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# ROLL CALL

## GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Master	MW Glen W. Pruet
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deputy Grand Master	RW Gunnar Flygenring
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Warden	RW Fred V. Angleton
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Secretary	RW Neil R. Bassett
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Marshal	W Mitchell R. Miller
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Deacon	W Alfred M. White
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Standard Bearer	W Archie F. Lowe
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Sword Bearer	W Frank L. Dickson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Bible Bearer	W V. Clifford Darnell
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Steward	W Cecil H. Clift
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Steward	W Peter E. Nilles
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Organist	W Richard M. Comer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Tyler	W Johnnie L. Wallace
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Assistant Grand Tyler	W Johnnie C. Rutherford, Jr.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Assistant Grand Tyler	W Monte Ervin

## CONSTITUENT LODGES

(Would the most Senior Representative please respond?)

- White Pass Lodge No. 1
- Anvil Lodge No. 2
- Tanana Lodge No. 3
- Valdez Lodge No. 4
- Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5
- Seward Lodge No. 6
- Matanuska Lodge No. 7
- Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8
- Kodiak Lodge No. 9
- Glacier Lodge No. 10
- Kenai Lodge No. 11
- Fairbanks Lodge No. 12
- Adak Lodge No. 14

MW Grand Master, all Grand Lodge Officers and lodges are represented and we, therefore, have a Constitutional quorum to open Grand Lodge.

Neil R. Bassett  
Grand Secretary

# SOLEMN CEREMONIES

Organ prelude was performed by Richard M. Comer.

The Fifth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska convened at the Travelers Inn in Fairbanks, Alaska, on the Sixth Day of February, A. D. 1986, A. L. 5986. The public opening was called to order by W. Burton Oien, Worshipful Master of Tanana Lodge No. 3 Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska, at 8:30 A. M., Alaska Standard Time.

The program for the public ceremonies included:

Entrance of Grand Lodge Officers and District Deputies of the Grand Master  
Presentation of United States, Canada, and Alaska flags, and Pledge of Allegiance  
Response to presentation of flags

The following people gave responses following each flag presentation:

Holly Morris, Confidential Observer, Fairbanks Assembly No. 1,  
International Order of Rainbow for Girls

Jim Wallace, Master Counselor, Arctic Chapter, Order of DeMolay

Julie Perusich, Worthy Advisor, Forget-Me-Not Assembly No. 14,  
International Order of Rainbow for Girls

Sandy Mitchell, Grand Worthy Advisor, International Order of Rainbow  
for Girls

Cammi Ronken, International Order of Rainbow for Girls

Bryce Burger, State Master Counselor of Alaska, Order of DeMolay.

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

Introduction of heads of Concordant Bodies

Gertrude Green, Royal Matron and Johnnie Wallace, Royal Patron, Polaris  
Court No. 2, Fairbanks, Order of Amaranth

Alice Mix, District Aide, District No. 1, Grand Chapter of Kansas, Order  
of Eastern Star

Charles F. Lewis, Worthy Patron, Alaska Chapter No. 1, Nome, Order of  
Eastern Star

Jerald Pendergrass, Worthy Patron, Matanuska Valley Chapter No. 14,  
Palmer, Order of Eastern Star

Florence and Harold Ervin, Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron, Midnight  
Sun Chapter No. 6, Fairbanks, Order of Eastern Star

Mary Wallace, Deputy of the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Western  
Alaska, Order of Eastern Star

Most Worshipful Glen Pruett, Worthy Patron, Fairbanks Chapter No. 18,  
Order of Eastern Star

Kim Wilbur, State Honored Queen, Job's Daughters

Sandy Mitchell, State Grand Worthy Advisor, International Order of  
Rainbow for Girls

Bryce Burger, Alaska State Master Councilor, Order of DeMolay

VW Bob Parkins, Supreme Outer Observer in Alaska, International Order of Rainbow for Girls  
Stanley Woodin, State Executive Officer, Order of DeMolay  
Raymond L. Beaver, Potentate, Al Aska Shrine Temple  
Address of Welcome, Mayor Fairbanks North Star Borough  
Honorable William Sheffield, Governor of Alaska  
Address of Sandy Mitchell, International Order of Rainbow for Girls

The formal opening of the Twelfth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was opened on February 6, 1986 by Most Worshipful Glen W. Pruett Grand Master of Masons in Alaska in Ample Form.

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

**First Session**

W Paul Merkouris, Anvil Lodge No. 2

**Second Session**

W James D. Grubbs, Eagle River Lodge No. 13

**Third Session**

W Arnold Van Horn, Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8

**Fourth Session**

W Rev. John W. Edgar, Fairbanks Lodge No. 12

**Presentation of Distinguished Guests**

**Alaska**

MW H. B. "Jack" Bentley, Past Grant Master

MW John C. Ingram, Past Grand Master

**Alberta, Canada**

VW Ed Yonkers, Past Grand Tyler, representing MW Warren Graves, Grand Master

**British Columbia, Canada**

MW George W. Baldwin, Grand Master

**California**

RW Leo B. Mark, Senior Grand Warden, representing MW John Driskell, Grand Master

**Japan**

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

**Michigan**

W Gerald W. Picken, Senior Grand Deacon

MW Charles S. Moulthrop, Past Grand Master

**Montana**

MW Francis D. Hess, Past Grand Master, representing MW Paul E. Boves, Grand Master

**Nebraska**

MW Byron C. Jenkins, Past Grand Master

**Oregon**

MW Herman C. Kuppler, Past Grand Master

RW Monroe E. "Jim" Morton, Deputy Grand Master

MW Vern R. Garvin, Grand Master

**Washington**

W Maynard C. Brent, Fraternal Relations

VW Dean L. Quigley, Code Commission,

VW Ben H. Robertson, Chairman, Bylaws Committee

VW Warren H. Murphy, Credentials Committee

VW William R. Miller, Grand Marshal,

W Ralph W. Hose, Assistant Grand Secretary, representing RW Edward L. Bennett, Grand Secretary

RW Jefferson J. Ensworth, Deputy Grand Master

RW Marks L. Ewing, Senior Grand Warden

MW Roy Foss, Past Grand Master, Washington

MW George R. Bordewick, Past Grand Master

MW Alden H. Jones, Past Grand Master

MW Warren J. Gilbert, Jr., Grand Master

**Wyoming**

W Paul S. Penny, District Instructor, representing MW Clifford Bloomenrader, Grand Master, Wyoming

# MESSAGE OF THE MW GRAND MASTER

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

Distinguished Brethren All:

Let me welcome each of you to the Fifth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska.

To our distinguished guests from other Jurisdictions, we are most honored with your presence and please that you could take the time from your busy schedules to be with us. We say hello and hope we might know each other more fully. Your comfort and pleasure is our concern so if there is anything we can do to make your visit more enjoyable, please let us know.

Brethren, Grand Lodge is a working body or team composed of the Worshipful Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters, or their proxies, of the Lodges holding charters in the Grand Jurisdiction. We are extended privileges not extended the general membership. That is what makes us Grand Lodge. We are to be humbled by this honor and accept gratefully the assistance extended by so many.

Your help toward the "on-going" programs of Masonry have been invaluable and this Grand Lodge Team has been a qualified and dedicated group and a joy to work with and serve you.

The unsung heroes of Masonry are the Worshipful Masters of the Constituent Lodges. They quietly, day by day, take the lead in their respective places by example and hard work. Will the Worshipful Masters please stand so that we may see you and those seated give them a round of hearty applause to show them we are proud of them. Thank you, Brethren.

This year we have endeavored to impress upon the lodge officers the responsibility for all acts of the members; the need for constant reference to the Alaska Masonic Code, and the obedience to all Laws; the need for better education of our candidates and ourselves; the support of the Grand Lodge Programs; our widows, public schools, churches and greater involvement with our community. We need their acceptance that we are not a "Secret Society."

I have tried not to bother the Grand Lodge officers any more than absolutely necessary, but when I have had need of them they have been ready and willing to answer my questions, give me counsel, and furnish information from the Jurisprudence Committee, the Grand Secretary, RW Neil Bassett, on down through the Past Grand Masters. When I needed I have received. Many thanks for these considerations.

## State of the Craft

Attendance and membership in the Lodges is up and that is a positive healthy indication of the state of Masonry in Alaska.

Some always think we need a Lodge full of entrepreneurs. I think we need more individual responsibility and effort by the membership to produce a thriving organization.

It is gratifying to see all over the state, more young men coming into Masonry, and we need to teach them by example and encourage them to pick up the tools and go to work.

The Youth Organizations are well and growing. There is a movement in the state to form more Bethels of Job's Daughters.

DeMolay in the state needs more leadership; however, it is experiencing growth.

The Order of Rainbow for Girls has always been strong, and it continues to be.

We are privileged to have two national officers from Alaska in the Order of Eastern Star, indicating this strength of our Sister Organization.

Friendship Nights over the State have been effective in bringing the communities together. This was mainly due to good planning and cooperation.

In my travels, I have felt encouraged by the Lodges support of Widows' Night, School Awards program, and the Aphasia Clinic.

I noted that the general appearances of the Lodge Temples were usually attractive and in good repair. We must continue to maintain an orderly and neat image in our cities.

This year a special invitation was extended to the Grand Lodge Officers and their wives to attend the installation of officers in Juneau, Sitka, Ketchikan, and Anchorage Lodge No. 221. These Lodges are yet members of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Washington.

Those attending Juneau, Sitka and Ketchikan installations were: MW Glen Pruett, Grand Master and his wife; VW Gene Freeman, District Deputy of the Grand Master; and W Lloyd Ives, Grand Lecturer. The Grand Master of Alaska was asked to speak at all three of these occasions and the other officers were extended special courtesies. MW Warren Gilbert, Jr., Grand Master of Washington and VW Leonard Schultz, Grand Bible Bearer of Washington, made us all welcome.

Representing the Grand Master of Alaska on the special invitation from Anchorage Lodge No. 221 was RW Gunnar Flygenring, Deputy Grand Master; RW Neil Bassett, Grand Secretary; W Cecil H. Clift, Senior Grand Steward; W Peter Nilles, Junior Grand Steward; VW Henry R. Ferguson, District Deputy of the Grand Master; W Charles Gregg, Jurisprudence Committee; and VW Robert Parkins, Finance Committee.

These installations were well planned and well attended. They included youth groups in their ceremonies and their friendship and hospitality to us was overwhelming!

### **Recommendations**

1. That this Lodge mail to all Constituent Lodges in Alaska that are affiliated with the Grand Lodge of the State of Washington, a copy of these proceedings and also previous copies of our Grand Lodge Proceedings, if available.
2. That the title of Section 19 of the Alaska Masonic Code be changed from "DeMolay" to "Youth" and amended to read, "The Committee on Youth shall maintain a program of guidance and assistance to promote a closer relationship with the Order of DeMolay, International Order of Rainbow for Girls, and the International Order of Job's Daughters."

3. Reinstatement that portion of Section 6 of the Alaska Masonic Code relating to Statements of Availability: "Any person desiring to serve as Junior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge may on or before the first day of October preceding the Annual Grand Communication, file with the Grand Secretary, a Statement of Availability containing a resume of his service to his Symbolic Lodge and to the Grand Lodge. Prior to December 1, all such statements shall be printed and forwarded by the Grand Secretary to all Constituent Lodges for Study prior to the next Annual Communication. This action does not preclude the right of the Grand Lodge to elect any eligible member without such statement.

### **Conclusion**

My Brethren, it is appropriate at this time to express by gratitude for the wise counsel and fellowship bestowed on me this year. If anything worthwhile was accomplished it resulted from this.

A special "thank you" to my fellow officers and committeemen who traveled so extensively and shared responsibilities. It was done in happy fellowship and did much to further the cause of Masonry.

I give Grand Honors to the untiring W Lloyd Ives, Grand Lecturer, who visited with me every Lodge in our state except one.

Because of the love and strength of my wife, Roni, I was able to accomplish this difficult yet wonderful year.

As the book of Proverbs tells us, "Incline your ear to wisdom and your heart to understanding that you may walk in the way of good men and keep the paths of the righteous.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Glenn W. Pruett  
Grand Master

### **APPENDIX TO GRAND MASTER'S REPORT**

This Appendix contains data on official acts of the Grand Master, MW Glen W. Pruett, during the period of February 9, 1985 through February 7, 1986.

#### **Proclamations**

March 18, 1985                      April as Masonic Public Schools Month

#### **Dispensations**

March 12, 1985                      For Tanana Lodge No. 3 to hold its annual International Fellowship Night with Whitehorse Lodge No. 46 on May 19 & 20, each to exemplify degrees on it's own ritual.

- March 22, 1985 For Adak Lodge No. 14 to confer the Third Degree on a military man in less than 14 days.
- April 26, 1985 For Tanana Lodge No. 3 and Fairbanks Lodge No. 12 to confer an outdoor Third Degree on June 8, 1985.
- August 3, 1985 For Kenai Lodge No. 11 to confer an outdoor Third Degree on August 15, 1985.
- December 21, 1985 For Fairbanks Lodge No. 12 to hold a special election for Senior Warden at the January Stated meeting.

### **Lodge Bylaw Changes Approved**

- Tanana Lodge No. 3 To establish a special endowment trust fund.  
To specify the uses which may be made of money deposited in the New Temple Construction Fund.
- Matanuska Lodge No. 7 To change affiliation fees.  
To adjust Lodge dues to \$15 plus the amount of the Grand Lodge per capita payment.
- Kodiak Lodge No. 9 To hold a Stated Meeting in June as well as all other months.  
To change Lodge and Jurisdiction to No. 9 under Alaska Jurisdiction.
- Eagle River Lodge No. 13 Change U.D. to No. 13.  
Change the hour of the Stated Meeting from 8:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; and, if on a legal holiday, to postpone a week, rather than cancel.

### **Special Representatives to Other Jurisdictions**

- June 12-14, 1985 Grand Lodge of Oregon by RW Gunnar Flygenring  
June 27-28, 1985 Grand Lodge of British Columbia by RW Gunnar Flygenring
- September 30, 1985 Grand Lodge of Missouri by W Mitchell R. Miller  
October 4, 1985 Grand Lodge of Illinois by W Mitchell R. Miller  
October 14-16, 1985 Grand Lodge of California by RW Gunnar Flygenring  
October 21, 1985 Grand Lodge of Kentucky by W Mitchell R. Miller  
November 19-20, 1985 Grand Lodge of Alabama by RW Ralph Kavorkian



## Visitations and Meetings

1985

### February

- 10 Meeting with Sojourners in Anchorage (Ft. Richardson)
- 14 Reception for Grand Master by Tanana Lodge No. 3 and Fairbanks Lodge No. 12.
- 17-20 Grand Masters Conference, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
- 22 Meeting with Fairbanks Chapter UD., O.E.S.
- 25 Meeting with Forget-Me-Not Rainbow Assembly No. 14 (Eielson AFB)
- 27 Special Communication of Tanana Lodge No. 3
- 28 DeMolay meeting in Fairbanks

### March

- 1 Meeting of Fairbanks Scottish Rite Bodies.
- 2-3 Western Conference of Grand Lodges, Portland, Oregon
- 4 Rainbow Assembly No. 1, Fairbanks.
- 6 Special Communication of Tanana Lodge No. 3.
- 7 Meeting of Fairbanks Lodge No. 12.
- 8 Midnight Sun Chapter No. 6, O.E.S., Fairbanks.
- 9 DeMolay Meeting, Arctic Chapter, Fairbanks.
- 13 Stated Communication of Tanana Lodge No. 3
- 16 Constitution of Eagle River Lodge No. 13.
- 20 Meeting of Tanana Lodge No. 3
- 21 Meeting of Fairbanks Lodge No. 12.
- 22 Meeting with Fairbanks Chapter UD, O.E.S.
- 25 Meeting with Forget-Me-Not Rainbow Assembly No. 14 (Eielson AFB)
- 28-29 Annual Communication, Grand Lodge of Minnesota in St. Paul

### April

- 3 Meeting of Tanana Lodge No. 3
- 4 Maundy Thursday Service, Fairbanks Lodge No. 12
- 5 Scottish Rite Bodies, Fairbanks.
- 7 Re-lighting of the Lights at the Temple, Fairbanks
- 10 Stated Communication of Tanana Lodge No. 3
- 12 School of Instruction at Midnight Sun Chapter No. 6, O.E.S.
- 13 School of Instruction at Fairbanks Chapter UD, O.E.S.
- 17 Special meeting of Tanana Lodge No. 3
- 18 Meeting of Fairbanks Lodge No. 12
- 18-20 Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Fairbanks
- 23 Official Visit, Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8, Anchorage
- 24 Official Visit, Matanuska Lodge No. 7 and Eagle River Lodge No. 13 at Palmer
- 25 Official Visit, Glacier Lodge No. 10, Anchorage

