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ROLL CALL

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

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Master	MW John H. Grainger
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deputy Grand Master	RW Howard N. Hobbs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Warden	RW Henry T. Dunbar
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Warden	RW Lloyd W. Triggs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Secretary	RW Richard D. Bender
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Chaplain	VW William H. Lefferson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Lecturer	VW Milton M. Routzahn
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grand Orator	W Billy W. Harris
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Historian	W Joe H. Ashby
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Marshal	RW Jacques G. Boily
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Deacon	W William B. Clucas
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Deacon	W David A. Hunt
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Standard Bearer	W David W. DeLong
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Sword Bearer	W Frank L. Dickinson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Bible Bearer	W William D. Kyle
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Steward	VW Chester L. Proudfoot
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Steward	VW Stanley R. Foulke
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Organist	W Lawrence W. Nelson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Tyler	W Carl E. Mulvihill

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
- Anchorage Lodge No. 17
- Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18

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

Richard D. Bender, Grand Secretary

SOLEMN CEREMONIES

The public opening of the Thirteenth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was opened at 8:00 AM on April 7, 1994 by Worshipful Richard O. Brookman (18). The program for the public ceremonies included:

Entrance of Grand Lodge Officers
Presentation of U.S., Canadian, & Alaskan Flags
Pledge of Allegiance
National Anthems, United States, Canada, and Alaska Flag Song
Alaska Flag Ceremony by Gene Prewitt
Welcome by the Honorable Jack Coghill, Lieutenant Governor, State of Alaska
Response by RW Howard N. Hobbs (10, 13, 15)

Distinguished Guests Present Included

British Columbia

RW Alexander Reid, Junior Grand Warden representing MW C. Grant Wardlaw, Grand Master
RW Thomas O. Mickey, Past District Deputy

California

MW Warren J. Blomseth, Grand Master

Grand Loge Nationale Francaise

RW Guy Kornfeld, Grand Inspecteur

Illinois

RW James O. Kenagy, Grand Lecturer

Michigan

MW Charles S. Moulthrop, Past Grand Master

Montana

MW Francis D. Hess, Past Grand Master

Nebraska

MW Byron C. Jenkins, Past Grand Master

Nevada

MW W. Ronald Briggs, Past Grand Master, representing MW David J. Morgan, Grand Master

Oregon

MW Marty J. Martinez, Senior Grand Deacon, representing MW Lyle C. Logan, Grand Master

Washington

MW Kenneth S. Robinson, Grand Master
RW Milton R. Benson, Deputy Grand Master
RW G. Preston Stedman, Senior Grand Warden
RW George Jurgich, Junior Grand Warden
RW Walberg Tonstad, Grand Secretary
MW E. L. "Roy" Foss, Past Grand Master
MW Alden H. Jones, Past Grand Master
MW Sidney Kase, Past Grand Master
VW Carl B. Smith, Grand Marshal
VW Tom Ehlers, Grand Orator

VW Richard A. Mecartea, Senior Grand Deacon
VW Karl E. Warren, District Deputy of the Grand Master
VW Howard A. Christianson, Past District Deputy
VW Wendal H. Kuecker, Past District Deputy
VW Dean L. Quigley, Chairman, Code Commission

Al Aska Shrine Temple

Fred V. Angleton, Potentate

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons

Antonio A. Carpine, Past Grand High Priest

Supreme Council, A. A. S. R.

Chester L. Proudfoot, Deputy for Alaska

The formal opening of the Thirteenth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was opened at 9:00 AM on April 7, 1994, by Most Worshipful John H. Grainger, 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 Loyd G. Williamson (10, 15)

Second Session

W Fred H. Newton (11)

Third Session

W Franklin H. Lovell (14)

Fourth Session

W Gregory E. Wyman (12)

MESSAGE OF THE MW GRAND MASTER

To our distinguished and honored guests, friend and brethren all:

It is with a great deal of pleasure and pride that I welcome each and every one of you to this Thirteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alaska.

To my Alaska brothers: Your confidence in electing me as Grand Master is the highest compliment and honor that can be paid a Mason. I hope that the actions taken by me this year will be remembered as those of a Grand Master with deep concern for our craft.

To our guests: It is our hope that you enjoy our hospitality. We Alaskans tend to be an informal group. We are small in number but I pray that you find us large in heart. Should you need anything, please ask. When you return home, do give our sincere fraternal greetings to the Brethren in your Jurisdiction.

NECROLOGY

Our Grand Lodge has suffered a great loss in the death of our Past Grand Master Glen Pruett and VW Robert Parkins. Their leadership, warmth and love of the Fraternity and brethren will be long remembered.

This is always the saddest part of any Grand Lodge Session. Sixty of our brethren have joined the Supreme Architect of the Universe during this past year. We will miss all of them and share with their families their great loss.

The Necrology Report will be given later in this Session with prayers for our departed brothers given by our Grand Chaplain, VW William Lefferson.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

My brothers, this Grand Lodge is growing. The past year was a year of visibility and education for our Grand Lodge. The Warden's Retreat was successful and will be continued by popular request.

The Grand Lodge Line Officers have worked as a team. I have been ably assisted and have benefited greatly from our collaboration.

The smaller Lodges have had to struggle to continue operations but somehow they are holding their own. The larger Lodges continue to flourish and it is always a pleasure to visit and see Masonry vital and growing.

If we practice Masonry in our lives - and are visible in the community but our deeds - Masonry and our membership will grow and prosper.

