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# PRAYER OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

*Shall we pray? Our Father, our hearts are made full already this morning - and it tells us a little bit what is going to happen here at this ninth meeting of the Grand Lodge of Alaska. We pray Heavenly Father for your wisdom, for your guidance in all that we do. Have us to realize that each of us have a way of shaping the destiny of Alaska and those that touch our lives. We pray Heavenly Father for your guidance for our Grand Master through these ceremonies, for the new- Grand Master coming our way. We pray for each of the Brothers that are here, that they may carry back the inspiration that will continue to assist Masonry as it grows, as it meets the challenges of these new generations in front of us.*

*Thank you Father for the grace that you shed upon America, and that we have had a part of it. It appears that it is going to spread all over the world, and we can say that we had a little bit to do with it all. Bless us this morning as we enter this first session of the ninth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alaska as Free & Accepted Masons.. Thank you Father for that privilege. Amen*

## ROLL CALL

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

### GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Master	MW Charles I. Gregg
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deputy Grand Master	RW David J. Thomas
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Warden	RW Frank W. Erie
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Warden	RW Leslie R. Little
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Secretary	RW Neil R. Bassett
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grand Chaplain	W Rev. John W. Edgar Eugene M. Mockerman (PT)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Lecturer	VW Alfred M. White
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Orator	VW Milton M. Routzahn
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Historian	VW Russell C. Milligan
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Marshal	W Larry M. Sizemore
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Deacon	W Henry T. Dunbar
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Deacon	W Raymond F. Tidwell
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Standard Bearer	W George Bristow
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Sword Bearer	W Frederick S. Brady, Jr.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grand Bible Bearer	W Harold H. Ervin
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Steward	VW William H. Lefferson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Steward	W Frank Dickenson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Organist	W Richard D. Bender
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grand Tyler	W Mitchell R. Miller

**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
- North Pole Lodge No. 16

Most Worshipful Grand Master, all Grand Lodge Officers, except the Grand Chaplain, Grand Bible Bearer, and Grand Tyler and all lodges except Adak Lodge No. 14 are represented and we, therefore, have a Constitutional quorum to open Grand Lodge.

Richard D. Bender  
Grand Secretary

# SOLEMN CEREMONIES

Organ prelude was performed by Larry Nelson, Grand Organist at 7:45 AM

The public opening of the Ninth Annual Communication of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was opened at 8:00 AM on February 1, 1990 by RW Jack G. Boily (1). The program for the public ceremonies included:

Entrance of Grand Lodge Officers for public opening  
Flag presentation by National Sojourners and members of Masonic Family  
Pledge of Allegiance  
National Anthems  
“The Alaska Flag”  
Welcome by Brother Robert B. Attwood, Former Publisher of the Anchorage Times  
Response by RW Leslie R. Little (10, 15)

## **Introduction and Reception of Distinguished Guests**

### **British Columbia**

RW Thomas O. Mickey, PDDGM, representing MW John J. Lobban, Grand Master

### **California**

RW Ronald A. Sherod, Deputy Grand Master, representing MW Sam M. Pavlovich, Grand Master

### **Iran in Exile**

RW Mozafar Jandaghi, Senior Grand Warden, representing MW Hossein Daftarian, Grand Master

### **Japan**

MW Arthur S. Thomas, Honorary Past Grand Master, representing MW Hideo Kobayashi, Grand Master

### **Michigan**

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

### **Montana**

RW Donald E. Kimmel, Deputy Grand Master, representing MW Larry T. Lund, Grand Master

MW Francis D. Hess, Past Grand Master

### **Nebraska**

MW Byron C. Jenkins, Past Grand Master representing MW Thomas W. Tye, Grand Master

### **Nevada**

MW W. Ron Briggs, Past Grand Master, representing MW William B. Berk, Grand Master

### **North Dakota**

RW Allen Ohrt, Senior Grand Warden

**Oklahoma**

RW B. Michael Wood, Senior Grand Warden

**Oregon**

MW Dalvin L. Hollaway, Grand Master

MW Vern R. Garvin, Past Grand Master

MW Herman C. Kuppler, Past Grand Master

**Washington**

MW William R. Miller, Grand Master

RW Sidney Kase, Deputy Grand Master

RW Walberg Tonstad, Grand Secretary

MW George R. Bordewick, Past Grand Master

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

MW Alden H. Jones, Past Grand Master

VW Wendal H. Kuecker, Grand Marshal

W Edwin F. Bradek, Junior Grand Deacon

VW Kenneth S. Robinson, Chairman, Drug Foundation Committee

**Wyoming**

MW J. Earl Christensen, Grand Master

RW Ray A. Noah, Grand Secretary

**Masonic Service Association**

MW Tomas R. Dougherty, Past Grand Master and Director, Hospital Visitation

**Al Aska Shrine Temple**

M. Burton Oien, Potentate

**Imperial Council, Scottish Rite**

Chester L. Proudfoot, Deputy for Alaska

Distinguished guests will address the session as time permits.

The formal opening of the Ninth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was opened at 9:00 AM on February 1, 1990 by Most Worshipful Charles I. Gregg, Grand Master of Masons in Alaska in Ample Form.

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

**First Session**

W Thomas P. Cowen (10)

**Second Session**

W Bobby W. Alexander (13)

**Third Session**

W Neal D. Cooper (8)

**Fourth Session**

W Robert L. Fulton (10, 11)

## MESSAGE OF THE MW GRAND MASTER

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

Distinguished Guests, my Brethren all:

Regretfully, I am unable to find the words to describe to you how I feel at this moment. You have honored me greatly by allowing me to appear before you as your Grand Master at this time and in this place. I can only pray that history will reflect that what we have accomplished during the past year and in these sessions has exemplified the full embodiment of the precepts of Masonry.

I extend to each of you a most sincere and warm welcome to the Ninth Annual Communication of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska. To our distinguished guests, I extend a special welcome, and hope that we can extend to you the gracious hospitality that you have shown when Brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction spent time with you. We sincerely hope that you will have fond memories of your visit to the north country, and if there is anything which we might do to make it even better, please let us know. Alaskans are independent by nature and occasionally do things a little different, but you can bet on one thing; we are glad that you have taken time to come to be with us.

To all of the Brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction, I must confess that I stand before you with mixed emotions. On the one hand, I am proud of so many of you for your continued efforts to make our fraternity ever better - on the other hand, I am disheartened that we have within our ranks individuals who do not display Masonic virtues. Their refusal to lay aside petty complaints or imagined wrongdoings, has prompted me to continually assert that we must get back to practicing the basic precepts of Masonry; recognizing that the answers to these and most other problems can be found there. However, I now question the value of my efforts since those to whom the subject was directed rarely see themselves as being a part or parcel of the conversation at hand. Nobody said that the task would be easy.

There were sleepless nights and long hours of anguish over things that perhaps would have seemed meaningless to others. There were countless conversations and phone calls to rectify problems either real or invented. Although I frequently sought advice (which I didn't always follow), I always weighed the thoughts carefully before rendering my decision; and again, I pray that history will prove that I have rendered principled judgment during my service to this Grand Lodge, and that I may continue to do so in the future.

Brethren, we must never allow ourselves to forget that we are Masons, first, last, and always. Every act that we do is monitored and we can ill afford to lower our standards under any pretense. It has been, and will continue to be, my fondest desire to see Masonry in Alaska grow and flourish, and all Lodges in Alaska united under the

Grand Lodge of Alaska. I deeply regret that my actions to help bring this about appear to have been unsuccessful, as my trips to Southeastern Alaska have had little effect towards unification to date. On each trip, I waited patiently, always in vain, for responsible persons from that area to start some meaningful dialogue - I even dropped hints that we should do something, anything. But the silence that ensued was shattering, or the reasoning which was presented totally without foundation.

Among those Lodges are some highly dedicated Masons who are well skilled in the noble science and royal arts. My regret is that until such time as they become a part of us, a lack of harmony prevails and neither can avail themselves of the others' talents; neither is it likely that the Grand Lodge of Washington would seek to promote members from out of state when they have an abundance of talent within their immediate area.

### *State of the Craft*

Though problems continue to multiply throughout the fraternity, Freemasonry in Alaska fairly well continues to hold its own. Most Lodges have reasonably solid leadership, but are hampered by unstable segments or individuals bent on satisfying their own ego. Such holds true in all organized groups of our society and although many words of advice have been offered, there is really only one answer, "for each of us to practice the basic precepts of Masonry."

We continue to find Lodge Officers being advanced with little or no thought as to how well they are prepared or if they will indeed advance the principles of our beloved Craft.

We continue to find members accepting responsibilities which they either cannot or will not fulfill.

We continue to find disruptive practices during the time our Lodges are tiled, such as sideliners talking, improper levity, etc.

It would be my greatest pleasure to report to you that our Lodges are all highly skilled in the ritual work, and that they all have an over abundance of candidates for the degrees. I would like to report to you that we had no one dropped from the rolls for non-payment of dues. I would even like to report to you that we knew where all of our membership lived and that we had frequent contact with each of them. I would like to report to you that we are cleaning up our backlog of candidates who have not completed the degrees. I would like to report to you that our leadership had enthusiasm and a genuine desire to succeed - but I am unable to do so, for in many cases, this is simply not true.

We are continually told that many of our problems must be attributed to the economic depression the state has been in following the pipeline, but I think not. During the great depression, men of every station found the way to our doors in increasing numbers. Now, it appears more likely that the individuals are less willing to give of their

time or to accept responsibility for their own actions or those of others, and few are willing to accept change. We hear excuses when we should be hearing positive expressions.

Unquestionably, within our ranks we have those individuals who could make the difference, who could turn things around - we have the potential, the problem is how to get them stimulated. It has been said that "ritual is a two-edged sword; it can be our best friend or our worst enemy." Good ritual is essential; striving for excellence is honorable - flawless ritual can drive the individual you want to keep the most away because he is unable to do it without sacrifice, which he has neither the time nor the patience. By comparison, poorly accomplished ritual shows a clearly defined lack of desire to progress. Simply stated, in this day and age, the people we wish most to retain seldom desire to be associated with others with less than similar social accomplishments and have little time for theatrics. It isn't that they feel superior, as a matter of fact, quite often the converse, because in this time of specialization and intense competition in technical fields, many lean toward other types of competition such as how better to succeed in the business world. Hence, the active sports type, the weight lifter, jogger, etc. We must realize this and direct an equal part of our energy toward all members and candidates rather than those who get excited about ritual alone. Neither can we afford to have the same Brethren doing all of the ritual work because that closes others out. If an individual is ritualistically gifted, it has been my long standing opinion that he should pass some of his secrets to others who are less gifted, allowing them to benefit from his expertise, similar to the methods employed by Toastmasters International.

In traveling to the various Lodges within the state, we observed quality floorwork in most, others clearly needed help, however, none were unacceptable. It was a pure joy to travel to places where cheerful, confident Brethren greeted us with a warm friendly handshake - where a positive attitude permeated the Lodge room, and it was obvious that people cared about each other - not who was the best at one thing or another. Good ritual is a building block, strengthens leadership and inspires the membership, however, it is only one of a series of ingredients. If the Lodge is truly to succeed, it is equally important for the membership to accept responsibility for their actions, to utilize skilful and creative procedure as often as possible - and once a plan of action is determined, to be prepared to follow through to completion, or don't start at all.

During each visit, a special effort was made to encourage the Lodge to formulate a budget for their yearly operation, if they didn't have one, and to live within it - since several were observed spending beyond their income. Initially, the plan met with a degree of opposition, but when the members saw that the Grand Lodge was trying to help rather than direct how they spent their money, nearly all adopted a financial formula based on annual income from dues for their Lodge - something much too long in coming. As a consequence, most decided to do something about their financial situation and found it necessary to raise their dues rather than to cut expenditures. For those who still have not formulated a yearly budget, I recommend that you get on with it since you are not doing your Lodge any favors by procrastinating.

The general appearance of our meeting places has greatly improved over previous years -with Valdez and Cordova leading the list. Each of these Lodges had the foresight to lease part of their property to Exxon subcontractors who were involved in the recent oil spill clean-up effort in Prince William Sound. The contractors were generous with their physical contributions as well as their monetary reimbursement, and the buildings and area around them are noticeably improved, not to mention the Lodges' bank account. Nome suffered quite badly during a cold snap when heating oil apparently congealed, shutting off the boiler and allowing water pipes in the building to freeze. On discovery, the Brethren quickly rallied and made the proper repairs and put things back in order. With the severe winters in Alaska, building maintenance must be made a number one priority (with all Lodges), and the qualified Brethren who make their time available at minimal cost to their Lodge for necessary repairs are to be commended. Most Lodges have Holding Corporations to manage their property. Unfortunately, it is more often the norm to find that the meetings of the corporations are not held for the lack of a quorum.

It is discouraging to talk to members who feel that they have been abandoned by their Lodge because the only time that they hear from them is when they want something of a monetary nature.

While our Grand Lodge Bulletin should be fulfilling a part of that need, it has become painfully difficult to get appropriate articles from our Lodges to put in it. While it would serve no useful purpose to admonish those who are inattentive of their duties at this point in time, I would remind you that if you have not seen anything in the Bulletin from your Lodge, it's because no one from your Lodge has sent anything to be printed in it.

Communications are not only vital, they are absolutely essential for survival in today's society. The chances are pretty good that if your membership doesn't know what you are doing -it won't be too long before many of them won't care what you are doing - this fact has been clearly demonstrated every year by an increasing number of members being dropped for nonpayment of dues. Most of them moved, but left no forwarding address - that should tell you what they think of us.

The *State of the Craft*, so far as Communication to all members at the Blue Lodge level is concerned, is sadly in need of renovation - here is your chance Brethren, the success of the Quarterly Bulletin is up to you.

I am pleased that the Lodges which have put on the "Rusty Mason Degree" have had good attendance for the degree, and are reporting that the Tyler's Register shows an increase in attendance after each presentation. The Lodges that have put on this degree are to be commended.

I am pleased that the Permanent Fund of our Grand Lodge is growing each year - the fund raisers show your concern for the future of our fraternity. The Alaska Masonic Research Association and the Grand Lodge of Washington monies this year will swell its sum considerably. We owe a special vote of thanks to the Brethren of the Grand Lodge of



Washington who, at their 1989 Annual Communication, voted to give the Grand Lodge of Alaska \$10,000 a year for ten years - but we must not let down our guard or rest on our laurels - we must commit ourselves to continue its growth, as it will unquestionably be a vital part of our future.

I am convinced that by maintaining a positive attitude and appealing for a new sense of duty and a fuller consecration of the boundless ideals of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth will keep the inviolable fire, the unfaltering and irrevocable divine essence of Freemasonry strong, vibrant, and available to those who, in the future, seek the promise of the Light that radiates in the East.

### *Special Events*

It was my very great honor and privilege to Constitute North Pole Lodge No. 16 and Install their Officers on March the 20th, 1989. The Brethren worked very hard to bring their Lodge together, and I am grateful that I was given the honor of this pleasant task.

On June the 21st, 1989, it was truly one of the high points of my adult life to address the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington, to thank them for their generosity and let them know what Masonry means to me - especially since I was the Master of Glacier Lodge when the Grand Lodge of Alaska was formed and served under both Grand Jurisdictions.

In early July, I traveled with the Potentate of Al Aska Shrine Temple to Toronto, Canada, to the Imperial Shrine Sessions. Every facet of this event impressed me, the warmth and hospitality which was extended could never have been expected. I am proud to report that the relationship between the Grand Lodges and their respective Shrine Temples and the Imperial Shrine appears to be growing stronger each day.

On September the 19th, 1989, in Lawrence Lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M. of Lawrence, Kansas, your Grand Master was received by the Grand Master of Kansas in a public ceremony attended by over 160 people. Lawrence, Kansas is my hometown, and it was a great thrill to be received under these circumstances and will likely never be forgotten.

On December the 9th, I had the honor and privilege of installing the officers of Mount Susitna Lodge No. 8 and on the 21st of December, installing the officers of Kenai Lodge No. 11.

During the year, I have been honored in many ways, and I shall ever be grateful for warm greetings and many courtesies extended to me.

## *Recommendations*

1. It has long been my opinion that the term of office for the Grand Master in Alaska be changed from one to two years. There are numerous reasons for this:
  - ❖ Being a jurisdiction of only 16 Lodges, we have a limited number of Past Masters who have the desire or are prepared to proceed through the Grand Lodge line.
  - ❖ It is a well known fact that it is extremely difficult to get programs going, much less established during the one-year term now in effect.
  - ❖ The term of office of some of the largest jurisdictions in the world are two years in length and there appears to be no inclination to change. Past Grand Masters of those jurisdictions praise the system.
  - ❖ With a two-year term of office, an Annual Communication is also held at midterm (usually in the Grand Master's place of choice). If Resolution 90-8 were approved, it would mean that the Grand Lodge would be held in Anchorage every other year under the two-year system, and the integrity of having the Grand Lodge in the Grand Master's hometown preserved.
  - ❖ Since administrative turnover of personnel is halved, committees are able to make long term plans rather than adopt quick fix solutions from one administration to another.
  - ❖ With a turnover reduction, a jurisdiction keeps its people productively employed twice as long - which would obviously be an asset. For a moment, consider those jurisdictions in which a Grand Lodge Officer is in the line for 12 years - to date, I haven't heard any complaints from any of those Brethren. The two-year system to Alaska would mean that a Brother would be in the elected line for a maximum of eight years.
2. That all ballots cast in Grand Lodge on Resolutions be by paper ballots. The Grand Lodges that follow this procedure are greatly pleased with it, in that it totally eliminates guesswork in the counting; especially when an exact count is vital. It encourages voting members to think for themselves rather than look around to see who is voting for or against; it prevents embarrassment - but most important, preserves the voting members' right to privacy, often avoiding improper comments from others. Properly accomplished, the count can be completed without a perceptible loss of time during a Grand Lodge session.
3. That the Grand Master's Apron be slightly re-designed that he may wear it during and after his term of office. Almost all other Grand Jurisdictions give the Grand Master his apron (for life) when he goes into office, not on departing from office. It also gives each Grand Master sparkling clean paraphernalia.
4. That a penalty be laid upon any Lodge which is more than 15 days late with its end of month report. There can be no legitimate reason that a secretary need take more than an hour to prepare the most detailed of monthly reports.

5. That the computer program utilized by the Grand Lodge of Oregon regarding membership and financial status, be installed in the computer of the Grand Lodge of Alaska at the earliest possible time, and that all records of the Grand Lodge of Alaska be entered in the format utilized by the Grand Lodge of Oregon. Those segments of the program which are not applicable to the Grand Lodge of Alaska be omitted to avoid unnecessary clutter as the Grand Lodge of Idaho has done with this same program. And to encourage each Lodge to utilize a computer program to manage their records - the latter being contingent upon the secretaries' capabilities, but that the secretaries be encouraged along those lines. That the Grand Lodge of Alaska consider the purchase of a fax machine for office use.
6. After observing the damage by hurricane "Hugo" and the earthquake that shook northern California, that this Grand Lodge follow a program used by several others to provide an Emergency Contingency Fund, that we may be able to help others who are faced with emergencies. The method often employed is one where the members contribute in their individual Lodges and those contributions presented by the Master or a member to the Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication. These monies are then put into an interest bearing fund until such time as they may be needed, and the Grand Master authorized to disperse checks; the sum of which is revealed at the next Annual Communication.
7. That the Quarterly Masonic Bulletin be continued, preferably in its current format, and that each constituent Lodge keep its membership informed of current events and of what to expect in the future. Always using "Address Correction Requested" stamped on the mailed item, that they may better keep track of their membership should they move.

### *Acknowledgements*

Nothing could surpass the gratitude I offer to the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe for giving me the strength, courage, resources, health, and guidance so necessary to fulfill the responsible position of Grand Master.

The significant contributions to Freemasonry and our Grand Lodge this past year by so many dedicated, selfless Brethren cannot be adequately addressed. I simply state here my thanks for all the support, encouragement, assistance, dedication, and tireless effort provided by so many. It would surely be folly to try to name you all, as I may miss one or more who have given of themselves so willingly to help further Masonry in Alaska. So, instead, may I simply say to all of you - Thank you, you have made my day.

There are some very special people, however, who I owe a special thanks for a job well done:

A special thanks would surely go to Most Worshipful Brother James A. Williams who could always be counted on for an impartial opinion, regardless of his personal convictions. Brother Jim cheerfully responded regardless of the hour, and he never failed

to return a call. It was always gratifying to hear his voice, especially when he called just to see how things were going or to ask if he might help.

I shall always be grateful to Very Worshipful Brother. Kenneth Robinson of the Grand Lodge of Washington for his contribution of time and talent in the organization and presentation of the educational seminar titled "Your Trip to the East" just prior to this Communication.

To Right Worshipful Neil R. Bassett who did his best to keep me out of trouble, even though he frequently reminded me that "Grand Masters occasionally need a little guidance." The position of Grand Secretary demands precise attention to detail and he is to be commended for his determination.

To Worshipful Brother Rex Plunkett, the Chairman of the Credentials Committee, Editor of the Quarterly Bulletin and computer problem solver - who accomplished the impossible as if it were a matter of course; and who was disappointed in himself for not having more to offer. I am most grateful.

To Very Worshipful Brother Al White for his concentrated efforts and significant contribution to the Grand Lodge, as President of the Alaska Masonic Research Association.

And to my supportive wife, Jan, a constant companion, who truly carried much of the load, who could always be counted on to lift a sagging morale, provide an endless source of inspiration and for whom I shall always have a silent and abiding love.

Brethren, the future of our beloved Craft is up to us - we must never falter in our search of light and truth. Let us continue in every good works and not be dismayed, for our Heavenly Father has promised to strengthen and uphold us by the right hand of his power.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Charles I. Gregg  
Grand Master

## **APPENDIX**

This appendix lists the official acts of the Grand Master during the period of February 14, 1989 through February 2, 1990.

### **Proclamations**

March 1, 1989                      Proclaimed month of April as Public Schools Month.

### **Dispensations Granted**

February 20, 1989                      Permission for Eagle River Lodge No. 13 to confer the Master Mason Degree on a military man in less than two weeks.

May 26, 1989                              Permission for North Pole Lodge No. 16 to conduct degree work at Lakloey Airstrip on July 4, 1990. Advance permission given, with concurrence of the Deputy Grand Master, due to need to provide early notice to aviation related publications.

September 1, 1989                      Permission for White Pass Lodge No. 1 to hold its stated meeting on the date of Grand Master's official visit.

### **Installation of Grand Lodge Officers**

April 20, 1989                              Very Worshipful Russell C. Milligan installed as Grand Historian by MW Charles I. Gregg at Glacier Lodge visit.

### **Special Acts**

May 24, 1989                              Appointed Worshipful Brother Gary E. Ackerson as Special Deputy (A.M.C. 16.13) to act as Master of Seward Lodge No. 6 if all three principal officers are absent.

### **Lodge Bylaws Approved**

#### Eagle River Lodge No. 13:

Dues increase from \$40.00 to \$60.00, approved April 20.  
Articles of Incorporation and corporate bylaws, approved September 16.

#### Valdez Lodge No. 4:

Life Membership plan, approved September 16.

#### Tanana Lodge No. 3:

Dues increase from \$40.00 to \$50.00, approved October 19

#### Kodiak Lodge No. 9:

Dues increase from \$40.00 to \$55.00, approved October 25.  
Life Membership changes to be based on percentage of annual dues, approved November 8.