26-27 Official Visit, Kodiak Lodge No. 9, Kodiak

May

1 Meeting of Tanana Lodge No. 3

2 Stated Communication of Fairbanks Lodge No. 12

3-4 Scottish Rite Reunion, Fairbanks

7 Official Visit, Seward Lodge No. 6, Seward

9 Official Visit, Kenai Lodge No. 11, Soldotna

10-11 Official Visit, Anvil Lodge No. 2, Nome

15 Meeting of Tanana Lodge No. 3

16 Meeting of Fairbanks Lodge No. 12

19-21 Annual Communication, Grand Lodge of Arizona in Phoenix

27 V.F.W. Memorial Day Service, Northern Light Cemetery

28-29 Official Visit, Valdez Lodge No. 4, Valdez

June

1 Meeting with DeMolay Northern Knights Priory, Wasilla

2 Meeting with DeMolay and Job's Daughters, Anchorage

5 Official Visit, Tanana Lodge No. 3, Fairbanks

6 Official Visit, Fairbanks Lodge No. 12, Fairbanks

8 Forget-Me-Not Rainbow Assembly No. 14, Fairbanks

10 Fairbanks Chapter UD, O.E.S.

13-15 Annual Communication, Grand Lodge of Nebraska in Lincoln

17-21 Annual Communication, Grand Lodge of Washington in Tacoma

27-29 Annual Communication, Grand Lodge of Montana in Havre

July

1 Fairbanks Chapter UD, O.E.S.

2 Institution of Fairbanks Chapter No. 18, O.E.S.

3-6 Imperial Council of the Shrine, Atlanta, Georgia

11 Visited Gate City Lodge No. 11, Raton, New Mexico

24 Grand Assembly of Rainbow for Girls, Kenai, Alaska

August

11-14 Annual Communication, Grand Lodge of Wyoming in Evanston

22 Alaska DeMolay Training Camp, Anchorage

23-26 Official Visit, Adak Lodge No. 14, Adak

September

3 Official Visit, Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8, Anchorage

3 Shrine Luncheon, Anchorage

5 Official Visit, Glacier Lodge No. 10, Anchorage

6-7 Official Visit, Kodiak Lodge No. 9, Kodiak

11 Official Visit, Valdez Lodge No. 4, Valdez

12 Official Visit, Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5, Cordova

8-21 Annual Communication, Grand Lodge of Idaho in Sun Valley

- 26 Official Visit, Kenai Lodge No. 11, Soldotna  
30 Official Visit, Eagle River Lodge No. 13, Eagle River
- October
- 1 Official Visit, Seward Lodge No. 6, Seward  
3 Meeting of Fairbanks Lodge No. 12  
4 Meeting of Fairbanks Scottish Rite  
7 Meeting of Fairbanks Assembly No. 1, Rainbow for Girls  
11-12 Official Visit, Anvil Lodge No. 2, Nome  
5 Meeting with Grand Lodge Arrangements Committee  
16 Meeting of Tanana Lodge No. 3  
17 Meeting of Fairbanks Lodge No. 12  
18 Social meeting of Tanana Lodge No. 3 and Fairbanks Lodge No. 12  
19 Official Visit, Tanana Lodge No. 3 and Fairbanks Lodge No. 12, Fairbanks  
20-23 Supreme Council of Scottish Rite in Washington, D.C.  
24 Meeting with Grand Lodge Arrangements Committee  
25 Fairbanks Chapter No. 18, O.E.S.  
26-31 Triennial Session, O.E.S. in Seattle, Washington
- November
- 1-2 Official Visit, White Pass Lodge No. 1, Skagway  
4 Fairbanks Rainbow Assembly No. 1  
6 Widows Night, Tanana Lodge No. 3  
7 International Night at Lafayette Lodge No. 241, Seattle  
10-12 Annual Communication, Grand Lodge of Nevada in Reno  
21 Meeting of Fairbanks Lodge No. 12  
27 Meeting of Tanana Lodge No. 3  
28 Fairbanks Chapter No. 18, O.E.S., Thanksgiving Dinner
- December
- 2 Meeting with Grand Lodge Arrangements Committee  
3 Official Visit, Matanuska Lodge No. 7, Palmer  
5 Meeting of Fairbanks Lodge No. 12  
6 Coronation Ceremonies & Scottish Rite Honors, Juneau  
10 Open House, Scottish Rite Aphasia Clinic, Anchorage  
14 Meeting with Grand Lodge Arrangements Committee  
16 Installations of Officers, Gastineaux Lodge No. 124, Juneau  
17 Installations of Officers, Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 291, Sitka  
18 Installation of Officers, Ketchikan Lodge No. 159, Ketchikan  
22 Meeting with Grand Lodge Arrangements Committee  
23 Joint Installation of Officers for Tanana Lodge No. 3 and Midnight Sun No. 6, O.E.S.  
27 Meeting of Fairbanks Chapter No. 18, O.E.S.

1986

January

- 2 Stated Communication of Fairbanks Lodge No. 12
- 3 Fairbanks Scottish Rite meeting  
Fairbanks Chapter No. 18, O.E.S., chili feed
- 4 Installation of Officers, Arctic Chapter DeMolay, Fairbanks
- 9 Meeting of Fairbanks Lodge No. 12
- 10 Meeting of Midnight Sun Chapter No. 6, O.E.S.
- 15-16 Joint Installation of Officers of Fairbanks Lodge No. 12 and  
Fairbanks Chapter No. 18, O.E.S.
- 15 Meeting of Tanana Lodge No. 3
- 18 Meeting with Grand Lodge Arrangements Committee
- 20 Meeting of Fairbanks Assembly No. 1, Rainbow for Girls
- 22 Meeting of Tanana Lodge No. 3
- 24 Governors Meeting of Scottish Rite, Anchorage
- 29 Meeting of Tanana Lodge No. 3
- 30 Meeting of Fairbanks Lodge No. 12

# 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:

From the standpoint of membership and operation of the Grand Lodge office, I view 1985 as a good year. We completed the printing project so that all our essential forms and booklets are now under our own seal and name. The transfer of jurisdiction over Adak Lodge was rather traumatic in that it took quite a bit of time and work to reconcile membership data, but the Grand Lodge of Washington finally and officially released Adak on November 5, 1985.

All of the Lodge Secretaries responded wonderfully to my request for early submission of the December and End-of-Year reports. This allowed a prompt consolidation and analysis of the data and permitted us to keep on schedule with the accountant, typist and printer. My sincere thanks to each Secretary.

One more Grand Lodge, Austria, sent us a letter of recognition. This, coupled with Grand Lodge action on Gabon and Rio de Janeiro at the 1985 Communication, raises the number of Grand Lodges with which we are in amity to 105 out of the 139 generally recognized in the world. Requests for recognition of the Grand Lodges of Pernambuco and Mato Grosso in Brazil, and Bolivia are currently before the Fraternal Correspondence Committee.

Twenty-five or more years of Masonic membership were recognized for the following brethren:

NAME	DATE ENROLLED
George Bristow, PM (13)	August 12, 1937
William R. Wuestenfeld (13)	January 22, 1951
Eugene F. Lemery (13)	November 27, 1957
Henry f. Dunnaway (8)	January 27, 1960
Clifford R. Black (8)	February 5, 1960
William C. King (8)	March 7, 1960
David E. Grove (8)	April 5, 1960
Roy L. Knott (8)	April 5, 1960
Marvin R. Posey, PM (8)	April 5, 1960
Noble Hall (8)	June 7, 1960
Dougal G. Hodges (8)	June 7, 1960
Robert S. Jennings (8)	June 7, 1960
James C. Russell (8)	June 7, 1960
Wilburn L. White (8)	June 7, 1960
Horace L. Burns (8)	July 5, 1960
Joseph A. Thornburg (8)	July 6, 1960
Allen M. Patten (8)	August 31, 1960
Perry N. Burkhart (8)	November 1, 1960
Bud S. Seltenreich (8)	November 1, 1960
Paul O. Smith (8)	November 1, 1960

Appointments as Grand Representatives include two nominations of brothers near the Grand Lodge of Alaska accepted by sister jurisdictions and five appointments of brothers near other Grand Lodges. These changes are shown in the list of Grand Representatives elsewhere in this booklet.

My travels included a number of official visits with the Grand Master as well as the Grand Secretaries Conference in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and the Western Conference of Grand Lodges in Portland, Oregon. Our first official visit to Adak was a huge success.

Concerning membership, 1985 was probably our best year. Our membership increased from 1,967 to 2,007, a net gain of 40. This data must be qualified to the extent that we began the year with 1,875 members which increased to 1,967 when Adak joined us in February. However, even without Adak, our net gain would have been 36 members. This is due to the fact that we lost fewer members by death and NPD than in the past and a significant increase in degree work.

We still have a disturbing number of candidates "on the books" and I have begun the project to identify these from Grand Lodge records for each Lodge. I hope that we can get some of these brothers back or clearly identify those that are lost to us for all time.

Our financial health is good although still not sufficient to cover all the things a Grand Lodge should do or even some of the essentials which are common to other Grand Lodges. Masonry in Alaska is still "managed" officers and committeemen using their own funds entirely.

With an occasional exception, expenditures were kept within or below budget. In company with nearly everyone else in the U.S., our insurance premiums increased by \$1,200. I am in the middle of a project to bring current our insurance coverage and information about each Lodge, partly for our own well-being and partly at the request of our insurance company.

Although the A.M.R.A. funds were exhausted, accepted accounting practices called for part of the printing costs to be capitalized into inventory for this year only. Overall, we operated at about \$18,000 below budget.

Again, I thank the Lodge Secretaries for their help and cooperation during the year. I would hope that the brethren of each Lodge will recognize the key role and work of their Secretary. He earns it.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

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	Dimitts	Deaths	Suspensions	Expulsions	NPD	Other	Total Loss	Net Gain / (Loss)	Members 12-31-97
White Pass	1			4		1			66			4	1			5	1	1			3		5	0	66
Anvil	2		1	5	1		1	2	55	1						1		3					3	(2)	53
Tanana	3		2	6	5	4	2	4	396	2	2	1	2			7	3	7			6		16	(9)	387
Valdez	4		5	7	4	3	2		74	5			1			6	1	1			1		3	3	77
Mt. McKinley	5			2				1	51							0		2			1		3	(3)	48
Seward	6								60				1			0		1			8		9	(9)	51
Matanuska	7	1	14	14	10	5	6	2	128	4	5	3				9	5	3					8	1	129
Mt. Susitna	8		3	6	3		3	6	190	3	2	2	5			12	2	6			8		16	(4)	186
Kodiak	9		1	4		2		1	109			1				1		1			1		2	(1)	108
Glacier	10		4	10	2	1	4	4	262	4	1		1			5	3	36			1		7	(2)	260
Kenai	11		5	5	3	1	2	1	125	2		1	1			3					3		3	0	125
Fairbanks	12	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	92	2		1	2			5	1				3		4	1	93
Eagle River	13	3	4	7	6	3	5	1	73	5		2	1			6	2				2		5	3	76
Adak	14		5	16	3	6	3		70	3		2	1			6	2				2		4	2	72
Totals		6	55	107	52	36	41	27	2280	40	7	19	14	0	0	80	26	43	0	0	46	0	115	(35)	2245

# REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL CORRESPONDANCE

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

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

We have received a request from the Grand Lodge of Pernambuco, Brazil for Fraternal Recognition and an exchange of Grand Representatives.

The statement of principles accompanying the request complies with the requirements of Section 45 of the Bylaws of the Alaska Masonic Code.

The committee on Information for Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America indicates that this Grand Lodge, according to information at its disposal, is regular.

Further investigation by this Committee reveals that at least 35 U.S. Grand Lodges have recognized Pernambuco to date.

Your Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, therefore, recommends that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska accord recognition to the Grand Lodge of Pernambuco, Brazil, and that our Grand Master, at his will and pleasure, arrange for an exchange of Grand Representatives.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Ingram, PGM (6, 11) Chairman

Report received for the record.

Report adopted.

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

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

We have received a request from the Grand Lodge of Bolivia for Fraternal Recognition and an exchange of Grand Representatives.

The statement of principles accompanying the request complies with the requirements of Section 45 of the Bylaws of the Alaska Masonic Code.

The committee on Information for Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America indicates that this Grand Lodge, according to information at its disposal, is regular.

Further investigation by this Committee reveals that at least 38 U.S. Grand Lodges have recognized Pernambuco to date.

Your Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, therefore, recommends that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska accord



recognition to the Grand Lodge of Bolivia , and that our Grand Master, at his will and pleasure, arrange for an exchange of Grand Representatives.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Ingram, PGM (6, 11) Chairman

Report received for the record.

Report adopted.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Report**

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

We have received a request from the Grand Lodge of Mato Grosso, Brazil for Fraternal Recognition and an exchange of Grand Representatives.

The statement of principles accompanying the request complies with the requirements of Section 45 of the Bylaws of the Alaska Masonic Code.

The committee on Information for Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America indicates that this Grand Lodge, according to information at its disposal, is regular.

Further investigation by this Committee reveals that at least 35 U.S. Grand Lodges have recognized Pernambuco to date.

Your Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, therefore, recommends that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska accord recognition to the Grand Lodge of Mato Grosso, Brazil, and that our Grand Master, at his will and pleasure, arrange for an exchange of Grand Representatives.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Ingram, PGM (6, 11) Chairman

Report received for the record.

Report adopted.

# REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

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

	Total Number of Ballots
<b>White Pass Lodge No. 1</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Anvil Lodge No. 2</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Tanana Lodge No. 3</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Valdez Lodge No. 4</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Seward Lodge No. 6</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Matanuska Lodge No. 7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Kodiak Lodge No. 9</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Glacier Lodge No. 10</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Kenai Lodge No. 11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Fairbanks Lodge No. 12</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Eagle River Lodge No. 13</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Adak Lodge No. 14</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>108</b>

We, the Committee on Credentials report that all 14 Lodges holding Charters in the Grand Lodge of Alaska are represented at the Fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alaska.

We further report 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 and Wardens	23
Past Masters	47
Proxies	14
<b>Total Entitled to Vote</b>	<b>108</b>

Respectfully submitted,

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

William B. Clucas (3, 12)

Keith E. Herve (3)

Jerald M. Pendergrass (7)

John E. Reynolds (8, 10)

Raymond R. Wagener (3)

Edward Zeine (5)

# APPOINTMENT OF REGULAR COMMITTEES

## **Jurisprudence**

W Dennis M. Bump (12) Chairman  
W Frank W. Erie (3, 12)  
W Charles I. Gregg (10, 13)  
W James D. Hester (1, 12)  
VW Charles F. Lewis (2)  
W Glen A. Neel (9)  
MW James A. Williams, PGM (3, 15)

## **Grievance & Appeals**

MW E. L. "Roy" Foss, PGM (11) Chairman  
W Wayne G. Coleman (9)  
W Troy D. Hodges, Sr. (6, 11)  
W Cecil C. Johnson (2)  
W Edward H. Lincoln (6)

## **Finance**

VW William H. Lefferson (3) Chairman  
W Robert E. Bean (2)  
W Donald H. Dinkel (7)  
VW Harry A. Lewis (2)  
VW Robert M. Parkins (8)  
Bro. Leslie A. Wilkinson (3) Advisor

## **Fraternal Correspondence**

MW John C. Ingram, PGM (6, 11) Chairman

## **Masonic Research & Education**

W Charles M. Moore, Jr. (8) Chairman  
W John W. Elmore (2)  
W Leslie R. Little (10)  
W Henry J. Mix (12)  
W Jerry T. Sims (6)  
W Aves Thompson (10)  
W Daniel White, Jr. (6)  
Bro. Donald F. Goen (12) Advisor  
Bro. Ronald Wilburn (14) Advisor

## **Credentials**

W Jerry C. Holly, Jr. (11) Chairman  
W William B. Clucas (3, 12)  
W Keith E. Herve (3)  
W Jerald M. Pendergrass (7)  
W John E. Reynolds (8, 10)  
W Raymond R. Wagener (3)  
W Edward Zeine (5)

## **Masonic Public Relations**

W Denny R. Sheldon (7), Chairman  
W William F. Kirk (9)  
W Herb Jenkins (14)  
W Marvin R. Posey (8)  
VW Ben H. Robertson (10)  
Bro. Jack A. Delaney (12) Advisor  
Bro. Howard McElrath (4) Advisor

## **DeMolay**

W Donald H. Winters (3) Chairman  
W Paul A. Godwin (8)  
W William D. Little (5)  
W Larry Van Ray (11)  
W Clifford E. Roberson (8)  
Bro. Larry M. Sizemore (13) Advisor

## **Bylaws**

MW Byron C. Jenkins, PGM (12) Chairman  
W John L. Dolenc (7)  
VW Floyd Saltz, Jr. (6, 11)  
W Benjamin V. Wada (14)

## **Public Schools**

VW David J. Thomas (6, 11) Chairman

## **Charters & Dispensations**

MW Jack Bentley, PGM (10, 11) Chairman

## **Arrangements**

VW Gene R. Freeman (3, 12) Chairman  
Mary Wallace, Ladies Chairman

## **Segregation and Reference**

MW E. L. "Roy" Foss (11) Chairman  
W William R. Miller (10)

## **Deputies of the Grand Master**

District 1 VW Franklin W. Erie (3, 12)  
District 2 VW Alfred M. White (8, 11)  
District 3 VW Henry R. Ferguson (7)  
District 4 none appointed

## **REPORTS OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No unfinished business was discussed.

## **MOTIONS**

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

We, hereby, make a motion that the 7th Annual Communication of the MW Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska be held in the Gold Rush City of Nome, Alaska in February of 1986.

