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# ROLL CALL

## GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Master	MW Gunnar Flygenring
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deputy Grand Master	RW Fred V. Angleton
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Warden	RW Ralph Kavorkian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Warden	RW Charles I. Gregg
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Secretary	RW Neil R. Bassett
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Chaplain	W Eugene M. Mockerman
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Orator	W Ronald H. Moore
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Historian	W George A. Ballum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Marshal	VW David J. Thomas
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Deacon	W Harry D. Case
		VW Russell C. Milligan (PT)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Deacon	W Raymond R. Wagener
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Standard Bearer	W John W. Elmore
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Sword Bearer	W Alfred B. Cratty
		W Marvin Fitzpatrick (PT)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Bible Bearer	W Marvin R. Harned
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Steward	W Mitchell R. Miller
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Steward	W Gary E. Ackerson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Organist	W Richard D. Bender
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Tyler	W Russell A. Kendrick

## 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
- Eagle River Lodge No. 13
- Adak Lodge No. 14

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

Neil R. Bassett  
Grand Secretary

# SOLEMN CEREMONIES

Organ music for the Sixth Annual Communication was provided by W Richard D. Bender (10) Grand Organist.

The Sixth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska convened in Anchorage, Alaska on the 5th Day of February, A.D. 1987, A.L. 5987. It was called to order by MW Glen W. Pruett, PGM (3, 12) at 8:00 AM, Alaska Standard Time.

Entrance of Grand Lodge Officers

Presentation of Flags with singing by musical group under direction of W Richard D. Bender (10) Grand Organist.

American Flag – “Heroes of ’76,” Billy Mitchell Camp, Anchorage Chapter No. 355, National Sojourners

“The Star Spangled Banner”

“O Canada”

Alaska Flag – State Master Councilor of DeMolay, Miss Alaska Job’s Daughters, Grand Worthy Advisor of Rainbow

“The Alaska Flag”

Finale – “America the Beautiful”

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome by Honorable Tony Knowles, Mayor of Anchorage

Response by RW Charles I. Gregg (10, 13)

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

## **1st Session**

W Emmett V. Roetman (7)

## **Second Session**

W Martin J. Patterson (6)

## **Third Session**

W Donald D. Barber (9)

## **Fourth Session**

W Allen B. Scouler (11)

## **Distinguished Guests in Attendance**

### **British Columbia**

MW George W. Baldwin, Past Grand Master, representing MW Donald W. Wakelyn, Grand Master

### **California**

RW Robert A. Klinger, Grand Secretary

### **Colorado**

RW Raymond E. Peterson, Grand Secretary

**Idaho**

MW Burrell G. Lirgg, Grand Master  
MW Lynn E. Cannon, Past Grand Master  
MW Wiley F. Smith, Past Grand Master  
MW Larry R. Turner, PGM, Grand Secretary

**Japan**

RW Arthur S. Thomas, Honorary Past Senior Grand Warden, representing MW  
Chester L. Ditto, Grand Master

**Michigan**

MW Charles S. Moulthrop, Jr. Past Grand Master

**Montana**

MW Francis D. Hess, Past Grand Master, representing MW Byron L. Robb,  
Grand Master

**Nebraska**

MW Byron C. Jenkins, Past Grand Master

**Nevada**

RW W. Ronald Briggs, Senior Grand Warden, representing MW Ovid A. Moore,  
Grand Master

**New Mexico**

RW Ernest R. Hazelwood, Junior Grand Warden, representing MW John P.  
Hoice, Grand Master

**Oregon**

MW Monroe B. "Jim" Morton, Grand Master  
MW Herman C. Kuppler, Past Grand Master  
MW Alvin E. Carter, Grand Marshall

**Prince Edward Island**

MW J. Garth Gillespie, Grand Master

**Washington**

MW Jefferson J. Ensworth, Grand Master  
RW Marks L. Ewing, Deputy Grand Master  
RW William R. Miller, Junior Grand Warden  
RW Edward L. Bennett, Grand Secretary  
MW George R. Bordewick, Past Grand Master  
VW Sprague G. Vigus, Grand Lecturer  
MW E. L. "Roy" Foss, Past Grand Master  
MW Alden H. Jones, Past Grand Master  
VW Kenneth S. Robinson, Grand Lecturer  
VW George T. Leslie, Grand Orator  
VW Forrest Cotton, Senior Grand Deacon  
W Ernest D. Lavorini, Grand Bible Bearer  
VW Donald Austin, Deputy in District No. 8  
VW Wendal H. Kuecker, Deputy in District No. 13  
VW Maynard Brent, Deputy in District No. 18  
VW Benjamin R. Robertson, Finance Committee  
VW Hunter R. Greening, Constitution Observance Committee  
W Robert D. Lowe, Masonic Home Trustee

**Wyoming**

MW Harlan C. Benedict, Past Grand Master, representing MW George Hoyt,  
Grand Master

**Al Aska Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.**

William L. Sheffield, Potentate

# MESSAGE OF THE MW GRAND MASTER

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

Distinguished and Honored Guests, my Brethren all:

May I first extend to each of you a most sincere cordial welcome to this, the Sixth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska.

As a matter of general interest, today, Thursday, February 5, 1987 also marks, to the day, the sixth anniversary of the closing of our Constitutional Convention and our first election of officers, followed the next day, Friday the sixth, by the installation of officers, and then on Saturday, February 7, 1981; the first Special Communication of this Grand Lodge. Much has happened since those historic events.

To all the brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction - you are, by your attendance here today, showing your continued interest in the affairs of this Grand Lodge as well as your concern for this great Fraternity of ours, and I hope and pray that your deliberations and actions during these next two days will be truly reflective of such interest and concern as well as mirror the Brotherly Love of which I know you to be capable.

To our many distinguished guests and visitors - from near and far - you bestow upon us, by your very presence here, a very great honor. We are, indeed, most pleased and grateful that you chose to come here to be with us. We trust that your visit will be an enjoyable and gratifying experience and sincerely hope that you will retain fond memories of your stay in our fair city and state. We have endeavored to provide for your comfort and enjoyment and hope that our hospitality will live up to your expectations. We know that you all have very busy schedules and that there are many other things that you might be doing - or many other places where you might be spending these next couple of days. We, therefore, truly appreciate your coming here to be with us instead.

As mentioned earlier, today marks the sixth anniversary of the closing of the Constitutional Convention which saw the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska become a reality. Today also marks the end of an era. Of the five members of this Jurisdiction elected to office at that time and installed the following day, all were subsequently honored by the members to serve as Grand Master. I am the last of the five to be so honored. For the privilege of serving this Grand Lodge and being a recipient of the highest honor which any Jurisdiction may bestow upon one of its own, shall be eternally grateful.

Being Grand Master has been a most satisfying and fulfilling experience, a very rewarding and educational opportunity - what with the diversity of situations experienced and also, on occasion, a very humbling and soul searching challenge. Most issues are rarely clear-cut. Not all decisions are easy to make. But then, nobody said that the task at hand would be easy. I have carried out my assigned responsibilities to the very best of my ability and hope that history will record that the affairs entrusted to my care, and/or placed under my stewardship, were carefully and prudently managed and safeguarded.

Necessary actions were taken and decisions rendered after careful consideration of all the facts and circumstances as I perceived them to be, always with the well-being and interest of Freemasonry at heart. For I, indeed, love this Fraternity dearly.

"When eras end - legacies remain." I firmly believe that the first six years of the existence of this Grand Jurisdiction will compare most favorably with the same period of time in the history of any other Jurisdiction, bar none anywhere.

### **State of the Craft**

I sincerely hope that the dedication and enthusiasm displayed since our formation will continue, unabatedly, in the coming years. I do, indeed, believe that this Jurisdiction and Freemasonry has a great and glorious future unless we, through complacency and apathy, allow it to "self-destruct". We have witnessed just how deleterious the effects have been on society and our own experience has shown us just how destructive the effects have been on our beloved Fraternity. We cannot, we must not, let this condition continue to exist. The time has come for us, all of us, to stand up and be counted AS MASONS and re-dedicate ourselves to the true principles of our Gentle Craft.

I would like to be able to report that each of our Constituent Lodges is seething with activity, is maintaining its "place of honor and respect" in the community, is "endowed" with imaginative and enthusiastic officers and members, and blessed with outstanding leadership. Such is, unfortunately, not the case. We do, however, have some Lodges with most of these desirable attributes, and other with some. While still others appear to be in short supply of all enthusiasm, imagination and leadership. Harsh words, maybe, but true. While the general State of the Craft in this Jurisdiction appears to be at a mostly acceptable level, a few of our Lodges do, indeed, need help.

They need a spark. They need a fire "lighted" in their midst. While this may be cause for concern, it is not cause for despair. We have, indeed, within our ranks the ability to make the necessary improvements. We have all the right ingredients, the necessary qualifications and talents. All we need to do is "unleash" them and put them to work. With proper guidance and cooperation, the results will be astounding even to the worst pessimists and skeptics. But it will take some effort, hard work, and cooperation. It will not happen automatically, by itself.

During our visitations around this Jurisdiction this year, we have observed some excellent degree work in Lodges where we had become accustomed to expect it. But, we also witnessed considerable improvement in the work in some others, where in the past years we had seen sub-standard work being performed, or where we had found relative inactivity for some considerable period of time. However, still others need to improve the quality of their work. There's no doubt that they can do it. No doubt that they will derive great pleasure and satisfaction from doing so. They know who they are and I know that they'll make the effort, if they can just find that spark. But even as we talk about the need for good ritual work and important, indeed, it is let us not forget the other ingredients Enthusiasm, Imagination, and Leadership which are equally as important in any Lodge which hopes to grow and prosper.

The general appearance and condition of most of our Lodge Buildings/Meeting Halls gives evidence that on-going maintenance is being performed and that improvements are being made, as needed or where possible. There are, however, a couple of our Lodges that need to receive some much needed attention, particularly on their exteriors, before "Mother Nature" takes her toll and makes rehabilitation even more expensive - or maybe even renders it prohibitive in cost. This matter has been discussed

with the appropriate Lodge personnel and plans are "in the hopper" which will hopefully correct the situation.

One subject which has cropped up with increased frequency during the last several years is the question of performing adequate background investigations on Petitioners for the Degrees so as to be able to properly "guard our portals." The concern (complaint) has been voiced that "it is no longer possible to obtain the desired police or character/credit background check" due to the enactment and enforcement of the now "famous" Privacy Act. And even in instances where one might have a "contact" in or "pipeline" to the appropriate agency, one would be placing the contact person in jeopardy of his/her livelihood if caught in the act of obtaining and providing to us the requested information. Therefore, in order to avoid placing such undue and unfair burden on a friend and in order to furnish yet another tool for the members of our Investigating Committee, we initiated, late in the year, the requirement that each Petitioner for the Degrees be required to sign a Waiver of the Privacy Act and file same with the said Petition and that, in case of failure to receive such signed waiver, the Petition could not be received by the Lodge. To use or not to use such waiver, once obtained, is discretionary with each Lodge, as it is only one extra tool being provided for the Investigating Committee to enable it to properly complete its assigned task. It is, however, now available if and when needed with adequate measures provided for its control by the Lodge and against misuse by the members of same.

Recognizing that communication and more especially two-way communication is important, we embarked upon a project early in the year which, at once, posed a great challenge but which also, if it were to function as envisioned, would be very informative and interesting for the members of this Jurisdiction, wheresoever dispersed, as well as provide great satisfaction and pleasure for the producers. That project, of course, was the publication of the Quarterly Masonic Bulletin. We were successful in producing one issue per quarter, as planned, but we, unfortunately, did not get the input from the several Symbolic Lodges, as we had hoped, for maximum value of contexts as well as for information and entertainment of the Brethren. Regrettably, we do not really know how well the publication was received by the readers, as we got only very few comments during the year. But we tried and hoped that the effort will be continued.

With respect to the financial condition of this Grand Lodge, I am happy to announce that we continue to be in good shape and that we continue to honor our commitment of no deficit spending.

However, it is only fair and proper, at this time, to advise that it is becoming increasingly more difficult to live within each annual budget as, unfortunately, the cost of operation manages to increase faster than the annual revenue. There are a number of things - a number of projects - that we would like to do and/or embark upon, but that we, due to limited resources, are prevented from doing at least to the degree that we would like.

Realistically speaking, our only true source of revenue is the per capita assessment, which currently amounts to \$10.00 per chargeable member on the rolls of each Lodge as of January 1st each year. I believe that we can all agree that even with the level of services provided, remaining status-quo, the operational costs of Grand Lodge are constantly rising and at a much faster pace than our real growth in membership.

Which by the way, is a negative number for this year and from whence our revenue is derived.

As the membership of our several lodges goes, so does the revenue of per-capita of Grand Lodge. But, unlike revenue, most Grand Lodge expenses are not greatly effected by the size of membership of the individual Symbolic lodges. One needs only to look at the increase in the cost of insurance coverage to appreciate the problem which now appears to be getting even worse. Other costs are also climbing albeit not so drastically.

I believe that the time has come that we must bite the bullet and consider an increase in the per-capita assessment and, correspondingly, in the lodge membership dues if rendered necessary as a result of such action - or, otherwise, develop an innovative method of raising some much needed Grand Lodge revenue. Increasing the per capita assessment is not unique to this Jurisdiction. Many, many others have, likewise, found it necessary to raise theirs. Ours is a first class, top notch Fraternity; we cannot be expected to operate it on inadequate or inferior, second rate or lower, levels of revenue. There is no such thing as a free lunch; ultimately, one only gets what one pays for. Ask yourselves the question, "What is Freemasonry worth to me?" "What would I be willing to sacrifice to see my beloved Fraternity remain strong?" "Would I be willing to give up two cups of restaurant coffee or one pack of cigarettes a month to see my Fraternity strong and financially sound?" If we are prepared to make such sacrifice and I respectfully submit that we cannot afford not to, we could easily increase the per capita assessment to meet our need. To not consider an increase in the per capita assessment - to be implemented without further delay - will, in my opinion, show lack of foresight and very poor fiscal judgment. It may even border on fiscal irresponsibility, as the image and status of our Grand Lodge will surely suffer.

Full and complete details of the financial position of the Grand Lodge may be found as part of the Grand Secretary's Report to Grand Lodge.

### **Recommendations**

1. That each Lodge endeavor to continue the Friendship/Fellowship Nights at least once, but preferably twice, annually. They were started a few years back and have been carried through to this time. While not all the events have been equally fruitful, they have proved that they can be very successful events in a Lodge year if planned carefully and presented properly.

2. That the Quarterly Masonic Bulletin or a similar Grand Lodge publication or newsletter be continued on at least the same frequency level.

3. That each Lodge encourage its members to become active in the various youth groups as advisors, etc., if possible, or to, at least, occasionally attend their meetings, if for no other reason than to provide moral support. The youth will love us for it and we will derive great pleasure and satisfaction from it. On our travels, both within this Jurisdiction as well as elsewhere, we have experienced the contagious enthusiasm, energy, and exuberant spirit generated in these organizations. They do deserve, and on



occasion need, a helping hand, a pat on the back, but sometimes just a shoulder to lean or cry on. Everybody will end up winners.

4. That each Lodge analyze its true cost of operation including the "per capita," rents, utilities, insurance, postage, office supplies, maintenance costs, etc., and then break the same down on a "per paying member" basis (while also allowing a little for an emergency reserve fund) so as to establish the true annual "per member" cost of operating the Lodge. This should provide the Lodge Management Team, at least in those Lodges where only the only source of revenue is from membership dues, with a pretty realistic picture of what the annual dues should be. I believe that a few of our Lodges will discover that their annual dues are woefully inadequate for their needs. I also believe that said Lodges will find themselves in dire financial straits if they do not recognize the danger signs and take early corrective action.

5. The Grand Lodge declare its support and affirmation of the principles and purposes of the National Not-For-Profit Masonic Foundation established by the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America held in Arlington, Virginia in February, 1986.

The said Conference has approved the establishment of a National Not-For-Profit Masonic Foundation which will support and work for the elimination of drug and alcohol abuse among the youth of this nation. It has also gone on record as requesting the support of each and every Grand Jurisdiction in the Conference in this worthy and most important endeavor.

This Grand Lodge has further been asked to:

- a. Become a member of the Foundation;
- b. Establish a Special Committee, the members of which are to be designated by the Grand Master; and,
- c. To support the Foundation and its efforts by solicitation of funds through voluntary contributions by the membership of Grand Lodge and others who share our concerns, which this national epidemic - the experimentation with and use of drugs and alcohol by the youth of our nation - has created.

### **Appreciation**

I would like to take this opportunity to, collectively, thank those Brethren who gave so unselfishly of their time and talent in furtherance of Masonry in this Jurisdiction and responded so cheerfully and willingly when called upon for assistance - or often merely for counsel or advice. I would surely fail in an attempt to name them individually so let me, instead, offer to all a resounding "THANK YOU!"

I must, however, extend specific appreciation and gratitude to the following:

MW James A. Williams, PGM, for his unselfish contribution of time and talent, his untiring efforts and service "above and beyond" to edit and organize the proceedings of each Annual Grand Communication (for the years 1982, 1983, and 1984) so that they are now in the hands of the printers and should be available for distribution in early 1987. the proceedings for the year 1985 should, likewise, be available for distribution later in 1987.

MW John C. Ingram, Sr., PGM, for always being available to step in and help, whenever called upon, no matter what the occasion or circumstances, including, more specifically, his cheerful acceptance of the responsibility for the Registration for this Annual Communication, as Chairman of the Credentials Committee, when the originally appointed chairman unexpectedly resigned just before Christmas.

RW William R. Miller, member of Glacier Lodge No. 10 and Junior Grand Warden of Washington, for his giving so freely of his time and talents in organizing and conducting this year's Educational Seminar on Leadership and Lodge Management.

RW Charles I. Gregg, Junior Grand Warden, for his dedication and unselfish efforts as the "entire editorial staff" of the Quarterly Masonic Bulletin. Without his assistance and dedication to the cause, the Bulletin might not have materialized. If any credit is due for the said publication, it is due to him.

RW Neil R. Bassett, Grand Secretary, for his capable and willing assistance, whenever called upon, as well as the timely and efficient handling of the numerous and diverse Grand Lodge affairs and assignments.

The members of the Credentials Committee as well as the members of the Arrangements/Sessions Committee whose dedicated efforts and many hours of planning for this Communication, not to mention the on-going work during the Communications, will make this a most pleasant and memorable event.

