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GRAND MASTER
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ROLL CALL

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Master	MW H. B. "Jack" Bentley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deputy Grand Master	RW Glen W. Pruett
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Warden	RW Gunnar Flygenring
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Warden	RW Fred V. Angleton
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Secretary	RW Neil R. Bassett
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Chaplain	VW David J. Thomas
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Lecturer	W Leslie R. Little
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Orator	W Charles I. Gregg
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Historian	W V. Clifford Darnell
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Marshal	W Jerry C. Holly, Jr.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Deacon	W Charles E. Wellong
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Deacon	W Ray G. Williams
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Standard Bearer	W Harold C. Dinkel
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Sword Bearer	W Lloyd W. Ives
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grand Bible Bearer	W Adam McDermott
<input type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Steward	W Lewis E. Garrett
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Steward	W Mitchell R. Miller
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Organist	W Lawrence W. Nelson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Tyler	W Marvin A. Harned

CONSTITUENT LODGES

(Would the most Senior Representative please respond?)

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

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

Neil R. Bassett
Grand Secretary

SOLEMN CEREMONIES

Organ music for the Fourth Annual Communication was provided by Worshipful Brother Lawrence W. Nelson of Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8.

The Fourth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska convened in the Anchorage Westward-Hilton Hotel on the 7th Day of February, A.D. 1985, A.L. 5985. It was called to order by W Aves D. Thompson, Worshipful Master of Glacier Lodge No. 10, F. & A. M., at 9:00 am, Alaska Standard Time.

Entrance of Grand Officers
Invocation by Grand Chaplain
Presentation of Flags
Pledge of Allegiance
Singing of: National Anthems
Welcome by Honorable Tony Knowles, Mayor Municipality of Anchorage
Response by RW Fred V. Angleton (2, 11)
Roll Call of Officers and Lodges
Opening of Grand Lodge

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

Second Session

W Marvin A. Harned (4, 5)

Third Session

W George R. Plunkett (7)

Fourth Session

W William B. Clucas (3, 12)

Distinguished Guests in Attendance

Alaska

MW John C. Ingram, Past Grand Master
MW James A. Williams, Past Grand Master

Michigan

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

Montana

MW Francis D. Hess, Past Grand Master representing MW Warren H. Rose,
Grand Master

Nebraska

MW Byron C. Jenkins, Past Grand Master

Oregon

MW Herman C. Kuppler, Grand Master
RW Vern R. Garvin, Deputy Grand Master

Texas

MW Claude Austin, Past Grand Master

Washington

MW Matt Martin, Grand Master

RW Warren J. Gilbert, Deputy Grand Master

RW Marks L. Ewing, Junior Grand Warden

MW Alden H. Jones, Past Grand Master

MW Roy Foss, Past Grand Master

W Byard G. Slocumb, Grand Chaplain

W Norman Anderson, Grand Lecturer

W Herbert G. Jenkins, Grand Tyler

Wisconsin

MW Darrell Aderman, Grand Master

British Columbia, Canada

MW Alexander S. Mitchell, Past Grand Master

VW Tom O. Mickey, District Deputy to Grand Master, District No. 11

Japan

RW Arthur S. Thomas, Honorary Past Senior Grand Warden representing MW

Paul E. Newman, Grand Master

National Sojourners, Inc.

Maj. Charles A. Folsom, National President

MESSAGE OF THE MW GRAND MASTER

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

Those of us in Anchorage are overjoyed to have the opportunity of welcoming our many friends from all parts of Alaska, as well as many states and provinces of Canada. We hope that we can make your stay with us one that you will long remember. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to make your stay with us more pleasant.

To our distinguished guests, thank you for being here, and please convey our warmest fraternal greetings to the Brethren in your part of the country. We appreciate your being with us.

Necrology

This is always the saddest part of any Grand Lodge session. Forty-four of our Brethren have joined the Supreme Architect of the Universe in that Celestial Lodge above during 1984. We will miss them, and share with their families this great loss. Our Grand Chaplain VW Brother David Thomas will conduct a memorial service for these Brethren later today.

General Report

This has been a year of innovation as far as the Grand Lodge of Alaska is concerned. First of all we arranged for two day weekend visits to several of the Lodges. The theory behind this was three fold. First, those traveling could leave on a Friday and return on Sunday, so there was very little loss of work time. Second, it afforded the Lodge being visited time for more participation, as most of its members were available Saturday afternoon. Third and most important, was that there was more time to become acquainted and know each other. Lasting friendships were made between many Brothers, and without this extra exposure and time together this might not have been possible.

Secondly, we initiated friendship nights in seven of the Lodges. Some of these were during the two day weekend visits, while other Lodges opted to have them separately on their regular meeting nights. The reception by those guests that I was able to talk to was excellent. I think the number of people who turned out for these affairs was most impressive. The least number of Masons and their guests was over 40, and at two of them about 100 attended. I was told in nearly every city that there were Brethren there that had not attended Lodge in years. These nights get everyone involved and keep Masonry alive in the public eye. Keep them up, my Brethren.

We also started a Grand Lodge Newsletter this year. It was hoped that we would get at least three issues out, but had to settle for two. It would be good if every Lodge would try to issue a newsletter, if not monthly, at least two or three times a year. Communication is important as the Brethren cannot participate if they do not know what is going on.

Thank you one and all for the honor and privilege of serving as your Grand Master. I hope that from some of the programs we have started this year that you have gained some benefit. I know that my visits to your Lodges, and the friendships I have made, have enriched my life tremendously.

Alaska Visitations

A detailed listing of visits made during the year is printed on page 16 (Ed. Note: in Blue Book), and I think there are a few that are deserving of special coverage.

The first time a new program is put on is always a nervous time for all concerned, and so it was with the Valdez Masons and those of us who traveled to be with them, when we held our first friendship night. Our Valdez Brethren did their work well, as some 90 Masons and guests turned out for the evening. Excellent meal, excellent fellowship, and a job well done. Worshipful Brother Les Little, Grand Lecturer, and members of the Masonic Research and Education Committee, held a seminar on Saturday morning and the festivities wound up with a regular meeting on Saturday night.

For those of us who were there, we will never forget our Grand Lodge's first cornerstone laying for Anvil Lodge's new Masonic Temple in Nome. I will always remember the pride and love in the eyes of those Nome Brethren as their new home is now complete. It was a real thrill to me to be able to share with them this final step in the completion of their new building.

I certainly do not wish to slight the other Lodges that had friendship nights during the year as they were just as well done and successful as the one in Valdez. Kodiak, Mt. McKinley, Glacier, Anvil, White Pass, and Kenai did outstanding jobs on their friendship nights and I congratulate them.

Our visitation to White Pass Lodge was only one of the highlights of that visit. A few of us drove all the way to Skagway and several of us chartered Troy Air and flew only as far as Whitehorse because of bad flying weather. A van was rented for the trip on down to Skagway, and a great meeting was held in the evening. The following day we journeyed back to Whitehorse, and enjoyed fellowship and dinner with Worshipful Brother Jack Boily and his Lodge. The third day we traveled to Dawson City, where we had a great time. Our Lodge Brothers from Fairbanks joined us and conferred the First Degree in the afternoon, and the members of Whitehorse Lodge put on the Third Degree, that evening; very impressive. The banquet by Dawson Lodge No. 45 was superb with lots of toasts. Several Brothers from Juneau and Skagway also joined the festivities in Canada.

Outside Visits

The year started with the Grand Masters Conference in Seattle. Many interesting discussions and seminars were held on various topics. All of our elected officers were present plus Past Grand Master John C. Ingram. Overall, it was a beneficial meeting.

Many of the Grand Lodges were visited by one or more of the Grand Lodge Officers or Committeemen. Among those states covered were: Arizona, California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, British Columbia, Indiana, Illinois, Wyoming, and Colorado (Ed. Note. British Columbia is not a state in the U.S.).

At the invitation of the Imperial Potentate of the Shrine and with the assistance of Al Aska Shrine Temple. I had the pleasure of attending the Imperial Shrine session in Boston. There were a total of 33 Grand Masters in attendance. We were able to join together on two occasions for discussions and ideas toward more harmony throughout our Masonic families.

Recommendations

(No vote required)

1. That every Lodge endeavor to have at least one friendship night a year.
2. That some form of newsletter be continued by the Grand Lodge, and in turn every Lodge endeavor to put out a communication to their members at a minimum of twice a year.
3. That weekend visits be made by the Grand Lodge officers whenever feasible for all concerned.
4. That our own officers and Masonic Research and Education Committee be involved in seminars during Grand Lodge, along with the Grand Lodge of Washington, should they desire to carry on in the future.

Recommendations

(Vote required)

1. That the Grand Lodge of Alaska recognize the Concordant Bodies of Scottish Rite and York Rite statewide, and the Shrine for Al Aska Temple only. Jurisprudence to prepare a resolution proper for discussion and voting by the session. I have heard so many Brothers and Nobles say, "Why don't we recognize the Shrine or Concordant Bodies?" Well, there are reasons for not recognizing them completely, but I see no reason that we can't at least acknowledge them. We don't have to give up control of each Mason in our respective states. So, I have put this in. I didn't want the session to get too dull. I thought that we would put something in for discussion purposes and let the Brothers talk about it. I asked the Jurisprudence Committee to draft a resolution that we could discuss a little later in the program. I am not committed either way but since there seems to be many Brothers, both in and out of state on both sides of the question, I think we will have some good comments, as long as we do it in a Masonic manner.
2. Initiate a program of designating Honorary Past Grand Masters. We are a very young Grand Lodge. There are some Brothers still living in the Alaska

jurisdiction who spent countless hours working in their Lodges; statewide or district wide, working towards the betterment of Masonry and particularly our early efforts to organize a Grand Lodge. These Brothers are now too old to consider a Grand Lodge office, whether appointed or elected.

My intent is not to establish a precedent where the title is automatically bestowed just because someone nominates a Brother for the title. It would soon be meaningless. The nominee would really have to earn it, such as for example, MW Frank Hallett of the Grand Lodge of Washington. For many years - 15 at least - he served on the Jurisprudence Committee and many more years elapsed before the Washington Brothers made him an Honorary Past Grand Master. I presume he must have earned it. There are a couple of deserving Brothers in Alaska, and I'd like to have a discussion of this a little later to see whether you think this might be a worthwhile program.

In Appreciation

Thank you to all who have traveled extensively, shared your time unselfishly, and did so much to further the cause of Masonry in Alaska.

Special thanks to MW James A. Williams and MW John C. Ingram, our two living Past Grand Masters. They traveled with us throughout the state and outside the state as well as always being available for advice and good counsel.

I would also especially like to thank these two Brothers and MW Alden Jones. MW Roy Foss. and MW James O. Wood for being our installing officers in Soldotna. The job was well done!

A big thank you to MW Don Brons and MW Matt Martin, and all of their officers and committeemen for the fine support they have given us and especially the great seminars in February.

I would certainly be remiss if we did not give a big pat on the back to RW Neil Bassett, our Grand Secretary. He has always been available when called upon.

RW Glen Pruett and RW Gunnar Flygenring have made many visits to other Grand Lodges when I was unable to attend, as well as being available at all times for consultation and discussion.

Congratulations for a job well done goes to VW Brother Bob Parkins, my Deputy in District No. 3, who not only made visits to all of his Lodges, but also accompanied the Grand Lodge Officers in visits to at least six of the other Lodges. Your dedication to Masonry and Rainbow is an inspiration to all of us.

Our Sessions and Arrangements Committee under the direction of Worshipful Brother Pete Nilles worked many hours to make this event a success. We will recognize them all later in the program.

And to Jessie, my loving wife, must go a tremendous amount of grateful appreciation for her many efforts when I was home, and the lonely hours that had to be endured because of the lengthy amount of travel involved. Thank you so much my dear!

Sincerely and fraternally,

H. B. "Jack" Bentley
Grand Master

APPENDIX TO GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

This Appendix contains data on official acts of the Grand Master, Most Worshipful H. B. "Jack" Bentley, during the period of February 4, 1984 through February 6, 1985.

Proclamations

February 24, 1984, proclaimed the week of March 11-18, 1984 as DeMolay Week.
March 23, 1984, proclaimed the week of April 9-14, 1984 as Masonic Public Schools Week.

Dispensations

May 9, 1984	For Tanana Lodge No. 3 to confer a First Degree in the Masonic Temple at Dawson City, Yukon, on September 1, 1984.
June 29, 1984:	Confirmed a verbal Dispensation to Tanana Lodge No. 3 to confer the degrees on a candidate with a missing right hand.
November 9, 1984:	For Valdez. Lodge No. 4 to hold a special election for Junior Warden and Secretary.
November 27, 1984:	For Kodiak Lodge No. 9 to hold a special election for Junior Warden.

Lodge Bylaws

Changes were approved as follows:

Tanana Lodge No. 3:	Complete update.
Valdez Lodge No. 4	To change the hours of Stated Communications from 8:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and to delete the exception that such meetings will not be held in June, July, and August.
Seward Lodge No. 6:	To change the February Stated Communication from the first Tuesday to the third Friday. Complete update.

- Matanuska Lodge No. 7: Complete update.
- Glacier Lodge No. 10: Two separate changes to liberalize the formula for obtaining Life Memberships, and to clarify and strengthen the provisions that no schedule changes may be made to existing Life Memberships.
- Kenai Lodge No. 11: To increase annual dues from \$20 to \$50.

Special Representatives to Other Jurisdictions

1984

- May 16-18: MW John C. Ingram PGM, at Grand Lodge of Indiana, Indianapolis.
- June 8-9.: MW John C. Ingram PGM, at Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Kearney.
- June 13-15 RW Glen W. Pruett DGM, at Grand Lodge of Oregon, Eugene.
RW Gunnar Flygenring, Senior Grand Warden, at Grand Lodge of British Columbia, Vancouver.
- August 12-14 RW Glen W. Pruett at Grand Lodge of Wyoming, Cody.
- October 5-6 W Mitchell R. Miller, Junior Grand Steward, at Grand Lodge of Illinois, Peoria.
- October 8-11 RW Gunnar Flygenring at Grand Lodge of California, San Francisco.
- November 12-13. RW Glen W. Pruett at Grand Lodge of Nevada, Las Vegas.

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- January 5 RW Gunnar Flygenring at Installation of Officers, Bethel No. 2, Job's Daughters.
- January 6 RW Gunnar Flygenring at Installation of Officers, Anchorage Chapter, DeMolay
- January 27-29 RW Gunnar Flygenring at Grand Lodge of Colorado, Denver.

Visitations

1984

February:

6 Anchorage Chapter No. 8. O.E.S... Anchorage for Official
Visit of Worthy Grand Matron and Patron
19-22 Grand Masters Conference. Seattle

March

1 Official Visit to Kenai Lodge No. 11
6 Official Visit to Matanuska Lodge No. 7
20 Official Visit to Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8

April

3 Official Visit to Seward Lodge No. 6
5 Official Visit to Tanana Lodge No. 3 and Fairbanks Lodge
No. 12
12 Official Visit to Glacier Lodge No. 10
16 Official Visit to Eagle River Lodge UD
18 Kenai Lodge No. 11 School Awards Program
23 Denali Chapter No. 16. O.E.S., Anchorage
26 Glacier Lodge No. 10. School Awards Program
27-28 Official Visit to Valdez Lodge No. 4

May

3 Official Visit to Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5
10-11 Official Visit to Kenai Lodge No. 11
20-23 Grand Lodge of Arizona, Tucson

June

8-9 Official Visit to Kodiak Lodge No. 9
19-21 Grand Lodge of Washington, Pasco
28-30 Grand Lodge of Montana, Kalispell

July

2-6 Imperial Shrine Session, Boston

August

30-31 Official Visit to White Pass Lodge No. I, dinner meeting
with and Whitehorse Lodge No. 46 Brethren in
Whitehorse: joint degree

September

1 Meeting with Tanana Lodge No. 3, and Dawson Lodge No.
45 in Dawson, Yukon
6 Official Visit to Glacier Lodge No. 10

13	Official Visit to Ketchikan Lodge No. 159
20-22	Grand Lodge of Idaho, Coeur d' Alene
October	
11	Official Visit to Valdez Lodge No. 4
12-13	Official Visit to Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5
19-20	Official Visit to Anvil Lodge No. 2 and cornerstone laying for new Temple
December:	
3	Visit to Eagle River Lodge UD on anniversary of its dispensation
4	Official Visit to Matanuska Lodge No. 7
6	Official Visit to Glacier Lodge No. 10
21	Glacier Lodge No. 10 - Christmas Party
27	Installation of Officers. Tanana Lodge No. 3 and Fairbanks O.E.S. Chapter
1985	
January	
12	Installation of Officers, Denali Chapter No. 16 O.E.S.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

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

The following report is submitted pursuant to Article 17 of the Alaska Masonic Code

This year has been an extremely busy one with a large volume of correspondence with sister jurisdictions as well as our own Lodges.

We received recognition from two additional Grand Lodges (Greece and Philippines) which, with the favorable vote at the 1984 communication on the Grand Lodges of Neuvo Leon, Spain, and Santa Catarina, raises the number of Grand Lodges with which we have fraternal relations to 102. Recognition requests have been received from the Grand Lodge of the State of Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) and the Grand Lodge of Gabon, both of which were referred to the Fraternal Correspondence Committee.

Thanks to the \$ 10,000 Donation by AMRA, we now have all-Alaska forms, an Alaska Monitor and a separate supply of EA ciphers. Thanks are also due to the Secretaries who helped develop the forms and the committee that reviewed the Washington Monitor for adoption by Alaska. The remaining AMRA money will probably be used for new booklets on the degrees.

Seven 50 Year members and nineteen 25 Year members were recognized as follows:

50 YEARS

TANANA LODGE NO. 3

Theodore Loftus	March 25, 1925
Urho A. Jurva	July 17, 1929
Robert E. Lyle	October 28, 1931
Ernest F. Axelson	June 29, 1932
Arthur E. Glover	June 21, 1933

MT. SUSITNA LODGE NO. 8

Robert M. Parkins PM	April 19, 1934
Morris G. Rees	September 20, 1934

25 YEARS

VALDEZ LODGE NO. 4

Elmer M. White PM	February 10, 1942
Henry N. Kvalvik	October 19, 1946
Leonard H. Parker PM	January 10, 1947
Wayne B. Manson	November 21, 1952
Chester M. Ratekin PM	April 4, 1953
Leo H. Gustafson	April 7, 1954

James W. Kasson
John J. Blank

August 29, 1957
April 22, 1959

KODIAK LODGE NO. 9

William J. Casey	November 18, 1953
Norman C. Sutliff	August 16, 1954
Norman L. Miley	April 11, 1956
Herbert Spiegel	June 4, 1956
Gene L. Tenny	October 8, 1956
Virtsrse Young	December 10, 1956
Leroy E. Wensel	April 1, 1957
Charles J. Ferrell	November 16, 1957
Benny G. Ballenger	March 17, 1958
William J. Henry	November 23, 1958
Max Schlieuwe	January 19, 1959

Six new Grand Representatives of sister jurisdictions near the Grand Lodge of Alaska were appointed; the Grand Master accepted the nomination of five Brothers as our representatives near other Grand Lodges and Certificates of Appointment were issued. These appointments are shown in the list of Grand Representatives in the Appendix to these Proceedings (Ed. Note: In Blue book only.)