Respectfully submitted

Charles F. Lewis (2)

Harry A. Lewis (2)

Bob Bean (2)

John Elmore (2)

Stan Foulke (2)

Motion seconded and adopted

A motion was regularly made, seconded, and passed to hold an open installation of the new Grand Lodge Officers this date.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

(Note: In the foregoing reports on the following resolutions, the Committee on Jurisprudence reported Resolutions 86-1 and 86-3 to be in proper form and consistent with Masonic Law, but made no recommendation on adoption or rejection. Resolution 86-2 was ruled NOT to be in proper form and was not presented. Resolutions 86-4, 86-5, and 86-5 were emergent resolutions.)

## **Resolution 86-1**

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to provide for increasing the per capita tax, when needed, without the necessity of amending the Code.

### **RESOLUTION:**

**WHEREAS**, although this Grand Lodge has to date successfully operated within its income, costs of routine operations are likely to rise in the future; and,

**WHEREAS**, the time may come when donations, such as the AMRA donations supporting our printing needs during the past year, will no longer support such extra needs; and,

**WHEREAS**, the time will also come when this Grand Lodge will have to start doing more of the things that other (older) Grand Lodges do; and,

**WHEREAS**, Section 29 of the Code limits the per capita tax to \$10; and,

**WHEREAS**, the maximum per capita tax allowed by our Code has been in effect since 1983; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is not intended that the per capita tax be increased this year, nor anytime before it is needed; and,

**WHEREAS**, it appears more practical to facilitate increasing the per capita tax without having to amend the Code each time when such increase is needed, but at the same time to ensure that such increase may be enacted only by the Grand Lodge membership in session assembled;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the portion of Section 29 of the Alaska Masonic Code, which now reads;

Section 29. Grand Lodge Dues: Every Lodge pays annually into the treasury of the Grand Lodge:

1. For each degree conferred during the year, five dollars;
2. For each Master Mason borne upon its roll, such per capita sum as the Grand Lodge may levy for its general activities (this per capita not to exceed ten dollars) except indigent Masons who are supported at the expense of the Lodge, or Grand Lodge,

be amended to read:

Section 29. Grand Lodge Dues: Every Lodge pays annually into the treasury of the Grand Lodge:



1. For each degree conferred during the year, five dollars;
2. For each Master Mason borne upon its roll, such per capita tax as the Grand Lodge, in Annual or Special Communication assembled, may levy for its general activities, except indigent Masons who are supported at the expense of the Lodge, or Grand Lodge, ...

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams, PGM (3)

Section 29, No. 2 was amended by the Committee on Jurisprudence, with concurrence of the submitter of this resolution, to read as follows:

2. For each Master Mason borne upon its roll, such per capita tax as the Grand Lodge in Annual Communication may levy for its general activities, except indigent Masons who are supported at the expense of the Lodge or Grand Lodge, ..

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

**Note: Resolution defeated**

## **Resolution 86-2**

To Amend Section 76 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 a Chartered Lodge to design a Lodge Seal of a particular design for use on all documents or papers requiring attestation emanating from such Lodge.

### **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, when Eagle River Lodge No. 13 received its Charter, a committee was formed to design a seal that has significance for this Lodge, but this procedure was disapproved by the Grand Lodge officers; and,

**WHEREAS**, Eagle River Lodge No. 13 members were considering a Lodge Seal depicting an Eagle, along with other Masonic symbols; and,

**WHEREAS**, each Chartered Lodge is a separate entity and should be allowed to design its own seal; and,

**WHEREAS**, each Chartered Lodge bears the full cost of the seal and will not incur any extra cost to Grand Lodge; and,

**WHEREAS**, each Chartered Lodge seal would be approved by the Grand Master, or a committee, so the seal is suitable, and does not have anything that would be offensive to the Grand Lodge, Chartered Lodges, or Masonry in general;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Section 76 of the A.M.C. be amended to add a paragraph as follows:

Each Chartered Lodge may design a suitable seal, that is not detrimental to Masonry, and has great significance to the members of that Lodge and which may depict objects unique to a particular Lodge and that may signify location, derivation, or other items of historical value.

Respectfully submitted,

V. Clifford Darnell, PM (8) WM (13)

James D. Grubbs, Sr., SW (13)

Larry M. Sizemore, JW (13)

Charles Wellong, PM (8)

Orrin S. Felmley, PM (8)

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

**Note: The Committee on Jurisprudence ruled this resolution is NOT in proper form for consideration by the Grand Lodge.**

## **Resolution 86-3**

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 reinstate the provision for Statements of Availability for the office of Junior Grand Warden.

### **RESOLUTION:**

**WHEREAS**, an amendment was passed by a narrow margin at the 1985 Grand Lodge Communication to eliminate Statements of Availability; and,

**WHEREAS**, it has been the custom to elect Officers of the Grand Lodge without nominations; and,

**WHEREAS**, many of the delegates to the Grand Lodge Communication are not acquainted with the Brethren seeking election to a Grand Lodge Office; and,

**WHEREAS**, these delegates do not always have the opportunity to become ac-

quainted with, or be aware of the personality, and ability of those Brethren seeking election to a Grand Lodge office; and,

**WHEREAS**, Free Masonry has traditionally supported the concept of individual decision and free will and accord; and,

**WHEREAS**, campaigning for office occurs much more frequently without the Statement of Availability;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 6 of the A.M.C. be amended by adding a second paragraph to read as follows:

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

V. Clifford Darnell, PM (8) WM (13)  
James D. Grubbs, Sr., SW (13)  
Larry M. Sizemore, JW (13)  
Charles Wellong, PM (8)  
Orrin S. Felmley, PM (8)  
Ron Wilburn, SW (14)

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

**Note This Resolution was adopted.**

## **Emergent Resolution 86-4**

To Amend Alaska Monitor

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to amend the section of the Alaska Monitor relating to the apron.

**RESOLUTION:**

**WHEREAS**, the Alaska Monitor prescribes the size and color of the Master Mason and Past Master's Apron; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is desirable that a Past Master's Apron be authorized which is specific to Alaska;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the first paragraph of the Monitor section on aprons be amended to add the following additional sentences:

Provided, however, that the Grand Master may approve a Past Master's Apron design and color which is specific to Alaska. Once approved, this design and color combination will be the standard Past Master's Apron, not to be changed on whim and without careful consideration and approval of the Grand Master.

Respectfully submitted,

Al M. White, PM (11)  
Gene R. Freeman, PM (3, 12)  
John W. Edgar, WM (12)  
Peter E. Nilles, PM (10)  
Will R. Josie, PM (8)

Resolution received and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The Committee on Jurisprudence ruled that this resolution was NOT in proper form for consideration by the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master recommended the incoming Grand Master appoint a committee of three from different areas of this jurisdiction to study this Resolution during the upcoming year and report back at the next Annual Communication.

**Emergent Resolution 86-5**

To Amend Section 24 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 amend Section 24 of the Bylaws to provide for the distribution of Proceedings to Masonic Lodges within Alaska that are not Constituent Lodges of the Grand Lodge of Alaska.

**WHEREAS:** It is desirous to further communicate among all Masons and Masonic Lodges within the State of Alaska; and,

**WHEREAS:** Section 24 of the Bylaws currently does not provide for distribution of Proceedings directly to Masonic Lodges within Alaska that are not members of the Grand Lodge of Alaska;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 24 which reads as follows:

The Grand Secretary annually distributes the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge as follows: Two copies to each Lodge, one copy to each Grand Officer, one copy to each member of the Standing Committees, one copy to each Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge, near other Grand Lodges, three copies to each Grand Lodge in correspondence with, and which furnishes a like number to this Grand lodge, one copy each Public Masonic Library applying therefore.

be amended by inserting the following:

Public Masonic Library, one copy to each Masonic Lodge in Alaska not a constituent Lodge of the Grand Lodge of Alaska applying therefore.

Respectfully submitted,

The Committee on Jurisprudence

This Resolution is in proper form for consideration by this Grand Lodge.

Bylaws Amendment requires 3/4 majority vote.

Resolution 86-5 was amended to read as follows:

Public Masonic Library, one copy to each recognized Masonic Lodge in Alaska not a constituent Lodge of the Grand Lodge of Alaska.

**Note: This Emergent Resolution was adopted.**

## **Emergent Resolution 86-6**

To Amend Section 10.8 of the Bylaws

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** That the Committee on DeMolay include all youth groups.

**WHEREAS:** This Grand Lodge recognizes other youth groups and supports the same; and,

**WHEREAS:** This Grand Lodge cooperates within and supports other youth groups;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** that Section 10.8 of the Bylaws which now reads:

"...a committee of three on DeMolay."

be amended to read as follows:

"...a committee of three on youth."

Respectfully submitted,

The Committee on Jurisprudence

This Resolution is in proper form for consideration by this Grand Lodge.

Bylaws amendment requires a 3/4 vote.

**Note: This Emergent Resolution was defeated.**

# **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

## **Jurisprudence**

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

This report was referred to this committee as a recommendation of the Grand Master regarding the minting of medallions. (The remainder of the report is lost due to low volume on the tape. I can find no record of this recommendation in the printed G.M. message. RB)

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis M. Bump Chairman  
Frank W. Erie  
Charles I. Gregg  
James D. Hester  
Charles F. Lewis  
Glen A. Neel  
James A. Williams, PGM

(Additional microphone problems occurred during the Report of the Jurisprudence Committee regarding recommendations on the Past Master's Apron)

## **Grievance and Appeals**

(Taken from transcription of the tape recording of the proceedings.)

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

The Committee is pleased to report there was no action necessary this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Foss, PGM (11), Chairman  
Wayne G. Coleman (9)  
Troy D. Hodges, Sr. (6, 11)  
Cecil C. Johnson (2)  
Edward H. Lincoln (6)

Report received for the record.

# Finance

## Report of the Finance Committee

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

Your Committee on Finance is happy to report that the Grand Lodge continues to show a healthy, sustained growth in the area of Finances as is shown in the 1985 Financial Status Statement that has been reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee and distributed to all members attending Grand Lodge.

There are several points your committee wishes to comment on. In the matter of Estate Planning, it could and would very well serve the interests of Masonry if we, as individuals, consider this means of making a lasting mark on Masonry in Alaska. It also behooves us to encourage others to seriously consider this worthy pursuit. The classic example of this, of course, is the Irvine Trust in the Grand Lodge of Washington. We must forcefully make known that we are worthy of such gifts, and that we are capable of managing them.

In this latter area, we come to the second point. We charge successive Grand Masters to maintain a firm continuity in their appointments to the Committee on Finance. This has not been done thus far, and while the Grand Lodge is solvent and shows growth and continuing maturity, the time has come to look at these appointments, not in the light of what they might do for a given Grand Master for a given year, but appointments will result best in viewing the picture 20, 50 or 100 years from now. In this manner we can best leave our mark.

An action that would be well to consider in the near future would be the acquisition of property for a Grand Lodge headquarters, if you will. This need not be the imposing facility we now sit in, nor need it be the classic structure we ought to eventually occupy. It could well be looked upon as a foundation upon which to build. Not too many years ago, a ceremony was held at the University of Alaska to re-dedicate the "wandering" cornerstone of A.L. 5913 which now resides in front of the Bunnell Building on the University of Alaska campus. A meaningful example of now and then.

It is the opinion of this Finance Committee that serious consideration be given to providing a salary for the Grand Secretary. We recommend this matter be taken up immediately by the next Finance Committee.

It appears that the finances of the Constituent Lodges are in very good order, as could well be expected, their having been born and reared by a parent such as the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Washington. To that, Grand Master, as a custodian of their good works for this Masonic year, I say thank you.



Respectfully submitted,

William H. Lefferson (3) Chairman

Robert E. Bean (2)

Harold C. Dinkel (7)

Harry A. Lewis (2)

Robert M. Parkins (8)

Leslie A. Wilkinson (3) Advisor

## BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1985

### ASSETS

#### CURRENT ASSETS

Cash in Bank - 1st National Bank	\$ 5,509.19	
Cash in Bank – Alaska Mutual Bank	1,838.50	
Time CD's - National Bank of Alaska	12,000.00	
MLPF&S - Ready Assets	39,921.78	
Total Cash Assets		\$ 59,269.47

#### INVESTMENTS

Cash Investments - GNMA	\$ 2,441.10	
Investments - 166 NBA Shares	1,330.00	
Total Investments		\$ 3,771.10

Inventory - Masonic Materials and Supplies	\$ 11,130.42	
Accounts Receivable - Constituent Lodges	26,541.17	
Prepaid Expenses - GWNM Memorial	360.00	
Total Other Assets		\$ 38,031.59
Total Current Assets		<b><u>\$101,072.16</u></b>

#### FIXED ASSETS:

Furniture & Equipment	\$ 8,474.95	
Less Depreciation	-4,334.95	
Total Furniture - net		\$ 4,140.00
Grand Lodge Regalia	\$ 12,153.58	
Less Depreciation	3,637.61	
Grand Lodge Regalia - net		\$ 8,515.97
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 12,655.97	

**TOTAL ASSETS \$113,728.13**

### LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

#### CURRENT LIABILITIES

Collections – Statue of Liberty	\$ 319.00	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$ 319.00

#### NET WORTH

Balance - January 1, 1985	\$101,670.79	
Plus: Excess of 1985 Income/Expense	18,034.34	
Less Accrued Revenue, Prior Period (AMRA Funds)		-6,296.00
BALANCE - December 31, 1985	\$113,409.13	

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET WORTH \$113,728.13**

## STATEMENT OF INCOME CALENDAR YEAR 1985

### INCOME

Operating Income - Assessments/Dues & Fees		
Income - Per Capita Assessments	\$19,610.00	
Fees for Degree Conferrals	1,150.00	
Fees for Affiliation	290.00	
Fees from Petitions/Degrees	5,225.00	
Total Income - Assessments & Fees		\$26,275.00
Operating Income - Other		
Unexpended - AMRA Funds	\$ 6,893.00	
Total Contributions & Donations		\$ 6,893.00
Sale of Masonic Materials - net		\$ 4,617.26
Interest Income		\$ 5,057.62
 TOTAL INCOME - CALENDAR 1985		 \$ 42,842.88

### EXPENSES

Operating Expenses		
Committee on Arrangements - G/L Communication		\$ 2,110.76
Conference on Fraternal Recognition		15.00
Entertainment of Visitors		0.00
Grand Master's Allowance		1,000.00
Grand Master's National Conference Trip		1,000.00
Grand Lodge Temporary Office Services		600.00
Grand Secretary's Allowance		3,600.00
Past Grand Master's Gift (Regalia)		587.05
Depreciation		2,474.57
Masonic Service Association Dues		300.00
Insurance - General Liability		3,184.00
Office Supplies & Other Expenses		2,751.45
Postage		907.49
Printing Expense		5,382.32
Telephone		508.07
Miscellaneous		387.83
 TOTAL EXPENSES FOR YEAR		 \$-24,808.54
 NET FOR YEAR - INCOME over EXPENSE		 <u>\$ 18,034.34</u>

**OPERATING BUDGET GENERAL FUND CALENDAR  
YEAR 1992**

	1985L BUDGET	EXPENDED	
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
GRAND MASTER'S EXPENSE ALLOWANCE	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	0.00
GRAND MASTER'S TRAVEL	1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	0.00
FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE COMMITTEE	250.00	0.00	250.00
RESEARCH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE	250.00	0.00	250.00
ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE	2,000.00	2,110.76	(110.76)
REPRESENTATIVE'S EXPENSES	0.00	0.00	0.00
PRINTING & BINDING - PROCEEDINGS	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
COMPREHENSIVE LIABILITY INSURANCE	2,000.00	3,184.00	(1,184.00)
ENTERTAINMENT OF VISITORS	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
PAST GRAND MASTER'S GIFT (REGALIA)	750.00	587.05	162.95
<b>SUB - TOTAL I</b>	<b>\$1,250.00</b>	<b>\$7,881.81</b>	<b>\$ 3,368.19</b>
GRAND SECRETARY'S EXPENSE ALLOWANCE	3,600.00	3,600.00	0.00
GRAND SECRETARY'S TRAVEL ALLOWANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00
GRAND LODGE EXPENSE			
TEMPORARY OFFICE SERVICES	4,500.00	600.00	3,900.00
PAYROLL TAXES, ALL	0.00	0.00	0.00
FEES /LEGAL & AUDIT	0.00	0.00	0.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES & EXPENSE	2,700.00	2,751.45	(51.45)
POSTAGE	1,500.00	907.49	592.51
TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
TELEPHONE	750.00	508.07	241.93
PRINTING EXPENSE, misc.	8,400.00*	5,382.32**	3,017.68)
DUES EXPENSE:			
FRATERNAL ERECOGNITION COMMITTEE	215.00	15.00	10.00
MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION	300.00	300.00	0.00
MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION	52.00	0.00	52.00
DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	1,500.00	2,474.57	(974.57)
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	1,000.00	378.83	612.17
<b>SUB - TOTAL II</b>	<b>\$25,327.00</b>	<b>\$16,917.73</b>	<b>\$ 8,400.27)</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>\$36,577.00</b>	<b>\$24,808.54</b>	<b>\$11,768.46</b>

\* Include unexpended AMRA Funds

\*\* \$3,520.47 of this was capitalized into inventory accounts for current year.