And finally, to my roommate of 40 years, my wife, Joan, for her understanding, patience, and unselfish contributions. She understood and accepted my priorities and has supported me throughout even though it meant many lonely hours for her when I was off somewhere on Masonic business.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Gunnar Flygenring  
Grand Master

## **APPENDIX**

This appendix contains data or official acts of the Grand Master, MW Gunnar Flygenring, during the period of February 7, 1986 to February 6, 1987, in the following matters:

1. Proclamations
2. Dispensations – Granted or Denied
3. Rulings and Decisions
4. Summonses Issued

5. Irregularities Healed or Action Pending
6. Special Committee Appointed
7. Lodge Trials
8. Appointment of Grand Master's Trial Committee
9. Special Communications of Grand Lodge (cornerstone laying)
10. Visitations to Constituent Lodges and other Meetings
11. Communications attended by others as Representatives of the Grand Master
12. Visits to other Grand Jurisdictions and miscellaneous conferences.

Note: The appointments under the program of Exchange of Grand Representatives have been reported elsewhere in the Grand Master's Message

### **Proclamations**

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|-------------------|---|
| February 12, 1986 | Week of March 16-22, 1986 as DeMolay Week in Alaska           |
| March 25, 1986    | Month of April 1986 as Masonic Public Schools Month in Alaska |

### **Dispensations Granted or Denied**

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| March 21, 1986 | Received request for dispensation to hold Special Election in Adak Lodge No. 14 due to absence of the Worshipful Master. Deeming such election, at that time, not in the best interest of either the Lodge or the Fraternity, I denied the request.  |
| April 12, 1986 | Received request for dispensation from Tanana Lodge No. 3 to confer the Fellowcraft Degree on one of its EAM's during the Fourth Annual International Fellowship Meeting held at Whitehorse, Y.T. Request approved.  |
| April 25, 1986 | Received request for dispensation from Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8 to "relocate" a Special Communication where no degree work would be conducted, from its regular meeting place to the residence of a seriously ill Past Master of said lodge in order that he might participate. Find no conflict with Section 54, paragraph 2, AMC (1981), the request for dispensation was approved. |
| May 24, 1986   | Granted verbal dispensation – subsequently confirmed in writing on June 13 – to group of Alaska Masons to walk in procession (parade) clothed as Masons enroute to church services at the United Church of Canada in Whitehorse, Y.T., during the Fourth Annual International Fellowship Meeting being held there.   |

- July 13, 1986 Received two requests for dispensation from Glacier Lodge No. 10 to confer the Master Mason Degree on each of two separate occasions – both in open-air ceremonies. The first to be on June 21 and second, as a courtesy to Fairbanks Lodge No. 12, to be on July 26, 1986. Approved.
- July 19, 1986 Received request for dispensation from Matanuska Lodge No. 7 to participate in the above named “Open air Degree Ceremony” on July 26, 1986. Approved.
- July 24, 1986 Received verbal request, subsequently followed by written request for dispensation from Kenai Lodge No. 11 to confer an outdoor degree on July 26, 1986, at a very secure location on the Kenai Peninsula. Being satisfied as to the security, I approved the request.
- July 25, 1986 Received request for dispensation from Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8 to participate in the “Open Air Degree Ceremony” near Palmer-Wasilla, and as mentioned earlier, in a very secure location. Approved.

### **Rulings and Decisions**

- A. Issued Ruling No. 7, re: required format of Seals of Chartered Lodges.
- B. Rendered decision to Eagle River Lodge No. 13 to return Petition for the Degrees of Masonry to a Petitioner who had been rejected in another Jurisdiction (Washington) less than twelve (12) months earlier.
- C. On October 6, 1986, gave approval to Eagle River Lodge No. 13 to relocate its meeting place from the former Eagle River location (VFW Hall) to more permanent, leased quarters at Mile 19.5 (approx.) on the Old Glenn Highway in Chugiak with the admonition that such relocation might require an amendment to its bylaws.

### **Summonses Issued**

On April 22, 1986, seventeen (17) “Summonses to Appear” were mailed certified, Return Receipt Requested to certain members of Glacier Lodge No. 10. The addressees were required to attend a meeting at 7:00 pm on Friday, May 2, 1986. One of the summonses was subsequently returned “undelivered.” Also asked to attend was VW Henry R. Ferguson, DDGM (District No. 3), as the events leading to the summonses occurred in a Lodge in his area of responsibility.

The meeting was called because of questionable activities by some of the members called to appear including serious instances of behavior unbecoming members

of this Fraternity in an attempt to ward off further disruption in and deterioration of Peace and Harmony in the said lodge.

The meeting was held as scheduled with admonition issued to act as Masons, to abide by the various obligations taken, and to learn and abide by the contents of the Alaska Masonic Code.

### **Irregularities Healed or Action Pending**

#### **Glacier Lodge No. 10**

Re: Permission to install Officers, even though contrary to Sections 135 and 136 and Section 117 of the Alaska Masonic Code (A.M.C.).

Within forty-eight hours of the scheduled Installation of Officers, to be held on December 4, 1986, the installing Master learned that the Senior Warden-elect was out of State and would not present himself for the installation at such scheduled time.

On December 3, 1986, the installing Master, being knowledgeable of the provisions of the cited Sections of the A.M.C., requested a meeting with the Grand Master. Such meeting was held. While acknowledging violation of the said Sections of the A.M.C., we determined, however, that there were some extenuating circumstances, i.e., preparations and arrangements for the installation ceremonies had been made, invitations had been mailed out, and there was not sufficient time remaining to notify all involved persons and guests of a postponement. Thus, for the good of Masonry, and in the interest of Peace and Harmony, I granted, as scheduled, by letter of the same date, for the installation to proceed, as scheduled, with the proviso that the Senior Warden-elect be installed at the earliest possible opportunity. Such installation did take place on January 8, 1987. Lodge officers were admonished to, in future, be present for installation when scheduled.

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

Re: One member being elected to hold two (2) offices in violation of Section 117 of the A.M.C.

Subsequent to the Annual election and Installation of Officers for the 1987 Masonic Year, being held in the month of December, 1986, it was discovered that one Brother was elected to serve as both Lodge Secretary and Lodge Treasurer and was installed accordingly in violation of Section 117 of the A.M.C.

The Worshipful Master of the Lodge was subsequently advised that the election and installation of the Brother in question was in violation of the said Section of the A.M.C., and that that portion of the election and installation was, thus, null and void. He was further advised to request a Dispensation to hold another election, with subsequent

installation, for the vacated seats, which request has not, as of late January 1987, been received in the Grand Lodge Office.

The officers of the Lodge were admonished to study the A.M.C., and become sufficiently knowledgeable about the contents to avoid similar violations in the future.

### **Lodge Bylaws**

#### **A. Amendments Approved**

##### Adak Lodge No. 14, December 16, 1986:

1. To raise the fee for affiliations from \$20.00 to \$25.00
2. To raise the Annual Dues from \$20.00 to \$25.00.
3. a) To change the day of Stated Communication from the second Monday to the second Thursday of the month.  
  
b) That the Lodge ‘go dark’ during the month of February instead of the months of June and July, as has been the custom in the past.
4. To increase the amount of the Worshipful Master’s Discretionary (Charity) Fund from \$200.00 to \$250.00.

##### Kodiak Lodge No. 9, January 24, 1986:

Amendment to establish a Life Membership Plan. Referred to Grand Lodge Finance Committee early in 1986. Written suggestion for “desirable” changes were returned to the Lodge by the said committee late in the year.

Plan resubmitted for approval by Bylaws Committee and final approval by grand Master in early 1987.

#### **B. Amendments Pending**

##### Adak Lodge No. 14:

To permit the “allocation” of the fee for the Degrees of Freemasonry between the three degrees: to allocate no charge for the Fellowcraft and Master Mason Degrees.

Further action on this amendment to the Lodge Bylaws was requested of the Lodge. The Grand Secretary was subsequently advised that the Lodge wished to withdraw this amendment.

Kenai Lodge No. 11:

Amendment to establish a Life Membership Plan:

Referred to Grand Lodge Finance Committee early in 1986. Written suggestions for “desirable” changes were returned to the Lodge by the Finance Committee late in 1986.

As of this writing, not yet submitted by Lodge for further action.

Tanana Lodge No. 3:

1. Amendment to Lodge Bylaws to raise the Annual Dues, in two stages to \$40.00.
2. Amendment to Lodge Bylaws to adjust the incremental cost structure of the Lodge Life Membership Plan

Both amendments were first submitted to and approved by the Grand Lodge Finance Committee early in 1986. They were, however, disapproved by the Grand Master on procedural grounds.

Both amendments were re-balloted on by the Lodge membership, re-submitted to the Grand Secretary, and referred to the Grand Lodge Bylaws Committee late in 1986.

Still in Grand Lodge Bylaws Committee as of this writing, and thus, also awaiting final consideration by the Grand Master.

**Special Committee Appointed**

On February 7, 1986, appointed a five (5) member Constitution Observance Committee. Appointees were: W Will R. Josey (8), Chairman with Worshipful; Brothers Archie F. Lowe (1), Keith C. Herve (3), Rev. John W. Edgar (12), and Jeffrey S. Nelson (14) as members.

The assignment was to prepare a short lecture on the creation, provisions, and importance of the United States Constitution for the purpose of increasing each Mason’s knowledge and appreciation of same. Also, to assist in preparation for celebrating in 1987 the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the signing on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 1787 of the said Constitution of the United States.

On July 30, 1986, appointed an Ad-Hoc Committee of three (3) members with the following assignment, i.e., “to review the present Lodge Officer’s Handbook (and Suggested Guide for Floorwork) with the view to develop one that is appropriate to our Alaska needs and usages and to make recommendations for adoption of same.” VW Franklin W. Erie (3, 12), was appointed Chairman; with VW David J. Thomas (6, 11), and W Howard N. Hobbs (10) as members.

## **Lodge Trials**

1. Charges of un-Masonic conduct were filed in Fairbanks Lodge No. 12 on May 15, 1986, against a member of that Lodge by another member. A Lodge Trial Committee met in early November after the accused waived his right to appear at the scheduled November 20, 1986 trial. The Committee reached a verdict of guilty and recommended a penalty of expulsion. On November 6, 1986, the Lodge voted to expel the accused from the Craft and he was duly notified. The appeal period has expired without an appeal being filed.

2. In early 1986, charges of un-Masonic conduct were filed in Kodiak Lodge No. 9 against a member of that Lodge by another member. An in-depth investigation has been conducted involving both local members and those who have since moved out of state. Final resolution is expected soon.

## **Grand Master's Committee**

Charges of un-Masonic conduct were filed September 13, 1986, in White Pass Lodge No. 1 against a Brother of said Lodge, by another member of same pursuant to instructions to prefer such charges.

After considerable communication and much correspondence, the Statement of Masonic Charges was finally forwarded to the Grand Lodge Office in December 1986, with a request for trial by Grand Master's Committee.

A Trial Committee was accordingly appointed on December 5, 1986, as per provisions of Section 223 of the A.M.C., comprised of W Marvin B. Fitzpatrick (10) Chairman and Worshipful Brothers Elbert C. Scott (10), Joseph D. Cline (8), Timothy Jackson, Jr. (8) and Robert L. Van Huss (8), as members.

The documents prescribed by the A.M.C. were served on the accused by certified mail, he being already incarcerated in the State facility at Juneau. The accused waived his right to appear, or be represented, at the January 8, 1987 trial. On that date, the Grand Master's Committee reached a verdict of guilty with the penalty of expulsion from the Craft. The appeal period is currently running.

## **Special Communication of Grand Lodge**

Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 11:15 AM, September 30, 1986 at the Masonic Temple at 1431 Eagle Street in Anchorage, preliminary to the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony at the Elementary School at Hope, the first such cornerstone laying of a public building in this jurisdiction.

The ceremony, which was well attended by members of the public, as well as many local government officials and school district administrators and teachers, was conducted by a fairly large number of members of this Jurisdiction including all five



elected Grand Lodge Officers in their respective offices, with proper dignity and in a manner of which our Fraternity may be justly proud.

After the ceremony members of Grand Lodge returned to the Anchorage Masonic Temple where this Special Communication was closed in Ample form at 6:35 PM.

### **Visitations to Constituent Lodges and Other Meetings**

#### **1986**

##### February

- 8 Briefing sessions with 1986 Grand Lodge Team in Fairbanks
- 13 Stated Communication in Glacier No. 10, Home Lodge, Anchorage
- 20 Ladies Appreciation Night, Glacier 10, Anchorage

##### March

- 4 Matanuska Lodge No. 7
- 6-7 10<sup>th</sup> Annual DeMolay Conclave at Soldotna
- 7 Breakfast meeting with proponents of new Kenai Peninsula Lodge
- 8 Shrine Ceremonial in Valdez
- 13 Glacier Lodge No. 10
- 21 – 24 Adak Lodge No.14
- 29 Installation Ceremonies of Waheed Court No. 81, L.O.S.N.A.

##### April

- 1 Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8
- 4-5 Tanana Lodge No. 3 and Fairbanks Lodge No. 12
- 7 Eagle River Lodge No. 13
- 10 Kenai Lodge No. 11
- 12 Kenai-Soldotna Shrine Ceremonial
- 17 Public Schools Award Program, Kenai Lodge No. 11

##### May

- 3 Shrine Ceremonial in Anchorage
- 4 Miss Alaska Job's Daughter Pageant in Anchorage
- 5 Seward Lodge No. 6
- 9 – 11 Kodiak Lodge No. 9
- 15 25 - year Anniversary Meeting in Whitehorse, Y.T.
- 16 – 17 Anvil Lodge No. 2
- 22 – 23 White Pass Lodge No. 1
- 24 Masonic International Meeting in Whitehorse, Y.T.
- 25 Church services, United Church of Canada, Whitehorse, Y.T.
- 27 Meeting at Glennallen with group of Masons, re: start of a Masonic Club
- 27 – 28 Valdez Lodge No. 4
- 29 Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5
- 31 25 year - Anniversary Picnic, Glacier Lodge No. 10

## August

- 7 Ketchikan Lodge No. 159 (Washington)
- 8 24<sup>th</sup> Grand Assembly – International Order of Rainbow for Girls, Ketchikan
- 9 14<sup>th</sup> Grand session, Grand Court of Alaska, Order of the Amaranth, Anchorage
- 13 Anchorage Lodge No. 221 (Washington)
- 22 Arrangements/Sessions Committee, Anchorage
- 23 Grand Lodge Finance Committee, Anchorage
- 23 All elected Grand Lodge Officers, Anchorage

## September

- 5 – 8 Adak Lodge No. 14
- 30 Cornerstone Laying Ceremony, Hope Elementary School, (Grand Lodge opened and closed for this ceremony at Masonic Temple, Anchorage)

## October

- 1 – 2 Valdez Lodge No. 4
- 3 – 4 Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5
- 7 Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8
- 9 Glacier Lodge No. 10
- 16 Past Master's Night – Glacier Lodge No. 10, Anchorage
- 18 Arrangements/Sessions Committee, Anchorage
- 20 Bethel No. 2, Order of Job's Daughters, Anchorage
- 21 Anchorage Assembly No. 5, Order of Rainbow for Girls
- 23 Nugget Assembly No. 13, Order of Rainbow for Girls
- 24 – 26 Kodiak Lodge No. 9

## November

- 1 Arrangements/Sessions Committee, Anchorage
- 4 Seward Lodge No. 6
- 7 – 8 Fairbanks Lodge No. 12 and Tanana Lodge No. 3
- 20 Kenai Lodge No. 11
- 22 Arrangements/Sessions Committee, Anchorage
- 24 Installation of Officers, Eagle River Lodge No. 13
- 30 Area – wide Fellowship Dinner/Dance, Elmendorf Officers Club

## December

- 1 Eagle River Lodge No. 13
- 2 Matanuska Lodge No. 7
- 4 Installation of Officers, Glacier Lodge No. 10
- 6 Grand Lodge Finance Committee, Anchorage
- 6 Elected Grand Lodge Officers (Senior Warden out-of-state)
- 9 Installation of Officers, Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8
- 11 Stated Communication, Kenai Lodge No. 11

- 13 Arrangements/Sessions Committee, Anchorage
- 13 Installation of Officers, Matanuska Lodge No. 7
- 18 Installation of Officers and Christmas Party, Kenai Lodge No. 11
- 20 Initiation Ceremonies, Billy Mitchell Camp (Heroes of '76), Anchorage Chapter No. 355, National Sojourners

**1987**

January

- 7 Installation of Officers, Anchorage Lodge No. 221 (Washington)
- 10 Installation of Officers, Denali Chapter No. 16., O.E.S.
- 17 Annual Meeting/Election/Potentate's Ball, Al Aska Shrine

**Communications Attended by Others as Representatives of Grand Master**

- April 15 - 17 Grand Lodge of New Jersey by VW Gene R. Freeman
- May 27 – 29 Grand Lodge of Michigan by RW Ralph Kavorkian
- June 13 – 29 Grand Lodge North Dakota by VW Robert M. Parkins
- August 10 – 12 Grand Lodge of Wyoming by VW David J. Thomas
- September 17 – 20 Grand Lodge of Idaho by W Peter E. Nilles
- October 10 – 11 Grand Lodge Illinois by W Mitchell R. Miller
- 19 – 21 Grand Lodge of Kentucky by VW Alfred M. White
- November 16 - 18 Grand Lodge of Alabama by RW Ralph Kavorkian

**Visits to Other Grand Jurisdictions and Miscellaneous Conferences**

**1986**

February

- 14 – 19 Conference of Grand Masters, Arlington, VA, including:
  - a. Annual Meeting of the George Washington National Memorial Foundation;
  - b. Annual Meeting of the Masonic Service Association;
  - c. Conference of Grand Secretaries in North America

28 –

- March 2 Western Conference of Grand Masters. Boise, Idaho, including meeting with Alaska's Elected Grand Officers on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

June

	3	Banquet in Seattle with Washington Grand Lodge Masonic Team, 1985-86
	4 – 7	Grand Lodge of Oregon, Jantzen Beach (Portland)
	12 – 14	Grand Lodge of Nebraska (Omaha)
	16 – 18	Grand Lodge Washington (Seattle)
	18 – 20	Grand Lodge of British Columbia (Prince George)
	26 – 28	Grand Lodge of Montana (Helena)
	29 –	
July		
	5	Imperial Session, A. A. O. N. M. S. (Los Angeles)
September		
	17 – 21	250 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Re-dedication Service, Grand Lodge of Scotland (Edinburgh, Scotland)
October		
	12 – 15	Grand Lodge of California (San Francisco)
November		
	9 – 11	Grand Lodge of Nevada (Las Vegas)

# 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.

We seem to have "matured" this year, having fallen heir to a number of problems already encountered by older Grand Lodges for years, including disciplinary and membership problems.

The workload of the Grand Lodge Office continues to increase. In 1986 correspondence was carried on with 41 U.S. Grand Lodges, five Canadian provinces, and 25 foreign jurisdictions, as well as with all of our Lodges, and many individuals.

With one exception, the Lodge Secretaries again responded with early submission of the annual reports so that my deadline was met. I thank each of these Secretaries. However, I am required by Code Article 17 to report the December and End of Year reports have not yet been received from White Pass Lodge No. 1.