My travels included the Grand Secretaries Conference in Seattle, the cornerstone laying at Nome, the Skagway-Whitehorse-Dawson trip, and the official visit to several other Lodges. As always, the hospitality shown by our brethren was wonderful.

I am required by Article 17 of the Alaska Masonic Code to report that Kenai Lodge No. 11 failed to submit its Annual Report by the due date specified in Section 73 of the Bylaws or by the due date of the Grand Secretary's Report.

We retained the distinction of having a gain in membership again in 1984, but just barely. The loss due to NPD's (40) was almost as high as the number of deaths (44). Our gains were primarily through degree work and the MM proficiency (51) and dual memberships (35). Our net gain was four and our total membership as of December 31, 1984, came to 1,875.

Some of the Lodges made a strong effort to contact the brothers being dropped for NPD, but in a number of cases they simply could not be found, even by contacting "next of kin" shown on the original Petition for the Degrees. One thought is that we need to track these Brothers down when we first find that an address is no longer valid rather than waiting a year or two.

Another disturbing note is the number of candidates shown as "On Books" in the Status of Lodges chart. About 90 percent of these candidates have had no degrees conferred for from 5 to 47 years. That last degree was conferred in 1938, and I am sure that the Brother has passed away by now. The Grand Lodge of Alaska does not have

anything in the Code that releases individuals after so many years from our exclusive jurisdiction. So, we have a total of some 700 Masons on the books who have never finished their work. If you will look at the chart, you will see just how many there are that need only their proficiencies.

With our transient military population, it is likely that many of these men moved out before completing their work. There are, however, many who could be located to finish the degree work or take their proficiency. If time permits, I would like to identify these candidates for the Lodges and request a program to try to locate as many as possible.

The Status of Lodges chart shows the degree activity for our in-state members but does not reflect courtesy work by and for Alaska. Courtesy work is performed throughout the year.

Our financial health is "still good, although there are a number of basic things we should be doing, if there were additional funding. The development of printed material is a slow, time-consuming process so that some of the AMRA funds were put into short-term (one year) CDs until needed. Otherwise, income was relatively stable. Expenses were held down as much as possible, and the only significant deviation was postage, due to the newsletters, and the printing which was not originally budgeted since the money was not in hand at the time.

I again wish to thank the Lodge Secretaries for their help and cooperation, especially the "Acting" Secretaries who jumped in at the last minute to get reports out.

I do have a couple of observations that came with the receipt of the full financial reports from the accountant. We have this gadget here on the table (referring to the new PA system) that has helped to increase our net worth and my appreciation also. It was purchased with a \$1,700 donation and a \$1,500 loan, and is about as complete as we can get. Time will tell how it works. We still had problems with last year's transcriptions in Soldotna. On expenditures, I think that last year we were able to get by for about \$17,000. The accounting information shows \$22,000, I think. That is largely that portion of the AMRA money that was used for printing, some \$3,100 worth of printing on that alone. I took delivery of the Monitors in late December, but the bill was erroneous, so it is not included. It is a liability, shown in the financial tables. The 1984 Annual Communication was over-extended a little bit and depreciation was up some, partly due to the public address system. The printing, as I said, accounted for \$3,100 of our last year's expenditures, not to mention the newsletter. Our net worth is now over \$ 100,000 which is something of which we can be proud. Our only liabilities as of the end of the year, were the payment for the Monitors and the money that is automatically turned over to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Fund. That is money that is collected by the Lodges from the candidates, and it just passes through the Grand Lodge and goes on to the Memorial. Our budget this year is about the same as it was last year except for accounting for the remaining AMRA funds.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil R. Bassett
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		8	0	4	1	3	52				2			2	1	2					2	(1)	51
Anvil	2		1	13	1	3	1	3	64	1						1		1			2		3	(2)	62
Tanana	3	12	22	108	16	36	12	15	495	21			3			24	4	16			10		30	(6)	489
Valdez	4	8	1	28	3	5	1	3	56	3	1	4	1			9					6		6	3	59
Mt. McKinley	5		2	15	1	1	1	1	62	1	1					2	2	1			3		6	(4)	58
Seward	6	2		10		7		4	107			3				3		3					3		107
Matanuska	7	4	9	33	1	8		1	105		1					1		3			2		5	(4)	101
Mt. Susitna	8	3	7	66	5	16	5	20	272	4		2	2			8	3	6			11		20	(12)	260
Kodiak	9	7	2	52		7		4	130	1			3			4	1	1					2	2	132
Glacier	10	5	11	95	13	24	8	22	294	5	1	5	1			12	6	4			6		16	(4)	290
Kenai	11	1	5	22	3	1	4	3	141	4	1	3	1			9		6					6	3	144
Fairbanks	12	1	6	17	8	5	6	1	6	10	1	2				13		1					1	12	81
Eagle River	UD		6	3	3		3	2	24	1		16				17								17	41
Totals		41	72	490	54	115	42	82	1871	51	6	35	13		0	105	17	44			40		101	4	1875

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL CORRESPONDANCE COMMITTEE

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

The Commission on Information for Recognition finds the Grand Orient of Italy the only one to be recognized at this time. We have conflicting letters from other Grand Lodges in Italy. We will wait for the next Commission Report on this.

The Grand Lodge of Rio de Janeiro has asked for recognition.

The Grand Lodge of Gabon has asked for recognition. The Grand Lodge of France sponsored them and the Grand Master of France installed the Grand Officers.

This Committee recommends the Grand Lodge of Alaska recognize these two Grand Lodges.

In April 1984, the Grand Lodge of California withdrew recognition from New Jersey for doing degree work without a jurisdiction waiver. On October 29, 1984, at the Annual Grand Lodge Communication of California, they restored recognition with New Jersey.

In September 21, 1984, Indiana withdrew recognition from Illinois because Illinois received a petition and did degree work on a person who was suspended from a Lodge in Indiana for un-Masonic conduct. On October 25, 1984, Indiana received assurance that Illinois had filed un-Masonic charges against the same person and the order of withdrawal has been temporarily suspended pending the outcome of the action by Illinois.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Jackson, Jr. (8) Chairman

Report received for the record.

Report and recommendation approved by majority vote.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

	Total Number of Ballots
White Pass Lodge No. 1	4
Anvil Lodge No. 2	10
Tanana Lodge No. 3	13
Valdez Lodge No. 4	3
Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5	6
Seward Lodge No. 6	3
Matanuska Lodge No. 7	11
Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8	13
Kodiak Lodge No. 9	10
Glacier Lodge No. 10	13
Kenai Lodge No. 11	9
Fairbanks Lodge No. 12	9
Total	104

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

We, the Committee on Credentials, report that all twelve Lodges holding Charters in the Grand Lodge of Alaska are represented at this, the Fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alaska.

We further report and acknowledge the addition of Eagle River Lodge No. 13 and Adak Lodge No. 14 into the Roll of Alaskan Lodges in this Jurisdiction. However, members of these two respective Lodges will not be voting members at this Fourth Annual Communication due to various Code rulings which at this time are in effect.

We further report that the following members of the Grand Lodge are present and entitled to seats and to vote in the Grand Lodge:

Grand Lodge Officers	16
Deputies of the Grand Master	3
Past Grand Masters	5
Worshipful Masters & Wardens	19
Past Masters	48
Proxies	13
Total Entitled to Vote	104

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Jurisprudence

MW James A. Williams PGM (3) Chairman.
W Dennis M. Bump (12)
W Wayne G. Coleman (9)
W Franklin W. Erie (3, 12)
W Willie R. Josey (8)
Bro. Richard N. Sutliff (9)

Grievance & Appeals

MW Roy Foss PGM (11) Chairman
W Troy D. Hodges Sr. (6, 11)
W J. P. "Cotton" Moore (11)

Finance

VW Ralph Kavorkian (3, 12) Chairman
W Richard T. Coffin (10)
W John L. Dolenc (7)
W Orrin S. Felmley (8, 11)
W Robert L. Van Huss (8, 11)

Masonic Research & Education

VW John W. Underwood (3, 12) Chairman
W Gary E. Ackerson (1)
W Robert E. Bean (2)
W Stanley E. Herman (11)
W William F. Kirk (9)

Credentials

W Jerry C. Holly, Jr. (11) Chairman
W Harry D. Case (10)
W Henry R. Ferguson (7)
W Roy A. A. Larson (3)
W Denny R. Sheldon (7)

Masonic Public Relations

VW William D. Athas (10) Chairman
VW Ben H. Robertson (10)
W Alfred B. Cratty (9)
W Cecil C. Johnson (2)

DeMolay

W Lloyd W. Triggs (3) Chairman
W Wayne M. Baskett (7)
W Cecil H. Clift (8)
W Larry Van Ray (11)

Bylaws

W Alfred M. White (8, 10) Chairman
MW John C. Ingram PGM (6, 11)
VW Charles F. Lewis (2)
VW Fred L. McGuire (3, 12)
VW Floyd Saltz, Jr. (6, 11)

Public Schools

W Ronald H. Moore (11) Chairman
W Billy W. Harris (11)
W Philip P. Kepler (3)
W Jerry T. Sims (6, 11)
W James G. Todd (9)

Fraternal Correspondence

W Timothy Jackson, Jr. (8)

Charters and Dispensations (Special)

MW John C. Ingram PGM (6, 11) Chairman
W Joseph D. Cline (8)
VW Harry A. Lewis (2)

Sessions and Arrangements

W John E. Reynolds (8, 10) Chairman
W Harry D. Case (10)
W Cecil H. Clift (8)
W Charles M. Moore Jr. (8)
W Peter E. Nilles (10)
W Clifford E. Roberson (8)
Bro. Paul A. Godwin (8)
Bro. Aves D. Thompson (10)

Segregation & Reference

MW Roy Foss (11) Chairman
VW Fred L. McGuire (3, 12)
VW John L. Joslin (5)

Deputies of the Grand Master

District 1	VW Gene R. Freeman (3, 12)
District 2	VW Milton M. Routzahn (9)
District 3	VW Robert M. Parkins (8)
District 4	None Appointed

REPORTS OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business was discussed.

MOTIONS

No record of any motions made.

RESOLUTIONS

Carryover Resolution No. 1-84

To Amend Section 104 of the A. M. C.

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 plural membership.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, a Master Mason may be a member of not more than two Lodges in this Jurisdiction at the same time: and.

WHEREAS, a single or dual member in this Jurisdiction may hold membership in a Lodge or Lodges of a foreign jurisdiction if that jurisdiction also permits dual membership; and.

WHEREAS, a provision for plural membership would allow a Master Mason to help form a new Lodge without having to dimit from one of the two Lodges he may be a member of:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 104 of the Alaska Masonic Code be amended to read as follows:

Section 104. Dual or Plural Membership:

1. A Master Mason may become a member of two or more Lodges of this Jurisdiction at the same time, but he may not be a Master of more than one Lodge at a time and may not exercise the powers of Acting Master of any Lodge during his incumbency as Master or

Acting Master of another Lodge. Involuntary loss by expulsion or suspension of membership or by being dropped N.P.D. in one Lodge constitutes loss by expulsion or suspension or by being dropped N.P.D., as the case may be, of membership in the other Lodge or Lodges.

2. A Master Mason may become a member of a Lodge or Lodges in this Jurisdiction while holding membership in a Lodge or Lodges of a foreign jurisdiction provided the foreign jurisdiction permits dual or plural membership. Involuntary loss of membership by expulsion or suspension in a Lodge of foreign jurisdiction for any cause recognized as a Masonic offense in this Jurisdiction constitutes loss by expulsion or suspension, as the case may be, of membership in the Lodge or Lodges of this Jurisdiction.

3. A petition for dual or plural membership under the provisions of this section must be as prescribed by a form supplied by the Grand Secretary.

4. This section does not apply to Honorary Membership provided for in Section 95 of these Bylaws.

5. A member holding dual or plural membership is eligible to hold the proxies of, and represent in Grand Lodge the officers of, only one Lodge.

6. A dimit granted from dual or plural membership shall be issued only on a form supplied by the Grand Secretary.

7. Immediately upon the election of a Brother to dual or plural membership, the Secretary of the Lodge electing the Brother to dual or plural membership notifies the Secretary or Secretaries of the Lodge or Lodges in which the Brother holds membership of such fact. That Secretary, or those Secretaries, will then record this information upon the membership register or registers and advise the Grand Secretary on forms provided that this has been done.

8. Immediately upon the granting of a dimit from dual or plural membership, the Secretary of the Lodge granting such dimit notifies the Grand Secretary on forms provided, who in turn notifies the Secretary or Secretaries of the other Lodge or Lodges in which the Brother holds membership of such fact. That Secretary, or those Secretaries, will then record this information upon the membership register or registers and advise the Grand Secretary on forms provided that this has been done.

9. In the event a dual or plural member is expelled, suspended, or dropped N.P.D. by a Lodge, the Secretary of such Lodge notifies the Grand Secretary on forms provided, who in turn notifies the Secretary or Secretaries of the other Lodge or Lodges in which the Brother holds membership of such fact. That Secretary, or those Secretaries, will then record this information on the membership register or registers and advise the Grand Secretary on forms provided that this has been done.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecil H. Clifft WM (8)

Clifford Darnel PM (8)

Melvin A. Porter PM (8)

Reuben K. Alleman PM (8)

Paul A. Godwin JW (8)

Willie R. Josey PM (8)

Orrin S. Felmley PM (8)

Robert M. Parkins PM (8)

Alfred M. White PM (8)

Carryover Bylaw amendment: Requires majority vote for passage.

Report by Committee of Jurisprudence: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge.

Note: Carryover Resolution 1-84 received the required majority vote and was adopted.

Carryover Resolution No. 3-84

To amend Section 6 of the A. M. C.

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE. The purpose of this resolution is to eliminate Statements of Availability.

RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, when this Grand Lodge formed in 1981, we adopted the time-honored tradition of our Mother Grand Lodge that Brothers aspiring to Grand Lodge office may be nominated for such office; and,

WHEREAS, campaigning for office is repugnant to the principles and philosophy of Masonry as practiced in this Jurisdiction; and,

WHEREAS, in 1982 this Grand Lodge adopted a second paragraph to Section 6 of the Alaska Masonic Code which reads as follows:

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 to the Grand Lodge to elect any eligible member without such Statement; and,

WHEREAS, any Brother who files a Statement of Availability is actually nominating himself for election as Junior Grand Warden; and,

WHEREAS, the inventive or inducement to campaign will increase if Statements of Availability continue to be used; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 6 of the Alaska Masonic Code be amended by deleting the above quoted second paragraph.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie R. Little PM (10)
Peter E. Nilles SW (10)
Cecil H. Clift WM (8)

Charles I Gregg PM (10)
Aves D. Thompson JW (10)

Carryover Bylaw amendment: Requires majority vote for passage.

Report by Committee of Jurisprudence: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge.

Note: Carryover Resolution No. 3-84 received the required majority vote and was adopted..

Resolution No. 85-1

To Amend Section 104 of the A. M. C.

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to correct the language of Code Section 104. Should carryover Resolution No. 1-84, providing for plural membership, fail to be approved at this Communication, this resolution (85-1) will be withdrawn and approval of Resolution 85-2 requested instead.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, Code Section 104 may be amended by this present Grand Lodge Session to allow for plural membership as is provided in carryover Resolution No. 1-84; and,

WHEREAS, an error in the language of Section 104 was not noted in sufficient time to incorporate an amendment of it in the earlier resolution, the error being that of requiring the Alaska Grand Secretary to correspond directly with Lodge Secretaries of other jurisdictions contrary to proper Grand Lodge practice and protocol; and,

WHEREAS, Section 104 is longer and more repetitious than necessary for easy understanding; and,

WHEREAS, the following proposed language will clarify and correct Section 104 as needed without changing the provisions for plural membership should they be approved by this Grand Lodge session, and if passed now, will save the expense of printing a second amendment again after the next Grand Lodge Communication;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 104 of the Alaska Masonic Code be amended to read as follows:

Section 104. Dual or Plural Membership:

1. A Master Mason may become a member of two or more Lodges of this Jurisdiction at the same time, but he may not be a Master of more than one Lodge at a time and may not exercise the powers of Acting Master of any Lodge during his incumbency as Master or Acting Master of another Lodge. Involuntary loss of membership by expulsion or suspension of membership or by being dropped for NPD in one Lodge constitutes loss of membership by expulsion or suspension or by being dropped NPD, as the case may be, in the other Lodge or Lodges.
2. A Master Mason may become a member of a Lodge or Lodges in this Jurisdiction while holding membership in a Lodge or Lodges of a foreign jurisdiction providing the foreign jurisdiction permits dual or plural membership. Involuntary loss of membership by expulsion or suspension in a Lodge or foreign jurisdiction for any cause recognized as a Masonic offense in this Jurisdiction also constitutes a loss of membership by expulsion or suspension, as the case may be, in the Lodge or Lodges in this Jurisdiction.
3. This Section does not apply to Honorary Membership provided for in Section 95 of these Bylaws.
4. A member holding dual or plural membership is eligible to hold the proxies of, and represent in Grand Lodge the officers of only one Lodge.
5. A petition for dual or plural membership, or a dimit from dual or plural membership, must be on a form supplied by the Grand Secretary.
6. Upon the election of a Brother to dual or plural membership, or a granting of a dimit from dual or plural membership, the Secretary of the Lodge taking such action shall notify the Grand Secretary on approved forms and the Monthly Return. The Grand Secretary will thereupon notify, as appropriate, the Secretary or Secretaries of other Alaska Lodges and/or Grand Secretary of the foreign jurisdiction in which the Brother holds membership of such fact. The Alaska Lodge Secretary or Secretaries so notified will report these changes on the Monthly Returns.
7. In the event a dual or plural member is expelled, suspended or dropped NPD, the same reporting sequence will be followed as described in Subsection 6 above.

Respectfully Submitted,

Neil R. Bassett PM (10, 11)

Bylaw amendment: Requires 3/4 majority vote for passage.

Report by Committee of Jurisprudence: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge.

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

Resolution No. 85-2

To Amend Section 104 of the A.M.C.

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to correct the language of Code Section 104. Should carryover Resolution 1-84, providing for plural membership, be approved at this Communication, this resolution (85-2) will be withdrawn and approval of Resolution 85-1 requested instead.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, an error in the language of Section 104 was not noted in sufficient time to incorporate an amendment in what is now carryover Resolution 1-84, the error being that of requiring the Alaska Grand Secretary to correspond directly with Lodge Secretaries of other jurisdiction contrary to proper Grand Lodge practice and protocol; and,

WHEREAS, Section 104 is longer and more repetitious than necessary for easy understanding; and,

WHEREAS, the following proposed language will clarify and correct Section 104 as needed without changing any of its provisions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 104 of the Alaska Masonic Code be amended to read as follows:

Section 104. Dual Membership:

1. A Master Mason may become a member of not to exceed two Lodges in this Jurisdiction at the same time, but he may not be a Master of more than one Lodge at a time and may not exercise the powers of Acting Master of any Lodge during his

incumbency as Master or Acting Master of another Lodge. Involuntary loss of membership by expulsion or suspension or by being dropped for N.P.O. in either Lodge constitutes loss of membership by expulsion or suspension or by being dropped N.P.D., as the case may be, in the other Lodge.

