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of Alaska**

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GRAND MASTER
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PRAYER OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

Dear God and Father of us all - thank you for the privilege of gathering together at this MW Grand Lodge to meet again our friends and to deliberate upon the business at hand. We pray that thou would be with us as we deliberate. And help us to understand each others point of view that this Lodge may grow and that Brotherly Love may prevail. Be with us and guide us in this hour, for we ask it in thy Holy name. Amen

ROLL CALL

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Master	MW Ralph Kavorkian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deputy Grand Master	RW Charles I. Gregg
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Warden	RW David J. Thomas
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Warden	RW Franklin W. Erie
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Secretary	RW Neil R. Bassett
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Chaplain	W Rev. John W. Edgar
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Lecturer	W Howard N. Hobbs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Orator	VW Alfred M. White
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Historian	W John H. Grainger
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Marshal	W Russell A. Burnett
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Deacon	W Larry M. Sizemore
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Deacon	W Henry T. Dunbar
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Standard Bearer	W Billy W. Harris
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Sword Bearer	VW John W. Underwood
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Bible Bearer	W Daniel A. Folwick, Jr.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Steward	W Howard R. McElrath
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Steward	W Paul J. Merkouris
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Organist	W Richard D. Bender
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Tyler	W Keith E. Herve

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
- Aurora Lodge No. 15

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 First Annual Communication was provided by Brother Richard D. Bender of Glacier Lodge No. 10.

The Eighth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska convened in the Westmark Hotel in Fairbanks, Alaska on the 2nd Day of February, A.D. 1989, A.L. 5980. It was called to order by RW Thomas O. Mickey, of White Pass Lodge No. 1, F. & A. M., at 8:30 am, Alaska Standard Time.

Entrance of Grand Lodge Officers
Flag Presentation by "Heroes of 76," Billy Mitchell Camp, National Sojourners
Pledge of Allegiance
National Anthems,
 "The Alaska Flag"
Welcome by Juanita Helms, Mayor of Fairbanks North Star Borough
Response by RW Frank Erie (3, 12)

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

First Session
 W Monte R. Ervin (3)
Second Session
 W Clyde Saltz (11)
Third Session
 W William E. Oldham (12)
Fourth Session
 W Harry J. Koenen (7)
Fifth Session
 MW Ralph Kavorkian, Grand Master

Distinguished Guests in Attendance

Alabama

MW David L. Shirey, Grand Master
MW Floyd Hambrick Jr., Past Grand Master

British Columbia, Canada

RW Jack G. Boily, Deputy in District 11, representing MW David L. Gibson,
 Grand Master
RW Joseph Bare, District Deputy

California

RW Sam M. Pavlovich, Deputy Grand Master, representing MW Stanley L.
 Channon, Grand Master

Michigan

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

Nebraska

MW Byron C. Jenkins, Past Grand Master

Nevada

MW W. Ron Briggs, Grand Master

Oregon

RW James M. Shillingburg, Grand Secretary, representing MW Quintin Estell,
Grand Master

Washington

MW Harold E. Tucker, Grand Master

RW William R. Miller, Deputy Grand Master

RW James R. Vannice, Junior Grand Warden

MW George R. Bordewick, Past Grand Master

MW Jefferson J. Ensworth, Past Grand Master

MW E. L. "Roy" Foss, Past Grand Master

MW Alden H. Jones, Past Grand Master

VW Kenneth H. Hayes, Deputy in District 13

VW Wendal H. Kuecker, Finance Committee

VW Benjamin H. Robertson, Finance Committee

Wyoming

RW Paul S. Penny, Grand Marshal, representing MW Charles H. Moore, Grand
Master

MW Harlan C. Benedict, Past Grand Master

Al Aska Shrine Temple

Emmett V. Roetman, Potentate

Imperial Council, Scottish Rite

Chester L. Proudfoot, Deputy for Alaska

National Sojourners

Chris R. Christoff, President

MESSAGE OF THE MW GRAND MASTER

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

Welcome to the Eighth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alaska. To those of you who have never been in Fairbanks before, it gives me even more pleasure to welcome you to my home town. It is a great place to live and it's great to see so many new faces in attendance at this session.

I have seen many of you throughout the Continental United States as we have visited other Grand Lodges; and again, I welcome you to Fairbanks.

To those of you who have never attended a Grand Lodge session in Alaska we do things a little different up here. We try to have fun as well as take care of serious business.

NECROLOGY

Thirty of our Brothers listed below passed away during 1988 and we shall miss them. We share their loss with their families.

Our Grand Chaplain, Worshipful Brother John W. Edgar, will conduct a memorial service later during the communication.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

Having visited each Lodge in our jurisdiction and having spoken to all those present, I had the opportunity to share many of the problems which you have expressed. I sincerely hope I was of some aide to each of you. Some of those problems expressed will never be solved until such time as we sit down and ask ourselves how important the degrees of Freemasonry are to each of us. Do we really value them as we say we do, or are we just voicing empty words to each other?

I think the time has come in this great Fraternity for each of us to increase our efforts to attend Lodge regularly, conduct ourselves as Masons, and love one another as we profess we do. Let us work together to strengthen our Lodges and the precepts of Freemasonry.

As many of you know, we began a new program for the Grand Lodge of Alaska in that we conducted District meetings. The idea for the District Deputies was to hold a meeting in their respective districts this year, and thereby attempt to get a better interchange of ideas, problems, and solutions. I am very pleased at the overall outcome of these meetings we held this year. As in all things new, there has to be a learning process of trial and error. I am positive that next year they will be even better than this year's programs.

Thanks to all three District Deputies who took part in this program and "blazed the trail," if you will, in this new endeavor.

In my travels to each Lodge, financial questions were always asked concerning certain Lodges, and one of the glaring weaknesses is that most Lodges do not have a Dues Review Committee to look ahead for trouble, and to make timely bylaw changes for Lodges to keep them on solid, financial footing. In none of the Lodges that were having trouble did they have a Review Committee. I strongly urge that each Lodge Master appoint such a committee to constantly monitor the dues structure. If the Grand Lodge has to increase the per-capita in any way, shape or form, the Lodges will be geared up to handle the situation with bylaw changes.

Since we're talking of financial problems with Lodges, another thing that came to mind in my travels in discussions with the various officers, was that none of the Lodges had an operating budget. I think for any Lodge to be successful in handling its financial problems, it should have an operating budget. The budget should not be cast in concrete where the members can't work with it and make transfers of funds from one line item to another if need be. But, at least, the members would have a handle or an idea of where their money is going and how it's being spent.

I think in the future it might be a good idea to submit those budgets to the Finance Committee for its review and probably any suggestions it might make to help the Lodge officers come up with a workable budget. This is something to take into consideration.

As you know, this year we created a Grand Lodge Degree Team. The degree team will be in full costume under the direction of our Grand Lecturer, Very Worshipful Howard Hobbs. The team has had some exposure, and I think it is great. They were to confer the Third Degree yesterday at the Fairbanks Masonic Temple, and I hope you were able to attend.

I was asked at the beginning of the year why I wasn't as concerned about the overall function of the individual Lodges as I was about the Grand Lodge. Well, I've always felt as a Freemason knowing what my obligations are and knowing the obligations of the Masters and Wardens, and the character of the Past Masters, that the Lodges would function fairly well and take care of themselves because the officers are not going to let the Lodge fall apart. So, my big concern, although I'm concerned about all Lodges, wasn't to concentrate on the Lodges, but to concentrate on Grand Lodge. Having served as Chairman of the Finance Committee for one year prior to my election into the Grand Lodge line, and being an ex-administrative officer for the State Jail here in Fairbanks, and working with budgets for 14 or 15 years, it's very apparent to me that our current operating budget is too austere. In fact, it's an embarrassment. I think that we have to look at things realistically and not worry about what other people are going to say: "Lookie there, they raised their per-capita tax." But we are working under an absolute bare bones budget. We can't afford a salary for the Grand Secretary or a reasonable amount of money for his travels or for that of other officers; we can't afford any of our charitable functions, adequate Grand Lodge office quarters or equipment, or to

provide as much of a service to our Lodges as we should. We ought to be able to call our Grand Lodge Officers, Lodge Officers, and committeemen together for training and education more often than once a year at the annual communication, but we can't afford it. I think the time has come to look at our per-capita tax, and I think it absolutely has to be raised this year. You can do it in increments or you can do it all at one time. Based on my meetings with the Finance Committee, I feel we need to raise our per-capita by about \$5.00 per member.

Now, there are two ways of doing this: 1) a flat \$5.00 raise, which could cause a hardship; or, 2) to raise it in increments of \$2.50 one year and then two years later raising it another \$2.50; or raise for two consecutive years. In either case, we have to look at that per-capita very realistically. We just don't have the money to continue operating with the budget that we had four or five years ago. We haven't raised per-capita for eight years, yet commodities have increased. Postage has increased, telephone costs have increased, and we're renting office space full-time. We have to look at those things.

During this year, your Grand Master, with the help of the Jurisprudence Committee, formulated some bylaws and rules to govern Masonic Clubs within this Grand Jurisdiction. The purpose of this was to standardize the operation of all Masonic Clubs. As you know, based on our population density here, there are small communities that need some Masonic intercourse but don't have enough members to start a Lodge. We approved a set of bylaws that essentially parallel those governing a Lodge with the exception that none of the clubs can perform degree work. They can practice their degree work in a tiled room but if they have a candidate for the degrees of Masonry, they must bring him into a chartered Lodge. Each Masonic Club is assigned to a Lodge for supervision. This way if a club does dissolve all the assets are returned to the Grand Lodge. These bylaws for the government of Masonic Clubs are on file with the Grand Secretary. Those of you desiring to see them, just ask him.

During this Masonic year, I appointed Worshipful Brother Leslie Little to develop an index for the Alaska Masonic Code to make it easier to research material. I have a copy of it and I must commend Brother Little for doing an outstanding job. Thank you, Brother Les.

Very Worshipful Brother John Grainger, a member of White Pass Lodge No. 1, has worked very hard for the Grand Lodge of Alaska. He is also acting as my personal representative in Southeastern Alaska to help form a Masonic Lodge at Thorne Bay on Prince of Wales Island. They hit a rough spot and they're having trouble getting some of the brothers proficient so they can petition for dispensation. So, Brother Grainger has been thinking about forming a Masonic Club in the interim. Anyhow, based on his dedication in his travels and other work for the Grand Lodge of Alaska, I appointed him a Deputy of the Grand Master in District 4. Welcome aboard John, and I know you'll do a great job.

ORDER OF DEMOLAY

This year, during the month of October, I had to issue an Edict which was very, very hard to do in that it was directed against one of our Brothers. This Brother was the Executive Officer in Alaska for the Order of DeMolay. The problem started in 1985 when the Executive Officer and the DeMolay had a Leadership Training Conference in Wasilla. They had rented the campsite where they were staying for \$5,000. Based on the registration fees and other monies available, they had enough money to pay for this campsite use. Instead, the Executive Officer paid \$500.00 down and secured outside speakers for whom he paid travel expenses with the remaining \$4,500.00, leaving the campsite fee unpaid. A judgment against the Order of DeMolay was obtained in Small Claims Court in 1987, a matter of public record. In the meantime, two Grand Masters before me tried to resolve the situation and even made recommendations to the Grand Master of DeMolay to remove the Executive Officer. Nothing was done. On Wednesday, September 28, 1988, a meeting was held in Anchorage with the Advisory Council of DeMolay, the District Deputy, the Master of Anchorage Lodge No. 221, and myself. Prior to the meeting, I was told that the Executive Officer would be present so we could resolve some of these problems. The Executive Officer was not in attendance, and after listening to all the Brothers and the information they had, it was discovered that the Advisory Council had raised money in 1987 to pay for registration for the Leadership Training Conference and had a \$1,000 surplus. The Council told the Executive Officer that they wanted that money to be used to retire the outstanding debt owed by the Order of DeMolay. The Council members encouraged and recommended to him that he not obtain any outside speakers this time. I was informed that he nevertheless obtained speakers and paid for their hotel and meals with the surplus \$1,000. Consequently, the debt was still not retired.

In the meantime, the Executive Officer had rejected offers from the Grand Master of DeMolay and two or three Lodges in Alaska to assist in paying off the debt. I felt that this kept the Masonic Family continually exposed to public criticism. We don't need to be criticized for actions within the Fraternity.

Subsequent to the September 28th meeting, and while still in Anchorage, I had telephone contact with both the Executive Officer and the Grand Master of DeMolay. In my conversation with the Grand Master on Wednesday evening I brought him up to date. By this time I was very upset with the Executive Officer and told the Grand Master of DeMolay that if he didn't resolve the situation, I would; that I would issue an Edict to bar all Master Masons from attending any function of DeMolay. The Grand Master reaffirmed that he had previously offered to pay the debt.

The Executive Officer explained his absence from the Wednesday meeting by saying he was told it was to be a "witch hunt" and he had no intention of attending that kind of meeting. He did agree to meet with me Thursday afternoon but failed to appear at the appointed time. After two hours I phoned him at his Wasilla home and was told he'd decided not to meet but would do so in Fairbanks the following week. The Executive Officer did not attend that meeting either.

I issued the subject Edict, barring all Master Masons in the State of Alaska from attending any function of DeMolay until such time as the problem was resolved. On October 31, after being informed by the Grand Secretary that the Grand Master of DeMolay had accepted the Executive Officer's resignation, I rescinded the Edict, reinstating the welfare of DeMolay for the state and encouraged all Master Masons to again wholeheartedly support the Order of DeMolay.

That problem has been resolved. I felt badly about having to issue an Edict because I feel that the Supreme Council of DeMolay should have handled the matter. However, the problem had existed for so long that I decided action had to be taken.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To approve carryover Resolution No 88-5 which would permit amendment of the Standard Work upon approval of Grand Lodge.
2. To approve an increase in the per-capita tax for this Grand Jurisdiction.
3. To amend Section 2.01 of the Alaska Masonic Code to reflect that all Grand Lodge Officers holding elective office will carry the title for life, of the highest office to which elected. Currently the code does not address this.
4. To transfer the AMRA Gold Pan money to the Grand Lodge Permanent Fund and administration of the program to Grand Lodge with its present administrator. My rationale for this is that the Gold Pan Program is dormant and the revenue is subject to income tax. If in the Grand Lodge Permanent Fund, the revenues would be tax exempt. Implementation of this recommendation would, of course, be subject to whatever decisions were made at AMRA's 1989 Annual Meeting.
5. To amend the code to provide that only the interest and not the principal in the Grand Lodge Permanent Fund could be withdrawn for other uses. Also that the Permanent Fund monies be invested in such a manner that they can be easily identified as separate from the General Fund. This would also enable the brethren who are working to raise the money to see the fruits of their labor at each Grand Lodge by seeing the Grand Lodge Permanent Fund increase and also identifying the interest that may be available. I think this is important for the continued health of that program.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The honor of serving this Grand Lodge as Grand Master is to me so rewarding that words cannot express the gratitude I feel in my heart. Thank you all for allowing me to be your Grand Master. I want to thank all my officers, both elected and appointed, for their ongoing counsel. Believe me, I had a lot of counseling from our Junior Grand Warden, Frank Erie. He constantly played the role of devil's advocate in any issue confronting me. He is a great help and gives of his time and wisdom. Thank you, Brother Frank.

Our Deputy Grand Master, Charles I. Gregg, was always ready to work for the good of the Grand Lodge and served me well. Thank you, Brother Chuck.

Our Senior Grand Warden, Right Worshipful Brother David Thomas, could always be relied on to help me in times of difficulty. Thank you, Brother Dave.

To our Grand Secretary, Neil R. Bassett, what can I say about Brother Neil? He is like everybody's Grandmother; he can't do enough to help you. Thanks again, Brother Neil; a great job.

I also want to thank all the brethren, too numerous to name, who have served this Grand Lodge during the 1988 year. Thank you all. Also, to my District Deputies; they were just great. Very Worshipful Brother Will Josey in District No. 3 has worked the hardest of all. He has been and is a true friend of my family for over 23 years. Thank you, Brother Will. Very Worshipful Brother Al Cratty did a wonderful job. Thank you, Brother Al. Very Worshipful John Casey, what can I say about Brother John? He worked very hard in District No. 1 and did a great job. Very Worshipful John Grainger did an excellent job before he was even installed as District Deputy. So, the "report card" was in on him before he got the office. Thank you, Brother John.

To all the Past Grand Masters, thank you for your support during my tenure in office as Grand Master, especially Most Worshipful Brothers Jim Williams and Gunnar Flygenring. I must and will single out Past Grand Master Most Worshipful Brother Fred Angleton who was there every time I had a problem and gave me timely and good advice. Thank you, Sheriff.

Special thanks are in order for the Sessions and Arrangements Committee. Worshipful Brother Lloyd Triggs is Chairman; Worshipful Brothers Jack Cornelius and Ray Wagener and their committee members, thank you all. Also to the Lady's Committee: Mrs. Francis Erickson, Mrs. Joanne Wyman, Mrs. Janet Panquet, and Mrs. Mavis Foyle. Thank you all; great job.

Two special people in my Masonic life deserve special thanks for their brotherly love and friendship over the years. The first is Worshipful Brother Roy A. A. Larson who encouraged me when things just weren't going right. The second is Very Worshipful Brother Jay W. Underwood. Brother Jay was my Masonic Coach, brother, and father to me over the past 19 years, and he has filled each of the above roles in an outstanding fashion. I love the both of you. To my daughter, Sarah, who helped me pack and unpack so many times, who also made sure that my clothing was cleaned and pressed for my trips, and who nursed me back to health when I was ill, and who was there as strong as the Rock of Gibraltar when I was troubled, I give you my love and thanks forever.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Ralph Kavorkian
Grand Master

APPENDIX

This Appendix lists the official acts of the Grand Master during the period of February 6, 1988 through February 3, 1989:

Proclamations

March 24, 1988 Proclaimed month of April as Public Schools Month.

Dispensations Granted

March 16, 1988 Permission for Tanana Lodge No. 3 to open Lodge in Dawson, Y.T., on May 28 for the Sixth Annual International Fellowship Day.

Lodge Bylaws

Eagle River Lodge No. 13 Life Membership plan approved March 26th.

North Pole Lodge UD Bylaws approved July 9th.

Matanuska Lodge No. 7 Dues increase from \$25.00 to \$30.00 approved.

Charters and Dispensations Granted.

March 21, 1988 Dispensation issued to 31 Masons to form North Pole Lodge.

Edict

A substantial financial indebtedness was incurred in the name of DeMolay by its Executive Officer in Alaska. After several years during which the obligation was not retired, offers of assistance were declined, and a claim therefor was successfully prosecuted in Small Claims Court, an Edict was issued on October 5, 1988 barring Masons in Alaska from attending DeMolay meetings. With the resignation of the Executive Officer, the Edict was rescinded on October 31.

Special Communication of Grand Lodge

Grand Lodge was opened in Ample form on September 24, 1988 and the cornerstone laid for the John A. Carlson Community Center in Fairbanks.

Installation of Grand Lodge Officers

February 27, 1988 Worshipful Brother Bill W. Harris installed as Grand Standard Bearer by MW John C. Ingram at Soldotna

September 14, 1988 Worshipful Brother John H. Grainger installed as District Deputy of the Grand Master for District No. 4 by MW Ralph Kavorkian

Lodge Visitations

1988

February		
	13	Constitute Aurora Lodge No. 15 and install its officers
	20 - 24	Conference of Grand Masters, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
	27	Kenai Lodge No. 11
March		
	4 - 6	Western Conference, Seattle
	21	North Pole Lodge UD
	26	Glacier Lodge No. 10
April		
	14 - 15	Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5
	16	Valdez Lodge No. 4
	19	Kenai Lodge Public School awards ceremony
	23	Tanana Lodge No. 3
	30	Matanuska Lodge No. 7
May		
	7	Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8
	14	Eagle River Lodge No. 13
	24	74th Annual Grand Council, Ladies Oriental Shrine
	27 - 29	Sixth Annual International Fellowship Day, Dawson City, Yukon
June		
	2-4	Grand Lodge of Oregon, Eugene
	16 - 18	Grand Lodge of North Dakota, Jamestown
	21 - 23	Grand Lodge of Washington, Seattle
	24	18th Annual Masonic Celebration, Floral, Alabama
	23 - 28	Imperial Session, A.A.O.N.M.S., New Orleans
August		
	5-8	Adak Lodge No. 14
	11	Grand Court of Amaranth, Fairbanks
	20	Anvil Lodge No. 2
	27	White Pass Lodge No. 1
September		
	10	Seward Lodge No. 6
	24	District No. 1, Fairbanks
October		
	5	Aurora Lodge No. 15

9-12 Grand Lodge of California, San Francisco
15 Fairbanks Lodge No. 12
22 District No. 2, Seward

November
5 Kodiak Lodge No. 9
13 – 15 Grand Lodge of Nevada, Reno
21 – 23 Grand Lodge of Alabama, Montgomery

December
3 District No. 3, Anchorage

1989

February
1 - 3 Grand Lodge of Alaska, Fairbanks

**Communications Attended By Others
As Representatives Of The Grand Master**

1988

May
23 - 25 Grand Lodge of Michigan, Traverse City, by Right
Worshipful Charles I. Gregg

June
23 – 24 Grand Lodge of British Columbia, Vernon, by Right
Worshipful Charles I. Gregg
23 – 25 Grand Lodge of Montana, Bozeman, by Right Worshipful
David J. Thomas

September
15 – 17 Grand Lodge of Idaho, Twin Falls, by Right Worshipful
David J. Thomas

December
14 Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Boston, by Worshipful
Brother William B. Clucas

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 Section 3.05 of the Alaska Masonic Code.