Guatemala finally responded favorably to our 1981 request for recognition. Recognitions now total 112 (50 states, 62 Canadian provinces and foreign jurisdictions). Additional requests for recognition from jurisdictions in South America and Mexico were referred to the Fraternal Correspondence Committee.

Probably the most significant item of 1986 concerns the proceedings of our annual communications. Since this Grand Lodge lacks any office staff or state-of-the-art equipment, all of the functions of the Grand Lodge Office, including clerical, manual record keeping, research, purchasing, and fiscal management rest solely on the Grand Secretary. It has therefore been impossible to find a block of time long enough to concentrate on the task of compiling the proceedings of the second, third and fourth communications, especially while I was employed full time. As reported by the Grand Master, Past Grand Master MW James A. Williams stepped into the breach in the spring of 1986 and spent a significant amount of his time over the next few months compiling and editing these three Proceedings. We had to reconstruct many portions because of recording equipment failure and incomplete data for two of these years. The result of his efforts made a second editing and review for format consistency much easier. Considerable "leg-work" has since been done to find economical state-of-the-art printing methods and the three issues should be available early this year. I am very grateful for Brother Jim's efforts of on behalf of this Grand Lodge.

For the Statue of Liberty campaign, which began in 1984, we set a goal of \$1.00 per member or, at that time, \$1,900. Alaska Masons can be proud of their total contributions, when the campaign ended last July, of \$3,091.

Again this year my travels on behalf of Alaska Masonry included a number of our lodges, the Grand Secretaries Conference in Virginia, and the Western Conference in Boise. Alaska hospitality was, as usual, outstanding. Valuable information and contacts resulted from conference attendance.

The following brethren were honored for 25 or more years of Masonic membership:

NAME	DATE ENROLLED
Seward Lodge No. 6	
John C. Ingram, Sr.	May 2, 1961
Edward H. Lincoln	April 3, 1954
Jay P. Grimes	March 19, 1957
Matanuska Lodge No. 7	
Robert D. Caffery	June 6, 1960
Donald H. Dinkel	April 5, 1961
Herbert H. Belanger	June 6, 1961
William F. Remsen	June 7, 1961

After several years of growth, we suffered a net loss of 27 members in 1986. The number of dimits and deaths, over which we have little or no control, increased significantly. So did the number of brethren dropped for non-payment of dues. These losses were not offset by gains because fewer brothers became proficient in the Third Degree lecture. Fewer affiliations and news bulletin returns by the post office seem to indicate a small exodus from Alaska.

Our financial health is still acceptable but still not good enough to initiate the programs we should or to give financial assistance to officers and committeemen working for Alaska Masonry. For the most part we stayed at or below budget. A notable exception was insurance which increased for the second consecutive year. The news bulletin and our highly mobile members, who fail to give us their new addresses and force us to pay postage due on returned bulletins, boosted postage costs. We also made a substantial deposit for bulk mailing postage. Volunteer labor helped keep the costs of professional typing down.

The basic allowance for the Research & Education Committee remains intact; the expenditure of \$1,819 is offset by book sales of nearly \$2,400 (shown in the Income table).

It has been a pleasure working with this year's officers and committeemen. The new Lodge Secretaries are learning their jobs well and fast; the long-timers are maintaining their proficiency. I hope that the brethren will recognize the key place of the Secretary on the Lodge Management Team.

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	0	8	0	4	0	1	60	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	5	(5)	55
Anvil	2	0	0	13	2	3	2	4	62	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	62
Tanana	3	10	7	110	9	34	13	20	485	10	2	2	6	0	0	20	4	14	0	0	2	0	20	0	485
Valdez	4	6	6	35	4	6	1	4	66	1	0	7	0	0	0	8	3	2	0	0	3	0	8	0	66
Mt. McKinley	5	0	0	12	3	2	2	2	58	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	5	(4)	54
Seward	6	2	1	11	0	6	0	3	101	1	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	5	0	0	1	0	7	(5)	96
Matanuska	7	2	6	33	4	8	2	5	112	4	0	2	0	0	0	6	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	4	116
Mt. Susitna	8	4	5	87	4	17	5	20	258	5	0	1	2	0	0	8	13	6	0	0	7	0	19	(11)	247
Kodiak	9	7	6	58	2	8	2	5	132	2	0	1	2	0	0	5	6	1	0	0	0	0	7	(2)	130
Glacier	10	7	10	111	9	17	8	27	299	8	0	7	1	0	0	16	3	9	0	0	7	0	19	(3)	296
Kenai	11	1	2	23	6	5	5	3	142	3	0	2	5	0	0	10	4	2	0	0	12	0	18	(8)	134
Fairbanks	12	1	7	20	6	5	5	3	82	3	0	1	0	0	0	4	2	1	0	1	6	0	10	(6)	76
Eagle River	13	0	8	4	8	1	7	3	54	5	2	3	0	0	0	10	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	7	61
Adak	14	2	10	22	7	5	4	5	96	5	0	1	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	102
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# REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL CORRESPONDANCE COMMITTEE

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

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

The assignment of the Fraternal Correspondent is to examine the printed or written proceedings, or other documents, emanating from other Grand Lodges and report at the Annual Communication whatever may seem of sufficient importance and interest to the Craft.

The Fraternal Correspondent shall deliver a copy of his report to the Grand Secretary prior to the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

Also, the Fraternal Correspondent shall review all requests for recognition from other Grand Lodges and, as appropriate, recommend recognition of petitioner Grand Jurisdiction - or rejection of said petitioner(s).

Having agreeably accepted the position, the Fraternal Correspondent did examine all correspondence received and reports as follows:

New Lodges in Grand Jurisdictions:

Montana - 1, Nevada - 1, Louisiana - 1, Washington - 1, British Columbia - 1, Quebec - 1, Manitoba - 2, Western Australia - 2, South Carolina - 2, California - 3, India - 6, England - 31.

Increase of Per Capita Tax:

Nevada \$7-\$8, Wyoming \$6-\$7, British Columbia \$8-\$8.50, Oregon \$9-\$10, Saskatchewan \$9-\$12, Manitoba \$12-\$13.60.

Rejected Alcoholic Beverages into Masonic Temple again:

Colorado, District of Columbia, California, New Mexico.

Japan:

Adopted a resolution to allow Lodges to convene on Sunday's for stated or special meetings, stating that in Japanese Culture, Sundays do not have the significance as observed in Western Culture.

China:

The Grand Lodge of China was constituted in 1949 (38 years ago). They now have 89 Grand Jurisdictions recognizing them.

England:

Finally giving Fraternal Recognition to the Grand Lodge of Japan, which was chartered in 1957.



British Columbia:

Voted down a resolution to change the title of the Grand Lodge to The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia and the Yukon.

Kansas:

Approved the Grand Master's Ruling that a lodge be reprimanded for making a tape recording of the esoteric work for use of the candidate and never to allow such a practice to occur in the future. Also, Kansas adopted a Committee Report which declared a program involving Credit Cards to Masons, with the Grand Lodge receiving a percentage of the interest paid for use of the card, to be in violation of the Grand Lodge Constitutions.

Wyoming:

Gave permission for lodges to shorten the Catechism of the work to include for proficiency, only the modes of recognition and the obligation of each degree.

Washington:

Voted down similar to what Wyoming approved regarding shortening of the Catechism of the work. They also adopted a resolution to extend the privileges of Masonic Burial to Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts.

Colorado:

Approved legislation allowing the Master Key for ritualistic work to be removed from the Grand Lodge Vault and placed in the hands of the Grand Lecturer for safe keeping and updating should changes occur.

South Carolina:

Adopted legislation to make it a Masonic Offense for a Mason to be current in the payment of dues to an Appendant Body while at the same time not being in good standing as to the payment of dues to the Craft Lodge of which he is a member.

Arizona and New Mexico:

Withdrew recognition from the Grand Orient of Italy.

The Commission on Information for Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America, last February, recommended that recognition be withdrawn from Italy because of Italy removing the Religious Belief from requirements for membership such as adhering to the Ancient Landmarks of an unalterable and continuing belief in God; and the Volume of the Sacred Law, an essential part of the furniture of the lodge. Several bits of information have been received against the recommendation and I feel that this will be reversed at the next Conference in Calgary, Alberta. Your Fraternal Correspondent suggests that we not get involved in that dispute.

Greece:

A new Grand Lodge was constituted and is requesting recognition from Grand Jurisdictions. I recommend we delay all action on their request at this time pending a

more detailed report and request which should be released after the Commission Report following the Grand Masters Conference in Calgary in mid-February 1987.

Haiti:

The Grand Lodge of Haiti is recognized by 56 Grand Jurisdictions around the world and also the Grand Lodge of New York since 1922. A full update report on recognition for Haiti will be heard at the Grand Masters Conference. I would suggest we await more information before we take action.

Uruguay:

Translation and communication difficulties have been experienced thus far to prevent recognition between the Grand Lodges of Uruguay and Alaska at this time. Hopefully, this will improve to allow a recommendation at the next Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge.

Mexico:

Most all border state Lodges in Mexico are recognized by U.S. Grand Lodges. Because of poor translation, bashfulness, inexperience, and lack of energy, only two Grand Lodges are now recognized by our Grand Lodge of Alaska. An effort will be made before the next report by this Correspondent to increase relationships in Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Report received for the record.

## **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 Argentina for Fraternal Recognition and an exchange of Grand Representatives.

The Committee on Information for Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters in North America indicates that this Grand Lodge, according to its information at its disposal, is regular. Investigations by this committee reveal that at least 49 U.S. Grand Lodges have recognized the Grand Lodge of Argentina to date, and that the requirements of Section 45, Bylaws of the Alaska Masonic Code are complied with.

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 Argentina 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 Minas Gerais for Fraternal Recognition and an exchange of Grand Representatives.

The Committee on Information for Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters in North America indicates that this Grand Lodge, according to its information at its disposal, is regular. Investigations by this committee reveal that at least 41 U.S. Grand Lodges have recognized the Grand Lodge of Minas Gerais to date, and that the requirements of Section 45, Bylaws of the Alaska Masonic Code are complied with.

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 Minas Gerais 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.

### **4<sup>th</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 Benito Juarez for Fraternal Recognition and an exchange of Grand Representatives.

The Committee on Information for Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters in North America indicates that this Grand Lodge, according to its information at its disposal, is regular. Investigations by this committee reveal that at least 13 U.S. Grand Lodges have recognized the Grand Lodge of Benito Juarez to date, and that the requirements of Section 45, Bylaws of the Alaska Masonic Code are complied with.

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 Benito Juarez 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.

## **5<sup>th</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 Tamaulipas for Fraternal Recognition and an exchange of Grand Representatives.

The Committee on Information for Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters in North America indicates that this Grand Lodge, according to its information at its disposal, is regular. Investigations by this committee reveal that at least 48 U.S. Grand Lodges have recognized the Grand Lodge of Tamaulipas to date, and that the requirements of Section 45, Bylaws of the Alaska Masonic Code are complied with.

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 Tamaulipas 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

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

We, the Committee on Credentials report that all 14 Lodges holding Charters in the Grand Lodge of Alaska are represented at the Sixth 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	17
Deputies of the Grand Master	3
Past Grand Masters	4
Worshipful Masters and Wardens	28
Past Masters	62
Proxies	11
<b>Total Entitled to Vote</b>	<b>125</b>

The following is the number of votes available by lodge.

	<b>Total Number of Ballots</b>
<b>White Pass Lodge No. 1</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Anvil Lodge No. 2</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Tanana Lodge No. 3</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Valdez Lodge No. 4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Seward Lodge No. 6</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Matanuska Lodge No. 7</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Kodiak Lodge No. 9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Glacier Lodge No. 10</b>	<b>21</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>5</b>
<b>Adak Lodge No. 14</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>125</b>

Respectfully submitted

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

W Joseph D. Cline (8)

W William B. Clucas (3, 12)

W Cecil C. Johnson (2)

W G. Rex Plunkett (7)

Report received for record.

# APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

## **Jurisprudence**

MW James A. Williams, PGM (3) Chairman  
W Richard T. Coffin (10)  
W John L. Dolenc (7)  
VW Charles F. Lewis (2)  
W Ray G. Williams (9)  
Bro. Richard N. Sutliff (9) Advisor

## **Grievance & Appeals**

MW H.B. "Jack" Bentley, PGM (10, 11) Chairman  
VW Robert M. Parkins (8)  
MW Glen W. Pruett, PGM (3, 12)

## **Finance**

W Burton Oien (3) Chairman  
W Donald H. Dinkel (7)  
W Leonard R. Young (10)  
Bro. Leslie A. Wilkinson (3) Advisor

## **Fraternal Correspondence**

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

## **Masonic Research & Education**

W Leslie R. Little (10) Chairman  
W Antonio A. Carpine (9)  
W V. Clifford Darnell (8, 13)  
W Russell A. Burnett (11)  
W Benjamin V. Wada (14)

## **Credentials**

MW John C. Ingram, Sr., PGM (6, 11) Chairman  
W Joseph D. Cline (8)  
W William B. Clucas (3, 12)  
W Cecil C. Johnson (2)  
W G. Rex Plunkett (7)

## **Masonic Public Relations**

W John W. Casey (3, 12) Chairman  
W John H. Grainger (1)  
W Richard L. Holyoke (9)  
RW William R. Miller (10) Correspondent-at-Large

## **DeMolay**

W Lloyd W. Triggs (3) Chairman  
W Frank L. Dickinson (4)  
W Elbert C. Scott (10)

## **Bylaws**

VW William D. Athas (10) Chairman  
W Wayne G. Coleman (9)  
VW Harry A. Lewis (2)

## **Public Schools**

W Billy W. Harris (11) Chairman  
VW Gene R. Freeman (3, 12)  
W Peter E. Nilles (10)

## **Segregation & Reference**

MW E. L. "Roy" Foss (11) Chairman  
MW Byron Jenkins (12)  
MW Charles Moulthrop (10)

## **Charters and Dispensations**

VW John W. Underwood (3) Chairman

## **Arrangements**

W Philip E. Barr (10) Chairman  
W James D. Grubbs, Sr. (8, 13, 14)  
W John C. Peck (7, 13)  
W Arnold L. Van Horn (8)  
VW William D. Athas (10) Hotel Liaison  
W Peter E. Nilles (10) Sound System

## **Constitution Observance**

W Will R. Josey (8) Chairman  
W Rev. John W. Edgar (12)  
W Keith E. Herve (3)  
W Archie F. Lowe (1)  
W Jeffrey S. Nelson (14)

## **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**

Following last year's Communication in Fairbanks, there were two recommendations that were left to me to deal with. One was the formation of a committee to handle the medallion that we hand out as part of the registration procedure and the balance of which we sell to replenish the funds to procure enough money for the subsequent years medallions. That committee was formed pursuant to the recommendation. It had no financial impact on the Grand Lodge since the funding is handled separately for that. The committee was comprised of John C. Ingram as chairman. He is the one that instituted the program and he has got financial help by way of a treasury down in Soldotna. Ron Moore is assisting him with the handling of funds. The committee is working and you have seen the results of it for this past year with the medallion that you got at the time of registration. It is our intent to carry on for as long as we can. He has been asking the various lodges to get black and white photographs so that in future years all the lodges in the Jurisdiction may be depicted on the medallions in one form or another. With that, I think that completes the handling of that recommendation.

The other one was really an A.M.R.A. type action with respect to the so-called "State-wide Past Master's Apron. A committee was formed and the apron was carried around the State to all the lodges. Following additional discussion, it was decided to refer this matter back to A.M.R.A. for further consideration.

## **MOTIONS**

A motion was regularly made, seconded, and passed to reconsider the Second Report of the Committee on Finance. Following that motion, it was regularly moved, seconded, and passed to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee regarding the Quarterly Masonic Bulletin.

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 Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska be held in the Gold Rush City of Nome, Alaska in February of 1987.

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

### Resolution No. 87-1

To Amend Section 141 of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to provide for applying the same restrictions and requirements to a rejected petitioner from another Jurisdiction as now apply to a rejected petitioner from this Jurisdiction.

**RESOLUTION: WHEREAS,** Section 141 of the Alaska Masonic Code prohibits receiving a petitioner who has been rejected by a Lodge of this Jurisdiction for one year and requires the receiving Lodge to request information about the petitioner from the Lodge which rejected him; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Code is silent on how to proceed with a petitioner who has been rejected by a Lodge in another Jurisdiction; and,

**WHEREAS,** this is inconsistent and may result in unfair treatment of a petitioner rejected in this Jurisdiction compared to the treatment of a petitioner rejected in another Jurisdiction;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that Section 141 of the Alaska Masonic Code, which now reads as follows:

Section 141. Prerequisite to Initiation: Conditions and Proceedings Under:

A Lodge may not initiate a person except upon his petition and may not knowingly receive a petition from, or initiate a candidate who is less than twenty-one years old, or who has not been an actual resident within the Jurisdiction of the Lodge at least one year next preceding the date of such petition.

If a petitioner so qualified has been rejected by a Lodge in this Jurisdiction, that Lodge or any other Lodge may not accept a petition from him until the expiration of one year after such rejection, nor without due notice to the Lodge rejecting such petitioner and requesting from said Lodge full information regarding the character and qualifications of said petitioner to receive the degrees. If due diligence to communicate with such Lodge has been exercised, and no answer received within ninety (90) days, the Lodge may proceed to take action upon his petition.

Be amended by adding a third paragraph, which reads as follows:

A petitioner who has been rejected by a Lodge of another Jurisdiction is subject to the same foregoing restrictions and requirements as a petitioner rejected by a Lodge of this Jurisdiction. When such petitioner is from another Jurisdiction, the required notice and request for information must be sent through the office of the Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams, PM (3)

Bylaw amendment: requires 3/4 majority vote for passage

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

## **Resolution No. 87-2**

To Amend Section 252 of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to eliminate the specific time requirement for hearings by the Committee on Grievance and Appeals on the day prior to the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

**RESOLUTION: WHEREAS,** Section 252 of the Alaska Masonic Code includes a requirement that the Committee on Grievance and Appeals meets to hold hearings at 10 a.m. on the day preceding the Annual Communication; and,

**WHEREAS,** this is likely to conflict with the Annual AMRA Meeting and other activities scheduled for the morning before Grand Lodge; and,

**WHEREAS,** it has become customary for the various committees which are required to meet on the day preceding Grand Lodge to meet in the afternoon; and,

**WHEREAS**, an earlier time for hearings can always be scheduled if it appears that the amount of pending business or number of persons to appear before the Committee will be unusually large; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Grand Secretary sends notice to each Lodge each year well in advance of Grand Lodge containing information about committee meeting times for the information of all Brethren;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 252 of the Alaska Masonic Code, which now reads as follows:

Section 252. Hearings. Hearings by the Committee on Grievance and Appeals are had on the Wednesday preceding the opening of each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon at the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge for the current year. All persons desiring to be heard upon any appeal pending before the Grand Lodge attend at such time and place for hearing.