2. A Master Mason may become a member of a Lodge or Lodges in this Jurisdiction while holding membership in a Lodge or Lodges in a foreign jurisdiction provided the foreign jurisdiction permits dual or plural membership. Involuntary loss of membership by expulsion or suspension in a Lodge of foreign jurisdiction for any cause recognized as a Masonic offense in this jurisdiction also constitutes a loss of membership by expulsion or suspension, as the case may be, in the Lodge or Lodges in this Jurisdiction.

3. This Section does not apply to Honorary Membership provided for in Section 95 of these Bylaws.

4. A member holding dual membership is eligible to hold the proxies of, and represent in Grand Lodge the officers of, only one Lodge.

5. A petition for dual membership, or a dimit from dual membership, must be on a form supplied by the Grand Secretary.

6. Upon the election of a Brother to dual membership, or the granting of a dimit from dual membership, the Secretary of the Lodge taking such action shall notify the Grand Secretary on approved forms and the Monthly Return. The Grand Secretary will thereupon notify, as appropriate, the Secretary of the other Alaska Lodge and/or the Grand Secretary of the foreign jurisdiction in which the Brother holds membership of such fact. The Alaska Lodge Secretary so notified will report these changes on the Monthly Return.

7. In the event: a dual member is expelled, suspended, or dropped for N.P.D., the same reporting sequence will be followed as described in sub-section 6 above.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil R. Bassett PM (10.11)

Bylaw amendment: Requires 3/4 majority vote for passage.

Report by Committee of Jurisprudence: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge.

Note: Resolution 85-2 was withdrawn.

Resolution No. 85-3

To Amend Section 32 of the A.M.C.

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to provide for prompt payment of bills and purchases even when the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master are inaccessible to the Grand Secretary by virtue of travel or place of residence.

RESOLUTION:

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

WHEREAS, the Grand Secretary customarily writes the checks; and,

WHEREAS, it is often urgent and good business practice that bills be paid promptly or that an immediate purchase be made; and,

WHEREAS, the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master have been and will increasingly be from geographic locations distant from the Grand Lodge office so that obtaining the signature of either one has been and will be time-consuming and subject to mail delivery uncertainties, and,

WHEREAS, warrants are not used by the Grand Lodge of Alaska:

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 Signatures: The funds of the Grand Lodge may be disbursed only by checks signed by the Grand Secretary or the Grand Master or one other elected Grand Lodge Officer.

Respectfully Submitted.

Neil R. Bassett PM (10, 11)

Bylaw amendment: Requires three-fourths majority vote for passage.

Report by Committee on Jurisprudence: This Resolution is in proper form for consideration by the Grand Lodge.

Resolution No. 85-3 was amended from the floor to delete the words "or Grand Master or" and substitute the word "and" to read as follows:

Section 32. Check Signatures: The funds of the Grand Lodge may be dispersed only by checks signed by the Grand Secretary and one other Grand Lodge Officer.

Note: Resolution No. 85-3 as amended received the required majority vote and was adopted.

Resolution No. 85-4

To Consider Changing the Grand Lodge Communication Date.

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to have a study made regarding the Grand Lodge Communication date.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, Section 1 of the Alaska Masonic Code requires the Grand Lodge to meet on the first Thursday of February; and.

WHEREAS, a number of Brothers are of the opinion that early February is not the best time for the Grand Lodge to meet because of weather conditions, "outside" travel, and other considerations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the MW Grand Master appoint a committee of at least five Brothers from diverse geographical areas to study the matter of whether there might be one or more dates that would be preferable to the Communication on the following questions:

1. Should the date of the Grand Lodge Communication be changed?
2. What other date or dates, if any, would be preferable to the present one for the Grand Lodge Communication and what would be the advantages and disadvantages of each?
3. What does the Committee recommend?

Respectfully Submitted,

Alfred M. White PM (8, 11)

Cecil H. Clift PM (8,10)

Simple majority required for passage.

Report by Committee on Jurisprudence: This Resolution is in proper form for consideration by the Grand Lodge.

Note: This Resolution failed to receive the required majority vote and was defeated.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Jurisprudence

1st Report

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

We, the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution No. 85-1, have considered the same and report as follows:

The Committee has re-examined the Resolution No. 85-1 and again finds that it is in proper form for consideration by the Grand Lodge. The omission of a reference to a dual or plural member who has been dropped NPD by a Lodge of another jurisdiction is proper. Being dropped NPD is not the same as being suspended or expelled for un-Masonic conduct. In fact, Section 115 of the Code prohibits suspension or expulsion for NPD. Therefore, it should be of no great concern if a dual or plural member is NPD in another jurisdiction so long as he is in good standing in the Alaska Jurisdiction. Experience of the Grand Secretary indicates a similar lack of concern in other jurisdictions. The committee recommends passage of this resolution as a needed housekeeping measure to clarify the language of Section 104. It will require a three-fourths affirmative vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams (3) Chairman
Wayne G. Coleman (9)
Frank W. Erie (3, 12)
Willie R. Josey (8)

Report received for the record.

Report received and Resolution No. 85-1 was approved.

2nd Report

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

We, the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution No. 85-3 have considered the same and report as follows:

The Committee has re-examined Resolution No. 85-3 and again finds that it is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. It will require a three-fourths affirmative vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams (3) Chairman
Wayne G. Coleman (9)
Frank W. Erie (3, 12)
Willie R. Josey (8)

Report received for the record and Resolution was amended and passed.

3rd Report

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

We, the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution No. 85-4, have considered the same and report as follows:

The Committee has re-examined Resolution No. 85-4 and again finds that it is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. It will require a simple majority vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams (3) Chairman
Wayne G. Coleman (9)
Frank W. Erie (3, 12)
Willie R. Josey (8)

The Grand Master introduced his suggestions, contained in his message, regarding Honorary Past Grand Masters for discussion and decision at this time. There being no support for his suggestion, he withdrew it.

4th Report

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

We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the Recommendation of acknowledgement of Concordant Bodies have considered the same and report as follows:

1. Recognition or acknowledgement of concordant bodies in Alaska would not violate Article 4 of the Alaska Masonic Code. Article 4 prohibits recognition or acknowledgement of "coordinate" bodies. By definition, this means bodies in Alaska which might claim authority equal to that of the Grand Lodge. This Grand Lodge may not acknowledge the existence of any such body. On the other hand, "concordant" bodies, by definition, are bodies which exist in harmony or agreement without reference to authority. Therefore, the Grand Lodge may acknowledge existence of concordant bodies within this Jurisdiction as being proper Masonic Bodies of lesser authority but with which the Grand Lodge exists in harmony.
2. If the Grand Lodge wishes to approve and put into action the Grand Master's recommendation for acknowledgement of Concordant Bodies, it should be done by adding a new section to the Code which will properly designate the Bodies to be acknowledged.
3. A resolution to so amend the Code and implement the Grand Master's recommendation would be proper for the Grand Lodge to consider at this time.
4. A resolution which would be appropriate for the above purposes is as follows:

Resolution 85-5

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Grand Master (hat certain Concordant Bodies within this Grand Jurisdiction be acknowledged;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a new section be added to the Code which will read:

Section 45.5 Concordant Bodies: The Grand Lodge of Alaska recognizes no Degrees of Masonry except its own and those conferred under the regulations of other Grand Lodges with whom this Grand Lodge is in Fraternal Recognition. This Grand Lodge acknowledges the following named organizations to be regular and duly constituted Masonic Bodies functioning within this Grand Jurisdiction: (a) The Al Aska Shrine Temple of the A.A.O.N.M.S., (b) the several Bodies of the ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the Southern Jurisdiction of the U.S.A., and (c) the several Bodies of the York Rite Masons of Alaska.

As an amendment to the Bylaws, the foregoing resolution will require a three-fourths vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams (3) Chairman
Wayne G. Coleman (9)
Frank W. Erie (3, 12)
Willie R. Josey (8)

Report received for the record and Resolution 85-5 was rejected.

5th Report

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

We, the Committee on Jurisprudence, by permission of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, hereby present Resolution No. 85-6 and recommend its adoption as follows:

Resolution No. 85-6

Whereas, Eagle River Lodge U.D. and Adak Lodge No. 309 have been granted Charters by this Grand Lodge; and,

Whereas, Eagle River Lodge will become No. 13 when constituted; and,

Whereas, Adak Lodge will become No. 14 at the close of this session;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that Section 3 of the Alaska Masonic Code be amended to add Eagle River Lodge No. 13 and Adak Lodge No. 14 to District No. 3.

This resolution will require a three-fourths affirmative vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams (3) Chairman
Wayne G. Coleman (9)
Frank W. Erie (3, 12)
Willie R. Josey (8)

Report received for the record.

Resolution 85-6 approved by three-fourths affirmative vote.

Grievance and Appeals

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

We, the members of the Grievance and Appeals Committee are happy to report that we have not had any item for consideration for the year or since the Grand Lodge of Alaska has been formed.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Foss (10) Chairman
Troy Hodges, Sr. (6, 11)
J. P. "Cotton" Moore (11)

Report received for the record.

Finance

Report of the Finance Committee

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

The following is the report of the Committee on Finance. During our term as members of this Committee, two meetings were held. The first was held to go over the operating budget for the calendar year 1985. The second was held to consider the impact of Adak Lodge's admission into this Grand Jurisdiction.

This calendar year's 1985 budget is reflected in the budget report that has been printed and handed out with the Grand Lodge packets. It will also be attached to this report for the record.

Each line item was reviewed and discussed with the Grand Secretary as to any adjustments that were needed. These adjustments were made to come up with a balanced budget. I will not take the time to go over each line item, but will point out that we did carry over \$6,900 of AMRA Funds to this operating budget for printing expense.

Certain line items were increased, and in two areas, they were reduced. The two reduced areas that were selected were based on the fact that only a small portion of the allocated funds were expended. They are "Grand Lodge Temporary Office Services" and "Grand Lodge Office Supplies and Expenses. Each of these line items was reduced by \$1,500. This \$3,000 was re-distributed into other areas as needed.

Based on our projections, these actions will allow a reasonable operating budget and give us a surplus of \$ 1,323 under protected income. Our second meeting primarily

involved fine-tuning the operating budget for 1985 and considering the impact of admitting Adak Lodge into our jurisdiction. We feel that there will be very little impact on the budget. The only projected impact will be in the area of income which will not be known until the end of the calendar year.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Kavorkian (3, 12) Chairman

Richard T. Coffin (10)

John L. Dolenc (7)

Robert L. Van Huss (8, 11)

Orrin S. Felmley (8, 11)

Report received and approved by majority vote.

STATEMENT OF INCOME CALENDAR YEAR 1984

INCOME

Operating Income - Assessments/Dues & Fees		
Income - Per Capita Assessments	\$18,000.00	
Fees for Degree Conferrals	845.00	
Fees for Affiliation	205.00	
Fees from Petitions/Degrees	<u>4,010.00</u>	
Total Income - Assessments & Fees		\$23,160.00
Operating Income - Other		
Contributions/Donations - AMRA	\$10,000.00	
Contributions/Donations - P.A. System	1,700.00	
Contributions/Donations - Miscellaneous	43.50	
Total Contributions and Donations		11,743.50
Sale of Medallions and AMRA Pins		116.00
Sale of Masonic Materials - net		1,812.70
Interest Income		<u>3,713.54</u>
Total Operating Income		\$40,545.74
Non-Operating Income		
Income - Per Capita Assessments		<u>66.50</u>
TOTAL INCOME - CALENDAR 1985		\$ 40,612.24

EXPENSE

Operating Expenses		
Committee on Arrangements - G/L Communication	\$ 3,548.00	
Conference on Fraternal Recognition	15.00	
Entertainment of Visitors	903.78	
Grand Master's Expense Allowance	1,000.00	
Grand Master's Travel Allowance	1,000.00	
Grand Lodge Temporary Typing Services	1,358.00	
Grand Secretary's Allowance	2,395.36	
Past Grand Master's Gift (Regalia)	0.00	
Depreciation	2,064.02	
Masonic Service Association Dues	110.64	
Insurance - General Liability	1,990.00	
Office Supplies & Other Expenses	2,589.57	
Postage	826.33	
Printing Expense	3,999.95	
Telephone	453.03	
Miscellaneous	861.07	
TOTAL EXPENSES FOR YEAR		-22,115.45
NET FOR YEAR - INCOME over EXPENSE		<u>\$ 18,496.29</u>

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1984

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash in Bank – First National of Anchorage	\$ 2,782.12	
Short-term Investments	<u>50,924.45</u>	\$54,706.57
Cash in Bank – “Trust Savings”	\$ 5,216.01	
Investments – 133 Share National Bancorp	1,330.00	
Per Capita & Fees Rec. – Const. Lodges	<u>23,160.00</u>	
Total Receivables - net		\$29,706.01
Inventory – Masonic Supplies – at cost	\$9,573.70	
Misc. Deposits – Prepaid Items	<u>306.26</u>	
Inventory and Deposits, etc.		<u>9,879.96</u>
Total Current Assets		\$ 93,292.54

Fixed Assets

Office Furniture and Fixtures (donated)	\$0.00	
Office Equip. – Tel. answering Service	299.95	
Office Equip. – Copying Machine	5,000.00	
P.A. System	<u>3,175.00</u>	
Furniture and Equipment - at cost	\$8,474.95	
Less: Allowance for Depreciation	<u>-2,699.95</u>	
Furniture and Equipment - net		\$ 5,775.00
Grand Lodge Regalia – at cost	\$12,153.58	
Less: Allowance for Depreciation	<u>-2,798.04</u>	
Grand Lodge Regalia – net		9,355.54
Total Fixed Assets		15,130.54
TOTAL ASSETS		\$108,423.08

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable – Trade and Other	\$ 6,362.29	
Geo. Washington Masonic Nat'l Mem. Fund	<u>360.00</u>	
Total Accounts Payable		<u>6,752.29</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>6,752.29</u>

Net Worth:

Net Worth – January 1, 1984:		\$83,174.00
Plus: Excess of 1984 Income over Expense:		<u>18,496.79</u>

TOTAL NET WORTH

\$101,670.79

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

\$108,423.08

**OPERATING BUDGET - GENERAL FUND CALENDAR
STATEMENT – ACTUAL vs. BUDGET
Calendar Year 1984**

	1984 BUDGET	EXPENDED	VARIANCE
Grand Master's Expense Allowance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.00
Grand Master's Travel Allowance	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Committee on Fraternal Correspondence	200.00	0.00	(250.00)
Committee on Masonic Research & Education	250.00	0.00	(250.00)
Committee on Arrangements – Ann. Comm.	2,000.00	2,548.90	548.90
Representatives' Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Printing and Binding Proceedings	3,000.00	0.00	(3,000.00)
Comprehensive Liability Insurance	2,000.00	1,990.00	(10.00)
Entertainment of Visitors	1,000.00	903.78	(96.22)
Past Grand Master's Gift (Regalia)	750.00	0.00	(750.00)
Fund for Acquisition of new G/L Regalia	0.00	0.00	0.00
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SUB – TOTAL I	\$11,250.00	\$7,442.68	\$ (3,807.32)
Grand Secretary's Expense Allowance	\$3,000.00	\$ 2,395.36	\$ (604.64)
Grand Secretary's Travel Allowance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grand Lodge Expenses			
Temporary Office Services	6,000.00	500.00	(5,500.00)
Payroll Taxes-all	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fees/Legal and Audit	0.00	0.00	0.00
Office Supplies & Expenses	4,200.00	2,589.37	(1,610.63)
Postage	1,200.00	826.33	(373.67)
Transcript of Proceedings	1,000.00	858.00	(142.00)
Telephone	750.00	453.03	(296.97)
Printing Expense, misc.	0.00	3,999.95	3,999.95
Dues			
Comm.. on Fraternal Recognition	25.00	15.00	(10.00)
Masonic Service Assoc.	125.00	110.64	(14.36)
Masonic Relief Assoc.	0.00	0.00	0.00
Depreciations Expense:	1,500.00	2,064.02	564.02
Contingency Expense	900.00	861.07	(38.93)
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SUB – TOTAL II	\$8,700.00	\$14,672.77	\$ (4,027.23)
GRAND TOTAL	\$29,950.00	\$22,115.45	\$(7,834.55)

COMPARISON OF ANNUAL BUDGETS CALENDAR YEARS 1984 AND 1985

	1984	PROPOSED 1985	+ INCREASE - DECREASE
	BUDGET	BUDGET	
Grand Master's Expense Allowance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$0.00
Grand Master's Travel Allowance	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Committee on Fraternal Correspondence	250.00	250.00	0.00
Committee on Masonic Research & Education	250.00	250.00	0.00
Committee on Arrangements – Ann. Comm.	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
Representatives' Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Printing and Binding Proceedings	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Comprehensive Liability Insurance	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
Entertainment of Visitors	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Past Grand Master's Gift (Regalia)	750.00	750.00	0.00
SUB – TOTAL I	\$11,250.00	\$11,250.00	\$0.00
Grand Secretary's Expense Allowance	3,000.00	3,600.00	+\$600.00
Grand Secretary's Travel Allowance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grand Lodge Expenses			
Temporary Office Services	6,000.00	500.00	-1,500.00
Payroll Taxes-all	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fees/Legal and Audit	0.00	0.00	0.00
Office Supplies & Expenses	4,200.00	2,700.00	-1,500.00
Postage	1,200.00	1,500.00	+ 300.00
Transcript of Proceedings	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00)
Telephone	750.00	750.00	0.00
* Printing Expense, misc.	0.00	8,400.00	+8,400.00
Dues			
Comm.. on Fraternal Recognition	25.00	25.00	0.00
Masonic Service Assoc.	125.00	300.00	+ 175.00
Masonic Relief Assoc.	0.00	52.00	+ 52.00
Depreciations Expense:	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Contingency Expense	900.00	1,000.00	+ 100.00
SUB – TOTAL II	\$18,700.00	\$25,327.00	+\$6,627.00
GRAND TOTALS	\$29,950.00	\$36,577.00	+\$6,627.00

* Include \$6,900 unexpended AMRA Donation.

**PRO-FORMA STATEMENT OF AVAILABLE FUNDS,
ANTICIPATED AND EXPENSES FISCAL/CALENDAR YEAR 1985**

ESTIMATED INCOME

Grand Lodge per capita tax	\$20,000.00
Fees or degrees conferred and dual/affiliate memberships	1,000.00
Contribution to General fund from Petitioners for Degrees	5,000.00
Sale of merchandise – excess income over cost of sales	1,000.00
Interest income on investments	4,000.00
Unexpended AMRA Funds	<u>6,900.00</u>

TOTAL ESTIMATED FUNDS \$37,900.00

Estimate of funds on hand at the beginning of year-carried over from previous period	<u>53,700.00</u>
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ESTIMATE OF TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR YEAR 1985 \$91,600.00

EXPENSES

As per the Proposed budget for Fiscal/Calendar Year 1982	-36,577.00
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ESTIMATED EXCESS OF AVAILABLE FUNDS OVER PROPOSED EXPENSES	<u>\$55,023.00</u>
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Masonic Research and Education

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

To further International Masonry, a trip was made to Dawson City, Canada. Two candidates were initiated by Alaska, and the Canadian Brethren exemplified the Third Degree in Canadian Work.

After the ceremonies in the Lodge room, we had a banquet, which was enjoyed by all who were in attendance. We had Brethren from Canada as well as from Southeast Alaska.