The 1988 Masonic Year had its ups and downs. We lost members; our financial status could have been better; and workload demands on a "one man show" precluded some important accomplishments, notably the compilation and printing of more Proceedings of our previous communications. The postage increase in April dictated some burdensome operational changes to keep costs down. New records were established for North Pole Lodge UD.

In most years it is barely possible to squeeze the compilation of statistical and financial data from Lodge reports, the work of our accountant, professional typist, and printer all into four weeks to have the Grand Lodge reports ready in time for the annual communication. This year the calendar compressed that time period down to three weeks. Accordingly, the Lodge Secretaries were advised in writing and sometimes reminded verbally of the mandatory January 10 deadline. With one exception they rose to the occasion and the necessary information was provided, some by telephone, by the deadline. Code Section 3.05 does require me to report that the October, November, and December monthly reports and the End of Year report have not been received from Mt. McKinley Lodge. However, this is an "excused absence" because of the lengthy and very serious illness of the Secretary.

Requests for recognition were received from two more Grand Lodges and referred to the Fraternal Relations Committee.

The reorganized Alaska Masonic Code, approved by the delegates to the Seventh Annual Communication, complete with index and three ring notebooks, was received from the printer and distribution begun. Complementary copies were sent to our 16 Lodges for their elected officers and the rest put on sale.

Permanent Fund donations during the 1988 calendar year totaled \$5,391. This consisted of \$2,440 from Tanana and Fairbanks Lodge fundraisers presented at Nome last February; \$1,501 from Glacier Lodge fundraisers; \$1,000 from Mrs. George Tremper, widow of a Tanana member and active Scottish Rite Mason; \$400 from Tanana Lodge in memory of four deceased members; and an individual donation from Brother Neil Harper of Glacier. An additional \$245 was received in January 1989 from a Kenai Lodge fundraiser and an individual donation by Brother Allen Scouler of Kenai Lodge. Permanent Fund activity is again reflected in the Assets chart.

My visitations this year included a number of our Lodges, the Grand Secretaries Conference in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and the Western Conference in Seattle, as well as the cornerstone laying in Fairbanks.

A number of our members were recognized for 25 or 50 years or more as Master Masons, as follows:

50 YEARS

NAME	DATE ENROLLED
White Pass Lodge No. 1	
John Laurence Alter PM	June 14, 1938
Thomas Otto Givan PM	October 7, 1931
Tanana Lodge No. 3	
Gustav Arthur Gustafson	March 13, 1936

25 YEARS

White Pass Lodge No. 1	
Forest Walter Bates PM	April 26, 1943
Gail Leonard Budd PM	April 14, 1950
Norman Ian Campbell PM	July 8, 1957
Thomas Benjamin Cooper PM	July 14, 1950
Wesley Gale Davidson PM	March 1, 1962
John Everett Feero	June 10, 1953
William H. Finigan	October 13, 1950
John Howard Grainger, PM	May 28, 1954
Karl Austin Hahn	September 23, 1944
Nels Aden Hansen	November 13, 1937
Carl William Heinmiller	August 21, 1945
Charles Lewis Hermens PM	April 13, 1951
Robert William Holifield	August 9, 1957
Edward Charles Koenig, Jr.	May 27, 1949
Mark Harry Lee PM	August 11, 1945
Carl Eugene Mulvihill PM	January 11, 1963
William Vernon Peterson	April 20, 1957
Robert Lee Rapuzzi	May 9, 1952
Herbert Brown Richardson PM	March 14, 1952
Robert Anton Smithson	April 8, 1947
Kenneth Gerald Taylor	June 13, 1958
Marvin Paul Taylor	April 14, 1961
George Storm Villesvik PM	April 22, 1947
Frank Edward West	February 17, 1955

A project was undertaken this year to review all dual or plural memberships. That job has been completed for such members within Alaska. The data are in from other Grand jurisdictions but the job of correcting our records on these Brothers is not done. However, among the rather interesting things uncovered were a number of Alaska members who have been dropped for NPD in their out of state Lodges and must now be dropped in ours. I also discovered an Adak member who had been expelled from

Masonry by his Lodge in Washington in 1987. That expulsion is reflected in the Status of Lodges chart accompanying this report and is not the result of a Masonic trial in Alaska.

Statistically our figures are complicated by the addition of 31 members in North Pole Lodge UD after the year began. Our net loss of 48 members (shown in the chart) from our March 21 high is softened somewhat by the additional North Pole Brothers. Essentially we lost 17 members from our January 1, 1988 total. Our gains in terms of proficiencies about equaled those in 1987 but affiliations as dual members were only about a third as many. Oddly enough, our degree activity was higher than in 1987. We lost only half as many members by death but this was offset by double the number of NPD's.

These statistics also have a direct bearing on our financial structure. Our estimate of income from per-capital assessment was close but that from degrees conferred and affiliations was too high due to the much reduced number of affiliations during the year. Receipts from petitions for the degrees were only half of our estimate; this would appear to indicate that the increased degree activity involved those Brothers who had petitioned in previous years.

As shown by the charts on pages 21 through 25 (ed. Note: In Blue Book), very little money was left on the table and our total estimated available funds dropped by \$25,000 over 1987. We stayed at or below budget in nearly all line items. Except for dues of \$52 to the Conference of Grand Secretaries, all expenditures are reimbursed by those attending the Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries Conferences. These reimbursements are not always received in the same year as that in which the money was originally advanced by Grand Lodge; hence the apparent overage. The overage in Cost of Masonic Materials reflects the unbudgeted cost of new Alaska Masonic Codes, approved by the Finance Committee.

Insurance premiums on paraphernalia dropped, but some of this reduction also reflects a one-time change in accounting methods.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee \$15,000 was withdrawn from the Permanent Fund account and three \$5,000 TCD's, with staggered maturity dates, were purchased to obtain better interest rates.

Every possible way of keeping costs down is employed to the point of being miserly. However, we cannot operate without the Postal Service. I avoid the telephone like the plague and rarely call other Grand Secretaries, even though that contact is so much better in some instances. Even so, most mandatory phoning is within Alaska to officers or Lodge Secretaries and rates within the state are exorbitantly high. Very little commercial printing is done and our image shows it. No professional typing is used except for the annual reports. Most of our costs of doing business are uncontrollable. I firmly believe that we have lost high caliber talent as Grand Masters because of our inability to offset required expenses from personal funds of \pm \$15,000 over the four year

period they progress through the line. Withdrawal from those organizations to which we have to pay dues is unthinkable.

Again, I thank the Lodge Secretaries, Grand Lodge Officers, and committeemen for their cooperation. Please support, your Lodge Secretary; he is the backbone of your operation.

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	Other	Total Loss	Net Gain / (Loss)	Members 12-31-97	
White Pass	1	4		8		4		1	56			2				2		5				5	(3)	53	
Anvil	2		1	12	1	3	1	5	62									3				3	(3)	59	
Tanana	3	8	18	105	9	34	8	25	461	5	1	1	1			7	5	11				9	25	(18)	443
Valdez	4	6	3	39	1	5	1	4	71	3		2	2			7	1	3				2	6	1	72
**Mt. McKinley	5		2	14		1	1	1	55	1						1						1	1	56	
Seward	6	2		11		5		3	85									1				10	11	(11)	74
Matanuska	7	4	3	31	6	9	6	2	117	7						7	2					1	3	4	121
Mt. Susitna	8	2	4	88	3	14	4	24	244	1		1				2	4	4				1	9	(7)	237
Kodiak	9	7	2	58	3	10	2	5	128	1						1	4	1				5	10	(9)	119
Glacier	10	4	9	118	8	20	5	24	299	4			1			5	3	1				4	9	(4)	295
Kenai	11	2	5	28	2	3	1	3	141	1			1			2	1	2				3	(1)	140	
Fairbanks	12	1	4	20	10	5	7	5	77	7		2				9	1					3	4	5	82
Eagle River	13		14	13	6	2	5	4	65	4		2				6	2						2	4	69
Adak	14		6	27		5		5	103			2	1			3				1		16	17	(14)	89
Aurora	15		4	5	5	2	4		42	6		2				8	2						2	6	48
North Pole	UD		1		1		1		31*	1						1							1	32	
Totals		14	68	577	55	122	46	111	2036 2037*	40	1	12	8			61	25	31		1		52	95	(48)	1989

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

1st Report

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

The assignment of the Fraternal Relations Committee is to examine the printed or written proceedings or other documents emanating from the Grand Lodges and report at the Annual Communication whatever may seem of sufficient importance and of interest to the Craft. The Fraternal Relations Committee shall deliver a copy of these reports to the Grand Secretary prior to the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. Also, the Fraternal Relations Committee shall review all requests for recognition from other Grand Jurisdictions and as appropriate, recommend recognition of the particular Grand Jurisdiction or rejecting the said petitioner or petitioners. I agreeably accepted the assignment, the Fraternal Relations Committee did examine all correspondence received and report as follows:

New Lodges in the different jurisdictions that we were in contact with, ...(about seven seconds of missing information on tape) ...daylight lodges, meaning that they meet about noon. The Grand Lodge of England, issued charters to 47 new Lodges, and certainly not forgetting our newly chartered Lodge, Aurora Lodge No. 15. Increased per-capita which is always a interest, I feel, of our Grand Jurisdiction, these different respective Grand Jurisdictions starting with Delaware, increased their per-capita tax three dollars, Massachusetts increased from 12 to 15 dollars, New York increased from \$7.50 to \$12.50, British Columbia increased from \$9.00, up to \$9.00, Saskatchewan increased from \$12.50 to \$13.50 and New Zealand increased from \$11.00 to \$13.00. Each year, I kind of touch on that to let you know Brethren that lots of these jurisdictions have got that problem that we discuss each year here.

The Grand Lodge of Kansas held the first meeting of a Mobile Lodge, apparently a traveling Lodge, and the purpose of which was said to promote Masonry throughout the state and elsewhere, as occasions might require. From our Brothers in Japan, after 30 years, they have finally received official letter of recognition of the United Grand Lodge of England. And Brothers, we didn't in our wildest expectations think that we would get the Grand Lodge of England as rapid as we did, but it was through the indulgence and perfection of Jim Williams and Gunnar Flygenring my Brothers that we got it as quickly as we did, and don't ever forget that! That is why we didn't wait 30 years, because of these two, and others.

Now, we go to California, California received a report from the Grand Master that a special committee would investigate and report to the several Hawaiian Lodges on the feasibility of a Grand Lodge of Hawaii. And I anxiously await some kind of a reply on that, cause that is of interest to us, to see how they are doing.

Now, we will go to Oklahoma - Just a "pick'in and a'grin'in " - the He-Haw Star, Brother Roy Clark was made a Mason on sight on the 8th day of December by Grand Master James E. Love and the Grand Lodge Officers. The Grand Master remarked how attentive to the degree work Brother Clark was. We offer congratulations to Grand Master Love and the Masons of Oklahoma, for bringing a highly respected and sincere man as Roy Clark into our fraternity.

Mexico, Brother Jarmie Crocks of Laredo, Texas has been appointed secretary of the Fraternal Relations of the Confederation of Mexico Grand Lodges. The Commission on Information for Recognition of the Conferences of Grand Masters of North America consider all Grand Lodges in Mexico worthy of recognition. The most likely reason why many of the Grand Lodges in Mexico are not recognized, is laziness in the translation by the Masonic Mexican Brethren. I feel that!

New York, the Grand Lodge of New York presented the distinguished service award to General James A. Doolittle, a former Alaskan, remember? Also, New York again voted down a proposal to lower the petitioner's age from 21 to 18.

Queensland, a circular on proper Masonic dress has been sent to all Lodges. In part, it read he, a Brother Mason, should be so attired as to express the dignity of Freemasonry; bright clothes does not do this! So any of you that visit those foreign jurisdictions, down under, they are pretty, pretty particular on their dress. And God bless them, we love it!

The Philippines, aha, the Philippines ruled that the title of Honorary Past Master could not be conferred upon a Brother in recognition of his long years of dedicated service. And at a Lodge, could not accept a petition of one whose petition had been rejected by another Lodge. Oh, how about that?

But, so goes these Fraternal Relations, lets go a little further.

Italy, at least ten Grand Jurisdictions of the United States, namely, Arizona, Connecticut, Kentucky, Iowa, New Mexico, Oregon, Pennsylvania and South Dakota, Tennessee and now West Virginia have withdrawn recognition from the Grand Orient of Italy for their failure or one of the constituent Lodges to display the volume of the Sacred Law when the Lodge is open. Last February, in 1988, the Commission on Information for Recognition of the Conferences of Grand Masters of North America reaffirmed its opinion, in 1986, and in 1987, that the Grand Orient of Italy is not now entitled to recognition. Information that we have received concerning the dispute between the commission, and it is only between the commission and the Grand Orient of Italy is that progress is being made to resolve the problem. It is the recommendation of this committee that the Grand Lodge of Alaska not get involved in the controversy at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Ingram Chairman
Fred L. McGuire

Report received for the record.

2nd Report

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

We have received a request from the Grand Lodge of Uruguay for Fraternal Recognition and exchange of Grand Representatives. The Committee on Information for Recognition of the Conferences of North America indicates that this Grand Lodge according to the information at its disposal, is regular. Investigation by this committee reveals that this Grand Lodge has operated since 1856 and several of the Grand Lodges in the United States are in Fraternal Relations with it. And the requirements of Section 45-pl (meaning, Section 1.07, paragraphs 4 and 5 AMC) of the Alaska Masonic Code are complied with.

Your committee on Fraternal Relations therefore recommends that The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska accord recognition to the Grand Lodge of Uruguay, and that our Grand Master, at his will and pleasure, arrange for the exchange of Grand Representatives.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Ingram Chairman
Fred L. McGuire

Report received for the record and adopted.

3rd Report

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

We have received a request from the Grand Lodge of Valle de Mexico for fraternal recognition and exchange of Grand Representatives. The Committee on Information for recognition of the Conference of the Grand Masters of North America indicates that this Grand Lodge according to its information at its disposal is regular.

Investigations by your committee also reveal that this Grand Lodge is recognized by all but just a few of the Grand Lodges in the United States. It is the largest, with 8,200 members of the Grand Lodges in Mexico. Its location is in Mexico City, and it has 202

Chartered Lodges operating under its authority. And that the requirements of our Section 45-b1 of the Alaska Masonic Code are complied with. (Alaska Masonic Code contains only 34 Sections, however, Section 1.07, paragraphs 4 and 5 deal with the matter of proper recognition and procedure of Grand Lodges }

So, it is your Committee on Fraternal Relations recommends that The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska; accord recognition to the Grand Lodge of Valle de Mexico and that our Grand Master, at his will and pleasure, arrange for an exchange of Grand Representatives.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Ingram Chairman
Fred L. McGuire

Report received for the record and adopted.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The Credentials Committee did not list the total number of ballots per each constituent Lodge as indicated in the chart below.

	Total Number of Ballots
Grand Lodge	16
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	
Aurora Lodge No. 15	
Total	107

1st Report

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

We the Committee on Credentials fraternally report, that the following members of Grand Lodge are present and entitled to seats and to vote in the Grand Lodge to wit:

Grand Lodge Officers -16
 Deputy to the Grand Master - 4
 Past Grand Masters - 6
 Worshipful Master and Wardens - 27
 Past Masters -14
 Proxies -14
 Total number entitled to vote, at this hour is 107.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Ingram Chairman
Gary E. Ackerson
Joseph D. Cline
William B. Clucas
Roy A.A. Larson
Charles F. Lewis
George R. Plunkett

2nd Report

We, the Committee on Credentials, fraternally report that at the close of registration at 12 noon, the following members of the Grand Lodge are present and entitled to seats and to vote in the Grand Lodge, to wit, it didn't change:

Grand Lodge Officers -16
Deputies to the Grand Master – 4
Past Grand Masters – 6
Worshipful Masters and Wardens – 27
Past Masters – 40
Proxies -14
Total number entitled to vote Grand Master is 107.

Report received for the record and adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Ingram Chairman
Gary E. Ackerson
Joseph D. Cline
William B. Clucas
Roy A.A. Larson
Charles F. Lewis
George R. Plunkett

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Jurisprudence

W Dennis M. Bump (12) Chairman
W Richard T. Coffin (10)
W John L Dolenc (7)
RW Frank W. Erie (3, 12)
W Burton Oien (3)
MW James A. Williams (3, 15)
W Ray G. Williams (9)
Bro. Richard N. Sutliff (9) Advisor

Grievance & Appeals

W Glen W. Pruett (3, 12) Chairman
VW Gene R. Freeman (3, 12)
W Marvin R. Harned (4)
W Archie F. Lowe (1)

Finance

MW Gunnar Flygenring (10) Chairman
W Donald H. Dinkel (7)
W John W. Elmore (2)
VW Robert M. Parkins (8, 13)
W Leonard R. Young (10)
Bro. Leslie A. Wilkinson (3) Advisor

Fraternal Relations

MW John C. Ingram (6, 11) Chairman
VW Fred L. McGuire (3, 12)

Masonic Research & Education

W Antonio A. Carpine (9) Chairman
VW William H. Lefferson (3)
W Cecil C. Johnson (2)
W Jerald M. Pendergrass (7)
W Donald W. Winters (3)

DeMolay

W Lloyd W. Triggs (3) Chairman
W Frank Dickinson (4)
W Allen B. Scouler (11)
W Aves D. Thompson (10, 13)

Credentials

MW John C. Ingram (6, 11) Chairman
W Gary E. Ackerson (1, 6)
W. Joseph D. Cline (8)
W William B. Clucas (12)
W Roy A.A. Larson (3)
VW Charles F. Lewis (2)
W George R. Plunkett (7)

Masonic Public Relations

WV Clifford Darnell (8, 13) Chairman
W Frederick S. Brady (5)
W Ronald H. Moore (11)
W John C. Peck (7, 13)
W George Steck (3)
Bro. Philip Brigance (3) Advisor
Bro. Duane M. Snedden (3) Advisor

Bylaws

MW H. B. Bentley (10, 11) Chairman
W Martin J. Patterson (6)
W Daniel A. Ray (8)
W Edward Zeine (5)

Public Schools

W Henry R. Ferguson (7) Chairman
W Phillip L. Draheim (6, 11)
W Leslie R. Little (10, 15)
W Warren R. Little (2)
VW Milton M. Routzahn (9)
W Martin J. Samuelson (5)
W Raymond R. Wagener (3)

Charters and Dispensations

MW Gunnar Flygenring (10) Chairman
W Mitchell R. Miller (3, 12)

Arrangements

W Lloyd W. Triggs (3) Chairman
W Jack G. Cornelius (3, 12)
W Raymond R. Wagener (3)

Grand Lodge Degree Team

VW Howard N. Hobbs (10, 15) Chairman

Grand Lodge Quarterly Publications

W Philip A. Ambrose (10, 15) Chairman
RW Charles I. Gregg (10, 13) Advisor

Segregation & Reference

W Clyde Saltz (11)
MW Byron Jenkins (12)
MW Roy Foss (11)

Deputies of the Grand Master

VW John W. Casey
VW Alfred B. Cratty
VW Will R. Josey
VW John Grainger

REPORTS OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business was discussed.

MOTIONS

1. I am Russ Burnett, Kenai 11, It has been the tradition of this Grand Jurisdiction to have the Grand Lodge session at the home of the Grand Master, so at this time, I would like to move that the Grand Lodge Session in February 1991, be held in Soldotna, Alaska.

Motion made, seconded, and passed.

2. Grand Master: I am going to appoint a special committee to study the feasibility of changing the meeting time of this Grand Jurisdiction to the fifteenth of March or in that vicinity, the first Thursday, somewhere near the 15h of March. They can come up with a date, I don't have a calendar here with me. But based on what happened at this Communication, and as severe as the weather was, of course, it is the worst it has been in the history of record keeping from what I understand; but that is not the point, the point is that we don't want our Brethren and friends to come up here and get hurt with a severe cold. So, I am proposing to have a committee to study the feasibility of changing the meeting time of this Grand Jurisdiction to around the 15th of March. Because, even though it gets cold then, it has never been a sustained cold. The committee will be appointed, or has been, part of them have, but I will finish the committee, I want to have five members on it, and I would like for them to report back to the Grand Master, whoever is presiding at the time. You will be notified.

Dennis Bump: Most Worshipful Grand Master, I would move that this Grand Lodge ratify your committee appointment and require them to report back to us at your convenience.

Grand Master: It's been moved and seconded that this committee be authorized to report back to this Grand Jurisdiction at the next Communication on their findings.

Motion made, seconded, and passed.

3. Right Worshipful Charles I. Gregg, Grand Master-elect, made motion to have an open installation at 3:30 pm.

Motion made, seconded, and passed.

