alaska.

I want to thank you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, for the opportunity of working with you this past year. It has been a pleasure that I'll cherish the rest of my life.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred M. White  
Grand Lecturer

Report received for the record.

## **Report of Grand Orator**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska, Distinguished East and Brethren All:

I need not say that is a two-mile stone in my Masonic life in Alaska. It was twenty-seven years ago that I was active with a group in Alaska that started talking and working towards the Grand Lodge of Alaska. Twenty-six years later we had our Lodge last year, and at that time we had built the forms, we had set up all the Rules and Regulations and things that were needed to have a Grand Lodge. At that time we were ready to pour the cement and make the foundations for a Grand Lodge in Alaska. During this last year, Most Worshipful Grand Master, I feel that your officers and members of the Lodges in Alaska have fulfilled and built and poured into the forms for the foundation the essence of a foundation that will last for many, many years to come, in fact, I hope eternally as far as it is in Alaska.

Now comes the time, one year later, that we need to start building the superstructure as to what it's going to be. In that superstructure we need to house and plan for the housing and the accommodation of Freemasonry in Alaska. The mixture of the work that has been done and the work that will be done from now on, we do not know. We know this, that this first year and the year preceding that, we came into this Grand Lodge in the black. We are still in the black, and in our budget that you have heard, there is money to carry on this year. We do need to keep it that way, and I say that from experience in other organizations, this is the way that we planned the Rainbow Grand Assembly of Alaska. We had the first Grand Assembly paid for before we started it, and at the Grand Assembly, we raised the money to have the second one. At the second, we raised money for the third.

Today, nineteen years later, we have a cash balance of all assets, some of them are permanent funds that we can't spend, we have about \$20,000 in our treasury. That has come out at about \$1,000 a year. They are sound financially and in organization, although

they are not as strong in membership as they were then, they are still strong. I see no reason at all why Masonry in Alaska can't be that same thing.

The future of Alaska, I feel, is very definitely dependent on membership. So the question comes: How are we going to have members? How are we going to expand our Lodges and our membership? We know that from this past year that depending entirely upon membership, from the Lodges that are now established in Alaska, that we lost eight members. It doesn't take many years, if this continues, that it isn't. I feel that we should take Masonry to where the members or where the future members are living and working. We go back to the beginning of Lodges in Alaska. Where were the Lodges at that time? There was a Lodge in Skagway, and what was Skagway at the time that Lodge was formed? It was a take-off point to the Interior of Alaska, strictly an itinerant population, but they did form, and during the years of that formation of Alaska, really, the Lodge played a big part and they had a large membership and so on. Today that isn't true, but the Lodge is still there for a few, and it's still strong on their own. It only takes a few members with a firm dedication to keep that Lodge going.

You might say, then, as to where we are going to have these Lodges. I know that there are enough Masons in this room that have been in Alaska as long as I have, that have been over Alaska from all corners of Alaska and have visited the Lodges. We know the people and we know our resources. Let's talk for a second of resources; there isn't another State in the Union that has the resources that Alaska has. Let's take a few of them to build up your ego on whether or not Alaska can afford it.

Transportation is probably coming up to be one of the cheapest things that Alaska has. Almost everything that we use in Alaska comes in on a boat, airplane, or a barge, or by train, or by some way in here. All of that transportation, pounds, hundreds of millions of tons a year, goes back to the South 48 empty. We've got minerals running out our ears; we've got other resources here that are running out our ears, but not developed. For transportation, alone, let's fill those ships up with materials from Alaska and send it back.

Some of the places that we may have that I feel that these areas are well in a position to support a Lodge. What do you need to have a Lodge? You need a few Masons, dedicated to the principles of Masonry, and have an interest in their community to see that the future of that community stays well within the bounds and the principles of Masonry.

May I take Eagle River, red hot for a Lodge out at Eagle River. There are a lot of members out there, and there are a few of them driving to Anchorage. There are over 20,000 people on the other side of Eagle River between there and Chugiak. If 20,000 people can't support a Lodge, then there is something wrong between Masons that we don't get going.

Secondly, at Homer, and I need not tell you folks down the Kenai Peninsula, that there are a lot of Masons down there, and there are a lot of fellows that are probably hungry for Masonry. That community, I know, from past experience of knowing people there, they want that community to be a representative community and take their place.

Wrangell is another place. I've attended meetings of several Masons in Wrangell in past years down there, and the meeting was out in a fishing boat out on the water waiting for the next time they could put their nets out and go to work. They practically had a Masonic meeting there, but there isn't a Lodge in Wrangell. They go over to Petersburg for it. How many more members in that Wrangell area would be Masons if they had the Lodge there rather than having to go over to Petersburg to go to Lodge. The men are there, and the place to meet is there, so we need a few Masons to get to work.

Annette Island is another one. I'll just go through these. Bethel - plenty of population and plenty of interested people, resources and all. Point Barrow, Prudhoe Bay, what a red-hot place for a Lodge in Prudhoe Bay. Those fellows in their off hours have got hours and hours to spend, and it would be spent probably with working with other fellows. They're doing it today as a dub, but there is plenty of room there for a Lodge. Big Delta, Glennallen, Kotzebue, Wasilla, King Salmon, North Pole, and many others.

If the people, take going to Nenana from the Fairbanks area, if there was a Lodge at Nenana, how many Masons do you feel that you could get down there? We know from experience this way too, if we will look at the Lodge and the Grand Lodge and the Lodges that are active and working in this Grand Lodge, our newest members, as Lodges are concerned, are our strongest members working for this Grand Lodge and active. I think that it is true in any organization. So what if a few of those will start and maybe fall by the wayside ten years from now, but isn't it worth it?