## COMPARISON OF ANNUAL BUDGETS CALENDAR YEARS 1985 AND 1986

	ACTUAL BUDGET 1985	PROPOSED BUDGET 1986	+ INCREASE - DECREASE
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
GRAND MASTER'S ALLOWANCE	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
GRAND MASTER'S TRAVELE	1,000.00	1,000.00	
FRATERNAL RECOGNITION CONFERENCE	250.00	250.00	
RESEARCH AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE	250.00	250.00	
ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE	2,000.00	2,000.00	
REPRESENTATIVE'S EXPENSES	0.00	0.00	
PRINTING & BINDING – PROCEEDINGS	3,000.00	6,000.00*	+ 3,000.00
COMPREHENSIVE LIABILITY INSURANCE	2,000.00	3,200.00	+ 1,200.00
ENTERTAINMENT OF VISITORS	1,000.00	1,000.00	
PAST GRAND MASTER'S GIFT (REGALIA)	750.00	750.00	
CHARITY	0.00	1,000.00	+ 1,000.00
<b>SUB – TOTAL I</b>	<b>\$11,250.00</b>	<b>\$16,450.0000</b>	<b>+ \$5,200.00</b>
GRAND SECRETARY'S ALLOWANCE	3,600.00	3,600.00	
GRAND SECRETARY'S ALLOWANCE	0.00	0.00	
GRAND LODGE EXPENSE			
TEMPORARY OFFICE SERVICES	4,500.00	2,000.00	- 2,500.00
PAYROLL TAXES	0.00	0.00	
FEES/LEGAL & AUDIT	0.00	0.00	
OFFICE SUPPLIES & EXPENSE	2,700.00	3,200.00	+ 500.00
POSTAGE	1,500.00	1,000.00	- 500.00
TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS	1,000.00	1,000.00	
TELEPHONE	750.00	750.00	
PRINTING EXPENSE. Misc.	8,400.00**	2,500.00**	- 5,900.00
DUES EXPENSE:			
FRATERNAL RECOGNITION COMMITTEE	25.00	25.00	
MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION	300.00	300.00	
MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION	52.00	52.00	
DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	1,500.00	1,500.00	
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	1,000.00	1,000.00	
<b>SUB – TOTAL II</b>	<b>\$25,327.00</b>	<b>\$16,427.00</b>	<b>- \$8,900.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>\$36,577.00</b>	<b>\$32,877.00</b>	<b>\$3,700.00</b>

\*\* Include unexpired AMRA Funds

**PRO-FORMA STATEMENT OF AVAILABLE FUNDS,  
ANTICIPATED INCOME, AND EXPENSES FISCAL/CALENDAR  
YEAR 1986**

**ESTIMATED INCOME**

Grand Lodge per capita Tax	\$20,000.00	
Fees for degrees conferred and dual/affiliate memberships	1,000.00	
Contribution to General fund from Petitioners for Degrees	6,000.00	
Sale of merchandise - excess		
Income over cost of sales	1,000.00	
Interest income on investments	4,000.00	
Unexpended AMRA Funds	1,000.00	
 Total estimated income		 <b>\$33,000.00</b>
 Estimate of funds on hand at the beginning of year-carried over from previous period		  57,400.00

ESTIMATE OF TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR YEAR 1986 \$35,000.00

**EXPENSES**

As per the Proposed budget for Fiscal/Calendar Year 1986 (32,877.00)

ESTIMATE EXCESS OF AVAILABLE FUNDS OVER PROPOSED EXPENSES **\$57,523.00**

# Masonic Research and Education

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

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

This is the 1985 report on the activities of the Committee for Masonic Research and Education. During the year 1985, the members of this committee stood ready to research any and all questions which might arise, and which were of a nature that some knowledgeable Brother who might hear them was unable to answer them to the sufficient satisfaction and enlightenment of the questioner. Two such questions were directed to us as a committee: Number 1, by the MW Glen W. Pruett; What was the name of Hiram's mother? Number two, by MW James A. Williams; What became of the other nine Fellowcraft?

After many hours of diligent research, the members of the committee are unable to answer question number one at this time. Perhaps our Grand Master would share the answer with this Grand Lodge. Question number two can only be answered by conjecture and speculation. We think maybe they suffered a lesser punishment than the others, perhaps they were pardoned by the eyes of King Solomon and worked to the completion of the temple and the rewards that came with completion.

We undertook also, with the permission of the Grand Master, a project. Said project being to make available to Brethren throughout the jurisdiction, printed material of an educational nature, at a nominal sum. Through the generous donations of several individuals and Lodges and the diligent work of several committee members approximately. \$700 in seed money has produced a current balance of about \$2,000. The \$250.00 budgeted for use by this committee has not been touched and is thus available for use by the 1986 committee or elsewhere.

Currently, there are more than 47 titles of books and pamphlets available through this committee. This year marks the first time the Research and Education Committee has sponsored an educational seminar. Much thought went into its planning and it was intended to provoke thought about living Masonry. We enjoyed it, and we hoped that you did too.

As always, we invite questions and comments, both positive and negative, and particularly we would like to know if you have a favorite title that we might add to our traveling book store to share with other Brethren throughout the jurisdiction. We thank you for the opportunity to work for the Grand Lodge of Alaska, Free and Accepted Masons, and look forward to future opportunities.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles M. Moore Jr. (8) Chairman

John W. Elmore (2)

Leslie R. Little (10)

Henry J. Mix (12)

Jerry T. Sims (6)

Aves D. Thompson (10)

Daniel White, Jr. (6)  
Bro. Donald F. Goen (12) Advisor  
Bro. Ronald Wilburn (14) Advisor

Report received for the record.

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

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

Yesterday, we read one of the questions that was propounded by the Grand Master and he has, in fact, given us the answer that he has been able to come up with. With your permission, Grand Master, I will read this:

Who was Hiram Abif's Mother?  
By Illustrious Brother Lawrence E. Kinett.

On Sunday, September 16, 1984, Mrs. Opal Larr returned to me a letter which I had written to her late husband, Brother Andrew C. Larr, 32nd degree. My letter was dated June 4, 1971. Brother Andy entered the Grand Lodge above on April 9, 1977.

Following a third degree in Emulation Lodge No. 255, Brother Andy had asked me a question that I later answered by mail. The letter, which I think that the readers of the "Booster News" will find interesting and instructive, is reproduced below in its entirety.

June 4, 1971

Dear Andy:

I have not forgotten your question to me on the night of May 25, 1971, when you asked, "What was the name of the mother of Hiram Abif?" I thought that the answer would be simple but not so. Morals and Dogma throw no light on the subject whatever. What I relate in the following lines was taken from my own copy of The Encyclopedia of Freemasonry by Albert G. Mackey M.D., 33rd degree, long recognized as an authority on the art of Freemasonry. The mother's name is not mentioned, but I here quote a few lines that may be of interest to you. "The earliest account of Hiram Abif is found in the First Book of Kings, Chapter 7, vs. 13 and 14 which reads as follows: "And King Solomon sent and fetched Hiram out of Tyre. He was a widow's son of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a worker in brass; and he (Hiram) was filled with wisdom, and understanding, and cunning to work all works in brass. And he came to King Solomon, and wrought all his work." He is next mentioned in the Second Book of Chronicles, Chapter 2, vs. 13 and 14 in the following letter of Hiram, King of Tyre to King Solomon: "And I now have sent a cunning man, endued with understanding, the son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father was a man of Tyre, skillful to



work in gold, and in silver, in brass, in iron, in stone and in timber, in purple, in blue, and in fine linen, and in crimson; also to grave any manner of graving, etc."

Two items of interest relate to Hiram coming out of Tyre. First, when King Solomon was about to build a Temple, there was difficulty to find skillful workmen to superintend and to execute the architectural part of the undertaking. King Solomon requested his friend, Hiram of Tyre to send him some of his most capable builders for the best Tyrians and the Sidonians were celebrated artists and at that time were admitted to be the best mechanics in the world. Hiram willingly complied with the request and dispatched to Solomon's assistance an abundance of men and materials to be employed in the construction of the Temple. Among the former was a distinguished artist to whom was given the superintending of all the workmen, both Jews and Tyrians, and whom we know as Hiram Abif. The second item of interest relates to the two passages of scripture in which there is an apparent contradiction as to the parentage of Hiram Abif. Both passages agree that his father was a man of Tyre, but the discrepancy is in the reference to the birthplace of his mother, who in one passage is said to have been of the tribe of Naphtali, and in the other, of the Daughters of Dan. Commentators reconcile it in this way, "she probably was of the Daughters of Dan but that her husband was of the Tribe of Naphtali by whom she had this son we revere as Hiram Abif." When she was a widow, she married a man of Tyre who is called Hiram's father because he raised him and was by that time the husband of Hiram's mother. Upon arrival in Jerusalem, in the year 1012 B.C., he was at once received into the intimate confidence of Solomon, who entrusted him with the superintending of all of the workmen, giving him the title of "Principal Conductor of the Work."

The fate of Hiram Abif called, "The Legend of the Third Degree", is just that, a legend. The very first written record of it was contained in Anderson's Constitution published in 1738 A.D. Prior to that time, it was handed down by word of mouth. Strange it is however, the legend has been considered of so much importance that it has been preserved in the symbolism of every Masonic rite. No matter how much the ingenuity or the imagination of the founders of the rites may pervert or corrupt other symbols, abolishing the old, and substituting new ones, the legend of the Temple builder has been left untouched to present itself in all of the integrity of its ancient mythical form.

I am very sorry that I was unable to find any reference to Hiram's mother that would indicate her name. I have, however, included all of the above bits of information for their historical value, since anyone interested enough to ask the question you asked could not fail to be interested in the background of Hiram.

Fraternally,

Lawrence E. "Larry" Kinnet  
Worshipful Master

Thank you Most Worshipful Sir.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie R. Little (10)

Report received for the record.

## **Masonic Public Relations**

No report recorded

## **Public Schools**

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

The third week in April has been designated Public Schools week as proclaimed by the Grand Master in his proclamation to all Lodges in this Jurisdiction. Each Lodge is induced to encourage a program to express our support of the public school system. A system unique in the educational system of the world is that it guarantees to every child the right to an education for the primary grades through high school. The cost of this system is born by the taxpayers of the Federal, State, and Local Governments.

So far, we have only three Lodges in this Jurisdiction participating in such a program: Kenai Lodge No. 11, Glacier Lodge No. 10, and more recently Seward Lodge No. 6.

Kenai Lodge No. 11 probably has the oldest program. It had its inception in 1968 by the then Kenai Masonic Club. It honors the students of each school, primary grades through high school. A student from each school is selected by the faculty as the outstanding student. A program is held by the Lodge to honor these students and present them with an individual plaque, a certificate, a book of Dynamic Freedoms, and a \$50.00 U.S. Savings Bond. In addition, each school also has its own plaque with the names of previous winners engraved upon it. This program is open to the public and is held in various schools on the Kenai Peninsula.

Glacier Lodge No. 10 has a scholarship program. A committee is appointed to select a student worthy to receive such a scholarship. The student selected receives a \$1,000.00 scholarship to the school of his or her choice.

Seward Lodge No. 6 just recently instituted a program to pay tribute to the teachers of the schools in Seward. All the teachers are invited to attend our program held in the temple of Seward Lodge. A dinner is served and several speakers of the fraternity give talks on Masonry and how we stand in recognition and support of our Public Schools.

As you can see, there are various ways and means by which each lodge can have a program to express the support of our public school system.

Intellectual liberty is the foundation of our FREEDOMS, because without educational liberty, we could not have civil and religious freedom.

"As stated in the installation ceremonies of DeMolay:  
Intellectual, Civil, and Religious liberty are the three  
sources of our country's greatness, but each must stand  
alone on individual foundations, and under separate roofs."

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Thomas (6, 11) Chairman  
Report received for the record.

## **DeMolay**

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

We have found that the Alaska DeMolay membership is on the decline, but there are also some bright spots in their organization and I feel that with more Masonic support and guidance this trend could be stopped. But we as Masons must lead the way, for there is no better source for our future membership. Anchorage Chapter was the membership leader of Alaska DeMolay for 1985. They initiated thirty-five new members, twenty-one of which went to form the new Mat-Su Chapter in Palmer. This left them with fourteen members for their own Chapter which is still enough to lead the constituted Chapters in new members. They are an active Chapter with good advisors and their membership turnaround reflects their interest.

Arctic Chapter initiated five new members in 1985. The future looks good for 1986 for they have already initiated two members and have prospects for several more before the summer. Arctic Chapter participated in the All-Alaska Clean-up, and holds several social functions throughout the year with the Rainbow Girls.

Kenai Chapter failed to initiate any new members in 1985. They have an active Chapter and Advisory Board so the coming year should be much better for them. Kenai Chapter has a very active sports program and for the sports minded young man, it is a very good place to be.

Mat-Su Chapter has been started in Palmer with twenty-one members. They are operating under letters, temporary, until they receive the minimum number of twenty-five. Being that they are a new and struggling Chapter, any assistance from the local Masons would be appreciated.

I would also like to encourage all Masons to visit their local DeMolay Chapter and encourage and support these young men, for this is where our future Masonic leaders will come from. Thank you.

Alaska DeMolay will hold their annual conclave in Kenai-Soldotna on March 6th, 7th and 8th. You don't want to miss the great fellowship and ritual work. You will be impressed at the quality of their work.

MW Sir, I request that this report be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald H. Winters (3) Chairman  
Paul A. Godwin (8)  
William D. Little (5)  
Larry Van Ray (11)  
Clifford E. Roberson (8)

Bro. Larry M. Sizemore (13) Advisor

Report received for the record

## **Bylaws**

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

The Committee on Bylaws has reviewed during the past twelve months changes of Bylaws proposals from six Lodges. These amendments involved the following subjects:

Increase of dues and/or fees, and changes of Lodge administration.

All proposals were forwarded to the Grand Master with committee approval. The Grand Secretary is to be commended for his forbearance in dealing with a committee as wide spread as this one is. It has been a pleasure to serve the Grand Lodge and I move that this report be received.