RESOLUTIONS

Carryover Resolution 88-2

To Amend Section 52 of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to allow the use of the Alaska Past Master's Apron as proposed by the Alaska Masonic Research Association.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, much interest has been expressed in the Past Master's Apron as presented by the Alaska Masonic Research Association; and,

WHEREAS, Section 52 does not allow anything except the Past Master's emblem to be displayed on the apron;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 52 of the Alaska Masonic Code, which now reads as follows:

SECTION 52. JEWELS AND APRONS. The Jewels of a Past Master and of the Officers of a Lodge are: Past Master - the Blazing Sun within the Compasses extended on a Quadrant, Master - the Square, Senior Warden - the Level, Junior Warden - the Plumb, Treasurer - the Crossed Keys, Secretary -the Crossed Pens, Chaplain - the Bible, Senior Deacon - the Square and Compasses united with a Sun, Junior Deacon - the Square and Compasses united with a Moon, Stewards - Cornucopia, Marshal - Crossed Batons, Organist - Lyre, Tyler - a Sword. The Deacons' rods are blue, and the Stewards' rods are white, each surmounted by its proper jewel in silver or white metal.

The color of their Aprons is white. The Aprons should be of lambskin, fourteen inches wide and twelve inches deep, and may have sky-blue lining and edging, with the respective emblems thereon.

Be Amended by adding the following paragraph:

A Past Master belonging to a lodge of this Jurisdiction may purchase and wear the Past Master's Apron as supplied by the Alaska Masonic Research Association. Said Apron to show the outlined of the State of Alaska in blue, the 'Eight Stars of Gold' of the Alaska State Flag, and the Past Master's emblem.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie R. Little PM (10, UD)
John W. Edgar PM (12)
Peter E. Nilles PM (10, UD)

Carryover resolution from Seventh Annual Communication.

Requires simple majority vote for approval.

NOTE: Section 52 in this resolution is now numbered Section 16.10 in the new Alaska Masonic Code.

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

Carryover Resolution 88-5

To Amend Section 19 of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to allow amendments to the standard work upon approval of the Grand Lodge.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the standard work of the order is now defined as approved by the Grand Lodge at its first communication; and,

WHEREAS, the members of this Grand Jurisdiction have expressed a desire to present approved alternate work that is believed to be more meaningful and more illustrative of the principles of Masonry; and,

WHEREAS, Article 27 presently reads as follows:

ARTICLE 27. STANDARD WORK: The Esoteric Work, together with the Monitorial Work, as approved by the Grand Lodge at its first communication, is the Standard Work of this Grand Jurisdiction. Constituent Lodges shall practice this Standard Work and no other. The Grand Secretary is the custodian of the Master Copy of the Esoteric work. He shall store it within a suitable safe within his office. The craft may examine the Master Copy under safeguards provided by the Grand Secretary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Article 27 of the Alaska Masonic Code be amended to read as follows:

Article 27. STANDARD WORK: The Esoteric Work, together with the Monitorial Work, as approved by a three-fourths vote of the Grand Lodge, is the Standard Work of this Grand Jurisdiction. Constituent Lodges shall practice this Standard Work and no other. The Grand Secretary is the custodian of the Master Copy of the Esoteric work. He shall store it within a suitable safe within his office. The craft may examine the Master Copy under safeguards provided by the Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell R. Miller PM (3, 12)

Ralph Kavorkian PM (3, 12)

Howard Hobbs PM (10)

Adam McDermott PM (3)

Frank Erie PM (3, 12)

Carryover resolution from Seventh Annual Communication

Requires 2/3 majority vote for approval.

NOTE: Article 27 in this resolution is now numbered Section 8.01 in the new Alaska Masonic Code.

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

Carryover Resolution 88-8

To Amend Article 35 of the A.M.C.

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to conform the provisions of Article 35 to present practice.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, it has historically been the practice to transmit Lodge bylaws to the Grand Secretary for referral to the proper committee(s) before approval or disapproval by the Grand Master; and,

WHEREAS, a 2/3 vote of the Lodge members present is required for adopted bylaws, and this is so stated on the forms; and,

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the Code and present practice are in conformity as a guide to Lodge officers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the phrase "by a 2/3 majority of the members present" be inserted between the words "stated communication" and "after" in line four of Article 35, and,

That the last two sentences be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"When adopted, the new bylaw or amendment is sent in duplicate to the Grand Secretary for referral to the proper committee(s) and then to the Grand Master, or directly to the Grand Master, as appropriate. When approved or disapproved, one copy is returned to the Lodge and one copy retained in the Grand Lodge files".

Respectfully submitted,

Neil R. Bassett PM (10)

Carryover resolution from Seventh Annual Communication.

Requires 2/3 majority vote for approval.

NOTE: Article 35 in this resolution is now numbered Section 15.02 in the new Alaska Masonic Code.

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

Resolution No. 89-1

To Amend Section 19.13 of the A.M.C. To

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to clarify the intent of Section 19.13.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the new Section 19.13 was approved at the 1988 session of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska, and

WHEREAS, the intent of the wording is not clear;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 19.13 of the Alaskan Masonic Code, which now reads:

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.

be amended to read:

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, he shall be contacted by any reasonable means, including certified mail, and told that his candidacy will terminate unless he contacts the Secretary. He should be told that if he is terminated, his candidacy may be restored by written request without payment of additional fees, but a new investigation and ballot are required. (Note: underlining denotes changed wording).

Respectfully submitted,

Walter T. Williams PM (7)
Henry R. Ferguson PM (7)
Jerald M. Pendergrass PM (7)

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

Bylaw Amendment: Requires 3/4 majority vote for approval.

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

Resolution No. 89-2

To Amend Section 12.04 of the A.M.C.

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To allow limited use of liquor in Lodge buildings.

RESOLUTION: **WHEREAS,** to make better use of Lodge buildings and facilities, so such events as Christmas and retirement parties, business meetings,

wedding receptions, dinner dances, and such other similar functions can be held;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 12.04, which now reads:

INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN LODGE ROOM. Intoxicating liquors may not be introduced into a Lodge room or any room used in connection therewith.

be amended to read:

INTOXICATING LIQUORS. Limited use of intoxicating liquor may be permitted in buildings used by Lodges in areas designated as recreation or dining facilities subject to the following rules:

1. No lodge will be permitted to have a State of Alaska Club license.
2. No permanent built-in bar will be permitted.
3. No liquor will be served to Masons or to any affiliated group before any Scheduled or Special Lodge meeting.
4. No liquor or drinks will be sold.
5. No Lodge funds will be used to purchase any liquor. Any rental funds will be used by the Holding Company or building committee.
6. No liquor will be stored in the Lodge building.
7. All laws and rules of the State of Alaska will be observed.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter T. Williams PM (7)
John L. Dolenc PM (7)
Jimmie H. Ross WM (7)
Jerald M. Pendergrass PM (7)
Emmett V. Roetman PM (7)
Wayne Baskett PM (7)

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

Bylaw Amendment: Requires 3/4 majority vote for approval.

Note: This Resolution did not receive the required majority vote and was defeated.

Resolution No. 89-3

To Amend Section 9.04 of the A.M.C.

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to clarify the per-capita tax exemption for honorary members.

RESOLUTION: **WHEREAS** it is the custom in this Jurisdiction to exempt a Lodge from paying a per-capita tax for an honorary member unless he is also a regular member of that Lodge, and

WHEREAS, paragraph 3D of Section 9.04 of the AMC states that an exemption is made for an honorary member who is not also an active member and who resides outside this Jurisdiction, and

WHEREAS, paragraph 3E of Section 9.04 states that an exemption is made for an honorary member whose per-capita tax is the responsibility of another Lodge of this Jurisdiction;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the parts of Section 9.04 of the AMC, which now read:

GRAND LODGE DUES. Each Lodge pays annually into the treasury of the Grand Lodge:

1.
2.
3. For each Master Mason on its roll, a per-capita sum not to exceed ten dollars as levied by the Grand Lodge for its general activities except for the following:
 - A.
 - C.
 - D. An honorary member who is not also an active member and who resides outside this Grand Jurisdiction; and
 - E. An honorary member whose per-capita is the responsibility of another Lodge of this Jurisdiction.

be amended to read:

GRAND LODGE DUES. Each Lodge pays annually into the treasury of the Grand Lodge:

1.
2.

3. For each Master Mason on its roll, a per-capita sum not to exceed ten dollars as levied by the Grand Lodge for its general activities except for the following:

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D. An honorary member who is not also an active member.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams PM (3, 15)

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

Bylaw Amendment: Requires 3/4 majority vote for approval.

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

Resolution No. 89-4

To Amend Section 1.05 of the A.M.C.

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To convene all Annual Communications in Anchorage in order to save time and money and to allow long term planning and scheduling.

RESOLUTION: **WHEREAS**, the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge has traditionally been held in the home town of the Grand Master, and

WHEREAS, this requires transporting the sound, recording, and record-keeping equipment, and paraphernalia with the possibility of damages and/or losses of this very expensive equipment, and

WHEREAS, everyone traveling to or in Alaska usually must come through Anchorage, and

WHEREAS, costs for travel, not only for Grand Lodge members, but visitors and guests as well, are of much concern, and

WHEREAS, the facility and travel reservations with accompanying cost savings can be made years in advance, and

WHEREAS, the majority of the Grand Lodges in the United States are held in one specific location;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 1.05, which now reads:

COMMUNICATIONS. Grand Lodge meets annually on the first Thursday in February. It meets in the city of Anchorage unless an invitation to meet in another city is accepted by membership vote. A Special Communication may be called by the Grand Master. Business at a Special Communication is restricted to the matters announced in the call.

be amended to read:

COMMUNICATIONS. Grand Lodge meets annually on the first Thursday in February in the Municipality of Anchorage. A Special Communication may be called by the Grand Master. Business at a Special Communication is restricted to the matters announced in the call.

Respectfully submitted,

Will R. Josey PM (8)
Alfred M. White PM (8, 11)
Neil R. Bassett PM (10)

Report of Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution was ruled not in proper form for lack of a Statement of Purpose. It was, at the direction of the committee chairman, returned to the authors to correct this defect and to obtain permission of the Grand Master for late resubmission. It was then in proper form for consideration by the Grand Lodge.

Bylaw Amendment: Requires 3/4 majority vote for approval.

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

Resolution No. 89-5

To Amend Section 19.01 of the A.M.C.

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to require investigation of and reporting on a petitioner by all members of the investigation committee.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, all three members appointed to an investigation committee should participate in the investigation of a petitioner; and

WHEREAS, each committee member who participates in the investigation should sign the investigation report; and

WHEREAS, a committee member who does not participate in the investigation should not sign the investigation report; and

WHEREAS, the Code does not require the above three conditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that paragraphs 3 and 4 of Section 19.01 of the Alaska Masonic Code, which now read:

3. The investigating committee shall report at a Stated Communication not earlier than 4 weeks after such referral of the petition. In case of a vacancy in the committee when the report is due, the Master may fill the vacancy and receive the report at that Communication.

4. The investigation report is valid if it is signed by at least two members of the committee.

be amended to read;

3. The investigating committee shall report at a Stated Communication not earlier than 4 weeks after such referral of the petition. In case of a vacancy in the committee before or when the report is due, the Master shall fill the vacancy. The Lodge may receive the report only after all three members have participated in the investigation.

4. The investigation report is valid only if it is signed by each of the three committee members who participated in the investigation.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred V. Angleton PM (2)

Allen B. Scouler PM (11)

Alfred B. Cratty PM (9)

Leslie R. Little PM (10, 15)

Ralph Kavorkian PM (3, 12, UD)

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

Bylaw Amendment: Requires 3/4 majority vote for approval.

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

Resolution No. 89-6

To Change the Alaska Monitor and Freemason's Guide

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to change Page 18 of the Alaska Monitor by adding an additional optional Apron presentation during the First Section of the Entered Apprentice Degree.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, The current Apron presentation is condensed and does not explain in detail the true meaning and importance of the Lambskin Apron, and

WHEREAS, Most Lodges have many Past Masters and Line Officers who would be willing to learn an added optional Apron Lecture, and

WHEREAS, the proposed additional optional Apron Lecture covers all of the points that are in the currently authorized Apron Lecture and adds much more beauty to the Apron presentation, and furthermore, the mandatory Apron Lecture and the small optional lecture that have been a part of our work since the formation of our Grand Lodge remain unchanged;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alaska Monitor be changed to add the following optional Apron Lecture:

[And from the time when the memory of man runneth not to the contrary, this Emblem, plain and unadorned, has been the peculiar clothing worn by all Free and Accepted Masons, the Peasant toiling in humble poverty, Princes commanding the resources of empires, have alike worn it in the consciousness that it lightened the burdens of one and added dignity to the power of the other.

It may be that you are, or yet will be, so entrenched in the confidence of your fellows and so deserve their gratitude that they may elevate you to a position of the highest honor, trust, and emolument. Upon your head may rest the laurel wreaths of victory, pedant from your breast may hang jewels fit to grace the diadem of an Eastern Potentate. Nay, more than these, with light added to the coming life, your ambitious feet may tread round after round of that ladder that leads to fame in our mystic circle, and even the purple of our beloved Fraternity may rest upon your deserving shoulders. But, never again from mortal hands, never again while life shall last, never again until your enfranchised spirit shall have passed upward and inward through the pearly gates, shall an honor so distinguished, so emblematical of purity and all perfection, be bestowed upon you, as that, which I, as representative of the Brethren here assembled and the Craft throughout the world, am now about to bestow upon you. This Emblem that

King Solomon wore when arrayed in all his glory and which has invested with additional dignity other Kings, Princes, and Rulers, has been eagerly sought and worthily worn by the best men of your generation. If you disgrace it, the disgrace will be augmented by the fact that you have in this Lodge and at this Altar been taught the principles of a correct and upright life. It is yours, my Brother, yours to wear throughout an honorable life, and at your death be placed upon the coffin which shall contain your mortal remains, and then be laid beneath the silent clods of the valley. Let its pure and spotless surface be to you an ever present reminder of a purity of life and rectitude of conduct, a never ending inspiration for higher thoughts, for nobler deeds, and for greater achievements. And when at last your weary feet shall have come to the end of life's toilsome journey, and from your lifeless grasp shall forever fall the working tools of life, may the record of your life and actions be as pure and spotless as this fair Emblem. And when your trembling soul shall stand naked and alone before that Great White Throne, there to receive judgment for deeds done while here on earth, may it be your portion to hear from Him who sitteth as the Supreme Judge, the welcome words, "Well done thou good and faithful servant. Thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."]

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Kavorkian PM (3, 12, UD)

Frank W. Erie PM (3, 12)

David J. Thomas PM (6, 11)

Will R. Josey PM (8)

Alfred M. White PM (8, 11)

Report of Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is in proper form and may be considered by the Grand Lodge ONLY if Carryover Resolution No. 88-5 is approved first. The committee did believe that carryover resolutions must be published in the Grand Lodge proceedings before they may be considered. However in view of the problems in keeping up to date with the proceedings, the committee found that if the Grand Master would accept the standard advance notice to the Lodges and Brethren in lieu of publication, the subject resolutions could be considered. The Grand Master so ruled.

Monitor Change: Requires 3/4 majority vote for approval.

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

Resolution No. 89-7

To Amend Section 18.20 of the A.M.C.

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To increase the fee for the Degrees of Masonry paid by the Petitioner to the General Fund of the Grand Lodge.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, it is becoming increasingly evident that additional sources of revenue must be found for the day-to-day operation of the Grand Lodge, and

WHEREAS, such was also a recommendation by the 1987 Committee on Finance to its successor Committee, as contained in the 1987 Finance Committee's Report to the Grand Lodge, and

WHEREAS, it appears prudent to defer any additional financial burden on the members of this Grand Lodge, as long as alternate viable sources may be found, and

WHEREAS, it appears to be the prevailing opinion that we, as a Fraternity, are "selling" Freemasonry entirely too cheaply, as it is, and

WHEREAS, the contribution currently required from a Petitioner for the Degrees of Freemasonry to the General Fund of Grand Lodge is a relatively modest one, and

WHEREAS, there is a pressing need to raise additional funds in order that the annual budget of the Grand Lodge may remain balanced;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the second paragraph only of Section 18.20 of the Alaska Masonic Code, which now reads:

In addition to the fee for the degrees fixed by the Bylaws of the Lodge, a fee of fifty dollars is required as a contribution to the general fund of the Grand Lodge.

be amended to read:

In addition to the fee for the Degrees fixed by the Bylaws of the Lodge, a further fee of one hundred dollars is required to be paid to the General Fund of the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee on Finance:

Gunnar Flygenring PM (10) Chairman
Robert M. Parkins PM (8, 13)
Leonard R. Young PM (10)
Donald H. Dinkel PM (7)
John W. Elmore PM (2)
Leslie A. Wilkinson (3) Advisor

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

Bylaw Amendment: Requires 3/4 majority vote for approval.

Note: This Resolution did not receive the required majority vote and was defeated.

Resolution No. 89-8

To Amend Section 19.15 of the A.M.C.

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To increase the affiliation fee which the Petitioner pays into the General Fund of the Grand Lodge.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, it is becoming increasingly evident that additional, new sources of revenue must be found for the day-to-day operation of the Grand Lodge, and

WHEREAS, there does not appear to be an over-abundance of such new and viable sources readily available, and

WHEREAS, there is a pressing need to raise additional funds in order to maintain a balanced Grand Lodge budget;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 19.15 of the Alaska Masonic Code, which now reads:

AFFILIATION, DIMIT. A Lodge may receive a petition for affiliation if it is accompanied by an affiliation fee of at least ten dollars and a proper dimit or a duly certified copy thereof (or a letter of good standing pending receipt of such dimit) from the Lodge of which the petitioner was last a member under the provisions of Sections 17.03 or 17.05. The petition and fee may be withdrawn or

returned upon written request therefore. A record of the name of the affiliate and the date of his election is transmitted to the Grand Secretary within one month after the election of the petitioner to membership.

be amended to read:

AFFILIATION, DIMIT. A Lodge may receive a petition for affiliation if it is accompanied by an affiliation fee of at least thirty-five dollars and a proper dimit or a duly certified copy thereof (or a letter of good standing pending receipt of such dimit) from the Lodge of which the petitioner was last a member in accordance with the provisions of Section 17.03 or 17.05. Until its first reading at a Stated Communication, the petition and accompanying fee may be withdrawn or returned upon written request therefore. A record of the name of the affiliate and the date of his election is transmitted to the Grand Secretary in the monthly report of the Lodge Secretary. Thirty dollars of the affiliation fee must be paid into the Grand Lodge General Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee on Finance:

Gunnar Flygenring PM (10) Chairman
Robert M. Parkins PM (8, 13)
Leonard R. Young PM (10)
Donald H. Dinkel, PM (7)
John W. Elmore PM (2)
Leslie A. Wilkinson (3) Advisor

Report of Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by the Grand Lodge if it is considered simultaneously with Resolution No. 89 - 11.

Bylaw Amendment: Requires 3/4 majority vote for approval.

Grand Master indicated “we will discuss these resolutions individually, but we will vote on them collectively then.”

Note: Both resolutions, 89-8 and 89-11 received the required majority vote and were adopted.

Resolution No. 89-9

To Amend Section 9.04 of the A.M.C.

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To remove the limit on the per-capita sum which may be levied by the Grand Lodge.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, it is the duty and responsibility of the Grand Lodge Committee on Finance to examine and report on all matters touching the finances of the Grand Lodge not otherwise provided for and upon any subject involving an appropriation of its funds, and

WHEREAS, without such report, no appropriation can be made, and

WHEREAS, the said Committee has studied in detail and given very serious consideration to the financial/operational status of the Grand Lodge, and

WHEREAS, it appears that the costs of operation are destined to continue growing each year, and that in the future they will outdistance the level of income currently available to the Grand Lodge, and

WHEREAS, recent annual budgets are "bare-bones" and very austere, and

WHEREAS, the Grand Lodge is unable to undertake a number of things that should be done to "ensure" the integrity of the future of this Grand Lodge and/or fund some very necessary "emergency reserves", and

WHEREAS, it appears most imprudent to retain an arbitrary "ceiling" on the per-capita sum which may be levied - particularly when any future increase in such per-capita may not be levied without first receiving the specific approval of Grand Lodge, as clearly contained in Paragraph 3 of Section 9.04, and

WHEREAS, the teachings of our great, gentle Fraternity admonish each member to bear his "fair share" of obligations, and

WHEREAS, to not so provide for will ill serve the Fraternity and Grand Lodge and may, indeed, seriously weaken and impair the integrity and viability of same;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Paragraph 3 of Section 19.04, which reads:

3. For each Master Mason on its roll, a per-capita sum not to exceed ten dollars as levied by the Grand Lodge for its general activities except for the following:

be amended to read:

3. For each Master Mason on its roll, such per-capita sum as the Grand Lodge may levy by vote of its members in session assembled for its general activities except for the following:

Respectfully submitted,

Committee on Finance:

Gunnar Flygenring PM (10) Chairman
Robert M. Parkins PM (8, 13)
Leonard R. Young PM (10)
Donald H. Dinkel PM (7)
John W. Elmore PM (2)
Leslie A. Wilkinson (3) Advisor

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

Bylaw Amendment: Requires 3/4 majority vote for approval.

Amendment made by MW Jim Williams to: delete the words "by vote of its members in session assembled" and insert in their place the words "by resolution per section 11.03" so that the proposed revision of paragraph three of section, it should be 9.04, not 19.04, it is a misprint. It will read as follows then: "for each Master Mason on its roll, such per-capita sum as the Grand Lodge may levy by resolution per Section 11.03 for its general activities" except for following

Amendment was passed

Note: Amended Resolution 89-9 received the required majority vote and was adopted.

Resolution No. 89-10

To Amend Section 17.05 of the A.M.C.