Be amended to read:

Section 252. Hearings. Hearings by the Committee on Grievance and Appeals are held on the Wednesday preceding the opening of each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge at the place of the Annual Communication. At these hearings, the Committee shall hear any person who desires to be heard regarding any appeal pending before the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams, PM (3)

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

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

## **Resolution No. 87-3**

To Amend Section 24 of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to reduce the distribution of the Grand Lodge Proceedings to the distribution level used by most other Grand Lodges.

**RESOLUTION: WHEREAS**, very few Grand Lodges distribute more than one copy of each of their Proceedings to other Grand Lodges; and,

**WHEREAS**, the costs of printing and mailing are steadily increasing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 24 of the Alaska Masonic Code, which now reads as follows:

Section 24. Distribution of Proceedings. 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 to each public Masonic library applying therefore; one copy to each recognized Masonic Lodge in Alaska (not a constituent Lodge of the Grand Lodge of Alaska); and one copy to each standard Masonic publication. The remaining or surplus copies are held by the Grand Secretary and sold at not less than the cost of publication. The proceeds from the sale are turned into the treasure of the Grand Lodge.

Be amended to read:

Section 24. Distribution of Proceedings. The Grand Secretary annually distributes the printed Proceedings of the Grand lodge as follows: two copies to each recognized Alaska Lodge regardless of its Jurisdiction; one copy to each Grand Lodge Officer, District Deputy, and Standing Committee member; one copy to each recognized Grand Lodge; one copy to each library upon request. Surplus copies are held by the Grand Secretary and sold at not less than the cost of publication. Proceeds from such sales are deposited in the General Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil R. Bassett, PM (10)

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

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

## Resolution No. 87-4

To Add a New Section 172.5 to the Alaska Masonic Code

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to terminate the candidacy of inactive petitioners for the degrees of Masonry.

**RESOLUTION: WHEREAS,** this Grand Lodge has petitions for the degrees from almost 800 candidates; and,

**WHEREAS,** about 600 of these petitions have been inactive for from three to 48 years; and,

**WHEREAS,** it is an administrative burden for the Lodge Secretaries and Grand Secretary to continually handle and account for these records;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that a new Section 172.5 be added to the Alaska Masonic Code to read as follows:

Section 172.5. Failure to Receive Degrees. If a Candidate fails to present himself to receive the First Degree within three years of his election to receive the degrees, or to receive the Second or Third Degree, or to be examined on his proficiency in the Lecture of the Third Degree, within three years after receiving the preceding degree, and cannot be located by any reasonable means, including Certified Mail, his Candidacy terminates and his fees are forfeited to the Lodge. A Candidacy so terminated may be restored at the written request of the Petitioner without payment of further fees, but a new investigation and ballot are required.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil R. Bassett, PM (10)

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

**Note: This Resolution did not receive the required majority vote but did receive a simple majority vote and is a Carryover Resolution to the next Annual Communication.**

## Resolution No. 87-5

To Amend Section 6 of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to provide a procedure whereby a Constituent Lodge may choose one of its members to stand for election for the office of Junior Grand Warden.

**RESOLUTION: WHEREAS,** the members of this Grand Lodge have amply demonstrated their desire to be informed in advance of the names of the Brothers who aspire to be elected to the office of Junior Grand Warden; and,

**WHEREAS,** the best judge of an aspirant's qualifications for Grand Lodge office is his own Lodge; and,

**WHEREAS,** it is preferable that an aspirant be chosen by his Lodge than to continue the present procedure whereby he nominates himself;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the second paragraph of Section 6 of the Alaska Masonic Code, which reads as follows:

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

Be deleted and replaced with a paragraph to read as follows:

The Junior Grand Warden is elected from among eligible aspirants for that office who have been chosen and certified by their respective Constituent Lodges. Each Lodge, if it so desires, may choose an aspirant from its membership for election as Junior Grand Warden. The aspirant is chosen by secret ballot without nominations at a Stated Communication in September. Campaigning in any form at any time is strictly forbidden. A two-thirds vote is required to choose an aspirant. A maximum of five ballots is allowed. If an aspirant is chosen, the Lodge Secretary must send a certification of the vote and a resume of the aspirant's Lodge and Grand Lodge service to the Grand Secretary prior to October 1. Prior to December 1, the Grand Secretary forwards the names and resumes of all Certified aspirants to all Lodges for the information of the Brethren. If no eligible aspirant is chosen by any Lodge, the Grand Lodge elects an eligible member without such certification.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams, PM (3)

Leslie R. Little, PM (10)

Alfred M. White, PM (8)

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

**Note: This Resolution did not receive a simple majority vote and was defeated.**

## **Resolution No. 87-6**

To Amend Article 10 of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to provide for Grand Lodge membership for affiliated Past Masters from other Jurisdictions.

**RESOLUTION: WHEREAS,** several Past Masters of other Jurisdictions have affiliated with Lodges of this Jurisdiction, and more will do so in the future; and,

**WHEREAS,** this Grand Lodge owes much to some of these affiliated Past Masters for helping this Grand Lodge get started and contributing to its success; and,

**WHEREAS,** this Grand Lodge should not ignore any possible talent that will help it further; and,

**WHEREAS,** it is difficult to ascertain whether some of the affiliated Past Masters are members of this Grand Lodge by virtue of such affiliations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Article 10 of the Alaska Masonic Code, which not reads as follows:

Article 10. Officers and Members The Grand Lodge consists of the following:

- A. Elective:
  - 1. A Grand Master, whose title is Most Worshipful.
  - 2. A Deputy Grand Master, A Senior Grand Warden, a Junior Grand Warden, and a Grand Secretary, whose titles are Right Worshipful.
- B. Appointive:
  - 1. Also, of the following appointive Grand Officers, viz: a Chaplain, a Grand Lecturer, a Grand Orator, a Grand Historian, a Grand Marshal, a Senior Grand Deacon, a Junior Grand Deacon, a Grand Standard Bearer, Grand



Sword Bearer, a Grand Bible Bearer, a Senior Grand Steward, a Junior Grand Steward, a Grand Organist, and a Grand Tyler, whose titles are Worshipful.

C. Members: Also, of all past Elective Grand Officers; Past Masters of any other Grand Jurisdiction which is in fraternal communication with the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alaska and extends like recognition to Past Masters of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, while members of constituent Lodges of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge; the Past Masters of chartered Lodges of this Jurisdiction, while members of Lodges therein; together with the Masters and Wardens, or their duly appointed proxies, of the several chartered and duly constituted Lodges of this Jurisdiction.

Be deleted and replaced with a new Article 10 to read as follows:

Article 10. Officers and Members. The following are the officers and members of this Grand Lodge:

1. Elective officers:

(a) A Grand Master, whose title is "Most Worshipful,"; and,

(b) A Deputy Grand Master, a Senior Grand Warden, a Junior Grand Warden, and a Grand Secretary, whose titles are "Right Worshipful."

2. Appointive officers.

A Grand Chaplain, a Grand Lecturer, a Grand Orator, a Grand Historian, a Grand Marshal, a Senior Grand Deacon, a Junior Grand Deacon, a Grand Standard Bearer, a Grand Sword Bearer, a Grand Bible Bearer, a Senior Grand Steward, a Junior Grand Steward, a Grand Organist, and a Grand Tyler, whose titles are "Worshipful."

3. Members.

(a) Each Master and each Warden of each Chartered Lodge of this Jurisdiction, or his duly appointed proxy;

(b) Each Past Master of a Chartered Lodge of this Jurisdiction while he is a member of a Lodge of this Jurisdiction; and,

(c) Each Past Master of a Lodge of another Jurisdiction which is recognized by this Jurisdiction while he is a member of a Lodge of this Jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams, PM (3)

Neil R. Bassett, PM (10)

Constitutional amendment: Requires unanimous affirmative vote for passage.

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

# **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

## **Jurisprudence**

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

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

We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the six sections of the Grand Master's Message, headed Dispensations - Granted or Denied, Rules and Decisions, Summons Issued, Lodge Bylaws, Lodge Trials, and Grand Master's Committee, have considered the same and report as follows:

All actions taken by the Grand Master under these headings were consistent with Masonic Law and the Alaska Masonic Code. We recommend approval of these parts of the Grand Master's Message.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams (3) Chairman  
Richard T. Coffin (10)  
John L. Dolenc (7)  
Charles F. Lewis (2)  
Ray G. Williams (9)  
Richard N. Sutliff (9) Advisor

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 Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the section of the Grand Master's Message headed: Irregularities Healed or Actions Pending, have considered the same and report as follows:

The Grand Master's actions taken with regard to Glacier Lodge No. 10 was not in accordance with the Code, but was done for the good of Masonry. No damage was done to the fraternity, but damage would have been done by strict enforcement of the Code. We, therefore, find the action of the Grand Master proper and recommend its approval.

We find the action taken with regard to White Pass Lodge No. 1 to be in accord with the Code and we recommend its approval.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams (3) Chairman  
Richard T. Coffin (10)  
John L. Dolenc (7)  
Charles F. Lewis (2)  
Ray G. Williams (9)  
Richard N. Sutliff (9) Advisor

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, your Committee on Jurisprudence, have been requested to provide guidance on the following question: Should the monies collected at the refreshment table be considered Lodge Funds? The committee considered this question carefully and decided that no single answer would be fair to all lodges. The committee recommends that each lodge set a firm policy with regard to handling monies collected at the refreshment table by a motion duly passed and entered in the Lodge Minutes. Such policy to be adhered to by the Lodge until changed by a similar action.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams (3) Chairman  
Richard T. Coffin (10)  
John L. Dolenc (7)  
Charles F. Lewis (2)  
Ray G. Williams (9)  
Richard N. Sutliff (9) Advisor

Report received for the record.

Report adopted.

## **4<sup>th</sup> Report**

ToThe Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Alaska:

We, your committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution 87-1, have considered the same and report as follows. Resolution 87-1 is in proper form to be considered by the Grand Lodge. This Resolution is not in conflict with Masonic law.

The committee does not express an opinion as to whether this resolution should or should not be adopted. As it proposes to amend a Bylaw, it will require a 3/4 vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams (3) Chairman  
Richard T. Coffin (10)  
John L. Dolenc (7)  
Charles F. Lewis (2)  
Ray G. Williams (9)  
Richard N. Sutliff (9) Advisor

Report received for the record.

Report adopted.

## **5<sup>th</sup> Report**

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

We, your committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution 87-2, have considered the same and report as follows. Resolution 87-2 is in proper form to be considered by the Grand Lodge. This Resolution is not in conflict with Masonic law.

The committee does not express an opinion as to whether this resolution should or should not be adopted. As it proposes to amend a Bylaw, it will require a 3/4 vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams (3) Chairman  
Richard T. Coffin (10)  
John L. Dolenc (7)  
Charles F. Lewis (2)  
Ray G. Williams (9)  
Richard N. Sutliff (9) Advisor

Report received for the record

Report adopted.

## **6<sup>th</sup> Report**

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

We, your committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution 87-3, have considered the same and report as follows. Resolution 87-3 is in proper form to be considered by the Grand Lodge. This Resolution is not in conflict with Masonic law.

The committee does not express an opinion as to whether this resolution should or should not be adopted. As it proposes to amend a Bylaw, it will require a 3/4 vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams (3) Chairman

Richard T. Coffin (10)

John L. Dolenc (7)

Charles F. Lewis (2)

Ray G. Williams (9)

Richard N. Sutliff (9) Advisor

Report received for the record.

Report adopted.

## **7<sup>th</sup> Report**

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

We, your committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution 87-4, have considered the same and report as follows. Resolution 87-4 is in proper form to be considered by the Grand Lodge. This Resolution is not in conflict with Masonic law.

The committee does not express an opinion as to whether this resolution should or should not be adopted. As it proposes to amend a Bylaw, it will require a 3/4 vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams (3) Chairman  
Richard T. Coffin (10)  
John L. Dolenc (7)  
Charles F. Lewis (2)  
Ray G. Williams (9)  
Richard N. Sutliff (9) Advisor

Report received for the record.

Note: This Resolution did not receive the required majority vote but did receive a simple majority vote and is a Carryover Resolution to the next Annual Communication.

## **8<sup>th</sup> Report**

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

We, your committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution 87-5, have considered the same and report as follows. Resolution 87-5 is in proper form to be considered by the Grand Lodge. This Resolution is not in conflict with Masonic law.

The committee does not express an opinion as to whether this resolution should or should not be adopted. As it proposes to amend a Bylaw, it will require a 3/4 vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams (3) Chairman  
Richard T. Coffin (10)  
John L. Dolenc (7)  
Charles F. Lewis (2)  
Ray G. Williams (9)  
Richard N. Sutliff (9) Advisor

Report received for the record.

Report defeated.

## **9<sup>th</sup> Report**

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

We, your committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution 87-6, have considered the same and report as follows. Resolution 87-6 is in proper form to be considered by the Grand Lodge. This Resolution is not in conflict with Masonic law.

The committee does not express an opinion as to whether this resolution should or should not be adopted. As it proposes to amend the Constitution, it will require a unanimous vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams (3) Chairman  
Richard T. Coffin (10)  
John L. Dolenc (7)  
Charles F. Lewis (2)  
Ray G. Williams (9)  
Richard N. Sutliff (9) Advisor

Report received for the record.

Report adopted.

## **Grievance and Appeals**

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

I am very happy to report that although we worked long and hard and many hours, we didn't have any business this year. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

MW H.B. "Jack" Bentley, PGM (10, 11) Chairman  
VW Robert M. Parkins (8)  
MW Glen W. Pruett, PGM (3, 12)

Report received for the record.

# **Finance**

## **Report of the Finance Committee**

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

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

It is the opinion of the Finance Committee that the Balance Sheet, as of December 31, 1986, and the Comparison of Actual to Budgeted Expenditures for the year then ended are a fair presentation of the financial status and results of operations of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska.

The Finance Committee met four times last year. At the meetings, Kodiak Lodge No. 9 life membership and Kenai Lodge No. 11 life membership plans were approved. Tanana Lodge No. 3 proposed an increase in dues and life membership costs which were approved.

The Committee has recommended that one account be set up at National Bank of Alaska to account for all funds received which are designated for the Permanent Fund. This will provide for a complete separation of Grand Lodge operating funds and Permanent Funds. The Committee also recommends that any Grand Lodge Officer having access to the Permanent Fund Assets and other operating assets of the Grand Lodge be bonded.

The Committee also reaffirmed an earlier decision to transfer the funds held in the Ready Asset Fund to Time Certificates with National Bank of Alaska. This action was taken because the interest earned is approximately the same and there is less risk having the funds in Time Certificates at a commercial bank.

Three of the expenses were substantially over 1986 budget. These were the Committee on Masonic Research & Education, Comprehensive Liability Insurance, and Depreciation. The Committee on Masonic Research & Education has brought more into Grand Lodge than was expended. We have no control over Comprehensive Liability other than reduce coverage which is not practical; and Depreciation, although not a cash item, must be accounted for in this manner. All expenditures over budget were approved by the Finance Committee.

Although the Grand Lodge is not now in any financial difficulty, it is the opinion of the Finance Committee that within a short period of time it will be necessary to raise additional revenue to cover expenses to maintain a balanced budget. There are a number of ways additional funds may be generated. First, the per capita tax may be raised. Second, the per capita tax could be left at the current level with Grand Lodge assessing each constituent Lodge separately for the cost of more volatile items such as insurance. Third, Grand Lodge could charge a registration fee of some amount to help defray Grand Lodge Sessions costs.

The Finance Committee believes that a number of other alternatives are available for increasing revenue and request that the members of Grand Lodge give this consideration during the coming year.



In conclusion, we believe that Grand Lodge finances are in good condition. However, as noted above, we cannot sustain continuous yearly increases over the next few years.

Respectfully submitted,

Burton Oien (3) Chairman  
Donald H. Dinkel (7)  
Leonard R. Young (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

The Finance Committee finds that Recommendation No. 2 in the Grand Master's Message would require an additional expenditure of approximately three thousand dollars next year. During 1986, the cost of the Quarterly Masonic Bulletin was paid for by the Grand Master. The proposed 1987 budget does not have any provisions for printing the bulletin. In examining the budget, the Committee does not see any area that could be reduced to pay for publication of the bulletin. Because the Grand Lodge does not have funds available to publish a Quarterly Masonic Bulletin, the committee does not recommend adoption of this Recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

Burton Oien (3) Chairman  
Donald H. Dinkel (7)  
Leonard R. Young (10)

Report received for the record.

Report and Recommendation rejected.

Later this report was adopted.

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

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

The Finance Committee finds that the Fifth Recommendation of the Grand Master involves no required expenditure of Grand Lodge funds. The Finance Committee therefore recommends approval of this Recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

Burton Oien (3) Chairman  
Donald H. Dinkel (7)  
Leonard R. Young (10)

Report received for the record.

Report adopted.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Report**

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

The Finance Committee recommends that the financial portion of the Grand Secretary's Report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Burton Oien (3) Chairman  
Donald H. Dinkel (7)  
Leonard R. Young (10)

Report received for the record.

Report adopted.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Report**

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

With the adoption of Recommendation No. 2 in the Grand Master's Message, it is necessary to raise additional revenue for the Quarterly Bulletin. A number of alternatives are available: the per capita tax could be increased by two dollars, a special assessment could be levied, based on each constituent lodge's membership, or a subscription could

be charged. The only alternative to raising additional revenue would be to begin deficit spending. The Finance Committee is opposed to deficit spending.

It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee that voluntary contributions be accepted for the purpose of covering the cost of the bulletin. The Committee further recommends that, if the contributions are not sufficient to cover the publication costs, a subscription fee of not more than five dollars per year be charged for the Quarterly Masonic Bulletin.

Respectfully submitted,

Burton Oien (3) Chairman

Donald H. Dinkel (7)

Leonard R. Young (10)

Report received for the record.

Report and Recommendation rejected.

## BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1986

### ASSETS

#### CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash in Bank – 1st Nat'l Bank of Anchorage	\$ 8,457.45
Cash in Bank – Alaska Mutual Bank	1,951.36
Time Certificates – Nat'l Bank of Alaska	13,029.16
Ready asset Fund – MLPF&S	<u>42,503.90</u>

Total Cash assets \$65,941.87

Investment – GNMA Funds	1,915.00
Investment – 166 Shares Nat'l Bank of Alaska	1,330.00
Accounts Receivable – Const. Lodges	24,572.35
Inventories – Masonic Materials and Supplies	9,052.43
Prepaid Expenses – Printing Grand Lodge Proceedings	<u>6,180.00</u>

Total Current Assets \$108,991.65

#### FIXED ASSETS

	Cost	Allow for Depreciation	
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 8,474.95	\$ (5,969.95)	
Grand Lodge Regalia	12,106.95	(4,477.18)	
Total Fixed Assets	\$20,581.90	(10,447.13)	10,134.77

**TOTAL ASSETS** \$119,126.42

#### LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

#### CURRENT LIABILITIES:

Commemorative Prints - Grainger \$ 1,100.00

#### Net Worth

Balance – January 1, 1986	\$113,409.13
Add: Net Income - 1986	4,617.29

Net Worth – December 31, 1986 \$118,026.42

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH** \$119,126.42

**STATEMENT OF INCOME**  
**For the Twelve Months Ended December 31, 1986**

**INCOME**

Operating Income – Dues, Fees, & Assessments:

Per Capita Assessments	\$ 19,400.00
Fees for Degree Conferrals	935.00
Fees for Affiliations	245.00
Fees from Petitioners for Degrees - Net	<u>2,905.00</u>

Total Dues, Fees & Assessments \$ 23,485.00

Contributions & Donations	672.79
Sale of Masonic Materials & Supplies	3,002.35
Committee on Masonic Research & Education	2,397.00
Interest & Dividend Income	<u>3,281.04</u>

Total Income \$32,828.90

**EXPENSES**

Operating Expenses

Committee on Arrangements –Grand Lodge	\$ 2,321.39
Conference on Fraternal Relations	15.00
Entertainment of Visitors	- 0 -
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)	589.77
Depreciation Expense	2,474.57
Masonic Service Association Dues	300.00
Insurance – General Liability	4,316.00
Office Supplies & Other Expenses	3,384.49
Postage Expense	1,406.94
Printing Expense	1,415.26
Telephone & Telegraph	538.75
Miscellaneous	355.50
Cost of Masonic Materials & Supplies	3,074.50
Committee on Masonic Research & Education	1,819.44

Total Expenses \$28,211.61

Net Income - 1986 \$ 4,617.29

**OPERATING BUDGET - GENERAL FUND STATEMENT –  
ACTUAL vs. BUDGET Calendar Year - 1986**

	1986 BUDGET	1986 EXPENDED	Variance
Grand Master's Expense Allowance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.00
Grand Master's Travel Allowance	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Committee on Fraternal Correspondence	250.00	0.00	(250.00)
Committee on Masonic Research & Education	250.00	1,810.44	(1,369.44)
Committee on Arrangements – Annual Comm.	2,000.00	2,321.39	321.39
Representatives' Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Printing and Binding - Proceedings	6,000.00	0.00	(6,000.00)
Comprehensive Liability Insurance	3,200.00	4,316.00	1,116.00
Entertainment of Visitors	1,000.00	0.00	(1,000.00)
Past Grand Master's Gift (Regalia)	750.00	589.77	(160.23)
Charity	1,000.00	0.00	(1,000.00)
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<b>SUB – TOTALS I</b>	<b>\$ 16,450.00</b>	<b>\$ 11,046.60</b>	<b>\$ (5,403.40)</b>
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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 Expenses			
Temporary Office Services	2,000.00	600.00	(1,400.00)
Payroll Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fees – Legal Audit	0.00	0.00	0.00
Office Supplies & Expenses	3,200.00	3,384.49	184.49
Postage	1,000.00	1,406.94	406.94
Transcript of Proceedings	1,000.00	175.00	(825.00)
Telephone Expense	750.00	538.75	(211.25)
Dues Expense	25.00	15.00	(10.00)
Committee. on Fraternal Recognition	100.00	0	(100.00)
Masonic Service Association	300.00	300.00	0.00
Masonic Relief Association	52.00	0.00	(52.00)
Depreciations Expense:	1,500.00	2,474.57	974.57
Miscellaneous Expense	500.00	180.50	(319.50)
Cost of Masonic Materials & Supplies	0.00	3,074.50	3,074.50
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<b>SUB – TOTALS II</b>	<b>\$16,427.00</b>	<b>\$ 17,165.01</b>	<b>\$ 738.01</b>
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<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$32,877.00</b>	<b>\$28,211.61</b>	<b>\$(4,665.39)</b>

**COMPARISON OF ANNUAL BUDGETS  
CALENDAR YEARS 1986 AND 1987**

	<b>1986 BUDGET</b>	<b>PROPOSED 1987 BUDGET</b>	<b>+ INCREASE - DECREASE</b>
Grand Master's Expense Allowance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$. 0.00
Grand Master's Travel Allowance	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Committee on Fraternal Correspondence	250.00	250.00	0.00
Committee on Masonic Research & Education	250.00	250.00	0.00
Committee on Arrangements – Annual Comm..	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
Representatives' Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Printing & Binding - Proceedings	6,000.00	12,000.00*	+6,000.00+
Comprehensive Liability Insurance	3,200.00	4,500.00	+1,300.00
Entertainment of Visitors	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Grand Master's Gift (Regalia)	750.00	500.00	-250.00
Charity	1,000.00	0.00	-1,000.00
<b><u>SUB – TOTALS I</u></b>	<b>\$ 16,450.00</b>	<b>\$22,500.00</b>	<b>\$ +6,050.00</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 Expenses			
Temporary Office Services	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
Payroll Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fees – Legal Audit	0.00	0.00	0.00
Office Supplies & Expenses	3,200.00	3,200.00	0.00
Postage	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Transcript of Proceedings	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Telephone Expense	750.00	750.00	0.00
Dues Expense			
Committee. on Fraternal Recognition	25.00	25.00	0.00
Masonic Service Association	300.00	300.00	0.00
Masonic Relief Association	52.00	52.00	0.00
Depreciations Expense:	1,500.00	2,500.00	+1,000.00
Miscellaneous Expense	500.00	500.00	0.00
<b><u>SUB – TOTALS II</u></b>	<b>\$16,427.00</b>	<b>\$17,427.00</b>	<b>\$ +1,000.00</b>
<b><u>GRAND TOTALS</u></b>	<b>\$32,877.00</b>	<b>\$39,927.00</b>	<b>\$+7,050.00+</b>

\* Include \$8,000.00 unexpended funds from prior years 1981 thru 1985.

**PRO-FORMA STATEMENT OF AVAILABLE FUNDS,  
ANTICIPATED INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR  
FISCAL/CALENDAR YEAR 1987**

**ESTIMATED INCOME**

Grand Lodge per capita Tax	\$20,000.00
Fees or degrees conferred and dual/affiliate memberships	1,000.00
Contribution to General fund from Petitioners for Degrees	6,000.00
Sale of Masonic Materials and Supplies – Net of Cost of Sales	1,000.00
Interest & Dividend Income	<u>4,000.00</u>

Total estimated income **\$32,000.00**

**ESTIMATED AVAILABLE FUNDS**

Estimated Funds on Hand January 1, 1987, carried over from the prior period	<u>65,942.00</u>
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Total Estimated Available Funds \$97,942.00

**ESTIMATED EXPENSES**

Estimated expenditures as per the Proposed Budget for Fiscal/Calendar Year 1987	<u>(39,927.00)</u>
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**ESTIMATE EXCESS OF AVAILABLE FUNDS  
OVER PROPOSED EXPENSES**

**\$58,015.00**



## Masonic Research and Education

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished East:

The Committee on Masonic Research and Education wishes to thank you for the opportunity to serve this Grand Lodge during this past year. We feel that the committee performed as requested and were willing to do much more had we been asked. During the year, one or more members of this committee attended almost 100 percent of the official visits by the Grand Lodge team. On these visits, we made available to the Craft, over fifty different titles of Masonic literature. Members of the committee participated in several educational seminars and discussions on these visits. We find generally the members of the Craft, from the youngest Entered Apprentice in the Northeast corner to the eldest Past Master are hungry for Masonic education and knowledge and they eagerly participate in these discussions.

Combining the efforts of an extremely proficient Grand Lecturer and the Research and Education Committee some great seminars during our two day visits to some of the outlying lodges. We commend the Grand Master on his choice for Grand Lecturer this year.

Revenue for the Masonic year was slightly over \$1,000 and \$1,140 in sales. On hand inventory at the current selling price is \$1,340. We have been able to lower the current selling price on approximately seventy percent of the titles, due to volume buying from MaCoy Publishing.

The Committee on Research and Education this year did not use one solitary cent of the funds allocated in the budget. All of the above budgeted funds came originally from the generous donations of several brothers during a spring visit to the Fairbanks Lodges in 1985 and subsequent profits from book sales.

We recommend that subsequent committees on Research and Education be utilized to their fullest capabilities by doing more seminars at the official visits during the year. We also recommend the Committee be utilized in the preparation of any handbooks or pamphlets deemed necessary by this Grand Lodge for the education of the craft.

We further recommend that consideration be given to the formation of a Research Lodge in this Jurisdiction, made up of members of this Grand Lodge. This Research Lodge could take charge of a project creating a volume of questions and answers about Masonic terms, landmarks, usages, protocol, paraphernalia, and so forth. This could be provided to every Mason of this Jurisdiction. An example of this volume is the "Questions and Answers" provided by the Masters and Past Masters Lodge of Research of New Zealand. Questions could be submitted by any member of the Craft of this Lodge of Research and the resulting answers by the learned members of this Research Lodge could be compiled and published. This is also the theme of the very excellent book "The Freemason at Work" by Harry Carr.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie R. Little (10) Chairman  
Antonio A. Carpine (9)

V. Clifford Darnell (8, 13)  
Russell A. Burnett (11)  
Benjamin V. Wada (14)

Report received for the record.

## **Masonic Public Relations**

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, your Committee on Public Relations has worked with the lodge officers to create and expand awareness of the Grand Lodge's activities. Interaction between our Alaska Grand Lodge and Masonic concordant bodies has been very well this year. Worshipful Brother John Grainger has circulated question and answer sheets to the Alaska Lodges who are still affiliated with the Grand Lodge of Washington in order to keep them up to date with our progress. RW Brother William Miller has reported on the 1986 Grand Lodge Communication to the brothers in the south. Brother Dick Holyoke of Kodiak reported that their local programs have been well received and done well this year. Things in the upper part of our region are also well. It has been a very good year for the fraternity there. There have been several fund raisers by the lodges and concordant bodies and the community has seen the result of this work. Public relations are the job and responsibility of all Masons. The special attention given to all Alaskan Lodges, by our Grand Master and his team, has paid off in Masonic advancement for all fraternal bodies. It is hoped that someday, all Alaska lodges will be under one Jurisdiction. In the meantime, the public relations committee will continue to foster and promote harmony and fraternal cooperation among the related organizations.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Casey (3, 12) Chairman  
John H. Grainger (1)  
Richard L. Holyoke (9)  
William R. Miller (10) Correspondent-at-Large

Report received for the record.

## **Public Schools**

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

In 1986, through the public schools we came out with some things that were good. For the efforts of Very Worshipful Brother Al White, Deputy to the Grand Master in that District, we had a cornerstone laying for a public school which was laid by the Grand

Master and for other Grand Lodge Officers and Brethren in attendance at Hope School. and, if I'm not mistaken another one is in the future for the Grand Lodge to lay.

We look at the people that attended that laying of that cornerstone at Hope School as a reminder to you that some day we might impress somebody that day, some young student to become a Mason and some day lead our Grand Lodge. I think that would be great.

Kenai Peninsula still has its public school awards program every year and we went from fifteen schools this year to twenty-three schools was because our little program that we run from Kenai Lodge No. 11, and I'm not trying to blow Kenai Lodge No. 11's horn but I'm trying to show you what the public thinks about that little program that we run. When we first started, we wanted to take only the schools in our immediate area. As the program grew, we started to take in some more schools and this year went from fifteen to twenty-three and we hurt a couple of feelings along the way because we forgot to take in some more schools that we should have taken in. We're going to take them in this year. We'll add some this year but we hurt some feelings and that made me feel good because people knew about our program.

We honor kids from the 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Normally 6<sup>th</sup> graders in elementary school get the award. We have a junior high kid in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade getting an award and we're having seniors getting an award. And, some of those kids have won that award, from elementary through high school. And, that's great! They will appreciate it. In fact the elementary principals think our award is the greatest thing going because it's the only award with any dignity that's given out in the elementary schools. So that was an improvement this year from fifteen to twenty-three.

State-wide, I really cannot report on. I'd be (garbled) if I tried to report but I have two other brothers on the committee with me. One from Anchorage and one of them from Fairbanks and if they would have anything to report from Anchorage and Fairbanks, I would like to know about it.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brethren all; I'm happy to say that Glacier Lodge is still continuing their program and has had a couple of debates to give us some more money, some more enthusiasm, and hopefully this year it will happen. At the present time we are giving \$500.00 away to a recipient in the high schools and there have been a couple of little things happened in the lodge to increase this. However, it has't happened as yet but I think there is strong support for additional money for creating at least two scholarships from that lodge so we will look forward to something like that this year. Thank you.

Most Worshipful sir, this has been written down on a piece of paper. Like I told you, it's been done (garbled) but had to get it done (garbled) tonight (garbled).

I ask that this report be received for the record.

Respectfully submitted,

Billy W. Harris (11) Chairman  
Gene R. Freeman (3, 12)  
Peter E. Nilles (10)

Report is received for the record.

## DeMolay

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

For the last year, DeMolay in Alaska has not done well. This committee has not been able to pinpoint any of the reasons as yet. Possibly it is one of those downward trends that happens periodically. If this is so, this next year has got to be productive. Anchorage Chapter was only able to install four officers at their installation in January. The normal slate of officers is eighteen so you see what is happening there. Arctic Chapter is somewhat better in their installation but during the year it was not possible for them to open any meetings because of the lack of required number for a quorum. Kenai Chapter is in the same state of affairs. This committee received reports of only five officers being installed at their installation. However, they are looking forward to the initiation of two new members. Hopefully, this is an indication of a change for the better. Mat-Su Chapter, the newest Chapter in the state, was doing well last year but now suffers the same kind of decline.

Committee member, Worshipful Brother Frank Dickinson of Valdez has been trying to get something started there. Maybe in the near future we can get a DeMolay Club started there. I hope so.

Brethren, it is written into the statutes of the International Supreme Council of DeMolay that each Chapter must be sponsored by no less than five Master Masons. What we need in Alaska is someone willing to donate a portion of their time to the future of these young men and in so doing, the future of our great state. DeMolay has an educational program that is not available anywhere else. I hope that you will try to visit the Chapter in your locality and see for yourself what the organization has to offer. Remember, without our help, DeMolay in Alaska will cease to exist.

This concludes my formal report but I have asked the Most Worshipful Grand Master if I could add a few words. Let me refresh your memory. Right after lunch we had two people stand up here and tell you the same thing. Without your support, these youth organizations will cease to exist. Their statutes and bylaws are set up in such a manner that it requires Masonic sponsorship in one form or another. Now think about this, if we had a sponsorship, if this Grand Lodge was dependent on somebody to sponsor us. What would you say in the same situation? You see brothers, we have got to look at these youth organizations or cease to sponsor them. The year before last, I came to make my report and at that time I asked the Senior DeMolay's, who were members of this Grand Lodge, to stand up and be recognized. I think that there were one hundred and two voting members in Grand Lodge that year. There were eleven Senior DeMolay's that stood up and were recognized. That is ten percent of your Grand Lodge that have come from the DeMolay organization. I think DeMolay deserves our fullest cooperation and recognition. We need this in our young state. We need these young people. In our young Grand Lodge we need these young people. Please brothers, look to your local Chapter or if you have a friend that is within the age limits of DeMolay find an advisor that will give you some information on how to get this young man into your organization. There is none better. We don't have any drugs. We discourage smoking. We encourage them to go to church and get at least a B average in school. It is the best organization for

youth that I know. I hope that you will look a little more kindly to our group. Thank you, Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Respectfully submitted,

Lloyd W. Triggs (3) Chairman  
Frank L. Dickinson (4)  
Elbert C. Scott (10)

Report received for the record.

## **Bylaws**

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

The Committee on Bylaws received changes from four Lodges throughout the year. These changes to their respective Bylaws were as follows:

Adak Lodge No. 14; to change their dues schedule from twenty to twenty-five dollars per year, to change the night of their Stated Communication, to increase the Master's Charity Fund from two hundred to two hundred fifty dollars, to change the period of darkness from June and July to February.

Kenai Lodge No. 11 implemented a Life Membership plan.

Kodiak Lodge No. 9 implemented a Life Membership plan.

Tanana Lodge No. 3 raised their dues from twenty five to thirty five dollars per annum and beginning in January of 1988 will raise them to forty dollars. They also amended their Life Membership plan.

These changes submitted by these lodges were found to be in order and approved by the Bylaws Committee and subsequently referred to you, Grand Master, for further disposition.

Respectfully submitted,

William D. Athas (10) Chairman  
Wayne G. Coleman (9)  
Harry A. Lewis (2)

# 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 1986

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

*Eternal God*

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

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

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

*To all of these grant your peace.*

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

*Amen*

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

**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**

**Raymond William Laasko**

**May 12, 1985**

**Forbes Lawson Baker, PM**

**August 20, 1985**

**Robert Sale McCombe**

**October 22, 1985**

**Michael Andrew Molchan**

**November 20, 1985**

**Michael Giesz**

**December 9, 1986**

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

**Orvill George Ness**

**January 6, 1986**

**Chester Madison Ratekin, PM**

**September 6, 1986**

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

**William Lee Phillips**

**February 2, 1985**

**Robert Sylvester Cunningham, PM**

**April 6, 1986**

<b>Karl Wilhelm Barth, PM</b>	<b>June 23, 1986</b>
<b>Seward Lodge No. 6</b>	
<b>Harry Philip Elliot</b>	<b>May 24, 1984</b>
<b>Richard Oral Myers</b>	<b>April 25, 1986</b>
<b>William Lamerson Fuhring</b>	<b>August 6, 1986</b>
<b>Perry Robert Stockton</b>	<b>September 1, 1986</b>
<b>Charles Stanley Lechner, PM</b>	<b>December 23, 1986</b>
<b>Matanuska Lodge No. 7</b>	
<b>Lee Lemmons McKinley</b>	<b>November 12, 1986</b>
<b>Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8</b>	
<b>William Ross Wood</b>	<b>April 21, 1986</b>
<b>Robert Alexander Bailey, Jr</b>	<b>April 21, 1986</b>
<b>Marshall Cecil Sledge</b>	<b>June 3, 1986</b>
<b>Charles Gleaton Wade</b>	<b>June 1986</b>
<b>Orville Absalom Perley</b>	<b>July 9, 1986</b>
<b>Cecil Herman Clift, PM</b>	<b>November 7, 1986</b>
<b>Glacier Lodge No. 10</b>	
<b>Richard Lee Chenowith</b>	<b>February 6, 1986</b>
<b>Howard Wayne Whitaker</b>	<b>February 16, 1986</b>
<b>Clayton Esslinger</b>	<b>February 17, 1986</b>
<b>Harvey Lewis Hanson</b>	<b>June 6, 1986</b>
<b>Orville Irving Bengé</b>	<b>June 19, 1986</b>
<b>William Stanton Westfall</b>	<b>October 8, 1986</b>
<b>Loren Carl Kauffman</b>	<b>October 13, 1986</b>
<b>John Austin Baker, PM</b>	<b>October 30, 1986</b>
<b>Kenai Lodge No. 11</b>	
<b>Walter Copley Church, PM</b>	<b>September 23, 1986</b>
<b>James Jale Saling</b>	<b>December 24, 1986</b>
<b>Fairbanks Lodge No. 12</b>	
<b>Elmer Albert Lanstra</b>	<b>April 25, 1986</b>
<b>Eagle River Lodge No. 13</b>	
<b>Cecil Herman Clift, PM</b>	<b>November 7, 1986</b>

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

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

## Memorial Service

The Grand Master read the names of the departed Brethren as reported in the Appendix to the Grand Master's Message.