Again we continue to honor our commitment of no deficit spending.

INFRACTIONS

I am advised by the Charters and Dispensations Committee that Tongass Lodge, U.D. inadvertently violated the Code in two specific incidents. (1) A candidate was accepted for membership in their Lodge who had not lived in the Ketchikan area for one year prior to the time he petitioned the Lodge. (2) The Shrine organization was recognized and honored erroneously during a State Communication.

The first infraction was not detected until after the degree work had been performed. The candidate was a long time resident of Alaska. Tongass Lodge, UD has been admonished for both irregularities. I heal their errors.

VISITATIONS

Outside visits were made to the Grand Lodge of Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, New Mexico and New York.

I thoroughly enjoyed my visits to the Lodges throughout Alaska. The visitations were the highlight of my year and the reception much appreciated by myself and Frances. Thank you Grand Lodge Officers, Deputies, Committeemen and brothers who traveled extensively with me. Your unselfish commitment is much appreciated.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That this Grand Lodge continue their association with the Conference of Grand Masters. The Grand Master's Conference provides opportunities to exchange ideas with other Grand Officers and discuss mutual problems. It provides an opportunity for Grand Officers to acquire more information and insight into the cooperative achievements of American Freemasonry.

2. That two separate Grand Lodge Travel Funds be created. One would be used to assist travel for elective Officers. The second fund would be used for future travel. Only interest would be used for travel from the second (permanent) fund. Donors would have the option of deciding which funds they want their donations to go into and/or how much to go into each fund. Once established, we would not depend on Grand Lodge savings to fund Grand Lodge travel.

3. That the Grand Lodge of Alaska continue its work in establishing Masonry in Eastern Russia.

4. That the term of office for the Grand Master in Alaska be changed from one to two years. This is a custom used in other Grand Lodges to ensure stability and to reduce operations costs.

The purpose of this recommendation is to enhance the abilities of the Grand Master, elective officers and committeemen to plan, develop, and make long term plans rather than adopt quick fix solutions from one administration to another.

A biennial Communication would save the Grand Lodge nearly \$3,000 every second year. It would reduce the number of proceedings that have to be prepared and published. It would relieve the Grand Secretary every other year of an immense amount of preparation prior to Grand Lodge.

With a two year term of office, an Annual Communication would be held at mid term for the purpose of adopting an annual Budget and other necessary business. Appointed officers and committeemen would be installed each year.

5. I feel that too much emphasis has been stressed in the past, on our part, in the agreement not to "unduly influence" any Washington Lodge in Alaska to transfer to the Grand Lodge of Alaska. This agreement has been interpreted by many that these Lodges should be left entirely alone. I would encourage the Grand Lodge of Alaska to work closer with our Southeastern brothers for mutual fellowship and better understanding.

6. That the Finance Committee be empowered to use a portion of their investing funds to assist Lodges in their building programs. Loans from investment capital to Alaska Lodges would greatly benefit our fraternity. Such loans, adequately secured, would still accrue income to our Permanent Fund.

APPRECIATION

I would like to thank our Past Grand Masters for their advice and guidance (sometimes taken, but always considered) throughout the past year. They are a group of Brothers who show continuous interest in our Grand Lodge and of the welfare of the Fraternity.

I commend our Canadian brothers who support and maintain White Pass Lodge. We also recognize all brothers who attend other small Lodges in order that they may be active and continue as a part of our Grand Lodge.

The unsung heroes of Masonry are the Worshipful Masters of the Constituent Lodges. They quietly, day by day, take the lead in their respective places by example and hard work.

Our Grand Secretary warrants special thanks for his hard and never ending work on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Alaska. RW Brother Bender has a wealth of information and a source of good advice. He has always been available when called upon.

We recognize the dedicated Brethren from other Jurisdictions that traveled to Alaska to further strengthen the bonds of brotherly love and friendship.

Special thanks are due the Arrangements Committee, chaired by W Anthony "Tony" Johnson, with the able assistance of our Grand Secretary, RW Richard Bender. We also thank the Worshipful Master, Secretary and members of Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18. These brothers have worked long and hard to make our Communication a success and your visit with us an enjoyable experience.

In the words of the late Sheldon K. Blank, Grand Master of New York, "I encourage each of you to be proud that you are a Mason. Tell your family and your friends about this great Institution. Take our Masonic principles into your daily lives."

To the new Grand Master, I pledge my full support and wish him well in all his endeavors.

Last, but not least, my understanding Lady Frances, your encouragement, love, patience and suggestions has indeed helped make the past year a rewarding experience.

Fraternally,

John H. Grainger
Grand Master

APPENDIX

This Appendix lists the official acts of the Grand Master during the period of February 5, 1993 through April 8, 1994:

Proclamations

March 15, 1993 Proclaimed the month of April as Public Schools Month

Special Actions

June 7, 1993 Designated RW Howard N. Hobbs Acting Grand Master during the Grand Master's Trip to Magadan.

July 30, 1993 Removed Worshipful Brother Wayne E. Parker as Junior Warden Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18.

September 3, 1993 Dispensation granted to Tongass Lodge UD

September 7, 1993 Designated RW Howard N. Hobbs Acting Grand Master during the Grand Master's 2nd Trip to Magadan.

November 10, 1993 Appointed W L.V. "Joe" Dees as Deputy of the Grand Master for District No. 3 after VW Peter E. Nilles resigned his position.

November 10, 1993 Appointed W David W. Delong as Grand Standard Bearer to replace W L.V. "Joe" Dees who was appointed District Deputy.