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To clarify the status of a Life Member of a Lodge of this Jurisdiction who is dropped NPD from a Lodge in a foreign Jurisdiction.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, there is some confusion as to the status of a Life Member of a Lodge of this Jurisdiction who is a dual or plural member of one or more Lodges in a foreign Jurisdiction and who has been dropped NPD by his Lodge in the foreign Jurisdiction, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the officers and members of our Grand Lodge and subordinate Lodges to have this confusion eliminated, and

WHEREAS, the petition submitted by the new member acknowledges that he will pay all dues and keep himself a Master Mason in good standing in all Lodges to which he belongs, and

WHEREAS, the appropriate procedure for a Life Member of this Jurisdiction who finds himself unable to maintain membership in a foreign Lodge is to dimit from that Lodge to avoid being dropped NPD;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Subsection 2 of Section 17.05, which reads:

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

be amended to read:

2. A Master Mason may become a member of a Lodge or Lodges in this Jurisdiction while holding membership in a Lodge or Lodges in a foreign Jurisdiction, provided the foreign Jurisdiction permits dual or plural membership. Involuntary loss of membership by expulsion or suspension in a Lodge of a foreign Jurisdiction for any cause recognized as a Masonic offense in this Jurisdiction, or loss of membership by being dropped NPD by a Lodge of foreign Jurisdiction, constitutes loss of membership by expulsion, suspension, or by being dropped NPD, as the case may be, in the Lodge or Lodges in this Jurisdiction. (Note: Underlining denotes added wording.)

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis M. Bump PM (12) Chairman
Committee on Jurisprudence

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

Bylaw Amendment: Requires 3/4 majority vote for approval.

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

Resolution No. 89-11

To Amend Sections 9.04 and 17.05 of the A.M.C.

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to amend two sections of the Code which refer to the affiliation fee so they will be consistent with the provisions of Resolution 89-8, if approved.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, Resolution 89-8 will increase the affiliation fee payable into the Grand Lodge General Fund, if approved, and

WHEREAS, Section 9.04 specifies a fee for all affiliations, but Section 17.05, which relates to dual and plural memberships, is not clear regarding the fee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, if Resolution 89-8 is approved by Grand Lodge, then the portions of Section 9.04 which now read:

GRAND LODGE DUES. Each Lodge pays annually into the treasury of the Grand Lodge:

1.
2. For each member affiliated during the year, five dollars;

be amended to read:

GRAND LODGE DUES. Each Lodge pays annually into the General Fund of the Grand Lodge:

1.
2. For each member affiliated during the year, thirty dollars;

and Subsection 5 of Section 17.05, which now reads:

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

be amended to read:

5. A petition for dual or plural membership, or a dimit from dual or plural membership, must be on a form supplied by the Grand Secretary. The petition for dual or plural membership must be accompanied by a fee as required in Sections 9.04 and 19.15.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil R. Bassett, PM (10)

Report of Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by the Grand Lodge IF it is considered simultaneously with Resolution No. 89-8.

Bylaw Amendment: Requires 3/4 majority vote for approval.

Grand Master indicated “we will discuss these resolutions individually, but we will vote on them collectively then.”

Note: Both resolutions, 89-8 and 89-11 received the required majority vote and were adopted.

Resolution No. 89-12 (Emergent)

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

The purpose of this Resolution is to allow the members of Grand Lodge to consider carryover resolution 88-2, 88-5, and 88-8 and vote on the merits of each.

Whereas: At the 1988 Grand Lodge Communication Resolution it 88-2, 5 and 8; failed to receive the unanimous vote required for adoption, and

Whereas Carryover Resolutions are typically reconsidered at the next Grand Communication at which time a 2/3rds majority vote is required for adoption, and

Whereas Section 7.06 provides that Carryover Resolutions be printed in the Proceedings, and then circulated in accordance with 6.03 of the Code prior to the next Grand Lodge Communication and

Whereas, it is important for the membership to be given adequate notice to Carryover Resolutions and have adequate opportunity to reflect on each and consider it on its merits, and

Whereas, due to a lack of manpower and proper funding, the Grand Lodge has not been able to publish the Proceedings and

Whereas, proper distribution of Carryover Resolutions has been accomplished by the Grand Secretary in accordance with Section 6.03 of the Code and the required notice thereby provided,

Be it resolved that this Grand Lodge, by ballot of the membership, permit the consideration of Carryover Resolutions 88-2 - 5 and - 8 by waiving the publication requirement of Section 7.06 for this Grand Lodge Communication only.

Requires a unanimous vote for adoption

Respectfully submitted,

Jurisprudence Committee:

Dennis M. Bump Chairman
Richard T. Coffin
John L Dolenc
Frank W. Erie
Burton Oien
James A. Williams
Ray G. Williams
Richard N. Sutliff Advisor

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

Resolution No. 89-13 (Emergent)

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

The purpose of this resolution is to provide additional funding for the General Fund while preserving the integrity of the Grand Lodge Permanent Fund.

Whereas - It is important to maintain a sound financial base for the Grand Lodge, and

Whereas, it is necessary to protect the integrity of the Grand Lodge Permanent Fund;

Be it Resolved that Chapter 9 be amended by adding the following:

Section 9.07 - To the extent that interest is earned from the Grand Lodge Permanent Fund, and it becomes necessary to utilize that interest for Grand Lodge operations, only that interest, and not the principle may be withdrawn for General Fund use. Any accrued, but unused interest will remain in the Permanent Fund and will become part of the principle.

This is a bylaw amendment and requires a 3/4 majority vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

Jurisprudence Committee:

Dennis M. Bump Chairman
Richard T. Coffin
John L Dolenc
Frank W. Erie
Burton Oien
James A. Williams
Ray G. Williams
Richard N. Sutliff Advisor

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

Resolution No. 89-14 (Emergent)

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

The purpose of this resolution is to amend Section 7.06 of the Code.

Whereas, it is and has been difficult because of a lack of manpower and funds to publish Proceedings of each Grand Lodge Communication and

Whereas, the purpose of the publication requirement is to give adequate notice of Carryover Resolutions, and their impact, and

Whereas, notices have been given in fact by publication in the Grand Lodge Officers, Lodge Secretaries and Lodges in accordance with Section 6.03,

Be it resolved, that Section 7.06 presently reads, and the phrase in there, "It lies over one year and is published with the proceedings under"

Be amended to read,

"It lies over for one year and is published with the proceedings", and here is the critical point, "Or is published and circulated as set forth in Section 6.03, paragraphs 1 to 5 under the caption and so on."

In other words, this resolution is adding the present practice of circulating Carryover Resolutions to all the membership from the Grand Secretary to the Lodges. In addition to the publication requirement in the proceedings.

This is a bylaw change, and requires a 3/4 majority vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

Jurisprudence Committee:

Dennis M. Bump Chairman
Richard T. Coffin
John L Dolenc
Frank W. Erie
Burton Oien
James A. Williams
Ray G. Williams
Richard N. Sutliff Advisor

W Les Little made amendment to include Section 7.07 Bylaw Amendments.

Grand Lodge voted on the amendment and resolution simultaneously receiving the unanimous vote and was adopted.

Resolution No. 89-15 (Emergent)

The purpose of this Resolution is to increase the General Funds of the Grand Lodge

Whereas, the Grand Lodge requires operational funds and is continually confronted with rising costs, and

Whereas, the sources of funding are limited,

Be it resolved that - Section 9.04, Sub-paragraph 3 of the Code be amended as follows:

Number 3, for each Master Mason on its roll, a per-capita sum not less than fifteen (15) dollars as levied by Grand Lodge for its general activities except for the following: and the remaining provisions of that section are unchanged.

This is a bylaw change, and requires a 3/4 majority for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

Jurisprudence Committee:

Dennis M. Bump Chairman
Richard T. Coffin
John L Dolenc
Frank W. Erie
Burton Oien
James A. Williams
Ray G. Williams
Richard N. Sutliff Advisor

The Resolution was amended to become effective at the end of this Grand Lodge session.

The Amendment was voted on and passed.

Note: The Amended Resolution was voted on and was adopted.

Resolution No. 89-16 (Emergent)

The purpose of this Resolution is amend Section 2.01 of the Code relating to titles

Whereas, it is appropriate to honor Grand Lodge Officers, during and after their election, and

Whereas, it is a custom and practice for elected officers of Grand Lodge to retain their titles pertaining to their highest office, to which they have been elected and acknowledged accordingly.

Be it resolved that: Section 2.01 be amended to read: And that is Sub-Section 3 of 2.01. "Elected Grand Lodge Officers shall retain for life the title appropriate to the highest office to which they had been elected.

This is a Constitutional Amendment requiring a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Jurisprudence Committee:

Dennis M. Bump Chairman

Richard T. Coffin

John L Dolenc

Frank W. Erie

Burton Oien

James A. Williams

Ray G. Williams

Richard N. Sutliff Advisor

Note: This Resolution failed to receive the required unanimous vote but did receive a simple majority vote and is a carryover resolution for the next Annual Communication.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Jurisprudence

1st Report

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, this is the first report of the Jurisprudence Committee, the Jurisprudence Committee was referred several matters by the Committee on Segregation and Reference. First of those being the Edict of the Grand Master prohibiting Master Masons from attending DeMolay functions, pending resolution of a then existing dispute. After careful consideration of the circumstances the Jurisprudence Committee finds that the Grand Master's actions were appropriate and consistent with Masonic Law. With regard to the recommendations that were referred to us, we proposed appropriate resolutions and with your permission, we would like to take those up in sequentially, when we consider the other resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis M. Bump Chairman
Richard T. Coffin
John L Dolenc
Frank W. Erie
Burton Oien
James A. Williams
Ray G. Williams
Richard N. Sutliff Advisor

Report received for the record and adopted

2nd Report

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

Thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master, the second report commences the consideration of the Resolutions for 1989 for this Grand Session. Starting with Resolution number 89-1, which you will find in your Grand Masters Message, or attached to it, it is a bylaw change, affecting candidate notification of, if he does not complete the degrees within an allotted time. With your permission I will dispense with reading it over, I don't think that is necessary and we want to move along.

It is a bylaw change or amendment, excuse me, and requires a 3/4 majority vote for approval. The Jurisprudence Committee found the Resolution in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. And to bring it on to the floor, I would move the adoption of 89-1.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis M. Bump Chairman
Richard T. Coffin
John L Dolenc
Frank W. Erie
Burton Oien
James A. Williams
Ray G. Williams
Richard N. Sutliff Advisor

Report received for the record and report fails to pass.

3rd Report

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

This second resolution is 89-2. Purpose to allow a limited use of liquor in Lodge buildings. The Jurisprudence Committee found the resolution in proper form for consideration, it requires a 3/4 majority vote for approval. To move onto the floor, I would move the adoption of 89-2.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis M. Bump Chairman
Richard T. Coffin
John L Dolenc
Frank W. Erie
Burton Oien
James A. Williams
Ray G. Williams
Richard N. Sutliff Advisor

Report received for the record and report and was defeated.

4th Report

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

The next resolution for consideration is 89-3. The purpose of this resolution is to clarify the per-capita tax exemption for Honorary Members. The Jurisprudence Committee has carefully considered this and found that it is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. It is a bylaw amendment, and requires a 3/4 majority vote for adoption. I would move the approval of 89-3.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis M. Bump Chairman
Richard T. Coffin
John L Dolenc
Frank W. Erie
Burton Oien
James A. Williams
Ray G. Williams
Richard N. Sutliff Advisor

Report received for the record and was adopted..

5th Report

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, the next resolution is 89-4, which purpose is to convene all Annual Communications in Anchorage in order to save time and money and to allow long term planning and scheduling.

The Jurisprudence Committee ruled this initially out of order, as was noted because of no Statement of Purpose. You graciously received it after that was provided, with those amendments. The Jurisprudence Committee found that it was in proper form for consideration. It is a bylaw amendment that requires a 3/4 majority vote for approval

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis M. Bump Chairman
Richard T. Coffin
John L Dolenc
Frank W. Erie
Burton Oien

James A. Williams
Ray G. Williams
Richard N. Sutliff Advisor

Report received for the record and was defeated.

6th Report

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

The next one is 89-5 and it provides for having all of the members of the Investigating Committee sign on behalf of the Petitioner and whereas, I think currently we require a minimum of two.

The Jurisprudence Committee has carefully considered this resolution and found it in proper form for consideration by this Grand Lodge. It is a bylaw amendment and requires 3/4 majority vote for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis M. Bump Chairman
Richard T. Coffin
John L Dolenc
Frank W. Erie
Burton Oien
James A. Williams
Ray G. Williams
Richard N. Sutliff Advisor

Report received for the record and was defeated.

7th Report

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

We are now considering Resolution 89-6, which is to modify page 18 of the Alaska Monitor by adding an additional optional apron presentation or apron lecture. During the, which is given during the first section of the Entered Apprentice Degree.

The Jurisprudence Committee as you will note, did pass Carryover Resolution 88-5, so this resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. It is a bylaw change, and requires a 3/4 majority vote for approval.

It. is not a bylaw change, but the way that it works into the Monitor, through the Code, it, it, it becomes one and so we would require a 3/4 majority vote for approval,

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis M. Bump Chairman
Richard T. Coffin
John L Dolenc
Frank W. Erie
Burton Oien
James A. Williams
Ray G. Williams
Richard N. Sutliff Advisor

Report received for the record and was defeated.

8th Report

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

The next resolution is 89-7 and its to increase the fee for the degrees of Masonry, paid by the petitioner to the General Fund of the Grand Lodge and its pretty self explanatory.

The resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge.

It is a bylaw amendment requires a 3/4 majority vote for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis M. Bump Chairman
Richard T. Coffin
John L Dolenc
Frank W. Erie
Burton Oien
James A. Williams
Ray G. Williams
Richard N. Sutliff Advisor

Report received for the record and was defeated.

9th Report

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

This Resolution 89-9 is in proper form, and requires a 3/4 majority vote for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis M. Bump Chairman
Richard T. Coffin
John L Dolenc
Frank W. Erie
Burton Oien
James A. Williams
Ray G. Williams
Richard N. Sutliff Advisor

Report received for the record.

Amendment made by MW Jim Williams to delete the words "by vote of its members in session assembled" and insert in their place the words "by resolution per section 11.03" so that the proposed revision of paragraph three of section, it should be 9.04, not 19.04, it is a misprint. It will read as follows then: "for each Master Mason on its roll, such per-capita sum as the Grand Lodge may levy by resolution per Section 11.03 for its general activities" except for following

Amendment was passed.

Amended Resolution 89-9 received the required majority vote and was adopted.

10th Report

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

It is 89-8 and 89-11 that must be considered in tandem. 89-8, is another resolution by the Finance Committee to increase funding for the Grand Lodge raising the fee for affiliation from \$10 to \$35 and requiring that \$30 of that \$35 fee be remitted to Grand Lodge. 89-11 is merely a housekeeping resolution that if 89-8 passes, makes the sections of the Code cohesive. Both of them require a 3/4s majority vote for approval. And they are in proper form for consideration

Resolutions 89-9 and 69-11 are in proper form, and requires a 3/4 majority vote for approval.

Grand Master indicated “we will discuss these resolutions individually, but we will vote on them collectively then.”

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis M. Bump Chairman
Richard T. Coffin
John L Dolenc
Frank W. Erie
Burton Oien
James A. Williams
Ray G. Williams
Richard N. Sutliff Advisor

Report received for the record and both resolution, 89-9 and 89-11 were adopted together.

11th Report

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

The resolution is in proper form for consideration and requires a 3/4 majority vote for approval. I move that the adoption of 89-10.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis M. Bump Chairman
Richard T. Coffin
John L Dolenc
Frank W. Erie
Burton Oien
James A. Williams
Ray G. Williams
Richard N. Sutliff Advisor

Report received for the record and was adopted.

Grievance and Appeals

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

We, your Committee on Grievance and Appeals are pleased to report that there have been no questions submitted to this committee.

Respectfully submitted

Glen W. Pruett Chairman
Gene R. Freeman
Marvin R. Harned
Archie F. Lowe

Finance

Report of the Finance Committee

1st Report

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

The Finance Committee spent a considerable amount of time in analyzing and evaluating the financial condition of Grand Lodge which, of course, indirectly has a relationship to the financial condition of the individual Constituent Lodges. Further, as admonished by last years Finance Committee, we have given serious consideration to alternate sources of income.

During one of our earlier meetings, we developed some recommendations for modifications in the internal handling of financial data, which recommendations were subsequently adopted and revised procedures instituted by the Grand Secretary.

The Grand Secretary submitted a request for a budget line item (Printing) increase of approximately \$1,200 - to accommodate additional cost due to the reprinting of the Alaska Masonic Code, which request was approved.

Further, the Finance Committee was asked to consider a proposed bylaw amendment from Valdez Lodge No. 4, with reference to establishing a life membership plan in the said Lodge. While the members of the Finance Committee are very much in favor of life membership plans, if properly conceived and administered, we found ourselves unable to approve the proposed bylaw amendment due to a major flaw in the proposed administration of the plan and returned it to the Lodge for further consideration and revision.

As a result of analyzing the financial status of the Grand Lodge, and the records associated therewith, the Finance Committee developed the following recommendations for consideration by the Grand Master and/or Grand Lodge:

1. That each Constituent Lodge be encouraged, if not required, to prepare an annual budget showing, in the least, the projected income and expenses for the Masonic Year under consideration - with a view to knowing at a sufficiently early date, whether it can

reasonably expect to operate 'in the black' or whether some action needs to be taken to insure that it will.

2. That alternate sources of income for Grand Lodge - preferably from outside the fraternity - be sought and developed in order to help lessen the impact from "income shortfall" experienced by Grand Lodge.
3. That, as it is becoming increasingly evident that the Grand Lodge expenses are rising at a much faster rate than its income - and that alternate sources of income cannot be relied upon to 'pick up the slack' - consideration be now given to an upward adjustment in the per-capita assessment.

Difficult as the decision to raise the per-capita may be, it appears to be the only immediate solution to insure that this Grand Lodge remain financially strong and viable. Grand Lodge needs more revenue - either more from each of the current members, or, in the alternate, a great number of additional members with the current rate per member remaining stable or possibly, of course, a combination of the two.

While considering three separate, proposed, operational budgets for the 1989 Masonic Year, the Finance Committee, unfortunately and reluctantly, had to settle for and could only approve the proposed Budget, as contained in the Grand Secretaries Report, due to the limitation of projected income, even though each of the other budget proposals was deemed considerably better and more responsive to Grand Lodge needs.

Now Brethren, the preparation, and consideration for annual budgets is difficult under any, under any circumstance and it is quite the same in Grand Lodge. We have given considerable consideration to the operational needs, the financial situation of not only the Grand Lodge, but also the Constituent Lodges, to the extent that we were aware of it, and we developed three separate proposals for your consideration. Now, those of you that are familiar with our Grand Lodge environment - you are aware that the Grand Lodge office is a room of about 120 square feet. I have got a bathroom in my house that is larger than that. Now in that Grand Lodge office, we have a desk, a chair, a few filing cabinets, a book shelf and we have got packs and boxes stacked on top of the filing cabinets. In addition to that, the Grand Secretary has got a number of things stored at his garage, and at his house, and I have nine large cartons stored in my basement. Now, we feel that after eight years of operation, this Grand Lodge should have come of age. There are a number of things that in our opinion, that this Grand Lodge needs to do and certainly one of them is too provide for the future. If we do not deal with it now, it may be too late.

It is important that this Grand Lodge remain viable, while it is true that this past years operation did yield a small amount of excess revenue over expenses, there, it was because of a couple of things happening during the year. In addition to just a good conservative management, we did go from a largely cash basis handling of the insurance premium to an accrual basis, and hence the insurance expense for the year 1988 is lower by some \$900.00 than would otherwise be the case. In addition, there was an unusual income of some \$1,200.00 from the Anvil Lodge No. 2 as a result of last years Annual Communication. A donation like that back to Grand Lodge is an unusual rather than a

customary donation. In addition to that, there were some slight overstatements in anticipated costs. For instance, we had assumed that the printing of the proceedings for the years prior to the current Grand Masters year would have required \$7,500.00 to complete. They have basically been completed through the year 1987, and there possibly remains another \$300.00 to finish out 1987. So consequently, the budget for the coming year has been established merely to take care of the proceedings from this communication right here.

With that, I would like to go into the first of the three budget proposals. This is the budget that we feel that this Grand Lodge should be able to support at this stage of its development. Now there are four major items on this budget proposal that you have not seen in the past. The Grand Secretary for some time has been working under some stress in trying to care of all the minute details by himself. Even though in past budget proposals we have provided for a couple of thousand dollars worth of occasional labor, the Grand Secretary has been unable really to utilize it because of, from occasional labor, he would have to spend so much supervisory time, that in essence it would be self defeating. His feeling that the items might just as well be done by him, has been explained to several different persons possibly throughout the year in order to get it accomplished, so, to that extent, the occasional labor has not been utilized.