The sale of postcards of the Lodge building in Dawson City and the proceeds from the banquet solved one problem for the Lodge by raising enough money to pay the taxes on the building.

Some of our Brethren joined the Yukon Lodge as dual members, which will help them to continue Masonry in the Yukon.

Plans were made for the Canadian Brethren to come to Fairbanks to exemplify the Canadian Work. We will send invitations when a firm date has been established for this International Fellowship Day.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Underwood (3) Chairman
Gary E. Ackerson (1)
Robert E. Bean (2)
Stanley E. Herman (11)
William F. Kirk (9)

Report received for the record.

Masonic Public Relations

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

In the waning moments of the Third Annual Communication and as the rudimentary stages of the Fourth Year of our Grand Lodge were being formulated, the Committee on Public Relations had exuberant expectations concerning the issues and assignments expressed by the Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge Newsletter was given as the major assignment for the year, and it was hoped that we could publish three or four issues, but had to settle for two. One reason for only two issues was largely a fault of this Chairman and the acceptance of a

new position within his place of employment. The travel involved, the training required, and the added responsibility precluded me from responding to the duties of this particular assignment as I would have liked to. For this, I apologize, Most Worshipful Sir.

The second reason was lack of material from individual Lodges. If the Master, Secretary, or another designated Lodge representative would have provided input to the newsletter, we could have possibly run one or even two more issues.

Communication is an extremely important aspect of an involved and livewire Lodge. What is going on in that Lodge is important to all Masons. The more ideas are communicated, the better we get to know one another. Then we can start to grow.

I would recommend that each Master appoint a Lodge representative who will be responsible for the submission of an article to the Committee on Public Relations in order for that Committee to have a sufficient amount of material for the publishing of an informational and newsworthy publication.

Postage is very expensive. Addresses need to be kept current. A current master listing of all Grand Lodge members needs to be established and kept up to date. A purging system needs to be established for duplication of members addresses.

Finally, the new Grand Master must find the personnel with the time to pursue this endeavor if it is to continue and become the viable and valuable instrument it should be.

Respectfully submitted,

William D. Athas (10) Chairman
Ben H. Robertson (10)
Alfred B. Cratty (9)
Cecil C. Johnson (2)

Report received for the record.

Public Schools

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

We, the Committee on Public Schools, submit the following report:

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, H. B. "Jack" Bentley, proclaimed the week of April 15, 1984, as Masonic Public Schools Week. In addition, he attended the School Awards Programs for Glacier Lodge No. 10 and Kenai Lodge No. 11.

All Lodges which have school awards programs should be highly commended for their enthusiasm in their programs.

We would once again suggest as a goal that all Lodges in the Grand Lodge jurisdiction institute a school awards program for their respective area. We would like to see a 100 percent participation goal for 1985.

We, the Committee on Public Schools, want every Worshipful Master of an Alaska Lodge to know we are available to assist him in every possible way if this Lodge would like to conduct a Masonic School Awards Program. Let's get involved and support our public schools and take Freemasonry to the public.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald H. Moore (11) Chairman
Jerry T. Sims (6, 11)
Billy W. Harris (11)
James G. Todd (9)
Philip P. Kepler (3)

Report received for the record.

DeMolay

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

The findings of this Committee on DeMolay reveal the DeMolay Organization in Alaska to be going strong. All Chapters show indications of continued growth in membership. The Executive Officer in Alaska, Stan Woodin, reports Wasilla to be growing and may soon have a new Chapter. Juneau also is showing greater interest in establishing a Chapter again. Participation from the Masonic Community is still very good. All three Chapters have very active advisory councils.

The report from the Soldotna area is very encouraging. Their activity is overflowing with programs designed to bring DeMolay to the attention of Civic and Community leaders and to the local schools; radio announcements, The Youth Fair, rifle and pistol meets, to name but a few. Kenai Chapter's Advisory Council is to be commended on its dedication to DeMolay, also the Mother's Club for its continued service in preparing food, helping with clean-up projects, and their involvement in fund raising. Kenai Chapter has continued to excel in ritual, capturing again all of the team competition trophies at the yearly Conclave.

Anchorage Chapter was in a slump the early part of the year, but now seems to be turning things around. They have a new Advisory Council, a new Master Counselor, and the Executive Officer has moved into Anchorage to live. So we expect great things from

this Chapter in the coming year. Comments are in order on the energies of the new Master Counselor, Curtis Thayer. Under his leadership, Anchorage Chapter should explode with new interest.

Reports are very good from the Fairbanks area. Arctic Chapter is doing very well in new membership and also in meeting attendance. Advisor participation remains very good. Arctic Chapter has had many social and fund-raising activities; family picnics and youth dances, also slide programs at the Tanana Valley Fair.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge was represented at all the installations of officers and the yearly Conclave. The DeMolay Chapters wish to thank the Grand Lodge Officers for their interest and continued support. The State DeMolay Association invites the Grand Master and his Officers to the Conclave beginning March 7 and ending March 9 in Fairbanks.

The State Master Counselor, Benny Holly, has traveled extensively this year, visiting the International Congress and the Supreme Council in Florida, the Region 8 Conference in Nevada, and also chapters throughout the Mid-west.

As Chairman of the Committee, I will close by saying it has been a great pleasure and honor to have served this Grand Lodge and this Committee these past years. I hope that Master Masons throughout Alaska will continue to support the DeMolay Organization: for records show DeMolay to have a definite influence on the future of Masonry. My thanks to the Members of this Committee for their help with this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Lloyd W. Triggs (3) Chairman
Wayne M. Basket (7)
Cecil H. Clift (8, 10)
Larry Van Ray (11)

Report received for the record.

DeMolay Committee Chairman, Lloyd W. Triggs, then continued with the following words:

Since this report was made, I have been able to talk to our Executive Officer. He assures me that there has been definite activity in Juneau and there seems to be five young lads down there who may become a nucleus of a new Chapter. They are willing and eager to become DeMolays. I don't know if you are all familiar with the DeMolay program. Beyond the years, beyond the active DeMolay, we have an Honor Court, called the Court of Chevaliers, and we have a very active Chevalier program here in the state; in Soldotna, Anchorage, and Fairbanks. They are doing their utmost to assist in establishing new Chapters and also in bringing in new members. It promises this year to be the first year of a Knighthood program to get involved here in the state. We have been working on

it for the past several years and it seems that this year; it will probably gain momentum and continue on. I would like to ask if anyone who is associated with DeMolay or has, for that matter, interest in DeMolay, especially Advisors, Past Advisors, Senior DeMolays, Chevaliers, anyone who would be interested in having a DeMolay breakfast in the morning. I would like to meet with them here at 7:30 a.m., and if we choose not to stay here in the hotel, I am assured that we can get transportation outside of the hotel and back before the sessions start. So if you would like to do that, and you would like to get together and talk about DeMolay, I would be happy to arrange things for you, and hopefully, we can assist in areas where DeMolay needs the help.

Could we have a show of hands of those who might be interested in going to that breakfast in the morning, so we can get a possible count?

Thank you gentlemen, I would like to add one thing. I have heard many speeches here this afternoon in regard to areas where some Lodges are not doing too well, some areas where our Masonic membership needs a boost. I have talked about this time and again, but I can't help repeat that the seedbed for Masonry can be with DeMolay. It can be, if we look to these young fellows, and give them a little push in the right direction, hopefully one day, they can be sitting here. You all were young yourself once, and if you will remember back, some place along the way you needed a little push in the right direction. I would hope that any one of you here finds a young lad age thirteen or a little older; he would talk to him about DeMolay and encourage him to seek out someone in his area that could give him advice on it, and maybe someday, he can be sitting here. What a great thrill it is to see a young lad, like Benny Holly, come before an August group of this nature and give a speech that he gave this afternoon. I knew Benny when he was just a little fellow. How proud you can be to know that young men like him are going to lead us in the future, because they have associated with Masonic people and had that type of training. Thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Bylaws

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

The Committee received requests for approval of the following bylaw changes:

Kenai Lodge No. 11 - to raise dues.

Valdez Lodge No. 4 - to change meeting date.

Seward Lodge No. 6 - to change meeting date.

Glacier Lodge No. 10 - to change structure of life-time membership.

The Committee reviewed the proposed changes and recommended approval of the changes.

The Bylaws Committee, on request of the Grand Secretary, contacted all Lodges by telephone and letters to up-date their Bylaws. Lodges responding to this request were

Matanuska Lodge No. 7, Fairbanks Lodge No. 12, Tanana Lodge No. 3, and Valdez Lodge No. 4. The updated Bylaws were reviewed and the Bylaws Committee recommended approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred M. White (8, 11) Chairman

John C. Ingram (6, 10)

Charles F. Lewis (2)

Fred L. McGuire (3, 12)

Floyd Saltz, Jr. (6, 11)

Report received for the record and approved by majority vote.

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 1984

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

Lemuel A. Garrison

February 14, 1984

William DeWar, PM

April 12, 1984

Anvil Lodge No. 2

William Herbert 2 Cameron

April 24, 1984

Tanana Lodge No. 3

Victor Wolfe

January 19, 1982

Wilson Owen Tell

August 18, 1983

Francis Eugene Tessaro

October 5, 1983

James Ross Colburn

December 3, 1983

Leonard Francis Shaw

December 28, 1983

Robert Scott Alexander

April 5, 1984

Ernest Deloid Miller

April 26, 1984

Vance Kasper Kubli

May 7, 1984

Virgil Lee Sibley

May 21, 1984

Tury Ford Anderson

June 30, 1984

Thomas Hamilton Long, Jr.

July 19, 1984

Thomas Alien Hart

August 4, 1984

Billie Joe Hughes

August 22, 1984

Mihiel Julius Thomas

August 27, 1984

Lee Delos Clay

November 3, 1984

Andrew Fleming Edge PM

November 13, 1984

Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5	
Elmer Robert Caldwell	November 3, 1984
Seward Lodge No. 6	
Robert Howard Young	May 6, 1983
Earnest Jack Sims	May 19, 1984
Neville Francis Hodson	August 30, 1984
Matanuska Lodge No. 7	
Alfred John Hawkins	April 7, 1984
Lucian Woodward Pettis	May 26, 1984
Lawrence Winfield Hawk	June 18, 1984
Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8	
Melvin Andrew Porter PM	January 19, 1984
Merlin Royce Thompson	February 17, 1984
Jack Henry Welch	March 26, 1984
Henry Hedberg	May 24, 1984
Reuben Kennedy Alleman PM	August 11, 1984
Roy W. McGregor	December 13, 1984
Kodiak Lodge No. 9	
Melvin Leroy Holroyd	June 27, 1983
Glacier Lodge No. 10	
Melvin Andrew Porter PM	January 19, 1984
George Alvin Dethlefsen	February 2, 1984
Burley Mitchell	July 5, 1984
Kenai Lodge No. 11	
Rowen Wiltse Rapier	January 17, 1982
Robert Lee Dickson	November 12, 1983
Robert Earl Gregory	May 16, 1984
Theodore Haviland Wessells PM	July 24, 1984
Reuben Kennedy Alleman PM	August 11, 1984
Lawrence Earl Towner	September 1, 1984
Fairbanks Lodge No. 12	
Mihiel Julius Thomas	August 27, 1984

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

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

Memorial Prayer

Almighty and Eternal God, we ask that Thou has received our Brothers into Thy hands, those who have passed through the dark valley of the shadow of death. We ask Thy blessings on their loved ones who remain behind. With them, we have walked and worked through the trails and the trials of life. With them, we have labored in the quarry to perfect that rough ashlar into a stone suitable to be placed in that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens. With a firm faith and a reliance in a Supreme Grand Master of the Universe, we know that we shall meet again in realms beyond the skies. The Lord bless us and keep us, the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us. The Lord lifts upon us the light of His countenance and give us peace. Amen.

VW David J. Thomas
Grand Chaplain

Report of Grand Lecturer

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

MW Grand Master, thank you for the privilege of serving this Grand Lodge as Grand Lecturer. It was a pleasurable year and, I hope, profitable to the Craft.

As Grand Lecturer, I was able to attend nearly all official visitations throughout our jurisdiction. We enjoyed fantastic fellowship with our Brothers in most of the Lodges in the state. We attended friendship nights at Anvil Lodge No. 2, in Nome; Valdez Lodge No. 4, in Valdez, Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5, in Cordova; Kodiak Lodge No. 9, in Kodiak; and Glacier Lodge No. 10, in Anchorage.

I heartily recommend the continuation of the friendship nights in all Lodges. This is a great means of promoting Masonry in the community.

We also visited White Pass Lodge No. 1 in Skagway and assisted in some degree work. Then on to Whitehorse, Yukon, for a social gathering. Then up to Dawson City, Yukon, to witness some outstanding degree work in the Entered Apprentice Degree by members of our two Lodges in Fairbanks. After that we were pleased to witness the sublime degree of a Master Mason done in the work of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

On December 14, 1984 I was also pleased to assist in the open installation of officers of Valdez Lodge No. 4 in Valdez, Alaska. We were told by members of that Lodge that this was the first open installation they have been able to have in many years.

In visiting the various Lodges in our Grand Jurisdiction, I have found the standard work, for the most part, properly presented.

I would like to make two recommendations to this Grand Lodge.

1. That more emphasis be placed on using the Grand Lecturer during visitations for ritual seminars.
2. A team or teams of Grand Lodge Officers or other Past Masters be formed to travel to the various Lodges, upon request, to perform public installations.

I strongly urge all Grand Lodge Officers and Committeemen to attend all Grand Lodge visitations throughout the Jurisdiction. The fellowship to be enjoyed is beyond value and description. It is the very heart of Freemasonry.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie R. Little (10) Grand Lecturer

Report received for the record.

Report of Grand Orator

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, Brethren All:

If I were to ask you who you are, the response would undoubtedly be your name. If I were to ask you what you are, you would probably tell me what you do for a living. If I were to ask you why you are what you are, it is pretty hard to tell what I might expect for an explanation.

Unless you are retired, you probably do what you do because it pays well and offers the security we all find desirable. Quite possibly it is a challenge to your imagination and something that allows you to create. Any number of things are possible, but what if I were to propose to you that you are what you are because you are a victim of circumstances. After all, our daily lives depend directly upon the circumstances we are surrounded by.

If you are in the business of selling gizmos and no one wants to buy gizmos this week, you quickly prepare an advertising campaign extolling the virtues of your particular type gizmo, and circulate it as widely as possible, of course, trying to reach the guy who might need a gizmo. Of course, if you run out of money in the process, and no one seems interested, you direct your energy to something else.

We are what we are because of the conditions surrounding us. Our lives are directly influenced by the actions of those who we are surrounded by. "Birds of a feather flock together" that is, of course, until our situation changes. Then, we have a tendency to

look for a new coop to nest in. But if we are Masons, we always have one vital ingredient in our make-up, a bond which defies description.

The precepts of Masonry are a sound foundation on which to build. The tools are provided, and as individuals if we apply them as prescribed by the volume of the Sacred Law, we will not materially err and our actions will induce others to want to imitate what they see as good in us. Every good salesman knows that before he can sell his product, he must sell himself, thus, if we practice the precepts which we find are so universally acceptable, we will find ourselves as the best advertisement available.

Be warned, however, that Masonic jewelry does not a Mason make. Adult humans quickly recognize what is good or bad in other adults. If they see a person represent himself for something that he is not, their first impulse is to run, also remember that while they are running, their mouth is usually going faster than their feet.

Masonry should be first and foremost in our lives, it should come above all else. By practicing the precepts of Masonry, we are enhancing the value of everything we hold dear. Practicing the precepts takes neither time nor money and adds a dimension to our lives that cannot be measured. You can rest assured that your friends and neighbors will not recognize you as a Mason for what you do behind the doors of your Lodge. They only know you as a Mason by the actions which you display, not words. Remember that actions have long spoken louder than words.

It has been said that "By the practice of the principles of Masonry, we are building our own moral and spiritual edifice."

No problem with that you say. But it kind of sounds like we aren't supposed to worry about what our Brethren do, as long as we keep our own house in order. If any of our Brothers plant bad seeds and get a rotten crop, we all have to share the blame for it, because after all, we are all part of the same fraternity.

You say that we have ways to deal with problems, and you are right. We were even told somewhere back there in the recesses of time that it was a duty incumbent upon us all to "whisper in the ear of an erring Brother, to remind him of his faults and to endeavor to aid in his reformation." There is no doubt that we occasionally need to redirect a Brother that has become misaligned, but at what point in time does "a whisper become a shout?"

Most of you are probably thinking. "It depends greatly on the manner in which you say what you have to say." I won't dispute your reasoning, you are right. But in this day of worrying about losing a member because we don't want to hurt his feelings, many of us have a tendency to say nothing at all. And, it isn't just that we worry about hurting his feelings, we frequently find ourselves worrying about what other wrath might descend on us.

An Alaskan judge recently spelled it out pretty clearly when he said. "This is the Land of the Free, and the Home of the Brave. Whisper the truth, and they call you a bigot. Suggest the obvious, and you are a fascist." "Lawyers and judges control every facet of our lives, public and private. No one is safe from a lawsuit, no matter how ridiculous. Policemen cannot arrest, teachers cannot teach, bureaucrats cannot administer, without the fear that they will soon answer to somebody's lawyer, for some half-forgotten mistake. So in many cases, they do nothing at all, out of fear of lawyers."

Is there any chance that you find yourself in the category of "nothing at all?"

Maybe you think that we should look into the "Wheel theory" - you know, the one that goes -"What goes around, comes around" - that little bit of wisdom covers a vast amount of area, but I personally doubt that it would come as much comfort to the dog that is buried in the back yard -he got run over by it.

Did I make you think? Good, keep it up, it is like a jogging session to the brain cells, and Lord only knows exercise seldom hurls us.

The ball is in your end of the court, you going to move it, or just stand there and dribble?

Respectfully submitted,

Charles I. Gregg (10)
Grand Orator

Address received for the record.

Report of Grand Historian

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

Most Worshipful Brother H. B. "Jack" Bentley Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, and Brethren All:

When we think of a name we think of identifying, designating, or referring to. This can be good or bad, because that name may take the reputation of past times or events. Some names are very descriptive or very blah. We should pick names with care as they may have hidden meanings from past events.

Now, let's take a good look at our Alaska Lodge's names. Have you noticed they are all indicative of our own state of Alaska? All the Lodges are named after cities, towns, rivers, valleys, or mountains. And it is easy to see why, because of Alaska's awesome beauty and natural phenomena. Even the first Chartered Lodge in Alaska was

named none other than Alaska Lodge No. 14 in Sitka in 1869 but later lost its Charter in 1872.

All Masons can take pride in the names of their Constituent Lodges of which they are members. This report; therefore, is intended to afford a satisfactory understanding of the derivation and significance of our Alaska Lodges' names. We probably will never know who first inspired each new Masonic group to pick a name, but I will try to restore a proper respect and rich dignity to each name.

Let's start with cities or towns; Lodges are commonly named in this way. We have Valdez, Seward, Kodiak, Kenai, Fairbanks, and Eagle River. Then we move on to rivers or valleys and start duplicating some names again: Matanuska, Eagle River, Tanana, and Kenai. We find we have three named after mountains: Anvil, Mt. Susitna, and Mt. McKinley. One Lodge named after a mountain pass or trail - White Pass, and only one Lodge named after a descriptive term - Glacier, which is not named after a particular Glacier.