Respectfully submitted,

Byron Jenkins, PGM (12) Chairman

John L. Dolenc (7)

Floyd Saltz, Jr. (6, 11)

Benjamin V. Wada (14)

Report received for the record.

# REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

## Report of Grand Chaplain (Necrology)

We remember these brethren who have laid down their working tools, as reported by the Constituent Lodges in their monthly reports for 1992

*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*

Note: Some of our deceased Brothers may have belonged to more than one Lodge. Only one Lodge is shown here.

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

**Charles Edward Pollock**

**August 27, 1985**

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

**Alvin Husdon Rhoads**

**1984**

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

**Willis Monroe Cowles**

**October 1982**

**Arthur Edward Glover**

**August 6, 1984**

**Elmer Daniel Manske**

**March 27, 1985**

**Forbes Lawson Baker, PM**

**August 20, 1985**

**Robert Sale McCombe**

**October 22, 1985**

**Michael Andrew Molchan**

**November 20, 1985**

**Michael Giesz**

**December 9, 1985**

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

**Leo Henry Gustafson**

**February 20, 1985**

### **Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5**

**Otto George McDonough**

**May 13, 1985**

### **Seward Lodge No. 6**

**Clyde Theodore Baker**

**February 12, 1985**

<b>Hans Hafemeister</b>	<b>April 12, 1985</b>
<b>Kermit Keith Morton</b>	<b>December 14, 1985</b>
<b>Matanuska Lodge No. 7</b>	
<b>Francis James Ord</b>	<b>May 3, 1985</b>
<b>Robert Bruce Graham</b>	<b>December 4, 1985</b>
<b>Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8</b>	
<b>Dan Clifton Bell</b>	<b>March 2, 1985</b>
<b>Peter Paul Kerestine</b>	<b>April 1, 1985</b>
<b>Richard Theodore Breeden</b>	<b>November 16, 1985</b>
<b>Kodiak Lodge No. 9</b>	
<b>Robert Keith Toepke</b>	<b>August 1984</b>
<b>John Erwin Slater</b>	<b>November 6, 1984</b>
<b>Glacier Lodge No. 10</b>	
<b>Freeman Stanley Franklin</b>	<b>December 4, 1984</b>
<b>Richard Lewis Schaefer</b>	<b>December 17, 1984</b>
<b>Allen Richard Terreault</b>	<b>January 4, 1985</b>
<b>Charles Clark Kramer, HPM</b>	<b>January 9, 1985</b>
<b>Wilbur Lantz Norris, PM</b>	<b>March 30, 1985</b>
<b>John Edward Cunningham</b>	<b>April 17, 1985</b>
<b>Kenai Lodge No. 11</b>	
<b>George Larkin Horner</b>	<b>April 11, 1985</b>
<b>Fairbanks Lodge No. 12</b>	
<b>Raymond William Laakso</b>	<b>May 12, 1985</b>

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

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

### **GRAND LODGE MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Brethren, before we go into prayer, I would like to read a scripture and a poem in dedication to our Brothers who have departed this Grand Lodge into the greatest Grand Lodge of all:

Blessed is the man who walketh not in the counsel of the un-Godly nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful, but his delight is in the law of the Lord and in his law that he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in its season. His leaves shall not wither, and what-so-ever he doeth shall prosper. The un-Godly are not so, they are like chaff which the wind driveth away. Therefore, the un-Godly shall not stand in judgment, nor

sinner in the congregation of the righteous. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous but the way of the un-Godly shall perish.

In this first Psalm, an observation is made by the Psalmist. He says that he should be like a tree planted by the rivers of water that bringeth forth his fruit in his season. His leaves shall not wither and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. Brethren, I feel that these Brothers, who have passed on before us, have been very much like trees planted by rivers of water. They have worked long and hard. Some received notoriety and have risen to the heights of the Masonic Fraternity. Others have labored in the vineyards without notoriety. None the less, they were all the sinew and backbone of this organization and did their share. Their life and the fruits of their life, we see today. And our lives are more enriched and blessed because of their efforts in the Masonic Lodge and in the rich heritage they have passed on to us.

John Greenleaf Whittier from the poem Eternal Goodness says, "That in the maddening maze of things and tossed by storm and flood, to fix to one's fixed trust my spirit clings; I know that God is good. I know not where his islands lift their vaunted palms in error. I only know that I cannot drift beyond God's love and care." Brethren, may we stop for a moment of silence and think about our Brethren. Let us think of them, not as dead or as having passed away these past years, but rather let us think of them as being renewed in the spirit with the Lord our God in the Grand Lodge not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens. Let us pause for a moment of silence, gratitude, and meditation.

*Dear God, our Father, we commend our Brethren unto Thee, knowing that in Thy grace they rest from their labors here, and labor all the more in Thy Kingdom. We ask, dear Lord, that Thou would keep them in the hollow of Thy hand and keep them close to Thee until that time that we too can join them and re-establish our friendships. And we too can live in Thy light and the spirit of Thy grace, where those Brothers have gone before us. Where we, once again, sit in Lodge and have communion, one with another. We ask this in Thy Holy Name. Amen*

W Rev. John W. Edgar  
Grand Chaplain

## **Report of Grand Lecturer**

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

Thank you for this appointment and for the opportunity to be of service to my Brethren. It has been a satisfying and an educational experience for me, as I hope it has been for all of those with whom we have come in contact.

As Grand Lecturer, it has been my pleasure to have traveled with our Most Worshipful Grand Master and other Grand Lodge officers on their official visitations to

thirteen of the fourteen Constituent Lodges in this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska.

Rather than give a detailed report of each visitation, I have chosen to summarize some of the benefits that have accrued as a result. I wish to express my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to each and every one who worked so hard to make sure our visitations would be productive and a real pleasure. One could not help but feel the bonds of fellowship and the stronger ties that are sure to follow.

I am happy to report that the past year has blessed the Grand Lodge of Alaska with two more Symbolic Lodges. Eagle River Lodge No. 13 had the honor of being the first new Lodge formed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alaska. On the 16th of March, 1985, it was constituted and received its Alaska Charter. Congratulations Brothers on your zeal, and for your dedication to the principles of Freemasonry. This ensures a successful future. Adak Lodge, far out on the Aleutian Chain, of their own free will and accord, surrendered their Washington Charter and joined the Grand Lodge of Alaska. This made our visitation of August 23-25, 1985 a very special occasion.

There have been other special events during this past year that are worthy of mention in this report. One of these is the Rainbow Girls Grand Assembly held at Kenai on July 24-26th, 1985. I had the pleasure of attending this meeting, along with our Grand Master, and found it to be an inspiring and pleasurable experience. The youth of today will be our leaders of tomorrow, and I feel that this group is receiving excellent training in both business and government, in which they are becoming more and more involved. Each of our youth organizations: the Girls Rainbow and the boys DeMolay, are certainly deserving of all of the support we, as Masons, can give them. On them we are placing our hopes of preserving this great nation, which guarantees its citizens the rights of free assembly, free speech, and free worship, -- the rights of free men and Freemasons.

Another event worthy of mention occurred on May 20th when fifteen or twenty of our Canadian Brethren traveled to Fairbanks from Whitehorse for a joint meeting with our Lodge. They brought along a candidate and put on a Fellowcraft Degree, as conferred by their Lodge. In response, the Brethren of Fairbanks also put on a Fellowcraft Degree, as conferred by our Lodges. I was unable to be there for the above event, but was informed that it was well attended and much enjoyed by all. We should keep up this good work. It is the cement that binds us into one sacred band, or society of friends and Brothers.

Another interesting event concerns all Symbolic Lodges in Alaska. On December sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth, I had the pleasure of traveling with our Grand Master, his wife, and a few of our Grand Lodge members from Fairbanks, to attend, as invited guests, the installation of officers in three Alaskan Lodges that still retained their Washington Charters. They were:

Gastineaux Lodge No. 124 in Juneau,  
Mount Verstovia Lodge No. 291 in Sitka, and  
Ketchikan Lodge No. 159 in Ketchikan.

The Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of the State of Washington was the Installing Officer and he is surely to be complimented on his proficiency. Most Worshipful Brother Bud Gilbert, Grand Master of Washington, never failed to put our Grand Master right up in front -- in the Lodge, or out. We were royally entertained by all three Lodges and their hospitality knew no bounds. Each member



seemed to go out of his way to ensure that we had the best in the way of housing, food, and entertainment. I hope we were able to convey our sincere thanks.

In reflecting upon our situation in Alaska today, I feel that we are not a house divided, but that the Grand Lodge of Alaska is going through a period of transition. This has been the experience of most, if not all, of the Lodges that have gone before us. Looking down the road into the future, I am fully convinced that it will all work out for the good of Masonry, and to the benefit of all.

On our tour of visitations this past year, there appeared to me to be three questions, or problems, that were of most concern to all: Namely, how can we improve our image in the public eye? How can we maintain and increase our membership? And how can we improve our Lodge attendance? After giving these questions much thought, I have concluded that perhaps we should look to the lectures of our three degrees for guidance. Let us examine the Charge of the First Degree. In it we find that, as citizens, we are to be exemplary in the discharge of our civil duties. In addition to the Charges therein named, it means to me consideration of all those around us and the stretching forth of a helping hand when needed, thus exemplifying in the fullest splendor, those truly Masonic ornaments: Brotherly love, relief and truth.

I might suggest that to further improve our image, we could have any kind of program that includes the public. Just to mention a few (which you, no doubt, have all heard before): A widow's night, a father and son night, or perhaps a pioneer or "old timer's" night. If they are invited to relate some of their early experiences, I am sure you would hear some stories that you have never heard before. If we can, in any way, dispel the public misconception of Masons being a secret organization, I believe that we have improved our image in the public eye. We are thus demonstrating what we are taught in the Third Degree. Exemplary conduct, on our part, will convince the world that merit is the just title to our privileges.

Now, if we are in any manner successful in this area, I believe we have also answered the other two questions (or problems). It is bound to help our membership as well as our Lodge attendance.

During our visitations, there was one other question that was brought to my attention on several occasions. The question was "How can we improve our Lodge floor work?" My thoughts on this are that no matter how well we do it, there is always room for improvement. If we do it, determined to do it better this time than we did the last time, and resolve to do it better next time than we are doing it this time, we are bound to be improving. Keep in mind that when you are conducting a candidate or delivering a lecture, you are conducting and talking to the most important person in the Lodge room. It is he and he alone that you are trying to impress.

Brethren, this about concludes this report, but once again I should like to say that this past year has been a very enjoyable one for me -- up to the point of writing this report. This turned out to be the toughest task this old sourdough has ever undertaken and I will admit there is plenty of room for improvement. Thank you Grand Master.

Respectfully submitted,

Lloyd W. Ives  
Grand Lecturer

Report received for the record.

## **Report of Grand Orator**

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

My heartfelt thanks to you Grand Master for appointing me to your Grand Lodge team! It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve you and this Grand Lodge. I thank you for the privilege of serving with you.

Coming together is beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is unity. Thinking together is success. I know this past year your theme has been one of unity and progress, and now as your year winds down, I think that we can all say that you have had success also. We in Masonry are well aware of this truth. We have conserved the best ideals of the world's greatest thinkers in our Masonic philosophy. We have remained united in even the harshest of repressions, stronger for having been tempered in the heat of intolerance and tyranny.

It is inspiring to look back at the past of our fraternity, but we cannot and must not live in bygone days of glory. Those who intend ill, who search for selfish gain through the dominance of others are still with us today. In fact they are not content with mere physical command, they create prisons for the mind as well as the body. Whether it is the brainwashing of the totalitarian state or the mind control of a pseudo-religious cult, the goal is the same, absolute control.

We in Masonry celebrate and uphold the whole man, the human individual, free in physical being, mentally free in spiritual aspiration. We choose liberty and we are willing to defend that choice at the cost of our time, our work, our resources, and our life if necessary. We know that all is lost if freedom is lost. Our world famous Brother in the craft, the great German poet Goethe, said, "It is wiser to unite and guide than divide and command." We wish to lead, we intend to unite, not divide. Through Masonry's moral and practical leadership in such areas as patriotism, community service, philanthropy, to name a few, we in Masonry can set a pattern of excellence to be followed by all our fellow Americans.

Nothing speaks so eloquently as action and the time to marshal our forces is now. As men of moral and financial substance we have learned the ways of the world, the hard realities of economic survival and the necessity to perform at peak levels of performance. We have gone beyond just making a living to making a life!

In our personal spheres we have sought for and succeeded in upholding the stable family as the sound building block from which a good community and a great nation has been created. Faced with disintegration in our neighborhoods and war threatening confrontations on the international level, it is more important than ever before that we bring our fraternal heritage of action in defense of freedom to bear on the real world. We must always remember that ill though it is, it is the soldier's duty to defend the ideals of his country; it is the duty of the country to live up to those ideals!

In the Masonic Brethren today, there is a type of dedication you find so rare, yet, so Masonic. In all our ranks we have a winning combination; leaders who work and workers who lead. This type of commitment must continue if we, as a fraternity and

nation are to furnish the world moral and ethical leadership. Our ideals of freedom, order and justice must be strengthened. In this great nation, Freemasonry can play a pivotal role. Members of the fraternity came to America's defense and secured victory and independence over two hundred years ago.

Though circumstances may change, ideals do not perish. Masonic commitment to freedom remains as strong today as then. Let us continue to associate, to build bonds of fraternal fellowship and to engage in dynamic Masonic activity. Then we as individuals and as members of the Masonic Fraternity will not only make a living and a life, but will also make a contribution worthy of our Masonic past.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred L. McGuire  
Grand Orator

Report received for the record

## **Report of Grand Historian**

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

The well known Alaskan historian, Will H. Chase, described pioneers "as those who went ahead of the main army to build roads, bridges, and trenches." He went on to say, "a pioneer in modern parlance, is one who goes ahead, marches in front into the wilderness of land and sea, or of thought or action, and explores and clears the land, makes roads and builds bridges so that others may safely follow."

In 1897, these were the men who flooded into the wilderness at the uppermost end of the Lynn Canal and founded the town of Skagway. The town immediately sprang into a thriving but chaotic center of 15,000 people. The nightmare of lawlessness during that first year has been well chronicled, and it is best exemplified in the famous exploits and violent death of Soapy Smith.

The following year it was decided to build a railroad from Skagway to Whitehorse for hauling miners and supplies over the rugged White Pass and on to the gold fields in the Klondike. Local businesses got a boost as the influx of railroad people arrived; track-laying crews, office workers and their families, merchants and restaurateurs built homes and brought their families. And, in 1900, Skagway became the first incorporated city in Alaska with a permanent population of 3,117.

After the great influx of gold seekers passed through and on, the people of Skagway looked to improve themselves and their community. The YMCA started a debating club, the Skagway Literary Society was formed, the Women's Christian Temperance Society deplored the evils of drink, and construction was started on McCabe College.

During this period a Masonic Lodge was formed. History of the wild West repeatedly tells of men of principle and dedication turning to the great light of Masonry during the turbulent periods of booming mining towns.

Although two other Lodges in Alaska had brief existences, White Pass Lodge No. 1 has the historic distinction of being the oldest Masonic Lodge in Alaska. It first met on November 30th, 1900 under dispensation of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington. It is interesting to note that the first meeting, opened on the third degree, used a borrowed family Bible on the Altar, with a steel square and compasses borrowed from the tool chest of one of the Brothers who worked in the railroad shops.

The Masonic charter was received on June 13, 1901 and the Lodge was duly constituted as White Pass Lodge No. 113.

It is only fitting that this Lodge that pioneered Masonry in Alaska should, on March 21, 1981, surrender its Charter under the Grand Lodge of Washington and accept a new Charter as White Pass Lodge No. 1 under the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska.

The town of Skagway has been hurt by the closure of the White Pass and Yukon Railroad in 1982 and the population has declined to under 800 residents. It is a tribute to the members of this Lodge that they are still active and working hard in the best interests of Masonry.

It has been said that the leaders of this generation become the pioneers to the next generation. Thus, as we reflect on the pioneers who had the courage and strength to develop Masonry in Alaska, so may the next generation look upon us as pioneers for having the strength and foresight to form this Grand Lodge of Alaska.

Most Worshipful Sir, I ask that this report be received and made a part of the proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernie Anderes  
Grand Historian

Report received for the record.

## **Charters and Dispensations**

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

Unfortunately, there is good news and there is bad news. I will give you the bad news first. We didn't get any new lodges this year so I didn't have to work. The good news is that we didn't lose any either.

Respectfully submitted,

H.B. "Jack" Bentley, PGM (10, 11) Chairman

Report received for the record.