For just one moment in quietness, in reverence, in respect, I hope that you are as overwhelmed with the loss of forty-five Brothers in the State of Alaska this year as I am.

It helps me to remember that the three steps that come to the East are there to symbolize our youthfulness, our manhood, and our old age. As I look out among each of my Brothers I see many who are of old age. All of us are in manhood, yet each one us can look to ourselves and realize that we may not be here for the seventh Grand Lodge. I guess that each one of you remember in wisdom and the experience of knowing these men who have passed before us, that they leave behind them the symbolical resurrection of King Hiram Abif. Each of you and I have lived through this. Each of us have known the strength of the lion's paw. Each of us have been given a hope and an immortality, a belief that there is a new life ahead, and that passing through this world is simply the shadow of a fleeting moment and we know full well that the golden pitcher will be broken and that our days upon this earth are numbered. Consequently, let's resolve this day in this place that we have made sacred because we have called it our Holy of Holies - as Grand Masters, as Masters, as Master Masons, as fellow human beings, Brothers in mankind. Let's take all of the attributes of Masonry that teaches us how to respect one another, to also respect ourselves, and know that every day that we have is precious. You do not have tomorrow and neither do I. Consequently, let's take this square and this compass and the precepts and the tenets and apply them to our daily activities in spite of our weakness. Let's call upon our maker for his strength and walk through this life in such a way that, should your name be written on the annals next year, we will know that we have lived well and we have done the best that we can with what we have. This is what our creator has given to us.

Let us pray:

*Father, thank you for the knowledge of these men who have passed through our lives. Thank you for their presence. We may not always have agreed with them but we know that we have walked together as Brothers. We pray for their families and for their loves ones that missed them. We pray, most of all, that we might lift up our eyes unto Thee and realize that this is just a short time in this world. You have given to us immortality because of our beliefs, because of our trust, because of our hope of things not seen. Go with us this day and help draw us together in even closer fellowship as these days of trials and tribulations grow stronger for each of us. Lift us up unto the hills whence cometh our help because we ask it in thy Holy and very precious name. Amen.*

W Eugene M. Mockerman  
Grand Chaplain



## **Report of Grand Lecturer**

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

I had the pleasure of joining the Most Worshipful Grand Master's entourage on all his Official Lodge Visitations, except one, this year. All Lodges seemed to have minor problems peculiar to their own Lodge, but seemed to be solid as a whole.

I believe the cornerstone laying at the new school in Hope, Alaska was beautiful and certainly puts Masonry before the public eye in the most favorable manner.

I was pleased, and slightly surprised, at the competency of the individual Lodges in the Standard Work of the Jurisdiction and also pleased with the keen interest displayed by so many in wordage of this work.

The Grand Master's ad hoc committee of three reviewed "The Lodge Officers Handbook" and pamphlet titled, "Suggested Guidelines for Lodge Floor Work" and made appropriate recommendations. It had been some time since I read these volumes and was amazed at their scope and depth. It is my opinion that they should be combined and be required reading for every Lodge officer.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard N. Hobbs (10)  
Grand Lecturer

Report received for the record.

## **Report of Grand Orator**

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

**MASONS.....AN ENDANGERED SPECIES**

A great American Bald Eagle sat perched atop a thirty-foot white spruce tree peering at the stream below. Fish filled the stream from bank to bank. He selected his choice for his next meal. A shot rang out and pierced the stillness. The great bird fell into the swamp grass below. A young man walked over and picked up the bird. He placed it in his game pouch along with two others. All in all it was a good day's work. At three dollars apiece, he would collect a total of nine dollars "bounty" from the government. The year is 1950. The place is somewhere in Alaska.

The Secretary of the Lodge recorded another petition for the degrees of Masonry. His chest swelled with pride. Membership was on the rise. The Lodge had experienced a substantial growth so far for the year. Masonry is on the increase. The year is 1950. The place is any one of a number of Masonic Lodges throughout the world.

The year is 1987. The fine for killing an American Bald Eagle is five thousand dollars and/or one year in jail. They are protected as one of our endangered species.

The year is 1987. Masons are being considered as an endangered species.

Why? There are two areas which should be considered as possible contributing factors for this dilemma.

First, the era in which we are currently living. We are living in an age where the family unit is becoming a thing of the past. Divorces, stepfathers, stepmothers, stepbrothers, and stepsisters are creating a whole new set of problems for the family unit. The moral values, so long taught by the family, are now being undermined by the lack of the family unit, the breakup of the family unit, television, x-rated movies for the VCR, the readily available smorgasbord of drugs, easy access to alcohol, "fast lane" lifestyles and two wage-earner families. A majority of the public does not trust any form of government. Nor do they trust any of our government officials since Watergate and the Contra Connection. Two of the most common words you hear on the street are "who cares?" Collectively, they add up to the first set of contributing factors for Masons being considered an endangered species.

Secondly, you have some imperfections within the Masonic Order itself:

- Dilution of the membership interest through concordant body membership;
- Lack of leadership qualities at every level and in every office;
- Members who chose to run for an elected office for the prestige and glory instead of "for the good of the order;"
- Meetings which drag out and have little or no substance;
- Ninety percent of the membership allowing ten percent to do all the work. (By the way, check the number of members registered at this meeting and compare it to the total Grand Lodge of Alaska membership.);
- Members that join for reasons other than "to become a better man;"
- The chastising of members for failing to make this meeting or that meeting;
- The existence of a clique or ruling class in every Lodge;
- Failure to remember and live by our obligations and charges; and
- Failure to counsel a brother "in the most friendly manner" of his faults."

Altogether, they add up to the second set of contributing factors for Masons being considered an endangered species.

So, at issue is a matter of choice at the individual level for each and every Mason. What choice? I would offer two possibilities. First, each and every one of us can choose to adopt the philosophy, "If you study Masonry, you will learn to love it and live it and preserve it." Through studying we learn, and once we learn, we are able to love Masonry and preserve it for future generations. Secondly, as individuals we can choose to conduct our own personal self-evaluations and self-examinations. Ask yourself, "When was the last time I read a Masonic or even an anti-Masonic book or article for my own further enlightenment?" Or, as a Mason and as a man, "What came you here to do?" Do I live by the most excellent tenets of Freemasonry? Do I aspire to conduct myself per my Masonic obligations and charges? Quiz yourself and conduct your own self-test. Make your own personal commitment and do it. Do it from the heart and examine your Masonic soul.

In conclusion, the future of our beloved craft rests with you, the individual Mason. At Lodge, at home, at work, and at play, you will have to set the example by striving to live by those most excellent tenets of Freemasonry. You will have to encourage every brother. You will have to lead and to follow. You will have to make a commitment to improve yourself in Masonry and keep it. Along the way remember these

words of St. Francis of Assisi, "Start by doing what is necessary, then what is possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible."

May God bless you my brethren, and may I leave you with my favorite Eskimo proverb, "May you have warmth in your igloo, oil in your lamp, and peace in your heart."

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald H. Moore  
Grand Orator

Report received for the record.

## **Report of Grand Historian**

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

Presently, the activities and the interests of the Elk's Club, the Moose Club, the Chamber of Commerce, to name a few, appear to have more interest to the public than our Masonic Lodge. In conversation with other Masons, Masters, and Lodge Secretaries throughout our Jurisdiction, it would seem that the message used in the years past to attract new members should be repeated. When an interest is stimulated to our guests, followed by interest, followed by increased curiosity, there should be a better chance to enlist new members.

In talking to our members in many of our lodges, I have found out many details about the Masonry of the past. For instance, in 1926, Mount McKinley Lodge had a membership averaging 100-150 members and quite a large candidate-in-progress level. Therefore, when a membership ended, a new candidate was in progress, keeping the membership fairly constant.

It appears the role of the Masons was to provide the social contact for people in those days. Friendship dinners were held about once a month and people involved in the community were invited to speak. It helped to enlist interest and membership in the Lodge at the time.

The Master of the Lodge had his year planned out ahead of time. When a member received his Master Mason degree, it was publicized in the local paper. New candidates to the Lodge were introduced to the Eastern Star, Rainbow Girls, and DeMolay so they could all become acquainted.

Altogether from past records, it would seem that Masonry played a more visible part in the community in the past. Issues such as the economy and the success of community progress were discussed at Lodge dinners. Masonry provided an outlet to discuss current events in the community and outlying areas.

We must stay active and alive to survive.

Respectfully submitted,

George A. Ballum  
Grand Historian

Report received for the record.

## **Charters and Dispensations**

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

There was no activity of this committee this year

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Underwood (3) 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 Segregations & Reference, to whom was referred the Grand Master's Message have considered the same and hereby submit the following recommendations:

1. The Grand Master's Message to be approved up to the Recommendations.
2. Recommendations 1, 3 and 4 to be approved.
3. Recommendations 2 and 5 submitted to the Finance Committee.
4. Appreciations, Necrology, Proclamations, Grand Master's Committee, Special Communications of the Grand Lodge, Visitations to Constituent Lodges and Other Meetings, Communications Attended by Others as Representatives of the Grand Master, Visits to other Jurisdictions, and Miscellaneous Conferences be approved.

Dispensations: Granted, Dispensations granted or denied, rulings and decisions, summonses issued, irregularities healed, or action pending, Lodge Bylaws, Grand Master's Committee, be submitted to the Jurisprudence Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roy Foss (11) Chairman  
Byron Jenkins (12)  
Charles Moulthrop (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 Segregations and Reference, to whom was referred the Grand Secretary's Report have considered the same and hereby submit the following recommendations:

The Grand Secretary's Report be approved as written with the sections pertaining to finances be submitted to the Finance Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roy Foss (11) Chairman  
Byron Jenkins (12)  
Charles Moulthrop (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 Annual Report of the Alaska Masonic Library and Museum Foundation is not as exciting as we hoped it would be for the year 1986, just finished. The proposed stamp program, to increase the income of the Foundation, is still in the planning stages. The tax-exempt status with the I.R.S. is still holding as issued. This means the Foundation has basically the same exempt benefits to all contributors and religious organizations. Approximately 50% of the donations are tax-exempt.

Membership of the Board of Directors was increased by two members during 1986 with the hope that from the additional members would come profitable ideas. One member resigned as his residence changed to the "lower 48."

The report of the treasury at this date is \$1,899.15 with no outstanding debts. All meetings of the Board of Directors were held in a timely fashion in Anchorage, as scheduled. The latest meeting was held January 24, 1987.

In pursuit of a permanent home for the Alaska Library and Museum Foundation, the Board of Directors encourages all of you to come forth with ideas, advice, and assistance in this worthwhile venture.

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:

The Annual Meeting of the Alaska Masonic Research Association was called February 4, 1987 in this very room. At that time, money making projects of the Association were discussed in length and a committee was formed to regenerate our money making projects for the Grand Lodge Permanent Fund and to see if we can't get something on the road to do a little better than we have in the last couple of years.

All of the brothers should belong to A.M.R.A. but somehow or other, once we get out of the hotel after Grand Lodge we don't think of A.M.R.A. The Grand Lodge needs A.M.R.A. and A.M.R.A. needs your membership.

The election of officers was held with the following results:

President: W Bro. Les Little  
Secretary/Treasurer: W Bro. Hazen Ricker  
Vice President in District No. 1: W Bro. Ernie Anderes  
Vice President in District No. 2: W Bro. Dave Thomas  
Vice President in District No. 3: W Bro. Ed Johanson  
Vice President in District No. 4: W Bro. John Grainger

After sifting through our accounts, there will be a check forthcoming for the Grand Lodge Permanent Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

John Casey (3, 12) Junior Past President

Report received for the record.

## **Report of Ad Hoc Committee On Lodge Officers Handbook Revision**

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

Your Committee on the Lodge Offices Handbook Revision met and started by reviewing the Washington Lodge Officers Handbook that has been used in this Jurisdiction since we were formed. We had a preconceived notion that the revision would require extensive editing and reorganization to adopt the book to our own unique needs. As the committee reviewed the material, it was discovered that the Lodge Officers Handbook of Washington was amazingly well organized and fitted our needs very well. They are to be complimented for this organization. From that point we started over with the purpose of editing out those references to the Grand Lodge of Washington and substituted the Grand Lodge of Alaska. The specific code requirements to the Washington Code were modified to refer to the Alaska Masonic Code.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank W. Erie (3, 12) Chairman

Report accepted for the record.

Following the acceptance of this report, the Grand Master instructed the Grand Secretary to make preparations for the editing and reprinting of the Lodge Officers Handbook.

### **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 (13) raised was presented to Tanana Lodge No. 3 for the year 1986.

The award was presented by MW James A. Williams, PGM with these words:

I feel greatly pleased and honored to have my name on one of these awards. The generosity and thoughtfulness of MW Chuck Moulthrop, Past Grand Master of Michigan, is appreciated. He is the individual who gave us these awards to present. On behalf of him, it gives me real pleasure to present this award to the Master of Tanana Lodge. Tanana Lodge gave me my degrees back in 1947. Congratulations.

## **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 1986. They had an 11% increase in membership.

MW Chuck Moulthrop presented the award with these words:

My Brothers, I get the pleasure of giving out the Buckley C. Hazen Award for the largest percentage of increase in membership. Looking at this plaque which was started in 1982, the first number on there is Glacier No. 10. In 1983 and 1984 the award went to Fairbanks Lodge No. 12 and 1985 and 1986 to Eagle River Lodge No. 13. Brothers, I challenge you to see if we can't do them out of a third year in a row. Worshipful Brother Sizemore, it gives me a great pleasure in presenting this to you and the brothers of Eagle River Lodge. You do your best to keep it.

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# MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

## Presentations

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

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

I wish to thank you brothers for the honor and the privilege of being able to participate in this Grand Jurisdiction. I have been up here now for five of the six years that you have been in the world. You made me feel like one of your own every time I arrived. As your Chamber of Commerce for the state says, "Once you've been to Alaska, you never get quite all the way home. This is true my brothers. Every time I come up here, I leave a little bit behind up here. I meet new friends and have a chance to re-acquaint with the old friends. I thank you again for the privilege and the honor of being able to participate in this Jurisdiction.

Now my brothers, I would like the honor of presenting a lapel button to the 14 Worshipful Masters that are present. This is a lapel pin that is given to every Worshipful Master in the state of Michigan on the night of their installation. It is given to them through the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. I have never seen, anywhere in 23 other Jurisdictions that I have had a chance to visit, another pin like it. I don't know where the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons has them made but every year I have managed to talk the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter into ordering enough to bring up here and present to you, my brethren. So I hope you will wear this with equal pleasure to yourself and honor to the fraternity. Thank you.

### **By: RW Ralph Kavorkian, Senior Grand Warden of Alaska**

Over the past year, one of my projects has been to talk to each Lodge about financial responsibility for the Grand Lodge and the support from each constituent lodge as far as their responsibility to Grand Lodge or what they could do to help the Grand Lodge build up a permanent fund. I would like to have Worshipful Brother John Casey and Brother Harold Erwin come forward. Tanana Lodge led the pilot program. We put on the first fund raiser and, by setting the example, Fairbanks Lodge came up behind us and did even better.

Brother Harold Erwin, Senior Warden of Tanana Lodge No. 3: I'd like to tell a little story. We have a Right Worshipful Brother who usually takes a siesta nap. One day he laid down and took his nap and while he was sleeping, he had a dream. He dreamt he was out in the front yard and a small seed from a birch tree landed in his hand. He looked at the seed and said, "I wonder what would happen if I planted this seed in my front lawn?" So he did. As time passed, a beautiful birch tree grew up. As most of you know, in the fall the leaves of the birch trees have a beautiful golden color. As the brother went out in the yard, some of the leaves were falling on the lawn, and lo and

behold, these leaves were not only a golden color but they were actually twenty-four karat gold. The brother gathered up the leaves and trotted off down to the bank to deposit them in accounts. When he came back, there was a sign tacked to the front of the tree that said: "The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alaska Permanent Fund."

Tanana Lodge was the one that broke the ice. Our check is not large but, hopefully, it will be the tiny seed that will produce a birch tree that sheds golden leaves throughout the years to provide this Grand Lodge with an income that will help to pay the expenses. On behalf of the members of Tanana Lodge No. 3, I would like to present this check for \$550 to the Grand Lodge of Alaska. Thank you.

Worshipful Brother John Edgar, Master of Fairbanks Lodge No. 12: Brother William Oldham of Fairbanks Lodge lucked out and got a buffalo permit. It was suggested that we have a buffalo dinner to raise funds for the Grand Lodge Permanent Fund. Having less faith than Bill, I suggested that we call it a Wild Game Dinner so, if we didn't get the buffalo, we could always take out of the freezer some old caribou and make a dinner out of that. Well, Bill went out to Delta and found a buffalo and he knocked it down and took it home. I want to thank the members of Fairbanks Lodge No. 12 for selling the tickets for our buffalo dinner. I would also like to thank the members of Fairbanks No. 12 and Tanana Lodge No. 3 for buying the tickets and eating all that buffalo. As a result of this endeavor, I would like to present a check to the Grand Lodge Permanent Fund for the amount of \$1,000. Thank you.

## **By: MW Gunnar Flygenring, Grand Master**

You have all seen the prints that are being sold outside the door. One is white, which is the limited edition of twelve hundred selling for one hundred dollars of which ten percent goes to defray the cost of the original production of it. The Grand Lodge realized 90% net. The other print, in blue, is an even more limited edition. There are only 97 copies. That artist print sells for one hundred and seventy five dollars but the entire cost of the print goes to the Grand Lodge Permanent Fund. There is no money being paid for the production of those so there is a net realization, to the Grand Lodge, of one hundred percent. You may or may not know who was the perpetrator of this great idea of raising money for the Grand Lodge of Alaska Permanent Fund. He is Worshipful Brother John Grainger from White Pass Lodge No. 1 in Skagway. He also holds his membership in Ketchikan No. 159. Would Worshipful Brother Grainger please approach the East?