Let's look down at Southeastern. We're talking about the big mineral project down there and how many thousands of people they are going to have. Wouldn't it be worth it to have a Lodge there when they once get started so that they could be working at Lodge work in their off hours out there in the woods and away from town rather than doing the other things that they might do? The same thing is true in other places. Say that one of these dams should start up here in Alaska, the Susitna Dam. There's going to be hundreds of people up there working, thousands of people up there working during the construction. It is going to take five or ten years. Can't we establish and build within those men working on that project and supervising that project, Masonry that will be carried from hither to yon and that they will never lose it? At the close of the building of the dam, probably the Lodge will have to close, but those fellows are going to be Masons and they are going to be imbued with it and they will have it. Nine chances out of ten, there will be enough people left at those sites to carry on a Lodge.

I would like to predict, and I hope that if some of these things were carried out, that within five years that our membership will double in Alaska in Masonry providing we get the Lodges out to where the population is. I don't think we need to expect the growth in Masonry if we hope to bring them in hundreds of miles by air and the expense to be a Mason.

I look at this as somewhat like a marriage in these new Lodges. How many of you would have ever married if you had to wait until you had a home built and paid for before you

got married? I doubt if ten people in this room would stand up if you answered that question truthfully.

But didn't it last? You had a purpose and a goal to go to, and I think the same thing is true with new Lodges. If you can get a handful of dedicated men with the principles that you need and a place to meet. What is a place to meet in Masonry? I know from personal experiences that Lodges in North Dakota and in Alaska that the Lodges don't have to have a big edifice in order to have a Lodge.

We can take Palmer for instance. They have a beautiful Lodge there. It is small, but it is adequate for a small community, and in these outlying areas, they can get some place. The recreation rooms in many, many homes here in Alaska are plenty large enough to hold a Lodge. They can be secured. So, we have a group of Masons, a place to meet, and the dedication. How many dollars does it take? It doesn't take a fortune. I know that we can do it.

If we could follow, from here on out, that we have the foundation, and it is complete and solid as we have seen at this Grand Session, that our operational, should I say "procedures," and so on, are solid or we would have a lot of resolutions and changes to be made. It is holding good, and I say it is holding good because we have had and been a part of and we have lived by the Code of Washington for thirty or forty years, or longer than that, of course, for Masonry in Alaska, but I personally have been for that. We've had good teachings, we've had good principles and good guidance, and I think we've had that established in our own Grand Lodge now, and if we can accept a little challenge that I gave you a year ago, that is to "let our Masonry be good, better, best, never let it rest 'till your good is better and your better is best." Thank you.

Robert M. Parkins  
Grand Orator

Address received for the record.

## **Report of Grand Historian**

To The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska:

In this first Grand Historian Report of the Grand Lodge of Alaska, Free and Accepted Masons, I have attempted to record some of the beginning events of Masonry in these United States and our Mother Lodge, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington. Five years before the Declaration of Independence was signed in Philadelphia, Henry Somerset, Fifth Duke of Beaufort, Grand Master of England, issued a commission to Joseph Montfort of Halifax in the Province of North Carolina to establish a Lodge of Master Masons. It was a time of political unrest.

A group of malcontents or patriots, depending upon which side one happened to be, including Patrick Henry of Virginia and Samuel Adams of Massachusetts, were agitating against the mother country and the established Order. Apparently, at least, among the leaders there was no middle road. History tells us that Montfort, Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North Carolina, also born in England, early sided with the Colonies. William Brimage, Grand Secretary of the Provisional Grand Lodge, stood loyal to the British. His disloyalty to the Colonies was manifest in plots, and he was said to be the ringleader with others in an effort to capture the powder magazine at Tarborough in 1777. However, his effort was unsuccessful.

Upon Grand Master Montfort's death in 1776, the Charter had expired. It was not until nine years later, in 1785, that the Charter was revised. Not a great deal was chronicled during the subsequent years, but we do know that from 1801 to 1813 one Grand Lodge served both the State of North Carolina and Tennessee. It was known as the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee. We find that in 1813, with complete harmony between the States, the seven subordinate Lodges of Tennessee petitioned asking for an independent Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

Two years later the Grand Lodge of Tennessee issued a dispensation to the Brethren of St. Louis and Missouri Territory. Subsequently, Charters were also issued to St. Charles and Joachim Lodges in 1819. In 1821, these three Lodges united in forming the Grand Lodge of Missouri. Evidently the party was not as harmonious as it might have been, for the Grand Lodge of Tennessee continued to build individual Lodges for a number of years.

In 1846, the Grand Lodge of Missouri chartered Multnomah Lodge No. 84 at Oregon City, Oregon Territory. During February of 1846, the Masons had inserted an advertisement in the first issue of the Oregon Spectator of Oregon City calling a meeting of all members of the Masonic Fraternity to adopt some measure to obtain a Charter for a Lodge. Seven Masons attended the meeting and a petition was dispatched to the Grand Lodge of Missouri by Hudson Bay Company Express. The petition covering a territory extending from Mexico to Canada and from the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific Ocean was granted in October 1846, but it was to be two years more before the Charter was delivered to Oregon City.

We might look briefly into conditions as they existed in the Pacific Northwest at the time. Five years before the entire country had been under the control of the Hudson Bay Company with Dr. John McLaughlin, the doughty old Governor, controlling all the company's affairs west of the Rockies. He ruled from Ft. Vancouver with a strong but benevolent hand, and to the better behaved of the United States frontiersmen, it was his practice to give employment. In fact, it was he who in 1844 encouraged a party headed by Michael Simmons to journey to Puget Sound, where they set up the first sawmill in what is now Washington State. The same Simmons later became the First Junior Warden of Olympia Masonic Lodge No. 1.