# **Report of Segregations and Reference Committee**

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

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

We, your Committee on Segregation & Reference, to whom was referred the Grand Master's message together with the Appendix thereto, report as follows:

Recommendations No. 1 & 2 be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee for review and action.

Recommendation No. 3 is covered by Resolution 86-3 and will be considered by this Grand Lodge in that form.

Dispensations be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

Bylaw changes have already been reviewed by the Bylaws Committee prior to approval by the Grand Master and therefore need no further review at this time.

All other parts of the Grand Master's Message deal with actions within his administrative authority and need simply to be ratified by action of this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roy Foss (11) Chairman

William R. Miller (10)

Report received for the record.

Report adopted.

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

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

We, your Committee on Segregation and Reference, to whom was referred the Grand Secretary's Message together with the schedules attached thereto, report as follows:

The financial statements and the proposed budget should be referred to the Finance Committee.

All other parts of the Grand Secretary's Message reflect the great care and competency with which he has fulfilled the duties of his office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roy Foss (11) Chairman

William R. Miller (10)

Report received for the record.

Report adopted.

## **Alaska Library and Museum Foundation**

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

The Officers and Directors of the Alaska Masonic Library and Museum Foundation have met the past year as stated in the Bylaws. All meetings were held in Anchorage at a time that allowed our Grand Master to be present, whenever possible.

To date, two mail-outs explaining the proposed ideas and goals of the Foundation have produced \$1,970.00 in contributions. Presently, we are studying the feasibility of a Stamp Program similar to the ones being used by our Sister Masonic Jurisdictions to support their Masonic Home Endowment Funds.

Late in 1985 the IRS extended our Tax Exempt Status until further notice from their office. This decision was hoped for after serving a probationary period.

There are many valuable, historical and memorable Masonic Articles throughout Alaska needing a safe, secure, and permanent place for all Alaskans to enjoy. To mention a couple of the treasured Masonic items we have placed in the archives to date: The Masonic Review printed in 1859 mentioning the "Haines Masonic Club" and the framed Certificate from the "Nome Masonic Club."

The foundation needs new members to serve on the Board of Directors, new ideas, new enthusiasm, and continued contributions as we pursue the goal of a permanent home for Alaska Masonic Memorabilia and the Grand Lodge Office.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Ingram PGM (6, 11)  
President

Report received for the record.

## **Alaska Masonic Research Association**

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

In accordance with directions received from the membership, a meeting was held with MW James A. Williams and the newly elected A.M.R.A. officers to discuss proposed changes in Life Membership Certificates. The following changes were recommended:

1. Deletion of the words "formation of a."
2. Addition of the phrase "of his Time, Gifts, and Talents."
3. Addition of Certificate "Commemorating Life Membership."

It was felt that with these corrections, the Certificates could be awarded to all deserving brothers in the future, while preserving the distinct honor accorded those who participated in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Alaska.

During this past year, efforts were directed toward the goal of developing a program or programs which could be used as a means of generating continuing revenue for the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alaska. These projects, while not generating vast amounts of revenue, would provide a permanent source of income. Two such projects have been developed with the hope that they be adopted by A.M.R.A. and thereby provide a consistent source of income.

The first such project might be that of the "Forget-Me-Not" pin. While it is very much like the A.M.R.A. pins of the past, it is different in that it incorporates a Masonic emblem unique to the Craft. The attached card explains the rationale for adopting such an unusual emblem. In addition, it is fitting that such a pin be used in Alaska as it also incorporates our State Flower.

It is hereby proposed that the present Forget-Me-Not pins be sold in order to generate immediate funds. Thus, the 1,000 pins presently cast would not be duplicated and thereby become a collector's item. However, with a slight modification, it would be possible that a patent be obtained and the subsequent pins sold in various gift shops in Alaska. The net profits from such sales would be donated to the treasury of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alaska.

The second project might be that of an official A.M.R.A. Past Master's Apron which would be sold to those lodges or individuals desiring a uniquely Alaskan apron. It should be here noted that the only other Past Master's apron which is unique to a particular state is that of Texas.

The price and the subsequent profits from such an apron would depend largely upon the number sold each year and the subsequent discount given for quantity orders.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Edgar (12)  
President

## **Awards**

### **James A. Williams Award**

The recipient of the James A. Williams Award for honoring the Alaska Lodge with the largest number of Master Masons raised was presented to Glacier Lodge No. 10 for the year 1985.

### **Buckley C. Hazen Award**

The recipient of the Buckley C. Hazen Award for the largest percentage membership growth was presented to Eagle River Lodge No. 13 for the year 1985.

# MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

## Presentations

### **Presentation by MW Charles S. Moulthrop to Worshipful Masters**

Worshipful Masters of the 14 Chartered Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction were escorted west of the Altar and each presented with special Masters pins by Most Worshipful Charles S. Moulthrop, Past Grand Master of Michigan. These pins are the same as those presented to each incoming Master in Michigan by the Royal Arch Grand Chapter.

### **Presentation of gavel and baton by MW Francis D. Hess**

Most Worshipful Sir, I brought something up here that I hope the Grand Lodge of Alaska will use and enjoy. I present you with these gavels and baton made from Russian olive wood from my shelter belt.

## Speeches by Distinguished Guests

### **Dr. Patrick Book Representing Honorable Juanita Helms, Mayor of Fairbanks North Star Borough**

On behalf of the Honorable Mayor, Juanita Helms, of the Fairbanks North Star Borough, I would like to welcome the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons to Fairbanks. I notice that the society was first chartered in this state in 1869, so perhaps it is you who should welcome Fairbanks, born in 1901, to Alaska.

It has often been said that a society is judged by the way it treats those who are sick, poor, and hopeless. Societies are rated on their kindness to their neighbors, friends, family, and even those they may never meet, sharing with them only a human bond. The services that the Masons provide to the less fortunate will mark them as respected contributors to our society. Your support of hospitals that treat disabled or burned children is commendable. Certainly, every child you help grapple with a communicative disorder makes his or her life happier and more productive. The Masons have also endorsed and supported research into the cause of mental illness. As a social science researcher, I believe that your recognition of a problem, which so many have tended to ignore, and your concern that we discover the reasons for mental illness, will significantly contribute to a broader societal goal where all people have a fair chance to belong and realize their full potential.

In short, every time a Mason reaches out to the community and helps someone who is hurt, our society grows richer.

Your Masonic Society is successful because as Masons you encourage each other to move beyond the individual and into the community. A shared faith in God, an



obligation to help others in your group, and then the strength to use this solidarity of purpose to help others is the underpinning of a caring organization.

In closing, I want to thank you for making our home your home for this week. Alaska Masons, United States Masons, and Canadian Masons are welcome guests in our community. You have all joined the ranks of men and women everywhere who believe our first obligation is to each other. Keep up the good work.

In honor of your long history, successful attainment of 12,000 members, and in particular your on-going concern for the less fortunate, Mayor Helms has proclaimed this week Masonic Week. I congratulate you on this honor.

## **Honorable William Sheffield, Governor of Alaska**

I greet you and a very warm good morning. And Most Worshipful Glen Pruett, Grand Master and all other Officers and Distinguished Guests from Alaska and the Lower 48. It is a real honor to be your guest here this morning. It is also a great pleasure to welcome you to this Fifth Annual Communication, and as Governor, I would like to extend you a special welcome to our guests from outside of Alaska. It is a great day to be in Fairbanks, where there is this convention, but there is also great news about the basing of the new Alaska Air National Guard's 168th Air Refueling Squadron at Eielson Air Force Base. It is a great boost to our National defense, and a great addition to the Fairbanks area economic base. I am pleased that all of the hard work of my office in Alaska and Washington, D.C. and from the great Senator Ted Stevens' office has paid off to bring that Air Guard unit into Fairbanks. Fairbanks is a very bright spot on the horizon of Alaska. With the Light Infantry and the Air Guard, there is a lot of work to do this year and next year. All those things we have to look forward to make Fairbanks a foundation of solvency in Alaska.

We are up in Fairbanks today for a number of other reasons. I'm here to touch base with people like you. I want to listen to your concerns and observations and I would like to tell you about a few things on my mind. It is exceptionally important to keep the lines of communication open at this time of year, and I am a firm believer in direct contact with the people who elected me to do this job. That contact is all the more important when the Legislature is meeting in Juneau. I would like to emphasize that things are off to a great start in the capitol city this year. I'm real pleased that people are taking a bi-partisan approach to the issues of this session, and of course we will never wring the politics out of the political process. But, there is a lot of cooperation this year and I am confident that it will continue right through the middle of May. We are finally seeing some real improvement from the State Senate on the subsistence issues. I know that concerns all Alaskans and I promise you the legislature will not end until that matter is put to rest this year. We are working on measures that will make sure Alaskan jobs go to qualified Alaskans first: the Boucher bills, the labor studies, building our case for Alaskan hire and public construction projects, the Governor's Council on Alaskan Parks. We are working hard on a whole range of other issues. And two at the top of my legislative list pertain to sound fiscal management for this state. And it is those two things I want to discuss with you this morning just for a couple of minutes. I propose a debt bankers package with a budget reserve fund. Both measures will insure that

government will continue to run right. The debt package means reserving Alaska's good credit rating. That credit rating saves you money out of your pocket money. Because good credit means lower financing funds for schools and other public buildings, and lower finance costs takes less a bite out of your family budget at tax time. It concentrates on three areas: a school construction debt; debt service carried by local government; and innovative financing for new public building. By controlling our debt, we preserve the financing options available to local governments. It will help the state help your community build projects we need now and in the future. The budget reserve funds - an idea whose time has come. This, I call it a buffer zone, because it's a buffer protecting the Permanent Fund from fluctuations in our oil starved State budget. And it is a buffer protecting the Permanent Fund from impulsive spenders. It also includes effective spending limits. In short, it's a spending plan, a savings plan, and a spending limit. All in one!

By creating this limited cash management account, we can draw on it when the revenues come up short in the lean years and save money automatically when revenues peak. It protects the economy and essential services from sudden shocks, and provides predictability in state funding for school districts and local governments. The recent slump in world oil prices is a perfect argument supporting this new idea. I hope I can count on your support for this plan that will help us manage our wealth and continue to realize the prospects of Alaska's bright future.

With that, I wish you all a very fine and successful conference here in Fairbanks, and I thank you.

## **Sandy Mitchell, State Grand Worthy Advisor, international Order of Rainbow for Girls**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Honored East, and other Masons:

It is with honor to stand in front of you this morning representing the International Order of Rainbow for Girls. This year I have the pleasure of being elected Grand Worthy Advisor and it has been really exciting so far and what I'm trying to help present around the state this year is the enthusiasm and how proud you should be to be a Rainbow Girl and also how proud you should be of the sponsoring bodies that the Assembly has of Masons. They are a supporting body and without them we would not have a successful youth group.

Rainbow, to me, is very special. I have been working with it for ten years. I have been in it for eight years. This will be my last year as a Rainbow Girl. Being able to be the Grand Worthy Advisor, as I'm going out, is very special.

Being able to stand up and tell you how special it is, is even better. If I could just spread my enthusiasm throughout the state, getting every girl excited, I would. I believe that this year will be a wonderful year at Grand Assembly and I would like to invite everybody to my Grand Assembly which is August 6-9 in Ketchikan. Another thing that I am also doing this year for my Grand Assembly is a statewide charity project for the Special Olympics. This morning, I brought buttons with me and I'm having someone

spread them around for me. The money will go to support the Special Olympics this year and if we can raise enough money we may have a race in our honor.

Thank you very much.

## **Bryce Burger, State Master Councilor, Order of DeMolay**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, Friends, Brethren all, Mom and Dad:

It is an honor and pleasure to be here representing Alaskan DeMolay at this Fifth Annual Communication of this new and exciting Grand Lodge of Alaska. I bring each of you greetings from our fraternity and best wishes for the success and fellowship of this Communication.

My year as State Master Councilor has really been rewarding. In May of 1985, I traveled to Seattle for the 18th International Supreme Council Session. At this session, DeMolay adopted the DeMolay Dream Factory. This exciting new area of development will grant many dream wish requests by any boy or girl that is possibly or terminally ill in this country. Funding for this program has already been started and will involve cities and communities helping sponsor events for this program. Local dream requests may be sent to a national board of selection to be sent to DeMolay Headquarters in Kansas City. Any community can sponsor a DeMolay Dream Factory made up of men and women of all walks of life. DeMolay in this particular area will provide assistance and help with fund-raisers.

During this meeting, the 65th Annual International Supreme Council Session was opened for business. At this meeting the International Membership voted on a few seats available in the International Supreme Council. Alaska came away with two seats. Our Executive Officer, Dad Stan Woodin, was moved from active status, and our State Dad, Jerry Holly, was voted to an honorary status on the International Supreme Council.

Later in the year, I attended the Regional Meeting in San Jose, California. It included representatives from Alaska, Washington, Idaho, California, Nevada, Oregon, and Hawaii. This meeting will be remembered as one of the most productive meetings of this Annual Conference in the past history. Two prime objectives came out of this regional meeting. One, to start a regional newsletter on at least a semiannual basis. This, we feel will aid us tremendously in cutting down a communications gap that seems to isolate this large region. Two, to start the planning for the ritual competition among the seven states within the region on an annual basis. It is the result of productive meetings like this that we feel DeMolay will reach out to a larger area and increase our membership.

In the fall of 1985, I traveled to Fresno, California and attended their Annual DeMolay Convention. I was able to sit in on several committees and join in on exchange of ideas for Chapter functions. At this meeting, we also appointed our DeMolay Regional Representative.

On October 12th, 1985, I was fortunate in being a part of Alaskan DeMolay history. I traveled to Palmer where I assisted in installing the fourth Chapter of DeMolay in Alaska; the Mat-Su Chapter. There are a great bunch of guys and they are doing a

great job. They are also lucky to have great advisors. Our State Executive Officer, Dad Stan Woodin, helped in that formation and work. This chapter has all of the ingredients of really becoming the best overall chapter in the state.

Alaska Conclave '85 was held in Fairbanks last year and hosted by Arctic Chapter DeMolay. Over 125 DeMolay, Rainbow, Job's Daughters, advisors, and guests attended this rewarding function. What a joy it is to be a part of this great organization and attend such an exciting and meaningful get-together. The Ritual Competition was very close. Alaska Chapters compete on an international level of rules of the DeMolay Headquarters of Kansas. We invited the International Conference Secretary, Brother Michael Young, the International DeMolay of the Year, Brother Marvin George and the past Field Representative for DeMolay International, Brother Gene Martino and his wife, Becky. With this caliber of people in attendance, we couldn't help but have success. They are a great bunch and did a tremendous job. The Cup and Best Overall Chapter State Award went to my home Chapter, Kenai Chapter for the fourth straight year. Several other noteworthy accomplishments for Alaska DeMolay is the start-up of the new Knighthood Priors for DeMolay who have attained 21 years of age. A State paper is being put out on a bimonthly basis.

The report of Alaska for DeMolay shows DeMolay has been growing at an encouragingly rapid rate. I know many Alaskan DeMolays have training camps, where week-long sessions help to keep us active in Alaska. Masons help fund individual DeMolays so now we will be able to share these exciting DeMolay weekends. The Masons have made their temples available for special meetings and practice sessions. Alaskan Masons have provided us with a wealth of talent, energy, and guidance. Top quality Masonic Advisors are helping our Chapters achieve goals that otherwise would not have been possible. Alaska Masons, who belong to Alaska Shrine Temple, have made Anchorage Chapter honorary members of the Rod and Gun Club. The Kenai Masons along with the Kenai-Soldotna Shrine Club have given Kenai Chapter financial assistance in putting on Prophet '86. The wives of Masons have made up a large portion of our Mother's Club. These ladies have been invaluable to us. They do many things for us, such as helping with decorations and right down to boutonnières that happen to show up at important times. And, a smile goes a long way. You Masons are lucky to have them as wives, and we thank you for encouraging them to give us the help that they do. The ladies of the Oriental Shrine Clubs and the ladies of the Eastern Star have also contributed much to help make lunches and dinners for our fraternity. In Palmer, the Mat-Su ladies have helped support financial and individual efforts to start up an important Chapter in Alaska - The Mat-Su Chapter, Order of DeMolay.