Kenai Lodge No. 11:

To add payment of current year dues to affiliation fee requirements, approved December 27.

Adak Lodge No. 14:

Increase degree fees from \$250.00 to \$350.00, affiliation fee from \$25.00 to \$35.00, and dues from \$25.00 to \$35.00, approved January 2.

**Lodge Visitations and Other Meetings**

**1989**

February

18 - 22 Conference of Grand Masters, Arlington, Virginia

March

4 - 5 Western Conference of Grand Lodges, Ashland, Oregon

11 District 3 meeting, Anchorage

15 Tanana Lodge No. 3

20 Constitute North Pole Lodge No. 16 and install officers

April

3 Eagle River Lodge No. 13

7 - 8 Kodiak Lodge No. 9

11 Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8

20 Glacier Lodge No. 10

27 Kenai Lodge No. 11

May

12-13 Anvil Lodge No. 2

18 Fairbanks Lodge No. 12

20 Seventh Annual International Fellowship Day, Harding Lake

25 Ladies Appreciation Night, Glacier Lodge No. 10

June

1.-2 Grand Lodge of Oregon, Portland

20 - 22 Grand Lodge of Washington, Spokane

July

5-8 Imperial Session, A. A.O.N.M.S., Toronto

August.

4 - 5 Adak Lodge No. 14

September

1 - 2	White Pass Lodge No. 1
6	Valdez Lodge No. 4
7	Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5
25 - 26	Grand Lodge of Missouri, Columbia
30	District 1 meeting, Fairbanks
<b>October</b>	
3	Seward Lodge No. 6
7	Washington District 3 meeting, Juneau
9-10	Grand Lodge of California, San Francisco
16	North Pole Lodge No. 16
21	District 2 meeting, Soldotna
25	Aurora Lodge No. 15
26	Joint dinner meeting, Anchorage area Lodges
31	Matanuska Lodge No. 7
<b>November</b>	
4	Joint dinner meeting, Fairbanks area Lodges
13-14	Grand Lodge of Nevada, Fallen
18	District 3 meeting, Anchorage
20	Installation of Officers, Eagle River Lodge No. 13
<b>December</b>	
2	Installation of Officers, Aurora Lodge No. 15
7	Installation of Officers, Glacier Lodge No. 10
9	Installed Officers, Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8
16	Installation of Officers, Matanuska Lodge No. 7. Installed Secretary.
21	Installed Officers, Kenai Lodge No. 11
<b>1990</b>	
<b>January</b>	
3	Installation of Officers, Anchorage Lodge No. 221
5	Installation of Officers, York Rite
6	Installation of Officers, Matanuska Valley Chapter No. 14, O.E.S.
7	Installation of Officers, Denali Chapter No. 16, O.E.S.
12	Installation of Officers, Scottish Rite
13	Election and Installation of Officers, A.A.O.N.M.S.
14	Installation of Officers, Anchorage Chapter No. 8, O.E.S.
<b>February.</b>	
1 - 2	Grand Lodge of Alaska

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

### March

- 12-21 United Grand Lodge of Victoria, Melbourne, by Most Worshipful E. L. Foss
- 16-18 Grand Lodge of Kansas, Salinas, by Mitchell R. Miller

### April

- 18-19 Grand Lodge of North Carolina, Raleigh, by Worshipful Henry T. Dunbar

### June

- 15-17 Grand Lodge of North Dakota, Bismarck, by Very Worshipful Robert M. Parkins
- 22 -24 Grand Lodge of Montana, Miles City, by Right Worshipful David J. Thomas
- 22 – 23 Grand Lodge of British Columbia, Vancouver, by Most Worshipful Gunnar Flygenring

### August

- 13-15 Grand Lodge of Wyoming, Cheyenne, by Right Worshipful David J. Thomas

### September

- 15-16 Grand Lodge of Idaho, Boise, by Right Worshipful David J. Thomas

### November

- 13-14 Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, Guthrie, by Right Worshipful David J. Thomas



# 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.

This year was not one of our better ones. We had some rather staggering losses for a Grand Lodge of this size, and the Grand Secretary's Office was plagued by illness. Financially we did quite well, though not by design.

The time available to close out the 1989 books and to prepare and print these reports was just as short as in 1988, with an extremely short fuse for the Lodge Secretaries to submit their December and annual reports. Even with six newly elected Secretaries and one Lodge without a Secretary, the Brothers responsible helped me greatly by timely submission of reports or information from them. I thank all concerned.

We received a request for recognition from the Grand Lodge of Ivory Coast which was referred to the Fraternal Relations Committee.

My wife's two surgeries in the spring and my own virus infection of six weeks' duration in the fall, slowed office activities to a crawl and even had a minor effect on expenses. I was unable to attend the Grand Secretaries Conference and restricted my in-state travel. No progress was made on printing the proceedings.

Worshipful Brother Pete Niles worked with me daily for over two weeks on our computer mailing list. At the end of the year, the only known deficiencies were normal address changes of which we were not yet aware, and about 100 Brothers for whom we had no useable address.

Several 25-Year pins were ordered by Lodges for specific Brothers, but the presentation of only one, on October 30, 1989, has been reported:

Louis Victor Kuster, Eagle River Lodge  
Enrolled June 25, 1953

The Thorne Bay group continues to be fairly active as a Masonic club, subject to travel problems and work requirements in a logging community. A number of candidates have petitioned White Pass Lodge and are receiving the degrees through the courtesy of Ketchikan Lodge No. 159, for which many thanks are due.

Statistically, we had a net loss of 92 members. Dimits and death were up over last year, but the greatest single loss was 97 NPD's. Presumably, the Lodges felt that with the per-capita increase, they could no longer afford to carry non-paying members for several years. We also conferred about 50 fewer degrees. While the total gain was greater than in

1988 (proficiencies, affiliations, and reinstatements), it could not overcome the very high loss.

We have not yet been able to find a suitable part time employee. One good prospect declined at the last minute and the Grand Secretary's illness temporarily precluded a further active search.

Permanent fund contributions filtered in all year and totaled \$4,211 from individuals and from Kenai, Fairbanks, Tanana, Valdez, Matanuska, and Eagle River Lodges and from AMRA. On December 30, we received the first payment of \$10,000 from the Grand Lodge of Washington, approved by its delegates last June.

The General Fund status is reflected in the several tables accompanying this report. An unbudgeted item was the receipt on December 28 of \$12,485 from AMRA from its 10-10 and Pioneer Club activities.

Of the several budgets possible as a result of the approved per-capita increase, it was decided to stay with the published proposed 1989 budget because cash flow for 1989 was still based on a \$10 per-capita. We did move into new and much better ground floor quarters in July at an increased rent. Brother Meg Girard of Eagle River Lodge donated a second desk and Most Worshipful Brother Gregg constructed and installed much needed cabinetry. Through the efforts of Brothers Gregg and Rex Plunkett, we also acquired a computer (keyboard, monitor and CPU). Brother Gregg has also seen that we had the temporary use of a printer, and has on order an IIP LaserJet Up printer at a very favorable cost. The computer is presently used for the mailing list, but we also have a program ready to install for membership records. Actual transfer of records has to wait for part time help.

Money "left on the table" has come from several sources, some of which were beyond our control. Illness reduced use of the Grand Secretary's allowance and deferred some expenses to 1990. The only commercial typing done was for the Grand Master's Message booklet, and the Grand Master continued to provide a transcript of the proceedings at no cost to the Grand Lodge. Our Lodges are not ordering publications as in the past, and this negated the need for much printing. Fortunately, there was no need for paid legal advice. In 1990, we intend to explore a more modern accounting system.

One area of concern to me over the last seven years, and one that affects our budget process, is our Finance Committee. The chairman and most members have been replaced annually. Since many members live in different parts of the state, it is not possible to call a meeting "at the drop of a hat" and this reflects on the frequency of meetings. Our budgeting fits generally accepted accounting methods, but we have enough peculiarities that requires time to thoroughly understand. By the time the committee members feel comfortable with the whole process, they go out of office.

I would recommend to future Grand Masters that committee members be reappointed as long as they are willing to serve, and that the chairman-designate have input into committee selection.

My job would be considerably more difficult than it is without the help and support of the Lodge Secretaries. To those Brothers, the Grand Lodge Officers and individual Brothers who have helped and cooperated with me during the year, I extend my sincere thanks.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Neil R. Bassett  
Grand Secretary

## Status of Lodges

	Lodge No.	Elected Only	Initiated	On File EOY	Passed	On File EOY	Raised	On File EOY	Members 1-1-94	MM Proficiency	Affiliates	Dual Members	Reinstated	Consolidate	Other	Total Gain	Dimitts	Deaths	Suspensions	Expulsions	NPD	Other	Total Loss	Net Gain / (Loss)	Members 12-31-97
White Pass	1	4	7	16		4		1	53			8				8		2					2	6	59
Anvil	2		3	13	2	3	2	4	59	1			1			4	2	1			6		9	(5)	54
Tanana	3	9	4	106	4	3	2	22	443	5	1		2			8	6	15			3		24	(16)	437
Valdez	4	4	1	39	1	5	1	3	72	1						1		2			1		3	(2)	70
Mt. McKinley	5			12	2	2	2	2	56									2			3		5	(5)	51
Seward	6	2		11		6		2	74				1			1	1				8		9	(8)	66
Matanuska	7	2	5	32	4	6	7	3	121	6		3				9	1	4					5	4	125
Mt. Susitna	8	4	2	87	2	16	2	24	237	2	1	1	2			6	3	6			34		43	(37)	200
Kodiak	9	8	1	55	2	9	3	5	119	4		1	1			6	2	1			3		6		119
Glacier	10	5		14	2	19	3	25	295	2	1	1	2			6	5	1			10		16	(10)	285
Kenai	11	1	4	26	5	5	4	1	140	4		1				5	2	5			12		19	(14)	126
Fairbanks	12	2	1	17	3	3	5	5	82	4		2	1			7	1	2					3	4	86
Eagle River	13		3	13	3	3	2	2	69	4		1				5	1						1	4	73
Adak	14	2	3	26	3	6	2	3	89	2		2	4			8	7				16		23	(15)	74
Aurora	15	1	3	5	3	2	4	1	48	3						3	1						1	2	50
North Pole	16		1		1		1	1	32		2	1				3	2	1					3		32
Totals		44	38	572	37	125	40	105	1989	10	5	21	14			80	14	42			9		172	(92)	1897

# REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

## 1<sup>st</sup> 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 other Grand Jurisdictions, and report at the Annual Communications whatever may seem of sufficient importance and interest to the Craft.

The Fraternal Relations Committee shall deliver a copy of his report 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 petitioner Grand Jurisdiction - or rejection of said petitioners.

Having agreeably accepted the assignment, the Fraternal Relations Committee did examine all correspondence received and reports as follows:

New Lodges in Jurisdiction:

Grand Lodge of Texas has 2 new Lodges

Grand Lodge of South Carolina, one new Lodge of Research

Grand Lodge of Ontario in Canada, one new Lodge, and there is one Dispensation for another one.

Grand Lodge of Louisiana, one new Lodge

Grand Lodge of Kansas, one new Lodge

Grand Lodge of Western Australia, one new Lodge

Now Brethren, this is the least amount of new Lodges that this Committee has reported since 1984.

Charity:

The Masonic Fraternity is known nationwide for its charitable contributions. The latest report of Charity given by the 51 Grand Jurisdictions give a total of \$304,612,793 annually.

Now, breaking this down to everyday contributions, we find approximately \$834,555.00 is given as charity daily. The leaders of these charities is the Masonic Home Operations and is followed closely by the Shriners Crippled Children Hospitals, then the Scottish Rite Foundation, York Rite Foundation and 13 other auxiliary Masonic organizations. So, we do exercise charity and we heard it again here at this Grand Communication.

From the Grand Lodge of New York

Bits of interest maybe to some, that they amended the Grand Lodge Constitution to provide for 3 black balls or cubes instead of one.

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba

Found it necessary that they raise the per-capita tax up to \$15.80. That is 50 cents over last year.

Delaware

Now they have had to join in too, and they have fixed the per-capita tax per member at \$8.30. And we have ours at \$15.00, but believe me Brothers, there are several that is above ours. And many others are coming up also.

South Carolina:

They levied upon each Lodge an annual per-capita tax of \$4.00 for the Board of Masonic Relief.

Ohio:

They voted down a resolution lowering the age of a petitioner from 21 to 18 years. No way. 21 to 18.

The Grand Lodge of Utah:

They removed the 60 day time limit before a newly raised Master Mason may petition for the degrees in any appendant bodies.

The Grand Lodge of Texas:

Rejected a resolution to lower the age for a petitioner from 21 to 18, also turned thumbs down on a effort to permit the payment of fees and dues with credit cards.

Italy:

For the past 3 years, it has been the recommendations of your Fraternal Relations Committee that the Grand Lodge of Alaska not get involved with the 10 Grand Lodges withdrawing recognition from Italy supposedly because of the refusal to display the Volume of the Sacred Law. Now, the Commission for Information for Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America on February 21, 1989 stated: As a result of their continued review and concern, they are now of the unanimous opinion that the Grand Orient of Italy meets the requirements of the Commission, and they are satisfied everything is required for recognition, (that is what he said.) So thank you my Brothers for your patience on this and not jumping in and withdrawing recognition from this Grand Lodge. Just a mix-up.

Now, we will go to - I'm not very good on pronouncing some of these names, but I think, it is the:

Grand Loge De Cote D'Ivoire: or, Ivory Gold Coast

Anyhow, a request was received from the Grand Lodge of Ivory Gold Coast for the recognition to be extended the new Grand Lodge. Brethren, not enough information has been received by your Fraternal Relations Committee to allow any action on this request at this time. And it is recommended that we await more information.

Connecticut:

This Grand Lodge at a Special Communication in October of 1989 adopted a resolution extending Fraternal Recognition to the Grand Lodge of Prince Hall Masons. At this time, this recognition is for visitation rights.

National Grand Lodge of Greece, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

A request was received from the Grand Lodge of Greece for fraternal recognition. To date, nothing has been received, telling us that this Grand Lodge should be recognized. Now, this committee relies heavily on the recommendations of the Commission on Information for Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America. It is recommended that no action be taken on this request at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Ingram, PGM

Report received for the record.

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

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

May 30, 1989, Most Worshipful Charles I. Gregg, Grand Master of Masons of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska granted interim recognition to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Hawaii - to be in effect, pending installation of Grand Lodge Officers.

July 1, 1989, the Most Worshipful Stanley L. Channon, Grand Master of Masons of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of California installed W Bro. William K. McKee, Jr. - Past Master of Waikiki Lodge No. 774 as the first Grand Master of Masons in Hawaii; along with a full slate of Grand Lodge Officers.

The Grand Lodge of Hawaii is the 51st Grand Lodge in the United States and currently consists of 12 subordinate Lodges which will be organized into four Masonic Districts.

The Grand Lodge of Alaska and this committee are very much aware of the stringent regulations a new Grand Lodge must meet to receive recognition from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of California.

Now, in view of the fact that the Grand Master of California did install the officers of the Grand Lodge of Hawaii, your Committee on Fraternal Recognition therefore recommends that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska accord recognition to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Hawaii and that our Grand Master, at his will and pleasure, arrange for an exchange of Grand Representatives.

Respectfully submitted:

John C. Ingram, PGM

Report received for the record and adopted unanimously.

Right Worshipful Ron Sherrod, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of California Brethren, the Master has asked that I just make an added footnote to what MW John was saying about the new Grand Lodge of Hawaii. Probably a few in the room might be aware of this, but Bill McKee who sounds very much Anglo, is a full blooded Hawaiian, our first Grand Master under a statehood of the United States. But the interesting thing was that there were prior Grand Masters. And, the most recent prior Grand Master to this one, was King Kamehameha. I thought that you might be interested to know that.



# REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

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

	<b>Total Number of Ballots</b>
<b>Grand Lodge</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>White Pass Lodge No. 1</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Anvil Lodge No. 2</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Tanana Lodge No. 3</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Valdez Lodge No. 4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Seward Lodge No. 6</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Matanuska Lodge No. 7</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Kodiak Lodge No. 9</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Glacier Lodge No. 10</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Kenai Lodge No. 11</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Fairbanks Lodge No. 12</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Eagle River Lodge No. 13</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Adak Lodge No. 14</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Aurora Lodge No. 15</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>North Pole Lodge No. 16</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>134</b>

Respectfully submitted,

G. Rex Plunkett Chairman  
Gary E. Ackerson  
Joseph D. Cline  
William B. Clucas  
Cecil C. Johnson

# GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

## **Jurisprudence**

MW James A. Williams (3, 15) Chairman  
W Dennis M. Bump (12)  
W Russell A. Burnett (11)  
W Richard T. Coffin (10)  
W M. Burton Oien (3)

## **Grievance & Appeals**

MW Glen W. Pruett (3, 12) Chairman  
W Lloyd W. Ives (3, 12)

## **Finance**

W Thomas K. Black, Jr. (15) Chairman  
W Donald H. Dinkel (7)  
W Robert L Van Huss (8)  
W Leonard R. Young (10)  
Bro. Leslie A. Wilkinson (3) Advisor

## **Masonic Research & Education**

W Hazen R. Ricker (10, 13) Chairman  
W Donald D. Barber (9)  
W Lloyd W. Ives (3, 12)  
W Gerald M. McGlothlen (14)

## **Credentials**

W G. Rex Plunkett (7) Chairman  
W Gary E. Ackerson (1, 6)  
W Joseph D. Cline (8)  
W William B. Clucas (3, 12)  
W Cecil C. Johnson (2)

## **Masonic Public Relations**

W Philip A. Ambrose (10, 15) Chairman  
Corresponding Editors in each Lodge

## **DeMolay**

W Donald W. Winters (3) Chairman  
W Marvin B. Fitzpatrick (10)  
VW Stanley E. Herman (11)  
W Jimmie H. Ross (7)

## **Bylaws**

VW Robert M. Parkins (8, 13) Chairman  
MW H.B. "Jack" Bentley (10, 11)  
W Allen B. Scouler (11)

## **Public Schools**

W Phillip L. Draheim (6, 11) Chairman  
W Robert J. Dinehart (4)  
VW Milton M. Routzahn (9)  
W Aves D. Thompson (10, 13, 15)  
W Lloyd W. Triggs (3, 16)

## **Fraternal Relations**

MW John C. Ingram (6, 11) Chairman

## **Charters & Dispensations**

VW Henry R. Ferguson (7) Chairman  
W John L. Dolenc (7)

## **Segregation & Reference**

MW H. B. "Jack" Bentley (10, 11)  
MW E. L. "Roy" Foss (11)

## **Arrangements**

W John C. Peck (7, 13) Chairman  
Bro. Van O. Chaney (10)  
Bro. Richard J. Eidson (10)  
W Arnold L. Van Horn (8)  
Barbara Cline (Hotel Liaison)

## **Grand Lodge Degree Team**

VW Howard N. Hobbs (10, 15) Chairman

## **Grand Lodge Quarterly Publication**

W G. Rex Plunkett (7) Chairman

## **Deputies of the Grand Master**

District 1 VW Paul J. Merkouris (2)  
District 2 VW Alfred B. Cratty (9)  
District 3 VW Will R. Josey (8)  
District 4 VW John H. Grainger (1)

# REPORTS OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business was discussed.

## MOTIONS

1. Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Brethren, this is not a Jurisprudence Committee report. I stand here as Past Master of Lodges 3 and 15. My Brothers, as you heard in the Grand Masters Message yesterday morning, and another time or two, the Grand Lodge of Washington has been most generous in giving us a gift of \$10,000 a year -the first check arrived on time, for ten years, for a total of \$100,000. And this is not the usual way of taking care of business, but I thought of this too late to get it in a motion and the Grand Master, I mean the resolution that the Grand Master gave me permission to put two motions on the floor for your vote, with regard to this gift.

This is the first motion; it is a little bit long, so listen up.

I move that the members of this Grand Lodge in Annual Communication assembled, express our grateful appreciation and thanks to the members of The Grand Lodge of Washington for their contribution of \$10,000 per year for 10,000, for ten years, for our permanent fund; and that an appropriate letter reporting our appreciation be sent to The Grand Lodge of Washington with a request that it be read to our Washington Brothers at their next Annual Communication.

Motion made, seconded and passed.

2. Now, you may not know it, but the two good Washington Brothers that originally proposed and promoted this gift for us, was Most Worshipful Brother Bill Miller, when he was Deputy Grand Master and Very Worshipful Brother Wendy Kuecker. So I would like to insert their names into the name of this fund - so, and I want to make sure that the monies of this fund go into the right place.

So, I hereby move: That the Permanent Fund monies being donated to us by The Grand Lodge of Washington, be kept segregated from other Permanent Fund monies; and that this fund be named "The Miller Kuecker Washington Permanent Fund".

Motion made, seconded and passed

3. Right Worshipful David Thomas made motion that this Grand Lodge have an open installation form installing the officers of The Grand Lodge of Alaska for the year 1990 shortly after we get through with business today.

Motion made, seconded and passed

## RESOLUTIONS

### Carryover Resolution 89-16

To add Section 2.06 to the A. M. C.

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To provide for retention of titles by elected Grand Lodge Officers

**RESOLUTION: 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.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that a new section be added to Chapter 2 of the A.M.C. Which will read as follows:

**Section 2.01 Bylaw**

**RETENTION OF TITLE.** An elected Grand Lodge Officers shall retain for life the title appropriate to the highest office to which they had been elected.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee on Jurisprudence  
for WGM Ralph Kavorkian

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

As a carryover proposed amendment to a bylaw, (ed. Note: this Resolution originally submitted as an amendment to the Constitution and voted on as such) it will require a majority vote for adoption.

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

## **Resolution 90-1**

To Amend Section 3.02 of the A.M.C.

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To provide for early distribution of the Grand Master's recommendations for study prior to the Grand Lodge Communication.

**RESOLUTION:** **WHEREAS**, at the 1989 Annual Communication, five resolutions were suddenly generated as a result of recommendations by the Grand Master in his Message, and

**WHEREAS**, this caused confusion and errors because of insufficient notice to the Brethren and insufficient time for careful drafting of the new resolutions, and

**WHEREAS**, this problem can be avoided if the Grand Master will submit his recommendations for distribution to the Lodges for study along with the resolutions which are distributed to the Lodges prior to November 20 as required by Code Section 11.03;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Section 3.02, which enumerates the duties of the Grand Master, be amended by adding the following new Paragraph 6:

6. To submit his recommendations which will appear in his Message at Grand Lodge to the Grand Secretary prior to November 20 for distribution to the Lodges for study.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams PM (3, 15)

Neil R. Bassett PM (10)

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

As a proposed constitutional amendment, it will require a unanimous vote for adoption.

**Note: This Resolution failed to receive the unanimous vote but did receive a majority vote and is a carryover resolution for the 1991 session.**

## Resolution 90-2

To Amend Section 20.11 of the A.M.C.

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To allow for proving the Master Mason proficiency before a committee.