We could list it with rivers. as it is a river of ice. That takes care of all but one more group - those cities that were named after individuals such as: Valdez, Fairbanks, Seward, and McKinley. That would still put all of the Alaskan Lodges into three basic groups: Cities, Rivers, and Mountains.

Now let's take a look at all the individual Lodges and understand why each one has been named correctly because of time and place:

Gold rush days started White Pass Lodge No. 1 (113). It was Chartered in Skagway in 1901. White Pass penetrated the coastal range of mountains that allowed the miners to get to the Yukon gold fields from the coastal town of Skagway. The railroad that used the pass was named White Pass and Yukon. The pass was named for Thomas H. White, Canadian Minister of the Interior. Therefore, the logical name for the Masonic Lodge was White Pass.

When a person sees Anvil Lodge written, you think. "Where is that?" Unless you are acquainted with interior Alaska or the Nome area. I think of a stage coach stop and can hear the ringing of the blacksmith shaping horseshoes on his "anvil." But this is not the case. Here is another town or place started during a gold rush. Anvil Lodge No. 2 (140) was Chartered in Nome in 1905. The Lodge was named after Anvil Hill or Mountain rising near Nome in the shape of an anvil. Anyone arriving in Nome for the first time will immediately see Anvil Hill rising above the surrounding area.

Tanana Lodge No. 3 (162) received its Charter in 1908 in the city of Fairbanks. Fairbanks is on the bank of the Chena River which flows into the Tanana River. This whole area is in the Tanana Valley. The word Tanana came from the Tana Indians, and their word Tana-na meant "river of the mountain men." The Fairbanks area was also settled because of gold seekers.

Valdez is our first Lodge named after the town where it is located. Valdez Lodge No. 4 (168) was also Chartered in 1908. The town was named after Valdez, a Spanish explorer who visited the region with Galiano in 1792. The town of Valdez was the ice-free port city for shipping supplies up the trail to the gold fields of Fairbanks. This original trail has now been upgraded to be what is now the Richardson Highway.

Mt. McKinley, the mightiest mountain in North America, furnished the name for our next Masonic Lodge located in the city of Cordova. Even though this great mountain is 250 miles distant, the sight is impressive. Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5 (183) received its Charter in 1911. Cordova was the terminus of the Copper River and Northwestern Railway and was also named after Spanish explorers. Try to imagine that the Brothers forming this Lodge also named it after President McKinley, as he was a Mason. William McKinley became a Mason in 1865 while he was in the Union Army in Hiram Lodge No. 12 in Virginia. Records reveal that the Acting Master was a Confederate Chaplain. Later on in his Masonic career, he became a Charter member of Eagle Lodge No. 431 in Canton, Ohio. After President McKinley's death, the Lodge's name was changed to William McKinley Lodge No. 431 in 1901.

The city of Seward was founded in 1903. and was named after William H. Seward, the Secretary of State, who helped purchase Alaska from Russia in 1867. Seward, also was a terminus of a railroad – The Alaska Railroad. That is no doubt, why the Masons in Seward named their new Lodge, Seward Lodge No. 6 (219) in 1917. It is ironic to learn that William H. Seward was a violent anti-Mason and had served in the New York State Senate as a member of the Anti-Masonic Party from 1830 to 1834. This new twist in the history of Alaska Lodges' names really shows the fascination of our Alaska Masonic history.

Matanuska is applied to a river, a valley, a glacier, and a junction on the Alaska Railroad. This name was in the news when the Federal Government started this farming colony. The name comes from the Russian word "madnoviski," meaning "copper river." The town of Palmer was started to serve the farmers, and was named after a pioneer trader. The Masons decided to name their new lodge Matanuska Lodge No. 7 (243) because of the more popular and well-known name, rather than the name of the town of Palmer in 1951.

Another Alaskan mountain gave its name to a new Masonic Lodge, that of Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8 (294), the second Masonic Lodge in Anchorage, receiving its Charter in 1952. Mt. Susitna is a gentle sloping mountain rising 4,397 feet to the north. It is commonly called "Sleeping Lady" because of that same resemblance from a distance. There is also a Susitna River, and a Susitna Valley. The word comes from an Indian word "sushitna" meaning "but purified." Mt. Susitna, like Matanuska Lodge, because of its fairly recent formation, still has Charter members living in the area who are still very active.

Kodiak Lodge No. 9 (295) received its Charter in 1952, the same year as Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8. The influx of people, since the end of World War II, was finally

staying and establishing homes. This permanency of the people was now paying dividends in the formations of new Masonic Lodges in Alaska starting with Mt. Susitna No. 8. The island of Kodiak was called "Kakiak" by the Aleuts. The Russians wrote it "Kadyak," "Kadik," and finally "Kadiak." The Alaskans called it "Kodiak." Fishing has been the predominant industry from the beginning. The island's principle center was called "St. Paul," until in recent years when the city of Kodiak was incorporated in 1943, and has been a thriving center ever since. The Masonic Club in the area purchased ground and built a log cabin by donated labor, and later, in 1952, Kodiak Lodge No. 9 (295) emerged. The city and island were both named "Kodiak," so it was natural that the Masonic Lodge would be called "Kodiak Lodge."

Our next Masonic Lodge, also in Anchorage, does not take a name from a town, a man, a mountain, a valley, or from a proper noun. That is Glacier Lodge No. 10 (303) which received its Charter in the more recent time frame of 1961. The word "glacier" means "cool," or "chill," or the more basic meaning of a mass of snow or ice moving down a valley. This term defies the character of a Masonic Lodge, which according to all Masonic teachings, should be warm and inviting. A visit to any well-governed Lodge will attest to this fact. The word "glacier" could only come from Alaska, or a cold country. There, the word pinpoints where the Lodge has to be from. I think the word "glacier" is a unique name for a Lodge. It may sound odd or different in other parts of the world, but will never be forgotten.

The members of the Kenai Masonic Club voted in 1970 to call the new Lodge "Kenai Lodge." Other names considered at that time were Redoubt, Tustumena, Cook Inlet, and Skilak. There is the city of Kenai, the Kenai Peninsula, and the Kenai River. The Lodge being in "Kenai country," the title "Kenai" won out and Kenai Lodge No. 11 (307) received its Charter in 1972. The Kenai area was mostly fisherman along the coast and homesteaders in the interior until oil was discovered in the late fifties and oil refineries built. The population grew and was more settled which gave a need for a new Masonic Lodge in the area, as the nearest Lodge was in Seward nearly 90 miles away. So there was a need.

Fairbanks Lodge No. 12 (308) takes the name of the city of Fairbanks, where it received its Charter in 1977. Ordinarily the first Lodge in a city picks that name, but not here since Tanana Lodge No. 3 deferred that back in 1908. The city of Fairbanks was named in 1903 for Senator Charles W. Fairbanks of Indiana, who became Vice President to be one of the twelve original Lodges that formed the Grand Lodge of Alaska in 1981.

The latest Lodge to add to this distinguished list is still Under Dispensation. Eagle River UD received its Dispensation in December of 1983, and plans to formally request a Charter in 1985. The name Eagle River is a town, a valley, and a river. The area of the Lodge covers Chugiak, Birchwood, Peters Creek, and Eklutna. but the name "Eagle River" for a Lodge name won easily, similar to Kenai and Matanuska where one name just seemed more appropriate than the others. The word "Eagle River" for the river evolved from the nesting places of countless Eagles in the earlier days.

Among the Alaska Lodges, have you noticed that nearly all are on a coast or inlet except Tanana Lodge No. 3, Matanuska Lodge No. 7, Fairbanks Lodge No. 12, and Eagle River UD. Also, notice the only Lodges that don't have a railroad or haven't ever had a railroad through their town are Valdez Lodge No. 4, Kodiak Lodge No. 9, Kenai Lodge No. 11, and Eagle River UD (but the track is within three miles of it). You can trace all the Lodges from towns started from gold, railroads, fishing, farming, shipping, and oil except for Eagle River. This area was first settled by homesteaders, but evolved into a quiet place to live away from the fast pace of the city of Anchorage, and has now developed its own style.

Did you ever wonder why we don't have a St. John's Lodge? There are over 60 named that in the states. Or how about Hiram? There are 52 of them. Or Mount Moriah; 42 named that. Eureka has 39 Lodges with that name. Of the orders in architecture; there are in the nation 36 Corinthian, 34 Doric, 28 Ionic, and 22 Tuscan Lodges. How about Solomon or King Solomon? There are 47 named that. George Washington is the most revered of all American Masons. This is underscored by the fact that there are 19 George Washington Lodges and 43 Washington Lodges in the United States, a grand total of 62. No name is so widely used.

One of the Lodges in Alaska was named after another time or place, but each is so distinct to its particular place or time in history. Even as I write this report, I look out at the landscape and see big snowy-capped mountains and realize again why we didn't name our Lodges from historical names, but from cities or natural beauty.

This report is like a description of an iceberg; this is just the tip of our Masonic History of the Alaska Lodges. I gave a charge to all Masters of their respective Lodges: Please appoint a Historian for your Lodge so "your" Lodge history is not lost. Because it can be eventually incorporated in a future Grand Historian's report. Then when a History of the Grand Lodge of Alaska is written the information will be there forever.

Wouldn't you like to know and have written down the following tid-bits of our Alaska History. Who was the first Grand Master from an Alaskan Lodge? What President visited what Alaska Lodge? What Lodge sponsored two Alaska Lodges? What Grand Master was Master of two different Lodges? These are just a few that could be answered in our written Masonic History.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as Grand Historian this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

V. Clifford Darnell (8, UD)
Grand Historian

Report received for the record.

Charters and Dispensations

1st Report

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

We, the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, are pleased to report that we have examined the books and records of Eagle River Lodge UD at Eagle River, Alaska, and have found them to be in order.

The Dispensation of Eagle River Lodge UD is dated December 12, 1983, and was delivered by MW John C. Ingram, Grand Master on December 12, 1983. Eagle River Lodge has met the requirements of the Alaska Masonic Code in regard to conferring degrees and the members have requested that they be issued a Charter.

From the records submitted to this committee for examination, we are certain that Eagle River Lodge has functioned properly, according to the rules as set forth in the Alaska Masonic Code.

Therefore, we recommend that Eagle River Lodge UD, Eagle River, Alaska, be granted a Charter, Number 13, as requested by the members, and that the officers and members be commended for their work and progress to date.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Ingram (6, 11) Chairman
Joseph D. Cline (8)
Harry A. Lewis (2)

Report received and approved by majority vote.

W V. Clifford Darnell, WM of Eagle River Lodge, was escorted to the East, followed by all members of Eagle River Lodge.

The Grand Master said the following:

Brothers, let us welcome Eagle River Lodge No. 13, to the Grand Lodge of Alaska.

I think that it is very appropriate, that MW Brother John Ingram gave this Lodge their dispensation, I have the pleasure of presenting the Charter, and our Deputy Grand Master, I'm quite sure, will have the pleasure of constituting the Lodge during his term. All three of us are here and I think it would be great if we jointly present the Charter to them. Here it is Brothers, our first new Lodge, and I am certainly proud of it. I know that W Brother Cliff, John, Glen, and all of these Brothers, we certainly do welcome you.

W Brother Darnell responded:

Thank you MW Grand Master, I do want to thank all of the Grand Lodge Officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Alaska for their help in forming and getting our dispensation for Eagle River Lodge UD, which is now No. 13. It has been a lot of work. It has been enjoyable work. I know when we first started holding our meetings in about April or May of 1983, everything seemed to go together. So I know that because it did happen that it was meant to happen, but one person couldn't do it. It took all of the Brothers in Eagle River with the assistance of the Brothers from Mt. Susitna, Glacier, and Matanuska Lodges along with the help and moral support from all of the other Lodges in the Grand Lodge of Alaska. Thank you.

2nd Report

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

We, your Committee on Charters and Dispensations are pleased to report that a request was received from Adak Lodge No. 309, of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington, to transfer their Charter to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska.

The Charter of Adak Lodge No. 309, F. & A. M., was issued on June 21, 1978, by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington. Adak Lodge No. 309, F. & A. M., has met the requirements of the Alaska Masonic Code in regard to conferring degrees, and the Lodge is free of all debts to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington.

From the records submitted in this committee for examination we are certain that Adak Lodge No. 309, F. & A. M., has functioned properly, according to the rules as set forth in the Alaska Masonic Code.

Therefore, we recommend that Adak Lodge No. 309, F. & A. M. be received into this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, and they be granted a Charter No. 14. And, that the Officers and members be commended for their work and progress to date.

Respectfully submitted,

John C Ingram (10, 11) Chairman
Joseph D. Cline (8)
Harry A. Lewis (2)

Report received and approved by majority vote.

W Ben Wada, WM of Adak Lodge, and other members of Adak Lodge were escorted to the East.

The Grand Master said the following:

This is a real pleasure for me. Ben and I have known each other for several years. I had the pleasure when I was Deputy of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington, of constituting, on giving the Lodge its dispensation, I should say. It is just a real pleasure for me to have you come into the Grand Lodge of Alaska, and we are extremely glad. Let's welcome No. 14 to the Grand Lodge of Alaska. Now that we have accepted them. I guess that I ought to ask the Grand Master of Washington if he will let us have them.

MW Matt Martin, Grand Master of Washington, responded thus:

Grand Master, it gives me great pleasure to have the opportunity to say, welcome to a new Lodge of Alaska. We do not feel as though we have lost these Brothers. It is a way of extending the handshake, friendship, and fellowship of Masonry across the borders. We do highly recommend and applaud these Brothers from Adak formerly 309, now Adak No. 14, the very friendly and fraternal welcome to the Grand Lodge of Alaska. Thank you Grand Master.

Upon invitation to speak by the Grand Master, W Ben Wada said the following:

Well, it has been a longtime since we thought about joining the Grand Lodge of Alaska, and I thank you all for the vote of confidence. Thank you from Adak Lodge.

Sessions and Arrangements Committee

At the request of the Grand Master, W Peter E. Nilles (10), Arrangements Committee Chairman, introduced the Committee members as follows:

Most Worshipful Grand Master, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to assemble these Brethren before you. It is most pleasurable to have been the Chairman for this group and it is certainly my pleasure to have served you as Glacier's first Grand Master to this Grand Lodge of Alaska. There are several other Brothers that I don't see here that have had some participation in this, and my heart goes out to them too. Along with these distinguished Brethren, thank you for asking me to serve you.

On my left is Worshipful Brother Aves Thompson, current Master of Glacier No. 10; next is Worshipful Brother Chuck Moore, Past Master of Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8; Worshipful Brother Paul Godwin, present Master of Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8; Worshipful Master Cecil Clift, Past Master of Mt. Susitna No. 8; Brother Phil Barr the current Senior Warden of Glacier No. 10; on his right. Worshipful Brother Les Little, the Grand Lecturer of this Grand Lodge and also a Past Master of Glacier No. 10; and on his right Worshipful Brother Charles I. Gregg, Grand Orator, and a Past Master of Glacier No. 10.

The Grand Master responded with these words:

Thank you Pete, these Brothers did just one whale of a job, not only setting up the Lodge room here, but also by helping to fill the fruit baskets that some of you received and wrapping gifts. We have had at least ten or more session meetings getting ready for this communication. Every one of them was attended by at least 80 percent of this Committee. Almost all of them were there continuously. We really appreciate it. My wife especially said to really thank you and also those we should do something really nice for you and take you and your wives out to dinner. I thought that was a great idea, and we are going to do that. You can have your choice of any restaurant that you want to go to as long as it is McDonalds. We thank you very much and let's give them a really big hand.

Report of Segregations and Reference Committee

1st 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 of the Grand Master, have considered the same and recommend that the sections of Necrology, General Reports, Alaska Visitations, Outside Visitations, Recommendations (no vote required), Appreciations, Proclamations, Dispensations, Lodge Bylaws, Special Representatives to Other Jurisdictions, and Visitations be approved as printed and the sections on Recommendations (vote required) be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Foss (11) Chairman
John L. Joslin (5)
Fred L. McGuire (3, 12)

Report received for the record.

2nd Report

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

We, the Committee on Segregations and Reference to whom was referred the report of the Grand Secretary have considered the same and recommend that it be approved as printed, with the Appendix referred to the Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Foss (11) Chairman

John L. Joslin (5)

Fred L. McGuire (3, 12)

Report received for the record.

Awards

James A. Williams Award

By invitation of the Grand Master, MW James A. Williams presented the James A. Williams Award to the Master of Tanana Lodge No. 3 for 1984 with the following words:

Brethren, this is quite a pleasure and a privilege. For those of you who do not know, and I'm sure that there are a few of you at least that do not know our good Brother, Most Worshipful Brother Charles S. Moulthrop, Jr., Past Grand Master of Michigan, who is one of the team that installed the new Grand Lodge before it was even recognized, later presented this Grand Lodge with two plaques to be awarded to two Lodges who distinguished themselves in certain ways each year. These two awards were named after the first two Grand Masters, one is the James A. Williams Award, and the second one is the Buckley C. Hazen Award. You can imagine what this means to me to have my name on something like this and be able to present it to a Lodge each year. The James A. Williams plaque is awarded to the Lodge in the Jurisdiction which raises the most Master Masons during the year. This year, Tanana Lodge No. 3 wins the Williams Award. That pleases me too, because that is one of the two Lodges that I belong to. In second place was Glacier Lodge No. 10, which I believe, had it this past year. Tanana Lodge No. 3 raised 12 Master Masons during the year. Now, if the Master of Tanana Lodge will please approach, I will present him with this plaque. (W Brother Keith E. Herve came forward.)

Worshipful Sir, it is a real pleasure on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Alaska to present to you, for Tanana Lodge, the James A. Williams plaque for raising the most Master Masons, more than any other Lodge in this Jurisdiction this past year.

Buckley C. Hazen Award

Brethren, the Grand Master has asked me to also make the presentation of the Buckley C. Hazen award for this Grand Lodge session. The Buckley C. Hazen award is for the greatest percentage increase in membership in 1984. Number one for a 15 percent increase in membership goes to Fairbanks Lodge No. 12. Second place would go to Valdez Lodge No. 4. It had a 5 per-cent increase. This is something else to make an award like this, and I hope that you get the honor to make it someday too, and if you get

mixed up you will know how I feel. This man that this award was made out to was very dear to many of us, and I am proud to make this presentation. First place would have gone to Eagle River Lodge UD, with a 41 percent increase in membership, had it been a Chartered Lodge. So, I would ask that the Worshipful Master of Fairbanks Lodge No. 12, Worshipful Brother Bill Clucas, approach the podium and receive this plaque. (W Brother Lloyd W. "Bullgear" Ives came forward.)

You are a Junior Past Master? Of Fairbanks Lodge No. 12? "Bullgear," take this plaque back to Fairbanks Lodge. You had it last year. Congratulations! Tell them to keep up the good work, and on your way out have them congratulate Most Worshipful Chuck Moulthrop again for the donation of this award.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Presentations

To: W Jack Boily

W Brother Jack Boily of Whitehorse, Yukon, was escorted to the East by W Brother Aves Thompson and presented with a Past Master's Apron.

To: W Mitchell R. Miller

Brother John Edgar (12), AMRA President, and VW William Miller of the Grand Lodge of Washington were escorted to the East. Brother Edgar presented an AMRA gold pan to Brother Miller, which gold pan was purchased by Brother Miller's Lodge, Thornton F. MacElroy Lodge No. 302 Grand Lodge of Washington.