Early this morning, Most Worshipful Glen Pruett gave Alaska Masonic groups recognition of us by allowing us to present our country's flag, of which we are so proud. DeMolay is on the move in Alaska and as the kids know, when the going gets tough, or when our members get confused, all we have to do is look behind us and we see a smile and an encouraging Mason putting his hand out to help! Brother Paul Godwin is now Worshipful Brother Paul Godwin of Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8. Brother Johnnie Rutherford is now Senior Warden of Tanana Lodge No. 3 and the assistant Grand Tyler of this communication here in Fairbanks. Brother Joe Darnell is now a member of Eagle River Lodge No. 13. Three distinguished members of Kenai Chapter DeMolay; Brothers Reece Burger and Ben Holly, both Past Master Councilors and Past State Master

Councilors, and Brother Scott Meisner, Past Master Councilor have recently asked for petitions to Kenai Lodge No. 11. Personally knowing these brothers at Chapter level, I can assure you that they remain young, energetic prospects for the DeMolay. Their activity in Alaska DeMolay has helped shaped them into what they are today. It is not the DeMolay's loss for we hope to get all of these Brothers back as advisors to our Chapters.

In closing, I feel very moved to mention the recent tragedy of our space shuttle. A tragic corollary of the positive reaction of Alaskan DeMolay. These positive thinking brave pioneers of space have had a large part in shaping the hearts and spirits of young people all over the world. Our Masonic Brother, Neil Armstrong took that first step for mankind as he landed on the moon. These spirited individuals have promised to step one step further than were dared. They are the ones encouraging us to be bold, to be strong, to try and to reach out and care. They have given us the courage to go ahead and lay the cornerstone for that multi-million dollar DeMolay Headquarters building in Kansas City. We can do it. To get out and go after membership, to inspire people by our actions - not by money or titles. It is okay in a small bunch of Alaska DeMolays as long as they are rich in spirit. So this is not a good-bye to those friends, but a thank you for giving us the courage in God and a hello for a bright tomorrow for DeMolay all over the world. Thank you.

## **MW George W. Baldwin, Grand Master of British Columbia**

Thank you Most Worshipful Brother Sir, and Brethren all:

I go back to the summer of 1949 and 50 and I was working up here on Fairbanks Creek. I was up on the dredge and a young fellow working for the company driving a truck and delivering groceries was Glen Pruett. He brought the groceries up to the camp that I worked in. So I walked around town today at noon. You know, I can't find anything that I recognize. I went to the Post Office and you can't buy a postage stamp there. You can buy Post cards and you can buy gold jewelry and other stuff at the Post Office. But it isn't a Post Office anymore! It is now a new building with all sorts of shops on the inside and offices upstairs. I was looking for the Silver Dollar Saloon. It used to be down on 2nd Avenue but there was this nice blonde in a strapless blue evening gown played the piano there. She is not there anymore, but the saloon is not there anymore, either. I was looking for the Golden North Hotel and the Steele Hotel, and, they are long gone! I walked past what I thought was the N.C. Company and it said Nordstrom's on that! Now, I still have in my pocket, something that I earned here in Fairbanks back in 1950. I don't think that there is another person in town that can stand here and say that they won a prize on Cushman Street, right out in front of the old Post Office, for the reddest beard on the Fourth of July 1950 in the American Legion Beard Contest, and I was quite proud of that.

Now Brethren, there is a line in the Canadian National Anthem that is Masonic - "glorious, strong, and free. And here we are in the North, and, we are as much a part of the North in Canada as you are here, and those other words; true, strong, free -- some think that they were the same as wisdom, strength, and beauty. And there lies our topic

of the solid citizen found in those words in Fairbanks Alaska. It makes me very proud of Canadians, to realize that our country is a country that is true, that is strong, that is free. Attributes that I know the heirs claim and distribute in error, and I say to you as equals.

My Brothers, I leave you with just this one additional thought. My ancestors came to this continent, my mother's side from Canada, my father's side from Pennsylvania - from Ireland - and I would like to leave you with this little Irish quip; "May those who love us, continue to love us. May those who do not love us, God enter their hearts, so that they do love us.

## **MW Warren J. Gabbert, Grand Master of Washington**

Thank you Most Worshipful Brother Sir, and Brethren all:

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, and my Brethren all:

What a pleasure it is for me to be here in representation of some 40,000 Masons in the Grand Jurisdiction of Washington. And, I also, earlier this week attended the Grand Lodge of Utah, so I also bring you greetings of the Grand Lodges of Utah, Nebraska, Idaho, and Wyoming because they all knew that I was coming up here and they wanted me to extend, particularly to the Grand Master and the incoming Grand Master, their very best wishes. When I was there in Utah, I had the opportunity to, once again, meet the world's only PPGM and that is Perfect Past Grand Master. He is so known as that and his name is Most Worshipful Bevin Bump, and he deserves respect among others as your Past Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother John. Like Most Worshipful Brother John, he is large in lots of ways, tall, wide, ample in the South and he said, "if I'd go up and meet my good friend, Most Worshipful Brother John, he'd meet me on the three points of fellowship."

You know, it is kind of interesting in Utah. You're going to get two things: Number 1, they had an occasion to raise the per capita dues from eight dollars to eleven dollars and it was passed with an over 90% majority. I was impressed by that! Because I felt that there was a small jurisdiction and have something under 4,000 in members. But they knew each other and there was a feeling of autonomy in that Grand Jurisdiction. They seemed to know all the problems that they were facing and there was a sense of treatment that was most commendable and I think that has been demonstrated here today in this Grand Jurisdiction and I wish to compliment you for it.

The things that were voted up or voted down, that doesn't necessarily mean that other one has to have the same opinion. "Be ye all of one mind" does not mean to say that we should all have one idea on any subject. We should listen. We can be as friends and Brothers. And as I say, I thought I saw that demonstrated in Utah and I saw it demonstrated here. One further thing about Utah that I thought might be of interest to you. It certainly was to myself. They have an absolutely magnificent Temple in the city of Salt Lake City, and you owe it to yourself, if you are ever there, to go to it. It is simply awesome.

Those of you who have been to the Masonic Home at Des Moines will know that it is a magnificent structure. It cost six hundred thousand dollars in 1926. The Temple in

Salt Lake City cost the same amount in the same year. The auditorium is built with, I think it is, three sides. On the one side the Past Masters sit. They sit in the West. Facing the East are desks and on the right hand side of the Grand Master are the Wardens and Masters of the constituent Lodges of which they have fifty-one. Everybody has a vote such as they do in this Grand Lodge, with one exception. When it comes to voting for Junior Grand Warden or the other elected Grand Lodge Officers only the Wardens and the Masters vote. All Past Masters have one vote collectively.

I talked to them about that down there, because that was really something, They said the Naasach Range, where Salt Lake City is the principal city with two thirds to three quarters of the population, would control the election for Grand Lodge Officers interminably if this were not the case. It took them five years of repeatedly pushing a resolution. It finally passed and they have found that, as a result of that, the Junior Grand Warden is a man elected from all around the state from a mixture of all Lodges. This year the Junior Grand Warden came from a very small and remote village. I assume that it is the same situation here that we have in our Grand Jurisdiction. The Grand Lodge isn't really controlled by the Lodges. It is controlled by the elected officers. That can't possibly happen in Utah because you can look and see the majority of people in the room. This was the case on the day they elected. They were in that one section, and they alone had the responsibility for electing the Junior Grand Warden. And I say, I think that is a tremendous thing because they have a lot to commend themselves.

I want to conclude this by paraphrasing for you what was said by the Administrative Manager of the Presbyterian Church in Salt Lake City at the Vesper Services the night before Grand Lodge started. He took his theme from Most Worshipful Brother Harry Truman to the effect that "ordinary people are capable of achieving extraordinary achievements". They are capable of achieving extraordinary things. Of course you and I know that all of us in this room are ordinary people. Our land is made up of ordinary people, people from common, humble beginnings and it is repeated time and time again over the decades.

His theme for the evening was, "We all have a book of talent. Lamentably, we do not achieve to the level to which we can. We have the talent, and he said, "We have the book, we open it up, and we have on the first page, a talent of patience, we all should be very patient but we are not as patient as we should be. We have a second page. We have a page of tolerance. We are not as tolerant as we should be. There are many chances where we have to be tolerant of other people's circumstances as we should see them. Understanding is the third page. Are you really trying to understand the problems that are confronting our Brethren? We have the talent to do that if we want to do it, to exercise that talent. It is too bad if we don't do this ourselves. We have the talent for enthusiasm! We can be enthusiastic. We can really get out and help someone do something. We have another page - love. To really love somebody, to do something for them, but we don't do it to the extent that we should do it. And on and on. The different pages in our book that count and I thought it was an interesting volume and a beautiful message. It did so ring true that it would be just more mindful that we could be something extraordinary. If we would but use what we were given.

In closing, in times before, the first count was to push forward the frontiers of confirmation. It is not so today. We don't have that count, I don't think, to the extent that is now of conquering ourselves and attempting to better live with our fellow man. If we

are coached to do that, we are coached to achieve that particular challenge in life, not just the frontiers of nature. We will become more like what God had expected of us. When you think of the great mountains and rivers, particularly the beautiful land like Alaska, where you see these magnificent things that are created by nature. All of which are distinct, unique, full! Those words all apply. Every someplace is individual and different. We are the highest creations that God has ever had so each of us we know are different; but we also have this enormous potential - the book of talent. So I think that you will agree with me that the message of that Presbyterian Minister was really moving. Think through these various pages that we have in our book of talent and let's try to do a better job of achieving those wonderful things that we have within us and be God's children as we promised that we would try to be. Thank you Grand Master.

## **RW Leo B. Mark, Senior Grand Warden, California**

Most Worshipful, Brethren, Distinguished Guests:

I bring fraternal greetings from the Grand Lodge of California all the way from California and Hawaii. I would like to thank you, Most Worshipful and your Grand Officers, for the courtesies extended to me on my first trip to this wonderful State of Alaska. It is quite an experience, coming from California. You don't realize what a feeling it is until you walk out that front door and something hits you! You are fortunate to have this type of weather because that makes your attendance grow. Nobody can play outside, we play inside. In California, you go outside and hope that it stays inside.

We, down in the lower forty-eight, envy you here because you are the one that has increased in membership. We, down in the lower forty-eight, are losing membership. We, in California, decided that we can't solve these problems by ourselves. So, we decided maybe that we could keep a part of the Masonic fraternity in the public eye. We found out that over in Hawaii in the USS Arizona Memorial, there is no square and compass indicating that Masons had died for our country at that time. So, we commissioned the Federal Parks Department to put out a memorial plaque with a square and compass. Now I want you to know that square and compass does not say that it is from California or from Hawaii. It is just a square and compass with the words, "Dedicated to Masons who gave their lives for our country." Because we felt what we do in California reflects on all Masons throughout the nation and the world. So if you have an opportunity to visit the USS Arizona Memorial, you will find a plaque with the square and compass.

We also felt that maybe that is not enough. That will only play to maybe a million people, visitors to the Arizona in a year's time. So at our last Grand Communication, we voted to raise one hundred thousand dollars to build a float for our Rose Parade on New Year's Day. On that float will be the square and compass, dedicated to the 200th year of our United States Constitution. And on it will be the square and compass and the slogan, "Freemasons for the Constitution of the United States."

So, we are proud to put our Masonry in front of the general public. You are very fortunate because you are growing. We are not. Although the numbers are different, we have the same problems all over the lower forty-eight. I congratulate you on your



success and on the increase in membership. I am glad I can share with you the enthusiasm and I know that with that spirit, Masonry in Alaska will grow and grow. Thank you Most Worshipful.

### **MW Francis D. Hess. PGM of Montana**

Most Worshipful Sir, Distinguished East, Brethren all:

It is my pleasure to bring you the personal greetings of my Grand Master of Montana; Most Worshipful Paul E. Boves. He sends his best regards and wishes you a very successful and fruitful Grand Lodge Session.

(The sound system was not working well at this point and much of MW Brother Hess' address was lost.)

Most Worshipful Sir, I brought something up here that I hope the Grand Lodge of Alaska will use and enjoy. I present you with these gavels and baton made from Russian olive wood from my shelter belt.

### **VW Arthur S. Thomas, Representing Grand Master of Japan**

Thank you Grand Master and my Distinguished Brethren:

Although I don't come from Japan, I come from the State of Washington, it is always a pleasure to come up here and represent the Grand Master and bring you greetings from Most Worshipful Brother Paul ????? (The remainder of VW Brother Thomas' address was lost due to sound system problems.)

### **MW Vern R. Davis, Grand Master of Oregon**

Most Worshipful Brother Glen:

We are trying to promote Life Memberships in our jurisdiction. I was in a Lodge in Oregon the other day and one of the brothers commented that they had 450 members in that lodge at one time. This was about 40 years ago and they now have about 150. I imagine over that period of time, they probably had taken in at least 500 members and the dues at this time were 25 dollars. I thought if each man had bought a Life Membership at 200 dollars and put it into the Lodge, that's \$100,000.00 in the Life Memberships. With the interest on that account, there would have been over \$100,000.00 to spend for charity and a number of things. A Life Membership means that even when members are dead and gone, they still continue in their Lodge. I don't know if Alaska has Life Memberships. I know of other jurisdictions that have them and it is a good program. Thank you Worshipful Brother Pruett.

## **MW Byron C. Jenkins, Past Grand Master of Nebraska**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, Grand Officers, and my Brethren:

I have learned to be a little more wary of what all of you Alaskans are doing the past days. I came down the hall this morning. One of your Brethren came up to me and said, "Did you hear the weather this morning?" I said, "No, I didn't." And he said, "You're having one hell of a storm down there!" You know my Brethren, what ever happens to Nebraska weather is normal, and we are accustomed to it all!

The Grand Master of Indiana wanted to ask a farmer, "In my state, all of the farmer's barns have wind vanes on them. I come to Nebraska and I don't see any!" I said, "That's pretty simple. We don't need to put wind vanes on a barn to find out which way the wind is blowing. You just look out the window to see which way the barn is leaning!" Very ingenious!

It is always a pleasure to come back home and very illuminating to go back and fight the battles in Nebraska. I thank you all for the great pleasure of being in that house of Master Masons in the State of Alaska and I am very proud of the accomplishments you have made since that February 8th of 1981. And I am very proud that this jurisdiction is a jurisdiction showing an increase in membership. You have got to be doing something right Brethren. Just keep it up!

And, as long as the good Lord is willing and the pocketbook won't fade away, I will meet you on February 8, 1987. Thank you!

## **Executive Proclamation by Governor of Alaska**

The Honorable William Sheffield, Governor of Alaska has presented the Grand Lodge of Alaska with the following proclamation:

The First Masonic Lodge in Alaska was started in 1869 and has grown to eighteen lodges with over 12,000 members (see footnote \*).

Masons strive to achieve a quality of life that reflects the highest moral standards. Masons practice a philosophy of brotherhood, justice, personal responsibility, and love of God and country.

Quality of character is not enough for a Mason; he believes in practicing his belief.

Masons support hospitals for the severely burned and crippled children, clinics for youngsters with speech disorders, and research projects to find the cause of mental illness.

A Mason works at building a better world for all of us.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master Warren J. Gilbert, Jr., of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington will officiate in Masonic ceremonies in Alaska in December.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master Glen Pruett of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska will also attend and participate in the scheduled programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Sheffield, Governor of the State of Alaska, do hereby proclaim December 18, 1985 as: MASONIC DAY in Alaska and urge all citizens to join in this recognition, congratulating Masons for their accomplishments and sharing in their high ideals and dedication.

Signed and dated December 3, 1985 with the Seal of the State of Alaska affixed.

\* (Ed. Note: The figure of 12,000 members was taken directly from the Proclamation. However, this figure was in error and we do not know how this number was arrived at.)

## **Proclamation From the City of Ketchikan**

The following proclamation was received from the City of Ketchikan, Alaska.

WHEREAS, the Masonic Lodge of Ketchikan was chartered on February 26, 1907 and is in its seventy-eighth year; and,

WHEREAS, in Alaska alone there are eighteen Lodges and more than 12,000 members(see footnote \*); and,

WHEREAS, the Masonic Lodge reaffirms its ideals by:

Maintaining high ethical standards in personal and professional life,

Respecting the basic human rights of all people,

Assisting in developing the fullest concept of patriotism and love of country,

Contributing to international understanding, universal friendship, goodwill and peace; and,

WHEREAS, the Masonic Lodge of Ketchikan, Alaska has engaged in activities beneficial and wholesome to the entire community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ted Ferry,, Mayor of the City of Ketchikan, Alaska, do hereby proclaim the week of December 15-21 to be MASONIC AWARENESS WEEK and urge all citizens to join in this recognition, congratulating them for their accomplishments and sharing in their sense of civic concern and dedication.