**RESOLUTION:** **WHEREAS**, it has long been known that many people are very reluctant, some to the point of being terrified, to speak before an audience, and

**WHEREAS**, this Grand Lodge has of record over 100 Candidates who have never demonstrated their proficiencies in the Master Mason Degree, and

**WHEREAS**, there is ample reason to believe that many of these Candidates have forgone advancement because of unwillingness to recite unfamiliar verbiage from memory before a group of men, albeit Brothers, many of whom are unknown to the Candidate, and

**WHEREAS**, the argument that "we've always done it this way" is not now and never was valid if we are to modernize and bring good men into Freemasonry as full members;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Section 20.11 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code which reads:

**PROFICIENCY IN THE DEGREES.** A candidate may not be passed to the degree of Fellowcraft, nor raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason without proof of proficiency in the preceding degree. Proficiency in the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft degrees is ascertained either by examination in open Lodge or by examination by a committee appointed by the Master of the Lodge to examine such candidates.

After the Third Degree has been conferred on a Brother, he must pass an examination for proficiency in the Third Degree in open Lodge and sign the Lodge Bylaws, then pay his dues for the current year, whereupon he becomes an enrolled member.

be amended to read:

**PROFICIENCY IN THE DEGREES.** A Candidate may not be passed to the Degree of a Fellowcraft nor raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason without proof of proficiency in the preceding Degree. Proficiency in each of the

three Degrees is ascertained either by examination in open Lodge or by a committee appointed by the Master of the Lodge to examine such Candidate.

After passing his examination for proficiency in the Master Mason Degree, the Brother must sign the Lodge Bylaws, then pay his dues for the current year, whereupon he becomes an enrolled member. This may be done (1) immediately following the examination if the Brother was examined in open Lodge, or (2) at the next Stated Communication of the Lodge if the Brother was examined by a committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil R. Bassett PM (10)  
Peter E. Nilles PM (10, 15)  
Russell C. Milligan PM (8, 10)

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

As a proposed bylaw amendment, it will require a three-fourths vote for adoption

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

## **Resolution 90-3**

To Amend Ritual in All Degrees

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To redefine penalties of obligations.

**RESOLUTION: WHEREAS,** to bring ritual into contemporary terms;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the accepted ritual concerning the penalties of obligations of the three Degrees which reads:

"....under no less penalty than that of having...."

be amended to read:

"....under no less symbolic penalty than that of having...."

Respectfully submitted,

Neal D. Cooper SW (8)



George Bristow PM (8, 13)  
Arnold Van Horn PM (8)  
Hazen Ricker PM (10, 13)  
Ian Ricker PM (10, 13)  
Howard N. Hobbs PM (10, 13, 15)  
Earl E. Frank WM (8)

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

As a proposed amendment to the Standard Work, it will require a three-fourths vote for adoption.

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

## **Resolution 90-4**

To Amend Ritual in All Degrees

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To clarify ambiguities concerning Masons' Aprons.

**RESOLUTION:** **WHEREAS**, the Alaska Monitor and Freemason's Guide contains ambiguous language concerning the parameters and requirements concerning Masons' Aprons;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Monitorial section pertaining to the Apron on page 169 which reads:

The Apron of a Master Mason should be a plain white lambskin, fourteen inches wide by twelve inches deep, and may have sky-blue lining and edging. No other color is allowable. Officers and Past Masters may have the emblems of their rank, in silver, on their aprons.

At the initiation of every candidate, he should be presented, as his own property, with a white lambskin apron. No substitute should be used.

be amended to read:

The Apron of a Master Mason under the jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska shall be plain white lambskin which measures fourteen inches wide by twelve inches deep. The Aprons may have a sky-blue lining and edging so that the visible section of white lambskin conforms with the aforementioned dimensions. No other color shall be

allowable. Officers and Past Masters shall have the emblems of their rank, in silver thread or bullion, on their aprons. Visiting or sojourning brothers may wear their own jurisdictional aprons without impunity while in this jurisdiction. Master Masons of this jurisdiction may wear aprons from other jurisdictions for educational purposes and with the prior permission of the presiding Master of the particular Lodge at that time.

At the initiation of every candidate, he shall be presented, as his own property, with an approved white lambskin apron. No substitute shall be used.

Aprons of Lodge officers and Past Masters which do not conform with the aforementioned descriptions shall be worn until such time as their replacement warrants. New or replacement aprons shall conform with the aforementioned descriptions.

Respectfully submitted,

Neal D. Cooper SW (8)  
George Bristow M (8, 13)  
Arnold Van Horn PM (8)  
Hazen Ricker PM (10, 13)  
Ian Ricker PM (10, 13)  
Howard N. Hobbs PM (10, 13, 15)  
Daniel A. Folwick PM (8, 10, 15)  
Earl E. Frank WM (8)

Report of Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution would create uncertainties with regard to the size and wearing of Aprons. The intent of some of its language is questionable and would lead to different interpretations and controversy. It would conflict with the Apron provided for in Part 3 of Section 16.10

**Therefore, this resolution is not proper for consideration by Grand Lodge.**

## **Resolution 90-5**

To Amend Section 16.10 of the A. M. C.

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To redefine the emblem of a Past Master.

**RESOLUTION:** WHEREAS, to permit the use of additional Past Master emblems;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that section 16.10, paragraph 1, subparagraph A which reads:

A. Past Master- the Blazing Sun within the Compasses extending on a quadrant.

be amended to read:

A. Past Master- the Blazing Sun within the Compasses extending on a Quadrant  
or the Blazing Sun resting upon a square within the Compasses extending on a Quadrant.

Respectfully submitted,

Neal D. Cooper SW (8)  
George Bristow PM (8, 13)  
Arnold Van Horn PM (8)  
Hazen Ricker PM (10, 13)  
Ian Ricker PM 10, 13)  
Howard N. Hobbs PM (10, 13, 15)  
Daniel A. Folwick PM (8, 10, 15)  
Will R. Josey PM (8)  
Earl E. Frank WM (8)

Report of Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. However, the proposed additional Past Master's emblem is an emblem that is worn in this jurisdiction only by the Grand Master, certain other Grand Lodge Officers, and Past Grand Masters. It would not be appropriate for a Past Master to wear this emblem. Therefore, the Committee recommends rejection of this resolution.

As a proposed bylaw amendment, it will require a three-fourths vote for adoption.

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

## **Resolution 90-6**

To Amend Section 16.10 of the A. M. C.

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To clarify ambiguities concerning Aprons of Master Masons, Lodge Officers and Past Masters.

**RESOLUTION: WHEREAS,** to clarify the following;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that section 16.10, paragraph 2, which reads:

2. The Aprons of a Past Master and of the Officers of a Lodge are white and should be of lambskin, fourteen inches wide and twelve inches deep, and may have a sky-blue lining and edging, with the respective emblems thereon.

be amended to read:

2. The Apron of a Master Mason of this jurisdiction shall be plain white lambskin which measures fourteen inches wide by twelve inches deep. The Aprons may have a sky-blue lining and edging so that the visible section of white lambskin conforms with the aforementioned dimensions. No other color shall be allowable. Officers and Past Masters shall have the emblems of their rank, in silver thread or bullion, on their aprons. Visiting or sojourning brothers may wear their own aprons without impunity. Master Masons of this jurisdiction may wear aprons from other jurisdictions for educational purposes with the prior permission of the presiding Master of the particular lodge at that time. Aprons which do not conform with this regulation may be worn until that time when their replacement warrants. New or replacement Aprons shall conform with the aforementioned detail.

Respectfully submitted,

Neal D. Cooper SW (8)  
George Bristow PM (8, 13)  
Arnold Van Horn PM (8)  
Hazen Ricker PM (10, 13)  
Ian Ricker (10, 13)  
Howard N. Hobbs PM (10, 13, 15)  
Daniel A. Folwick PM (8, 10, 15)  
Earl E. Frank WM (8)

Report of Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution would create uncertainties with regard to the size and wearing of Aprons. The intent of some of its language is questionable and would lead to different interpretations and controversy. It would conflict with the Apron provided for in Part 3 of Section 16.10.

**Therefore, this resolution is not proper for consideration by Grand Lodge.**

## **Resolution 90-7**

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 change the date of the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

**RESOLUTION: WHEREAS,** the Alaska Masonic Code requires the Grand Lodge to meet in Annual Communication on the first Thursday in February, and

**WHEREAS,** at this early date the weather is frequently quite severe, and

**WHEREAS,** in 1989, the severe weather prevented some of our Washington and Southeast Alaska Brethren from attending our Grand Lodge, and

**WHEREAS,** the weather is almost sure to be better later in the year, and

**WHEREAS,** a later date would fit better into many of the Brothers' travel and vacation schedules, so that more Brothers would attend, and

**WHEREAS,** no other U.S. or Canadian Grand Lodge meets in the second week of April;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the first sentence of Section 1.05 of the A.M.C. which reads:

Grand Lodge meets annually on the first Thursday in February,

be amended to read:

Grand Lodge meets annually on the second Thursday in April.

Respectfully submitted,

Alden Jones PM (2)  
Timothy Jackson PM (8)  
Hazen R. Ricker PM (10, 13)  
Robert L. Van Huss PM (8, 11)  
George Bristow PM (8, 13)  
Howard N. Hobbs PM (10, 13, 15)  
Elmer L. Foss PM (11)  
George R. Bordewick PM (10)  
Peter E. Nilles PM (10, 15)  
Benjamin H. Robertson PM (10)  
Warren Pruitt WM (6)  
Stanley E. Herman PM (11)  
John H. Grainger PM (1)  
David J. Thomas PM (6,11)  
Ronald H. Moore PM (11)  
Alfred M. White PM (8, 11)  
Will R. Josey PM (8)  
Jesse P. Moore PM (11)

Billy W. Harris PM (11)  
Arnold L. Van Horn PM (8, 13)  
Glen W. Pruett PM (3, 12)  
Robert O. Davidson PM (1)  
M. Burton Oien PM (3)  
John W. Casey PM (3, 12)  
Fred L. McGuire PM (3, 12)  
Lloyd W. Triggs PM (3, 16)  
John J. Lincoln SW (3)  
Darrell C. McSpadden JW (3)  
Monte R. Ervin WM (3)  
John W. Edgar PM (12)  
William E. Oldham WM (12)  
Mitchell R. Miller PM (3,12)  
Lloyd W. Ives PM (3, 12)  
William B. Clucas PM (3,12)  
William A. Hendricks PM (12)

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

This is the report of the special committee which was asked to review 90-7 and make report. And it is our report that we do not want and did not intend to have a conflict with a religious holiday. And we recommend this amendment to Resolution No. 90-7 - reads as follows:

"Grand Lodge meets annually on the first Thursday in April in years when Maundy Thursday falls on the first Thursday in April, in years when Maundy Thursday falls on the first Thursday in April, Grand Lodge will meet on the second Thursday in April."

Amendment to the resolution passed by a simple majority 52 in favor, 35 against.

**The amended resolution did not receive the required a three-fourths majority vote (65 for, 42 against) and is a carryover resolution for the 1991 session,**

## **Resolution 90-8**

To Amend Section 1.06 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 hometown 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 Bylaw, which 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 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 is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge.

As a proposed bylaw amendment, it will require a three-fourths vote for adoption.

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

## **Resolution 90-9**

To Amend Section 14.01 of the A. M. C.

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To delete from the Alaska Masonic Code permission for Lodges under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Washington to exist in Alaska.

**RESOLUTION:** **WHEREAS**, when it formed in 1981, the Grand Lodge of Alaska acquired Supreme Masonic Jurisdiction within Alaska, and

**WHEREAS**, the new Grand Lodge of Alaska provided in its Code that Lodges in Alaska which refused to join this Grand Lodge at that time could remain under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Washington and join us later, and

**WHEREAS**, after nine years, six "holdout" Lodges are still under the Washington authority and seem determined to remain that way, and

**WHEREAS**, ample time has passed for the holdout Lodges to at least signify their intent to join this Grand Lodge, and

**WHEREAS**, three dissenting Hawaiian Lodges have been required to join the new Grand Lodge of Hawaii, and

**WHEREAS**, the traditional American Doctrine of Exclusive Territorial Jurisdiction should apply in the Jurisdiction of Alaska the same as it does in the other U.S. Grand Jurisdictions;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Section 14.01 Constitution of the A.M.C., which reads:

**AUTHORITY FOR LODGES.** Each Lodge in this Jurisdiction is held by virtue of a Charter from this Grand Lodge, or under a Dispension issued by proper authority; provided, however, that a Lodge existing in Alaska under the authority and jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F.&A.M. of Washington prior to February 7, 1981 may continue to exist and operate under that authority with no prejudice against such Lodge's petitioning later of its own free will and accord to transfer to the authority of the Grand Lodge of Alaska so long as the Grand Lodge of Washington has no objection to such continued existence and later transfer.

be amended to read:

**AUTHORITY FOR LODGES.** Each Lodge in this Jurisdiction is held by virtue of a Charter or Dispension issued by this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank W. Erie PM (3, 12)  
Harold H. Ervin PM (3)  
John J. Lincoln SW (3)  
Gene R. Freeman PM (3, 12)  
John W. Edgar PM (12)  
Lloyd W. Triggs PM (3, 16)  
John W. Underwood PM (3, 16)  
Darrell S. McSpadden JW (3)  
Monte R. Ervin WM (3)  
Fred L. McGuire PM (3, 12)  
William B. Clucas PM (3,12)  
William E. Oldham WM (12)  
Roy A. A. Larson. PM (3)

John C. Ingram PM (6, 11)  
David J. Thomas PM (6, 11)  
Robert L. Fulton SW (11)  
Russell A. Burnett PM (11)  
Arthur A. Rindahl JW (11)  
Fred V. Angleton PM (2, 11)  
Allen B. Scouler PM (11)  
Billy W. Harris PM (11)  
Clyde Saltz WM (11)  
V. Clifford Darnell PM (8, 13)  
Larry M. Sizemore PM (13)  
L. V. Dees JW (13)  
Bobby W. Alexander SW (13)



Glen W. Pruett PM (3, 12)  
Lloyd W. Ives PM (3,12)  
Ralph Kavorkian PM (3, 12, 16)  
Mitchell R. Miller PM (3, 12)  
Charles F. Lewis PM (2, 11)  
Stanley R. Foulke SW (2)  
John C. Knudsen WM (2)  
Warren R. Little PM (2)  
Paul J. Merkouris PM (2)  
Robert K. Lewis PM (2)

James D. Grubbs, Sr. PM (13)  
Chris Woodard WM (13)  
Antonio A. Carpine PM (9)  
Milton M. Routzahn PM (9)  
Ken R. Creamer WM (9)  
Michael C. Brechan SW (9)  
Norman C. Sutliff PM (9)  
W. Bruce Finke JW (9)  
Wayne G. Coleman PM (9)  
Leslie R. Little PM (10,15)

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

As a proposed constitutional amendment, it will require a unanimous vote for adoption.

**Note: This Resolution did not receive the required unanimous vote and was defeated (66 to reject, 54 to adopt).**

## **Emergent Resolution 90-10**

**Statement of Purpose:** to require that resolutions be decided by written ballot.

**Resolution:** **Whereas**, a written ballot on each resolution will eliminate guesswork in counting the votes, and

**Whereas**, a written ballot will provide each voting delegate with privacy as to how he votes, thereby sometimes avoiding embarrassment, and

**Whereas**, a hesitant delegate will have to think for himself, rather than looking around to see how others are voting before he votes, and

**Whereas**, a written ballot will allow for the proper number of votes for each delegate who carries proxies, and will allow him to vote yes and no. Yes and no, if his proxy has so instructed him.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved**, that Section 7.05, bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code, which now reads: "

Questions in Grand Lodge are decided by a show of hands, except, Election of Officers, and as may be otherwise provided.

be amended to read,

Questions in Grand Lodge are decided by a show of hands, except as may otherwise be provided. Election of Officers and voting on Resolutions, are by written ballot.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles I. Gregg,  
Grand Master

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

### **Emergent Resolution 90-11**

Recommendation Number 3 of the Grand Master's Message proposed that each Grand Master receive his own personal apron upon entering office. Such an apron to be designed so that he can continue to wear it as a Past Grand Masters Apron.

**Note: this Resolution passed.**

### **Emergent Resolution 90-12**

Recommendation number 4 of the Grand Master's Message proposes that a penalty be assessed against a Lodge which is more than 15 days late with its monthly report.

The committees (Finance and Jurisprudence) agree with the concept of this proposal, but thinks the fine should be discretionary instead of mandatory in case there are extenuating circumstances. The Committee on Jurisprudence has prepared Resolution number 90-12 - that should read Emergent Resolution number 90-12 to put a discretionary penalty into effect and both committees recommend its adoption.

Resolution number 90-12 is in proper form for consideration by the Grand Lodge.

As a proposed additional bylaw, it will require a three fourths vote for adoption.

**Note: This Resolution was defeated**

# REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

## Jurisprudence

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

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

We your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Carry-over Resolution number 89-16 have considered the same and report as follows: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge.

As a carry-over proposed amendment to the bylaw, it will require a simple majority vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted;

James A. Williams  
Russell A. Burnett  
Richard C. Coffin  
M. Burton Oien

Report received for the record and was adopted.

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

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

We your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution number 90-1 have considered the same and report as follows:

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

As a proposed Constitutional Amendment, it will require a unanimous vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams  
Russell A. Burnett  
Richard C. Coffin  
M. Burton Oien

Report received for the record and the resolution received a majority vote and is a carryover resolution for the 1991 session.

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

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

We, your Committee on Jurisprudence; to whom was referred Resolution 90-2 have considered the same, and report as follows:

This resolution is in proper form for consideration by this Grand Lodge. As proposed, as a proposed bylaw amendment, it will require a three fourths vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams  
Russell A. Burnett  
Richard C. Coffin  
M. Burton Oien

Report received for the record and the resolution received a majority vote was adopted.

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

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

We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution number 90-3; have considered the same, and report as follows:

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

As a proposed amendment to the Standard Work, it will require a three quarters vote for adoption, per Section 8.01.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams  
Russell A. Burnett  
Richard C. Coffin  
M. Burton Oien

Report received for the record and the resolution was defeated.

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

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

We, your Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Resolution number 90-5 have considered the same, and report as follows:

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

However, the proposed additional Past Masters emblem is an emblem that is customarily worn in this jurisdiction, only by the Grand Master; certain other Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Masters. It would not be appropriate for a Past Master to wear this emblem. Therefore, the Committee on Jurisprudence recommends rejection of this resolution.

As a proposed bylaw amendment, it will require a three fourths vote for adoption.

As an additional note, the author of this resolution, Brother Neal Cooper approached me the other evening, and he said he would not be able to get to the Jurisprudence Committee meeting to present his arguments for this, but he reminded me, or told me that, since the Past Masters emblem would be silver, and Past and the Grand Lodge Officers emblem would be gold, it is not the same emblem. I presented this argument to the committee but they unanimously rejected that argument, saying that it was still the same emblem, whether it was silver or gold.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams  
Russell A. Burnett  
Richard C. Coffin  
M. Burton Oien

Report received for the record and was defeated.

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

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

We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution 90-7.

This Resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge; as a proposed bylaw amendment, it will require a three quarter vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams  
Russell A. Burnett  
Richard C. Coffin  
M. Burton Oien

Report received for the record and was tabled for amendment.

This is the report of the special committee which was asked to review 90-7 and make a report. And it is our report that we do not want and did not intend to have a conflict with a religious holiday. And we recommend this amendment to Resolution No. 90-7 - And reads as follows:

"Grand Lodge meets annually on the first Thursday in April in years when Maundy Thursday falls on the first Thursday in April, in years when Maundy Thursday falls on the first Thursday in April, Grand Lodge will meet on the second Thursday in April."

Amendment to the resolution passed by a simple majority 52 in favor, 35 against.

The amended resolution did not receive the required a three-fourths majority vote (65 for, 42 against) and is a carryover resolution for the 1991 session, with

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

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

We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution number 90-8 have considered the same, and report as follows:

This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. As a proposed bylaw amendment, it will require a three fourth vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams  
Russell A. Burnett  
Richard C. Coffin  
M. Burton Oien

Report received for the record and was defeated.

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

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

We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution number 90-9, have considered the same and report as follows:

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

As a proposed Constitutional Amendment, it will require a unanimous vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams  
Russell A. Burnett  
Richard C. Coffin  
M. Burton Oien

Report received for the record and was defeated (66 to reject, 54 to adopt)

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

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

We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the Grand Masters Recommendation number one, have considered the same and report as follows:

The recommendation number 1 has merit, however, we feel it would create so many changes and potential complications that it should be thoroughly studied. We recommend that it be considered by a committee of Past Grand Masters.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams  
Russell A. Burnett  
Richard C. Coffin  
M. Burton Oien

Report received for the record.

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

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

We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the Grand Masters Recommendation number 2, have considered the same and report as follows:

Recommendation number 2 proposes that written ballots be used for voting on resolutions in Grand Lodge. The Committee has prepared an Emergent Resolution, Number 90-10 to accomplish the Grand Masters proposal and recommends the adoption.

The resolution, number 90-10 is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge.

As a proposed bylaw amendment it will require a three-fourths vote for adoption.

Report received for the record and resolution 90-10 was defeated.

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

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

We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the Grand Masters Recommendation number 3, have considered the same and report as follows:

Recommendation number 3 proposes that each Grand Master receive a new apron as his own personal property when he enters office. Such an apron, to be designed so that he can continue to wear it as a Past Grand Masters Apron.

The committee has prepared Emergent Resolution 90-11 to accomplish the Grand Master's proposal and recommends its adoption.

Resolution 90-11 is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge.

A majority vote is required for its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams  
Russell A. Burnett  
Richard C. Coffin  
M. Burton Oien

Report received for the record and passed.



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

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

We, your Committee on Jurisprudence and Finance, to whom was referred the Grand Masters Recommendation number 4. Have considered the same, and report as follows:

Recommendation number 4 proposes that a penalty be assessed against a Lodge which is more than 15 days late with its monthly report.

The committees agree with the concept of this proposal, but thinks the fine should be discretionary instead of mandatory in case there are extenuating circumstances. The Committee on Jurisprudence has prepared Resolution number 90-12 - that should read Emergent Resolution number 90-12 to put a discretionary penalty into effect and both committees recommend its adoption.

Resolution number 90-12 is in proper form for consideration by the Grand Lodge.

As a proposed additional bylaw, it will require a three fourths vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams  
Russell A. Burnett  
Richard C. Coffin  
M. Burton Oien

Report received for the record and was defeated.

## **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, giving this Grand Lodge nine years of perfect harmony.

Thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master for the privilege of serving you,

Respectfully submitted,

Glen Pruett  
Lloyd W. Ives

## Finance

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, Grand Lodge Officers, Brethren all; the Finance Committee met last year on several occasions still, to be precise in, as a committee and three times by mail. During the meetings, we discussed and approved the purchase of a computer, a laser-jet printer, approved the lease of a new Grand Lodge Office, employment of a temporary - permanent part-time office help, we approved bylaw amendments and articles of incorporation for Eagle River and bylaw amendments for Valdez and Kodiak.

In November and December, we met and put together a budget for the ensuing year. This budget has been submitted to our members of the committee then to the Grand Secretary and it is included in the proceedings. Being a little unaccustomed to being in this position, I am not sure the proper procedure, but I believe that at this time I need to move that the report be accepted and the budget approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas K. Black, Jr., Chairman  
Donald H. Dinkel  
Robert L Van Huss  
Leonard R. Young  
Leslie A. Wilkinson Advisor

Report received for the record.

## BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1989

### ASSETS

#### CURRENT ASSETS:

	Gen. Funds	Perm. Funds
Cash in Banks		
FNB Anchorage	\$ 15,426.74	
NBA C/Mgmt Savings	7,436.98	
NBA Certs. Dep.	74,262.20	
NBA C/Mgmt Check		\$ 6,737.42
NBA Certs. Dep.		16,249.38
Cash ON Hand – G/L Wash.		10,000.00
<u>Total Funds</u>	<u>\$ 97,125.92</u>	<u>\$32,986.80</u>

Total Cash Assets \$130,112.72

Investment – 166 Shares Nt'l Bank of Alaska	1,330.00
Accounts Receivable – Constituent Lodges	30,797.90
Inventories – Masonic Materials & Supplies	10,261.76
Prepaid Insurance	3,440.00
Prepaid Rent	<u>300.00</u>

Total Current Assets \$176,242.38

	Cost	Allow for Deprec.	
<u>Fixed Assets</u>			
Furniture and Equipment	10,835.45	\$(8,452.70)	
Grand Lodge Regalia	12,106.95	(7,021.47)	
<u>Total Fixed Assets</u>	<u>\$22,942.40</u>	<u>(15,474.17)</u>	7,468.23
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>			<u>\$183,710.61</u>

### LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

#### CURRENT LIABILITIES:

Accounts Payable	\$ 3,052.16
Commemorative Prints - Grainger	\$ 4,081.49
Geo. Washington Masonic Nat'l Memorial Assn	155.00
Reserve for Newsletter Publication	<u>2,563.39</u>
<u>Total Current Liabilities</u>	9,852.04

	<u>Gen. Funds</u>	<u>Perm. Funds</u>	
<u>Net Worth</u>			
Balance – January 1, 1989	\$113,566.97	\$17,523.85	
Increase in Permanent Fund		15,462.95	
Net Income -1989	<u>27,304.80</u>	<u>0</u>	
Net Worth December 31, 1989	<u>\$140,971.77</u>	<u>\$32,986.80</u>	\$173,858.57
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET WORTH</b>			<u>\$183,716.61</u>

**STATEMENT OF INCOME FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED  
DECEMBER 31, 1989**

**INCOME**

	General Fund	Permanent Fund
<u>Operating Income - Dues and Fees: &amp; Assessments</u>		
Per-capita Assessments	\$27,690.00	
Fees for Degree Conferrals	575.00	
Fees for Affiliations	680.00	
Fees from Petitioners/ Degrees	1,550.00	
<u>Total Income – Fees and Assessments</u>	\$23,950.00	0
Sale of Masonic Materials & Supplies -Net	1,013.75	
Contributions & Donations	14,995.00	14,211.00
Interest & Dividend Income	4,584.72	1,251.95
Miscellaneous	1,293.60	
<u>Total Income</u>	\$52,382.07	\$ 15,462.95

**EXPENSES**

<u>Operating Expenses</u>		
Arrangements Committee – Grand Lodge	\$ 3,102.32	
Fraternal Recognition Conference	15.00	
Print and Bind Annual Proceedings	2,500.00	
Reception of Visitors	1,000.00	
Grand Master’s Expense Allowance	1,000.00	
Grand Master’s Travel Allowance	1,000.00	
Grand Lodge Temporary Office Services	390.00	
Grand Secretary’s Allowance	2,362.64	
Past Grand Master’s Regalia	552.16	
Depreciation Expense	1,717.42	
Masonic Service Association Dues	300.00	
Insurance	4,938.01	
Office Rent	3,300.00	
Office Supplies & Expenses	1,125.43	
Postage Expense	435.24	
Printing Expense	626.00	
Telephone & Telegraph	640.55	
Miscellaneous	72.50	
Total Expenses	\$ 25,077.27	0
<u>Net Income - 1989</u>	\$ 27,304.80	
<u>Increase in Permanent Fund</u>		\$ 15,462.95

**OPERATING BUDGET - GENERAL FUND STATEMENT –  
ACTUAL vs. BUDGET Calendar Year - 1989**

	<b>1988 BUDGET</b>	<b>1988 EXPENDED</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Grand Master's Expense Allowance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	0
Grand Master's Travel Allowance	1,000.00	1,000.00	0
Fraternal Correspondence Committee	0	0	0
Masonic Research & Education Committee	0	0	0
Arrangements Committee – Annual Comm.	2,000.00	3,162.32	1,102.32
Printing and Binding - Proceedings	2,500.00	2,500.00	0
Insurance	5,500.00	4,938.01	(561.99)
Entertainment of Visitors	1,000.00	1,000.00	0
Past Grand Master's Regalia	500.00	552.16	52.16
Charity	0	0	0
<b>SUB – TOTAL I</b>	<b>\$ 13,500.00</b>	<b>\$14,092.49</b>	<b>\$ 592.49</b>
Grand Secretary's Expense Allowance	\$3,600.00	\$ 2,362.64	\$ (1,237.36)
Grand Secretary's Travel Allowance	0	0	0
Grand Lodge Expenses:			
Temporary Office Services	3,000.00	390.00	(2,610.00)
Payroll Taxes	0	0	0
Fees – Legal & Audit	500.00	0	(500.00)
Office Rent	2,400.00	3,300.00	900.00
Office Supplies & Expenses	800.00	1,125.43	325.43)
Postage	950.00	435.24	(514.76)
Transcript of Proceedings	1,000.00	0	(1,000.00)
Telephone Expense	750.00	640.55	(109.45)
Printing Expense	2,000.00	626.00	(1,374.00)
Dues Expense			
Fraternal Recognition Committee	15.00	15.00	0
Masonic Service Association.	300.00	300.00	0
Grand Masters and Grand Secretary Conference.	150.00	5250	(97.50)
Depreciations Expense:	1,500.000	1,717.42	217.42
Miscellaneous Expenses	500.00	20.00	(480.00)
<b>SUB-TOTALS II</b>	<b>\$17,465.00</b>	<b>\$10,984.78</b>	<b>\$(6,480.22)</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL;S</b>	<b>\$30,963.00</b>	<b>\$25,077.27</b>	<b>\$(5,887.73)</b>

## COMPARISON OF ANNUAL BUDGETS CALENDAR YEARS 1989 AND 1990

	PROPOSED		+ INCREASE - DECREASE
	1989 BUDGET	1990 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	0	0	0
Masonic Research & Education Committee	0	0	0
Arrangements Committee – Annual Comm.	2,000.00	3000.00	+1000.00
Printing and Binding Proceedings	2,500.00	2,500.00	0
Insurance	5,500.00	5,200.00	-300.000
Reception for Visitors	1,000.00	1,000.00	0
Past Grand Master's Regalia	500.00	500.00	0
Charity	0	0	0
<b>SUB – TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,200.00</b>	<b>\$ +700.00</b>
<b>I</b>			
Grand Secretary's Expense Allowance	3,600.00	4,000.00	\$ +400.00
Grand Secretary's Travel Allowance	0	1,000.00	+1,000.00
Grand Lodge Expenses:			
Temporary Office Services	3,000.00	5,000.00	+ 2,000.000
Payroll Taxes	0	700.00	+700.00
Fees – Legal & Audit	500.00	1,000.00	+500.00
Office Rent	2,400.00	4,100.00	+ 1,700.00
Office Supplies & Expenses	800.00	600.00	- 200.00
Postage	950.00	950.00	- 950.00-
Transcript of Proceedings	1,000.00	1,000.00	0
Telephone Expense	750.00	750.00	0
Printing Expense	2,000.000	2500.000	+ 500.000
Dues Expense			
Comm. on Fraternal Recognition	15.00	15.00	0
Masonic Service Association.	300.00	300.00	0
Grand Masters and Grand Secretary Conference.	150.00	225.00	+ 75.00
Depreciations Expense:	1,500.000	1,400.00	- 100.00
Miscellaneous Expense	500.00	400.00	- 100.00
<b>SUB – TOTAL II</b>	<b>\$17,4657.00</b>	<b>\$23,940.00</b>	<b>\$+ 6,475.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>\$30,965.00</b>	<b>\$38,140</b>	<b>\$+7,175.00</b>

**PRO-FORMA STATEMENT OF AVAILABLE FUNDS,  
ANTICIPATED AND EXPENSES FISCAL/CALENDAR YEAR 1990**

**ESTIMATED INCOME**

Grand Lodge per-capita Tax	\$28,500.00
Fees or Degrees, Affiliations and from Petitioners	4,000.00
Sale of Masonic Materials and Supplies – Net of Cost and Sales	250.00
Interest and dividend Income	<u>5,550.00</u>

Total Estimated Income **\$38,250.00**

**ESTIMATED AVAILABLE GENERAL FUNDS**

Estimated General Funds on Hand at January 1, 1990 carried over from the prior period	<u>97,126.00</u>
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Total Estimated Available Funds **135,376.00**

**ESTIMATED EXPENSES**

Estimated expenditures as per the Proposed Budget for Fiscal/Calendar Year 1989	(38,140.00)
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**ESTIMATE EXCESS OF AVAILABLE GENERAL FUNDS  
OVER PROPOSED EXPENDITURES **\$ 97,236.00****

## **Masonic Research and Education**

This is Worshipful Brother Hazen Ricker from Eagle River Lodge No. 13. I have given it to the Grand Secretary. Worshipful Sir, I have been a visitor in at least six of Lodges and I did quite a bit of talking about education and everything. I didn't sell too many books, I only sold six books; but I have had a heck of a big time, in fact, I sold more books in the last ten days than I have been able to do. (difficulty with speech -words slurred) And I have already given up some of the .. to the Grand Secretary as too much, (having difficulty speaking)

## **Masonic Public Relations**

No report of the Masonic Public Relations Committee was received prior to publication.

## **Public Schools**

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

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

This committee was charged with the duties to encourage and support all efforts of the constituent lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction in their efforts to recognize the local Public School System, and offer advice and direction to anyone requesting more information on this subject.

Additionally this committee, with the wholehearted support of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Charles I. Gregg, and the blessing of our Grand Secretary, Neil R. Bassett, was encouraged to communicate directly with the other recognized Grand Jurisdictions of the world.

Letters were sent to the 121 Grand Jurisdictions throughout the world, requesting "their views and practices" used in supporting the Public School System under their respective jurisdictions. A very rewarding response was received from 81 Grand Lodges. After a sometimes challenging task of translation, it was found that a full 55% of the Grand Bodies responding, had programs supporting their own Public Education System. Additionally, letters were sent to the various Concordant and Appendant Bodies of Freemasonry, with especially heartwarming response from the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction and the York Rite.

This committee was somewhat surprised to learn that some Grand Jurisdictions do not support the "so called" Public Education System of their jurisdiction. The reason being, that the "so called" Public Education System of their jurisdiction is totally



controlled by a state supported religious interest, or by a national form of government that dictates what direction public education must follow.

With this in mind, we should remember that Public Education doesn't just happen. To remain a free populace we must remain a educated and informed populace; therefore, it is imperative that as Masons, we must endeavor to support our Public Educational System. Our Public School System is the life-blood of our democratic society. We in Alaska have some of the finest schools and educators in the nation. Public schools, students, and educators who achieved scholastic excellence deserve to be recognized. Support for Public Education is an excellent vehicle to put and keep Masonry in the public eye.

This committee is pleased to report that there are at least as many ways to support Public Education as there are Grand Bodies in the world. Some of the most popular methods are:

- \* Support of public education through lobbying
- \* Masonic scholarship and endowment funds
- \* The laying of cornerstones for public school buildings
- \* Masonic school awards, presentations of plaques, certificates, books, medallions, trophies, U.S. Savings Bonds, and other prizes.
- \* Interest bearing perpetual funds
- \* Speech and essay contests
- \* Breakfasts, luncheon, or dinners recognizing outstanding educators, student or other groups which support public education.
- \* Citizenship awards
- \* Special scholarships for DeMolay, Rainbow, and Jobs Daughters
- \* Rental of graduation gowns
- \* A Public Education Week or Month
- \* Support of a drug and alcohol prevention program
- \* Direct Lodge involvement with public school activities, such as: chaperons at dances, directing traffic at sporting events, or acting as ushers.

When every Lodge wants to become involved and support the Public School System, there is always a way, even for the Lodge with limited funds. Many of these ideas can be adapted to our circumstances in Alaska.

In conclusion, this committee wishes to commend our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Charles I. Gregg for his proclamation of a Masonic Public Schools Week and his support for this committee.

Additionally this committee wishes to commend the following Lodges for their special interest and support of the Public Education system in their local areas:

Anvil Lodge No. 2  
Valdez Lodge No. 4  
Seward Lodge No. 6

Glacier Lodge No. 10  
Kenai Lodge No. 11 and,  
Fairbanks Lodge No. 12

Respectfully submitted,

Phillip L. Draheim (6, 11) Chairman  
Robert J. Dinehart (4)  
Milton M. Routzahn (9)  
Aves D. Thompson (10, 13, 15)  
Lloyd W. Triggs (3, 16)

Worshipful Master, Bill Folsom, Matanuska No. 7, Senior Warden. I would just like to make one insert into that last program, in that Matanuska Lodge No. 7 was not mentioned as having a school awards program, and we were written up in one of your annual reports as having a school program that was viable and I am very proud of it, and it is the pin program that we have and I would just like to insert it in there since we made a fair effort with our program.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Ray Beaver, Aurora 15 - Also, I would like to mention the fact that for the past two years, Aurora Lodge 15 has been making presentations to the most outstanding teacher of the two SAVE High Schools located here in Anchorage. Thank you.

## **DeMolay**

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

During 1989, DeMolay in Alaska saw the appointment of Worshipful Brother Lloyd Triggs to the position of Executive Officer by the International Council of The Order of DeMolay. Worshipful Brother Triggs replaced Brother Stanley Woodin who had resigned.

DeMolay membership is still on the decline. New members are low, Anchorage Chapter has only initiated three new members in '89 - Fairbanks Chapter is struggling to get reestablished, has only initiated two. Kenai Chapter is the top Chapter with nine new members and Mat-Su had but one.

I accompanied Worshipful Brother Triggs on a visit to Anchorage, to meet with its members of the DeMolay advisory board from the state. Anchorage, Fairbanks and Mat-Su advisory boards had representatives present. Mutual problems of DeMolay were discussed. The greatest problem voiced by those present was a lack of active advisors.

If any Brother wants a rewarding experience; he should take the time and invest it in our future, it is one of the most difficult jobs that you get, but one of the most

rewarding. As you noticed by the addresses given by the youth organizations yesterday. Thank you. I wish to move that this report be adopted.

Report received for the record.

## **Bylaws**

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

Bob Parkins, Past Master of Mount Susitna Lodge No. 8 - and the Bylaws Committee wishes to submit this final report. The Committee consisted of Worshipful Brother Jack Bentley and Allen Scouler of Kenai and myself. We had submitted the first part, it had already been submitted before, but the final report, the second report and final report reads as follows:

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

The second report of the Bylaws Committee To the Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska. The Bylaws Committee concurs with the decisions made by the Grand Master on page 16 (ed. Note: In Blue Book) of the Grand Lodge report.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Parkins Chairman  
H.B. "Jack" Bentley  
Allen B. Scouler

I thank you Worshipful Master.

# 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 1989

*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**

**Ray Milton Gimlin**

**August 16, 1989**

**John Charles Streu**

**October 20, 1989**

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

**Kenneth Dean Rude PM**

**June, 1987**

### **Tanana Lodge No.**

**Keith Warrick Parting**

**January 14, 1989**

**Evan Lewis Miller**

**January 24, 1989**

**Orlan Wilson Cunningham**

**February 19, 1989**

**Raymond Henry Whitters**

**March 9, 1989**

**Richard Alvara Hoselton**

**May 24, 1989**

**George Gordon Bellamy**

**May 31, 1989**

**Paul Kenneth Chamberlain**

**June 1, 1989**

**Charles Willis Snedden**

**August 6, 1989**

**Richard Benjamin Saunders**

**October 25, 1989**

**Charles Frank Van de Water**

**October 27, 1989**

**John Alexander Cathie**

**December 1, 1989**

**Eugene Dale Rowland**

**December 1, 1989**

**Douglas Lee Miller**

**December 1, 1989**

**Clyde Henry Schombel**

**December 1, 1989**

**Shears, William Joseph**

**December 11, 1989**

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

**Charles Junior Macy**

**December 1, 1989**

**George Henry Berg**

**December 12, 1989**

<b>Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5</b>	
<b>Charles Durant</b>	<b>1987</b>
<b>Osgood Unger Barry</b>	<b>October 25, 1989</b>
<b>Matanuska Lodge No. 7</b>	
<b>John Pappas Michael</b>	<b>April 27, 1989</b>
<b>Raymond Duane Agen</b>	<b>May 19, 1989</b>
<b>Jack J. Castle</b>	<b>June 7, 1989</b>
<b>Harold Charles Dinkel PM</b>	<b>June 24, 1989</b>
<b>Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8</b>	
<b>Herman Everett Araett, Jr.</b>	<b>January 4, 1987</b>
<b>Keith DeWitt Stafford</b>	<b>January 28, 1989</b>
<b>Norman Victor Raney PM</b>	<b>September 14, 1989</b>
<b>Glenn Hudson Kelim PM</b>	<b>October 13, 1989</b>
<b>Merrill G. Young</b>	<b>December 14, 1989</b>
<b>Brewer, Robert Emerson</b>	<b>December 29, 1989</b>
<b>Kodiak Lodge No. 9</b>	
<b>John Bruce Hurlburt</b>	<b>November 16, 1989</b>
<b>Glacier Lodge No. 10</b>	
<b>Paul Emory Puckett</b>	<b>December 12, 1989</b>
<b>Kenai Lodge No. 11</b>	
<b>Jack Clifton Estes</b>	<b>March 4, 1989</b>
<b>Eckley Emil McGahan</b>	<b>April 13, 1989</b>
<b>Zillmon Wayne Willis</b>	<b>July 18, 1989</b>
<b>Stanley Earl Herman</b>	<b>August 11, 1989</b>
<b>Ted Van Grainge</b>	<b>November 29, 1989</b>
<b>Fairbanks Lodge No. 12</b>	
<b>Cecil Haywood Kessick</b>	<b>February 21, 1989</b>
<b>Kenneth Rinehart Siebert</b>	<b>December 13, 1989</b>
<b>North Pole Lodge No. 16</b>	
<b>Orlan Wilson Cunningham</b>	<b>February 19, 1989</b>

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

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

*Our Father, we ask that as we review the names of those who have been dear to our hearts, and members of our fraternity - that each of us might come for just a moment before Thee and thy word and take it to our hearts because we ask it in thy name Amen.*

## Memorial Service

I want to share something with you. Last year, I said I was overwhelmed with the 47 Brothers that had passed away - left us and gone on to greater things. Here again this morning, 41 Brothers - and the Bible says in the new testament, "That they shall be gathered as clouds in the sky and meet the Lord in the air" and if you ever doubt the opportunity to see the meaning of that new testament verse, "They are gathered as clouds in the sky" - clouds of our Brothers who are lifted up into eternal home. No document such as Chapter of the Book of Ecclesiastes I found in Brother Chuck's Bible that was laying here facing me, and I chose to use it with his permission, are the words that almost every one of you have probably committed to memory;

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say; I have no pleasure in them; While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain;

In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened," and of course, you know we are talking about the lack of teeth, the blindness of our eyesight in our old age;

And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of music shall be brought low;

Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall become a burden, and desire shall fail; because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets;

Or ever the silver cords be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern.

Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit return unto God who gave it.

Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher; all is vanity."

I have a dear friend in Eagle River who designed and constructed five of the public radio and television stations in the state of Alaska; from Ketchikan to McGrath, Kotzebue to Nome, Sand Point to Bethel and he has about seven days left - terminal cancer hit him just this last October. From 195 pounds, he now weighs 100 - the doctors claim that there is no way that he can return to good health. They tried radiation; they tried chemotherapy; and none of it to any avail. And the reason for this my Brothers is that the man wants to die. Everyone of us is going to walk through that valley of the

shadow of death, and we need not fear the evil of it, if we have placed our trust in our God and his plan of salvation for us. The greatest fear Jim McCurdy had as he called me last week and I spent four hours visiting with him in his home - still lucid, still capable of comprehending everything that is being said, raised in the Methodist background where he understood what we were talking about in God's Holy Book that we have on our Altar. He understood what I said, "Do you have any fears Jim?" He said, "Yes that is why I wanted you to come, I am scared to death to stand before my maker in the next few weeks."

Have you ever thought about it that seriously? In the next few weeks, to stand before your maker. And we hold this book dear and we read it, and we listen to it openly and we practice its precepts, and the one thing that I had an opportunity to share with Jim was this - because of his trust in Gods plan of salvation through Christ, he knew and could understand that all of his sins had been paid for. There was no judgment-seat for him, to be condemned for the things that he had done wrong. He said "Gene, I have never murdered anybody. I have done a lot of wrong things in my life, and I am very, very concerned about it." And I said, that you have no need to be, because in this book, it says that "The believers shall stand before the judgment-seat of Christ" - it sounds fearsome, unless you understand what the judgment-seat was in the Greek language, as bhema, b,h,e,m,a - and it stands for the position at the Olympic games where the awards were handed out.

To that end hopefully, our Brothers, in preparing themselves on this earth, as Master Masons, understanding the meaning of the Lions Paw, delving deeply into the scriptures of God, following the precepts that God has appointed, and having the trust and the faith that must be there, because God says, "He believeth shall never, never die, but have everlasting life."

With that Brother Grand Worshipful Master, I would hope that each one of these Brothers that are alive today, take note of the fact that they may not be here tomorrow. Thank you very much.

## **Report of Grand Lecturer**

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, Brethren all; I am going to vary a little bit from my report, because I don't want to insult the Brethren, I am sure that they can read it in the proceedings. All of us can read, so there is no need for me to belay that subject. I want to do it a little different, with your permission up here.

Since you have been Grand Master, did your Lodge raise your dues?

(Grand Master) Yes sir.

But did they raise everybody's, or just yours?

(Grand Master) I hope to heck that they raised everybody's.

Oh, I see. Do they allow you more votes now than you had before? On a subject or a matter of importance?

(Grand Master) I suppose I could cheat when I go to the ballot box, but I don't think so sir.

Not when you vote as a Mason, you just hold up one hand, is that right?

(Grand Master) Certainly. Just one.

My point is Brethren, is that all of these offices are temporary, and all of us come in that door on the same level and I am sure this evening our new Grand Master; when he closes this Lodge, he will step back to that level.

Our problem is that sometimes, we seem to forget that. And it causes a lot of the Brethren to feel less than equal, when we show or display this, and maybe sometimes they feel that it is no reason to go to Lodge. What we need to teach to our Brethren is that, from the time that he is made a Master Mason, that his power at the vote, or his presence in the Lodge, his activity in the Lodge is just as important as anybody there.

I think that we fail to do this sometimes, and I think that this hurts our Lodge. We should respect the offices, all of the offices of Masonry, but realizing that the holding of that Lodge office is strictly temporary and the Brother will come back to the same level from whence he came.

We have, by doing this, sometimes we kind of, a lot of Brothers think that is a halo over the Grand Master - it really isn't, it is just a light. When he steps out of it, he look just like the rest of us. And some times we forget to remember that.

I think that it is important to remember that our officers are there because we put them there, and because we respect them and love them, but we really didn't ordain them. We didn't anoint his head with oil. He is just the Master like the rest of us Master Masons, you get no larger in Masonry, you may hold the office, but it makes you no bigger a Mason.