December 13, 1993	Recommended Worshipful Brother Paul A. Godwin as Executive Officer for Alaska DeMolay.
January 7, 1994	Grand Master's Edict regarding Sovereign Jurisdiction.
March 1, 1994	Brother of Seward Lodge No. 6 was issued a dimit posthumously.

Brother Hal Merlyn Drinkall was dropped NPD in Seward Lodge December 31, 1978. According to Bro. Drinkall's widow, he had requested a dimit from the Lodge that year and the dimit was never received. Shortly after the brother was dropped NPD, and before anything was done to rectify this matter, the brother died. Members of this brother's family now wish to petition Eastern Star but are unable to since their father was not in good standing in the Fraternity at the time of his death.

Dispensations Granted

March 28, 1993	Permission for Matanuska Lodge No. 7 to erect a welcoming sign at each entrance to the community of Palmer.
April 14, 1993	Permission for Glacier Lodge No. 10 to waive the re-investigation and re-balloting on a brother for reinstatement. This request was made in light of the brother's poor health.
June 7, 1993	Permission for Matanuska Lodge No. 7 to perform an outdoor Master Degree on July 24th 1993 at the farm of W Bro. Emmett Roetman.
June 7, 1993	Permission for VW Robert L. Fulton to act as Special Deputy for the purpose of opening Kenai Lodge No. 11's Stated Communication on June 10, 1993 in the Master's and both Wardens absence.
June 9, 1993	Permission for North Pole Lodge No. 16 to hold an outdoor Master Mason Degree on June 26, 1993 at W Brother Keith Herve's farm near Salcha, Alaska.
June 24, 1993	Permission for members of Adak Lodge No. 14 to march in the July 4th Parade clothed as Masons.
June 24, 1993	Permission for Adak Lodge No. 14 to place a welcoming sign at the airport terminal on Adak.
July 21, 1993	Permission for Matanuska Lodge No. 7 to erect a sign with the Square and Compass and the words "Matanuska Lodge No. 7" at their booth at the 1993 Alaska State Fair.
July 26, 1993	Permission for Adak Lodge No. 14 to hold a Special Election to fill the vacancy in the office of Senior Warden. The Senior Warden retired from the military and left Adak permanently.
August 1, 1993	Permission for Aurora Lodge No. 15 to sell hats displaying the Square and Compass as a fund raiser for their Building Fund.

August 16, 1993	Permission for Matanuska Lodge No. 7 to sell T-shirts displaying the Square and Compass as a fund raiser for their Building Fund.
September 14, 1993	Permission for Glacier Lodge No. 10 to erect a welcoming sign at the Anchorage Airport.
September 14, 1993	Permission for Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8 to apply for a Gaming and Raffle Permit.
November 22, 1993	Permission for Matanuska Lodge No. 7 to open Lodge at the Palmer Senior Center for their Installation of 1994 Officers.
January 4, 1994	Permission for White Pass Lodge No. 1 to change it's January Stated Communication time and date.
March 10, 1994	Permission for White Pass Lodge No. 1 to change it's March Stated Communication time and date.

Lodge Visitations and Other Meetings

1993

February 5-6 21-23	Western Conference - Anchorage Conference of Grand Masters - Hot Springs, Arkansas
March 1 2 10 11 13	Aurora Lodge No. 15 Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8 Anchorage Lodge No. 17 Glacier Lodge No. 10 Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5
April 14 15 17 19	Tanana Lodge No. 3 Fairbanks Lodge No. 12 Anvil Lodge No. 2 North Pole Lodge No. 16
May 2-3 15 22-23	Grand Lodge of New York Kodiak Lodge No. 9 International Days - Fairbanks, Alaska
June 2-5 9-12 15-22	Grand Lodge of Oregon - Springfield Grand Lodge of Washington - Pasco Grand Master's Trip to Magadan
September 1 7 9 11 13 16-22	Valdez Lodge No. 4 Seward Lodge No. 6 Kenai Lodge No. 11 Matanuska Lodge No. 7 Eagle River Lodge No. 13 2nd Grand Master's Trip to Magadan

October 1-3 Warden's Retreat - Anchorage
 9 Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18
 10-12 Grand Lodge of California - San Francisco
 19 White Pass Lodge No. 1

November 8-9 Grand Lodge of Nevada - Carson City
1994

January 17 Bent Lodge No. 42, Taos, New Mexico
 20-22 Grand Lodge of New Mexico - Albuquerque

April 6-8 Grand Lodge of Alaska - Sitka

Communications Attended by Others as Representatives of the Grand Master

May 6 Adak Lodge No. 14, by RW Howard N. Hobbs
June 10-11 Grand Lodge of Alberta, by VW William H. Lefferson
October 7-8 Grand Lodge of Illinois, by VW Mitchell R. Miller

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.

As I near my fourth Annual Communication, it is time to make my annual report of the activity of the Grand Lodge Office and the condition of the Constituent Lodges in Alaska. Again this year, I offer my thanks to the Secretaries of the Constituent Lodges. Many of these brothers work overtime to keep the records of their Lodges accurate. As I have said in the past, my enjoyment of this job is due in a large part to the good work of the local Secretaries. Thank you brothers for your hard work and dedication.

Although our Annual Communication was two months later than in past years, the calendar was still a major problem in the preparations for our Annual Communication. I was called out of town for two weeks in January on a family emergency and was not around to "encourage" the secretaries to get their paperwork in by the deadline. As required in Section 15.08 of the Alaska Masonic Code, I must report that six Lodges did not submit their End-of-Year Reports by the January 10th deadline. However, they were submitted by the February 1st deadline at which time they could have been assessed a penalty.