Some doubts exist as to the exact date when the Charter of Multnomah Lodge reached Oregon City, after a delayed overland voyage from St. Joseph, Missouri. We do know that the original trustees of the Charter, after several scrimmages with Indians, stopped at Ft. Paul near the present site of Black Foot, Idaho. While there, they received word that gold had been discovered at Sutter's Mill in California, and they entrusted the Charter to Brothers Orrin and Joseph Kellogg for final delivery.

Multnomah Lodge No. 84, Oregon City, Oregon Territory was organized and duly constituted on September 11, 1848, and progress flowed northward.

In 1851 we find three Master Masons, Michael T. Simmons, mentioned earlier, Thornton F. McElroy, and J.W. Wiley with others petitioning Congress to form Columbia Territory north of the Columbia River. Shortly after Brother Simmons reached Olympia, he was appointed Postmaster. It is recorded that he carried the mail in his cap and dispensed it as he met his fellow citizens on the trail. Later, Brother Thornton F. McElroy became the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Territory of Washington.

The scarcity of ladies seemed to have been a common complaint often referred to in the press of the day. The Grand Lodge of Washington Territory in 1861 recognized the problem with the following: "Whereas it being notorious that some persons, claiming to be Master Masons in good standing, are now and have been in the habit of living openly with Indian women to whom they are not married, thus bringing the good name of the Fraternity into disgrace.

"Resolved, that the spirit of Freemasonry is calculated to promote virtue, and barriers by which society is governed deserves the severest reprehension of all good Masons."

A supposedly true story is told that about this time an old Indian brought his daughter into Elk City, Idaho, where the Indians were prone to come once a week to sell their wares. On this particular day, the young daughter was comely and was offered as an article of trade. Three bidders immediately presented themselves. The first offered 50 cents in cash and three deer hides. The second offered \$3.50 in cash, and the third, two fishhooks. The third offer was the one that was accepted because fishhooks, too, were in short supply.

Shortly after the news of the formation of the new Territory reached Olympia, Brother McElroy and a few other Masons conceived the idea of forming a Masonic Lodge. Accordingly he and six other Brothers petitioned the Grand Lodge of Oregon. The petition was granted in December 1852. For the next few years the settlers were busily occupied with their troubles with the Indians. The Lodge minutes note a number of Masonic funerals of the Brothers who had been killed in the Indian uprising.

In 1855 the Battle of Seattle was fought. In 1856 Major Haller, who later became our eleventh Most Worshipful Grand Master, was dispatched to Ft. Townsend to construct a

fort to enforce the Indian treaty of 1854 and protect the Indians against the attacks of the fierce Indians from Queen Charlotte Sound.

In July 1858, however, the Grand Lodge of Oregon granted Charters to two new Lodges in the Territory of Washington, Grand Mound Lodge No. 21 and Vancouver Lodge No. 22. In December 1858, twenty-two delegates met and formed the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Territory of Washington, our Mother Grand Lodge.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Washington chartered 17 Masonic Lodges in the Territory of Alaska: Alaska Lodge No. 14, Sitka, September 17, 1869, revoked October 18, 1872; Jamestown Lodge No. 33, Sitka, June, 1880, Charter annulled June 8, 1887; White Pass No. 113, Skagway, June 12, 1901; Gastineaux Lodge No. 124, Douglas, June 10, 1903; Anvil Lodge No. 140, Nome, June 14, 1905; Mt. Juneau Lodge No. 147, June 14, 1905; Ketchikan Lodge No. 159, Ketchikan, June 12, 1907; Tanana Lodge No. 162, Fairbanks, June 17, 1908; Valdez Lodge No. 168, Valdez, June 17, 1908; Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 183, Cordova, June 14, 1911; Seward Lodge No. 219, Seward, June 14, 1917; Anchorage Lodge No. 221, Anchorage, June 14, 1917; Petersburg Lodge No. 262, Petersburg, June 11, 1924; Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 291, Sitka, June 21, 1950; Matanuska Lodge No. 293, Palmer, June 20, 1951; Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 294, Anchorage, June 17, 1952; and Kodiak Lodge No. 295, Kodiak, June 17, 1952.

Four Masonic Lodges were chartered in the State of Alaska by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Washington: Glacier Lodge No. 303, Anchorage, June 21, 1961; Kenai Lodge No. 307, Soldotna, June 21, 1972; Fairbanks Lodge No. 308, Fairbanks, June 22, 1977; and Adak Lodge No. 309, Adak, June 21, 1978.

During the years of 1951 and 1971 various meetings of the All-Alaska breakfast, or District Meetings as they were sometimes called, were graced with the presence of such noble Brothers, as all these are Most Worshipfuls: Most Worshipful Fred Winkles, Walter T. Higgins, Frank M. Fulton, Robert H. Guthry, Albert J. Ring, Elmer C. Huntley, Charles W. Johnson, Albert N. Bradford, Raymond L. Peel, George H. Bovingdon, Haskell Johns, Audley Mahaffey, Robert L. Gilmore, Frank E. Ulin, Wayne J. Deming, Milton V. Poe, Bill P. Horn, Thomas H. Craig, Clyde B. Mix, Alden H. Jones, Fred S. Sandoz, James O. Wood, Roy Foss, Toby Johnson, Wayne A. Sparger, Herbert M. Edman and many other Brothers expressing words of wisdom and advice to the Alaska Brothers.

June 1972, Resolution No. 7 was presented to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Washington by the Alaska members requesting that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Washington shall establish an Alaskan Advisory Committee to serve as unbiased consultants to the Masonic Lodges of Alaska as to the desire and feasibilities of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Alaska. The resolution to this effect was kept for the record and no action necessary.