I think that sometimes we don't teach this to our younger Masons coming in; we don't teach them how important it is for them to be there and participate in their Lodge. Because when you make him feel important, it will cause him to want to be there. And I think that sometimes we don't do that. I have been told that we lose the Grand Master just as quick as he goes out of office. I know that is not true because I have had one with me for two weeks, and he is the same guy that I met when he was Grand Master. It didn't change him one bit; in his personality, oh, he and I argue all the time, but I was going



home one time last year I was down visiting him and he was driving his car and we agreed on something and he almost stopped in the middle of the road.

But, we do that, and disagree, and not be disagreeable and I think this is one of the hindrances of Masonry that we should exercise more, is to be able to disagree, but not be disagreeable and through that, the Brotherhood of Masonry thrives and grows. Brother Roy was telling me, I was asking him about one, I ask him, is Brother so-n-so coming up? No Brother Al, he said, he is not coming, he said, I don't know what has happened to him since he went out of office. I said, well, maybe we quit watering him. Sometimes when you quit watering them, they quit growing. So we need to water those and keep them growing, from the youngest Entered Apprentice Mason to the Past Grand Masters.

I think this is one of the things that we water them with that Brotherhood and show them that you love them and feel his equal and feel his equal in Lodge. And when you start to vote, don't look to see how Joe votes, because you don't care how Joe votes. Masonry is supposed to be open minded. He should make up his own mind and feel proud that you can do that because in your Lodge, that is your position, that is your power, and that is your privilege, and it is an honor and a privilege to exercise that.

By teaching this to a younger Mason, I am sure that we will have more activity with them; they will come more if you put him in a position where he has to do something. Make him love his Lodge, because by doing that, you will get him to come there. And, I think this is where we are missing some and that is one side of my feelings this morning, the other side is, I had a Brother say yesterday I believe it was, that, or the day before yesterday, he said, "we don't have the leaders of the community anymore in our fraternity." That is not true, what is true is, we quit becoming the leaders of our community.

I think this is where we are not letting our light shine. Because if we only practice this Brotherhood, character, and stability, within the tiled recesses of this Lodge, we are going to die. We have got to get out and do it in the public. So we don't have to tell them that we are Masons, they will know we are Masons, let them see what we are doing. And by that, we will set the example that cause people to want to join Masonry. We don't have to light the light, we don't have to put up a sign, but we have to stand erect and let people see what Masons really are, and when we do that, they will start coming back. I am sure of that.

We have some, I have seen that, we had a fellow one time here in Anchorage at a political rally, and I laughed about it, I had known the man for years and you could never get him to take a stand. We was at a luncheon and we was going to have a dinner that evening, and the fellow along side of me said, "he never takes a stand on anything" -I said, oh I can get him to take a stand. Hold on a minute he said, you mean in public? He said, you couldn't get him to take a stand. I said, watch me. They was about to break up the meeting and I said, by the way, we are having dinner this evening and we haven't made up the menu yet, and since you are a guest, I said, which one would you rather have, corned beef and cabbage, or wieners and sauerkraut? And he said, "corned beef and

cabbage.” And I said, give me the ten dollars, I won it off of you, I told you I could get him to make a stand.

That is the way a lot of our Brothers are they just won't take a stand. But in public life, to be a Mason, you have got to stand for something, and let people know that you have the courage to take a stand. Then they will respect you and they will respect your fraternity from whence you came. Thank you Worshipful Master

## **Report of Grand Orator**

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Visitors, and Brethren all: I have three words that I finally settled upon as an idea in this address. They are easily expressed:

Charges - Charges - Charges

Three basics and several more.

First, before elucidating on the subject of this oration, I want to express my sincere appreciation to our Most Worshipful Grand Master for his having afforded me the honor of this office, and for being a member of his team this year. His inspirational leadership has provided a strong motivation, and I am sure that it has left its mark on the growth of our Grand Lodge.

In preparation for this address, I sought as many sources of information as I could find. Out of all the searching, I came to the conclusion that so much had already been said in so far a better manner than I am capable - that it was difficult for me to determine the subject. Then, it occurred to me that perhaps in its simplicity, a favorite and important part of Masonry could well be the subject. Specifically, the Charge of the First Degree.

Now, the word charge has many meanings, the one that suits us best, is to impose a task or responsibility on. When at the conclusion of the first degree, we charge the newly initiated brother, we have commanded and exhorted him to a magnificent task. One which he has been told, as a Mason, he is expected to follow. Also, one which under the pressure of that time and place, he may have comprehended much but retained very little. And what he was told was so very, very important to his future life as a good Mason.

He was told to regard the volume of the Sacred Law as the Great Light in his profession, to consider it the unerring standard of truth and justice; to regulate his actions by the divine precepts it contains. He was also told that in it, he would learn the important duties to God, his neighbor, and himself. But, while this is a very, very important instruction, it even behooves all of us to slow down and search that Holy Volume for

those standards of truth and justice, those divine precepts by which we must regulate our actions and for those duties we owe to God.

Let us take a close look at that duty we owe to God, by never mentioning his name, but with the awe and reverence which are due from a creature to his creator. How many times have we heard this moral obligation broken? Now, mistake me not my Brothers; the hearty utterance of a resounding expletive, is a necessary relief for the psychology, but let us pick one that does take the name of God in vain.

Now we have told him of his duties to his neighbor; acting with him upon the square, relieving his distresses, soothing his afflictions, and in the last part, which has a reference in the golden rule. It is quite easy to square with your neighbor, these days there are so many laws that if we don't, we will run afoul of one of them. But relieving his distresses and soothing his afflictions requires some oft-times a special technique. But not with-standing that, we should try and we most likely can. And, of course, the last part of that paragraph is simply a restatement of the "Golden Rule" - what-so-ever ye would that men should do unto you, do so even to them, for this is the law and the prophets.

Next, we tell him, we extol his duties to himself. We tell him by such a prudent and well regulated course of discipline, he can preserve those duties, those talents wherewith God has blest him. This exhortation goes beyond the usual stresses and abuses we do to ourselves; it encompasses the entire range of those good things that we must discipline ourselves to do to preserve this Temple, this body we occupy on earth.

Next, we enjoin him as a citizen, to be exemplary in the discharge of his civil duties by never promoting or countenancing any act which may have a tendency to subvert or overthrow. We note that in this exhortation, we have not told him to run for public office for the very good reason that not everyone of us is adaptable to the demands of politics. What we have told him, that he must not allow subversion or the overthrow of good, order, and peace and to be supportive of our laws and the country.

Thereafter, we instruct him in his duties to an individual, and he is charged with the practice of the public and domestic virtues, and to especially maintain in their fullest brilliance, those truly Masonic ornaments, Brother Love, Relief, and Truth. To me, this order requires no explanation. What it does require, is repetition. It needs to be kept uppermost in our minds so that our actions will be regulated by its precepts.

Now the last paragraph of this Charge has always been a puzzle to me. We all know how it goes we say finally my Brother, do this and do that, we tell him that he shouldn't recommend anyone to a participation in our privileges and here we stand before a newly made Mason, telling him what he can and what he cannot do, using words and phrases of which he has no knowledge, as relates to our fraternity. For instance, he has no familiarity with our Constitution, and we haven't even told him what a landmark is but a reflection on this paragraph, I thought - what an opportunity it presented.

Therefore, reigning Worshipful Masters of your lodges, take this last paragraph apart - subject by subject - and thoroughly explain each to the Brethren of your lodges. And by so doing, you will have covered the whole Charge and the great amount of the true meaning of Freemasonry.

And in conclusion, my Brethren, let us reaffirm and dedicate ourselves to the mandate of that most beautiful part of Masonry, the Charge of the First Degree.

Thank you Most Worshipful Master for this privilege, and I recommend that this address be accepted.

## **Report of Grand Historian**

On April 20th, 1989 I was installed as Grand Historian at a meeting of Glacier Lodge No. 10. Since that time, I have accompanied the Grand Master, Charles Gregg, on visitations to many of our constituent lodges - to the far corners of our state. On each and every one of these visitations, we were met and afforded the best accommodations available in true Masonic Brotherhood.

Worshipful Brother John Knudsen, Anvil Lodge No. 2, was our first host for our visitation to Nome on May 12th and 13th. The meeting was well attended, and many interesting subjects were discussed. Numerous questions were asked and very suitably answered by our Grand Master. The Nome Lodge is in very good condition and has considerable degree work on hand; their membership is increasing which is a very good sign.

Our next visitation together was to Fairbanks Lodge No. 12, on May 18th. The attendance was good and a lively period of discussion was involved. Among the subjects discussed were means of getting the six Lodges that still remain under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Washington to join our Grand Lodge of Alaska. There were many individual opinions on this subject; one of them being whether to get a poll of each lodge membership on how the members feel about joining the Alaska Grand Lodge. Another solution was to exercise our right of sovereignty over these lodges and demand that they join. It seems to me that a simple solution of important article would be for the Grand Lodge of Washington to release these lodges to our Grand Lodge of Alaska, where they belong. All in all, it is fervently hoped and prayed that the transition will become resolved amicably, in the spirit of Brotherly Love and affection of their own free will and accord.

On May 20th, we attended the International Day picnic at Harding Lake, in as beautiful a setting as you would ever want to see. The weather was very nice, and the food was marvelous; only surpassed by the camaraderie of our own Masons and those of Canada. We feasted on a huge barbecued pig plus a forty-pound baron-of-beef; last but by no means least, a generous amount of deep-fried halibut which was cooked and served by Right Worshipful Brother Frank Erie.

Our next visitation was to Adak Lodge No. 14 on the first and second of August. This was big thrill for me, I had never been to Adak, but I had heard about how much the wind blew and the rain fell out there, and how barren the landscape was. It was rather bleak but the friendship and the accommodations afforded us more than overcame any bleakness. Since it is a naval base, we were rigidly inspected upon entering and were taken to a Bachelor Officer's Quarters for our stay there in the VIP Quarters. Again, the hospitality was great and we were treated with delicious food. The meeting again was very interesting; many questions were asked and suitably answered. Adak Lodge is a little unique, as are most military lodges in as much as their membership is quite transient. They are stationed for a short period and transferred to another base; however, the spirit and interest in Masonry was very evident, and that is most important. We did enjoy a nice halibut fishing trip with Past Master Gerald McGlothlen. All in all, it was a very good visitation and a thrilling new adventure for me.

On September first and second, we had a visitation to White Pass No. 1 in Skagway. This was a very interesting visitation, as the Lodge Officers consisted of both Canadian and Alaskan Masons. One of the vital subjects discussed was whether to accept black men into our membership. One point was made that blacks already have Masonic Lodges of their own. Our Grand Lodge feels that they have a right to apply for membership in our fraternity, whether they are accepted or not, depends first on the recommendations of our investigating committees, and secondly, the result of the ballot box. It is known fact that twenty one of our Grand Lodges have some black members. The answer lies in the ballot box. In a question and answer session, it was asked, "What was the first all black organization in America?" Answer, an African Lodge of the Masonic Order in Boston during the American Revolution. The group was unable to get an American Charter, but English Masons chartered it in 1787.

Another subject of discussion was the formation of the Masonic Club in Thorne Bay. It seems there are many energetic and enthusiastic Masons there, whose aim is to qualify for a petition for a new lodge there. White Pass Lodge No. 1 is the primary Alaskan sponsor of the Masonic Club. Ketchikan Lodge No. 159 F. & A. M. of Washington has also voted to sponsor a new lodge in Thorne Bay, as they qualify to petition the Grand Lodge of Alaska for a new Lodge. They have also have been authorized to confer, coach and examine for the Thorne Bay Masonic Club as a courtesy to White Pass No. 1, F. & A. M.. This is a big help to the Thorne Bay Masonic Club in degree work toward the aim and petitioning for a dispensation for their lodge. All in all, the visit to Skagway was again a chance for good fellowship and the chance to renew old friendships.

An article of historical note is Most Worshipful Brother Miller, is the new Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington, he is also a dual member of Glacier Lodge No. 10. Most Worshipful Brother Dalvin Hollaway, Grand Master of Oregon, is also a dual member of Glacier No. 10, so is our Grand Master, Charles I. Gregg, Past Master of Glacier No. 10. We have three Grand Masters as members of the same Blue Lodge. Also, Alaska's Grand Master was an honorary Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington.

This next article has been published, but I think it is worth repeating: Freemasonry traces its ancestry to the operative craftsman, primarily cathedral builders of the Middle Ages. These men because of their special knowledge and skills, were permitted special travel privileges from country to country. They developed means of recognition and identification for their work.

In the 17th and 18th centuries as cathedral building came to an end, some of the operative Masonic Lodges accepted into membership, men who are not operative craftsmen. Gradually, the Lodges came to be composed entirely of philosophical or speculative Masons. From these groups, Freemasonry of today had its beginnings.

Due to the oil spill which Alaska suffered, many of the membership of Seward Lodge No. 6 were absent during the visitation on October 3rd which consisted of a short talk by the Grand Master.

On November the 1st, I visited Hawaiian Lodge and was examined by the Tyler as a first time visitor. One of the first acts of the Grand Master of Hawaii, was to abolish the use of Lodge numbers - so Hawaiian Lodge No. 21 became just Hawaiian Lodge F. & A. M. This Lodge was chartered in 1852 and is 137 years old. The Lodge building, while being an older building, was well kept and air conditioned - a real requisite in this humid climate.

The officers of this Stated Communication were all in black tuxedos so it was very comfortable in jackets. The opening and closing were very unique and very different from Alaskan Lodges, but the precision with the signs and footwork were a beauty to behold.

This Lodge meets every Wednesday and if there is no degree work, they have officers practice, and it really shows results. It was a most enjoyable and educational evening, topped off with a Junior Warden's repast of lemon chicken on rice with green beans followed by ice cream and cake. They know how to eat. They all show it too.

I attended the December Stated Communication which was also election of the new officers for 1990. The election was really very simple. The ballot by voice vote and each officer for the new year was elected by unanimous ballot.

The Installation of Officers was held December the 20th was by invitation only, of which I received one. The ceremony was different than ours and very impressive. Approximately two hundred people attended and were treated to a sit-down dinner of prime rib following.

In closing, I want to thank the Grand Master for my appointment and for the many trips that we took together. I enjoyed and learned many things from the visitations that I would not normally attend. I had a short, but wonderful year.

## **Charters and Dispensations**

(Henry Ferguson) Most Worshipful Sir, and Brethren this is the Committee for Charters and Dispensations - Henry Ferguson, Matanuska Lodge No. 7 as chairman and WB John Dolenc of Matanuska No. 7 regret to say that we received no requests for Charters and Dispensations in 1989. And we are very proud to have served you during our term of office.

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

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

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

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

State of the Craft, Special Events, Acknowledgements, Grand Representatives, Necrology, Proclamations, Installation of Grand Lodge Officers, Special Acts, Lodge Bylaws Approved, Visitations and other meetings and the Communications Attended by Others as Representatives (of the Grand Master to be accepted).

That portion of the Grand Masters Message pertaining to Dispensations Granted and Recommendations one, two, three and four be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

That portion of the Grand Masters Message pertaining to Recommendations, five, six, and seven to be referred to the Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Bender (10)

Earl Frank (8)

Roy Foss (11)

Report received and adopted.

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

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

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

The Grand Secretary's Report to be adopted with a portion pertaining to finance, to be referred to the Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Bender (10)  
Earl Frank (8)  
Roy Foss (11)

Report received and adopted.

## **Alaska Masonic Research Foundation**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brethren;

I have a final statement for 1989, from 31 December of 1989. I would like to tell you that I was not on the job too well because we only have 17 new members in AMRA for this last year. And only 27 members have paid their dues. But we had quite a bit of other selling going on, like belt buckles, forget-me-nots, we even got a couple of donations.

Our Grand Lodge office realized this past February \$2,765. The project for the Pioneer Club realized, as of 31 December, 119 members, for \$11,900 and the pin head club had 23 members at the end of December for \$285, we also had eleven one-time donations. We also had a lot of donations, so along for our expenses, which were very small, was that last February we gave \$4,000 to the Grand Lodge, of which \$2,500 was the permanent fund. The other \$1,500 was for the general fund. We gave the Grand Lodge in December of 1989, \$12,485 for the Pioneer Club and the 10-10 Club. We have given, as the officers of AMRA another \$710 for a total for this past year of \$17,185. Now, I did forget to tell you that the \$12,485 was for the General Fund. The \$710 is for the Permanent Fund. And the money has been given to the Grand Secretary. I would request that this be for, report be received.

Report received for the record.



## **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, on January 10th, 1990 is as follows: Taxes on the Kenai property were paid for 1989, and they cost us \$29.18. The Cecil H. Clifft Memorial Fund, the total in that fund is \$465.00. The total in our bank, \$2,940.00, and no outstanding debts.

The 1989 Board of Trustees

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and other board members: Neil R. Bassett, Mitchell R. Miller, Robert M. Parkins, M. Burton Oien, Glen W. Pruett and Robert L. Van Huss.

The Alaska Masonic Museum and Library Foundation is comfortably settled down to a business, ready to go, so to speak. And we anticipate exciting things to happen in the near future, pending meetings and discussions with perspective donors. John H. Grainger donated some priceless York Rite vintage coins to start a coin collection and also, the museum has a full set of Alaska Grand Lodge medallions. Wendal H. Kuecker is offering his expertise to the Foundation as needed, and he will assist us in whatever we ask him to do.

All meetings of the Foundation have been held in a timely manner at the Al Aska Shrine Mosque on Wednesday's following the luncheon. The next meeting will be held March 31st, 1990, which will be the Annual meeting and election of Board Officers.

We encourage you to attend the meetings with your constructive ideas, and ask you to be volunteer spokesman in your Lodges and communities in which you live and help us make the Foundation grow and prosper.

Brethren, I wish we had a different kind of report to make, that said that we are well on the road; but we are meeting as we agreed and all good things take time. The day is coming when our Alaska Masonic Museum and Library will be a reality, not just on paper. But I do ask you Most Worshipful Grand Master respectfully as the president of the Alaska Masonic Museum and Library Foundation to accept this report.

Report received for the record.

## **Arrangements Committee**

No report of the Arrangements Committee was received prior to publication

## **Awards**

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

The recipient of the James A. Williams Award for honoring the Alaska Lodge with the largest number of Master Masons raised was presented to Matanuska Lodge No. 7 for the year 1989.

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

The recipient of the Buckley C. Hazen Award for the largest percentage membership growth was presented to White Pass Lodge No. 1 for the year 1989 with 10 per cent increase in membership..

# MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

## Presentations

### By MW Charles Moulthrop to Masters of Lodges

Thank you Most Worshipful, Brethren, these lapel pins, with the square, and the year 1990 on them are Worshipful Masters lapel pins that the Royal Arch Grand Chapter in Michigan gives to every Master in the Lodge in the state of Michigan at his installation. In 1984, I thought it would be nice, if it was possible, to get some of these and be able to bring them up and give them to the Brothers of Alaska. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to do that first year; however, Most Worshipful Brother John Ingram did the honors for me. But, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to bring these up to you. I hope that you wear them with pride and with honor to the fraternity, and I hope that you all have an excellent year. Thank you Most Worshipful

### By David Hunt, Master of Anchorage Lodge No. 221

Good morning Most Worshipful Grand Master. Good morning Brother Atwood, you have never met me at this point, but I am Master of Anchorage Lodge No. 221, and on behalf of the officers and members of Anchorage Lodge No. 221, at this time I wish to present you and reinvest you with a portion of that which was stolen from you by the earthquake in 1964, your Masonic Apron.

(Bob Atwood) Thank you.

And of course, engraved and inscribed under the bib, are the dates that you were initiated, passed, and raised. Currently signed and dated as of the first of February. We are sorry that it took so long, but we are so very happy that we are able to do this so late, because this is something that will remain with you.

Brother Atwood, you are now properly clothed, and also as all of your Masonic paraphernalia was lost, we also have for you, a brand new Washington Monitor, properly inscribed, embossed, and signed to replace the one that you lost; and I don't know if at that time what the tradition was or what the procedure was in Anchorage Lodge No. 221 but for the last number of years, it has been a custom to present each new Master Mason, as they return proficiency in Lodge with their own copy of the Holy Bible. In the front of this, you will find a tremendous amount of Masonic information, most informative. And last but not least, we traditionally present a copy of the general history of Anchorage Lodge No. 221, but to you, it is probably just a part of your life. You are going to regard it as current events. Brother Atwood, it is an extreme pleasure to have been here this morning and to return to you a little of what Mother Nature had stolen from you.

## Speeches by Distinguished Guests

### **MW Earl Christensen, Grand Master of Wyoming.**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, it is indeed a real pleasure for me to be here from Wyoming. As I told several people around, with your Deputy going in as Grand Master, and since he used to be from Timmer, Wyoming, it would be a shame if some of us from Wyoming hadn't been here for his installation. So that is one reason why we are here, and another reason, I had heard of all the good times that people have had at the Grand Lodge of Alaska, and I made up my mind two years ago, that if I could, I was going to be at the Grand Lodge of Alaska.

I want to thank you and all of the members of this Grand Lodge for all of the courtesies that have been extended to my wife and I while we have been here. I was interested yesterday in the Grand Masters Message, when he mentioned about all of the members that were joining the fraternity back in the depression days. That reminded me of an incident that I am sure caused me to ask for a petition when I became 21. In about 1930, there was a Brother that belonged to a Lodge in Newcastle, was out of work after the mines had closed down in this little mining town of Cambridge. And anyway, he was out of a job, and in order not to have to pay for house rent, he moved back into the backwoods in a cabin where he didn't have to pay the house rent. Some of the Brothers in Newcastle heard of his plight and they gathered up a bunch of groceries and they brought out to my dad who was a Mason, and since they couldn't drive there with their automobiles, they asked my dad to deliver these groceries.

Well, dad hitched up the team and buggy, and I went with him, and delivered these groceries. And when he told this fellow that these groceries were from his Brethren in Newcastle, I can still see the expression on that Brothers face. He really was appreciative of it so that incident, I know, caused me to do a lot of thinking and as I became 21 years old, of course, I immediately asked for a petition.

Of course today, we don't do enough of those things. We rely on welfare and those sorts of things, and I think that we need to go back to more of the things that were done in the past. Another thing that was done in the past, that we don't do enough anymore, is for a large turnout at a Masonic funeral. I can remember when I was in high school, a Brother who was a state senator from our county at that time passed away. We had the Masonic funeral and they even let school out that day, and there were about 40 or 50 Masons marched from the church out to the funeral. And of course, several of us kids from school walked up there and viewed these Masons marching out and that made a real impression on me.

I thought in later years, I served 24 years in the State Senate, and had I passed away, I don't think that they would have let school out for me.

Something that I have been recommending to the Lodges that they do, is to go back to making more visitations amongst Lodges. And the Lodges have been responding

to my recommendation, and they are going back and doing more visitations amongst Lodges.

This, you know, we have a lot of criticism about using Masonry for a religion. Well, that is not the case, Masons are just religious people. But I issued a proclamation enabling each Lodge to pick any Sunday in the year that they wanted, and go to church with their aprons on, without having to get a special dispensation. And many of the Lodges have been working together with Jobs Daughters. Jobs Daughters have always had a "go-to-church Sunday". And several of the Lodges have been having their go-to-church Sunday, the same Sunday as Jobs Daughters, and this has been making a real good impression.