Now, we feel that it is important for the Grand Secretary to operate in the Grand Lodge office rather than out of his living room, however, it has not been possible because there isn't room, it is not adequate and he doesn't have the equipment to work with. What we have in the Grand Lodge office today is what we put in February 1981. That isn't to say that there may not be some service life left in it, but the time has come when we need to expand, we need to improve on our facilities. We have therefore included in the 'should have' budget proposal, we have provided for enlarging our office facility from some 120 sq ft to somewhere between 500 and 600 sq ft, at a commensurate increase in cost. Right now, we are paying \$200.00 a month for the office rental, we propose to go to \$600.00 and feel that would get us between 500 and 600 sq ft of space. In addition to that, we have also provided for a a part-time, permanent employee on the basis of four hours a day, for the entire year, at a rate of \$6.00 an hour. That would take up roughly \$7000.00 to \$7,200.00. That would still leave another \$500 to \$600.00 in that account for the occasional labor that might be needed from time to time. Of course with a payroll of some \$7,000.00, there are other associated costs with it as indicated on here, there are payroll costs of about \$950.00 for the payroll taxes.

Now, we have been remiss for many years in that we have not provided or allowed for any expenditures outside of the fraternity itself. A few years back, we did have an allowance set up in one of the budgets for charity, however, before the year was over, we found that we did not really have the money to spend on charity. We needed it for something else, so consequently the charity was never granted. We feel that is important, that we do provide something in our operational budget for charity. The budget proposal before you has got such an amount in it.

Another area where we might have been a little lean in prior years is to provide properly for the Annual Communication. Now in this past years budget our Annual Communication expense and reception of visitors total roughly \$2,500.00 and we had a total of \$3,000.00 set up, so we were within the budget on that but we also did not expend some of the funds that probably should have been done in order for us to remain on a par with other jurisdictions. So we are proposing an increase in either Annual Communication cost, or the 'reception of visitor' - it really amounts to one and the same thing overall. There are a number of other considerations, such as the insurance. It is true that our paraphernalia insurance cost was reduced a little bit this year, but the liability portion of it is still about the same or increasing, and we have to continue to provide for that, Printing costs are an item that is up and down, some years we need more than others depending on the supply of forms in house. Printing of books and things of that nature for resale does not show up as printing costs. It rather shows up as inventory and then when the items are sold, it shows up as the cost of the sales and the net difference as the excess as hopefully the sales price over the cost of providing them. And that is properly accounted for this past year. It amounted to some \$174.00 and generally, we have averaged a projection of \$250.00 net revenue over cost and we have not achieved it.

I think basically what you see on the screen here portrays what we envision as a "should have budget" for a Grand Lodge of this size at this stage of its development. Yes, it is considerably more than has been provided for in the past, but it is something that the Finance Committee feels not only is necessary, but also is within the means of the individual Lodges and/or members to consider.

Brother Ray, may I have the center slide right now please for the summary? Now, there is the summary section of what you just saw on the other two projectors. It does indicate an increase over the 1988 budget proposal from \$36,000 to \$49,200 or almost a \$13,000 increase. Now, what this also relates to is the fact that our annual income from sources other than per-capita is averaging \$12,000 or less - so if you subtract the \$12,000 from roughly \$50,000 - you windup with roughly \$38,000 which should come from per-capita, and mat translated into 1,900 members, reads roughly \$20 per member. So if this budget proposal was to be considered, and we feel it is a reasonable budget proposal, it would undoubtedly entail a rather drastic increase in the per-capita unless some "God-fairy or sugar-daddy" could be found that would just annually donate us the difference. And in the past, that has not been the case. We have had lots of promises of donations over the years and very, very few of them have ever materialized and it certainly is something on which we cannot rely. The only way we can manage it is to have control of our own destiny, the only way that we can do that is to have some kind of specific formula for gaining the revenue and the income. And, per-capita probably is as fair if not fairer than any.

So with that, we will now go to the, yeah, turn it over now please and go to the other two again. Now, what you have just seen was the budget proposal that we feel this Grand Lodge should have, could have, and can afford. When the Finance Committee went through its several meetings trying to develop the budget for this year and the analysis of the past years records and the history since 1981; we developed the budget

proposal, yeah, that you currently see on the screen. This was done by the Finance Committee without any reference at that time to the projected income for 1989. We just went through to compare what we thought might be the case for 1989 compared to the 1988 proceedings and procedures and we determined, based on information available to us basically through the third quarter of 1988 that this was the budget that we could support.

However, you are seeing on here that there is a reduction from 1988 even though section one of the budget shows a 4 percent, I mean a \$4,000 reduction. Section two indicated an increase in subsection items of some \$2,300, so there was still a net reduction in expenditures as compared to 1988. So we felt pretty good at that point. Now there are some items in here that may be noteworthy, as I have already stated earlier, the printing and binding of the proceedings has been reduced from the \$7,500 which in essence tells us two years and then a clean up on three other years, so the \$2,500 seems to be a legitimate amount containing about \$300 to fuel, to finish up 1986, 1987 and about \$2,200 to take care of the 1988 year. Other than that, I believe that the items on here are fairly explanatory.

The office supplies and expense in the past has contained the rental expense, so you will see that we have broken it out and therefore show a reduction of \$2,400 in office supplies and expense and an increase in the rental. That is merely to pinpoint where some of that money goes.

Now, the depreciation, we find we are almost fully depreciated on a number of the items and we have reduced the depreciation expense which of course, is a paper transaction only. There is no cash involved in it per se, but we have reflected that to its more current level of \$1,500. However, you might say that even though there is no cash associated with a depreciation, ideally, we should have been able to fund our depreciation expense so that we could begin to replenish or replace rather some of the items that now need replacement. You will recall that we did not start in 1981 with new furniture, everything that we had was borrowed, begged, or almost half-way stolen. A lot of it was military surplus that was repainted to look like something that would fit in an office environment. It was copy clean when we got it. So we did a lot to, you know, to make use of everything we could get hold of, and the time has come when we need to get some replacements. The typewriter currently in the Grand Lodge office is one that I had when I was the Grand Secretary. I left it. I donated it to the Grand Lodge at the time, it was probably 10 or 15 years old at the point when I brought it in and it is alright for doing labels and maybe an occasional card, but it is no good for correspondence. To show the austerity of the Grand Lodge operation, I also wish to inform you that we are making use of old stationery also, and old envelopes. A lot of the mailings from the Grand Lodge really are not worthy of a Grand Lodge mail out, they are things that have been left over from other organizations and operations, merely with a new mailing label put across it; and it doesn't really look that professional and it does not do justice to what we feel that this Grand Lodge should stand for. However, in the interest of economy, we have made use of it, we are still doing it, but we sure would like to see the day when we can live on a par with the other jurisdictions.

Now if I could have a summary on the center one, please. As you see here, we have a total overall net reduction as compared to the 1988 budget proposal. Now, when we develop this, as I said before, we did not have the benefit of projected income and we thought that this one that we would have no problem supporting at all. However, when it came down to project the income for 1989, we found that we could not even support that austere program. So, if you will kindly remove that summary now and give me the center one there. I apologize for this makeshift operation, we had planned it entirely differently, but due to some local missed communication we did not have the equipment and we did not have the proper location for it, so we will have make-shift it, but we hope that the message will still get across and you can see what we have been dealing with.

Now, when we looked at the income - the projected income for 1989, we found that what we had referred to as the austerity program, which was merely an attempt to stay fairly current to 1988, could not even be supported by the projected income. We found that we had a shortfall of about \$4,960 some-odd dollars shortfall. We did not want to come to this communication showing deficit spending, and consequently, we did not feel that we could submit what we felt was already the austerity budget for consideration by this Grand Lodge - merely because of the lack in projected income. Consequently we started with a very sharp knife and the Grand Master assisted us as the Deputy Grand Master in trying to find areas where we might do the least harm. There is no question that that harm is going to be done, but in the interest of showing some fiscal responsibility, we decided none-the-less to cut the budget. So you can see the areas where we cut back from the previous one in order to merely present a balanced budget. As you see, it is \$5,000 under the projected expenditure for the year 1988 and that is a substantial reduction in an already austerity program.

We have left the rental the same. One item that was in both the first section and also in this program here is some monies allocated for professional expense. We have found that we have definitely arrived at a time when we have to provide some funds for, not only accounting professional advice, but also for legal advice - specifically legal tax advice, and on the first slide that we put up, a thousand dollars allocated there. I believe that it was a thousand on the second one also - on this one here, we cut it back to \$500 which may well turn out to have been already spent. I am not sure, but it is going to go over the projected amount. I don't think that there is any doubt about that. We need that in order to keep this Grand Jurisdiction out of legal tax tangles and to stay on the straight and narrow.

The Grand Secretary is utilizing advice and help wherever he can get it but the time has arrived when we must buy some professional advice.

Again, I believe that everything on there mostly is self explanatory so I would like to go to the next one. Now, you will see the comparison or the three separate budget proposals; on the one slide and on the other, you will see the projected income for 1989.

That was a summary of the other. I think that we have pretty well covered that Ray if you can remove that center one and go to the other two. On the screen now you

will see the three separate budget proposals in summary form. On the left hand screen and on the right, you see the projected income for 1989 - now I would like to specifically address the right hand screen at the moment - as you understand, of course, this was done prior to year-end and we were working at best with incomplete information and we had to do some projections from that time on. Since the end of the year, we have discovered that instead of the, what had been projected last year as \$32,000 worth of income for the, for this Grand Lodge - we wound up with \$29,500. So, we were short some \$2,500 in projected income for the year 1988. Now, the amount for the degrees were fairly close together, we had projected in the previous year a \$1,000, we wound up with \$845 for the fees for the various degrees. Now, in this budget proposal here or this projected income, we have some \$5,500 for the fees for affiliation and for the petitioners for the degrees. Our total income last year in those two categories was \$3,670. We have \$5,500 in there. The difference being, that when we went through the process of developing the budget, we anticipated that we would be able to get additional funds from petitioners for dual membership and also petitioners for the degrees. It had been the admonishment by the previous years Finance Committee that we seek additional sources of funds, preferably outside the fraternity and that is what we did, so the \$5,500 that is, shown there, includes close to \$2,900 represented by the additional \$2,500 to be picked up for the petitioners for dual membership and affiliations and \$2,400, roughly \$2,450 from the petitioners for the degrees and that translates roughly in 20 petitioners for dual membership and/or affiliations at \$25 which is \$500 and 49 is how we arrived at it, based on more recent history; 49 new petitioners for the degrees at \$50.00 is \$2,450, so there is roughly \$2,950 represented in that \$5,500.

Now let me translate that amount of money to you - based on 1,900 members of this Grand Jurisdiction, that translates into \$1.55 per person, so if for some reason, you see fit to not go ahead and approve the resolutions that will be before you, you will have to consider the fact that the projected income for this coming year, in order to remain with a balanced budget is already overstated then by some \$2,950 or a \$1.55 increase in per-capita just to stay current, let alone improve on the situation.

The second, the austerity that you saw just prior to this most recent one, would require, again based on \$12,000 being developed from other than per-capita would require a two dollar additional per-capita combined with the \$19,000 from the current per-capita level, in order to make that a balanced situation, so if you go with the austerity budget, you are actually looking at a total of \$3.55 just to stay at the level that is less than it was in 1988. Obviously, the most desirable one overall is the one that allows us to grow and become truly viable and a professional operation in which we can all be proud.

The only way do that Brethren is to be prepared to pay for it. Now, Most Worshipful Grand Master, I believe that that wraps up the explanation of the three budget proposals, but before I finish, I would like to read the remainder of the report.

It is the opinion of the Finance Committee that the balance sheet as of December 31, 1988, and the statement of income and expenses for the year then ended; fairly reflect the financial status of the Grand Lodge as of year-end and the operations for the year

under review. The comparison of actual versus projected expenditures is also found to fairly portray the transactions for the year. Finally, the Projected Statement of Income and Expense for the year 1989 was also approved by this Committee, which also concluded that the records of Grand Lodge were maintained in a manner consistent with prior years.

We the members of the Finance Committee, wish to thank Most Worshipful Brother Ralph Kavorkian for the opportunity and honor to serve the Craft on this important Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gunnar Flygenring, Chairman
Donald H. Dinkel
John W. Elmore
Robert M. Parkins
Leonard R. Young
Leslie A. Wilkinson Advisor

Most Worshipful Grand Master I ask that you receive this report for the record.

2nd Report (1st Report in audio recording)

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

We your Committee on Finance to whom was referred recommendation number five or the Grand Master's Report, have considered the same and report the following:

- A - The segregation of General and Permanent Funds has already occurred and is now in place. As evidenced by the balance sheet as of Dec. 31, 1988.

- B - We note with interest the Grand Masters concern that the earnings of the Permanent Fund be properly used and endorse the idea that the earnings only may be used for the current operational needs, if necessary. But that they otherwise be allowed to remain and accrue in the Permanent Fund. With the further provision that if not needed in the current calendar year, the earnings become part of the Permanent Fund coffers. Furthermore, the ultimate decision as to the use and disposition of the Permanent Fund shall rest with the Grand Lodge in any future Annual Communication or at a Special Communication called for the purpose, It is the understanding of the Committee on Finance, that the Committee on Jurisprudence has a resolution prepared for this, so therefore at this time, I will only ask that the report be received for the record.

Respectfully submitted,

Gunnar Flygenring Chairman
Donald H. Dinkel
John W. Elmore
Robert M. Parkins
Leonard R. Young
Leslie A. Wilkinson Advisor

The report was received for the record.

3rd Report (2nd Report in audio recording)

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

We your Committee on Finance to whom was referred the Grand Secretaries Report, have considered the same and report as follows:

The Grand Secretaries Report and the financial statements contained therein, have been examined and appear to reflect in general the financial condition of Grand Lodge. Further, with some exceptions, the records of Grand Lodge have been maintained in a manner generally consistent with that of prior years.

Finally, we wish to point out, that the alleged \$25,000 reduction in total estimated available funds is a little misleading. In that the year-end 1987 report included both General and Permanent Funds, whereas the 1988 report shows the General Funds only. The actual net reduction is somewhat under \$3,000 total. Most Worshipful Grand Master I ask that this second report of the Committee on Finance be received for the record.

Respectfully submitted,

Gunnar Flygenring Chairman
Donald H. Dinkel
John W. Elmore
Robert M. Parkins
Leonard R. Young
Leslie A. Wilkinson Advisor

The report was received for the record.

4th Report

Most Worshipful Grand Master, this is a report by the Committee on Finance with respect that, to the budget proposal for 1989, Masonic year. If you are hoping for a budget, prepared in detail, we are not prepared to render that at this time, however, we do propose the following as a possible solution to it. We propose that an operational budget be approved for 1989 in an amount that a fifteen dollar per-capita levy will support, and commensurate with fiscal responsibility will still render the said budget a balanced one. We had to get the budget adopted according to subsection two of Section 5.05 of the bylaws. And if this will suffice the membership, then that, I think will resolve it, it still preserves the fifteen dollar limit for this year only.

I ask that this report be received for the record and I move that the budget for 1989 be approved to the extent that a fifteen dollar per-capita levy will support it and still render it balanced.

Respectfully submitted,

Gunnar Flygenring Chairman
Donald H. Dinkel
John W. Elmore
Robert M. Parkins
Leonard R. Young
Leslie A. Wilkinson Advisor

The report was received for the record and adopted.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1988

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS:

	Gen. Funds	Perm. Funds
Cash in Banks		
FNB Anchorage	\$ 9,411.06	
NBA C/Mgmt Savings	4,901.15	
NBA Certs.	57,544.31	\$ 2,250.70
NBA C/Mgmt Check		15,273.15
NBA Certs. Dep.		
<u>Total Funds</u>	<u>\$ 71,856.52</u>	<u>\$17,523.85</u>

Total Cash Assets \$89,380.37

Investment – 166 Shares Nt'l Bank of Alaska	1,330.00
Accounts Receivable – Constituent Lodges	24,299.70
Inventories – Masonic Materials & Supplies	11,928.75
Prepaid Insurance	3,028.01
Prepaid Expenses Print G/L Proceedings	<u>210.00</u>

Total Current Assets \$130,176.83

Fixed Assets

	Cost	Allow for Deprec	
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 8,808.41	\$(7,887.59)	
Grand Lodge Regalia	12,106.95	(6,169.11)	
<u>Total Fixed Assets</u>	<u>\$20,915.36</u>	<u>(14,056.70)</u>	6,858.66
TOTAL ASSETS			<u>\$137,035.49</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

CURRENT LIABILITIES:

Commemorative Prints - Grainger	\$ 4,081.49
Geo. Washington Masonic Nat'l Memorial Assn	325.00
Reserve for Newsletter Publication	1,5338.18

	<u>Gen. Funds</u>	<u>Perm. Funds</u>	
<u>Net Worth</u>			
Balance – January 1, 1988	\$107,405.97	\$11,303.32	
Prior Yr. Adjust – Acctg. Chg	3,176.83	0	
Increase in Permanent Fund		6,220.53	
Net Income -1988	<u>2,984.17</u>	<u>0</u>	
Net Worth December 31, 1988	<u>\$113,566.97</u>	<u>\$17,523.85</u>	\$131,690.82
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET WORTH			<u>\$137,035.49</u>

**STATEMENT OF INCOME FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 1988**

INCOME

	<u>General</u>	<u>Permanent</u>
<u>Operating Income - Dues and Fees: & Assessments</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Fund</u>
Per-capita Assessments	\$19,435.00	
Fees for Degree Conferrals	845.00	
Fees for Affiliations	620.00	
Fees from Petitioners/ Degrees	3,250.00	
<u>Total Income – Fees and Assessments</u>	\$23,950.00	0
Sale of Masonic Materials & Supplies -Net	174.43	
Contributions/Donations	110.00	5,291.00
Interest & Dividend Income	4,018.95	929.53
Miscellaneous	1,274.26	
<u>Total Income</u>	\$29,527.64	\$ 6,220.53

EXPENSES

<u>Operating Expenses</u>		
Arrangements Committee – Grand Lodge	\$ 2,451.95	
Fraternal Recognition Conference	15.00	
Print and Bind Annual Proceedings	6,000.00	
Reception of Visitors	0	
Grand Master’s Expense Allowance	1,000.00	
Grand Master’s Travel Allowance	1,000.00	
Grand Lodge Temporary Office Services	800.00	
Grand Secretary’s Allowance	3,528.08	
Past Grand Master’s Regalia	508.75	
Depreciation Expense	1,535.00	
Masonic Service Association Dues	300.00	
Insurance	4,748.30	
Office Rent	2,400.00	
Office Supplies & Expenses	658.72	
Postage Expense	319.42	
Printing Expense	306.15	
Telephone & Telegraph	635.00	
Miscellaneous	337.10	
<u>Total Expenses</u>	\$ 26,543.47	0
<u>Net Income - 1988</u>	2,984.17	
<u>Increase in Permanent Fund</u>		\$ 6,220.53

**OPERATING BUDGET - GENERAL FUND STATEMENT –
ACTUAL vs. BUDGET Calendar Year - 1988**

	1988 BUDGET	1988 EXPENDED	Variance
Grand Master's Expense Allowance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	0
Grand Master's Travel Allowance	1,000.00	1,000.00	0)
Fraternal Correspondence Committee	250.00	0	(250.00)
Masonic Research & Education Committee	250.00	0	(250.00)
Arrangements Committee – Annual Comm.	2,000.00	2,451.95	451.95
Printing and Binding - Proceedings	7,500.00	6,000.00	(1,500.00)
Insurance	5,500.00	4,748.30	(751.70)
Entertainment of Visitors	1,000.00	0	(1,000.00)
Past Grand Master's Regalia	500.00	508.75	8.75
Charity	0	0	0
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SUB – TOTAL I	\$ 19,000.00	\$15,709.00	\$ 3,291.00)
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Grand Secretary's Expense Allowance	\$3,600.00	\$ 3,528.08	\$ (71.92)
Grand Secretary's Travel Allowance	0	0	0
Grand Lodge Expenses:			
Temporary Office Services	2,000.00	800.08	(1,200.00)
Payroll Taxes	0	0	0
Fees – Legal & Audit	0	0	0
Office Supplies & Expenses	3,200.00	3,006.72	(193.28)
Postage	1,000.00	319.42	(680.58)
Transcript of Proceedings	1,000.00	0	(1,000.00)
Telephone Expense	750.00	635.00	(115.00)
Printing Expense	2,500.00	306.15	(2,193.85)
Dues Expense			
Fraternal Recognition Committee	25.00	15.00	(10.00)
Masonic Service Association.	300.00	300.00	0)
Grand Masters and Grand Secretary Conference.	52.00	52.00	0
Depreciations Expense:	2,500.000	1,533.00	(965.00)
Miscellaneous Expenses	500.00	337.10	(162.00)
Cost of Masonic Materials and Supplies	0	2,263.00	2,263.23
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SUB-TOTALS II	\$17,427.00	\$13,097.70	\$(4,329.30)
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GRAND TOTAL;S	\$36,427.00	\$28,806.70	\$(7,620.30)
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COMPARISON OF ANNUAL BUDGETS CALENDAR YEARS 1988 AND 1989

	PROPOSED		+ INCREASE - DECREASE
	1988 BUDGET	198 BUDGET	
Grand Master's Expense Allowance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$0
Grand Master's Travel Allowance	1,000.00	1,000.00	0
Fraternal Recognition Correspondence	250.00	0	-250.00
Masonic Research & Education Committee	250.00	0	-250.00
Arrangements Committee – Annual Comm.	2,000.00	2,000.00	0
Printing and Binding Proceedings	7,500.00	2,500.00	-5,000.00-
Insurance	5,500.00	5,500.00	0
Reception for Visitors	1,000.00	1,000.00	0
Past Grand Master's Regalia	500.00	500.00	0
Charity	0	0	0
SUB – TOTAL	4\$ 19,000.00	\$ 13,500.00	\$ -5,500.00
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Grand Secretary's Expense Allowance	3,600.00	3,600.00	0
Grand Secretary's Travel Allowance	0	0	0
Grand Lodge Expenses:			
Temporary Office Services	2,000.00	3,000.00	+ 1,000.000
Payroll Taxes	0	0	0
Fees – Legal & Audit	-0	0	0
Office Rent		2,400.00	+ 2,400.00
Office Supplies & Expenses	3,200.00	800.00	- 2,400.00
Postage	1,000.00	950.00	- 950.00-
Transcript of Proceedings	1,000.00	1,000.00	0
Telephone Expense	750.00	750.00	0
Printing Expense	2,500.000	2,000.000	- 500.000
Dues Expense			
Comm. on Fraternal Recognition	25.00	15.00	-10.00
Masonic Service Association.	300.00	300.00	0
Grand Masters and Grand Secretary Conference.	52.00	150.00	+ 98.00
Depreciations Expense:	2,500.000	1,500.00	- 1,000.00
Miscellaneous Expense	500.00	500.00	0-
SUB – TOTAL II	\$17,427.00	\$17,465.00	+ 38.00
GRAND TOTALS	\$36,427.00	\$30,965.00	\$ -5,462.00

**PRO-FORMA STATEMENT OF AVAILABLE FUNDS,
ANTICIPATED AND EXPENSES FISCAL/CALENDAR YEAR 1989**

ESTIMATED INCOME

Grand Lodge per-capita Tax	\$19,000.00
Fees or Degrees, Affiliations and from Petitioners	6,500.00
Sale of Masonic Materials and Supplies – Net of Cost and Sales	250.00
Interest and dividend Income	<u>5,250.00</u>

<u>Total Estimated Income</u>	<u>\$31,000.00</u>
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ESTIMATED AVAILABLE GENERAL FUNDS

Estimated General Funds on Hand at January 1, 1989 carried over from the prior period	<u>71,856.52</u>
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<u>Total Estimated Available Funds</u>	<u>102, 856.52</u>
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ESTIMATED EXPENSES

Estimated expenditures as per the Proposed Budget for Fiscal/Calendar Year 1989	(30,965.00)
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ESTIMATE EXCESS OF AVAILABLE GENERAL FUNDS OVER PROPOSED EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 71, 891.52</u>
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Masonic Research and Education

This year, due to a conflict of schedule, I was only able to attend the District 3 meeting held at the Masonic Temple in Anchorage. I was asked to speak and I chose to address the problem of the growing number of candidates for the three degrees of Blue Lodge that are not advancing to and completing the degree of Master Mason. The decline of membership should be of great concern to each and every Master of the fifteen Blue Lodges that make up this Grand Jurisdiction. Possibly, if each Master appointed a standing committee to follow up on each candidate when he does not progress in a reasonable length of time. Another possible solution would be for us to ease up some on the rote memory work in the posting lecture. Is it really necessary to memorize where you were escorted and how you were received?