The all-Alaska stag dinner was held June 16, 1976, and it was at this meeting the historic turning point was reached in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Alaska. The time now

being right, Brother Roy H. Prestegard moved that an Alaska Square & Compass Club be formed to serve as the agency to proceed with fundraising, research, and planning, seconded by Brother Robert E. Moore. The chief objection was the title, "Square and Compass Club," and the motion carried with 32 yeas and 9 nays.

The organization, having a name, officers were elected as follows: Al Brookman, President; George Bogner, VP; Henry Lee Hall, Secretary/Treasurer.

With discussion of the previous actions, a resolution was presented to change the title of the organization to Alaska Masonic Research Association and that the officers elected to the Alaska Square and Compass Club be proclaimed elected officers of the Alaska Masonic Research Association; moved by Brother J. Lawson, and it was seconded by Kenneth C. McElroy, and the motion carried.

The Secretary/Treasurer was instructed to prepare a preliminary draft of the Bylaws to be presented to the delegates at the next meeting, February 3, 4, 5, 1977 in Anchorage. This would be a combined meeting with the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Washington for an All-Alaska Masonic Seminar, as for all the February meetings which followed to February 1981. The Alaska Masonic Research Association (AMRA) was organized for the purpose of investigating the Alaska Grand Lodge formation more seriously than previous efforts. Most Worshipful Grand Master Fred Sandoz gave AMRA an official sanction of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Washington and authorized it to proceed.

Since that time, each Grand Master of Washington Free and Accepted Masons has given approval, advice and encouragement to AMRA. During the winter of 1976 and 1977, a Code Committee of knowledgeable Past Masters drafted a proposed Code for the proposed Grand Lodge of Alaska. This Code was amended and accepted at the February 1977 meeting in Anchorage, with the assistance and advice of Most Worshipful Alden H. Jones, Past Grand Master of Washington.

The Code was formally adopted in June 1977 for Alaska Grand Lodge consideration when the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alaska is formed. The proposed Code is copied from the Grand Lodge of Washington Code, Ritual, and Monitor with changes only where necessary for Alaska Grand Lodge. June 1979, the AMRA members voted to accelerate the program and proceed toward the formation of the Grand Lodge of Alaska.

February 1980 at Soldotna, Alaska, a decision was made: If a majority of Lodges voted "yes" the Grand Lodge of Alaska would be formed. A majority "yes" vote of 10 Lodges to 9 was received. It was then deemed proper to delay a year to allow time for the Lodges voting "no" to reconsider and participate in the formation of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alaska in February 1981.

At the 123rd Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Washington, June 1980, the Alaska delegates submitted a resolution No. 17-80, "Resolved that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of

Washington has no objection to the formation of the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska."

By the time the scheduled Convention of Lodges was convened February 3, 1981, progressive reasoning had prevailed, and the Delegates of ten Lodges with proper credentials and instructions from their Lodge voted to proceed.

The Delegate from one negative Lodge then announced his Lodge had instructed him to vote with the majority, and changed that Lodge vote from nay to yea. Another negative Lodge reconsidered the matter at their stated Communication meeting that evening, and their Delegate reported to the Convention with a positive vote on the following day. February 4, 1981, a favorable majority of 12 Lodges to 7 was received in favor of forming a Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alaska Free and Accepted Masons.

The Convention of Alaska Lodges, Constitutional Convention, was convened in Anchorage, Alaska on February 3, 1981 pursuant to a call and an amendment to the call issued by Anvil Lodge No. 140, Nome. The vote described above and actions related to the call filled the first day. February 4th was devoted to the activities of the several Committees.

The morning of February 5th, the Convention adopted with further amendments the Constitution and Bylaws Code which had been prepared by AMRA and amended by the Convention Code Jurisprudence Committee.

The afternoon of the 5th, Anvil Lodge No. 140 was opened in due form, and Grand Lodge Officers were elected by secret ballot in the regular Masonic manner. Since this election was not under the authority of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Washington, and as such might be questioned later, Anvil Lodge No. 140 was closed in due form, and a Lodge of Master Masons without designation was opened for the purpose of reaffirming the election results. The Lodge was called to refreshment.

February 6, the newly elected and appointed officers of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alaska Free and Accepted Mason., were installed with public ceremony at the Anchorage Westward Hotel. Installing officers were, at the request of the Grand Master-elect: Most Worshipful Roy Foss, Past Grand Master, Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Washington; Most Worshipful Byron C. Jenkins, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nebraska, acting Marshal, Most Worshipful Francis D. Hess, Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Montana, acting Grand Chaplain; Most Worshipful Charles Moulthrop, Jr., Past Grand Master of Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Michigan, acting Grand Secretary.

On completion of the installation ceremony, Most Worshipful Byron C. Jenkins, Grand Master of Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska read a communication to the Grand Lodge Officers, members, and guests establishing fraternal recognition between the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and the Grand

Lodge of Alaska, until confirmed at the next Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nebraska, June 12 and 13, 1981.

Brother Jenkins invited all Masons to attend the Grand Session of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, June 1981, at Omaha, Nebraska. At the conclusion of his remarks and invitation he was given a long, standing ovation, expression of appreciation of his participation in attendance of this Constitutional Convention.