To: H. B. "Jack" Bentley, Grand Master

MW John C. Ingram. PGM spoke at considerable length about having medallions made commemorating each Grand Lodge Communication, and selling the medallions and also giving them away for public relations purposes. He mentioned medallions and money for their being outstanding. He requested the sales be pushed harder and the money be turned in sooner. He presented the Grand Master with \$750 cash from the sale of medallions to be used toward session expenses.

To: H. B. "Jack" Bentley, Grand Master

DeMolay Ben Holly presented the Grand Master with a special State Master Counselor pin he had designed and worn.

Grand Master Biographical Sketch

MW Brother Jack is an Oregon native, born in Ashland on June 18, 1921. Educated in the Ashland public schools, he majored in Business Administration at Southern Oregon College and the University of Oregon. Military service consisted of two years in the Coast Artillery and three years in the Air Force. After the war, on August 25, 1946, he married Jessie Tegland. Jack and Jessie have two sons, Paul and John, and two daughters, Teresa and Mary.

Prior to his arrival in Alaska on Labor Day 1953, Brother Jack was Assistant Manager for Montgomery Wards and managed a clothing store in Tacoma, Washington. In Alaska he has owned or managed several clothing and office furniture stores. He is currently the owner of Northwest Leasing, which leases office equipment and furniture and restaurant equipment to other businesses.

His civic activities include being State Chairman of the Easter Seal Drive, and a member of the Anchorage Parking Commission and Anchorage Chamber of Commerce Membership Committee.

Brother Jack was raised in Glacier Lodge No. 303 (now No. 10) on October 17, 1963. He became its Worshipful Master in 1968, and Worthy Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star in 1970. Under the Grand Lodge of Washington, he served as Deputy of the Grand Master, Grand Sword Bearer, and on several committees. In 1981 he was elected Potentate of the Al Aska Shrine Temple.

While a Deputy of the Grand Master, he organized a meeting of Alaska Masons held during the 1976 Annual Communication in Seattle. Out of this meeting came the Alaska Masonic Research Association which was formed to work toward the creation of a Grand Lodge of Alaska.

When the Grand Lodge was formed in 1981, Brother Jack was elected Junior Grand Warden. When elected Grand Master in 1984, he thus became the first Alaska Grand Master to have held all four elected line offices.

Speeches by Distinguished Guests

Honorable Tony Knowles, Mayor Municipality of Anchorage

Thank you Grand Master Bentley;

It is indeed a pleasure for me on behalf of the citizens of Anchorage to welcome this Fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska. It is with a great deal of pride that I also understand that this Grand Lodge was the only Grand Lodge formed in this century. I hope that my figures are correct on that, so I think that it is certainly with a great deal of pride that we have this meeting here in Anchorage. It also comes at a time, as you know, when we are about to kick off the Fur Rendezvous festival that will take place tomorrow. It has a great history and tradition just as you have in this state. Vern Johnson, as I understand, back in the 1930s decided that Anchorage needed an opportunity to just whoop-it-up, so that is what will be going on here for the next couple of weeks. I think that it is most appropriate that these visitors to Anchorage, coming from all over the state and I understand that we have visitors from many states here and one from Japan. I certainly hope that you can partake in the celebration. We have any number of events. This is an opportunity for socializing and getting to know people, and to just enjoy our weather. I'm glad it finally came; it is

always embarrassing to explain to people why we have to ship snow and spend Municipal money for bringing in snow to the dog-sled races. This year, fortunately, there were enough of those who thought hard about snow that it finally came just in time. I am again pleased to welcome you, and I certainly do it in recognition of the outstanding tradition that Freemasons have had throughout the centuries and particularly in our time building the community blocks that are so important. Your recognition and support of the youth in this great state are significant in your scholarship work, and of course, your world-renowned efforts with the burn victims, so again, you indeed are the members I would call the silent volunteers of the community, your working community. You are greatly appreciated, and I wish you a happy communication and look forward to it being held in Anchorage. Thank you very much.

Response by RW Fred Angleton to the Mayor of Anchorage

Mayor Tony Knowles, Grand Master, Honored Guests, Visiting Brethren, Brethren All:

Honorable Sir, on behalf of all the Masons gathered here for the Fourth Annual Communication, I acknowledge your generous words of welcome. I take pride in being able to say to you, "Thank you for having us in your city." The Masons of Anchorage have now had us in their city for three sessions. Anchorage has started a grand tradition I hope to see continue. The Masons here in Anchorage have been guided, as well as challenged, to continue on with tradition. Honorable Sir, we are only here in your city for a short period of time, and I am sure that each and every one of us will enjoy our time spent here and hopefully will have some time to enjoy the festivities of the Fur Rendezvous. Honorable Sir, you can be very proud of your city. Having had the opportunity last summer to attend the University of Louisville, I also had the opportunity to visit cities in Indiana, and Illinois, as well as in Kentucky with comparable size to the city of Anchorage. The city of Anchorage, in my opinion, is far superior to those comparable-sized cities, and you should be proud, as your citizens of Anchorage should be proud, for all of the hard work that you have done to make this city a better and safer place to live. The words that you have given us this morning will start off our day to a good beginning. We as individuals, living according to the precepts of our fraternity by example, will make it known that what we stand for is right, wherever we are. Honorable Sir, I only ask and pray that God will keep you in his hands and give you the strength and courage when your troubles come from your city council. We, as Masons, have learned that we can ask God for guidance, and we know that, as Masons, we can accept the guidance that he gives us. Again, I would like to thank you on behalf of all of the Masons joined here from all of the lower forty-eight states, along with Canada and Japan for your generous words and the time that you took from your busy schedule to come to our Communication. I know that you were just in a meeting and have another meeting to go to. So again, thank you sir, and thank you Grand Master for this opportunity.

Response to Reception of Distinguished Guests by MW Alden H. Jones, Past Grand Master of Washington

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

I am pleased to be asked to make a brief response on behalf of these distinguished visitors to your Fourth Annual Communication. We are here to show our support for you, both in numbers and in the words which we exchange with you in the Lodge and out of the Lodge. We are also here to learn whatever we can. Masonry is an ongoing and continuous learning process. We will learn some things from you while we are here. We are not here to critique your operation, but hopefully as we hear you speak of those great words of Masonry, Truth, Brotherhood, Charity, and Hope, along with all of those other great words of Masonry, we will applaud your efforts to interpret them, demonstrate them, and give us examples of them. So carry on with your work. We are with you all the way. Thank you very much.

Sandra Mitchell, Grand Worthy Assistant Advisor, Order of Rainbow for Girls

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Honored East, Fellow Masons, and Guests:

It is a great honor for me to stand in front of you today and thank you for supporting Rainbow. I would like to tell you what Rainbow means to me. It's the quest of girlhood on the journey of life. It's the believing in the existence of the Supreme Being; it is the great truth of the Holy Bible. It is to seek dignity of character and the concept of the higher things of life. It is effective leadership, patriotism, cooperation with equals, love of home, and service to humanity. Rainbow is not a one-person organization. If you think of what Rainbow is, it is seven colors working together to make a beautiful symbol hanging in the sky. Rainbow teaches opportunity of service and helping someone else; that we might live a richer and more complete life if we would learn the art of watching things for other people to lighten their burden; to find a purpose, an aim, or goal for your life and evaluate ability; to set an aim or an underlying purpose that will call forth the finest aspirations and energies is what a Rainbow Girl strives for; having faith, faith in yourself and your highest aspirations, yet, faith without work is dead; and believing in a dream and then working for it unceasingly to make your dreams come true.

The future holds wide horizons and unlimited opportunities. The prospects of tomorrow are all limitless as the minds and hearts of men. It is for that reason that I so firmly believe in Rainbow. It is an organization fitted into the very needs of the girlhood of our country. The condition of life of a girl that lives today is beautified by colors. She can no more escape the magic world like that in the future, thinking she escaped the delightful poems, songs, and dreams of the past. All of this beauty to her is not necessarily in the Heavens or on the earth, but she is taught to interpret them within her own mind and to believe it is because of the powers of developed character. Let no one imagine for a single moment that Rainbow is a mere club with a little program or a place

for a few girls to go, for Rainbow is organizing the girls of today, and it will be one of the most dominating forces of today that can and will be in the coming new era of living.

I would like to thank the Grand Lodge and all of the Lodges of this state for making Rainbow possible to stay alive. I would like to invite you to the Twenty-third Grand Assembly, on July 24, 25, and 26, in Kenai, Alaska. Grand Worthy Advisor Lois Fowler extends her greetings, and would like to see you all there.

Ben Holly, State Master Councilor, Order of DeMolay

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

What a true pleasure it is to be here representing the DeMolay of Alaska at the Fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alaska. As State Master Counselor, for the Jurisdiction of Alaska, it is a distinct honor that I communicate to each of you my personal greetings and best wishes from the DeMolays of Alaska. The Office of State Master Counselor has been the biggest highlight and honor that I have ever received in my life. The great teachings of love, life, and Brotherhood that Dad Land put into words has been a credit to Masonry and DeMolay. Millions of young men and families have been moved in mind and soul from the ceremonies of belief that DeMolay teaches its youth.

The Masonic fraternity has anchored this great youth organization from the very beginning and is still backing it. It is giving each and every young man an opportunity to explore the many virtues of a DeMolay and discover that he is not alone in his belief of love of parents, passion for patriotism, respect for womanhood, and affiliation of Brotherhood, and the true pride of being a DeMolay.

In my travels this year to DeMolay Chapters throughout the State of Alaska and outside on several trips, I found one area that needs improvement: Masonic participation in the Chapter functions and meetings. I am speaking more in regard to personal participation, rather than advisory participation. Maybe I can better illustrate by a story that I have heard. This fellow bought a ticket for a trip on a ship to get to another port. When he started this journey, he brought along a supply of crackers and cheese. As the days passed, he got used to his diet, but was penalized from time to time by the intriguing smell of steak and a variety of other good food coming from the ship's mess hall. Toward the end of his journey, his supply of cheese ran out, and his crackers had become soft and soggy. He stopped the captain and told him of the predicament and asked if he could join in on a decent meal. The captain replied, "Well, you bought a passage ticket, didn't you?" The man replied. "Yes, I did." The captain said. "Well, your ticket included steak dinners at each meal which you could have had since you joined on with us." The moral of this story, Brothers, is the wealth and knowledge that each of you Masons represent and hold in your grasp, along with your example and integrity of his moral beliefs, is what DeMolays are striving for in Chapters all over the country. Brothers, we are tired of eating soggy crackers. We want something better, we want the best. We want you!

In May of last year, I attended the International DeMolay Conference in Sarasota, Florida, representing Alaska DeMolay. Input from Chapters all over the country was discussed, and many new ideas emerged from this session. On my return home, I met a long-time friend and Brother, Past State Master Counselor, Reese Burger, in Kansas City at DeMolay headquarters. What an honor it was to be part of this fraternity and stand in Dad Land's office four thousand miles away from home, and yet, the universal feeling of Brotherhood and the belonging made us feel safe and secure and wanted, as if we were home. We drove a truck home for my father. On the way, we stopped in Montana to visit our good friend Past Grand Master Francis Hess and his super wife, Lela. Most Worshipful Francis set up a visitation at Lewistown DeMolay Chapter and at Demon, where we attended a special meeting of Western Star Lodge No. 104. These Montana Brothers really made us feel at home and gave us an opportunity to express some Alaskan good will.

DeMolay and becoming a Senior DeMolay at 21 years of age are now making a natural step: Joining Masonic Lodges. Anchorage and Fairbanks Lodges have recently increased their rolls by DeMolays joining this great Masonic fraternity. Masonic community involvement, Masonic advisors, Masonic morals, and above all, your participation and example, have encouraged so many DeMolays to look up to you and your fraternity. I can assure you that DeMolays worldwide are being given an opportunity in their future to belong to a DeMolay belief: The greatest fraternal organization in the world, the Masonic Lodge. As I leave my last year as an active DeMolay, it will not be with any regret, or feeling of losing something because in early spring, my two longtime friends, Reese Burger and Scott Meisner, along with myself, are petitioning Kenai Lodge No. 11 for membership. DeMolay has been an excellent moral building foundation for us all and I will never be able to repay what it has given to me. I know now beyond a shadow of a doubt that I have just been standing on the threshold. Thank you all for making me so proud to say with pride that I am a DeMolay!

Becky Potter, Miss Alaska, Job's Daughters

I would like to welcome the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Visitors, and Guests:

We welcome you to the Fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alaska. I would like to share with you the explanation of our robes, which we wear at each of our meetings. The regalia will be worn by Stephany Schmidt, Honored Queen, Bethel No. 2, and Kim Wilbur, Senior Princess of Bethel No. 2. The Job's Daughters robe, gracious in style and the garb at the time of Job, looks equally good on all girls, and at the same time places the officers and choir on the same level, regardless of age and social or educational status. The robe is white, representing purity, reminding us of the virtue of the quality desired and admired in women.

The yoke, a continuous span representing an unbroken circle, is indicative of life everlasting and emphasizes that in our lessons we worship a living God and are directed

by the light of his words through the open Holy Bible. The gathers joined at the yoke remind us of the many friends we make in Jobs Daughters among the Bethel members: Guardian Council, Grand Guardian Council, and Supreme Guardian Council. The sweep of our robe is square at the comers reminding us of the Masonic Emblem so dear to us all. Our robe is three inches from the floor, representing one of the perfect numbers of the Holy Family, with reference to the Holy Trinity and the number three in our secret work.

The cord is a collection of minute parts, reminding us that in the unity of purpose, there is strength, and it may be likened to our friends, some of which we bring into the Order. The character of these friends can make our cord of life strong or weak. Sometimes a friend draws us downward as the cord of our robe, if we let it have too tight a hold on us; but if we tie it gracefully, we are able to carry our shoulders erect and the cord straight at the robe evenly enhancing our appearance which gives us courage to lace our tasks. The cord is sewn at the yoke within three inches of the center, unsecured with three twists, reminding us of life everlasting, and built upon the virtues of faith, hope, and charity. The cord to be held in its proper place, is secured at the waist in a double knot, reminding us to face life squarely for future success.

The tassels on our cords are a modern reminder of the prayer bells worn in ancient times by the High Priests. The bells would ring softly as the priest walked through the villages and called the people to prayer. As we move about in our robes, we too are calling attention of everyone to the fact that we are Job's Daughters. The cape and crown of the Honored Queens and Princesses impart beauty, splendor, and honor as the reward of diligent effort in the Bethel. The crown should point directly heavenward to God. Job's consolation in time of trial and his inspiration likewise. Today it is a constant reminder of the Lord's Prayer as a daily supplication to God. I would like to thank you all for me and the Job's Daughters here this afternoon.

VW Robert M. Parkins, Response to the Youth Organizations

Everyone in the room who has worked in Rainbow, been a Rainbow Dad, or on the Advisory Board of Rainbow, please stand. From all jurisdictions, every man in the hall who has worked in" Rainbow at any lime during his lifetime, please stand. You can see what there is there now girls. I am sure that we will have some duplication here, but for Jobies the same thing for all of those that have worked in Jobies at one time or another, stand. This is good, and reasons why there are not so many here is because we only have two Jobie Bethels in Alaska now. Someday, maybe we can have more, so that we will have more people working on it.

And now for DeMolay, I would like to have all of those that have worked in DeMolay, as advisors or former DeMolay, still DeMolay boys, once a DeMolay boy, you are always a DeMolay boy And so, this is the representation of DeMolay. This represents what has been with you, and indicates to you folks (you may sit down now) how much work, and how much folks and this Grand Jurisdiction are behind you.

We have at least two that I know of here that are fifty-year DeMolay's: Larry Nelson and myself. Are there any other fifty-year DeMolays in the room? Incidentally, these three organizations were all started and nurtured in a very small area in the middle U.S.A. Dad Land was very close friends of Mark Sexon of Rainbow, and the same was true with the Jobies I'm going to have to be prompted on where Jobies started. It did start in the Mid-west, didn't it? It was in the Mid-west also. So these organizations were nurtured, in what was then (and that was the early-twenties, that all of them were started), when youth was just coming into the activities outside the home life. And, they have continued to do that, they are still there. They are still going to be our future.

So I urge each and every one of you, that any time that you can spend with any of these organizations, please do so and not only your own time, but also talk to your neighbors when you have a neighbor that has a girl or boy of the age of these organizations. Talk to them about getting them into Rainbow, Jobies, or DeMolay. They will never regret it, and you won't. I don't think that anybody would stand, if I asked you to stand, who had felt that their time was wasted that they spent with any one of these organizations. Do I dare ask that question? I am sure that we wouldn't have it. I know that we wouldn't have it. So, we offer to you from the Grand Lodge of Alaska, our wholehearted support for your organizations, and we are behind you from beginning to the end. Thanks a lot for coming to us.

(Ben Holly of DeMolay, then presented the Grand Master with a special State Master Counselor pin he had designed and worn, and the youth group dignitaries were escorted out of the room.)

MW Darrell Aderman, Grand Master of Wisconsin

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Distinguished Brethren, and that means every one of you are Distinguished:

What a pleasure it is for me to bring the greetings of approximately 37,000 Masons from the State of Wisconsin up here to Alaska. You know, quite often a number of our people go to Florida, Texas, and Arizona for the winter. When I left home on Tuesday morning, it was about 17 or 18 below zero. I'm going back and tell them that if you want to spend a winter, you go to Anchorage. Or if you are an Alaskan, here is where it is warm. And, it is a real privilege for me to be the first representative from Wisconsin to the great State of Alaska. That meant so much to me when I was appointed a few years ago and I said, "Sometime, I want to get up there." To meet the friends, to meet the people here, it just means so much more to me.

You know, my Brothers. I don't know how the Lodges are here in Alaska, but in Wisconsin, we have different stages of success. We have approximately one third of our Lodges that are strong, viable Lodges. Approximately one-third merely exist, and about a third of them have their backs up against the ropes. We have about 265 Lodges in Wisconsin. We are trying through community image and through programming to help get the weak ones up and build on them. All of the programs in the world won't make a

difference unless we have at least one individual in each Lodge who will make that difference. My Brothers, you can make a difference in your Lodge. One man can make that difference.

I would like to tell you the story of a small Lodge that is about thirty miles just west of me. I live in Shell Lake, Wisconsin. You probably haven't heard of that, it is up in the northwest corner. I'm about seventy miles south of Duluth-Superior, up in the woods, a little town of a thousand. There is a little town about thirty miles west of us by the name of Frederick that had a Lodge. About ten years ago, I was area administrator and I had Frederick, one of the five Lodges in my jurisdiction. They had three men who had been coming to Lodge and every year the Master would move to Junior Warden, Senior Warden would move up here, Junior Warden would go over to Senior - just a circle, a ring-around-the-rosie. The reason they kept doing that is because their wives told them. "You keep the Lodge open or we do not have a place to go for Easter Star." So these three guys kept doing this and all of a sudden a fellow moved in, a retired railroad man. He came in. he wanted to see some action, his son lived there. His son was a member of the Lodge but not active. So, dad came in, came into the Lodge. He would go downtown to the coffee shop the next morning, and he would see some of the younger fellows sitting there, and he would say. "Did I see you in Lodge last night?" The guy would say. "What Lodge? The Masonic Lodge. No. I don't know anything about it." "Oh. you should have been there, we had a real crowd." He didn't lie, he just stretched the truth, took a liberal interpretation of the truth, see! He said. "We had a crowd, and did we have a program! You should have been there." Well, pretty soon he drew up enough excitement, enough curiosity in the town, that the first year there were nine members in this Lodge. The next year, there were about ten or twelve more. Now, I'm going to step ahead. We are getting a lot of new members, this man makes the difference.