The fraternity my Brothers is slowly but surely dying and at the 1988 Grand Lodge session held in Nome, the Grand Master's Report showed that we had 782 candidates that had not completed their work and became dues paying Master Masons. This figure is increasing every year since the formation of this Grand Jurisdiction.

This problem is one of great concern to the concordant degrees, the York Rite, the Scottish Rite, and the Shrine. All of the growth of the aforementioned bodies is 100% dependent upon the Blue Lodge, and I know that you have heard reports from various sources that the Shrine is one day going to remove the requirement that a candidate be a 32nd degree Scottish Rite or a Knight Templar in the York Rite, and that they will create Shrine Masons.

The Shrine has a great monetary need, they operate 19 crippled children hospitals and I believe 5 burns institutes. I could be called on that, all at no cost to the patient or their parents or guardians.

This operation costs a great deal of money and they have to have new per-capita paying members. They are not getting them from the concordant degrees in large enough numbers to keep up. If they should ever decide to go on their own and solicit members off the street, what do you think is going to happen to this fraternity as you and I know it today? Look in your directory of Lodges, a book that is, that every Blue Lodge has in its lobby, and you will see that 16 Grand Jurisdictions do not require a proficiency on the Master Masons degree. If the quality, is the quality of the Master Masons in those jurisdictions lower than the quality of the 782 candidates in this jurisdiction that are contributing nothing to this Grand Lodge in their time, fellowship, or per-capita tax.

Respectfully submitted,

Antonio A. Carpine Chairman
William H. Lefferson
Cecil C. Johnson
Jerald M. Pendergrass
Donald W. Winters

Report received for the record.

Masonic Public Relations

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

Distinguished Guests, Brethren all; the goals of the Public Relations Committee this year was to make the general public aware of the local Masonic Lodges, and also of our Grand Lodge statewide visits and programs. One goal that was accomplished right after Grand Lodge in February of 1988 was to send out an article announcing the election of our new Grand Master, Ralph Kavorkian, to all the local, statewide newspapers. We picked newspapers that had Masonic Lodges near or in their city, to make the article more appropriate for each local community. We therefore included all the local Masons that were elected or appointed Grand Lodge Officers, or had been recently appointed to one of the Grand Lodge Committees. The following newspapers received an article from our Committee: The Anchorage Daily Times, Chugiak, Eagle River Star, The Cordova Times, The Fairbanks Daily News Miner, The Kodiak Daily Mirror, The Chiniak Times, The Lynn Canal News, The Nome Nugget, The Valley Sun, The Frontiersman, The Peninsula Clarion, The Seward Phoenix Log, and the Valdez Vanguard.

The Committee sent out letters announcing the Grand Masters official visits to each of the members with Alaska addressed to the following Lodges: White Pass No. 1, Anvil No. 2, Tanana No. 3, Valdez No. 4, Mt. McKinley No. 5, Seward No. 6, Matanuska No. 7, Mt. Susitna No. 8, Kodiak No. 9, Glacier No. 10, Kenai No. 11, Fairbanks No. 12, Eagle River No. 13, and Aurora No. 15. We however, did not send letters to Adak No. 14, because of its seclusion. We therefore sent out approximately 950 letters to members living in the state.

The Committee also had planned to have a speaker from our committee at each of the three district meetings. At District No. 1 meeting, there was not adequate time because of the cornerstone laying. At District No. 2, the designated speaker had the flu, but at District No. 3, we were finally able to meet our obligation.

This Committee has two recommendations for the future Grand Lodge members to discuss and solve. Number one is to have a budget for the Public Relations Committee so the Grand Master doesn't have to fund it, and secondly, the other Grand Lodge committees that need or want public exposure should work with this committee as a team

effort. Thank you Most Worshipful Brother Ralph Kavorkian for allowing us to serve on this committee for 1988,

Fraternally and respectfully submitted,

Clifford Darnell Chairman
Frederick S. Brady
Ronald H. Moore
John C. Peck
George Steck
Philip Brigance Advisor
Duane M. Snedden Advisor

Report received for record.

Public Schools

Milton Routzahn, Past Master of Kodiak No.9 reporting for the Chairman of the Public Schools Committee.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Wardens, and members of Kodiak, of the Grand Lodge; our report for the School Committees is not a report of progress, nor is it a report of inactivity. Worshipful Brother Philip Ben Draheim of District 2 reports that Valdez Lodge No. 4 awards \$500 scholarships to the outstanding girl and boy in the Valdez area. Seward Lodge is participating with the local schools providing prizes for the Annual Science Fair. Kenai Lodge No. 9 awards a plaque to the outstanding student of 22 schools in the Borough. In 1988, two schools declined to participate, but were replaced by two new schools; keeping the total school awards to 22. We are proud of District 2. Matanuska Lodge No. 7 is working on awarding all honor students of Mat-Su Borough an appropriate pin. Some of the Brethren are assisting the booster club in the Palmer Schools and raising funds for the football uniforms. Worshipful Brother Milton Routzahn in Kodiak is working on getting a guideline for the Schools Committee similar to that which has been previously had by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Washington.

Most Worshipful Sir, it has been a great honor to serve on the Schools Committee during your term.

Thanking you, we remain,

Henry R. Ferguson Chairman
Phillip L. Draheim
Leslie R. Little
Warren R. Little
Milton M. Routzahn
Martin J. Samuelson

Raymond R. Wagener

Report received for the record

DeMolay

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master officers and members of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska:

As Chairman of this Committee, my activities with the DeMolay organization this last year have been limited, however, I have contacted the members of the committee and/or DeMolay advisors in the several Chapter areas.

The Anchorage Chapter is doing very well according to the people that I spoke with, and the Kenai Chapter is coming back and had a good installation, with nearly all the chairs filled. And, I understand that RW Dave Thomas has been a great help, and thanks Dave. Arctic Chapter in Fairbanks has been inactive since last spring. Plans are to try to start it again this spring, before this spring is over. From Valdez, WB Frank Dickenson reports the possibility of having a DeMolay club started in that city is drawing near and he says that this spring looks like a good time and we say good luck to Frank.

Alaska DeMolay has had some trouble in the past and it finally came to the forefront when the Grand Master issued an edict not to allow Master Masons in this jurisdiction to attend DeMolay meetings. To explain further, at a DeMolay leadership camp, at Kings Lake, the bill for the camp was not paid in full. Later the person in charge of the camp took the bill to court and the bill was subsequently paid and the person involved resigned his position with DeMolay and the Grand Master withdrew his edict. As of this report, Alaska DeMolay does not have an Executive Officer from this area. The Grand Master of DeMolay is acting in that position until one can be appointed.

Brethren, this is not a time to dwell on the problems of the past, but a time to look to the future and put DeMolay back together as it was, and better.

Respectfully submitted,

Lloyd W. Triggs Chairman
Frank Dickinson
Allen B. Scouler
Aves D. Thompson

Report received for record.

Bylaws

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

Thank you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brethren, we had three bylaws changes all of which were approved, one for Life Membership at Eagle River Lodge, bylaws for the new North Star Lodge (North Pole) and a dues increase for Matanuska Lodge. All were approved and that is all the activity that we had for this year. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. "Jack" Bentley Chairman
Martin J. Patterson
Daniel A. Ray
Edward Zeine

Report received for record.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Report of Grand Chaplain (Necrology)

We remember these brethren who have laid down their working tools, as reported by the Constituent Lodges in their monthly reports for 1988

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

Thomas Benjamin Cooper PM	January 11, 1988
Robert Daniel Walkley, Jr.	January 29, 1988
Archie Ward Hinman	August 30, 1988
Frederick George Aylwin	October 21, 1988
Frank Edward West	December 1988

Anvil Lodge No. 2

Harry Alfred Lewis, PM	January 27, 1988
Norvin William Lewis, Jr.	March 17, 1988
.Joseph Henry Kelley, Jr. PM	August 3, 1988

Tanana Lodge No. 3

Steven Loren Krossberg, Jr.	March 13, 1987
Herman Edward Roach	January 30, 1988
John Frederic MacKinlay	February 5, 1988
Richard Allie Downing	February 19, 1988
John Howard Bayless	June 14, 1988
Crawford Ashley Lovelace	August 26, 1988
Merrill Eugene Strickland	September 4, 1988
Donald Philo Gilbert	September 4, 1988
Harold Hassell	September 29, 1988
James Edward Tallman	October 12, 1988
James Rodney Sidars	November 20, 1988

Valdez Lodge No. 4

Owen Per Johnson PM	March 15, 1988
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Sidney Waldo Moore PM	March 25, 1988
Edwin Olene Bundy	September 10, 1988
Seward Lodge No. 6	
John Marshall Travis	June 28, 1988
Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8	
James Pryor Williams	October 9, 1987
Louis M. Stewart	November 3, 1988
Hillard Hewitt Mathis	November 1988
Dougal Graham Hodges	November 1988
Kodiak Lodge No. 9	
Sidney Morris Urie	September 18, 1988
Glacier Lodge No. 10	
Donal Roy Faunch	February 1, 1988
Kenai Lodge No. 11	
Harry Alfred Lewis PM	January 27, 1988
Robert Allen Markham	November 5, 1988

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 and Prayer

Thank you Grand Secretary. Gentlemen, a few years back, I had the great privilege of traveling half way around the world and attending a Masonic Lodge in Jerusalem. It was a wonderful experience and even though I have attended seminary, just about all the Hebrew that I know is 'shalom' - but I had two good Brethren, a medical doctor on my left and a Israeli army Lieutenant Colonel on my right, and they interpreted everything to me in stereo. And it was a wonderful and glorious experience to, although I couldn't understand the language, per se, I could tell by the floor work, where they were and what they were doing and of course with the translations I was able to determine that the work was indeed the same. If not in, you know, word-for-word, verbatim, at least it was the same in intent. And it occurred to me that in this Lodge where I was attending, their God is, as they remember him, is addressed in an entirely different name than the God that I might use in my ministry. Instead of the open Bible upon the Altar, they had a Torah or Scroll upon their Altar. The Altar was somewhat different, that instead of being square, it was in the shape of a trowel. And it occurred to me that if I traveled back south, from whence I came, to Egypt, I would address God by yet another name. And wherever I would go in the world, I would find this same God addressed by a different name but understood in precisely the same way as we all hold our deity very near and dear to ourselves.

I began to think upon the theology of such a belief and realized that men and women, human people, mankind everywhere always believe that there is a better life after this one. The reward may differ, but the reward is always better. Our Brethren whose names have been read this afternoon have departed from us. We will not see them again, but we rejoice in that they have traveled this way and that we have known them - but for a little while. I would like for all of us to bow our heads and our hearts in silent tribute to these Brethren who have labored in Craft. A moment of silent meditation, and I would like to close with a prayer or with a poem that I carry.

Let us pray

*Let us say that he has arrived - and not that he is gone;
May every thought of him be in that land of morn;
Arrived to hear his voice, and see God's welcoming smile;
And then to greet again, those he has lost awhile;
Arrived to tread no more, the weary path of fame;
Or feel the waning strength, the body feels again;
Arrived to be forever free from all that limits love;
In joyful service thus, he now makes tireless moves;
To say not that he is gone, nor think of him as dead;
Lets say that in the Grand Architects house, he has arrived instead.*

Our Father, we thank the promise of a life with thee, and we look forward to that day when we will meet our Brothers once again. In that house not made with hands eternal in the heavens. Amen

W Reverend John W. Edgar
Grand Chaplain

Report of Grand Lecturer

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge officers, Distinguished Guests, Brethren one and all;

The Grand Lecturer, in case some of you don't know what his duties are, is to see that the Standard Work is done in the jurisdiction. Now, how do you make a report on this? Every body in every Lodge in the jurisdiction knows everything and every member of every Lodge in the jurisdiction knows everything about the Standard Work. If you don't believe it, ask them. You travel with the Grand Master and the Lodge and his officers are too busy paying attention to the Grand Master to pay any attention to the Grand Lecturer. And, you don't get any questions! Besides that, they already know the work. You travel by yourself, you get some questions, and the Grand Lecturer is really greeted in new Lodges. Realizing this, the present Grand Master and myself, it was his idea, decided probably Lodges could learn more from seeing rather than by

exemplification, by seeing, in fact, that is the way that we learn most of our mistakes, is somebody gets up there in front of the Altar spouting off, and said some word. And he is a Past Master maybe and so that young one there sitting coming along in the chain, said "well, that must be right" - that is where you get may instead of might and all those good little things that crop into our work.

So, this your Grand Lecturer spent a lot of time looking around at ritualists, we picked a team, the Grand Master put up the money, and I put up quite a bit of money to make costumes. My wife put up a lot of unpaid labor getting materials and sewing those materials and we have a Grand Lodge Degree Team. I think the Grand Lecturer will get more use out of that Degree Team than any other way that we could work it. Grand Master, you know I speak just like I talk. They are short! To the point!

Report received for record.

Report of Grand Orator

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, Distinguished East and Brethren all;

I have a short one that I want to give to you from the bottom of my heart, it is in the Proceedings.

In my travels, I find that there is one subject that always comes up in conversation in Masonry. One is, the lack of interest in our new initiates - and our Brethren as well, and a lack of participation in our Lodges, and a lack of encouraging our Brothers to work in the Lodge and to participate in the activities of Masonry throughout the state. It comes to me that one of our problems seems to be that our teaching of Masonry has fallen off. Years ago, when a coach, coached a student, he usually spent about a half an hour or so discussing Masonry with him, the principles and precepts, the love, the heritage and the duties of Masonry, and about ten minutes teaching ritual. Well, that type of teaching has fell by the way because of the rushes of life. It seems like now, we give him the book, teach him to read it, and send him to the toilet and say, "when you get ready, when you can quote it, come out and we will give you another one.

We do that three times, we stand him up, say , go over and pay your dues, and we declare you a Mason. He goes home, and he sets down and he said, "I wonder what I joined?" If that's all there is to it, I can sit down and watch Dallas, and say I'm cold and have a better time, staying here with the wife. We are not teaching the principles and teachings of Masonry and the love of Masonry to our students and to our officers of the Lodge. We have got away from that. One of the Brothers went home here a while back and he said, 'he had stayed about an hour and a half over, they had got into something down at the, at the refreshment hour, and he said, and his wife said, "what was you a doing? 'Well, we was just sitting down there a talking. Lord, she said, "what was it you was a talking about? About the same thing you women talk about at your sewing circle.

She said, "I'd be ashamed." That is about the conversation we have Brothers at our coffee hours and such as this!

I think that this may be one of the things that is losing out in our Masonry. We don't instill the burning desire to perform and work in the Lodge and go out and be a Brother. One of the other things, that we can't teach it by teaching, may we should teach it by example. We should set an example of Masonry because I know that if I was to ask half the Brothers in here tonight, or today, why they joined, they would say because the example of my uncle, my dad, my cousin, my neighbor or so and so, set before me. Well, we were supposed to teach it to ourselves by those working tools. And if we applied them to this situation, we could take the plumb bob and take a thumb tack and take it into the bathroom where you dress and tie that string on that thumbtack and stick it up in the ceiling before your mirror and line yourself up to it!

Then, you should probably ask yourself some questions like, old Brother John Tate, I understand that he has been out of work for the last year, I notice that you got your garage painted, did you offer to hire him to do that? He, oh, I know that he wouldn't take charity, but he would probably have appreciated the work. Widow Jones, I know that four of you used to go a lot and visit a lot and have you and your wife had her out for dinner lately; or made an evening for her to let her know that you still cared? About Brother Tim's son, I know that he likes to fish with his dad and I know that when you were supposed to take him fishing probably a couple of times last year, didn't you, just to show him that you still belonged to the Masonic family?

When you ask yourself a bunch of these Masonic questions Brother; then look back at that string and see if you were standing as straight as you were when you put it up there, because if we don't teach by teaching and we don't teach by example, how are they going to know what we are and want to become one among us?

My father told me one time, we were standing at the edge of Cherokee National Forest, we lived right there close, he said, "son, if you walk through this and come out the other side, and have never blazed a trail, broke a twig, or disturbed anything, when you went out the other side, nobody would ever know that you were here." That is kind of the way that our life is Brothers. You know, a bishop one time on TV impressed me, when TV first came out - I know most of you will remember Bishop Sheen. I would like to leave you with this, he said "that it was better to light one candle, than it was to curse the dark." Thank you Brothers, Thank you Most Worshipful.

Report of Grand Historian

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren, now this is the Historian Report for this year, and it is about a Mason that was in the Gold Rush in the days of '98 and came to Alaska and traveled back and forth over the White Pass and also the Chilkoot Pass and then eventually when the ice broke in Lake Bennett, in May of 1898, he went to Dawson and became involved in photography work of associate, well, actually a partnership with E. A. Haig the Gold Rush Photographer; and also had several gold mines claims at Dawson.

A profile of a Mason and the Klondike Gold Rush, a ton of gold - gold nuggets from shining streams, the end of the rainbow, clichés that excited the imagination and changed the lives of thousands of families. Gold from the Canadian Klondike would make a new beginning, a chance to recoup losses in the panic of 1898 to make a new stake. Gold seekers rushed north from all parts of the country to find their Eldorado. Few succeeded and many did not return. The daily activities of one of the prospectors, Per Edward Lars came to light when his notebook and papers were found by his sisters after fifty years of storage. Lars was an accomplished photographer, prospector, and dedicated Mason. He wrote a few lines and a word or two in his pocket notebook, nearly every day from 1898 to 1904. His notes and photographs provide a face in, a fascinating record of the 1898 Gold Rush to the Klondike. And, I have a picture of the crossing the pass that was taken by Lars in on a postcard that was issued shortly after the ... (not audible)

P. E. Lars was an early day photographer in Nanaimo, B.C. on Vancouver Island. He arrived there in 1892 and operated a photographic studio. In 1894 he received instructions in Masonic ideals and ritual. He attended his first Masonic meeting on December 5th, 1894. He was active in the Lodge in 1895 and 96, until his departure for Denver in May of 1896. Lars at age 35, arrived in Skagway, Alaska March 26th, 1898. He found employment with a former acquaintance, E. A. Haig. Haig was later to be recognized as one of the great photographers of the Klondike stampede and of Alaska. Three days later, he started up the steep and icy slopes of Chilkoot Pass. Here, he and Haig would photograph the historic struggles of the men and that endless chain of climbers on the icy trails to the top of Chilkoot Pass. And, in the report, I have a picture of Chilkoot Pass, and it mentions the actual angle of climb to the top of Chilkoot was 30 degrees. The pass is 3,500 feet above Dyea, a four mile climb on April 3, 1898, a disastrous avalanche came from the East side of the trail and covered about 150 yards. Over 200 persons were caught in this slide. The depth of the snow was from 20 to 50 feet, saturated with water. Thousands of volunteers rushed to the spot and frantically dug out victims. Many lives were saved through heroic efforts of the stampeeders. Approximately 63 persons perished in that avalanche and P.E. Lars was there at the time photographing pictures in fact, his diary tells about some of the people that perished. They were lying along side the trail.