February 7, 1981, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska opened the First Special Communication in Ample Form at 10:30 a.m. Resolutions were submitted and adopted to proceed with the following: (1) Endorse into the Grand Lodge of Alaska the original Charters of twelve Alaska Lodges with a reassigned number. White Pass Lodge No. 113 became No. 1, Anvil Lodge No. 140 became No. 2, Tanana Lodge No. 162 became No. 3, Valdez Lodge No. 168 became No. 4, Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 183 became No. 5, Seward Lodge No. 219 became No. 6, Matanuska Lodge No. 293 became No. 7, Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 294 became No. 8, Kodiak Lodge No. 295 became No. 9, Glacier Lodge No. 303 became No. 10, Kenai Lodge No. 307 became No. 11, Fairbanks Lodge No. 308 became No. 12. (2) Mail a communication informing each Grand jurisdiction of the formation of the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska, February 6, 1981, and requesting fraternal recognition this Grand Lodge of Alaska. (3) Adopt the Esoteric Work and Monitor of the Grand Lodge of Washington, changing only where necessary to delete the word "Washington" and insert the word "Alaska." (4) Adopt the Code as amended and adopted by the Convention of Lodges, February 5, 1981 as the Alaska Masonic Code. (5) Adopt the budget as proposed by the Convention Finance Committee.

From a historical standpoint, the formation of the Grand Lodge of Alaska must be the most significant event of the year. For the first time since 1889, 92 years ago, in these United States, when the Grand Lodge of North Dakota was formed, has any Masonic event of such magnitude been accomplished. Alaska Masons have opportunities and challenges which will be met in the same spirit which marked the advancement of Masonry during the past. As Grand Historian, I believe the Convention of Lodges Constitutional Convention proceeded in a Masonic manner. The results have been: Grand Lodge of Alaska has received recognition from 41 Grand Lodges in the United States, 6 Grand Lodges of Canada, and 23 Grand Lodges of other Foreign Grand Jurisdictions. Thank you, Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Respectfully submitted,

Glen W. Pruett  
Grand Historian

Report received for the record.

## **Charters and New Lodges**

To The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska:

We the Committee on Charters and New Lodges regret to report that there have been no requests for dispensations to form new Lodges nor were there any Charters issued.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell C. Milligan  
Charles I. Gregg  
Roy Foss, Committee

Report received for the record.

## **Report of Segregations and Reference Committee**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Report**

To The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska:

We, the Committee on Segregation and Reference to whom was referred the message and appendix of the Grand Master, report as follows:

1. That the following sections of the Grand Master's message and appendix be approved: Conference of Grand Masters and Fraternal Recognition, Incorporation, Finances, Necrology, Appreciation, Special Installations, Public Schools, Permission Granted for Temporary Change of Meeting Place, Lodge Bylaws, Appointments of Grand Representatives of the Grand Lodge near other Grand Lodges, Recommendations for Appointments as Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Alaska, Visits to the other Grand Jurisdictions, Visitations, Addresses, and Meetings.
2. That the following sections be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence: Authorization given to Masonic Club and Rulings.
3. That the following section be referred to the Committee on Finance: Recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

Willie R. Josey, Chairman  
Richard T. Coffin

Report received for the record

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Report**

To The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska:

We the Committee on Segregation and Reference to whom was referred the report of the Grand Secretary, report as follows: That the report of the Grand Secretary be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted,

Willie R. Josey, Chairman  
Richard T. Coffin

Report received for the record.

# MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

## Grand Master Biographical Sketch

Most Worshipful James A. "Jim" Williams was born in Colfax, Washington on February 5, 1918 to James A. and Eva Williams. He attended primary and secondary schools in several towns in eastern Washington, graduated from Stadium High School, Tacoma, in 1936, and then attended, intermittently, three semesters at the then Washington State College at Pullman. In 1939, he married Barbara Burford of Colfax, and they moved to Juneau, Alaska, where he worked in the "A.J." mine.

In 1940, Jim and Barbara moved to Fairbanks, where he worked in the placer mining camps and entered the University of Alaska. He served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the Aleutian Islands during the war years, returned to Fairbanks placer mining and the University in 1947 and received B.S. degrees in Mining Engineering and Geological Engineering in 1949. From 1950 until his retirement in 1980, he was employed by the Territory and State of Alaska in various responsible positions in connection with minerals and oil and gas. After a marriage of 30 years, Barbara passed on, and in 1976 he married Lucie Williams of Vancouver, B.C.

Most Worshipful Brother Williams petitioned Tanana Lodge No. 162 (now No. 3) in Fairbanks on April 9, 1947 and was enrolled as a member of that Lodge on December 10, 1947. Moving to Juneau in 1951, he became a dual member of Gastineaux Lodge No. 124. He filled all seven "line" positions in that Lodge for a year each and was Master of Gastineaux Lodge in 1962. Following that he was Secretary of the Lodge for three years. He also served the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Washington under several appointments, the most notable of which were on the Committee on Credentials, 1965-1967 (Chairman the final year), and as Deputy of the Grand Master for District No. 3 from 1967 to 1969.

From 1957 to 1970, he was a member of the Alaska Scottish Rite traveling degree team, which conferred Scottish Rite work throughout Alaska. He was coroneted 33° on December 7, 1967. He served the Al Aska Shrine Temple as Jurisprudence for five years. Another bit of service was that of being twice Worthy Patron of Nugget Chapter No. 2, O.E.S., Douglas.

Starting with his first attendance at a Communication of the Grand Lodge of Washington in 1960, Most Worshipful Brother Williams had the desire to see the Alaskan Lodges form their own Grand Lodge. He discussed, promoted and encouraged meetings on this subject whenever possible. In 1976, the Alaska Masonic Research Association formed to investigate the feasibility of an Alaskan Grand Lodge more thoroughly than earlier efforts. As its Code Committee Chairman, Secretary, then Executive Director, Most Worshipful Brother Williams was a central figure in its activities, meetings, trials, tribulations, and finally, its success. When the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was finally formed and constituted, he was elected as its



first Grand Master on his 63rd birthday, February 5, 1981. He was installed on the 6th, and he opened the first meeting, the First Special Communication, on the 7th. This was the first new U. S. Grand Lodge in over 90 years, truly a great moment in Masonic history, and he is justly proud to have been one of the "movers" that brought it about.