The Lodge itself was called the Leaning Lodge of Frederick. I kid you not, you drop a plum line from the leaning side of the roof and it is eighteen inches over to the ground. So, the guys got together, they shored it up and they got the thing so it was plumb. They put new carpeting in the Lodge, some on the floor, some even on the walls and oh. it was awful. I mean the carpeting they got at a sale someplace. Someone wanted to get rid of something, and they bought it, and they put it in. Then they got disgusted because they were getting more and more members in, they are doing things. Now they said. "Why are we putting this money in this old thing? We should be building a new Lodge. My Brothers, last July, I had the privilege of laying the cornerstone for a beautiful new Lodge. Now that came in ten years from the time that there were three guys playing ring-around-the-rosie. Here we have one man who has come in and made that difference. Now, you think Masonry is alive there?"

Of course, when you get up in that part of the country, you know that there are a lot of people that burn wood. The Lodge spends most of its Saturdays in the wintertime cleaning up windfalls, cleaning up woods, cutting up firewood. Every fall, they will deliver two full cords to every Masonic widow or Mason who cannot get out and do it themselves, free of charge. Of course, you know what the ladies downtown say. "How did you get that wood?" "Well, my husband used to be a Mason." Do think that there is

any concern about getting new members in that Lodge? Not at all. They have got things jumping, and my Brothers, one man can make the difference. I ask you, which man in your Lodge can turn things around? It only takes one, and if, of course you have two or three more, it really helps. Now, I thought that I would just leave that with you today because we have that in a number of places and there are a lot of Lodges in Wisconsin that we wish would be doing the same thing.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, my wife and I have very much enjoyed the courtesies and kindness that you and your lovely wife, Jessie, have extended to us, along with all of the Brothers. For our scholarship program in Wisconsin. I designed a little Bucky Badger with a Masonic apron on it. Most Worshipful Grand Master, I would like very much to give you the first one for the great State of Alaska.

MW Claud Austin, Past Grand Master of Texas

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful Grand Lodge Officers, Right Worshipful Past Grand Masters, and my Distinguished Brethren of Alaska:

I am so proud that my reputation hasn't followed me to Alaska. In Texas, I'm always introduced as a very, very warm speaker. I have been complimented for a number of years on that until just recently. I was looking up a word in Webster's, "w a r" and I accidentally ran across "warm." Do you know what Webster defines "warm" as? "Not so hot!" Most Worshipful Sir, I don't mind getting old, but getting so forgetful is bothering me. Every morning when I stoop over to lace my shoes, I wonder if there is something else I ought to be doing while I'm down there. While I'm thinking about that, I forget what I stooped over for.

Most Worshipful Sir, I am happy to have been here, and bring the greetings of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bob Scott. He has a very ambitious program, and we are looking forward to Masonry making great strides in Texas. By the way, we have two or three members here of the Lodges in Texas. Any of them still in the Lodge? I met two Brethren here that still have memberships in Texas, one in the Panhandle and one in Texas City.

Now I might bring some information of what my impression of Masonry has been. My Masonic life has been built around the third word in the installation ceremony, "I therefore trust that you will have but one aim and that will be to try to please each other. And unite in the Grand Design of being happy." Think about that for a minute. Suppose the people the world over appreciate that fact. Of having but one aim, and just trying to please each other and unite the Grand Design of being happy, and communicating happiness. My life has been a life of happiness, because I have tried to practice that in my every day work. I've tried to bring happiness to every person with whom I've met, and let me tell you one thing that this old Texas boy has never met, a stranger, and I hope that I never do. I've made friends here already, and I hope to make more. I'm a selfish man. I don't have enough friends; I never will have enough friends.

None of us is wise enough to know what the future may hold for each of us. Friendship is a chain that will grow, shaped in God's all-perfect mold. Each link is like a smile, a grip of a hand, a word of cheer. No matter how far or heavy the load, sweet is that journey on friendship road. The heart of a friend never wanders or dies. The old faith is there and none can compare with the joy that it gives knowing that, yes, the heart of a friend is the last thing that will tire. When twilight is done and darkness falls, this is the last favor I'll ask, when I finish my task that I live in the hearts of my friends.

Most Worshipful Sir, I want you to know how much I have enjoyed meeting the Brethren of Alaska. Because I am telling you sincerely that this day I add another golden link to my Masonic chain of happy memories. I shall engrave it, "The Grand Lodge of Alaska, Anchorage. 2-7-85." Thank you for a wonderful, wonderful day.

W John L. Dolenc, Response to Welcome to Grand Representatives

Most Worshipful Grand Master, in your Grand Master's message to the Grand Lodge this morning, you struck the importance of communication. Communication is most valuable, and in the hands of the Grand Representatives, it promotes brotherly love and understanding among Masons throughout the world. The concept of the Grand Representatives was originated by the Grand Lodge of New York in 1838. It was designed to foster and encourage a close bond of fraternal accord among the jurisdictions at that time. We, as Grand Representatives, have a unique opportunity and obligation to perform these duties for our Grand Lodges, and we are willing and proud to do so. In addition to those duties, I do believe that we can have an influence on better relations among the countries throughout the world, which we need very badly. Thank you.

VW Gene R. Freeman, Response to Introduction of Deputies to the Grand Master

Most Worshipful Grand Master, on behalf of VW Brother Milton Routzahn and VW Brother Robert Parkins; It has been our pleasure, and we certainly consider it an honor and privilege, to have been chosen by you and to work with you during this past year. The Deputies have, if you look in the Code, a very short job description, and it really doesn't say anything until you get into it. We primarily are here to help the Lodges at the request of the Grand Master, or if something unusual develops, to be able to assist in any direction. In the course of our travels, we also learn, and sometimes through officers such as our Senior Grand Warden, crisis management operations. He is quite good at teaching us, and we are quite good at learning. Because there is no foundation for something that has to be done that nobody has an answer to, and we thank you for that, Worshipful Sir. My Brothers it is our pleasure to serve you, and even though some of us will be leaving at the close of this session, some of us will stay on, and we are to assist you in any way possible. So, at any time that you have need of help, you feel that there is something that is not right, something that should be done or has been left unsaid, we

encourage you to find us, write us, call us, get us out of bed. You may be assured that you will get the responses that you need. If we can't get them, we will turn to the help that can get them. Again, Most Worshipful Grand Master, we thank you, and it has been our privilege for the year of 1984.

MW Herman C. Kuppler, Grand Master of Oregon

Most Worshipful Brother Jack, Distinguished Guests, and my Distinguished Brethren All:

It is really a great pleasure to be with you at this Fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska. Brethren, a year ago, I attended your Grand Lodge Communication in Soldotna. We had a wonderful time, my wife and I enjoyed it so much, and again we are enjoying your hospitality and the warmth of your friendship here in Anchorage. Brethren, speaking for my wife and myself, we thank you. We thank you very much.

Your Grand Master asked me to say just a few words about communications. From his message. I realize that part of his emphasis has been on communication and his recommendation was to you that Lodge trestle boards, or newsletters, and a Grand Lodge bulletin would be beneficial to the Craft. Of course, I would agree with this. I think that communication is one of the places that we really have to work on. Now, I have a little story that I usually use, or have used. It has to do with my asking if everyone in the auditorium can hear me. I don't use it anymore; I mean, I don't ask this question anymore because once I asked it, and I said, "Can you hear me?" There was a Brother back in the corner where W Brother Larry Nelson, the Grand Organist is, who stood up and said, "I can't hear you!" Whereupon, another Brother somewhere around where Brother Roy Foss is, stood up also. He looked back to the corner, and says. "I can hear him fine, I'll trade you places." Brethren, that has to do with communications.

Brethren, for years in Oregon, we had a magazine called the *Oregon Freemason*, a commercial magazine. It was put out by a Brother that I knew very well. He did a wonderful job, and his wife worked with him. He passed away and the *Oregon Freemason* magazine was then run by his wife, Sally. She did a marvelous job. But Brethren, a commercial enterprise like that is demanding, not only from the editorial standpoint, but also from the sales standpoint. So, she was about to give up this beautiful means of communications, a communication that really catered to the Grand Lodge of Oregon. The Grand Master's Message always appeared in there along with all of our Blue Lodge activities, as well as others. As she was about to give it up, the Grand Lodge of Oregon was thinking of seeing if we could go into this magazine and sponsor it. However, the Scottish Rite was able to do this, and it is now the *Oregon Scottish Rite Freemason*, still a very fine publication that carries the Grand Master's Message and many, many articles about Blue Lodge Masonry.

We in the Grand Lodge determined that we should participate in this with the Scottish Rite, and did for six months. At our Grand Lodge last year, the delegates decided that it would be more to our advantage to have our own Masonic News. So we have for one year now put out the *Oregon Masonic News*, and Brethren, this has been very successful. We have used it to communicate success. When you read an article in here about a Lodge event, we are spreading the word of success to the whole jurisdiction. Now there are 27,000 in Oregon and each of them receives this. It is a wonderful means of communication to each one of our members, no matter where they are. We have of that 27,000 Masons, 4,600 that live outside of the state, so we are able to keep in touch with these Brethren.

Now, let me show you how a Masonic news can spark ideas. This is a story in the *Scottish Rite Oregon Freemason*, and Sally has for years used small stories, and jokes to sort of spark up the information. Some of these jokes have been really great, some of them haven't really been clinkers, but some of them have, but they are always fun to read. Now, this one goes this way: a first grade student drew a picture of a stagecoach which was well-done except that it lacked wheels. "Oh, its wonderful!" exclaimed the teacher, "but I see no wheels. What holds it up?" The little artist promptly replied, "Badmen!" I had the same trouble with it.

I would like to speak to you and in a most sincere manner, about this story and the idea that it gave me to talk to you. I have rephrased it. Maybe, it can be used this way to illustrate a point, maybe in a more literal sense. The first great student drew a picture of the Masonic Family, except that it lacked a foundation. "It is wonderful!" exclaimed the teacher. "But I see no foundation. What holds it up?" The little artist promptly replied. "I haven't finished it, I must draw in the Masonic Lodge. That's the foundation!"

Brethren, the foundation of Freemasonry is the Blue Lodge, the Masonic Lodge, and the wheels, well, I'm looking at the wheels. You are the wheels. You represent the Lodge, and you are the leaders, and it is your ability to generate activity that further generates visibility. And, I think that visibility is needed to bring our Brethren to Lodge and to bring candidates to our west gate. The *Oregon Masonic News* and the *Scottish Rite Oregon Freemason* have done much for the Grand Lodge. My theme this year, or emphasis, is on the "keys for growth" and I call these keys Leadership, Activity, and Visibility. I think that good leadership generates visibility, and that visibility will work for us in Freemasonry.

I have another little story about an Entered Apprentice. This has to do with visibility or the lack of it, and it has to do with a young man who was going off to Lodge to take his Entered Apprentice degree. His young wife was extremely excited about him becoming a Mason, and as he left, that evening, she said, "Now by all means, let me know everything that happened. I want to know all about it." So he went to Lodge and he took his Entered Apprentice degree and when he came home, his wife was waiting, sitting on the edge of her seat. She said, "Tell me what happened, tell me everything." He decided that he should be evasive. So he said, "Well, I couldn't see very well." She said very disappointedly, "Next time sit up front!" Well Brethren, this kind of secrecy we

really don't need. We can talk about our Masonry, we can be open and enthusiastic about it, we are not a secret society, we need to be open, and we need to be enthusiastic about it.

Another theme that was promoted by these two publications last year, was our Grand Master's theme of Freemasonry, "One Family in Unity." Again we were able to promote this program through these two communications. I can say as a result of his theme that the Grand Lodge of Oregon, our Blue Lodges, and our appendant and concordant bodies are working together. We are accomplishing things, we are cooperating, we know what each other is going to do, and we try to attend and help each other all that we can. Now, the Deputy Grand Master here, Vern Garvin, has already coordinated at least three coordination meetings with our other bodies. We are putting things together again this year. Last year, one of the benefits was an all-Masonic picnic. This was held at a State park, and we had 500 in attendance. The previous year, we had 250, and I'm sure that Right Worshipful Brother Vern this year is looking for a thousand to attend this picnic. Three days, and what a good time we have had.

Now, let me talk just a little bit about the *Oregon Masonic News*. As I said, we have been publishing it for a year. On the front page is the Grand Master's Message. This is a marvelous opportunity for me to talk to all of our Brethren. And, you know, I've talked about promoting Grand Lodge programs, and promoting things that we in the Grand Lodge would like to see happen. I got to thinking, how about the member in the hinterlands? Of those 27,000 Masons, how about a little feedback from them? What are their ideas? So, in this last issue, I asked some questions, and I would just like to mention a few of them to you. Incidentally, I have some 30 responses, and this paper just went out a few days ago, but as soon as some of our Brethren received it, they responded, and I can give a few answers that I have. "What influenced you to become a Mason?" That is thought provoking. Two things have come back so far: (1) "The people that I associated with in my daily life. They were Masons." These Brothers were touched by Masonry through example of the people that they worked with or associated with in other ways. The other answer that has come back was "Family. My family has a history of Masonry, my dad was a Mason." What Lodge activities appeal to you?" Brethren, I like to think of the friendship and fellowship, and I got several answers on that. But one of the activities that I found so far had come back very strongly, was, "Ritual, good ritual." And I think probably that is going to mount; there will be more that will say, "The Lodge activity that I like to go to Lodge to see and to hear is ritual."

"Are our customs, traditions, and laws too restrictive?" This is something to think about, and you in this Grand Lodge are thinking about this. The legislation that has been proposed and that you have acted upon shows the need for legislation for change, and Brethren, most of these letters that I have received so far say, "No, we are not too restrictive, we are in good shape." "Do you feel like your Blue Lodge gave you an adequate Masonic education?" Most of the answers of these thirty letters that I have say, "Yes, it gave us a little, and we have gone to Lodge, and have learned a lot more." It leads me to think that Masonic education could be strengthened in our Lodges. "Do you think that alcoholic beverages should be any part of Blue Lodge Masonry?" The subject of

alcohol comes up very often in Masonry. The answers that I received so far are pretty strictly, "Absolutely not!" "What is your opinion of our Grand Lodge Communications?" And, here to date, those that have answered this have not given me a very definitive answer. But I have heard in our Grand Lodge Communications that they wish that there might be a little bit more fun, little more done for the delegates. Anyway, Brothers, this way I hope that I can get some feedback from our Brethren and tabulate what our members feel about their fraternity.

Now, I noticed down on the bottom under the Grand Master's Message is a block that I was surprised to see, and was delighted. It says, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity." Brethren, Unity Lodge is my Lodge in Portland. And on February 25, Herman Kuppler, the Grand Master of Oregon, will raise his son, Christopher. I was surprised to see it, but that's communicating good news, I'll tell you. Also, on the back page here, three generations are part of Sydney Croft Lodge No. 206, RW Brother Vern Garvin's Lodge. His son was installed as Master of his Lodge. This is the third generation to be installed as Master of Sydney Croft Lodge No. 206. It gives the Deputy Grand Master a further opportunity to express his views so that the members of Grand Lodge know who they are voting on next year. I can tell you that I am his campaign manager and they will be voting on a very fine man for Grand Master.

Brethren, there is another thing that I have noticed recently in this search for leadership, activity, and visibility. We have more signs on our Masonic Temples now than we did. I am so pleased to see these, saying, "Masonic Temple." I can understand that, and I think that people can understand those words, "Masonic Temple." Regarding trestle boards, I suppose about 20 percent of our Lodges or maybe a little more have monthly trestle boards. I also noticed that the trestle boards have been dressed up, different colored papers, different format, some good graphics; a change that I think is beneficial and certainly is informative to the members of the Lodge to get these trestle boards. So Brethren, I think that as your Grand Master does, communication is so important. One means of doing this is through the written word, through trestle boards and in our case now, through the *Oregon Masonic News*, a news that we use to communicate success. Well Brethren, I would like to close this with a poem; it is about something that we all have, a bag of tools. Perhaps Masons more than others have so many tools in their tool bags. This is a poem that I never memorized, it is very short, and I would like to read it. I guess that I like to savor the words a little bit. It is a Masonic poem by R. L. Sharp and it goes like this:

Isn't it strange that Princes and Kings
And clowns that caper in sawdust rings.
And common people like you and me.
Are builders for eternity.
To each is given a bag of tools,
A shapeless mass, a book of rules.
And each must make sure life has flown,
A stumbling block or a stepping stone.

Thank you Brethren.

Charles Folsom, National Sojourners President-Remarks

Most Worshipful Sir:

While you are on this subject, might I add something for future consideration. You have another Masonic organization which recognizes fully the supreme authority of the Grand Lodge of Alaska operating within the confines of this Grand Jurisdiction. The National Sojourners have two chapters, one in Fairbanks and one here in Anchorage, and I am sure that you will find from my later remarks are a credit and an asset to the Grand Lodge of Alaska. I know that this subject will come up again in the future, as it always does. It was in the appendant and coordinate bodies discussion at the last Grand Masters Conference in Seattle, and this is a matter of concern to Masonry worldwide. So, I would hope that there will be some further discussion, and when it comes up, the National Sojourners be included, because we are a part of your Masonic family in Alaska. I further suggest that we might in the future consider the fact that as Masons, at a time when we are losing strength worldwide, that we should consider every effort possible to heal any rifts that may exist, because as was said very wisely by one of our Masonic Brothers two hundred years ago, "We must all hang together, or we are going to hang separately."

Major Charles Folsom, President National Sojourners

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Most Worshipful Grand Masters, Past Grand Masters. Distinguished Visitors, and Exemplary Brethren All:

It is the greatest of pleasures to visit your Grand Lodge on behalf of our worldwide order of National .Sojourners. Over the past five years, I have heard a great deal about Alaska Masonry and about the Grand Lodge of Alaska, and I have gotten it from a pretty good source. Now, I have heard that on occasion, Most Worshipful Brother Byron Jenkins has been known to exaggerate. I personally have never known this to be true, but it certainly isn't in this case. I thank you all for your most warm reception and superb hospitality. Now, I am personally most happy to return again to Alaska. I'm sorry that Right Worshipful Brother Glen isn't here at the time. I might have become an Alaskan, but at the time that I retired I was under the impression that you had to be at least six feet tall to be considered for citizenship up here. I have since discovered of course that this isn't true. You just have to think that you are six feel tall, and act like it.

Several of the speakers have spoken of youth and vitality and visibility within our order. This, of course, is what is so very prevalent here, the attitude and the vitality and the youth. The youth which comes at all ages, because there are some very young people in their eighties and nineties and there are some awfully old ones in their thirties and forties. I represent the very vital organization, and we have something in common with the Grand Lodge of Alaska and that is that we, with you, have grown the last four years.

The Grand Lodge of Alaska is the only Grand Lodge, the only Grand Jurisdiction which has grown for the last four years. I don't know what the figures were last year in the 51 Grand Jurisdictions, but the year before you were one of three. And you are the only one that is growing. We are the only Masonic organization that has continued to grow, and we expect to continue to grow based on youth and vitality.