In looking at the Status of Lodges, I make the following observations. The deaths were up considerably from last year. This was offset by fewer NPD's and Dual Members were up slightly. The net loss was much lower than it has been in the past. This difference is partially attributed to the addition of Tongass Lodge UD. We continue to have the same problems as other Jurisdictions but our losses are lower than many Jurisdictions. I would like to congratulate the brothers of Adak Lodge No. 14 for an outstanding year. Fifty-five degrees conferred and 15 Proficiencies is excellent work from a Lodge that was struggling to fill the chairs just a few years ago. Unfortunately, with the military cutbacks, this may be the Lodge's way of "going out with a bang." We will see what the future brings for our farthest West Lodge.

The Warden's Retreat continues to grow. Although we had a lower participation than the first year, those who attended came away with feeling of satisfaction about what they had gained. These weekends are an ongoing part of Lodge Management Education. If you have attended one Retreat, that is not the end of the training. The Wardens and Senior Deacons in the Lodges should be encouraged to attend each year as the sessions will change and new material will be presented.

Once again, the Lodges of Alaska answered an appeal for Disaster Relief from the Masonic Service Association. This time it was in response to the terrible rains and flooding in the Midwest this past summer. A check for \$9,780.00 was sent from the Lodges and individual contributions. According to MW Dick Fletcher of the MSA, Alaska has the distinction of having the highest per capita donation in the country. Keep up the good work brothers. That's part of the reason why we are here.

For the past number of years, our Permanent Fund and General Savings has been invested in Certificates of Deposit. With the decline in interest rates, the rates on Certificates of Deposit have been very low. As these Certificates of Deposit matured, they were placed in our existing Savings Accounts to allow the Finance Committee access to these funds as they seek ways to reinvest this money at a higher rate of return.

This past October, the last of our CD's came due and they were closed out. Our Permanent Fund and General Savings were reinvested in Dean Witter Accounts to increase our rate of return. Our dividend from these investments for the last two months of the year was well over the interest earned on these accounts for the first 10 months of the year.

I cannot end this report without offering my thanks and appreciation to a few people. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Wardens have always been helpful when asked. A special thanks to the brothers of Glacier Lodge No. 10 who "volunteered" to help with the mailing of the Grand Lodge Bulletin. Finally, I say thank you to my wife Linda and my daughter Kate who play answering service at home. To both of them, I say thank you for your help and support.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Richard D. Bender
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		1	5				1	66		1	7	1			9	1	4					5	4	70
Anvil	2			5				2	53			1				1	1	2			3		6	(5)	48
Tanana	3	2	7	11	4	3	4	8	387	1		1	2			4	3	14			1		18	(14)	373
Valdez	4	1	2	7	3	5	3		77	3		1				4	2	1			2		5	(1)	76
Mt. McKinley	5			2	1				48	1		1				2		1			1		2	0	48
Seward	6								51			4	1			5	2	4					6	(1)	50
Matanuska	7	1	18	23	9	2	12	7	129	7	1	2				10		1			4		5	5	134
Mt. Susitna	8		8	11	3	2	2	1	186	1			5			6	6	4			4		14	(8)	178
Kodiak	9	1		3	1	3		1	108			1				1		4			4		8	(7)	101
Glacier	10		6	12	5	4	2	3	260	3	1	2	2			8	5	9			5		19	(11)	249
Kenai	11		4	6	3	2	3		125	3						3	3	2			1		6	(3)	122
Fairbanks	12		3		4	2	3	3	93	1	1	2				4	1	2			2		5	(1)	92
Eagle River	13	2	7	12	2	2	3	2	76	2			1			3	3				1		4	(1)	75
Adak	14		18	15	19	1	18	3	72	15		4	1			20					2		2	18	90
Aurora	15		3	9	2	3	4	1	54	5		1				6	2						2	4	58
North Pole	16	2	3		1	3	3	2	41			1				1	3	2					2	(1)	40
Anchorage	17		4	6	4	2	4	1	350	5	3		3			11		9			1		10	1	351
Mr. Verstovia	18		1	7		1			69							0		1					1	(1)	68
Tongass	UD		1	1					19			4				4							0	4	23
Totals		8	85	135	61	35	61	35	2264	47	7	12	16	0	0	102	29	60	0	0	31	0	120	(18)	2246

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Due to audio recording problems on the second day of Grand Lodge, no audio recording made of the Report of the Fraternal Relations Committee and no written report was submitted.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Due to audio recording problems on the second day of Grand Lodge, no audio recording made of the final Report of the Credential Committee. The following report is the only report found.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, guests, Brethren all, I am happy to report that at the present we have 19 proxy votes, 80 voting Brothers here, for a total of 99 eligible votes. The ballot box has been approved, check out by the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and the Wardens. It is locked, and this ballot box, as long as it is in the Grand Lodge during open session, will be tiled and watched by the Junior Grand Warden and the Senior Grand Warden. When the Grand Lodge is not in session, the ballot box will be in the care of the Credentials Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard R. McElrath (4), Chairman
Charles F. Lewis (2, 11)
G. Rex Plunkett (18)
Aves D. Thompson (10, 13, 15)

APPOINTMENT OF REGULAR COMMITTEES

Standing Committees

Jurisprudence

MW James A. Williams (3) Chairman
W Russell A. Burnett (11)
VW Gene R. Freeman (3, 12, 16)
W David A. Hunt (17)
VW Alfred M. White (8)