Most Worshipful Brother Williams' year as Grand Master was taken up with the many duties necessary in the start-up of a new Grand Lodge, in addition to official visitations twice to nearly all the Lodges in the Jurisdiction. Publication of the entire Code, letters to 120 other Jurisdictions requesting fraternal recognition, and establishing procedures are examples of one-time duties that will not again be needed. The main point of his message to the Lodges during the year was that good work and good fellowship at Lodge meetings and an exhibition of Masonic principles at all times will cause enthusiasm for Masonry that will lead to better attendance and new members.

## **Welcome to the Grand Lodge of Washington and Response**

The Grand Master, Most Worshipful James A. Williams, gave a special welcome to the large group of Washington Grand Lodge Dignitaries and Brothers as follows:

Now I have a special welcome to issue. And that is to the Brothers, Worshipful Brothers, Very Worshipful Brothers, and up through the Grand Master from the Grand Lodge of Washington who have traveled up here to be with us. I want to issue a special welcome to them. Would all the Brothers from the Grand Lodge of Washington who traveled up here, including the Deputy from Ketchikan who arrived by surprise this morning, please stand. You can see the magnitude of this group that have delved into their pockets to go to the effort and expense of traveling up here. The distinguished visitors, you have already heard introduced. I would like to carry through further here with the rest of them and I hope I don't miss any. There is:

VW Warren H. Murphy, Deputy of the Grand Master for District No. 4  
VW Charles A. Shafer, Deputy of the Grand Master for District No. 17  
VW Del Schick, Deputy of the Grand Master for District No. 21, and  
VW William R. Miller, Chairman, Committee on Finance.

And I would like to give special tribute to Brother Miller as being one of the organizers, putting this group together to get them up here. We certainly appreciate that.

There is:

VW Ben H. Robertson, Chairman, Committee on Public Relations, Ben it is sure good to see you.  
W Edwin R. Shaffer, Committee on Charity, thank you, and  
VW Dean L. Quigley, Code Commission.

The titles on the remainder of these that I have, I am not sure of, but I am sure they are Worshipfuls at any rate.

Worshipful Fred Weber - Thank you,  
Worshipful Harold Leonard - Brother, we are glad to see you.  
Worshipful Ray Berry - Thank you  
Worshipful Ray Mandel - Thank you  
Worshipful Ken Richards - Thank you  
Worshipful Leonard Martin - Thank you

And that Deputy that sneaked in on us a while ago from Ketchikan is Very Worshipful, and long-time friend, Jack Falconer of Ketchikan. Glad you came, Jack. Jack is the District Deputy for the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington for I guess what is the whole district in Alaska now, District #3. Thank you, Brother Jack. Now, have I missed any Washingtonians? Yes, Worshipful Brother Steve Birdie, welcome, I'm pleased you came.

Worshipful Sirs, it is a real pleasure. I think I should let them sit down now. I've kept them standing for quite a while. You may be seated. We have all had a good look at you.

The Grand Lodge of Washington is our Mother Grand Lodge. These Washington Brothers are largely long-time friends, as well as Brothers. So it is natural that we have a very special regard for them, and I trust the feeling is mutual. I'm sure it is. We welcome you, Washington Brothers, and we deeply appreciate your coming to be with us and going to the expense and trouble that you have to be here with us. May our two jurisdictions have a very special fraternal tie between us for unending years in the future. And may a perpetual special friendship and Brotherhood exist between the Brothers of Washington and Alaska. Again, Welcome, Washington Brothers, to the Grand Lodge of Alaska.

Brethren, will you join me in a warm standing welcome to these Washington Brothers.

Now I believe that Right Worshipful Brother George R. Bordewick, the Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Washington has something he wants to say about all this.

### **RESPONSE**

Right Worshipful George R. Bordewick, Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington, responded as follows:

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska, Distinguished Visitors, Masters, Wardens, and my Brethren; It is an honor to be called on and to respond to the welcome to the visitors which are the delegation from your Mother Grand Lodge. As we travel, we sometimes wonder whether it is worth it. Of course it is. Progress is the result of all the good and

small things you do everyday. We're here to wish you well on this, the end of your first year as a sovereign Grand Lodge. Let's echo the sentiments of Brother George Washington in words of our own choosing. To truly understand the teachings of Freemasonry, to honor this great fraternity by our own exemplary conduct, and to pass it on to our children's children is the responsibility of every true Freemason. Let us hope that together we will learn how to transmit the tenets of our profession through our Lodges, pure and unimpaired from generation to generation. One hears wisdom in strange places. It was a rainy day recently in Seattle, as it always is, and I was driving down the street and in sheer boredom I was fooling with the controls on my radio and I heard these words: "The greatest thing we ever learn is to love and to be loved in return." Thank you for your most generous welcome, Most Worshipful Sirs.

## **Welcome Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge**

The Grand Master welcomed Grand Representative Right Worshipful Matt Martin as follows:

We also have in attendance a Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge near another Grand Lodge, and guess which one. It could hardly be any other than the Grand Lodge of Washington. That is Right Worshipful Matt Martin. Right Worshipful Matt Martin, would you please stand and be recognized once again, about the third time today. I appreciate and I thank you for accepting my appointment as our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Washington, and may you and your counterpart, Right Worshipful. Buckley C. Hazen, do much to keep the present close Fraternal ties between our two Grand Lodges firmly cemented.

Thank you.