We are one of the very few Masonic organizations which asks nothing of Masonry whatsoever. We want to give. Masonry is too important not to let the military have a part of it, and the military is certainly too important not to have a large number of dedicated Masons within it. The National Sojourners is in the unique position of being able to make military men who should be Masons, Masons. Several times Masonic fellowship dinners have been mentioned. The majority of our meetings in our Chapters, our 156 Chapters, are open meetings, which means that the ladies are there, and guests or visitors are there.

It is the logical place to bring a Brother military officer who should be a Mason but isn't, and get him to ask the question. Our last meeting in Omaha No. 19, which is a fairly small Chapter with 99 members, of which I might add, we have some distinguished members. Most Worshipful Byron is a Past President of that Chapter. At that last meeting, we brought in two new members. Now, what is really interesting is that the meeting before that, those same two Masons met with their ladies with us as the guests of our active duty Captain. Air Force President. The next night, one of them was raised, and the other one took his Master Mason's proficiency. That young active duty Captain who signed their petitions into Sojourners also took their petitions into Masonry. I believe within the last year those are the fourth and fifth of his Brother military types who came into Masonry as a result of his efforts.

Brethren, they were not all officers. Remember that in this order of ours, people ask us the magic question, which results in the petition if they admire and respect us and recognize us to be Masons. In the military, the Sojourners are the most visible Masons around. We encourage this visibility. We not only bring people into Masonry, but we also keep track of them. That 700 figure of lost Masons, NPD's, that you have, I couldn't believe it when I heard it. Now, I don't know how many of those, Most Worshipful, are military, but I would suspect that there is quite a number. This is an area in which we can help. We have a Chapter in Fairbanks, and we have a Chapter here in Anchorage. We are going to meet with them this next Sunday and reappraise them of some areas in which they can work and assist your Grand Lodge and the other 50 Grand Lodges in North America, meaning U.S. Grand Lodges.

Incidentally, for the benefit of those who might not know, we only have one Mason, one Sojourner in Canada. For those of you who will see him. that is Right Worshipful Brother George Baldwin. Deputy Grand Master in British Columbia, who I believe, in June, will be the Grand Master. It has been a pleasure to be here. Thank you Most Worshipful.

MW Matt Martin, Grand Master of Washington

Most Worshipful Grand Master Jack Bentley, Distinguished Brethren, and Distinguished East: It is a great pleasure for me to participate in your Annual Communication. I would like to bring you greetings from all the Masons of our Grand Jurisdiction of Washington, some 41,372 as of yesterday. We just lost members, but we gained in our friendship across the border, and I think that is what it is all about. Grand Master, I was very pleased to see that you recognized the Brethren of Juneau, and what a great pleasure it is for us to sit in your communication with them, and greet them and have the warm fellowship. That is what Masonry is all about, my Brethren. Meeting together upon the level, and greeting each other as equals, and having that fraternalism among each and every one of us. What a great opportunity we have to get some deeds and actions in motion and live by the virtues of what we are taught at this great Altar.

Speaking of some of the things that were taught at this Altar, I think as Master Masons, we need to be willing to be tried. To do our deeds and help our fellow man. Things that we need to share with each other. You know, Masonry is really a Brotherhood, not only a Brotherhood of words, but also of deeds and actions. We need to share with each other by what we do, not only within our Grand Lodge, but also within our Constituent Lodges. But, what do we do outside of that door? When we walk outside of that door through the servants entrance, are we doing those things that are really essential, that will set the words and actions and the motions in action that we can set the example as Masons to those uninitiated, to those non-Masons? By our deeds and examples, are we setting the example that they would truly say; there goes a Mason and I would like to share his company? By so doing, if we work in the vineyards of Masonry, we ourselves are doing a deed for mankind, by each of us living up to what we said that we would do at this Altar.

If we can, as my theme is this year, “be a VIP,” that is not a very important person, that is not what I am talking about. I'm talking about you, and all of us by being visible, being involved, and being a participant. Your Grand Secretary read yesterday in his report, something about 700 unfinished Masons that are still in the process of taking their degrees. What a great opportunity we have as Masons to really become involved and become a participant in our Lodge. You think, well, my goodness, what can we do? Wouldn't it be great if the Worshipful Master of your Constituent Lodge would assign you to a committee to go out and say, we have 25 unfinished candidates in our Lodge. Go out and find out what they are doing, where they are. What was the cause of them for not finishing up their degrees? You might find that they were assigned a coach that really wasn't that interesting, that really didn't know the basic foundations and the truth and the principles of our Institution, that couldn't answer the philosophical questions that might be posed by that Brother. What a great opportunity we have as Masons to go out and work with our Brethren and allow them to associate and participate in those activities that we have. What a wonderful opportunity we have as Masons, helping each other by being visible and by being a participant in your Lodge.

We can assist the Worshipful Master and the officers of your Lodge to perform those friendship nights, nights that we have for bringing of the community into our Lodge. Sharing an honor night with the mayor of your town, the councilmen, for those deeds and actions that he has done, for being a good citizen in our community. Showing that we really care about what they are doing for helping mankind, and by doing so, we are spreading the Light of Masonry. We are letting them know what we stand for. By bringing those non-Masons into our Lodge, our Temple, showing them what we do inside this Temple. There is an awful lot of symbolism that we have in our Temples that we can share with these people that come into our Temple. Share with them the knowledge and what the foundation of Masonry is all about. What a great opportunity we have, of telling of the many, many outstanding people that we have in our great Nation that have been Masons, letting them know who they are and what they stand for, what you and I stand for. All that we must do my Brethren is become a VIP, and you can do it, and you can make the difference, if you commit yourself to Masonry. Thank you my Brethren.

MW Francis D. Hess, Past Grand Master of Montana

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Visitors, and Brethren: It gives me a great deal of pleasure and pride to bring to you best wishes for a happy and fruitful session from my Most Worshipful Warren H. Ross, Grand Master of Montana, and I bring this greeting to you and to you Most Worshipful Sir, the Grand Master of my Grand Lodge in Alaska. Brethren, five years ago we were sitting in this room. You fulfilled a dream. I fulfilled a dream, you formed your Grand Lodge, and I had the honor and privilege of sitting and observing the formation of that Grand Lodge. It was something that I had always wanted to do. I watched the progress, and you have amazed me at the progress that you have made. In coming up here every year, I fell in love with the Grand Lodge of Alaska. Finally, in 1983, I decided that I would - have to do something about it. and I became a member of Kenai Lodge. So Brethren. I can truthfully say we have accomplished a lot.

But Brethren, we must not relax. I have noticed this in my own Grand Lodge in Montana, the enthusiasm that Masonry showed at the Grand Lodge sessions when I first joined, something has happened to it. I don't know whether apathy has set in, or whether a lot of our Masons are not as committed as they were when I first joined. Right now Brethren, you are all dedicated and you are committed, but you are going to have to remain committed to this grand design of having a Grand Lodge of Alaska to keep your growth and increase the strength and value of your Grand Lodge, I should say, our Grand Lodge.

Brethren, I do wish to congratulate you on your session this year. I've observed that you are still proceeding cautiously and that is great. I would be very remiss at this time if I didn't thank this body. I know that Harry is out counting ballots, but I wish here to publicly thank Harry and Glenna Case for opening their house up to my wife and I for this session. It is a pleasure, and it is real pleasant on the pocketbook having a free bedroom. Most Worshipful Sir, I wish to congratulate you on your year as Grand Master.

You don't have very much longer before it is going to be prestige gone man, but you will have a lot of fine memories and thank you for all the courtesies.

RW Thomas O. Mickey, District Deputy of the Grand Master, British Columbia and Yukon

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished East, and Brethren All:

It is a great pleasure and honor to be here. It is the second Grand Lodge session that we have attended. I think that last year five of us came over, and three of us are here again. It would have been four, but one of our older members didn't feel quite up to coming, so we recruited some younger stock. I think from the enthusiasm that they have shown they will probably come back too. You know, visiting is something that we in Whitehorse don't get to do that much. We have the two Lodges in Whitehorse of course. The nearest one, other than White Pass, by road, is Dawson City which is 335 miles away. We do get back and forth to that, but it being a summer Lodge, it leaves six months and we may make six meetings, and we may not. Being only 110 road miles from Skagway, I would probably leave Whitehorse and not lose too much work time and get down and back the same night. So, we are looking forward to that.

We find that on these visits we learn so much more about Freemasonry. We learn different things being done in different ways, but always the basic fundamental tenets are still there. We also find that on the journey to and from the Grand Lodge sessions, or visitation sessions, when we get five or six Brethren, a sort of captive audience in a moving vehicle that there are some quite lively discussions that take place. At times, they probably are not in the most Masonic manner. They are rather pointed and rather heated, but nobody can get away, so by the time that we do get stopped, they are all sorted out and everybody is in good humor.

But we certainly do enjoy coming here. We do enjoy listening to the people, and most of all, we enjoy meeting the local Alaskan Brethren, and the visiting Brethren. Last year we were quite impressed by Jerry Rasor. I'm sure that you all remember. This year, we have the Texan here that we are all quite impressed with, so each year there is something a little bit different. On behalf of the five that accompanied me, you can rest assured that we will be back, and next year we just might even be voting members, you never know. Thank you again.

MW Charles Moulthrop, Jr., Past Grand Master of Michigan

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Brothers and my Brethren All:

I wish to thank you for all of the phone calls, the cards, and all of your support last year. It makes a man feel very humble, when he realizes how many friends he has four to five thousand miles away from his home. My Brothers, it is my privilege and my

honor to be here with you. It was my privilege to have been here every year but last year, since you started. You have not only the newest Grand Lodge, but also one of the friendliest Grand Lodges and the best group of Masons that I know anywhere in the world.

Last year in contemplation of coming up to Alaska, I ordered some lapel pins for your Worshipful Masters of your Lodges. Brothers, I have to order these the third week in July, and I was very pleased to find out that I had ordered 12 and needed 13 last year and I was only sorry that I was not here to present them. I apologize to the one Worshipful Master that did not receive one. I was not able to get a 13th pin last year because these are specially made by the company that makes them, they are not a stock item. However, the Royal Arch Grand Chapter in Michigan started this as a tradition about 30 years ago, where every Worshipful Master when he is installed in Michigan receives from the High Priest in that area or in that town his lapel pin, designating him as Master that year. It is my pleasure this year to ask all of your Worshipful Masters from the Alaska Lodges, and I mean all 14 of you now, to please file up west of the Altar, if you would, if you are here. (MW Moulthrop went to the Altar and presented each of the assembled Lodge Masters with a lapel pin, and then continued with the following words.) Thank you Brothers, I hope that you wear that with equal pride and pleasure to yourself and with honor to the Fraternity which you represent. Thank you.

And now, Most Worshipful, as I am not known for being a long winded speaker, I will only say, as I have in the past, the good Lord willing, and the creek don't rise, I'll be back again.

RW Arthur S. Thomas, Grand Lodge of Japan

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished East, and my Brethren All:

It is indeed a pleasure to be here at this Fourth Annual Communication. Most Worshipful Brother John Ingram was talking about these medallions which you have at each communication. Last year was my first year to be privileged to come. But, somebody had brought me the first one. I was looking for the second one, and I want to tell you how far you go to get that second one. I was in Japan, and I was talking to Most Worshipful Brother Kitimura who makes these things. He was showing me some things that I wanted to see for the Grand Lodge of Washington, and lo and behold, here was the medallion of the Second Annual Communication, so I got my second one. It's a long way to go, but we made it.

Having been somewhat instrumental in helping the Grand Lodge of Japan some 27 years ago, I can sympathize with the struggles and pain that you have to go through to form a Grand Lodge. Churchill told the British public in 1940. "I can promise you nothing but blood, sweat, and tears." I don't know about the blood for the Grand Lodge of Alaska. It's rich, you can see that. But you must understand that you are going to sweat before you achieve all that you want. You have to be willing to sweat for it; tears you are

going to shed in frustration for those who should do, but won't do. But the Good Book tells you, these things too shall pass away, so be of good cheer. Always evince that enthusiasm for this Fraternity that will make it great. Demonstrate your sincerity to your principles, and certainly never lower standards just to increase yourselves in numbers. Be true to those things, and your Grand Lodge will prosper. Most Worshipful Grand Master, I thank you for the hospitality the Brethren have shown me, and I will certainly return many times. Thank you.

Alden H. Jones, Past Grand Master of Washington

Most Worshipful Grand Master. Members and Guests of the Grand Lodge of Alaska:

I don't know which of the several times that I have been up here have been most enjoyable, but in my memory, this one seems like the best of all. It has been a pleasure. I appreciate the courtesies which you have extended to me and my wife, and we will be back.

It's always good to meet with fellows like yourself, and talk about Masonry. It is a great subject. If there are a hundred and four people here in attendance, there are more than that. 104 voting delegates, each one of us has a Masonic talk in his heart, I know. They would be different, but they would all be constructive and practical and useful. We sometimes talk about our experiences, we sometimes talk about history and such things.

In Masonry, there are the most beautiful words in the English language. We repeat them often and they have such great meanings for us. Probably the greatest of all is truth. Truth heals all things, it is even said that truth is a divine attribute and the foundation of all virtues, and there is no doubt. Truth is threaded and woven through all the philosophy of Masonry. It is really the basis of Masonry. The obligations we take, each one of them separately and independently, are structured around truth. The truth that if we don't follow, we are heading for trouble.

And so long as we do follow each one of these obligations, truth will bear us out. Truth will support us. Truth will lead the way. It has been said that truth may not be evident at a given moment, but time which gnaws away all things is powerless against truth. I think that tells the whole story about truth, especially the truth of Masonry. It has been a great pleasure and honor to stand before you and share these thoughts, just as the other thoughts have been shared with each other here. Thank you my Brethren, God bless you. I will see you again.

MW Byron C. Jenkins, Past Grand Master of Nebraska

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, Brethren:

I first want to say many thanks for the great hospitality and warmth for both my wife and myself. The Grand Master from Oregon brought up an interesting topic when he said that the new candidate's wife was very interested in knowing what happened. It may be just a story, but now we come to truth. I have a friend I worked with for a number of years. He was a Lutheran from that one group of Lutherans which doesn't look too well upon us, as was his new wife. They had just been married a couple of weeks when he began to get his first instruction in Masonry. His wife was pretty mad about it. He was going down to the Temple two nights a week posting, and she didn't think very well of that. She was quite an avid reader, so while he was gone in the evening, she would go to bed and read her books. How many of you have ever read Tolstoy's War and Peace? Yes, we have a few hands, a good deal of Masonry in it. There is one passage in that book that says the newly-made Mason was presented with a white apron and a pair of white gloves. The apron he was to keep spotless, and the white gloves, he was to give to the one that he loved the best. Well, poor old Bob, he came home from posting that night, came into the house, went to the bedroom, and here his wife is in bed reading War and Peace. She looked up at him and must have had a thoroughly angry look on her face, and she said, "Where are my gloves?" Now, how do you get out of that one Brethren? My Brethren, it is in this room that history was made. And, it is great to be back in this room again, to come home. Thank you Brethren.

MW Roy Foss, Past Grand Master of Washington

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Alaska, Distinguished Guests, my Distinguished Brethren All:

It is a great pleasure to me to be here again. I think this is my second time more or less. I have heard so many different stories of different activities around the world that it reminded me of Australia and New Zealand. In their Masonic fraternity, they have dedication. They have a lot of Masons, the percentage of Masons for the population is greater than any place in the United States. They have about twice as many Lodges as we normally do, with half the members.

In all of New Zealand, I'd say that about ten percent of the people are connected with the Masonic Fraternity. They have in some way or another, the Scottish Rite; they have the York Rite; they don't have the Shrine. When I tell them about the Shrine, they want to know what it is. I tell them about the great philanthropy that we give for charity. They want me to start them a Shrine down in New Zealand. I told them that I didn't have time, but I would come back maybe with some delegates who might show them how to do this. All of my travels have been enjoyable. The Master told me that when I received my Master's Degree, "Your travels may be over a rough and rugged road." Mine have been enjoyable, due to the Masonic Fraternity, and I look for many more years of being

able to travel this way of life, this road of life and be with friends such as you. Thank you. Thank you!

RW Vern R. Garvin, Deputy Grand Master of Oregon

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren All;

It is a pleasure to be in Alaska. It is nice to look out and see some young faces. Most of the time that I go to Grand Lodge, I'm the youngest fellow, and I'm getting kind of bald on top. It is nice to see a sprinkling of young men, because that is what the builders are. You take some of us that are over the hump, we don't have the energy in this state, and it is good to be here. I know the time, the hour is getting late, and I appreciate the honor of the East, so I will stop it there. Thank you.

RW Marks L. Ewing, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Lodge of Washington

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Brethren All:

What a pleasure to be here. I have noticed one thing, and I am going to paraphrase Brother Norm Crosby. He would say, "Everybody gets a standing ovation." That happens here, doesn't it? And I think that's tremendous that those who address you are appreciated. It's nice. I had the opportunity to be a part of A.M.R.A. when it first started or very shortly thereafter. I bought so many things that A.M.R.A. sells, that I bring extra money when I come.

But it is nice to be a part of something, isn't it? I was here during the birth of this Grand Lodge and I wouldn't class this as an afterbirth. You have to appreciate each other, don't you? When you are close like this, it is a part of the thing, everybody feels somebody close to them. You are indeed most fortunate; you are growing. I hope to be a part of that growth. I shall most assuredly come back and look forward to the warmth of your welcome. I hope that I can reciprocate, and thank you very much again Most Worshipful Grand Master.

ELECTION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

The election of Grand Officers for 1985-1986 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

Glen W. Pruett

Deputy Grand Master

Gunnar Flygenring

Senior Grand Warden:

Fred V. Angleton

Junior Grand Warden

Ralph Kavorkian

Grand Secretary

Neil R. Bassett

INSTALLATION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

An open installation for the 1985 - 1986 officers for the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was conducted in Anchorage, Alaska on February 8, 1985.

OPENING CEREMONIES

INSTALLING OFFICERS

Installing Master	MW Byron C. Jenkins
Installing Marshall	MW John C. Ingram
Installing Chaplain	MW James A. Williams
Installing Secretary	MW H. B. "Jack" Bentley

ELECTED OFFICERS

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APPOINTED OFFICERS

Grand Chaplain	W Rev. John W. Edgar
Grand Lecturer	W Lloyd W. Ives
Grand Orator	VW Fred L. McGuire
Grand Historian	VW Ernest J. Anderes
Grand Marshal	W Mitchell R. Miller
Senior Grand Deacon	W Alfred M. White
Junior Grand Deacon	W Harry D. Case
Grand Standard Bearer	W Archie F. Lowe
Grand Sword Bearer	W Frank Dickinson
Grand Bible Bearer	W V. Clifford Darnell
Senior Grand Steward	W Cecil H. Clift
Junior Grand Steward	W Peter E. Nilles

Grand Organist	W Richard M. Comer
Grand Tyler	W Johnnie Wallace
Assistant Grand Tyler	W Johnny C. Rutherford, Jr.
Assistant Grand Tyler	W Monte Ervin

DEPUTIES TO THE GRAND MASTER

District 1	VW Gene R. Freeman
District 2	VW Stanley E. Herman
District 3	VW Henry R. Ferguson
District 4	None Appointed