Grievance & Appeals

MW H.B. "Jack" Bentley (10) Chairman
VW Fred L. McGuire (3, 12)

Finance

W Thomas K. Black (15) Chairman
W William D. Kyle (17)
W G. Rex Plunkett (7)
VW Robert L. Van Huss (8, 11, 15)
W Leonard "Bud" R. Young (10, 17)

Fraternal Relations

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

Masonic Research & Education

MW Leslie R. Little (10, 15) Chairman
W Gary E. Ackerson (1, 6)
W Russell A. Burnett (11)
W William A. Folsom (7)
W James A. Morton (17)

Credentials

W Howard R. McElrath (4) Chairman
VW Charles F. Lewis (2, 11)
W G. Rex Plunkett (7)
W Aves D. Thompson (10, 13, 15)

Masonic Public Relations

W Phillip L. Draheim (6, 11) Chairman
W David W. DeLong (12)
VW Marvin A. Harned (4)
VW Larry M. Sizemore (13)

DeMolay

RW Lloyd W. Triggs (3, 16) Chairman
W Paul A. Godwin (8, 13)
W Stanley Woodin (3, 7, 8,)

Bylaws

MW Fred V. Angleton (2, 11) Chairman
W V. Clifford Darnell, (8, 3)
MW Charles I. Gregg (10)

Public Schools

W Arthur A. Rindahl (8, 11) Chairman
W Stanley Woodin (3, 7, 8)

Appointed Sub Committees

Charters & Dispensations

MW Gunnar Flygenring (10) Chairman
MW Charles I. Gregg (10)
VW Will R. Josey (17)

Sessions & Arrangements

W Anthony L. Johnson (18) Chairman
W Ben W. MacArmstrong (17, 18)
W Kenneth E. Stedman (18)
W Michael B. Swensen (17)

Drug and Alcohol Abuse

W Jim R. McMichael (17) Chairman
VW Wesley G. Davidson (1, UD)

Publications

W Phillip A. Ambrose (10, 15) Chairman
W David W. DeLong (12)
VW Robert L. Fulton (10, 11)
VW Thomas A. Leslie (1, UD)
VW Mitchell R. Miller (3, 12)

Russian Relations

VW Mitchell R. Miller (3, 12)
VW Robert L. Fulton (10, 11)
VW Stanley R. Foulke (2)
W Joe H. Ashby (18)
VW Chester L. Proudfoot (17)
Bro. Gerald R. Fairley (10)
Bro. Jon M. "Meg" Girard (13), Advisor

Deputies of the Grand Master

District 1	VW	Mitchell R. Miller (3, 12)
District 2	VW	Robert L. Fulton (10, 11)
District 3	VW	L.V. "Joe" Dees (10, 13)
District 4	VW	Thomas A. Leslie (3, UD)

REPORTS OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business was discussed.

MOTIONS

Due to audio recording problems on the second day of Grand Lodge, no audio recording made of any Motions made and no written reports were submitted.

RESOLUTIONS

Carryover Resolution 93-8

To establish the elected office of Grand Treasurer

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To establish the elected office of Grand Treasurer

RESOLUTION;

WHEREAS: the Grand Jurisdiction is without the appropriate resources to employ a staff to assist the Grand Secretary; and,

WHEREAS; there is no desire or good reason to overburden any particular Grand Officer in the discharge of his duties; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 3 of the Alaska Masonic code be amended to add the elective position of Grand Treasurer as follows:

SECTION 3.06 Constitution

GRAND TREASURER, DUTIES: The duties of the Grand Treasurer are to:

1. Receive and keep a proper account of all monies of the Grand Lodge, with the date of their receipt, and pay the same over promptly to the Depository or Depositories selected by the Committee on Finance and the Grand Master, taking proper receipt therefore; and further, to report annually to the Grand Lodge and submit financial statements of various Grand Lodge funds, along with operating statements of the said accounts,

both of which are to comply with generally accepted principles and procedures.

2. Attend, with the necessary financial books, papers, return correspondence, and other similar documents, all communications of the Grand Lodge.

3. To receive from the Grand Secretary all monies paid into the Grand Lodge; to keep a just and regular account thereof; to pay them out by order of th Grand Master, and the Committee on Finance with the consent of the Grand Lodge.

The following would be housekeeping changes if this Resolution passes.

Section 2.01 Constitution

Add the words “Grand Treasurer” to the list of Elected officers.

Section 2.02 Bylaw

The following Grand Lodge Officers are elected by ballot at each Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge: a Grand Master, a Deputy Grand Master, a Senior Grand Warden, a Junior Grand Warden, a Grand Secretary, **and a Grand Treasurer.**

Section 3.05 Constitution

Grand Secretary, Duties: **paragraph 5 would be deleted.**

The existing Sections 3.06 – 3.10 define the duties of the Grand Chaplain, Grand Lecturer, Grand Orator, Grand Historian, and other Grand Officers. These would be renumbered sequentially following the new Section 3.06 which list the duties of the Grand Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted

The Committee on Finance

W Thomas K. Black, PM (15), Chairman.

W Donald H. Dinkel, PM (7)

W John R Dolenc, PM (7)

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

As a carryover resolution that proposes to amend the Constitution, it will require a two-thirds vote for adoption.