Something that I would like to invite all of you to attend, is the celebration at Independence Rock on July 3rd and 4th. Every ten years we have been having a Grand Lodge Communication on top of Independence Rock, to commemorate the first Masonic meeting that was held in Wyoming on July 4th, 1862. Well, 1990 is the year for us to have this Communication, and it turns out that the state of Wyoming will be 100 years old this year. So, I have decided that we ought to have something a little special this year and since the first meeting at this rock was from a wagon train, I have come up with the idea of circling the wagon train at Independence Rock the afternoon of July 3rd, spend the night, and be there for the program on July 4th. So, I would encourage any of you in Alaska that can to put a wagon in this wagon train. Now, if you have the time, you can drive all the way from Alaska. But, if you don't have the time, we are arranging to have a spot about five miles from the rock where you can unload your wagon and team and then we will drive from there. So hopefully, we will have several wagons circled at Independence Rock.

Those of you that have motor homes and campers, we will have a spot where you can park. You won't be in sight of the highway, we are going to put these motor homes back so that only the ones that will be seen from the highway will be this wagon train. And I am hoping that we will get a big turnout. I learned while I was in the Grand Lodge of Utah, a fellow from Ogden is putting together a bus tour, and it is going to put together people from Maine and Utah. They are going to go to Independence Rock and then from there to Cody and through the Yellowstone Park and then through Sun Valley and then they will end up up in Washington; so I know that this is going to give us some more people attending.

Following this meeting at the rock, I want to go back. This will be a short meeting on the rock for the Masons, and then it won't last over an hour on the rock and then we will be back down to the base for a public program where everyone will be involved. Also, we are going to involve Jobs Daughters at this meeting, about 10 o'clock on the morning of July the 4<sup>th</sup>. We will have Jobs Daughters set up a little program where all the Jobs Daughters from all over the state will be involved.

Following this meeting at the rock, Wyoming will be hosting the Rocky Mountain Masonic Conference which is composed of six states. And this will be held in the city of

Sheridan. Then following that, we will have our Grand Lodge Communication in my hometown of Newcastle. It will be on August 12th, 13th and 14th. For those of you flying in, you will be able to fly in to Rapid City and I am sure that there are several of you that would like to tour the Black Hills and see Mount Rushmore and what have you, and then you can end up at Newcastle for our Communication. And, we would be most pleased to have as many of you from Alaska to come and visit us and hopefully, we can return some of the warm hospitality that has been shown us here at this Communication. Thank you Worshipful Grand Master for the courtesies extended to me.

## **Tom Dougherty, Masonic Service Association**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Distinguished members of the Grand Lodge of Alaska, visiting Brethren, and Brethren all:

It is a pleasure to be here today and I am really enjoying this session. It is great to be in Alaska. This might be the last frontier, but I can live with that.

I am a little bit leery about starting, I was in South Carolina two weeks ago, and I spoke at a group of mixed audiences, Masons, non-Masons, women, boys and girls and after I finished; I thought I had done a pretty good job and I am standing up in the East and a fellow came up to me and said, "I got some advice for you." I said what is it? He said "quit speaking, you're lousy." And he walked away and I tried to figure that one out and I thought, gee, I thought I did pretty well. After awhile, a woman came up to me and said, "Mister Dougherty, I want to apologize for what that man said. I heard what he said, and I want to apologize for his actions. He has a problem." I said, he has, what is his problem? She said, "he repeats everything he hears somebody else say." No respect, that's what it is Brothers.

I flew out of Philadelphia on Wednesday and it was a very, very bad day, it was raining, not like here, not like you have here, but raining and dismal and everybody had the blahs and the pilot seemed to sense that, we were going down the, taxiing out on the runway, and he said, "I know you all feel down in the dumps, we got the blahs and wish that we had stayed in bed," and he said "but just sit back and relax as we are in line to take off he said, "and in a few minutes we are going to get the ok, we are going to fly through this muck, these clouds and this gray that makes you feel so down in the dumps" and he said, "we are going to climb to 35,000 feet. The sun is going to be shining beautiful" he said, "and we are going to be on our way, and we are going to be in Seattle in about four or five hours and the weather out there is pretty nice; a little better there than it is here," he said, "forty-five degrees and moderate temperatures, sit back and relax and enjoy the flight." And off we went, through that muck and crud and climbed to 35,000 feet, just like he said, there was the sun shining and it made you feel like you are living, looking down on those white clouds the other side of the grey clouds and I sat back and started to relax and must have fallen asleep and I guess that I slept for about three hours, because I woke up and I saw the light go on, "fasten your seat belt", and I felt the plane shake a little bit and I saw the stewardess run to the back of the plane and sit

down and we hit another cloud bank and we shook a little more and all of a sudden, we hit an air-pocket and that plane dipped about a thousand feet in just a few seconds and pandemonium broke loose, everybody felt sure that it was the end and finally, the pilot got things on the straight and narrow and he didn't want to get everyone upset, and he wanted to say something funny and he came on the intercom quick and he said, "folks, did you see what I just did?" and the guy along side of me poked me in the ribs and said, "I wish that he would come back here and see what I just did." That doesn't take much explaining does it brethren?

Most Worshipful Grand Master, it has been a pleasure, and I thank you for the invitation to be here tonight. I and the Grand Master of Washington, Most Worshipful Brother Bill Miller, this morning, we were talking, and one of your favorite sons came up along side of us, Roy Foss, and Grand Master Miller said to me, "you are talking to a saint" and you know, he was right. I came in here yesterday morning, and I attended the Lodge of Research meeting and I didn't know too many of the people there in that meeting and I sat on the side and just watched people come and go; and after while, a fellow with a big smile on his face came over and he said, "I see you are here all by yourself." He said, "we don't want that to happen." He said, "My name is Roy Foss." He said, "I'd like to introduce you to some of the people around here" and I told him who I was and he took up and introduced me to the President of the Association and I sat back and I thought, boy, Brother Miller was so right, he is a saint. If every Mason acted like that, if every Mason took the initiative of making someone else feel comfortable and welcome in your Lodge, in your home, wherever you are; we wouldn't have to wonder what is happening in Masonry. It would flourish.

Most Worshipful Sir, I am very proud of you, and you are a saint. Your Grand Master is very wise.

Many of us are wondering, what would you do to increase membership in our meetings and sometimes, we can't see the forest for the trees. I do work with the Masonic Service Association, and I have been there for ten years, and it has been ten of the happiest years of my life. Because, I have been able to come to Alaska and other Grand Jurisdictions; almost every one of them throughout the United States. And every place that we go, I meet men that have really got Masonry in their heart. Every one of you here today are here because you want to be, not because you have to be.

So, I am really preaching to the congregation, instead of going out into the bushes. But you have got to go back to your Lodges with enthusiasm, with determination, with a positive attitude, and an optimistic attitude that Masonry is going to flourish. Because of you, and because of me, and if we can all do like Roy Foss, it will happen.

I have Lodge Masters who will come up to me and say, "how can I increase the attendance at our meetings. What can I do for the participation of our meetings and make them interesting?" My Brethren, if you subscribe to the Short Talk Bulletin, and the materials that are available in the Masonic Service Association, your Lodge could read every night, five nights a week for four years and using the materials available in the

Masonic Service Association, never repeat a program. And every one of them would be good and wholesome instruction. I heard the Chairman or your Information Committee this morning say, that he had sold five or six books. I went by his table out there, and there is a lot of Masonic Service Association material. It is there for the asking. Subscribe to the Short Talk Bulletin. Every Lodge in the Grand Lodge of Alaska, receives a copy of the Short Talk Bulletin. It takes about fifteen minutes to read them. Many Masters use them as educational materials for fifteen minute portions of their programs. Good and wholesome instruction.

If you wanted to talk about the Masonic Apron, the Cable Tow, Free and Accepted, what does it mean?, the lambskin apron, the winding stairway, the power of the Grand Master, the ruffians, the sprig of acacia, Lafayette, Mozart - all these topics are there for your asking. And they have all been researched, and condensed; so that you can give a program of about fifteen minutes in all of your Lodge meetings and make your members feel like the time was well spent. And that is what it takes.

*Welcome to the Craft* is a film that is available. It was designed specifically for those that have been elected to membership, but have not received their degrees. You can show it to them before they get their degrees, it will prepare them for what they are going to go through. They can invite their family, their friends, to see this film. And I can promise you, those of you of the Masons, if you haven't seen this video tape, *Welcome to the Craft*, take advantage of it. It is broken down into three twenty minute segments. One on the history of Masonry, which goes back, and is well documented; one on the obligations of the Lodge to a member; and one on the members obligation to his Lodge, and of course, the responsibilities and duties of the Worshipful Master of the Lodge.

I can promise you again, it is time well spent. It would make a good program for your Lodges. You can invite the police department, the fire department, the mayor, the city council, the churches or synagogues in your community, to see this film. And they will learn something about Masonry that probably you didn't even know yourself. It is there for the asking.

But Brethren, I am involved with the Masonic Service Association now with the Hospital Visitation Program. And I would like to talk to you just for a few minutes about that.

What do you think is the most serious problem in the world today? Heart attack? Stroke? Cancer? Diabetes? Alzheimer's disease? Today my Brethren, the most serious problem in the world today, has happened to every one of us in this room here today. It is loneliness. It happens to all of us. You can be lonely on the busiest street in the world, you can be lonely in your own home. But those of us that, thank God are normal, we snap back from loneliness. We realize that we have a lot of good things going for us, we have our families to love us, our friends, our Masonic friends that are really our family. But at this very moment, throughout the world, thousands upon thousands of men and women have that loneliness in them that doesn't go away.



They have made it possible for us to meet here today as Masons in this great state of Alaska; and this great country of the United States. They are the men and women that are confined to the VA Medical Centers and extended care facilities, and state hospitals throughout the United States.

We as Masons have shown those people that they haven't forgotten. They haven't been forgotten by Masonry. Every year the Masonic Service Association volunteers contribute better than 500,000 hours of voluntary service. Talking to patients, playing cards with them, wheeling them to therapy, taking them to chapel service on Sundays, sitting on their beds and playing checkers with them, or passing the time of day - showing them that there is somebody, and in our eyes, there always will be, that they are loved and needed.

Someone asked me, "What do you have to do to be a volunteer?" My answer is this, you have to be able to smile and say hello. That is all that it takes my Brethren, to make instant friends.

At the Grand Masters Conference on the 18th of February this month, the Masonic Service Association will hold its Annual Meeting from 11 o'clock to 12 and we have been privileged to have a speaker that is going to make our program really successful. His name is Larry Barnett, he was the youngest American League Umpire to ever be, to come into the American League. Somebody here knows him well, He has umpired World Series games, all-star games, all the big, big games, and he is always called upon. Larry Barnett is a friend of mine; and he told me how he got started in what he is doing when he is not umpiring, during the season, he is traveling around the country going into the VA Hospitals entertaining these men, because he has got a sense of humor like you wouldn't believe. And he can make fun of himself as an umpire, and tell you some great stories. But he has also got a good story to tell, one that is heartwarming.

He said that the first time he went into a VA Hospital, he sat down by the bed of a patient, and he said he was with him for about two minutes, and he said, "Well, I got to go" and this fellow looked up at him with a tear in his eye, and he said, "Don't leave, stay with me for a little while longer." And Larry said from that sincere petition of that person, made him realize how lucky he was, and how much he was needed - just to sit by somebody's bed and to talk them.

Since that time, he has visited every VA Medical Center in the United States. He has been in over eight hundred different hospitals showing that these men have paid the price, and they are appreciated.

It is difficult when you go into these hospitals, because some of these people are not very nice to look at. Some of them don't make sense when you talk to them. They are minus arms and legs, some of them, part of their faces are missing. But at one time, they were perfect specimens of manhood doctors, lawyers, electricians, school teachers, professors, mail carriers, all walks of life. And they answered the call to serve their

country and now they are paying the price, so that we can meet in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

I have never been happier than what I have been in the last ten years in this job because I have met Masons that really practice what we preach - Brotherly Love, caring for someone else doing little things that mean so much. A smile, a pat on the back, a kind word can do more for these patients than all the doctors' medicine that can be prescribed.

You probably remember the truck that was driven into the Marine barracks in Lebanon; and 172 Marines were killed some years back. And we mourn those Marines, then there was the USS Stark that was hit by a missile in the Persian Gulf and 37 Sailors lost their lives. Not too long ago, the Iowa had an explosion in the gun turret, and a lot of men lost their lives. And we mourn for them. We feel for their families, but you know something my Brethren? Those men were almost lucky. Because, I go into the hospital now, and I see those men that didn't lose their lives. Young men, between 18 and 22 years of age that have lost limbs and part of their faces. For the rest of their lives, they are going to spend their time in a Veterans Hospital. The families don't go to see them because they are not so nice to look at. Wives divorce them because they just don't want anything to do with them anymore. And they are lonely. But, not so, when it comes to a Masonic visitor. He is there to show them that we haven't forgotten.

Just recently, I was in the Bronx VA Medical Center and in the spinal cord injury section, visiting a Mason who was paralyzed from the neck down. And his wife said, "look at that bed over there in the corner" and I looked over there, and there was a young man, eighteen years old, a man in the navy. And I walked over by him, and he couldn't talk, he was being fed by tubes and everything else - a good looking young fellow. And I said to the nurse, "what happened?" She said, he came out of boot camp and was hit by a drunk driver and he will never walk again and his life expectancy is six months.

Our Masonic visitor in the Bronx Hospital is there every day to see that he is clean, so that he can move his positions, so he doesn't get bedsores, reads to him because he can understand, even though he can't communicate. My Brethren, this is Masonry, this is what it is all about.

There are Masons from Alaska that are being treated in Florida - in Arizona -in units all over the country, and vice versa. We are helping one another, we have got a network of volunteers throughout this country, so that if you know of someone, somewhere; I don't care where it is in the United States, if something has to be done for them, where you have to get a message to them, we can have somebody by his bedside within 48 hours and an answer back to you on whatever you might request within another day.

In the book of Matthew, we read "I was hungry, and you fed me; I was thirsty, and you gave me drink; I was sick, and you ministered to me; I was naked, and you clothed me; I was a stranger, and you took me in; I was in prison, and you visited me" - When did I see thee hungry and feed thee? When did I see thee sick and minister to thee?

When were thee naked, and I clothed thee? When were you a stranger and I took you in? When were you in prison, and I visited thee? And the master answers, when you did it to one of the least of these my Brethren, you did it also unto me.

My Brethren, that is the commission of every Mason that is assembled here today, or who ever has ever knelt at that Altar. No matter where it is in the world, to make this world a better place in which to live and it is the little things that count; a smile, a pat on the back, a kind word that proves what Masonry is all about.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, thank you for what you have done for me, the hospitality has been great, I have enjoyed it, I enjoy your friendship, I think that you are the greatest. You are handsome in that top hat Grand Master, I think that you are having a successful convocation and I look forward to being with you the rest of it. Thank you and God bless you for listening to me.

(Grand Master) Brethren, you see why I was so proud when this Brother said he wanted to come to Alaska. I have listened to him speak many times, and every time it just puts a great big lump in my throat because I know that he means what he is saying. And it is such a pleasure to have you here. Thank you so much for coming.

(Tom Dougherty) Thank you for fulfilling my wish and inviting me here Grand Master, I really enjoyed it, and I am not going to go home yet either.

## **RW Mozafar Jandaghi, Grand Lodge of Iran in Exile**

Most Worshipful Brother Charles Gregg, Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, Brethren all:

This is indeed a distinct honor for me to address this great meeting of the Grand Lodge of Alaska as a representative of Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Daftarian the Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Iran in exile.

I have great pleasure to extend to you, our best wishes and fraternal greetings from Most Worshipful Brother Daftarian, Grand Master and the members of the Grand Lodge of Iran in exile. I use this occasion to express my sincere thanks and deep gratitude to Most Worshipful Grand Master for his kind invitation to me to participate in this wonderful meeting.

As you all know about, according to the emulation of the .. second degree - before an apprentice is being taught to the duty of the first Fellowcraft, the Worshipful Master asked him to be clothed as he was the hour when he was admitted to the craft. The apprentice responds .. when the sun was at the meridian, and then continue .. Freemasonry being universally separate ... it necessary follows that the sun must always be at the meridian with respect to Freemasonry.

This statement indicates to us two important factors; first that Freemasonry is a universal form of organization. That we Freemasons believe in one God and the eternity of souls and that all of the Masons all over the world are Brethren of one another. No matter where they come from. Second, should owing to certain in event the light of Freemasonry be temporary, when in one corner of the world, there is no doubt that in view of the light of Freemasonry, like the sun, separates its light from all over the world. This light is a candle in that dark corner.

We Iranian Masons who have been driven away from our beloved country and have formed a refuge in the United States of America; have many to keep the light of Iranian Freemasonry going on, now in the United States and other countries in the world. We seek the fraternal support and help of our American Brothers. We are looking forward to the day when peace and tranquility will again be the reestablished in Iran so that becomes a leader to everlasting light of Freemasonry to other fatherlands.

Allow me to give you a brief report of Freemasonry in Iran. The time before, and until 1969, a number of Lodges attached to the Grand Lodge of France, United Kingdom and Germany had been established at Ahvaz, Esphahan, Shiraz, and Tehran. That continued their monthly activities until the year 1969, when, the Grand Lodge of Iran was formally reelected and transfigured; in Tehran, by the presence of France, the United Kingdom and Germany. The Most Worshipful Brother.. was elected Grand Master. Forty three Lodges were gradually established in Tehran, Ahvaz, Esphahan, Shiraz, and Tabriz. The Grand Lodge and the subordinate Lodges continued their monthly activities until 1979 when our country was faced with a revolution. There were usually authorities monitoring our monthly activities. Moslems murdered many members of our Brethren, imprisoned many others. France expropriated their personal .....(very difficult to understand) as a result of all these incidents, the craft was broken up.

Fortunately, a large number of our Brethren survived. They left Iran and are now scattered all over the world. In 1982, following a request by the majority of Iranian Past Masters in exile, MW Brother ... the attendant Grand Master who was living in the United States of America acted to reactivate the Grand Lodge of Iran in exile. Appropriate steps were taken to work out this idea and Right Worshipful Brother..., the Grand Secretary was first appointed Deputy Grand Master and then elected Grand Master to replace Most Worshipful Brother ... who, due to his health was unable to resume his duties. Right Worshipful Brother Nematolla Raeen was appointed Grand Secretary.

Currently, the Grand Lodge of Iran resumed its monthly activities in exile in the United States of America. Ever since 1984, the Grand Lodge of Iran in exile has been invited to participate in the annual meeting of the Conference of the Grand Masters of Master Masons in North America. In 1985 an agreement was signed, between MW ... of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and MW Grand Master of Iran in exile, wherewith, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts granted approval to Grand Lodge of Iran in exile to come in and hold meetings and conduct Master Masons business in Boston, Massachusetts. To re-establish and continue the activities of the Masters Lodge in order to teach Entered Apprentices, part Fellowcraft, and the rest Master Masons and to

continue all monthly activities according to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Grand Lodge of Iran.

Based on the basics of this agreement, the Grand Lodge of Iran in exile and a few subordinate Lodges meet twice a year in Boston, Massachusetts. And conduct its business according to .... Our Iranian Brethren from all over the world travel to Boston to participate in the meeting of the Grand Lodge and those of the subordinate Lodges. During this special period, many Iranians congregate, mostly young men between 21 and 35 years old. Many ....(very difficult to understand)..... have been Initiated, Passed and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons.

Once again, I use this occasion to express my heartfelt thanks to you Most Worshipful Grand Master, and to all the Grand Officers of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alaska for your generosity and hospitality and wish all of you good health and prosperity in this new year and the coming year. Thank you.

## **Robert Attwood**

Gentlemen of the Grand Lodge, this is a overwhelming experience. I had no idea that something like this was in the wind. I did lose everything in the earthquake, and I have missed it, and I wondered where or what to do about it, and you folks have solved the whole problem. It is terrific; and I appreciate it more than you can know.

It is a great honor for me to be selected to be the one to welcome you here today. You are in a city that is only 75 years old. And we still have people around here who were here in the beginning, and can remember most of what has happened. It has a short past, but it has a astonishing present and a glorious future. In the 75 years as your Grand Master has mentioned, we have grown to 200,000 or over, and that meant that we had to overcome the apathy of the nation. Alaska was a territory; nobody cared about a territory, we had no effective representation in the Congress. The Federal Government owned 99 and nine tenths of Alaska. They didn't know what to do with Alaska and they solved it by doing nothing. And they left us here alone, a handful of people without communications, without transportation, without any of the amenities or even government services; most of the services that we have today.

The Alaskans had to overcome all that to make something out of this place. And they did it by making themselves attractive and getting other people to come here. In Anchorage anyway, sourdoughs are not particularly noted for welcoming newcomers; as in many places they resent their coming and don't want them telling us how to run our country. But in Anchorage, we deliberate policies in our civic organizations and groups where we wanted people, we needed people to make this country amount to something.

And now we have made Anchorage what it is, the biggest city in Alaska as you know; the headquarters for practically everything of importance that takes place in Alaska. It is the seat of government for federal agencies, many state agencies, and of

course, it is the military headquarters and the cultural and political headquarters in many different ways, as well as economics. And in seeking statehood, which was a big effort on the part of Alaska, a definitely a populous movement; the politicians were opposed to it because it upset all their apple-carts, and drew new lines for political arrangements, and so the people had to fight their political establishment to make this place a state, and when, when they did, they promised the federal government many things. Among the things that they promised, the whole purpose was that to encourage development, and congress wrote into the act provisions for encouraging development; and Alaska said that we will make it an integral part of the economy of the nation.

In the first twenty-five years, we have developed it to a point where we are providing twenty to twenty-five percent of domestic oil supply. And this little hand-full of people up here have grown from 60,000 to 500,000 in that first twenty-five years and we have provided one cabinet officer for the President of the United States. We have provided leadership in the Senate, a senator has been elected to call for positions in the Senate; and we have provided a man who served as ambassador to Brazil, and he did so well he was transferred to Central America at the time it was a hot spot and he did so well there that he won plaudits from the President and everyone else before he retired.

And this part of the country went from a little frontier community of a hand-full of people who fought their way in, as the red-haired step-child of the family and made a place for themselves.

Now, what we have here, you will see the shopping centers and the traffic and all the congestion and you will see dirty snow, this is the ugly time of the year; as there is nothing particularly pretty about the place right now. But, bear in mind, what we have, we have worked hard to get and we are proud of it. It is not always in this shape. Bear in mind too as you drive around and look at our things, that you are always near wolves and coyotes and bears. They say, anywhere you are in Alaska, you are near a bear. We have them on our trails and roads, and they show up at odd times and particularly moose. We have Dahl sheep up in the mountains, ptarmigan, red fox and our mountain goats that live way up in the lofty peaks, have been known to come down quite frequently to a point on the busiest highway in Alaska that goes from here to Seward. And stand there about thirty feet above all the traffic and watch little old two-legged man and his vehicles going by and wondering, what's that all about?

We have Bald Eagles, we have ducks; thousands of ducks live within the city limits. Some of them have taken to us so warmly that they stay all winter, and we have to have people feed them. We have about two hundred bird species, and in our waters we have Whales and Sea Lions, all these things we love. We are aware of them and are a part of us. And around a radius of five hundred miles to eight hundred miles from here you have a vast wilderness full of all the resources that are yet to be developed. And, it takes two generations, at least, to just explore them and find out what is here. And the Anchorage people brought a ship just this far, but it is only beginning, and the next generation and the one after that will carry on.