## **Welcome to Grand Representatives of Other Grand Lodges and Response**

The Grand Master requested the Senior Grand Deacon to assist all Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges to this Grand Lodge present to form a line at the Altar. His remarks follow:

These are the Brothers that have been appointed, following my recommendations, by Grand Masters of other Grand jurisdictions to be their Grand Representatives near the Grand Lodge of Alaska. Each of these Brothers is charged with maintaining correspondence with the Grand Lodge he represents and with our Grand Representative near that Grand Lodge (that's his counterpart), bringing us information from that Grand Lodge and most importantly, promoting close Fraternal ties and Brotherly Love between the Grand Lodges. I appreciate and thank you, Brothers, one and all, for accepting this

responsibility, and I look forward to the results of your efforts, which I'm sure will be good. Brethren, will you join me in a warm welcome to these Grand Representatives.

### **RESPONSE**

Worshipful Brother Leslie R. Little (10), Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, made the following response:

Most Worshipful Grand Master, on somewhat short notice, it is my extreme pleasure to respond to your gracious words. On behalf of all of the Grand Representatives that you have heretofore appointed, we wish to thank you for you honoring us and to offer to you and to succeeding Grand Masters our utmost in endeavors to promote harmony and peace between all Fraternal Grand Lodges wherever they may be dispersed.

Thank you.

## **Reception of the Deputies of the Grand Master and Response**

The Grand Master requested the Senior Grand Deacon to escort the Deputies of the Grand Master to the East, then spoke as follows:

Brethren, these are the direct representatives of the Grand Master, and we have one for each of our four districts:

VW Ralph Kavorkian ..... District No. 1,  
VW David J. Thomas ..... District No. 2,  
VW William D. Athas ..... District No. 3,  
VW Wendell F. Long ..... District No. 4.

Thank you, Brothers, for being here. Brethren, these are the field men, you might say, who watch for things and take action for the good of Masonry that the Grand Master has not the time nor the opportunity to watch for and to do. Much of the peace and harmony within the Jurisdiction and the proper communication between the Lodges and the Grand Lodge depends on the work of these Deputies. The Deputies are also available for counsel and advice to the Masters on problems that arise in their Lodges where they feel they need a little help. Very Worshipful Sirs, I thank you for the work that you've done and the support that you've given me during this year. I certainly appreciate it. Brethren, will you join me in tendering these Very Worshipful Sirs the Public Grand Honors in recognition of the work they're doing.

Thank you.

## **RESPONSE**

Very Worshipful Ralph Kavorkian, Deputy of the Grand Master for District No. 1, made the following response:

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, Brethren all:

It was just a year ago that we were all in this room when we formed our Grand Lodge, and it was a very emotional thing. Then we went through a lot of trials and tribulations, and some of us had to learn how to be District Deputies and through trial and error, I think we got there. Then during the year, many things of Masonry happened in this Grand Jurisdiction. Probably the most emotional was when we went to the Grand Lodge of Washington's Annual Communication at Walla Walla, and after chewing our fingernails right down to the quick, they finally allowed us to come into the Grand Lodge meeting room. I have never experienced anything like that. The only thing I feel real greedy about is the fact that there were only seven of us there that experienced that emotional high, and most of the others here didn't; but I can only say, thank you, Grand Master and quote a current popular song "I wouldn't Have Missed it For the World."

## **Welcome to the Arrangements Committee**

The Grand Master requested the Committee Chairman, Very Worshipful William D. Athas, to present the Committee at the Altar for recognition and welcome. Very Worshipful. Athas responded as follows:

Most Worshipful Grand Master, it has been my pleasure this year to serve as Chairman of the Arrangements Committee. In August when you called upon me to do this and said, "Look, in February we've got to have this thing going." And I said, "We'd look around and see what we can do and see if we can't come up with something." After numerous telephone calls, not only to you and to the Grand Secretary, we got us a crew together and about 5 o'clock this evening, I hope we will terminate.

I'd like for these Committee Chairmen to come up here with me, that is if you don't have any objections, and then in turn, if they have someone that they want to recognize I'd certainly appreciate it if they would do the same.

You just stole the whole Credentials Committee and the Registration Chairman, but I'll catch him in a minute. For transportation: Worshipful Brother John Reynolds, Glacier No. 10. Housing Committee: Worshipful Brothers Urbina and Josey, Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8.

The setting up of our Lodge room in accordance with the best we could and based upon the configuration that we have, this magnificent job was headed up by Worshipful Brother Les Little.

Food arrangements and also the Hospitality Room coordinators for both lunch, dinner, and the Hospitality Room, Worshipful Brother Al White and Brother Cecil Clift, would you please come up.

The Ambassadors of the Ladies' Luncheon, and I think that this is a most important feat, and I'd like for these Brothers to come up here, Brother Phil Barr and Brother Vic Provost, if you would please.

In putting together the individual packets that you have and making sure we had enough of that information inside them and everything else was done by Worshipful Brother Chuck Gregg, would you please come up.

The Master of Ceremonies last night did a magnificent job and I'd like for him to come up here, Brother Peter Carter. Notwithstanding the fact that all this printed material and a lot of coordination and a heck of a lot of work by one Grand Secretary, and I would like to have Right Worshipful Gunnar Flygenring to join us please.

On the registration, one of our most important jobs and one of the best jobs that was handled very, very well was done by Brother Holly, the Senior Warden at Kenai Lodge. He was the Chairman of that Committee and he had a good crew working with him. We thank you, Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Ah, shucks, and he was on the list too, Mr. Please-speak-in-the-mike Nilles, would you please rise. Brother Pete is the Junior Warden of Glacier No. 10 and he's just done a heck of a job.

The Grand Secretary interjected the following words: Most Worshipful Master, may we make one exception here and add one name, though not a Mason to this list of worker?. For the second year in a row, Mrs. Velma Holly has done an outstanding job assisting on the Credentials. I would like the message carried to her that she has been properly and duly recognized. Thank you.