Worshipful Brother John, I would like to present you this plaque in grateful recognition of your work for the Grand Lodge of Alaska. The seal is just that. It has the Grand Lodge Seal lasered into the wood and the inscription reads:

Worshipful Brother John H. Grainger, White Pass Lodge No. 1.

In grateful appreciation of outstanding contributions to the welfare  
of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska.

Signed in Anchorage, Alaska, February 6, A.L. 5987, by Most Worshipful  
Gunnar Flygenring, Grand Master.

Worshipful Brother Grainger responded: As a Past Master from another Jurisdiction, I love Alaska and the Grand Lodge of Alaska. I am very happy to be able to help in any way possible. I'd like to say something about the prints. They not only commemorate the 120th anniversary of the raising of the Masonic Flag, in what was then Russian America, before the purchase of Alaska. On the back is a sheet commemorating the formation of the Grand Lodge of Alaska. All of the prints have been signed by the first Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Alaska. In time, these will be collectors items especially since they are signed by the Past Grand Masters. I thank the Grand Lodge for the honor accorded me and it was a pleasure to work on this project and thanks again.

### **To: RW Edward L. Bennett, Grand Secretary of Washington**

Right Worshipful Ed Bennett is not known as the most lovable individual that ever walked this earth. Let me tell you, he is really a pussy cat. His exterior certainly belies what lies within him. He is indeed one fine true Mason. Were it not for the help and cooperation that he and his office staff afforded me back in 1981 when I was developing the records for this lodge and the subsequent help that he has given to myself the second year and subsequent to that of Right Worshipful Neil Bassett, our Grand Secretary, our task would have been infinitely more difficult to accomplish. So, therefore in recognition of that, we have prepared a presentation to make at this time.

In addition to the services rendered, it has also been difficult to get Right Worshipful Bennett to travel north. He doesn't like the cold! He is an old Navy man but he spent it in the mess. That is not how he got in the mess but that is where he spent it. At this time, I would like to present Right Worshipful. Bennett with a small token of our appreciation. It reads:

Right Worshipful Edward L. Bennett  
Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington  
In grateful appreciation of valuable assistance rendered  
to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska.

at the time of and subsequent to its formation.

Signed at Anchorage, Alaska, February 6th, A.L. 5987 and it is signed by myself as MW Gunnar Flygenring, Grand Master (First Grand Secretary), and is duly countersigned by RW Neil R. Bassett, Grand Secretary.

Right Worshipful Brother Bennett responded as follows:

Most Worshipful Grand Master:

I thank you and the members of the Grand Lodge of Alaska but, you know, in all my help, I had a motive behind it. Look at the money we saved in monetary per-diem. I'm doing my best to convince the other lodges that they ought to join. But again, I want to thank you. Masonry has tenets of Brotherly Love, Truth, and Relief. Generally, I let

the other Grand Lodge officers talk about Brotherly Love and Relief and then I tell the Truth. I'd like to leave you with this thought. You know what it costs to live up here. Today it costs as much to amuse a child than it did to educate his father.

## **By: The Alaska Masonic Research Association**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished East and my Brethren:

Most of you were here on Wednesday when I was very politely asked to be the President of A.M.R.A. for this year and I accepted. I will do the best job I can. The four Vice-Presidents who were elected have assured us that they will do their best to assist us in our fund raising efforts to assist the Grand Lodge of Alaska. After all, that is what we are about. We have already had a couple of suggestions for fund raising activities. One thing that was mentioned was that we need to talk more about the gold pans. Those gold pan awards are what will really raise funds for the Grand Lodge of Alaska. It can be done by a Lodge, an individual or a group of Brothers. It can be done by anyone. For just a thousand dollars, your contribution will help the Grand Lodge of Alaska. It will help do things like print that publication that we talked about just before lunch. I'm really pleased to say that Seward Lodge No. 6 decided, in a little caucus this morning, to buy a gold pan. How about the rest of your lodges? That makes four out of fourteen lodges. Each one of you take it on your own responsibility to go back to your lodge and at your next Stated Meeting bring up the subject of a gold pan. Let's see if we can't buy one. If you haven't got a thousand dollars now, don't worry about it. Pay two hundred and fifty dollars a year. Pay a hundred dollars a month. Do it any way you can, but let's help this Grand Lodge grow. Those funds go into the Grand Lodge and it's going to help us grow.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, on behalf of A.M.R.A. and last year's officers, I am extremely pleased to present a small donation to Grand Lodge. We might be so bold as to suggest that this small donation be used to help defray the costs of the publication of the Quarterly Bulletin. Then we won't have to pull it out of any other Grand Lodge Funds. Most Worshipful Grand Master, we are pleased to present a check for \$3,000.00!

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie R. Little (10) President

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

### **Honorable Tony Knowles, Mayor of the City of Anchorage, Address of Welcome**

Grand Master Flygenring, members and guests of the Sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska:

It is indeed a pleasure for me as Mayor, and a citizen of this community to welcome this distinguished group. One of the really fond memories I have of my holding this office in our city is to greet various groups who make contributions to the community. It is certainly a learning lesson for me and a point of great optimism for anyone who is concerned about the future of our city to see the contributions that people make to the community for a variety of causes. There is certainly no group that is more worthy of the gratitude of our community than this group here who continually give freely of their resources and their time to the youth of our state and nation. Those who are disadvantaged, to whom you want to give a fair chance; and you do it in the very best of spirits, because you don't seek recognition for yourself, for that is meaningless, but you give it freely and in a spirit of those to whom you give, that I think is the real essence of what we in our community hold most dear - That All-American spirit of caring.

I certainly wish you in your considerations of this Sixth Annual Meeting, great success and look forward to future dealings with you. Thank you very much.

### **RESPONSE**

RW Charles I. Gregg, Junior Grand Warden, responded as follows:

On behalf of the officers and members and guests of the Grand Lodge of Alaska, We would like to thank you very much for you taking time to come this morning and welcome everyone to the great city of Anchorage. We would also like to thank you for your continuing efforts to make this a better place to live. Thank you.

### **Sandy Alexander Grand Worthy Advisor, Alaska, International Order of Rainbow for Girls**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished East, Grand Lodge Officers and friends:

I bring you greetings, not only from the Grand Assembly, but from Rainbow Girls across the state. Today, I have two very important words for you - Thank you! Without your organization, our organization would not exist; not only because Masonic Lodges sponsor many of our Rainbow Assemblies, because of your inspiration and your help we are enabled to accomplish the dreams that we set for ourselves. For many Rainbow Girls, there is a father or a grandfather who is a Mason that they can turn to for guidance. Alas, not all girls are so privileged. A Rainbow Girl might be looking to each of you right now. Think for a minute. Do you know a Rainbow Girl that fits that description? For today, all that I have to say is thank you. Whether you are a father or a grandfather or you are just a good friend, without you I really don't know where we would be. There is a line in the installation ceremony of the Rainbow Advisory Board that I am sure many of you have heard many times over, but it is very appropriate. "May you always carry with you the thoughts that someone is looking to you." I wish you the best for the remainder of your Grand Lodge Session and I am really pleased that you asked me to speak today. Thank you.

## **Scott Saltz, State Junior Counselor, Order of DeMolay**

Masons and guests assembled here:

I want to thank the Masonic Organization for sponsoring the DeMolay, because without them, there would be, like Sandy said, there would be no Rainbows or DeMolay. DeMolay was started off in the 1920's by a man named Frank S. Land, who was a Mason. Since then, DeMolay has progressed very rapidly and currently we have about four chapters in the state of Alaska and this year we have our Annual Conclave in the city of Anchorage. I think that we are going to have it right here in the Hilton. I want to thank the Most Worshipful Grand Master for letting me talk up here and I want to wish the Grand Lodge Officers the best of luck during the ensuing year. Good Luck during your Sixth Annual Communication. Thank you.

## **Bill Coghill, National Sojourners, Chapter 355 of Alaska**

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Masons:

I want to say a special thanks for allowing us to present our first ever Flag Ceremony to you this morning. Brother James pretty much covered what we stand for - a word further about the Heroes. The Heroes is a side order of the National Sojourners. We have our serious side, but we also have our lighter moments surrounding the Battle of Bennington. The Hero's Camp has never charged dues. Once a Hero, always a Hero. Thank you.

## **Mary Wallace, Deputy of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Order of Eastern Star**

Most Worshipful Gunnar, members, Sisters and Brothers, and friends:

Good Afternoon. I would first like to thank the Grand Master of Alaska and his wife Joan for the hospitality that they have extended to my husband and myself. We truly have enjoyed this special time and it is my pleasure and honor to come from Fairbanks to represent over two and a half million members throughout the world of the Order of the Eastern Star and extend greetings to you on behalf of our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Helen Roquemore Cox. We honor Masons throughout the world in appreciation for the heritage that they have given us. We feel privileged to have such a wonderful fraternal relationship. Our prayers and our best wishes are with you while you accomplish much good for the present, and legislate wisely for the future progress and success of our beloved Grand Lodge in the days ahead.

Most Worshipful Gunnar, thank you for recognizing the Order of the Eastern Star. To me, you are the ultimate in service, dedication, unselfishness, and leadership. As we climb the stairways in the years ahead, by His mighty hand may we be led. Each step a charge, rising to our goal. Each step will lighten our heavy load as we climb, hand in

hand, followed by a loyal band. We shall try to build a stairway they will be proud to climb. One that will withstand the test of time. May God bless you and yours until we meet again. Thank you!

## **VW Robert M. Parkins Response to Subordinate Bodies**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished East, friends of all the subordinate bodies and of the Grand Lodge of Alaska:

On behalf of the Grand Lodge of Alaska, we wish to thank the subordinate bodies for giving their representation here. May I say that the Grand Lodge of Alaska is behind the subordinate bodies from the beginning to the end. We have just begun by six years now and look forward to another fifty years when you will see this room not being big enough to hold the expansion of the Grand Lodge of Alaska. We all look to the Grand Lodge for our guidance as we recognize that they are and have the supreme jurisdiction of Alaska under their guidance. They have been very cooperative to all their subordinate bodies and, as I have witnessed in other Grand Jurisdictions, when we have the Grand Lodge and all of the subordinate bodies working together as one unit, there is nothing we cannot accomplish. With their principles and the principles of each one of these subordinate bodies and their goals of work, ritual work, and of community service, we cannot fail. So Most Worshipful Grand Master, we thank you for this privilege of responding to the subordinate lodges and we are looking forward to working with the Grand Lodge of Alaska for another year. And good luck.

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

The Grand Lodge of Alaska has made great progress in the six years of its life. You have solved a lot of problems. You have built the foundation for an on-going concern. You are starting to build a history. A history of the Grand Lodge of Alaska and I want to be sure that you don't overlook any items that might have been overlooked in the rush of the last six years. I call attention to the fact that a member of an Alaska Lodge more than forty years ago was a Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington. A year ago when I inquired around among the Brethren here during my visit, I got no affirmative answers that anyone recalled this case where one of your former Brethren, now deceased of course, had become a Grand Master and belongs on your Grand Master list now. At Skagway and the lodge there, White Pass Lodge, Brother Charles Kirtland was a Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington, I believe in 1943. I've communicated with W Bro. Mike Geyer, PM at your Lodge No. 1 and with your Grand Secretary Neil Bassett and sent them a picture of this brother as a little proof to help enhanced the report. Be sure, in writing your history, that you go back to the early days, forty some years ago, not just six year ago to start the roster of your honored members and include MW Charles Kirtland of White Pass Lodge at Skagway. Thank you.

## **RW Arthur S. Thomas, Honorary Past Senior Grand Warden, Grand Lodge of Japan**

Thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished East, and my Brethren all:

I wish to bring you fraternal greetings from Most Worshipful Brother Chester Ditto who is Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Japan and like this Grand Lodge is a young and growing Grand Lodge. It is nice to see a small Grand Lodge because you get a close fraternal feeling that you sometimes lose in a large Grand Line. You are doing well and it is a pleasure to see a Grand Lodge start off and grow and prosper and have its happy meanings and events to take place. Grand Master, I wish to thank you, at this time, for the hospitality and courtesy that has been shown me. When I attend Grand Lodge of Japan next month, I can be sure to carry the best wishes of this Grand Lodge to my Grand Master. I thank you again.

## **MW Glen W. Pruett, PGM Response to Introduction of Alaska Past Grand Masters**

Most Worshipful Grand Master:

It is a pleasure and an honor for me to stand here and represent these distinguished Brethren whom I have had the privilege of serving with. Grand Master, we all know that this Grand Lodge is new but I challenge any Grand Lodge to make any progress any better or any faster than this Grand Lodge has done. With the guidance, Grand Master, of the past Grand Officers and our Grand Master expected to be elected, with the wisdom of him and his officers, the challenges of this Lodge are unlimited. There is nothing that is impossible for this Grand Lodge to accomplish. So, with the guidance of our present Grand Master, and the Grand Master coming in, we extend to him, and Brother Fred, all of the help possible that we can afford to him and them in the coming year 1987. Thank you, Most Worshipful Grand Master.

## **VW Frank Erie Response to Introduction of the District Deputies of the Grand Master**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished East, Brethren all:

The duties of a Deputy allow him to become involved in the daily activities of the constituent lodges; as well as permitting him to maintain close contact with the Grand Lodge. Our position makes it possible for us to enjoy the best of both worlds. I am sure that I speak for all of us when I say thank you for providing us with the opportunity to serve you in such a rewarding way.



## **MW Monroe B. "Jim" Morton, Grand Master of Oregon**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished East, my Brethren:

This is a particular honor because normally we are far enough down the alphabet that we come nearly at the end. By that time, everybody else said things and there is not much else to say. It is a real pleasure to be here and to bring you the greetings of the Grand Jurisdiction of Oregon. I would like to thank you for the many courtesies and the honors that you have extended to myself and to the Brethren who have accompanied me. Masonry is getting a tremendous amount of free advertising around the world these days but we are finding fault with it. That is surely looking a gift horse in the mouth. We should be happy about what we are receiving, but we aren't. I agree that what is being said is criticism: criticism of the money the Shriners apparently are not spending upon their hospitals, criticism of the penalties of our obligations, criticism of the secrecy, and there are many other things.

An artist ran into an old friend at an art show one time. The artist said that he had heard that his friend had to undergo a serious eye operation. He asked him if he would be able to continue to paint. The friend said, "I think so, but if I can't, I can always become a critic." To be critical is the easiest thing in the world and perhaps one of the most popular pastimes that there is. Anyone can be critical of those around us and they usually are. However, there is something good in every thing and this publicity that we are receiving is no exception. First of all, it is bringing to the attention of those people around us the attention of Masonry. It is making people aware of us and forcing us to take a good look at ourselves and our lodge methods (some of which we know go back to the previous century). Finally, because of it, we are exercising more care in how we project ourselves to the public. We must make sure that we are living the ideals we espouse. Another aspect of this publicity relates to our shrinking numbers. We are aware of the criticisms which deter potential candidates from becoming associated with us. The bright side of that is that it could help us to pull together. We can no longer afford the luxury of going our separate ways. There is a Past Grand Master in Oregon who had as his motto, "Freemasonry, one family in unity." Last August I was privileged to take part in a conference in Tampa, Florida, in which a number of Grand Masters were present. This conference included the heads of the York Rite bodies of the United States, the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions of the Scottish Rite, and a number of heads of other bodies. One of the things that came from that conference was the fact that we all agreed we do have a solid foundation upon which to build our future but we can no longer do it alone. We must work together!

Finally, in all our considerations, we must include our youth. I am sure that you have read recent reports about the resurgence of college fraternities and sororities and the reason why this is happening. It bodes well for us because it is an indication that our young people are becoming more interested in what we can offer them, if we will take note and respond accordingly. At the Northwest Regional Conference of the Scottish Rite a story was told that points out the importance of this need. An elderly lady pulled into a parking lot at a shopping center in her big Cadillac and she was waiting for someone to back out of a parking place. Just as the car backed out, a young whipper-snapper of a kid wheeled around her, in his brand new Porsche, and pulled into the

vacated parking space. The young man got out and yelled, "See what youth and agility can do for you?" At that, the lady pulled around to the end of the line, drove around in front of the car where there was another parking place and rammed her Cadillac into his new Porsche. Completely demolishing it, she rolled down her window and yelled, "Yes, and see what age and wealth can do?" We have the age and we have the wealth. Hopefully, we also have the wisdom to help these young people. We can provide them with what they need and to accommodate both their youth and agility. Are we out of step? Maybe we are. Times have changed and we must change. We keep hearing a clarion call about change but no one spells it out.

Let me fly a couple of thoughts by you concerning change. How about the possibility of uniting into a cohesive whole? How about, instead of each of our states having it's own Jurisdiction, having one united Grand Lodge of the United States? Each state would be a part of that Grand Lodge, which would also include the other bodies of Masonry that we have just talked about. Also, how about the possibility of one national public relations effort instead of having each jurisdiction try to do their own public relations? Wouldn't this be a lot better?

Well, there are indeed changes. But, by brethren, we are going to have to consider such matters if we are to remain a viable organization in the twenty-first century. I would like each of you to ask yourselves:

"Am I a builder who works with care, measuring life by the rule and square?  
Am I shaping my deeds to a well made plan, patiently doing the best I can?"

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

Thank you very much Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brethren all:

I bring you greetings from Most Worshipful Brother Don Wakelyn, the Grand Master of British Columbia this year, who had hoped to be here. But, I think, Brother Wakelyn lives in Victoria which is another seaport town, like this one, but that seaport stays open and this one sometime freezes over. I think that is perhaps why he stayed behind. Victoria is the evergreen playground of Canada and I would like to welcome you all to come down to Victoria next June to our Grand Lodge when it meets there. It will be meeting at the University in one of the most delightful meeting rooms that I have ever sat in and watched Grand Lodge.

It is a particular pleasure for me to come back to Alaska. I came to Alaska by land this time from the east. My last visit I came into Alaska from the north. I was here in May in Skagway when I was received by Most Worshipful Brother Flygenring in White Pass Lodge. I returned the compliment to him two days later in Whitehorse Lodge when I received him on behalf of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. Our paths, Brother Flygenring, have been crossing frequently over the past several years. I speak very personally now when I say, "It is one of the true enjoyments of my Masonic career to be able to meet and re-meet and meet again, and come back and visit once more with good fellows and good brethren like I have here in Alaska." Thank you very much.