Carryover Resolution 93-8 as Amended

To establish the elected office of Grand Treasurer

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To establish the elected office of Grand Treasurer

RESOLUTION;

WHEREAS: the Grand Jurisdiction is without the appropriate resources to employ a staff to assist the Grand Secretary; and,

WHEREAS; there is no desire or good reason to overburden any particular Grand Officer in the discharge of his duties; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 3 of the Alaska Masonic code be amended to add the elective position of Grand Treasurer as follows:

SECTION 3.06 Constitution

GRAND TREASURER, DUTIES: The duties of the Grand Treasurer are to:

1. Receive and keep a proper account of all monies of the Grand Lodge, with the date of their receipt, and pay the same over promptly to the Depository or Depositories selected by the Committee on Finance and the Grand Master, taking proper receipt therefore; and further, to report annually to the Grand Lodge and submit financial statements of various Grand Lodge funds, along with operating statements of the said accounts, both of which are to comply with generally accepted principles and procedures.

MW James Williams, Chairman of Jurisprudence Committee: First, I move that resolution 93.8 be amended by deleting paragraph 2 of the proposed amendment to Section 3.06, as contained in the resolution; Seconded and passed.

James Williams, Chairman of Jurisprudence Committee: I move that 93.8 be amended by deleting paragraph 3 of the proposed amendment to Section 3.06; Seconded and passed

The following would be housekeeping changes if this Resolution passes.

Section 2.01 Constitution

Add the words “Grand Treasurer” to the list of Elected officers.

Section 2.02 Bylaw

The following Grand Lodge Officers are elected by ballot at each Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge: a Grand Master, a Deputy Grand Master, a

Senior Grand Warden, a Junior Grand Warden, a Grand Secretary, **and a Grand Treasurer.**

Section 3.05 Constitution

Grand Secretary, Duties: **paragraph 5 would be deleted.**

The existing Sections 3.06 – 3.10 define the duties of the Grand Chaplain, Grand Lecturer, Grand Orator, Grand Historian, and other Grand Officers. These would be renumbered sequentially following the new Section 3.06 which list the duties of the Grand Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted

The Committee on Finance

W Thomas K. Black, PM (15), Chairman.

W Donald H. Dinkel, PM (7)

W John R Dolenc, PM (7)

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

As it proposes to amend the Constitution, it will require a unanimous vote for adoption.

Note: This Carryover Resolution, as amended, received the required majority vote and was adopted.

RESOLUTION 94-1

To Amend Section 2.02 of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: That Elective or Appointed positions of Grand Lodge should live in this Jurisdiction.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, at the inception of this Grand Lodge we needed assistance from all members regardless of residence; and,

WHEREAS, after more then 12 years in existence and annually gaining potential officers and committee appointees from our 18 Lodges; and,

WHEREAS, officers and other appointees gain firsthand knowledge that our Jurisdiction needs when they work, meet, and visit with members daily, not just at

Annual Grand Lodge Communications; and,

WHEREAS, the officers and appointees will be more able to attend and support the Grand Master's visits to each Lodge;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 2.02 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS. The following Grand Lodge Officers are elected by ballot at each Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge: a Grand Master, a Deputy Grand Master, a Senior Grand Warden, a Junior Grand Warden, and a Grand Secretary. A majority of votes cast is necessary for election.

be amended to add a new second sentence:

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS. The following Grand Lodge Officers are elected by ballot at each Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge: a Grand Master, a Deputy Grand Master, a Senior Grand Warden, a Junior Grand Warden, and a Grand Secretary. A majority of votes cast is necessary for election. **To be eligible for an elective, appointive, or a member of a Standing Committee, a member must retain a permanent domicile in the area that this Grand Lodge has supreme jurisdiction over.**

The remainder of the paragraph remains the same per Code which continues as "All other Grand Officers..."

Report of Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is not in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. The proposed amendment conflicts with the last sentence of Section 2.02 of the Alaska Masonic Code.

Respectfully submitted,

V. Clifford Darnell, PM (8, 13)

James D. Grubbs, PM (13)

Larry M. Sizemore, PM (13)

Frank G. Weiss, III, PM (13)

Jared S. Decker, WM (13)

Jerome P. Wasson, SW (13)

RESOLUTION 94-2

To Amend Section 10.01 of the Alaska Masonic Code

(To be considered only if Carryover Resolution 93-8 is adopted.)

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To provide for the signing of checks by the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the adoption of Resolution 93-8 created the position of Grand Treasurer; and,

WHEREAS, one of the Grand Treasurer's duties is to sign Grand Lodge checks;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 10.01 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

CHECK SIGNATURES. The funds of the Grand Lodge may be disbursed only by check signed by the Grand Secretary and one other Grand Lodge Officer.

be amended to read:

CHECK SIGNATURES. The funds of the Grand Lodge may be disbursed only by check signed by the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer, or in the absence or disability of either the Grand Secretary or the Grand Treasurer, by one other elected Grand Lodge Officer.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams, PM (3)

Report of Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. The Committee does not express an opinion as to whether this resolution should or should not be adopted.

As it proposes to amend a Bylaw, it will require a 3/4 majority vote for adoption.