In 1898, Chilkoot Pass was the most direct route to the Klondike. The distance from Dyea to Lake Bennett is 29 miles. From Lake Bennett to Dawson City, 524 miles, rafts, scows, skiffs, out-riggers, ferries, and boats of all descriptions fashioned from green

lumber traversed the 50 mile river, with a portage at Miles Canyon, Lake Lebarge, 30 Mile River, Lewis River, and the Yukon River. The Canadian government required a years supply of provisions; a ton of goods, before entering Canada. So for those who continued on, this required as many as 40 trips to the top of Chilkoot Pass, packing and caching their supplies at the top of the pass and returning for more.

Lars photographed prospectors on the Chilkoot Pass in Lake Lindeman and Lake Bennett in Canada. He completed round trips both from Chilkoot and White Pass and worked again in Haig's place developing his negatives. After two days of pleasant weather, April weather, he was back on the Chilkoot, selling photos all the way from Dyea to Lake Bennett. He then returned to Skagway in one day, via the White Pass from Lake Lindeman.

One thing that I wanted to mention, is, when, Lars was at Lake Bennett waiting for the ice to go out, he took a picture, and there is over seventy Masons on the trail, waiting for the ice to go out, and the photograph was taken by Brother Lars and a copy of this, of course, will be in the Grand Lodge archives, it shows the Brotherhood of men who came from all walks of life, who met together. He also recorded in his diary, in May of 1898, and he has a short cryptic note which most of his notes in the diary were; and he has A. F. & A. M., meeting in the church. The reason that I started this report is that I heard that there was a Masonic meeting on the trail during the days of '98. And with a little research, I was able to run down his diary and find out that they actually did have an Ancient Free and Accepted meeting on the trail while waiting for the ice to go out.

This particular photograph was taken in May 28th. The ice went out May 29th and they left for Dawson about three days later. The meeting in the church as shown by his diary, was May 25th, and I thought that it was interesting that the these early pioneers and gold seekers did and Masons were able to get together and have their meetings and have their pictures taken and recorded for history. The rest of the report goes on and tells about his finally when the ice went out, he went to Dawson, he became a partner with Haig and then later with, formed an association with Duclose (?) and this picture of the Masons, is Lars and Duclose but it was taken actually by Lars. He changed his name to Larson in 1904 and then returned south, got married, and the end of his story says that in July 1904, Lars sold his interest to the studio, to his partner Duclose The Dawson story in the little notebook ended as he left the city on March 12th, 1904. Recording the temperature of 43 degrees below zero. That doesn't seem all that cold, now.

In 1904, he changed his name to Larson and he got married and he established himself as a photographer in the gold fields of Nevada in 1905. In 1908, he was a proprietor of a hotel and general store in Allegany, Oregon, and from 1920 to his death in 1941, he was in business as P.E. Larson Grocery in San Pedro, California. A copy of his diary is on the report and will be turned in.

Report received for record.

Charters and Dispensations

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, to The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska:, the Brethren meeting as Masons in North Pole, Alaska, under dispensation from this Grand Lodge, were granted such dispensation without notification to, and without the knowledge of this committee. According to information received later, such dispensation was granted on 21 March 1988, thus forming North Pole Lodge, Under Dispensation. Pursuant to discussions with the Grand Secretary in mid-October 1988, and subsequently reduced to and concerned in writing by same on the date of 2 November, the Committee was informed that, and I quote, "Certification by Tanana Lodge that the North Pole Lodge Officers were proficient in the work and a recommendation that a dispensation be issued is dated February 1, 1988 based on action at the Stated Communication on January 13. The Grand Master, and the District Deputy of the Grand Master for District No. 1 also advised that the officers were proficient, the later in writing, dated January 30,1988." unquote.

Further, according to the same writing, the required written notification to Tanana and Fairbanks Lodges of the intent to issue a dispensation to work was transmitted in early March. Finally, the same writing goes on to say, "that, for the purposes of this committee, the basic requirements have been met." Subsequently, by copy of letter on 10 November 1988, from Tanana Lodge No. 3, the committee was informed that the said Lodge recommended that North Pole Lodge UD receive its Charter at the Grand Lodge session in February 1989. A similar recommendation was received from Fairbanks Lodge No. 12 on the date of 20 November. A letter report by Very Worshipful Brother John W. Casey District Deputy to Grand Master, District No. 1, on the date of 26 November further stipulates as to the proficiency of the Lodge officers, and to the effect that all necessary requirements had been met. At this now independent inquiry, and review, led the Committee on Charters and Dispensations to believe that although the North Pole situation was originally handled in a somewhat unusual manner, the necessary requirements to operate as a Masonic Lodge have now been met, and therefore recommends, that unless the Committee on Jurisprudence disagrees by finding that the pertinent provisions of the Alaska Masonic Code have not been met, the Charter be granted to North Pole Lodge UD, upon proper request for the same. Except for this matter relating to the formation of North Pole Lodge U.D, no other item was brought before this Committee.

We the members of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations wish to thank Most Worshipful Brother Kavorkian for the opportunity to serve the Craft on this assignment.

Respectfully submitted,

Gunnar Flygenring Chairman
Mitchell R. Miller

Report received for the record.

Gunnar Flygenring: In order to bring this subject matter on the floor, I move that the granting of Charter to North Pole Lodge UD be granted.

Most Worshipful Grand Master: Motion on the floor that a Charter for North Pole Lodge be granted and we have a second, any discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor, vote by the usual sign of a Mason. Down hands, opposed - so carried.

Alaska Masonic Research Association

This is our Annual Report for the year 1988. Numerous attempts were made during the year to encourage the Brethren of constituent Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction to join AMRA thereby, providing their membership support. These attempts included articles in the Grand Lodge Quarterly Bulletin, and personal visits to many of the Lodges by the President and District Vice-Presidents. Despite these attempts, only 39 Brethren paid dues last year. Twenty seven were renewals, 11 new members and 1 new life member, 67 belt buckles were sold during the year for a revenue gain of \$1,005.00. The main fund raising project of this past year was an auction, which we completed last night. Last night and the night before, we auctioned these items off. The original plans were for a silent or sealed bid auction, these plans were changed in September that donations were not arriving in time to be cataloged and advertised. Also, the cost of advertising the auction promised to be prohibitively high. Many items have now been received but the final result of this program was unknown at the time of this writing. I'll give you the final results in just a second.

A secondary effort was made during the year to encourage Lodges to have fund raising projects of their own. The proceeds of those projects are to be designated for the Grand Lodge Permanent Fund. It is hoped that this Permanent Fund will grow to the point that its future earnings may be used to offset some of the expenses of the Grand Lodge officers. Preliminary unofficial reports indicate that some of these individual Lodge efforts have been very successful, and as we saw just a few moments ago, they were very successful in the Lodges that had those programs. In summary, I was disappointed with the result of my efforts to build the membership of AMRA last year. It appeared that the support of AMRA by the Brethren or this jurisdiction is critically low. Unless someone has some ideas on how to improve this level of support, I recommend that we consider disbanding AMRA as a corporation and a fund raising committee be appointed by the Grand Master to continue the fund raising efforts that have previously been conducted by AMRA.

Now, as a post-script to this, I'll say that we did have a meeting here the day before yesterday and after some discussion, we decided to continue AMRA, so that was my initial recommendation which we voted not to have. Ok, now, a financial report - at the beginning of the year, we started off with \$934 our income for the year including the belt buckles and dues and a few other miscellaneous items was \$3,189.53 our debts for

the year were \$1,180.65. So our net balance in the bank at the end of the year was \$2,008.88. Ok for our AMRA auction that we just finished up last evening, we had a grand total of \$2,763.00, which I thought was very successful considering that's the first time that we have ever done that. And in another account, the Buckley C. Hazen account which is the gold pan account. The monies that have accrued in that, are a total of \$23,874.54. Grand Master, as a result of what efforts we made this year, I have a couple of checks here to turn over to the Grand Lodge - the first one in the amount of \$1,500 for the Permanent Fund account and additionally, we have a \$2,500 check to for the General Fund for the Grand Lodge to use as it sees fit. Thank you.

We did vote the other morning to continue AMRA to as the fund raising organization. Very Worshipful Brother Al White is the new President replacing me, and I would encourage all the Brethren to encourage the members of your Lodge to join AMRA and lend their support to this organization. It is one of the primary fund raising organ, agencies for this Grand Lodge, and I'd encourage everybody to give it your full support! Thank you!

Alaska Masonic Library and Museum Foundation.

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

The members of the Board of Trustees wish to submit the following report. The treasurers report as of January 11th, 1989 is \$2,872.71 with no outstanding debts. The Cecil Clifft Memorial Fund is \$465.00. Very Worshipful Brother Robert M. Parkins donated to start a membership longevity fund, of one dollar per year for membership in the Masonic Fraternity. This fund now totals \$637.00. Both of those funds are ready for further contributions if needed. All requests for interviews with prospective contributors have been filled in a timely fashion and we will continue to answer all inquiries as best we can. Brother Wendal H. Kuecker still kindly offers his expertise to the Board of Trustees. The Foundation received from Most Worshipful Roy Foss, a complete set of bound proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Washington, dating from 1858 through 1986. They are safely stored in the building of Kenai Lodge No. 11 until such a time as our Library has a place for them to be stored properly. This Foundation also received a 3100 series Xerox copying machine. It was donated to the foundation by Mr. Bernd Guetschow of Anchorage. The Internal Revenue Service has closed their investigative files on the Foundation. And have now given the Foundation a permanent 501-C Tax Exempt Status, meaning, real, for-sure, non-profit organization and Brethren, that is through the hard work again of that Past Grand Master, Jim Williams and that Past Grand Master, Gunnar Flygenring, they worked endlessly to share that report!

The Board Members and Officers of 1988 are as follows, President - John C. Ingram, Vice-President - Leslie A. Little, Secretary - Charles I. Gregg, Treasurer - Orrin S. Felmley also Glen W. Pruitt, Neil R. Bassett, Robert M. Parkins, Mitchell R. Miller, Robert L. Van Huss and M. Burton Oien. The Alaska Masonic Library and Museum Foundation is getting more and more on a firm foundation so to speak with the scheduled

meetings being held in Anchorage at the Al Aska Shrine Temple Mosque. The next Annual Meeting is scheduled for March the 28th, 1989 and we encourage you to attend with your ideas, your interests, and your willingness to serve on this board of trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Ingram - President.

Report received for the record.

Publications Committee

Back in early November, I think it was, I decided that I better get a calendar that I could put a few things on for the year 1989, and I went out to buy one, and I got scared to death! They told me \$5.25 for a bare-bones piece of paper with some lines on it. So I sat down at my computer and made a few calendars. What I was mainly looking for here was just something that we could perhaps give as a gift or possibly make a couple of dollars on. Well, to make a long story short, I had a thousand of them printed in Anchorage, we put them together, and I decided to sell them for \$2.50 apiece to see if we could raise some money for the Grand Lodge Bulletin to help pay for it. The total cost of the printing was \$420.00 - to date, I have \$750.00 in my hot little fist, of which I have got to pay \$420 back for the printing. But we are off and running to help pay for the Bulletin for another year, and I would like to say that we ought to try the project again next year, because if we get something like this going every year and we can keep it going every year, then people will be looking for that calendar or whatever.

Just a word of thanks to Matanuska Lodge No. 7. They took 200 calendars and sent one calendar free to each one of their members. So, they gave us a real big hand on that, and we thank you very much. We are going to need a little bit more from the sponsors, but not from Matanuska No. 7. We are going to need some more sponsorship on this thing to help us pay for it for another year. But we are off and running, you notice we didn't come out here this year.

Respectfully submitted,

RW Charles I. Gregg

Arrangements Committee

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and members of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska;:

The members of the Arrangements Committee had several meetings commencing in October and finishing in the Grand Lodge sessions as the Grand Lodge sessions were starting. Things went well, but would have been much more productive if Grand Lodge pre-registration forms had been complete and in the committees hands at least by the established deadline date.

These forms are used extensively by the many subcommittees such as housing, gifts, name plates, ladies functions, transportation and so forth. To assist in solving this problem, we the committee recommend the establishment of a Grand Lodge sessions registration fee. The fee could be five dollars, with a pre-registration form and ten dollars if registration takes place after the deadline. This would encourage the individuals to register early, it would also bring in a little revenue and help to defray some of the expenses which are now donated or paid for by the Grand Master. The committee enjoyed this task and hopes that it has been successful.

Respectfully submitted,

Lloyd W. Triggs Chairman
Jack G. Cornelius
Raymond R. Wagener

Report of Segregations and Reference Committee

1st Report

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

We the Committee on Segregation and Reference to whom was referred the Message of the Grand Master, have considered the same and report as follows:

Necrology and the State of the Craft and Acknowledgements to be accepted.

That portion of the Grand Master's message pertaining to the Order of DeMolay and recommendations of 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 to be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

Recommendations 4 and 5 to be referred to the Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Clyde Saltz (11)
Byron Jenkins (12)
Roy Foss (11)

2nd Report

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

We the Committee on Segregation and Reference to whom was referred the Report of the Grand Secretary have considered the same and Report as follows:

Grand Secretary's report to be adopted with that portion pertaining to finance, to be referred to the Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Clyde Saltz (11)

Byron Jenkins (12)

Roy Foss (11)

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 by MW James A. Williams to Tanana Lodge No. 3 for the year 1988.

Buckley C. Hazen Award

The recipient of the Buckley C. Hazen Award for the largest percentage membership growth was presented to Aurora Lodge No. 15 for the year 1988

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Contributions to Grand Lodge

Contribution From:	To:	For:	Amount
Valdez Lodge No. 4	Grand Lodge	Undesignated	\$675.00
Tanana Lodge No. 3	Grand Lodge	Undesignated	\$850.00
Glacier Lodge No. 10	Grand Lodge	Undesignated	\$ 1,501.00
Fairbanks Lodge No. 12	Grand Lodge	Undesignated	\$600.00
Kenai Lodge No. 11	Grand Lodge	Undesignated	\$245.00
AMRA	Grand Lodge	Permanent Fund	\$1,500.00
AMRA	Grand Lodge	General Fund	\$2,500.00
		Total:	\$7,871.00

Presentations

By Hazen Ricker to Grand Master

I purchased the picture last night that my son painted. It is a copy of it, and I wished that I could give you the original. But my son and I would like present you with this copy of his picture, to put in your house because we love you.

By MW Charles Moulthrop

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brethren, it is my pleasure and my privilege again this year to continue, I don't know whether you would call it a custom or not yet, but to be able to continue to give to you Brethren a pin that as far as I know is unique only to the Grand Lodge of Michigan and the Grand Lodge of Alaska. These pins are made up for the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch in Michigan for the Grand Chapter. And they are presented to the Worshipful Master of each Lodge by the High Priest of the local Chapter or his representative at their Installation of Officers in December. I first started this back in 1984, when I thought it would be nice to be able to bring you Brethren

something that is unique. Unfortunately, I could not give first buttons out. But I hope you Brethren wear these with respect to your office and honor to the fraternity. Thank you!

By MW Ralph Kavorkian, Grand Master of Alaska

Brethren, these Brothers assembled here are the back bone of a new Lodge formed in North Pole, Alaska and being a Charter Member of it myself, it gives me a whole world of personal honor and self satisfaction to be able to issue this Charter to these officers and members of North Pole Lodge No. 16.

By Jack Boiley, Grand Lodge of British Columbia

Don't be alarmed what is in the paper bag is not what you would find outside of your door on Halloween on fire. Most Worshipful Grand Master, I don't want to come back up here again, because I'm going to bring you greetings from Most Worshipful Brother David L. Gibson, and give you his best wishes for a progressive, rewarding, and prosperous Grand Lodge session.

I'm going to kill all the birds with one stone. Yesterday morning, we had a beautiful lesson on the history of the American Flag done by the Hero's of 76, and when I heard that history, I thought of a little more history on England. It is a little story about British history, and it goes like this, Britain is made up of four nations. The Welsh who pray on their knees, and prey on their neighbors. The Scotch who keep the Sabbath and everything else that they can lay their hands on. The Irish, who don't really know what they want but are willing to die for it. And, of course, the British who believe themselves to be a race of self-made men thereby relieving the Almighty of a dreadful responsibility.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I had a little thing prepared but I know that you are pressed for time so I will leave you with that and wish you a long life and happy when you are finished with your term of office. I'd like to present you with a this paper bag, if I may.

Speeches and Remarks by Distinguished Guests

Russ Hintz, Venerable Master of the Scottish Rite, Lodge of Perfection of Fairbanks

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Brethren all and ladies;

First of all, I would like to thank you Grand Master for the wonderful job I feel that you have done in your term, You have done a wonderful job. I would also like to ask all of the Brethren that are here from outside from different locations to participate in our

Scottish Rite meeting Friday at 7 o'clock if you are not going to leave before that -we are going to have a nice dinner. We are going to have dinner at 7 and our regular meeting at 8 o'clock. We would appreciate it if you would honor us with your presence. Thank you.

Lloyd Triggs, Royal Arch Masons of Alaska

Most Worshipful Grand Master, members of the Grand Lodge, Grand Officers and guests;

The reason I was conned into representing all these people, our Grand High Priest from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons is stuck in Kodiak and the Grand King is with the army playing games out here in, by McGrath, so he is busy during the day. He told me last night, his workload is piling up. He couldn't even see over it. Our Grand Illustrious Master of the Council moved from Kodiak to San Diego so, there are only two or three of us that are left with the elected positions in the York Rite Bodies. However, that doesn't deter us from the feeling as good as we do about York Rite and I think it is a very, very good organization to belong to and I have enjoyed it immensely. From the York Rite Bodies, I wish you all the success in this session and hope that everything turns out well for you and me too. Thank you.

Jack Boiley, Response to Introduction of Grand Representatives

Most Worshipful Grand Master on behalf of the Grand Lodge Representatives, I would like to express to you that it has been a pleasure to serve as the Grand Lodge Representative of this great Grand Lodge under your leadership, and as you leave the East tomorrow and carry on with your life, we would like to wish you many years of good health and that's it. Thank you.

Will Josey, Response to Introduction of District Deputies

Most Worshipful Grand Master it, it will not be fifteen minutes, hopefully, only a minute or two. Most Worshipful Grand Master on behalf of all the District Deputies, I would like to say that it is, and has been, a great honor and pleasure to serve you as District Deputy and especially for Very Worshipful John Grainger in District 4, the newest District Deputy in the Grand Lodge.

This year has been a great learning experience for me and the other Deputies as well. We have learned a little bit about the operation of the Grand Lodge, a little bit about our Lodges and a little bit about the officers, a little about the Brothers and a little bit about ourselves; which all adds up to higher level of awareness of Masonry, its principles and its members.

Most Worshipful Grand Master I believe that your program of having a District Meeting in each district, with the Deputy being responsible is most noteworthy, a valuable resource for the Grand Lodge, and definitely should be continued. I feel personally that I have learned a great deal at the District Meetings and would encourage everyone to attend any future meetings. I would also suggest that the meetings be limited to three to four hours in length.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I would like to say again, it has been a distinct pleasure and honor to have been your District Deputy and that I will always treasure and remember this privilege that you gave me. I am sure that I speak for all the Deputies when I say, thank you Most Worshipful Sir.

Robert Parkins, Informal Report, Fraternal Correspondence

Two years ago, I was in communication with our Grand Representative of Rainbow in Panama, and explained to her that I hadn't ever got communications with the Panama Grand Lodge, and she went home then and at her meeting two years ago, and got with the Masons in Panama and this last summer. I met her again at Supreme Assembly, and she gave me a verbal report on it; I can't report it to be written or anything, but just for your information, for all intense and purposes, Panama is underground. They don't dare, the people that are in the Masonic Lodge, let people know that they are a Mason, make any noise, waves, or ruffles, or anything there and the minute that they do, they are fell upon by the outsiders. So, at the present time, by the verbal information from her, to me, to you fellows, that is the reason why we haven't anything further. We hope, or she hopes that that would be cleared up very soon and they get down there, but it is a verbal report and unofficial. Thank you Worshipful Master.

VW Ken Hayes, Grand Lodge of Washington

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I bring you greetings from those timid hearted souls in Washington who could not make it up here for your Grand Session and apologize for them. I know that they are all deeply disappointed. I talked to all but a couple of them in the last two or three weeks and they definitely looking forward to being here. So I will bring you their regrets, I will bring you our greetings from our Grand Master Most Worshipful Brother Harold E. Tucker. I would like to thank you for all of the courtesies extended to my wife Carolyn and me while we have been here. Our stay here has been most pleasant. I would especially like to thank you for the honorary membership in your Grand Lodge which I will cherish.

Having sat through the last day and a half of your sessions, it seems that our Grand Master's goals are not all that different than yours, but with your indulgence, I will give you a thumb nail sketch of them. He has established three primary goals for this year, the first one is Lodge Buildings and that is not concerned with the structure, in which we meet, but it is an endeavor to develop strong, active, and knowledgeable line

officers. His second one is to re-instll Masonic pride and make us proud of the fact that we belong to a quote, unquote class organization, he is endeavoring to get all of the Masonic family including the appendant and concordant bodies together and get those who are primarily active in the concordant bodies back to the Blue Lodges. He is stressing the fact that one Mason can make a difference, one Lodge can make a difference and if we have pride in our organization, we can communicate our ideals and goals to the public, and improve our chances of attracting good men to our doors.