In witness therefore, I now hereunto set my hand this 5th day of December, 1985.

Signed and sealed by Ted Ferry, Mayor of Ketchikan, Alaska.

\* (Ed. Note: The figure of 12,000 members was taken directly from the Proclamation. However, this figure was in error and we do not know how this number was arrived at.)

## **Proclamation from the City of Fairbanks**

The following proclamation was received from the City of Fairbanks, Alaska:

WHEREAS, The Fifth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska will meet in Fairbanks in the first week of February; and,

WHEREAS, the first Masonic Lodge in Alaska was founded in 1869 and has grown to 18 Lodges with over 12,000 members; and,

WHEREAS, Masons strive to achieve a policy of life that reflects the highest moral standards by practicing a philosophy of brotherhood, justice, personal responsibility, and love of God and Country; and,

WHEREAS, Masons support hospitals for the severely burned and crippled children, parents of youngsters with speech disorders, and research projects to find the cause of mental illness.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Juanita Helms, Mayor of the Fairbanks North Star Borough, Alaska, by the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim February the 3rd-7th, 1986 as MASONIC WEEK, throughout the Fairbanks North Star Borough and urge all citizens to join in this recognition by congratulating Masons for their accomplishments and welcome them to our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREFORE, I have given to and set my hand on this 14th day of January, 1986.

It is signed and sealed by Juanita Helms, Mayor of the Fairbanks North Star Borough.

## **MW Charles S. Moulthrop, Past Grand Master of Michigan**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, Brethren:

I am not a long-winded talker but I would like to thank you Most Worshipful and this Grand Lodge for inviting me to come back again this year.

Brothers, you don't realize how fortunate you are to belong to a jurisdiction that is young and growing. We, in Michigan, are considerably older but being at that age and having 480 Lodges, you come to the place you say, "Well, we are going to let Lodge so-and-so do the job down the road. And Lodge so-and-so says well, such-and-such says they'll do it!" And so my Brothers, it falls on a few to get the job done. I think this happens in a lot of jurisdictions. But you are fortunate enough to be young so that you are still working together, all of you that are members of this fraternity, in this state, and I would hope that could continue, particularly the progress of having a gain in membership.

I go back to 1982, my Brothers in Anchorage, Alaska and I've got a place starting in 1982 in February right here in Fairbanks at the Masonic Temple. When I got up in front of you Brothers how many of you remember what I said? The challenge I gave you of growing. If memory serves me right, in 1982 you had a net loss of one. I have presented you with two plaques which we are giving out today. I am extremely proud and glad to have been a part of the team that gave you that challenge. I am proud to see you ending up with a net gain in membership, but I think the greatest thing is that we are having fun doing it. If you can't do something and have some amount of pleasure and fun doing it, in my estimation, it's not worth doing. I would certainly hope that you would remember that there are many Brothers, like myself, from out of state who only get here for three to six days every year but we're having some fun along the way. I look forward to being able to come back next year and seeing you Brothers again, because to me, this is my second home. Your Chamber of Commerce for the state has spent many, many

dollars with the slogan, "Once you've been to Alaska, you can never get completely home again." And I believe it Brothers, because I have an awful lot of friends in this state and I would like very much to be able to come back again next year to say hello.

Thank you Most Worshipful. I would like for you Brothers to see the tall and gangly Brother that I brought along as my bodyguard this year. Jerry, would you please stand. My Brothers, this is Worshipful Brother Gerald Pickens, the Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Michigan; who, if the good Lord willing, when who-ever is elected as Junior Grand Warden today is installed as Grand Master, will serve as Grand Master of Michigan at the same time. We serve seven years in our Grand Lodge line, starting as Grand Marshal. So my Brothers, I hope that some time in the future, Jerry will come back with me and we will both be glad to see this Grand Lodge and this jurisdiction grow. Thank you.

## **W Gerald W. Picken, Senior Grand Deacon of Michigan**

Most Worshipful Grand Master:

On behalf of my Grand Master, I bring you greetings from the Grand Lodge of Michigan. I am sorry to say that we have had a very severe drop in membership in our jurisdiction. When we go home, I hope we can take some of the enthusiasm that you have back to our Grand Jurisdiction, because Brothers you have the enthusiasm for Masonry that we need. And to add to what MW Moulthrop indicated, "I will return!"

## **RW Jefferson J. Ensworth, Deputy Grand Master of Washington**

My Brethren and Most Worshipful Brother Glen Pruett:

I am happy to hear, Glen, that we are both from Kansas. I am proud of that and I am sure he is, too! I was talking to one of the Brothers in Lodge the other night, and our Senior Grand Warden kids me a lot about that but if you look closely, we look a whole lot like the rest of you folks. Once you get the cockleburs combed out of our hair, we look pretty much like other folks.

I am very happy to be here, in this Grand Jurisdiction again, to greet old friends and make some new ones. The Governor was here yesterday morning, and because of his remarks, as I remember he covered some things about communication and I just have a little thing on communication to share with you Brethren.

I believe that this came from the military complex down at Fort Lewis, Washington. The way it came out reminds me of what happens to our communications. There was a colonel that issued a directive to his Executive Officer. He said, "Tomorrow evening at approximately 2000 hours, Halley's Comet will be visible in this area, an event that occurs only once in seventy-five years. Have your men fall out in the Battalion Area in fatigues and I will explain this rare phenomenon to them and in case of rain, you will not be able to see anything so assemble the men in the theater and I will show a film to them. Is that clear in concept?" The Executive Officer relates this message to the

Company Commander and said, "By order of the Colonel, tomorrow at 2000 hours, Halley's Comet will appear in front of the Battalion Area. If it rains, fall the men out in fatigues and then march them to the theater, where the rare phenomenon will take place - something that occurs only once every seventy-five years." So the Company Commander didn't want to drop that chain-of-command and he sent word out to the Lieutenant and said, "By order of the Colonel, who is a pig, at 2000 hours tomorrow evening, the phenomenal Halley's Comet will appear in the theater, and in case of rain, in the Battalion Area and the Colonel will give another order. Something that occurs once every seventy-five years." Well, the Lieutenant sent the word on down. He told the Sergeant, "Tomorrow at 2000 hours, the Comet will appear in the theater with Halley's Comet. In his fatigues, something that happens once every seventy-five years. And if it rains, the Colonel will order the Comet into the Battalion Area." Well, the Sergeant has got to straighten that out, right? So they posted the notice on the bulletin board and it said, "When it rains tomorrow at 2000 hours, the phenomenal seventy-five year old General Halley, accompanied by himself, will drive his comet through the Battalion Area, and in fatigues."

Well Brethren, our communications aren't quite that bad. We try and I think we should continue to try to improve them to do what we undertake. One thing that Masons don't do is they don't quit! I heard some people say, "Well, that guy was a Mason and he didn't quit!" We have this problem, more or less for improvement. If we didn't have any problems, we could all stay home and mail each other a note once a year, "Everything is OK!" We come together and talk about them. We share this great way of life that we enjoy and we have some successes that we can concentrate on. We should look at it positively. We have some failures. In attaining a programmed record Babe Ruth had, he struck out 1,300 times attaining that record! So we don't win every time that we get up to bat, but what we do is go up to bat again.

It reminds me of a parody to Will Rodgers that said, "Even if you are on the right track, if you just sit there, you are going to get run over!" I feel what I have learned here in years before and what I say here at this time, that Masons in Alaska are not in any danger of being run over. You are on the right track. You are moving and I am very happy to share the success with you.

## **MW Alden H. Jones, Past Grand Master of Washington**

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

I'm back! I sort of took a homestead up here in Alaska a little over twenty years ago and I have to keep coming back every year to prove up on it, and I am here to prove up today. Brother Jeff, who spoke just before me, and I live just across the river down south in Cowlitz County, Washington. We see each other pretty regular but we don't compare notes on the speeches we make around the country. He told me of some of the problems that we have and called them opportunities and I second the motion.

I would like to speak on problems from perhaps a little different point of view. I want to point out that from time to time, Masonry has been criticized severely. I don't

think that is something to be worried about. I think that we can take care of ourselves in the public place. I am a little concerned by the source of some of the criticism. Some of the downgrading and the articles in Masonic magazines written by Masonic Brothers who are taken to task for some of our alleged faults and problems. We are big enough and old enough now that we can take our criticism, but let's be sure we handle it the right way. When there comes a criticism to us, let's be sure we identify the alleged problem and the discussion of the problem and we react accordingly.

We hear a lot about modernizing Masonry, the ritual, dropping out the penalties, and one thing and another. But this country has freedom of speech and everyone has a right to say what he thinks, but let's be sure that when we discuss this we identify specifically what the Brother is talking about. When we talk about modernizing Masonry, who would do this? What part of it would they change? How much change would they make in that part of it? When they got all through, what would they call it? There wouldn't be any Masonry in there, I can promise you that! So let's be careful and think these things through. Don't be afraid to discuss them. Discuss them at their full length. We have the tools and the means of answering questions and accepting criticism.

We should think of the fable of the educated worm. This little worm had been to college for ten or twelve years and had taken a lot of subjects and had a lot of knowledge. But one sunny morning, he made the mistake of crawling out of his tunnel and lying there, basking in the short grass of the lawn. There was a robin circling overhead, looking for food. This robin spotted the worm, lying down there, and decided to swoop down and grab him up. The worm said to himself, "Now I'm in a predicament. But, I have been to a university and I have studied a lot of things and I ought to be able to find an answer to get me out of this predicament." So he started alphabetically through all the things that he knew. The thought "A" - Algebra, Astronomy, "B" - Biology, no that won't do it! "C" - Chemistry, no, criminology, and so on down the line until he got clear down to the "P's" and he came to Psychology and he had an idea. He turned to the robin, who was circling towards his nest, "Good Morning, Mr. Robin. Isn't it a beautiful day?" The robin shook his head a little bit and the worm said, "Say, that red-breast that you have is the finest breast coat I have ever seen." The robin just shook his head and gritted his beak a little more. The worm decided that this wasn't working and he needed to try a different approach. So he said, "You may have the finest breast coat I have ever seen but I understand that you don't have a singing voice. Why, I heard that you don't know one note from another." At this, the robin opened his mouth and let out a beautiful song. Unfortunately for the robin, the worm fell out of his mouth and wiggled away.

The moral to this story is: It doesn't make any difference how much studying you have done, and education that you have if you don't use it, it isn't going to help you any. The educated worm used his education and saved himself from extinction.

Well, we have all kinds of education in Masonry. We have studied for years and years and we know all of the angles. A lot of answers can be found if we apply ourselves to what we have learned, what we have seen, and what we have heard.

I will close by saying, "When everything else fails, let's turn to Masonry!" Masonry is worth saving because Masonry is something special to special people, doing special work for special purposes. Thank you very much my Brothers.

# ELECTION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

The election of Grand Officers for 1986 was conducted and the ballots counted. The results were announced by W. Jerry C. Holly, Jr., (11) Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, as follows: No recording of the first ballot was made, however, the second, third, and fourth ballots were only for the Junior Grand Warden.

**Grand Master:**

**Gunnar Flygenring**

**Deputy Grand Master:**

**Fred V. Angleton**

**Senior Grand Warden:**

**Ralph Kavorkian**

**Junior Grand Warden:**

**First Ballot (no recording of vote count)**

**Second Ballot (51 votes required for a majority vote)**

Question Ballot	1 vote
Gene Freeman	1 vote
Cliff Darnel	1 vote
Mitch Miller	1 vote
Frank Erie	1 vote
James Grubbs	1 vote
Fred McGuire	2 votes
Tim Routzahn	10 votes
Les Little	21 votes
Dave Thomas	27 votes
Chuck Gregg	33 votes
Total votes cast	99 votes No majority vote was cast.

**Third Ballot 52 votes required for a majority vote**

Blank Ballot	1 vote
James Grubbs	1 vote
Mitch Miller	1 vote
Fred McGuire	2 votes
Les Little	14 votes
Dave Thomas	39 votes
Chuck Gregg	44 votes
Total votes cast	102 votes No majority vote was cast.



**Fourth Ballot**

(No recording of vote count was made.)

From recording of installation Charles I. Gregg, was installed as Junior Grand Warden

**Grand Secretary**

**Neil R. Bassett**

# INSTALLATION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

An open installation for the 1986-1987 officers for the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was conducted in Fairbanks, Alaska on February 7, 1986

## OPENING CEREMONIES

Welcome and Introduction

By MW Glen W. Pruett

## INSTALLING OFFICERS

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

## ELECTED OFFICERS

Grand Master	MW Gunnar Flygenring
Deputy Grand Master	RW Fred V. Angleton
Senior Grand Warden	RW Ralph Kavorkian
Junior Grand Warden	RW Charles I. Gregg
Grand Secretary	RW Neil R. Bassett

## APPOINTED OFFICERS

Grand Chaplain	W Eugene M. Mockerman
Grand Lecturer	W Howard N. Hobbs
Grand Orator	W Ronald H. Moore
Grand Historian	W George a. Ballum
Grand Marshal	VW David J. Thomas
Senior Grand Deacon	W Harry D. Case
Junior Grand Deacon	W Raymond R. Wagener
Grand Standard Bearer	W John W. Elmore
Grand Sword Bearer	W Alfred B. Cratty, Sr.

Grand Bible Bearer	W Marvin R. Harned
Senior Grand Steward	W Mitchell R. Miller
Junior Grand Steward	W Gary E. Ackerson
Grand Organist	W Richard D. Bender
Grand Tyler	W Russell A. Kendrick

**DEPUTIES TO THE GRAND MASTER**

District 1	VW Franklin W. Erie
District 2	VW Alfred M. White
District 3	VW Henry R. Ferguson
District 4	None Appointed

# SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

March 16, 1985

A Special Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was opened on the Third Degree of Masonry in Ample Form at the Anchorage Masonic Temple by the Grand Master at 10:50 a.m. for the purpose of constituting Eagle River Lodge No. 13 and installing its officers. The ceremonies took place in the Ernest Gruening Junior High School in Eagle River at 1:30 p.m. The Grand Lodge Officers stations' and places were occupied as follows:

MW Glen W. Pruett (3, 12)	Grand Master
RW Gunnar Flygenring (10)	Deputy Grand Master
RW Ralph Kavorkian (3, 12)	Junior Grand Warden
RW Neil R. Bassett (10, 11)	Grand Secretary
W Rev. John W. Edgar (12)	Grand Chaplain
W Lloyd W. Ives (3,12)	Grand Lecturer
VW Fred L. McGuire (3, 12)	Grand Orator
VW Robert M. Parkins (8, 13)	as Grand Historian
W Mitchell R. Miller (3, 12)	Grand Marshal
VW Gene R. Freeman (3, 12)	as Senior Grand Deacon
W Harry D. Case (10)	Junior Grand Deacon
VW Henry R. Ferguson (7)	as Grand Standard Bearer
MW John C. Ingram, PGM (6, 11)	as Grand Sword Bearer
VW Stanley E. Herman (11)	as Grand Bible Bearer
W Cecil H. Clift (8, 10)	Senior Grand Steward
W Peter E. Nilles (10)	Junior Grand Steward
VW John W. Underwood (3)	as Grand Tyler

Officers for the installation were:

MW John C. Ingram, PGM (6,11)	Installing Officer
MW Glen W. Pruett (3,12)	Installing Marshal
VW Robert Parkins (8,13)	Installing Secretary
RW Gunnar Flygenring (10)	Installing Chaplain

Under the direction of the Grand Master, the Lodge was Constituted according to the ancient ceremonies. The following officers, except the Junior Steward, were installed:

Worshipful Master	VW V. Clifford Darnell (8,13)
Senior Warden	James D. Grubbs, Sr. (8,13,14)
Junior Warden	Larry M. Sizemore (13)
Treasurer	Jerry Wasson (13)
Secretary	William P. Kalbach (13,14)
Chaplain	Chris Woodard (8,13)

Marshal	John Vincent (13)
Senior Deacon	O. Wayne Britnell (8,13)
Junior Deacon	Robert B. Pond (10,13)
Senior Steward	Dennis Willman (13)
Junior Steward	Victor Fiorini (13)
Tyler	John C. Peck (8,13)

The ceremonies were witnessed by about 200 people.

Following the Installation, Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form at 5:45 p.m..

Glen W. Pruett  
Grand Master

ATTEST:  
Neil R. Bassett  
Grand Secretary