## **MW Burrell G. Lirgg, Grand Master of Idaho**

Most Worshipful Grand Master Gunnar, Distinguished East, and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Alaska:

It is a pleasure for me to be here representing the State of Idaho and the approximately 10,000 Masons of the state. It is really interesting to go to other Grand Lodges and see the method of which they have their legislation drawn up and how they react to the legislation. It is also interesting to see the way the Jurisprudence acts in different Grand Lodges. They all seem to get the job done but it goes around in a different way. I have traveled quite extensively this year since I became Grand Master September 20th. Prior to that I have run across your Grand Master numerous times and I have always enjoyed his company. I want to thank you Gunnar and your lovely wife Joan and the courtesies extended to myself and my wife on our visit to Alaska. It is the first time that I have been here and you know, I expected to find more snow and there hasn't been that much. In fact, I think Idaho has just about the same amount. It is only a little bit colder. Brother Ken Verden of Boise Lodge No. 2 was hoping to join me in my trip to Alaska but I see that he didn't make it. He is quite proud that he is a member of your Past Master's Club. I notice two of our Past Grand Master's and our Grand Secretary have left. Evidently you must have told them that I was going to say a few words. I would like to thank Brother Pete Nilles for the help that he has given my wife and me since we arrived. He has been a great host. I met Pete a number of years ago in Idaho. I recognized him at the airport when we pulled in.

Some of the things that I would like to mention on Masonry is in every organization there is a parent and there are concordant and appendant orders. Out of the groups in each town, either between lodges or between one concordant or appendant body, there always seems to be one that is a little weaker or a little bit hard pressed to get along in some manner. I think that we as Masons should gather around and give extra emphasis to supporting and helping that group when we notice that they are having a problem. It is just like a part of you being eaten away and dying. You might lose it if you don't help it. It reflects back and starts on another one. So I feel we, as Masons, should be more loving, more compassionate to our other organizations. One of my favorite sayings has to do with both Rites and says, "Both Rites are right." I happen to be a member of both Rites and active in both.

I have not heard your DeMolay report yet. I know it is coming and I am a staunch supporter of the youth groups. I was a former DeMolay and I was extremely proud when I got the Legion of Honor. When one becomes a DeMolay he feels that this is a great organization and he looks up to the members of the fraternity and all the dad advisors that support him. You always have the feeling that someday, if the chance arises, you will become a member of the fraternity. Then, you go away and forget it and you do other things. But, I think that the members of the fraternity that do help DeMolay are looked up to with respect. We have to be there and we have to be available for them and support them because the youth is where we are going to receive those members in the future. And let's not forget the girls in Rainbow and Job's Daughters. They are the ones that are going to marry young men and they, in turn, will be introduced to installations and they will become familiar with Masons and then they will possibly become Masons.

One of the things that I have endeavored to do this year is to spend time not only visiting lodges, but also visiting the youth groups. I go in full regalia and you walk into these meetings of Job's Daughters or DeMolay or Rainbow and they are really surprised and gratified to see someone care enough to come and visit them. I believe that I can figure approximately 132 days from September 20th to the present and I have made 114 visitations. About thirty of them have been to the youth groups. I really like doing this. I would not think of staying home and watching TV because I want to go out and see what's happening in Masonry.

I'd like to leave you with a little poem I happened to come across in a newspaper that belonged to my father-in-law. This was dated back in the 1920's. The name of the poem is "The One Who Needs It Most."

The people who need help the most,  
are the ones who cannot give it in return;  
Those most in need of kindness,  
are those who have never found out how to do kindness.  
Do not reserve your help and friendship  
for those who can make a generous return;  
For the ones who can return it,  
are not the ones who need it.

Thank you very much, brethren. It is a pleasure to be here with you today.

## **RW Ernest R. Hazelwood, Junior Grand Warden of New Mexico**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Most Worshipfuls, Right Worshipfuls, Very Worshipfuls, Worshipfuls, and Brethren:

I would like to bring you fraternal greetings from Most Worshipful Brother John P. Hoice, Most Worshipful Grand Master of 10,500 Masons of New Mexico. I don't usually like to address an august group like this with a lot of Masonic philosophy because I'm sure my brethren in this audience are more qualified to do that than I. I would like to depart from that just a little bit today.

You have built your Grand Lodge on a very firm foundation. You have the six original brothers who put this Grand Lodge together. They have built a real firm foundation for you. I would venture to say that there are not twelve brothers in this room who know where San Antonio, New Mexico is. Well, let me tell you about San Antonio, New Mexico. There was a young man traveling through New Mexico and he stopped in San Antonio and he built an edifice. Since then, he has built edifices all over the world. I visited San Antonio not too long ago and I wanted to see the original edifice. One of the fellows in the cafe said, "It's down the block about a half a mile." I went down there and all there was left was a foundation. This man moved on and built edifices all over the world. He had a challenge and he met that challenge. The man that built that hotel was Conrad Hilton and you see his name right across the front of the podium from which I am speaking.

Brethren, I have traveled a long way. I've seen a lot of you at various organizations and other meetings. Most Worshipful Brother Gunnar and I have crossed paths along the way and I really learned how to make a Past Grand Master mad. I think it was about 1983 or 1984 that Most Worshipful Brother Alvin R. "Swede" Johnson came up to visit your Grand Lodge. I visited him just last Saturday and said, "I got an invitation to go up to Anchorage and attend the Grand Lodge of Alaska. I'm leaving and going up there early Wednesday morning." He wanted to come to Alaska again but was not able to make the trip. He did say, "The brethren of Alaska Grand Lodge know how to put on an Annual Communication" and I am thoroughly convinced that he is right. Most Worshipful Brother Gunnar, to you and Joan, my wife Dorothy and I extend to you every fraternal thanks for all the wonderful things you have done for us and the friendship we have shared and I must tell you that Most Worshipful Brother Gunnar has a little place about ten miles east of Moriarty and my house is five miles west of Moriarty so, we may live within about fifteen miles from each other some day. It is a real pleasure for me to be here.

## **RW Ronald W. Briggs, Senior Grand Warden of Nevada**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Honored and Distinguished East, Brethren all:

I bring you warm fraternal greetings from the seven thousand plus Masons in the Silver State of Nevada. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Grand Master and his lovely lady for all the courtesies that have been extended to me on my visit here. I would like to extend that thanks to all the Brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction who have been so courteous and kind in their greetings and welcome to this sojourner in your Jurisdiction.

Brethren, I will make my remarks very brief. There are two items that are particularly close to our hearts in Nevada and they have both been addressed here at this Grand Assembly so I won't linger on them, but just to strengthen the points and reiterate. I would like to mention Masonic Education. I was very interested in the report yesterday of the Education Committee and I spoke to Worshipful Brother Les Little about Masonic Education. He was in total agreement with me, as we have found in Nevada, of the importance of this topic. The brethren are hungry for Masonic Education and I hope you will follow up on his recommendations. The Lodge of Research is a grand idea. We have two in our Jurisdiction and we are not that much larger than Alaska. Those Lodges provide us with a wealth of Masonic Educational materials which we now have in place and they are hard at work getting this out to the brethren in all of the constituent lodges.

The second thing I would like to address is the youth. Brethren, that is our future. Let us not forget them. I was not too surprised to hear that you are having problems here as we are in Nevada. I think that probably the majority of the problems with our youth are our lack of support. We need more men, good men, who will take the time to volunteer their knowledge, their guidance, and their leadership for our young people. Brethren, these DeMolay are our Masons of tomorrow. So, I hope that you will take that to heart and that some of you here today will go out among your brethren and help recruit advisors and help the DeMolay and the other youth groups. The Rainbow Girls and the

Job's Daughters are one day going to grow up and marry and if they have been helped by Masons, they are one of your best recruiters, once they are married, to prod that young husband of theirs in the right direction.

I'd like you to know that Grand Master Ovid Moore sends you his most affectionate and best wishes for a harmonious and productive Grand Lodge Session, which I have already witnessed that you are having. I would comment that Brother Ovid wanted very badly to be here himself. But as his schedule would not permit it, he being the wise Grand Master that he is, looked around for a delegation to send. Being unable to locate a large delegation, he did the very next best thing. He sent the largest delegate he could find. Thank you.

## **MW J. Garth Gillespie, Grand Master of Prince Edward Island**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished East, Grand Lodge Officers and Brothers:

This is truly a privilege for me to be present at your Sixth Annual Communication. I extend to you and through you, to all present the warm fraternal greetings from the 1,250 Masons of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward. As you are aware Grand Master, I first met you and your lovely lady Joan in Edinburgh, Scotland at the 250th Anniversary of their Grand Lodge. I also had the privilege of meeting your Grand Historian, Worshipful Brother George Ballum who is our Grand Representative near your Grand Lodge and a former Prince Edward Islander. I have never been to Alaska and I never thought I would make it this far north. This opportunity certainly became a challenge, which I indicated to you in Edinburgh I would try to make happen. Truly, being here is a reward for a challenge well worked. I express to you, Grand Master, my heart felt gratitude for the hospitable reception that has been accorded me and it is my pleasure to be here at this time.

My Jurisdiction has a constituent lodge named True Brothers. For me, that name has always conjured up, in my mind, all the important patents of Masonry being implemented by adhering to the Landmarks of Masonry. Fellowship by Brotherly Love, extension of a helping hand, the timely word for a Brother's ear, indeed all the implementation of all the principles of our order. Grand Master, this period of February 4-6, 1987 has been and will always be for me, a Lodge of True Brothers. Thank you.

## **MW Jefferson J. Ensworth, Grand Master of Washington**

Thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master. I am glad to be able to speak at a time when the doors are locked because at about this stage, I lose a lot of the crowd. I was very happy that I wasn't called on earlier this morning when you were discussing your finances. My training in finances has been to juggle money from one hand to the other until it disappears. I want you to know that I am very good at that.

I am most happy to be here in the great state of Alaska again and it was my privilege to be here when this Grand Lodge was formed and I have been here every year except one since then. It is such a great thrill to be back to meet some old friends and

make some new ones. Grand Master, I wasn't ignoring your request to be on the platform earlier. Some of my peers convinced me that we'd be alright if we sat back there with the other brethren. I have found with friends like that, I have never felt the need to cultivate any enemies.

Yesterday, you heard from the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Oregon. Most Worshipful Jim Morton and I are from the same district in Oregon. I was an Oregon Mason and as I look out at a crowd like this, I don't see Oregon Masons or Washington Masons or Californian Masons. I just see Masons. That is the way it should be. Living close to the Oregon border, I do get into that Jurisdiction quite often. I've found out recently that the Grand Master of Oregon was telling the brethren down there that there were two jurisdictions that had claims on me. I thought that was kind of nice until I heard recently that he had been adding that Washington claimed I was from Oregon and Oregon claimed I was from Washington.

Your Grand Master was quite profuse, in his message, and very honest in thanking the people who work for him and this Grand Lodge. It is a terrific job to be up here but you just can't do the job alone. We need all the input that we can get from every brother in this Grand Lodge. We don't have to work alone as Masons.

I would like to tell you that we have no problems in the Grand Jurisdiction of Washington. I would like to tell you that but I'm sure that you realize that someone who would stand up here and lie to you about that would lie to you about other things, too. But I am sure that we have many less problems than we have opportunities. There are great opportunities in Masonry. The Grand Master of California came out with a number of lapel pins this year that we are all wearing. It is a simple little gold button with a positive sign on it and says 1987. That is what we are trying to do in Washington and I am sure that you are trying to do it here. We are trying to be positive in Masonry. We have got so many good positive things to talk about. We have got some good positive actions to take. We know what our problems are and we are the folks that can solve them. We are the only ones that can solve them and it is just great to be in a group like this. The most important person in Masonry is you. The fellow that you look at in the morning in that mirror shaving is the most important person in Masonry. That is the one I sometimes have problems with. You have to tell that fellow that this is your Craft. This is your Lodge. This is your Jurisdiction. What are we doing about it? Those of you that came to this Grand Communication are doing something about it and I am most proud to be here with you.

Grand Master, I thank you and your lady Joan for the courtesies shown Elma and me while we are here. In our Jurisdiction we have a Constitutional Observance Program Committee and I brought this bolo tie along to present to you. Thank you very much.

## **MW Hal Benedict, Past Grand Master of Wyoming**

Most Worshipful Grand Master and my Brethren all:

Usually Wyoming is the last one to be called upon. A lot of times they get the Grand Lodge closed in the various Jurisdictions before they give me time to speak, so I'm happy to get up here before that time comes in your Grand Lodge.

Most Worshipful Brother Gunnar, I have been with you on several occasions these past two or three years. It has always been a pleasure and I bring you greetings from George Hoyt, Grand Master of Wyoming, because he could not be here and he certainly wanted me to represent him at this Communication.

You know Brothers, at many of the visitations that I have made to other Jurisdictions, there has been quite a comment on loss of membership due to NPD, deaths, dimits, and so forth. They are all crying in practically every Jurisdiction. They are all trying to do something about it and are not coming up with a concrete answer. We are still losing members. I noticed, from your report yesterday, you lost a few. In giving this a lot of thought through the years, we are always talking about getting new members; but I feel that we need to preserve our old members - our present members. We are, I think, our own worst enemies in that our problem lies within our own respective lodges. Yours and mine and all other Jurisdictions represented here are having the same problems. Some of them are classifying them as challenges and that should be a challenge to all of us. I think that with our problems coming from within, there are a lot of things we can do to turn this back to where we are showing a gain like we just demonstrated here by showing an increase in membership.

I heard it expressed in Utah the other day at their Grand Communication, that a lot of this is due to "dynamic passiveness." Think on that. "Dynamic passiveness" - we are all pretty passive a lot of times about Masonry. We don't let the world know that we are Masons. We don't set examples that are proper or will induce other people to come into our lodges seeking membership in this great Fraternity of ours. "Dynamic passiveness" is something for all of us to think about. I attended the Grand Lodge of Alaska when it was held in Soldotna three years and I have enjoyed this Communication today. Believe me brothers, this "Dynamic passiveness" does not apply in Alaska.

All I have seen in my two visits at your Grand Lodge Session is "Dynamic enthusiasm." It is great. You reflect it in your meetings. You reflect it in the hall out there when you are talking Masonry. It is a very enthusiastic attitude that you have up here in Alaska to form your Grand Lodge and your attendance today shows that enthusiasm.

Being with John Ingram and Brother Gunnar these past few years, if anyone reflects "Dynamic Enthusiasm" it was those two brothers. "Dynamic Enthusiasm" has certainly been reflected in Grand Lodge Session these past two days. It is dynamic and it is catching. I want to thank you for the fellowship and the accommodations that we have had. Everything has been great here at your Grand Lodge Session. Thank you.



# ELECTION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

The election of Grand Officers for 1987 was conducted and the ballots counted. The results were announced by MW John C. Ingram, Sr., PGM Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, as follows:

**Grand Master: 118 ballots cast, 60 required for a majority**

Ralph Kavorkian	3 votes
<b>Fred V. Angleton</b>	<b>115 votes (Station accepted)</b>

**Deputy Grand Master: 118 ballots cast, 60 required for a majority**

Mitch Miller	2 votes
<b>Ralph Kavorkian</b>	<b>116 votes (Station accepted)</b>

**Senior Grand Warden: 118 ballots cast, 60 required for a majority**

Gene Freeman	1 vote
Les Little	1 vote
Howard Hobbs	12 votes
<b>Charles I. Gregg</b>	<b>104 votes (Station accepted)</b>

**Grand Secretary: 117 ballots cast, 60 required for a majority**

John Ingram (concedes)	1 vote
Gunnar Flygenring	10 votes
<b>Neil R. Bassett</b>	<b>106 votes (Station accepted)</b>

**Junior Grand Warden: 118 ballots cast, 60 required for a majority**

Gene Freeman	1 vote
Eugene Mockerman	1 vote
Fred McGuire	2 votes
Les Little	2 votes
Cliff Darnell	2 votes
John Casey	3 votes
Tom Lesley	6 votes
Mitch Miller	9 votes
Ray Wagener	19 votes
<b>Dave Thomas</b>	<b>71 votes (Station accepted)</b>
Total ballots	116 votes (Committee can't count)

Respectfully submitted

MW John C. Ingram, PGM (6, 11) Chairman  
W Joseph D. Cline (8)  
W William B. Clucas (3, 12)  
W Cecil C. Johnson (2)  
W G. Rex Plunkett (7)

# INSTALLATION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

An open installation for the 1987-1988 officers for the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was conducted in Anchorage, Alaska on February 6, 1987

## OPENING CEREMONIES

### INSTALLING OFFICERS

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

### ELECTED OFFICERS

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

### APPOINTED OFFICERS

Grand Chaplain	W Rev. John W. Edgar
Grand Lecturer	VW Fred L. McGuire
Grand Orator	W Peter E. Nilles
Grand Historian	W John H. Grainger
Grand Marshal	W Leslie R. Little
Senior Grand Deacon	W Billy W. Harris
Junior Grand Deacon	VW Charles F. Lewis
Grand Standard Bearer	W Mitchell R. Miller
Grand Sword Bearer	W Warren R. Little
Grand Bible Bearer	W Henry T. Dunbar
Senior Grand Steward	W Gary E. Ackerson
Junior Grand Steward	W Russell A. Kendrick

Grand Organist      W Arnold L. Van Horn  
Grand Tyler        VW Harry A. Lewis

**DEPUTIES TO THE GRAND MASTER**

District 1      VW Franklin W. Erie.  
District 2      VW Stanley E. Herman  
District 3      VW Howard N. Hobbs  
District 4      None Appointed

# SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

Tuesday, September 30, 1986

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 11:15 a.m. in the Anchorage Masonic Temple. The Grand Officers stations and places were occupied as follows:

MW Gunnar Flygenring (10)	Grand Master
RW Fred V. Angleton (2, 11)	Deputy Grand Master
RW Ralph Kavorkian (3, 12)	Senior Grand Warden
RW Charles I. Gregg (10, 13)	Junior Grand Warden
RW Neil R. Bassett (10, 11)	Grand Secretary
W Eugene M. Mockerman (7)	Grand Chaplain
W Howard N. Hobbs (10)	Grand Lecturer
MW John C. Ingram, PGM (6, 11)	as Grand Orator
VW David J. Thomas (6, 11)	Grand Marshal
W Jerald M Pendergrass (7)	as Senior Grand Deacon
W Leslie R. Little (10)	as Junior Grand Deacon
W. Marvin R. Harned (4)	Grand Bible Bearer
Bro. Philip L. Draheim (6)	as Senior Grand Steward
Bro. Ronald Wylie (11)	as Junior Grand Steward
W Richard D. Bender (10)	Grand Organist
W Russell A. Burnett (11)	as Grand Tyler
VW Alfred M. White (8, 11)	Principal Architect

The Grand Master announced that this Special Communication had been called for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of the Elementary School of Hope, Alaska. He also noted that this was the first cornerstone of a public building to be laid by the Grand Lodge of Alaska.

The Officers and members trucked to Hope for the ceremony commencing at 3:30 p.m. There, under the direction of the Grand Marshall, they were formed in procession and marched to the site.

The cornerstone was duly laid according to the ancient usages and customs. The Grand Oration was given by Most Worshipful John C. Ingram, PGM.

Considering the relatively remote location, the ceremony was well attended by the public, local government officials, school administrators, and teachers, some of whom made appropriate remarks.

At the conclusion, the Officers returned to Anchorage and Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form at 6:35 p.m.

Neil R. Bassett  
Grand Secretary