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

RESOLUTION 94-3

To Amend Section 2.02 of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To allow balloting for Grand Lodge Officers to start prior to the second afternoon.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, Grand Master Thomas recommended in 1991 that ballot boxes be available during the Grand Lodge Session to allow the delegates to ballot at any time; and,

WHEREAS, the Grand Lodge delegates approved this recommendation; and,

WHEREAS, the legality of this procedure has been questioned;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the fourth and fifth sentences of Section 2.02 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS. Balloting on Grand Lodge Officers is the first order of business on the afternoon of the second day. It takes precedence over all other matters that afternoon.

be amended to read:

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS. Ballot boxes for balloting on Grand Lodge Officers may be opened at any time after the Annual Communication is opened and may not be closed until any delegate who has not balloted is given an opportunity to ballot after the noon recess on the second day. The final opportunity to ballot takes precedence over all other matters that afternoon.

and that no other part of Section 2.02 be changed by this Resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams, PM (3)

Report of Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. The Committee does not express an opinion as to whether this resolution should or should not be adopted.

As it proposes to amend a Bylaw, it will require a 3/4 majority vote for adoption.

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

RESOLUTION 94-4

To Amend Page 170 of the Alaska Monitor

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To bring the Alaska Monitor into conformance with the Code relative to the Past Master's Jewel.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, at the Twelfth Annual Communication, the Grand Lodge adopted Resolution 93-10, which amended the Alaska Masonic Code to provide for an additional Past Master's Jewel; and,

WHEREAS, a similar amendment to the Alaska Monitor and Freemasons Guide was not proposed; and,

WHEREAS, this created a conflict between the Code and the Monitor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the description of the Past Masters Jewel on page 170 of the Alaska Monitor and Freemason's Guide which now reads:

Past Master - The Blazing Sun within the Compasses extended on a quadrant.

be amended to read:

Past Master - The Blazing Sun within the Compasses extended on a quadrant, **or the Blazing Sun within the Square and compasses extended on a Quadrant.**

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams, PM (3)

Report of Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. The Committee does not express an opinion as to whether this resolution should or should not be adopted.

As it proposes to amend the Monitor, it will require a 3/4 majority vote for adoption.

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

RESOLUTION 94-5

To Amend Section 17.06 to the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To allow for granting of a dimit for the previous year at the January Stated Communication.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, requests for dimitts are often received too late to be acted upon at the December Stated Communication; and,

WHEREAS, such requests are often delayed in the mail or simply not mailed soon enough; and,

WHEREAS, when a dimit is delayed until the January Stated Communication, the member must pay the current year's dues in order for the dimit to be granted and such payment often causes hard feelings on the part of the member;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 17.06 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

DIMITTING. A member of a Lodge (except the Master or Warden) who is in good standing and who is not charged with a Masonic offense and not indebted to the Lodge, is entitled as a matter of right to withdraw from membership therein at pleasure. Upon the written application of such member at a Stated Communication the Master shall order that a dimit be issued to him. The dimit is dated and takes effect as of the date of the order and terminates his membership.

be amended to read:

DIMITTING. A member of a Lodge (except the Master or Warden) who is in good standing and who is not charged with a Masonic offense and not indebted to the Lodge, is entitled as a matter of right to withdraw from membership therein at pleasure. Upon the written application of such member at a Stated Communication the Master shall order that a dimit be issued to him. **If such member files his application with the Secretary after the December Stated Communication but prior to the end of that month, the dimit shall be granted at the following January Stated Communication, and no dues for the elapsed time after January 1st shall be required by the Lodge.** The dimit is dated and takes effect as of the date of the order and terminates his membership.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard D. Bender, PM (10)

James A. Williams, PM (3)

Carl E. Mulvihill, PM (1)

Cecil C. Johnson, PM (2)

William H. Lefferson, PM (3)

Raymond F. Tidwell, PM (4)

John R. Buehrle, PM (5)

Henry R. Ferguson, PM (7)

Earl E. Frank, PM (8)

Alfred B. Cratty, PM (9)

Russell A. Burnett, (11)

V. Clifford Darnell, (8,13)

Franklin H. Lovell, PM (14)

George W. Earp, PM (16)

William D. Kyle, PM (17)

Kenneth E. Stedman, PM (18)

Report of Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. The Committee does not express an opinion as to whether this resolution should or should not be adopted.

As it proposes to amend a Bylaw, it will require a 3/4 majority vote for adoption.

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

RESOLUTION 94-6

To Amend Section 8.03 of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To change the requirements for Certificates of Proficiency.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, there has not been a Certificate of Proficiency given since the inception of the Grand Lodge of Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, if the examination of the Standard Work was split up for each degree, there would be more members proficient to qualify; and,

WHEREAS, there are many members who know most of the ritual work but only one of the lectures because of the lack of time to learn three lectures and of lack of need of it in most Lodges; and,

WHEREAS, new members would become more proficient in one of the three Degrees if there was a chance to gain a Proficiency Certificate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 8.03 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY. A Certificate of Proficiency is issued to a Brother who passes a satisfactory examination in the Standard Work before a Deputy of the Grand Master. The Certificate is issued for a period of:

1. Three years, upon an Examination developing not to exceed 10 errors;
2. Two years, upon an Examination developing not to exceed 25 errors;
3. One year, upon an Examination developing not to exceed 50 errors.

A reasonable opportunity must be given during the Examination to correct each error. Such certificates must be signed by the Deputy of the Grand Master who gives the examination and attested by the Grand Secretary, who shall keep a record thereof.

be amended to read:

CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY. A Certificate of Proficiency is issued to a Brother who passes a satisfactory examination in the Standard Work of any one of the three degrees of Masonry before a Deputy of the Grand Master or a Past Master appointed by the Grand Master. Separate Certificates will be issued for each of the following examinations:

1. The Standard Work of the Entered Apprentice Degree.
2. The Standard Work of the Fellowcraft Degree.
3. The Standard Work of the Master Mason Degree.