It is a young man's country, it is a great place to make a home and it has a tremendous future; especially with all the developments in the Arctic, strategically, technologically, culturally, with transportation. Instead of being a remote place beyond the periphery of interest, we are a global place, a stopover place for airlines over the pole. We are in the middle of things instead of way out beyond. It is a pleasure to have you come here and see us and get to know something about us and hope that you can encourage your young folks, when they are wondering what should we do - point to Alaska because there is something for them to do here. Thank you very much.

(Grand Master) Right Worshipful Brother Junior Grand Warden.

(Junior Grand Warden-Les Little) Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Bob Atwood, you sure look good standing there in that white leather apron. It is a pleasure to have you here, we thank you for your informative talk about Anchorage and Alaska and perhaps, now that you are a man of leisure, your Brothers in Anchorage Lodge No. 221 may enjoy your company in Lodge nights. Thank you.

## **Tom Mickey, Grand Lodge of British Columbia**

Most Worshipful Brother Charles I. Gregg, Distinguished Brethren, and Brethren all: -

Whitehorse is not that ice-clad I'll have you know. At times maybe, but there are some places in between that were more ice-clad. Most Worshipful Grand Master, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to be here today representing Most Worshipful Brother John Loban of British Columbia. I noticed in the program that because British Columbia was alphabetically first, I was the first to come in and fortunate enough to be the first to speak; and then, you will be done and finished with me.

I know that Most Worshipful Brother John Loban intended to be here himself, but he got a little bit of bad advice from his newly appointed District Deputy in our jurisdiction who told him that there was no way to get to Alaska from the Yukon. Nobody, checked with the several Brethren who for seven or eight years have been coming over here. And when he did find out about it, it was too late to change his plans, and couldn't come. Then, later on, I was talking to you on the telephone one day and you mentioned that Right Worshipful Brother Wally Manion, the Grand Junior Warden was coming, and in the meantime, I had been asked by the Grand Secretary to represent Most Worshipful Brother Loban and I immediately got in touch with him to make sure that there wasn't an error and that two of us would be here representing the same man. Unfortunately, Right Worshipful Brother Wally Manion was unable to come, so you got me.

Your address today Most Worshipful Grand Master, touched me rather deeply because as you introduced me as the Grand First Principal of Royal Arch Masons in British Columbia and the Yukon. I too have faced a number of visits this year, and have taken the time to take a good look at Freemasonry. And what I saw in our own home

jurisdiction of the Yukon was not that pleasing, and that was in all the Masonic family, not just Royal Arch or Craft.

When I started out my visits, the first visits that I had, I spoke about that and afterwards the presiding officer that I was at, has called it a doom and gloom speech. So I thought that, well, I better tone it down a little bit if it is a doom and gloom speech and I did somewhat. However, I have a number of District Superintendents, and I did tell them that I wished them to tell it as it was, in other words, it is time Brothers that we pull our heads out of the sand and face up to our problems. It is the only way that we are going to solve them; we have problems, we know we have problems. The only people that can solve them is ourselves. And with that, knowing that this is a short time span here and that it was just a few words you wanted, I'll stop with that.

Thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master for the courtesies extended to me and I am just so happy to be here.

## **Mary Wallace Order of the Eastern Star**

Back at Triennial, I always have to go first there too. Brother Chuck, Most Worshipful Grand Master, all Masons, Masonic family and friends:

On behalf of Sister Lois Newman, our Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star and all of the Star members in Alaska wish your Grand Lodge prosperity and continued growth. It is Masons like you, that we have the Order of the Eastern Star in Alaska. It is a fact that where there is an active Masonic Lodge, there you will find an active Eastern Star Chapter or the making of a new chapter in Alaska. For your young Grand Lodge, it took special Masons with vision, so that love of humanity and unity could be spread throughout the world.

At one time you too were under another jurisdiction as we are still the baby under the General Grand Chapter. But I know that one day soon we too, with your love and strength, will have a Grand Chapter of our own.

Isn't it wonderful to live in the land of the last frontier? To be able to watch our organizations grow? Reaching for the stars.

Thank you so much for your dedication and devotion Brother Chuck, to the Order of the Eastern Star and to all of you. God bless you all and until we meet again,



## **International Order of Rainbow for Girls Daughters**

Good afternoon, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Masons and friends. I am going to tell you a little bit about our youth. Youth of today has to fight many battles which were previously not openly discussed. Through technology and people, we have more troubles and pains to be taken care of by the next generation, we also help solve problems.

Fortunately for some of us, there are organizations that do contribute to the services of others and keep the youth of today off the streets.

With not only Masonic organizations, but also music and sports, we can help bring not only entertainment, but also help bring universal peace. With the help of the people in our communities, we can help the less fortunate and build toward a better tomorrow.

Growing up is pushed earlier than it used to be although it is said that we don't have to do as much at home, we teen-agers must hold down jobs to not only have spare change, but also help support their families. With the job market as it is today, college has become a necessity. You don't necessarily have to have a degree in your choice of work, but to have a degree is supposed to show that more thought has been given by you about the value of higher education.

Still, you are encouraged to stop and smell roses. It is important to have goals and follow them, and not become so involved that you cannot enjoy life as it comes. When youth is gone, you must continue with your goals, but you will not have as much time to smell the roses, as they may have already been plowed up, in that field where they may already be a shopping mall.

Although we can't spend our lives smelling the roses, we must always keep in mind they are not only beautiful and a lovely scent, but they are also never forgotten memories.

This may be why both Masonic organizations of DeMolay and Rainbow hold their own talk on the rose and symbolization, symbolism.

Right now, I am enrolled as a full time student at our local university. It is hard to believe that soon some company may hire me, and only hire me, me, not you, not somebody else behind me, me to keep them out from under the water.

It seems like just yesterday when I was wondering what people would think in my third grade class as I walked in; I would have just come from Sitka, and I was scared to death. It is really amazing to view our lives and think of all the things that we have done; no matter how insignificant an action may have seemed. It is surprising to think of the impact it would have, what would happen if you hadn't done that.

Since I am here representing Rainbow, it would be nice to talk a little about something that unconsciously has helped me. When I first joined Rainbow, I was the shyest person in the school. I never talked to anyone unless they talked to me first. Now, as many people who have known me found, I enjoy talking to people that I don't know just to make them at ease and help them feel a little bit more comfortable. I have learned to read in front of an audience, such as yourselves and not look as though I am about to faint, as I am feeling right now.

No matter how many times a person stands in front of people, as you all know, we can't completely lose our total terror of being in front of an audience. Even so, they can, like I have learned to do, try to work around their terror. Take a deep breath and think of everyone you know ...(words slurred)

Well, before I go, I would like to leave you with a short verse as a remembrance of Rainbow that you must always remember in a time of stress. Entitled, "My home in God"

Each morning, when I wake, I say,  
I placed my hand in God's today.  
I know he walks close by my side,  
every wandering step to guide.  
He'll lead me with the tenderest care,  
when paths are dark and I despair.  
He will need for me to understand,  
so I can hold fast to his hand.  
My hand in his, no greater way,  
to go in safety through each day.  
By His great knowledge I understand,  
Rainbows love and comforted.  
When at days end, I seek my rest,  
I realize how much I am blessed.  
My thanks go out to him, and then,  
I place my hand in God's again.

Thank you.

## **Carmen Jones, International Order of Job's Daughters,**

Good afternoon Grand Master, Distinguished Guests and all other presiding Masons:

My name is Carmen Jones and I am here to represent Jobs Daughters in Alaska. I went into Jobs Daughters at the age of twelve, I am now fifteen years old and I hold the offices of Honored Queen of Bethel No. 1, Anchorage Chapter DeMolay Sweetheart Court Jr. Princess, and Miss Alaska Jobs Daughters, all in a three year period.

Now, I am not trying to brag in any way, I am just trying to illustrate the kind of opportunities that are offered by Jobs Daughters - to each and every Jobbie.

I am not going to tell you Jobs Daughters is, I am sure that you all know that - but I would like to tell you about the positive effects. I am a sophomore in High School and know a lot of girls who are not Jobs Daughters. I see and hear what they do with their spare time. I compare that to the way that Jobbies that I know spend their time. Rather than experiment with drugs, getting involved with in cults or in any other illegal activities.

Jobbies prefer to spend their spare time doing more positive things. If you keep your eyes open, you might see us in many places, we do volunteer work and do Christmas gift wrapping for money making. Last year we earned money and donated greatly to a little boy in the valley. Perhaps you saw us last year ...(words slurred) we went as little icicles, in white robes. We also have a lot of fun activities too.

My Jobs Daughters sisters really are like sisters. We all are growing up together. These are some of my very best friends -I enjoy spending my time with them.

Jobs Daughters teaches us responsibility, organizing skills, and public speaking. In short, Jobs Daughters takes that potentially dangerous extra time that we all have and channels it into a positive direction that the girls use to better themselves. A good example of this is what I am doing right now. Three years ago, the idea of getting up in front of so many people would have frightened me to death.

Ok, Ok. It still frightens me to death, but at least, the Jobs Daughters helped, and that is not to say, I don't like to give the impression that Jobs Daughters is just for the girls. Yes, it is a girl's organization, but it is very family orientated. Without the support of the family, Jobs Daughters would not be the organization that it is now.

For Jobbies I beg you to encourage your daughters, granddaughters, niece, or any other female relative that you that you can think of that are younger than twenty, to join our organization. Yes, it will require a commitment on both parts, both their part, and our part. But consider the alternatives.

Thank you for inviting me here today. By the way, I happen to know where I can get a petition for you as long as you will let me be the first line signer. Thank you.

## **Trevor Munger, Order of DeMolay**

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

I feel incredibly honored to stand before you today in this room and as I look out among the room, I easily notice in this room of a state of being like no other, that of

brotherhood. This brotherhood I believe is what has fed and strengthened the teachings of Freemasonry as well as the fraternity of the DeMolay.

With all due respect to the other criteria involved, I believe that the depth in which brotherhood is used in an organization will serve as the sole benefactor in the success of that particular organization.

Throughout the past years of my association with DeMolay, I have seen a great fluctuation in the brotherhood involved. I can remember sitting in the dining room at Kenai Lodge No. 11 as a small child, and looking up with great respect and admiration to the DeMolay youth at that time. Distinctly, I remember their unity but more importantly, their love of each other. As I watched them, I couldn't wait to reach the age of 13 - to be with them - to be one of them.

While the years of my youth seemed to slide by at an astonishing rate, I kept these emotions nearby and finally as I approached the age at which I was accepted into the DeMolay and I became initiated. Now, I was one of those young men that I so dearly remembered, I was now a DeMolay.

Shortly after, I soon realized that the organization was not quite as I had remembered it when I was small. There was something lacking. Something essential, the unity was still thriving, for we still worked together as a team; however, that marvelous presence of brotherhood didn't seem to be prominent. Quickly, I looked into this occurrence, and I soon learned that DeMolay was undergoing some hard times in the state of Alaska; both at state and at local levels. Yet still, when I closely looked at my brothers, I noticed in their actions that they still have that slight gleam of brotherhood. And I soon realized that it would soon blossom into a fabulous array of light.

Last spring, Past State Master Councilor Toby Palmer and I, along with Dad Stan Woodin, attended the International DeMolay Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. Together, I and the other delegates from the other states sat in a single room discussing various aspects of DeMolay. Though we were from distinctly different regions of the country, we worked as if we had been together for many, many years. And one of the following days, we used our companionship to address the International Supreme Council of the Order of the DeMolay. This was, without a doubt, the greatest display of brotherhood that I have yet seen. We stood together, representing all of the states of America basically supporting a single cause. For that moment, I can truly say that DeMolay was one throughout the nation.

After having returned home from Missouri, I believe that my Brethren had sensed a change in Toby and me. The experiences that we had undergone seemed to rejuvenate our love of DeMolay. And in turn, that feeling was actually beginning to spread among our Brethren. Previously, DeMolay was undergoing some hard times in Alaska. Now it is beginning to prosper at an unprecedented rate. The Brothers throughout this state appear to be working to retain the strength of DeMolay to its entirety. And I can assure you that it will be done.

I cannot answer as to the length of time that will be needed to achieve this, but I do know, I now see that certain glimmer, that I had seen in DeMolay as a youth. Pride and care are beginning to be evident in the actions taken by brethren. Dedication and respect as well, and the intensity of that is light is now growing faster than ever before.

However, for this growth to continue, DeMolay needs assistance. We hope that we will be able to still rely upon the Masonic community as we have done in the past. The relationship that has developed between the two organizations can be nothing less than tremendous. I, on behalf of the DeMolay youth of Alaska, want to personally thank the Masons personally for this relationship. Your help cannot be given adequate credit for the aid which you have given to the Order of DeMolay.

In short, DeMolay could not exist without it. Believe me, when I say that your assistance means a great deal to us as young citizens of society.

I have been asked by you here to basically give the prospective dates for a Conclave - right now, I and my other state officers are shooting for the second week, or the mid part of June. We are in the process of getting together with Mat-Su Council and Chapters and discussing that. Also, a short while ago, the state Senior Councilor, Anthony Perkins attended the regional conference to firm up some ideas on that aspect. And this spring, he and I, along with many other brothers throughout the state will be attending the International DeMolay Congress in Hershey, Pennsylvania. I just wanted you to be aware of that.

Once again, I want to thank you again for permitting me to speak before you and God speed. Thank you.

## **Burt Oien, Potentate of Al Aska Shrine**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers and Representatives, and guests:

We had, on January 13th, just a very quick explanation, an outreach clinic for the children put on in the morning of the January the 13th and our Public Relations man Clarence Keto, I mean the sound over there - he had done some advertising, we had scheduled for three children to be visited by the doctors at Humana Hospital. They let us use their facilities that morning. Because of advertising that we were doing this, we had 13 children show up; just walked in off the street if you will, that morning at 8 o'clock, on Saturday morning. All 13 of them will be treated in Portland in the upcoming months. So, we were very successful in that.

The Outreach Clinic that we have is where twice a year, we bring up from Portland - the Portland Staff, two or three doctors and nurses come up and examine the children here. It is a lot less costly to the Shrine, to have them flown around. It is a lot less traumatic for the children and their parents than to have to fly all the way down to Portland, and in some cases for only a fifteen minute examination, and then, fly back.

We found it to be very successful, and if any of you know of any child out there in the state that could use the assistance of the Shrine and the orthopedic, burns, or spinal injury areas, please get a hold of us because that is really what we are here for and, we are enjoying it, and I want to wish you a good Grand Lodge session Grand Master. Without the Grand Lodge growth, the Shrine has no possibility of growth either. Thank you.

## **Doris Miller, Order of Amaranth**

Grand Most Worshipful Master, Masons and Masonic family:

I just want to say, if it wasn't for you, I would not be where I am in the beautiful Order of Amaranth. So, again, I would like to thank one and all and I hope that you all have a beautiful session and if as many as possible could come to my session in August, and see what we do in our beautiful order. Thank you.

## **Roy Foss, Response to Introduction of Grand Representatives**

Thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Brethren all:

As I look out here and see this distinguished group of Masons who are standing before us, represent about six million Masons throughout the world. Every free country in the world has a Masonic fraternity and most of those jurisdictions have Grand Representatives. I am so proud and privileged to represent a couple, and I find that just a little correspondence, a few telephone calls, or a few letters will get some wonderful response. I have also found that an airplane ticket gets better response. I don't like to write letters, so I jump on an airplane and I run down to Australia and take part in their festivities.

You would be surprised, those of us of Alaska, who represent them at their jurisdictions; are so happy for us to respond because we have got a world of information that we can tell them about our case, great state of Alaska.

We have got moose, we have got bear, we got whales, eagles, it doesn't matter what it is, even the cold weather, and they are all so interested. I get the opportunity of standing before them and telling them bear stories, but the bear stories or not, they think I am the greatest bear hunter in the world.

Also, you would be surprised how many of the worlds largest fish that have been caught on my fish pole. I don't brag, but they think that I tell the truth, which I do, some of the time.

I can't get over what a great opportunity it is to spread the cement of Brotherly love and affection when we travel this world and visit with our jurisdictions of which we represent.

We thank you Most Worshipful Sir for the privilege of representing our jurisdictions. Thank you.

### **Will Josey, Response to Introduction of District Deputies**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, a few minutes ago, I was sitting over there, I decided that I would jot down a couple of things that I wanted to be sure and touch on. It is very short. On behalf of all of the District Deputies, I would like to say thank you very much for appointing us to serve you as District Deputies. It has been a most honorable and enjoyable year. Your idea of having two district meetings, one near the beginning of your year, and one near the end, should be continued by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge. The two meetings in Anchorage were very successful, with over forty in attendance at each one. They were very productive and everyone learned something beneficial for themselves and their lodges. Again Most Worshipful Sir, on behalf of all of the District Deputies -I would like to say thank you and it has been a distinguished and honor to serve you as District Deputy,

### **Lloyd Triggs, Response to Charles Moulthrop on giving pins to the Worshipful Masters**

I was Master of Tanana Lodge in 1983. So, I felt really put out that he didn't start this until 1984. The only way that I could, to tell you how much this means to me, manage to receive one of those pins, was to start a new Lodge. So, we got together and started a new Lodge and I finally got one of them little pins. And it means that much to me. Thank you Brother Moulthrop

### **RW Ronald A. Sherrod, Deputy Grand Master of California**

Thank you Most Worshipful. Our learned Grand Master to my immediate backside here said as I walked up here, he said, "you noticed that he didn't say wisdom." But, it is a pleasure to be with you here today and I have looked forward to coming to Alaska. Last year, I was afraid that I would wind up going to Nome. Sam Pavlovich was supposed to be here, but he had to back out at the last minute last year for the obvious reason of your weather. We in California feel that it is mighty cold when it gets somewhere below 65.

But this has really been a joy here and I will tell you this, in prefacing any remarks that I might have, that flying in over your beautiful state the other day; we could see well over a hundred miles, there was not a cloud in the sky, the sky was almost

purple, and the mountains were majestically white, it was the most magnificent sight that I have ever seen, this side of the Cinerama presentations. And that was really magnificent. If everybody could see that, this would be the number one state in the nation.

Realizing the traffic problems, I suggest that you keep that a good secret anyway out there.

But, yes, our Most Worshipful Sam Pavlovich sends his regards to this jurisdiction and to the Most Worshipful Grand Master. He certainly would like to have been here; and I am certainly glad that he isn't, because I have this opportunity.

I would like to take a couple of moments here and tell you a few things that is happening or not happening in the Jurisdiction of California. And, before that, I would like to say this, that of all of the jurisdictions that I have visited, and I think that this is about the eleventh or twelfth, none have been more friendly, and none have gone out of their way any more than you folks to make my wife and I welcome. Certainly, your Grand Master has done an admirable job, along with his core of officers and Terry and I certainly are thankful for the fine treatment that we have had.

You know, as I have looked in this room for the last two days, I have noticed several of you that are under the age of 45. It may come as a surprise to you, but, at least in California, we are getting a goodly number of our new candidates from the under 30 group believe me. Now we took a test not long ago, and checked our records and found that, of the 155,000 California Masons, that roughly 17,000 of them are under the age of 45. And let me tell you, that is where our future of Masonry lies is those gentlemen, those Brothers under that age. They are inheriting what we are doing today. And I would guess that our population percentage there is about eleven or twelve percent being under the age of 45, and I would be surprised if yours is much different.

If I may just take the liberty here Most Worshipful and ask your permission for those under forty-five and don't any of you guys over forty-five cheat. Those that are under forty-five, just stand for a moment, I want to see now many are in this room. For the rest of us my Brothers, here is our future. And, thank you, thank you. I think that speaks for itself.

We are trying desperately in California to reach the under-forty-five Mason. We are meeting with them. We have appointed a committee, our Junior Grand Warden is its chairman. He himself has just turned forty, an extremely intelligent, brilliant lawyer. A very articulate man, he preceded me as Grand Orator so I know that he can talk a lot, but he is making a cohesive force out of the under forty-five group. We want to know, what they feel Masonry should be in the year 2,000 and beyond. We will share that with you if you are interested, and we are learning that this year.

Our public image is extremely important to us, as it is you, as to every jurisdiction. We need to know what the community knows about us out there, and Lord



knows, we need to set that record straight. We are trying very hard on public image. We are not too successful yet, but we are trying and it only takes one step at a time.

One of the problems that we have experienced of recent, you may have been warned of this here, in a little bit of different fashion, is not to take lightly your responsibility for change, voting in change, for the sake of change. We did this a couple of years ago and one thing that has proven to be drastic for me, I laugh because I was Grand Orator at the time that the then Grand Master who was chomping at the bit to enforce a rule that prohibits anybody serving in a particular position more than nine years; or as the chairman or a committee for more than five years. Well, I wasn't too crazy about it, but I didn't particularly fight it with him, he was bigger than me. I didn't realize that four years hence, I'd wind up to be the heir of that problem. I now have facing me, at this, by this next Communication, out of the fifty-one committees of Grand Lodge, that we have, I have to replace seventeen very capable Chairmen that have served more than five years. I have to replace thirty-six of one-hundred-fifty Inspectors. I have to replace over one-hundred-thirty-five committeemen that have exceeded the nine year tenure. Now you might say, well it is great to get new blood but not all at once my Brothers.

So, be cautious if that thought comes to your great jurisdiction. Look at that as something that you spread over a three year period maybe, not all in one grand slam. So, be careful in change - change is good, but not for the sake of it.

The last thing that I would like to share with you and certainly leave you on a good positive up tone is that a few of us in this room had the great privilege last March to travel in almost the opposite end of the world from you folks and that is to the great country of Australia. We were privileged to spend three weeks down there, the first of which was as a guest of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, down in Melbourne. Now, you may have heard of this, and I will give it to you quickly, that is the first time in that country that they have ever had a Public Installation of Officers, Grand Lodge Officers or, Lodge Officers. Never had the wives seen it, only Past Masters, this was opened to the public, and they have a stadium down there, it is a tennis stadium that holds 16,000 people. I want you to hear this, that stadium that night was filled beyond capacity. There were 4,000 overflows about a mile away at the Grand Lodge building on closed circuit television.

Now, if that doesn't grab your socks, I'll give you another one. They each paid ten dollars to do that. Now, why was that? Well, first of all, it was unique. It was their first time, where we can, none of us can capitalize on that opportunity. But they had, not an Installation Ceremony, they had an absolute Coronation. That was a four and one half hour ceremony, nonstop. Now, if you had a bladder problem this morning, think what a few of us had on the stage there that night. But nobody left that place. They all sat there absolutely mesmerized by the absolute beautiful work. The floor work was flawless, they have roughly 80 Grand Lodge Officers and if your Grand Lodge does not have a copy of that tape, and the Grand Master asks, I will be happy to have a copy made and send to you. It is worth seeing.

Now, the upbeat of that is of course, the fact that 20,000 people saw an Installation for the first time. It was probably the very first time in their lives, very few of them had ever seen one before. They have in the state of, or the country of Australia, and in their five provinces; very good Masonic turnout. And the reason being, is that they have excellent programs; Excellent programs. And that is the difference between success and failure. I thought that you might like to know that you can have a good turnout for an installation, a Grand Lodge Installation. I don't suppose any of us will see 16,000 or 20,000 and we thought that was a magnificent thing, and I just thought you might like to know about it.