I would close with a little prayer that I used when I served my Lodge as Worshipful Master. It is called a prayer of serenity and goes like this:

God grant me the serenity to accept the things that I cannot change;
the courage the change the things I can; and
the wisdom to know the difference.

Thank you Grand Master, if I may be excused, I do have to try to catch an airplane.

RW James M. Shillingburg, Grand Lodge of Oregon

Most Worshipful Grand Master, on behalf of my Grand Master, Quintin Estell, he sends his greetings and his regrets that he could not be here, however, he being a working man had to schedule his District meetings at this time of the year and just could not get away. Also, I was requested by our Grand Marshal Brother Al Carter to send his greetings as well as Vern Garvin. Vern wanted to be here also, it just so happened that the Grand Masters District Meeting was in his area. So Vern felt that he should stay there. It is a pleasure to be here, I feel like I know most of you.

You know when I first told my office staff that I was coming up here, they all thought I was crazy. 60 degrees below zero. I talked to them yesterday on the phone, and they would like to trade places with me. All of a sudden it is not so bad up here. Our Grand Master, Quintin Estell, is an attorney and as your head of your Jurisprudence Committee was speaking, I heard someone comment that he was an attorney, and I like attorneys, there is one thing that seems to be prevalent with all attorneys, they have very good information. And to cite an example of this, maybe some of you have heard this but, there was two fellas out in a hot air balloon, and they were traveling, and all of a sudden a cloud cover came in. And of course you know if you are up there, you don't have all the instruments that we have in airplanes. And they were lost almost instantly. So they went along and all of a sudden, there was a little bit clearing and the clouds separated and they went over and there was a man standing down there, and one of the fellows from the balloon said, "Hey down there, can you tell us where we at?" And he said, you are exactly 75 feet above the ground, right above me. And the clouds came back, and one fellow in the hot air balloon said to the other, "Well, that attorney sure didn't help us any" and the fellow said well how do you know he was an attorney? Well, because, what he told us was absolutely correct, but the information was absolutely worthless.

In Oregon, we are doing several things down there, and I know that we are short on time, so I am going to be quick. There is one thing that we are doing that I would like to leave with you. We have a Masonic and Eastern Star Home in Oregon, and it has its limitations, we were aware of that. But we are in the process right now, we are under construction, on a five million dollar apartment complex that will be designed for a Masonic family. It has nothing to do with turning over your assets such as most of the Masonic Homes are. This is designed for Masons and their families when they retire. One and two bedroom units. The requirement is that you must have Masonic affiliation, and that you must be fifty five years of age or older, and we had to put that age limit on it to qualify for the 1988 housing law. Each of the units have emergency call systems, the entire complex is secure and there is a nurse on duty 24 hours a day. We have a Jacuzzi room, we have exercise rooms, laundry facilities, we will provide maid service, we do your linens, change your beds, all utilities are included even your cable TV. Three meals a day in a restaurant atmosphere. Each of the units also has their own little kitchens, patios, balconies, air conditioning, and the reason that I am taking the time to tell this is because unlike anything that I am aware of that has ever been done in jurisdictions is that this is open to all Masons. Not just Oregon Masons - California, Idaho, .Alaska, wherever. I bring this to you that if any of you are contemplating moving to south, where it is colder than it is here. I would be happy to send you any information.

I also was pleased to hear the report on your Publicity Committee, one thing that we also are doing in Oregon this year, we budgeted \$25,000 and we are putting on radio spots clear across the state, designed 30 seconds in nature or less, designed just to tell people what we are and it is something that is going to be ten years worth of work and we hope to be able to put \$25,000 a year for the next ten years.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I appreciate the opportunity to speak before this crowd, I would like to thank you for all the hospitalities and I hope that we will, well, I know that I will see you next month in Ashland, and I hope to see you down in Oregon as many times as you want to come. Thank you.

RW Paul Penney, Grand Jurisdiction of Wyoming

Most Worshipful Brother Grand Master Ralph Kavorkian, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Chuck Gregg, Distinguished guests, Brethren all;

Truly again, it is a great pleasure for me to stand up before this great Grand Lodge of Alaska. It is kind of home to me anymore. This is the third time that I have been asked to stand up before this great Grand Lodge. I certainly enjoy it, if I didn't, I wouldn't have driven 2,800 miles to see the records break in temperature this year. However, I guess that it is doing that down south now, where I came from.

Our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Charlie Moore, sends his regrets, that he could not make this meeting in this Grand Lodge, in this Grand Session. He was planning very seriously in coming with me to this Grand Lodge this year. But he sends his regrets,

he also, I have a message to, from our Most Worshipful Past Grand Master George Hoyt, said to tell all of the people and all of the officers of this Lodge, he wishes them the very best and to tell Brother Fred that his wrist is still sore, he never gave me an explanation for that, so you will have to find from him what he meant by that.

That may be the reason he didn't give me anything to give to the Grand Lodge on that Brother Ralph. You know, Brother Charlie's big thing any more is youth. He is striving to attend as many youth meetings as he can, and to work with those children that are coming up. Some of them will be our future generations in the Lodges.

Brother Al White here, he kind of took some of the glory out of the things that I was going to say today, if I was called on about the indifference that a lot of the Masters have in the Lodges. Myself, I have been appointed into ten chairs this year and I am doing my best to keep up with them. You get out of Masonry only what you can put into it. And I, sometimes, you can get just about as much as you can stand, but in return. But, truly, we do need to work with our youth. It is our future generation, in members of these Lodges.

We are losing membership and I am trying to get organized right now in our Lodge to reorganize the DeMolay group. I brought it up before the Master and a few Past Masters in the Lodge, and asked them if I could get some of them to volunteer to help me and to work with this. And the Master looked at me and said, why in the world do you want to start something else, we can't even get the members to come out to Lodge? I said, with that attitude, that is why we are not getting members.

Brothers, I think that we should take a deep look at ourselves as Masters and Wardens of our Lodges and to begin working with these youth groups and start sitting on the sidelines and get some members of the Lodges to set on their sidelines and give them a hand and give them a little encouragement; because it is direly needed. And they need our help, they need our support and without knowing that they have got any, it is pretty difficult for them to continue in their little groups. I would encourage all of you to do that because this is from my heart and my real feelings that we need to encourage them very much and to work with them.

Most Worshipful Brother Grand Master, I thank you for the opportunity to get to speak for our Most Worshipful Brother Grand Master Charlie Moore.

MW David Shirey, Grand Master of Alabama

Thank you Brethren, Most Worshipful Brother Grand Master, other Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters and my Brethren all;

It is certainly an honor and indeed a pleasure for me to stand before this august body today and address it as the Grand Master of Masons for Alabama. I bring you greetings from the 56,000 plus Masons of the great sunny, warm, in the deep, deep Dixie

South state of Alabama. It was about 72 degrees when Brother Hambrick and I left there a few days ago. I have had about a 103 degrees change of temperature I think, sometime during the night last night, which is chilling. I don't know if I have ever seen it that cold and don't know if I want to see it that cold again. I stuck my head out this morning, and believe me, it almost took my breath, it is something that is unusual for us.

It is indeed an honor to come here today, and be in this session and to address this body because it is a real honor because I am the first sitting Grand Master of the State of Alabama to come to the Grand Lodge session of Alaska, and I'll always hold that honor. It is an honor because Brother Ralph has been coming to our Grand Lodge sessions for several years and I promised him that when I went into the Grand Lodge line a few years ago that if I was still financially able and well that I would be at his Grand Lodge session, and so Brother Hambrick and I set out a few days ago and we got side tracked in Salt Lake City for a day but we watched it snow and I have never seen it snow so much in my life, about 12 inches in one night. And that is unusual for us.

I was just in Orlando, Florida this past Monday, and it was 82 degrees. I was in San Juan, Puerto Rico just a few days before that and it was 84 degrees there and so I have come through some quite extremes getting here. I was a little amused at our officers that were elected when they came to the microphone and accepted their election in the offices. I know how they feel, that is a little awkward position, maybe we could do that differently some time, I know how awkward I felt. You sort of feel like the bridegroom on his wedding night, you know what you are supposed to do, but you just don't know where to start. So I was a little amused, I know how you feel, I was in that same position.

Brethren, I want to thank the Grand Master and all the Grand Lodge officers for the courtesies that have been extended to us in our stay here. Everything has been perfect and I really mean that. You have been very, very nice to us and we hope that you come to Alabama some time and our Grand Lodge Session which is in November. It will be the week of Thanksgiving. Come and be with us and we hope that we can repay to you some of the courtesies that have extended to us while we have been here. It has been very nice, I want to take some pictures of this pretty winter wonderland to carry back home because I know that the folks back there are not going to believe me when I tell them how pretty it is. I know they will believe me when I tell them how cold it is, because I understand it is about 18 degrees there today.

Brethren, I know we are, we have got just a few minutes and let me tell you just a few things that we have got going on in the state of Alabama. We are moving along well in the state of Alabama. We have had one public ceremony already this year. I laid the cornerstone to a public building in Dale County, Alabama, down at Ozark. I had to learn the cornerstone ceremony, memorize all the verbiage and I didn't have any problem with that. But then I did have a problem with parts of it because the cornerstone that I laid was to a jail. And in that, there is one little part that says, "May the all bounteous Author of Nature grant to the inhabitants of this place, all the comforts, conveniences and necessities of life." To be quite honest with you I didn't know what in the devil I was going to do when we got down to that, so I just omitted it. I think only my Past Grand

Masters were the ones that knew that I left that part out, but I didn't think it would be quite appropriate to hope that they were provided with all the comforts and conveniences of life.

Brethren, we have some other public ceremonies planned for the Grand Lodge of Alabama. I have some dedications of Masonic Lodges there, we have 390 Lodges there. I will dedicate about 3 Lodges this year, I will lay the cornerstone to another Lodge, I have been asked, sort of, to get ready to lay a cornerstone, it is in the planning stage now to a town hall in a little town over in Brother Hambrick's county; in Jackson county, just north of me.

But, it is an honor again Brethren, to be here, to be the first sitting Grand Master of Alabama to come and attend the Grand Lodge session of Alaska. I hope that I get to come back again. I hope its warmer when I come back but I understand from Brother David awhile ago, and I am a little concerned, that maybe the Delta flights are canceled going back out. I hope that's not the case, but we are going to stay over until tomorrow, and so hopefully that that will change if that be the case. We have got to go back though Anchorage and then to Seattle and back to Atlanta and then back to Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Brethren, you have been very nice to us here. We appreciate it. Come to Alabama and see us, and I hope that God continues to richly bless this Grand Lodge. Thank you Brethren

MW Floyd Hambrick, PGM of Alabama

Thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master, other Grand Lodge Officers present and past, and Brethren, it is a great honor for me to be here this afternoon and Grand Master, I would certainly want to thank you for the invitation and for allowing me to come and be with you and your session. We have had a great time. I enjoy my Brethren, everywhere we go. I like to have a lot of fun, and that is where I met your Grand Master in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and what he really did, he had some of these coins that he was sending down to Mobile to our Past Grand Master, is our Grand Representative. And he give it to one of these Brethren from Mobile, he was one of our Grand Lodge officers. I think it was the Senior Grand Warden because I had just been elected like Brother Ralph and he gave it to this Brother, I heard them talking and after awhile, I came back around and I says, Brother Ralph, Brother Kolie will never get that coin. He said why? I said that Brother has done sold it. And he fell for it! He really thought that Brother had sold that coin, he may have, knowing him.

But Brethren, it is great to be here and we have a lot of fun, every where we go. Our Grand Master from Alabama, is my best friend that I have ever had in this fraternity because I have traveled so much with him and he lives real close by because we get to go during the week, several different places. He is a Brother that I know is doing us a great job and a Brother that I love very much.

Brother, like I said, we have met him throughout this whole United States. We met on several occasions. He has visited me at my home in Alabama, and I am certainly looking for him coming back and being with us down there. I could tell the Brethren, I could got to come to Grand Lodge a few years ago, you probably wouldn't have had to put up with him, if I'd been up here before the elections.

I thank you, and some of you Brethren knew that, you would probably have paid my way up here. But Brethren, again, it has been great to be here, he is going to ride me down.

Well, some of the Brethren there awhile ago, while we was having the luncheon, I thought that some of them was a waiting to mark their ballots because you told 'em that you wasn't a candidate, and I believe that some of them were going to vote for you.

(Grand Master) Yeah, I voted for myself I guess.

I know you did, I looked over there to see, you did mark it. That is the one you got, that one. But ,Brother Ralph, I certainly want to wish you and your daughter Sarah the best in years to come. You are two that we love very, very much, and all you Brethren here, in the Grand Lodge of Alaska, I have learned a lot of you and I appreciate you. I love you very much. I invite you any time that you can be in Alabama, to visit any or our Lodges. We have 390 Lodges in the State of Alabama and we' would be more than glad to have any of you. Thank you.

ELECTION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

The election of Grand Officers for 1989-1990 was conducted and the ballots counted. The results were announced by Most Worshipful John C. Ingram, Past Grand Master, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, as follows:

Grand Master: 100 votes Cast, 51 votes required for a majority

Ralph Kavorkian	1 vote
Frank Erie	1 vote
Fred Angleton	1 vote
Les Little	2 votes
Dave Thomas	3 votes
Chuck Gregg	92 votes (Station accepted)

Deputy Grand Master: 100 votes cast, 51 votes required for a majority

Les Little	1 vote
Dave Thomas	99 votes (Station accepted)

Senior Grand Warden: 99 votes cast, 50 votes required for a majority

Mitch Miller	1 vote
Les Little	2 votes
Howard Hobbs	2 votes
Frank Erie	94 votes (Station accepted)

Junior Grand Warden: 101 votes cast, 52 required for a majority

Mitch Miller	1 vote
John Grainer	1 vote
Tim Routzahn	1 vote
Lloyd Triggs	14 votes
Howard Hobbs	22 votes
Les Little	52 votes (Station accepted)

Grand Secretary: 96 votes cast, 49 votes required for a majority

Milton Routzahn	1 vote
Howard Hobbs	1 vote
Les Little	1 vote
Gunnar Flygenring	7 votes
Neil Bassett	86 votes (Station accepted)

INSTALLATION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

An open installation for the 1989-1990 officers for the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was conducted at 3:30 PM in Fairbanks, Alaska on February 3, 1989

OPENING CEREMONIES

INSTALLING OFFICERS

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

ELECTED OFFICERS

Grand Master	MW Charles I. Gregg
Deputy Grand Master	RW David J. Thomas
Senior Grand Warden	RW Franklin W. Erie
Junior Grand Warden	RW Leslie R. Little
Grand Secretary	RW Neil R. Bassett

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Grand Chaplain	W Rev. John W. Edgar
Grand Lecturer	VW Alfred M. White
Grand Orator	VW Milton M. Routzahn
Grand Historian	VW Russell C. Milligan *
Grand Marshal	W Larry M. Sizemore
Senior Grand Deacon	W Henry T. Dunbar
Junior Grand Deacon	W Raymond F. Tidwell
Grand Standard Bearer	W George Bristow
Grand Sword Bearer	W Frederick S. Brady, Jr. *
Grand Bible Bearer	W Harold H. Ervin
Senior Grand Steward	W William H. Lefferson

Junior Grand Steward	W Frank Dickenson
Grand Organist	W Richard D. Bender
Grand Tyler	W Mitchell R. Miller

* Not in attendance to be installed.

DEPUTIES TO THE GRAND MASTER

District 1	VW Paul J. Merkouris.
District 2	VW Alfred B. Cratty
District 3	VW Willie R. Josey
District 4	VW John H. Grainger

SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS

Saturday, February 13, 1988

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 1:30 p.m. in the Anchorage Masonic Temple. The Grand Officer's stations and places were occupied as follows:

M.W. Ralph Kavorkian (3, 12)	Grand Master
R.W. Charles I. Gregg (10, 13)	Deputy Grand Master
RW David J. Thomas (6, 11)	Senior Grand Warden
RW Frank W. Erie (3,12)	Junior Grand Warden
RW Neil R. Bassett (10, 11)	Grand Secretary
W Rev. Emilio A. Chaviano (15)	Grand Chaplain
VW Howard N. Hobbs (10, 15)	Grand Lecturer
VW Alfred M. White (8, 11)	Grand Orator
W John H. Grainger (1)	Grand Historian
W Russell D. Burnett (11)	Grand Marshal
W Larry M. Sizemore (13)	Senior Grand Deacon
W Henry T. Dunbar (10)	Junior Grand Deacon
VW John W. Underwood (3)	Grand Sword Bearer
W Daniel A. Folwick (8, 10, 15)	Grand Bible Bearer
W Howard R. McElrath (4, 13)	Senior Grand Steward
W Leslie R. Little (10, 15)	as Junior Grand Steward
W Richard D. Bender (10)	as Grand Organist
VW Gene R. Freeman (3, 12)	as Grand Tyler
W Thomas K. Black, Jr. (15)	Messenger

The Grand Master announced that this Special Communication had been called for the purpose of Constituting Aurora Lodge No. 15 and installing its Officers, said ceremony to commence at 2:00 p.m. The Lodge received its dispensation to work on February 25, 1987.

Just prior to the Lodge ceremonies, Worshipful Brother Howard R. McElrath (4, 13) was installed as Senior Grand Steward by the Grand Master.

The Constitution Ceremony opened with the presentation of the flag by Staff Sergeant Rex C. Hasty, USAF(13,15), the Pledge to the flag and opening remarks and introductions by Most Worshipful Fred V. Angleton, PGM.

Under the direction of the Grand Marshal, the Grand Officers proceeded to their places and the Lodge was Constituted according to the ancient ceremonies. The following officers were installed:

Worshipful Master	Peter E. Nilles (10, 15)
Senior Warden	William H. Lamb (15)
Junior Warden	Robert M. Davis (10, 15)
Treasurer	Thomas K. Black, Jr. (15)
Secretary	Philip A. Ambrose (10, 15)
Chaplain	James T. Ables (15)
Marshal	Terry E. Custer (15)
Senior Deacon	Raymond L. Beaver (3, 10, 15)
Junior Deacon	H. Allen Sweetman (15)
Senior Steward	Philip S. Lee (15)
Junior Steward	Scott L. Whitaker (15)
Tyler	Emilio A. Chaviano (15)
Head Coach	Randy R. Retallick (15)

The Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form at 4:35 p.m.

Neil R. Bassett
Grand Secretary

Saturday, September 24, 1988

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 11:20 a.m. in the Fairbanks Masonic Temple. The Grand Officer's stations and places were occupied as follows:

MW Ralph Kavorkian (3, 12)	Grand Master
MW Fred V. Angleton PGM (2, 11)	as Deputy Grand Master
RW David J. Thomas (6, 11)	Senior Grand Warden
RW Frank W. Erie (3, 12)	Junior Grand Warden
RW Neil R. Bassett (10, 11)	Grand Secretary
W Rev. John W. Edgar (12)	Grand Chaplain
MW Gunnar Flygenring PGM (10)	as Grand Lecturer
VW Alfred M. White (8, 11)	Grand Orator
W John H. Grainger (1)	Grand Historian
W Russell D. Burnett (11)	Grand Marshal
MW Glen W. Pruett PGM (3, 12)	as Senior Grand Deacon
W Henry T. Dunbar (10)	Junior Grand Deacon
W William B. Clucas (3, 12)	as Grand Standard Bearer
VW John W. Underwood (3)	Grand Sword Bearer
VW Will R. Josey (8)	as Grand Bible Bearer
W Lloyd W. Ives (3, 12)	as Senior Grand Steward
VW Gene R. Freeman (3, 12)	as Junior Grand Steward
W Mitchell R. Miller (3,12)	as Grand Organist
W Keith E. Herve (3)	as Grand Tyler
W William A. Hendricks (12)	Principal Architect

The Grand Master announced that this Special Communication had been called for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of the John Carlson Community Center in Fairbanks.

The Officers and members then repaired to the site where, under the direction of the Grand Marshal, they were formed in Grand Procession and marched to the cornerstone location.

The cornerstone was duly laid according to ancient usages and customs. The oration was given by Very Worshipful Brother Alfred M. White (8, 11), Grand Orator. A sealed container was placed within the cornerstone that contained the following memorabilia:

A photo of John A. Carlson, Fairbanks North Star Borough Mayor, 1968-1982.
Copy of address by Borough Mayor Juanita Helms.
Roster of Borough Assembly members.
Copy of address by Mrs. June Carlson.
List of Alaska Congregational Delegates: Senator Frank Murkowski, Senator Ted Stevens, and Representative Don Young.
Roster of 1988 Grand Lodge Officers and Committeemen.
Medallion for 7th Annual Communication in Nome.
Copy of the Grand Oration.
Roster of Alaska Lodges.

After appropriate remarks by local government officials and by Mrs. June Carlson, the Officers returned to the Temple. Labor was resumed at 1:45 p.m. at which time Worshipful Brother John H. Grainger (1) was installed by the Grand Master as Deputy of the Grand Master for District No. 4.

The Grand Lodge was closed in Ample form at 2:05 p.m.

Neil R. Bassett
Grand Secretary