The Grand Master then spoke as follows: Certainly we will add her name to that list, and if any number of you Brothers would convey that to her, I would appreciate that very much.

Brothers, I appreciate the work you've done to help make this Grand Lodge Session a success. It has been a lot of work. You said that it was all your pleasure, but I know there were a lot of headaches, too. I want you to know that I appreciate it and I'm sure all the Grand Lodge officers appreciate the work that you did with us, and I'm sure that the people you've been transporting around appreciate it. I'm sorry that it has kept some of you away from the Grand Lodge Session while you are doing all this work. In that regard, I think real appreciation is due.

Will all the Brethren rise with me and give these Brethren a warm welcome.

## **Speeches and Remarks by Distinguished Guests**

### **MW James A. Williams, Grand Master, Address of Welcome**

Most Worshipful Grand Master James A. Williams addressed the Grand Lodge and guests as follows:

Distinguished Guests, Most Worshipful Sirs, Right Worshipful Sirs, Very Worshipful Sirs, Worshipful Sirs, and Brethren all:

The word "welcome" hardly does it. The word really cannot express my extreme pleasure and gratitude, and I'm sure, that of the other Grand Lodge officers and members at seeing so many of you here at this First Annual Grand Communication of this Grand Lodge of Alaska. Nearly all of you have supported this from the start and worked hard, many of you, to help us get started, help us go through the year. After a year of operation, it is really gratifying to have so many of you here to help us along further. Not only do I welcome you here, but I thank you from the bottom of my heart for coming. I really appreciate it.

### **Reese Burger, State Master Councilor, DeMolay**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Distinguished Guests, and Brethren All:

On behalf of Alaskan DeMolay I wish to extend to you the heartiest of Fraternal greetings. As Alaska State Representative of Alaska DeMolay, I would like to express our deepest appreciation and thanks to the Blue Lodges that have been the sponsoring body of our Fraternity. The sponsoring body is a very essential part of our Order. If we did not have a working dependable sponsor, our purpose could not be carried out. Without a sponsor, our Brotherhood-building process would be much more difficult. With your sponsorship, you are giving hundreds of young men all over the State of Alaska the opportunity to further themselves as in being better sons, better citizens, and better leaders for tomorrow's future.

Another point I would like to mention. Being sponsored by a Masonic Fraternity with such pride and enthusiasm toward your purpose, knowing that we are sponsored by Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska gives our Order pride and enthusiasm

DeMolay was founded in 1919 by Dad Frank S. Land for young men between the ages of 13 and 21. As a young man enters his teens he begins the greatest growth period of his life, not only physically but mentally and emotionally as well. It's the time when other fellows about the same age can be of great assistance to this period of adjustment. This is where DeMolay comes in. DeMolay means involvement with your contemporaries and worthwhile programs of service to your community and country, with plenty of time and

opportunity for broad social and athletic activities. It means a giant stride towards a more meaningful future.

There are two other elements of our Order. They are the Advisory Council and Mother's Club. The strength and growth of any DeMolay Chapter can usually be traced directly to the strength and interest of the Chapter's Advisory Council. Without adequate adult leadership, a Chapter will too often dwindle to a do-nothing Chapter and finally to non-existence. A strong Advisory Council is essential and is made up of any Freemasons with an interest to counsel and an eagerness to aid young men who are energetic and eager to learn and grow in DeMolay. We cordially invite you to stop in and visit any of the three Chapters that are located within our State in Kenai, Anchorage, and Fairbanks.

The purpose of the Mother's Club is to cooperate and assist the Advisory Council. The Mother's Club aids in strengthening the interest of the young man in DeMolay, guiding his aims toward a higher standard of thinking and living. In promoting the welfare of the Chapter and its members, the Mother's Club provides the things which only a mother's interest and a woman's hand can accomplish.

In closing, Alaska DeMolay are proud to have witnessed the forming of this new Grand Lodge. Your enthusiasm, interest, and dedication has turned this long dream into a reality. We as Alaska DeMolay are proud to be affiliated with you and to have a small part in this historical communication.



# **ELECTION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS**

The election of Grand Officers for 1982-1983 was conducted and the ballots counted. The results were announced by Brother Jerry C. Holly, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, as follows:

**Grand Master**

**Buckley C. Hazen**

**Deputy Grand Master**

**John C. Ingram**

**Senior Grand Warden:**

**H. B. "Jack" Bentley**

**Junior Grand Warden**

**Glen W. Pruett**

**Grand Secretary**

**Gunnar Flygenring**

# INSTALLATION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

An open installation for the 1982-1983 officers for the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was conducted in Anchorage, Alaska on February 5, 1982

## 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

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Deputy Grand Master	RW John C. Ingram
Senior Grand Warden	RW H. B. "Jack" Bentley
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Grand Secretary	RW Gunnar Flygenring

### APPOINTED OFFICERS

Grand Chaplain	W Rev. John W. Edgar
Grand Lecturer	W Alfred M. White
Grand Orator	W Leslie R. Little
Grand Historian	W Neil R. Bassett
Grand Marshal	VW Floyd Saltz
Senior Grand Deacon	W John W. Casey
Junior Grand Deacon	W Willie R. Josey
Grand Standard Bearer	W Daniel J. Lawn
Grand Sword Bearer	W Lewis E. Garrett
Grand Bible Bearer	W Robert E. Cunningham
Senior Grand Steward	W John L. Dolenc
Junior Grand Steward	VW Ralph Kavorkian

Grand Organist      W Richard H. Comer  
Grand Tyler        W R. S. Richart

**DEPUTIES TO THE GRAND MASTER**

District 1      VW Robert E. Morse, Sr.  
District 2      VW David J. Thomas  
District 3      VW William C. Athas  
District 4      VW Wendell F. Long