Most Worshipful, again thank you for the courtesies that you have extended to our Grand Lodge and to my wife and myself and when your presumed-to-be-new Grand Master, David, takes his office and we will look forward to seeing him at our Communication in October. I will not guarantee you that we will not follow with an earthquake, but we will try hard not to have it. Thank you Most Worshipful.

## **Don Kimmel, Deputy Grand Master of Montana**

Brothers of Alaska, it is a great privilege to bring you greetings from the Grand Lodge of Montana and the 12,500 Masons, and especially our Grand Master Larry Lund. We are very proud of the fact to have a Past Grand Master that has attended every one of your Grand sessions and helped to get the Grand Lodge of Alaska started, in Brother Francis Hess. I am especially proud to mention Francis, because we have a twelve to thirteen year line in our Grand Lodge in Montana and in 1979, Brother Francis started me in that line.

I would like to tell you that in Montana, we have run quite a few searches and researching on so-called challengers of Masonry. We have experienced thirty-two consecutive years of loss of membership. Our average age is somewhere between sixty-six and sixty-seven years and so it is creating some challenges to turn this around and our Grand Master now has a program called Masonic Awareness. And he has issued an edict to every Lodge to conduct a friendship dinner and he is requiring that the members of the Lodge commit themselves to bringing a friend or a relative that is a non-mason to these dinners and the commitment is by name so that you don't leave it up to someone else to bring a brother or a friend to the meeting and the programming of the meeting along with the dinner is to educate the general public on what Masonry is about. Some of the things that we are doing, some of our appendant and concordant bodies, what they are doing, what Masonry is to do to the individual when we take a man off of the street and make him a Mason. How we are going to change his life and improve him by making him a member of the fraternity.

Hopefully, this program will have some effect, it is a carry out continuation of last years program when we went and purchased TV spots during our Centennial Year, to show the people of Montana, the involvement of Masonry in our hundred year history. We were very fortunate in last year on these TV spots. We had one put on by the Governor, who was a member of the fraternity. We had one spot put on by the Chief

Justice of our Supreme Court, who was a member of the fraternity. We had one spot put on by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, who was a member of the fraternity. We had one put on by the Majority House Leader in our House of Representatives in the State of Montana. He was also a member of the fraternity. And it made quite an impression on the people around Montana to see the involvement of Masons in the runing of the state and in our past history.

To continue the program this year, and to help finance it, we sold belt buckles throughout the fraternity, and this program started out to be 1,000 numbered belt buckles, and to be a limited edition, but they were so popular and we have had demands for belt buckles from other states, other than Montana, and the last order for buckles went in about the 22nd of January, but had sold through our belt buckles and lapel pins, over \$54,000 to help support this Masonic Awareness and in using those funds to, for those type purposes. Out of the \$54,000 in sales, there was over \$20,000 worth of profit that could be used for this promotional purpose.

Our Grand Master also this year has agreed to continue continuity in our Grand Lodge line so that any Brother in our line or any one with a good idea to try and develop some changes that would bring on the continuation of Masonry in the state. He is using these projects along with his own special projects of Masonic awareness. I have been harping on a lack of programming, the lack of training of our Lodge officers to the point where our meetings have become so lackadaisical and the Brothers so apathetic that we are losing membership because the Brothers feel that there is nothing going on in the Lodges. So, our Grand Master this year, is also promoting that program and working toward developing some type of a officer training workshop, either at Grand Lodge or within the districts of our state.

We are hoping that these projects will make some turn arounds, I have sat here for two days and thoroughly enjoyed the discussions and the interaction between the Brothers. This is what we have in our jurisdiction also, we have got the same type of problems I have heard Brother Earl mention what they are doing in Wyoming. He is talking of a wagon train and-so-forth for their Centennial. Montana just completed having a wagon train for our Centennial. I live in Roundup, Montana, many of you probably seen in some of the national newspapers and some of the national magazines of a wagon train and trail drive that we had in Montana.

We aren't as big as Alaska, but we do have as blue a sky, and we call ourselves the "big sky state", so we decided that we would have a cattle drive last year to commemorate our 100th anniversary. Not wanting to do anything small, they started out with a proposed, or hoped for trail herd of longhorn cattle of 10,000 head. We didn't quite reach that goal, but we did have participation from every county in Montana. We had cattle brought up from Texas to be in this trail drive. We ended up with a herd of longhorns and longhorn crossbreeds that totaled over 3,500 head of cattle. They left Roundup with a five day trail-drive to Billings; we had a special brand with an M-bar '89 to commemorate our Centennial. And incidentally, as a side, the first brand registered in

Montana was the square and compass. It is a still recorded brand in Montana, now owned by the Grand Lodge of Montana.

But, this trail-drive worked very successfully. We did have some logistic problems in the community of Roundup of about 2300 people making plans to accommodate this trail-drive. There were plans for over 20,000 visitors and we had somewhere around 13,000 to kick off the trail-drive but you can imagine the logistics required in moving 3,500 head of cattle across country now-a-days. We were adequately covered with cowboys, we had about 3,500 cowboys. It became apparent that we had enough riders that we, the committee had to make some limits, so they put the restriction that there would no more than 120 trail-drivers, the rest would be in a group of riders that were accompanying the wagon train that was accompanying the longhorns across the fifty-five miles of trail and we had about 200 wagons along with this; so they are now saying that it was probably the largest collection of horses ever for a cattle drive or a wagon train/trail-drive.

It all went very well, approximately 4,000 head of horses and 3,500 head of cattle, and they moved across with minimal accidents. One of our Masonic Brothers that lives right along where the trail-drive was going, and an old timer in the area, and well familiar with the area was called on to help solve a theft. We had a group of longhorns brought up from Texas and I think the steer with the largest set of horns was almost seven-foot span, but on the third day of the trail-drive, this longhorn steer and about twenty others were stolen and they called on this Masonic Brother that lives in that area to help locate them, they had used helicopters and airplanes and horses and they couldn't find any trace of this twenty head of longhorn steers. Well, this Brother was put in a wagon and he was giving directions across country where he thought they might be that they hadn't looked. And the second wagon was a group of four national TV networks and the TV cameramen and they happened to put them in a wagon with an inexperienced driver and he run the wagon over a cut bank and rolled it over and broke up three TV cameras and before the missing longhorns were found, the TV network, the only working camera, left the area. And here come the longhorns down the a gully on a dead run with cowboys behind them with pistols and the posse rounded them up but the last I heard, this trail-drive was in September, and we are still short one longhorn. But, it was a very successful event and I wish and hope that everyone can get to Wyoming and see how Grand Master Earl Christenson carries on with his trail-drive or wagon train circling.

Thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Alaska for the hospitality you have shown. You make me feel right at home here.

## **Ron Briggs, Grand Lodge of Nevada**

Honored East, Distinguished Brethren all, hello Alaska:

It is indeed a very great honor and privilege for me to stand here today as a personal representative of my Grand Master, Most Worshipful William B. Berk and to bring to you sir, his personal greetings and best wishes for your Communication.

It was three years ago that I first addressed my Brethren here in Alaska, in this very room when Most Worshipful Brother Gunnar was presiding. Two years ago, I had the rare opportunity of attending your Grand Lodge session in Nome, an experience which will be carried in my memory for my life. A great session last year, when I was the Grand Master, and was looking forward with great anticipation to being here as the presiding Grand Master of my jurisdiction, mother nature decided to take a hand; you all know what happened. I spent approximately two days shuttling around different airports, trying get here. We were unable to make it. I regret that very much. So sir, with your kind indulgence, I will be not only representing my Grand Master, but I would like to take the liberty of representing myself since I missed that Communication.

Also, another great thing that has happened since I last addressed this august group, is that I have been appointed to the auspices of Most Worshipful. Your Junior Past Most Worshipful Grand Master, soon to now be, Junior Past any more. Where did he go? Ah ha! At any rate, he signed my commission as the Grand Representative of The Grand Lodge of Alaska, near The Grand Lodge of Nevada, a commission of which I am extremely proud.

Most Worshipful you mentioned that when you attended our Grand Lodge Session, that you have assisted our Grand Jurisdiction by leaving some green color in our country.

(Grand Master) Too much.

(Briggs) Too much. Well, I must confess, that each time that I attend your Grand Lodge Session, I have turned the shade of green, green from envy. For the Brethren who live and work in this magnificent country of yours, what a beautiful, beautiful part of the world that you live in. And I hope now that I have become a man of leisure, so to speak. That I will have an opportunity to spend more time here in Alaska among my Brethren, and I, it is my hope, if the Lord will give me enough time that I will be able to visit with each of you in each Lodge in Alaska. That is my goal, is to be able to visit each and every Lodge here in this grand state of Alaska.

You know, Montana isn't the only place that still has cowboys - if fact, Nevada is one of the few places left where we still have working cowboys. And I would like to tell you a little story - this is back of course, many years ago, when there were still some pretty wild and wooly times out in my part or the country. But, an old cowpoke at that time was out looking for some strays one day, and he was snuck up on by a small band of

Indians and captured. Well, the Peyote Indians who are indigenous to our part of the country were a pretty kind breed, and after they had captured this cowpoke and brought him to their camp, the chief informed this cowpoke that they would allow him to live for three days, and they would grant him one wish on each day that he had to live, whatever he desired. The chief asked him what he desired, he said, I want to talk to my horse. The chief thought that was a little strange, but he told his braves to bring; his horse around. He looks at his horse, grabs him by the ear and whispered something in his ear. The horse took off on a gallop. A few hours later, here came the horse, a beautiful redhead on its back, a red headed young lady. Well, the chief made arrangements and put them together in a teepee, they spent the night. And the next day, the chief says again, what do you wish today? I want to talk to my horse. Again he brought him his horse, and he whispered again in his ear and he took off again. This time he came back with a beautiful blonde in the saddle. Again they spent the night. On the third day, the chief said, now, this is your last wish, he said, what do you want, what do you wish today? He said, I want to talk to my horse again. The chief shook his head and said, bring him his horse. This time, he grabbed the horse by the halter, came around in front of him, looked him straight in the eye, and he said, listen you knock-kneed sway-back old nag you, he said, read my lips. Bring me a posse.

Thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master, I do want to thank you sincerely from the bottom of my heart, there are no words to express my appreciation for your hospitality, you and your lovely wife Jan and to all of my Brethren in Alaska for the warm hand of friendship that you have extended to me. Not only on this visit, but on every visit, you have always made me feel like royalty, my Brethren, my hat is off to you, thank you and God bless.

## **MW Dalvin Hollaway, Grand Master of Oregon**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, as your instructions were, "My name is Dalvin Hollaway, Glacier Lodge No. 10." At least he told us when we went to the microphone to tell us who we were and what Lodge we belonged to.

I would like to thank the Grand Lodge of Alaska, the Grand Master, for the warm welcome that we have received here. I would like to take this opportunity also to again thank Glacier Lodge No. 10, the reception that we had the other night with Most Worshipful Brother Chuck and Most Worshipful Brother Bill and myself being there; and the good meal and program that was there.

We arrived here last Saturday and we were fortunate enough to go to Chuck's house, to be with him, but Sunday morning, I said to Chuck, I said, "Chuck, you know, we need to go to church." And he said, "you know, I been wanting to go to a little church out by Eagle River"; he said, "let's go out there Sunday morning." So, we went out Sunday morning to the little church the preacher of that church, he just put on a wonderful message and as little churches are sometimes, the pastors go to the back of the church to have the reception of the people as they leave. And to my surprise, as we went

to the back, Chuck grabbed hold of the minister, and he said to him, "You know, that was a damn fine message" and, I thought, well now Chuck you shouldn't be a doing that. Never the less, the pastor said to him, "You know, I appreciate what you said, but I wish you wouldn't use that type of language in the church." Well, Chuck said, "You know that you inspire me so", he said, " That was just a damn fine message." Well, the pastor he shook his head again and Chuck said, "You know that was such a damn fine message, I put a thousand dollars in the offering plate." The preacher said, "The hell you did!"

I belong to a Lodge in Canyonville, Oregon that is a Moon Lodge. I don't know how many of you are familiar with Moon Lodges, we meet by the moon - Friday on, or before the full moon of the month. And so, sometimes we have to have a little card with us to remind us that we are going to meet because the Stated Meeting is that way and the moon changes. But, unfortunately since I have been in the Grand Lodge line, I haven't been able to be at my own Lodge meetings, except for a couple of times, as most of the time we meet in the Portland area which is 200 miles north, before our Trustees meeting the next morning on a Saturday, so it makes it kind of hard to take 200 miles and go.

It is a wonderful little Lodge, and then being a member of Glacier Lodge No. 10; I have the pleasure of being in the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and then in the Free and Accepted Masons also. And then just recently, I joined a new Lodge that was forming in Oregon, called Progressive, it is Progressive Lodge UD The uniqueness of that Lodge is the fact that every member that joins, joins as a Life Member. When you come into it, you come, you pay your Life Membership and we organized the Lodge to form under UD and we had 50 members that came in and paid \$165.00 apiece for joining, so we immediately began to have a little funds there into our permanent fund.

You know, every morning in Africa, a gazelle wakes up, it knows that it must run faster than the fastest lion or it will be killed. Every morning, a lion wakes up it knows that it must outrun the slowest gazelle or it will starve to death. Now the moral to the story is that it doesn't matter whether you are a lion or a gazelle, but when the sun comes up, you better be running. Now think of that for a moment. You better be running, and I think Freemasonry needs to be in that position of running.

Most of this year, I have talked to many groups about what is going to happen in the 21st century to our organization. How, we as an organization, and what will we be facing in the next century? We are facing very, very much the difficulties of membership, but we are also deficient in leadership. Let me state right from the beginning, that leaders aren't born, they are developed. And we need to be looking at our leaders for the 21st century and where they will be taking us, and we as leaders have an extra responsibility of leading our organization, because we are an organization that are heading for extinction.

A Chinese proverb goes something like this. If you don't change direction, you will go where you are headed. Think about that for a moment. If we as leaders don't make some changes now, we are heading in the direction of extinction. Now, some will say that Freemasonry is never going to die - the principles of Freemasonry will never die, but the

membership might get so small that it would be not in existence. If we continue as we have in the past twenty years, we will not exist for very long in the 21st century. So we need to develop, as you have looked around today, and as we are in a Grand Lodge of what I consider leaders because you are your Wardens and Masters of your Lodges that we need to develop those particular men to govern our particular Lodges. It is a very high responsibility that we have to develop in our Lodges.

We must innovate, create or we will stagnate. We could become the leaders that are leaders that would take some initiative, take some action without the fear of failure. You know, sometimes the decisions that we make as the leaders of our particular organizations aren't very popular sometimes with the membership. But if they are made for the overall benefit of the Craft itself, and those decisions are Masonically correct, then that is the way that we need to proceed.

No matter what some may say or what some may do, some have said that the Grand Lodges make laws, rules, and regulations that they can't live with. They may say that these laws tie them down, but I am confident that in every Grand Lodge that I have ever visited and been in, that those laws, rules, and regulations are there for particular purposes. Those purposes would be that there would be chaos without them, but those laws do not deter the thinking man in the operation of his Lodge. I think that, that is the only use and excuse of lazy leaders; to use those laws and regulations as a crutch, not to do anything. And if you, as leaders of your Lodges are to become problem solvers, you know, you should look forward to taking any problem and take those problems in stride and look forward to solving them.

Remember, that you can't accomplish anything, if you don't try. Let us not forget that we are a society of builders, the story goes about a youth who was too young to fight, but he was permitted to carry the regimental banner. And then, in one bitter engagement, his unit was advancing on the enemy in heavy fire, in his youthful zeal the boy went so far ahead of the regiment that he was almost out of contact. The commanding officer sent out a runner bearing the message, bring the standard back to line. With heroic recklessness, the lad sent back the ringing reply, "bring the line up to standard." Bring the line up to standard.

Whether we like it or not, lets face it, we haven't been up to standard. And as for the leaders of tomorrow, that is one thing that we are going to have to do. If we want our organization to be the flourishing organization for the 21st century, we are either going to have to be a gazelle or a lion. Makes no difference, we will have to start running when the sun comes up if we are going to make the difference in the 21st century.

One other thing that we have done in the Grand Jurisdiction of Oregon has built an apartment complex - we have finished that complex. We spent five million dollars in building it. It is open to Masons and their families to come in and to have a secure residence. It is on the back side of our Grand Lodge property on fifteen acres. It is a beautiful site, the apartments are very, very unique, a lot of amenities that are there and if you as Masons would like to come and partake within some of the warmer climate of



Oregon, we welcome you to come and to rent those apartments and be within a complex that you have something in common with one another, and that is one of the places that Progressive Lodge is going to be meeting.

This year, our Grand Lodge will be held in the city of Portland, Oregon, June 7th, 8th and we also reserve the 9th, if we can't get over with our business in two days. We normally meet three days in our Communication but last year we got it over in two days and we are going to try to do that again this year. Hopefully we will be able to accomplish that. We do welcome you to come and join with us in the hospitality of the Grand Lodge of Oregon.

Now, as I was telling you about Brother Gregg and going to church with him, I have to confess, that was a lie. But never-the-less, we have enjoyed being here with Brother Chuck and his family and being able to participate. You know Brother Bill, this is kind of odd, being a Grand Master, being in your own jurisdiction and not presiding. What are we going to do about that, we going to have to go up there and do something to him?

Brother Chuck, if you would come over here, now what I am about to give you is not anything as grand as you have on your arm there that your Lodge gave you, all that nice gold, but I do have a watch here that said "Oregon Freemasonry" the square and compass, and it is on Oregon time. Now I don't know if you get, that's right, you will always be a man that will have the time, no matter what. Now, it has a leather band on there and you are like I am, these leather bands are kind of not big enough for us sometimes. But anyhow, that is the same watch that I wear, only I have a Spidel band, and I was too cheap to buy that for you.

(Grand Master) You are on Oregon time too.

But we do appreciate the hospitality that we have had here, and the fun that we had and being with you and you come down and be with us, will you?

(Grand Master) You betcha, every time I get a chance and thank you so much for everything that you have done. I really meant it last night, and my wife pulled a really dirty trick on me. She didn't have the courage or whatever, because she got emotional when she stood up to thank the people who had done so much for her and Most Worshipful Brother Dalvin and Shirley and Mary and Ron and others that had done so much, she just couldn't do it, and there was dog-gone good reason for it because it is really a sense of pride. You did great deal for us and we appreciate it so much.

## **MW William R. Miller, Grand Lodge of Washington**

Thank you Grand Master, good afternoon Brethren. I'm rather overwhelmed by the action that you took a little earlier and I guess that I am continually amazed at the good will that flows to the office of Grand Master for the hard work of others. But, on behalf of Very Worshipful Brother Wendy Kuecker and myself, I thank you for the honor that you have conferred upon us for the hard work of very, very many others. We do thank you for that, and we're, and as I say, we are overwhelmed.

I kind of expected that after the talk that Tom Dougherty gave yesterday, I might be introduced as the second half of the S & W team. The Saint is sitting down there, and I represent Wisdom. Now, both Roy Foss and I know that neither part of that is true. But since it is documented in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Alaska, you better believe that we are going to figure out a way to use it.

I would like to thank you Grand Master Gregg and Jan for the courtesies extended to us, the hospitality of Alaska is always superb and this year is right up to the standards that have been set.

This morning, I listened with great interest to your debate on time and place. As a visitor, I think I can share with you since that, where ever you decide to meet, we will be there. When ever you decide to meet, we will be there. We don't come because of time or place. We come because of the vigor that you show for your Freemasonry. And frankly, we come to get our batteries recharged Brethren, you have a great brand of Freemasonry that you practice and when ever, where ever you meet, we will be there.

I do have to share with you, that I harbor the same hope that many of you do -that before too many years go by, that meeting will take place in Sitka, Petersburg, Ketchikan or Juneau. It will be a great day for Freemasonry in Alaska.

Brethren, it has been a real pleasure to be here meeting with you and we look forward to many, many years to come. Thank you so very much.

# ELECTION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

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

The following are the results of the election of officers for the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska.

**Grand Master: 124 votes were cast 63 votes for a majority**

John C. Ingram	1 vote
Charles I. Gregg	1 vote
Les Little	1 vote
Frank Erie	1 vote
<b>David Thomas</b>	<b>120 votes (Position accepted)</b>

**Deputy Grand Master: 124 votes were cast 63 votes for a majority**

George Bristow	1 vote
Russ Milligan	1 vote
Glen Pruett	1 vote
John Grainger	1 vote
<b>Frank Erie</b>	<b>120 votes (Position accepted)</b>

**Senior Grand Warden: 124 votes were cast 63 votes for a majority**

Mis-marked	1 vote
Larry Sizemore	1 vote
Howard Hobbs	1 vote
Will Josey	1 vote
John Grainger	1 vote
<b>Les Little</b>	<b>119 votes (position accepted)</b>

**Grand Secretary: 124 votes were cast 63 votes for a majority**

Blank or non-qualified	1 vote
Robert Parkins	1 vote
Ray Tidwell	1 vote
Pete Nilles	3 votes
Gunnar Flygenring	5 votes
Charles Gregg	21 votes
<b>Neil Bassett</b>	<b>90 votes (Position Accepted)</b>

**Junior Grand Warden: 124 votes were cast 63 votes for a majority**

**1<sup>st</sup> Ballot**

Ken Creamer -	1 vote
Fred McGuire	1 vote
Robert Parkins	1 vote
Blank or non-qualified	2 vote
Henry T. Dunbar	2 votes
Henry R. Ferguson	6 votes
William H. Lefferson	15 votes
John H. Grainger	42 votes

Howard N. Hobbs 54 votes

**Junior Grand Warden: 125 ballots cast, 63 is required for a majority vote.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Ballot**

Antonio A. Carpine	1 vote
Will R. Josey	1 vote
Henry R. Ferguson	2 votes
William H. Lefferson	4 votes
Howard N. Hobbs	54 votes
<b>John H. Grainger</b>	<b>63 votes (Position accepted)</b>

# INSTALLATION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

An open installation for the 1990-1991 officers for the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was conducted in Anchorage, Alaska on February 2, 1990

## OPENING CEREMONIES

Welcome and Introduction

By MW Charles I. Gregg

## INSTALLING OFFICERS

Installing Master	Not noted
Installing Marshall	Not noted
Installing Chaplain	Not noted
Installing Secretary	Not noted

## ELECTED OFFICERS

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

## APPOINTED OFFICERS

Grand Chaplain	W Walter D. Teeland
Grand Lecturer	W Henry T. Dunbar
Grand Orator	W Russell A. Burnett
Grand Historian	VW Milton M. Routzahn
Grand Marshal	VW Henry Ferguson
Senior Grand Deacon	VW William R. Lefferson
Junior Grand Deacon	W Frank L. Dickenson
Grand Standard Bearer	W Peter E. Nilles
Grand Sword Bearer	W Billy W. Harris

Grand Bible Bearer	W William B. Clucas
Senior Grand Steward	VW Alfred M. White
Junior Grand Steward	VW Paul J. Merkouris
Grand Organist	W Lawrence W. Nelson
Grand Tyler	W Warren Pruitt

**DEPUTIES TO THE GRAND MASTER**

District 1	VW Lloyd W. Triggs
District 2	VW Marvin A. Harned
District 3	VW Larry W. Sizemore
District 4	VW Wesley G. Davidson