The Certificates are issued in the following named Awards:

1. PAST MASTER, upon an examination with 5 or less errors.
2. MASTERS, upon an examination with 6 but not more than 12 errors.
3. MASTER MASONS, upon an examination with 13 but not more than 25 errors.

A reasonable opportunity must be given during the examinations to correct an error. Such certificates must be signed by the Deputy of the Grand Master or the Past Master who gave the examination and attested by the Grand Secretary, who shall keep a record thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

V. Clifford Darnell, PM (8,13)

Larry M. Sizemore, PM (13)

Jared S. Decker, WM (13)

Jerome P. Wasson, SW (13)

Thomas V. Houser, JW (8)

Report of Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. The Committee does not express an opinion as to whether this resolution should or should not be adopted.

As it proposes to amend a Bylaw, it will require a 3/4 majority vote for adoption.

Note: This Resolution did not receive the required three-quarter majority vote but did receive a majority vote and is a carryover resolution.

RESOLUTION 94-7

To Amend Sections 18.01, 18.05, 18.06, 18.07-2, and 18.08 of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To reduce the residency requirement for initiates from one year to three months.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, many people only live two or three years in remote locations in Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, many military personnel serve short tours in remote locations of Alaska; and,

WHEREAS, a shorter residency requirement would therefore benefit Lodges in remote locations; and,

WHEREAS, the length of residency has little to do with the qualifications of a man to become a Mason;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the first sentence of Section 18.01 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

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

be amended to read:

PREREQUISITE TO INITIATION, CONDITIONS AND PROCEEDINGS UNDER. A Lodge may not initiate a person except upon his petition and may not knowingly receive a petition from, or initiate a candidate who is less than twenty-one years old, or who has not been an actual resident within the jurisdiction of the Lodge at **least three months** preceding the date of such petition.

and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the first sentence of Section 18.05 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

MEANING OF RESIDENCE. Masonic residence means the permanent or continuous abiding place and home of the petitioner for the year next preceding the date of presentation of his petition to the Lodge.

be amended to read:

MEANING OF RESIDENCE. Masonic residence means the permanent or continuous abiding place and home of the petitioner for **three months** next preceding the date of presentation of his petition to the Lodge.

and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 18.06 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

LODGE MAY REQUIRE LONGER RESIDENCE. A Lodge may by its Bylaws require more than one year of residence within its jurisdiction.

be amended to read:

LODGE MAY REQUIRE LONGER RESIDENCE. A Lodge may by its Bylaws require more than **three months** of residence within its jurisdiction.

and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that paragraph 2 of Section 18.07 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

ARMED SERVICES.

2. A man in the Armed Services of the United States, who, while in such service, has maintained his continuous residence within this Jurisdiction for six months preceding the date of presentation of his petition, may petition a Lodge for the degrees of Masonry.

be amended to read:

ARMED SERVICES.

2. A man in the Armed Services of the United States, who, while in such service, has maintained his continuous residence within the jurisdiction of a Lodge for **three months** preceding the date of presentation of his petition, may petition that Lodge for the degrees of Masonry.

and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 18.08 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

SEAFARING, NAVAL, AND MILITARY MEN. The requirement of one year's residence within this Jurisdiction does not apply to a seafaring man whose home is on board ship, but said seafaring man must petition a Lodge situated in a regular port of call for his ship. The requirement of one year's residence within this Jurisdiction does not apply to a person who is, and for six months preceding the date of petition has been, in the United States naval or military service, but the petition must be to a Lodge having

jurisdiction over the place at which it is stationed.

be amended to read:

SEAFARING, NAVAL, AND MILITARY MEN. The requirement of **three months'** residence within the jurisdiction of a Lodge does not apply to a seafaring man whose home is on board ship, but said seafaring man must petition a Lodge situated in a regular port of call for his ship. **A person who is, and for three months** preceding the date of petition has been, in the United States naval or military service, may petition a Lodge having jurisdiction over the place at which he is stationed.

Resolution 94-7(continued)

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley R. Foulke, PM (2)

Charles F. Lewis, PM (2)

Robert E. Morris, Sr., PM (2)

Cecil C. Johnson, PM (2)

Robert K Lewis, PM (2)

William C. Quirion, SW (2)

Jens W. Noet, JW (2)

Report of Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. The Committee does not express an opinion as to whether this resolution should or should not be adopted.

As it proposes to amend a number of Bylaws, it will require a 3/4 majority vote for adoption.

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

RESOLUTION 94-8

To Amend Section 14.03 of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To permit Lodge business and balloting to be transacted when open on any degree.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, none of the secret degree work is done during business meetings;
and,

WHEREAS, it is desirable to have newly obligated Brothers understand the workings of the Lodge; and,

WHEREAS, with the present arrangements there is little time for Lodge members and the new members to get acquainted; and,

WHEREAS, it is very desirable to have new members attend Lodge meetings and to get involved in the workings and programs of the Lodge; and,

WHEREAS, this would encourage more participation in Masonry and Lodge activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 14.03 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

BUSINESS ON THIRD DEGREE AT STATED COMMUNICATION. Business is transacted and balloting is done only when a Lodge is open on the Third Degree at a Stated Communication. Proceedings while open on the First and Second Degrees may only be such as appertain to the work and lectures of those degrees, or the taking of testimony upon charges preferred against an Entered Apprentice or a Fellowcraft.

be amended to read:

LODGE BUSINESS. Business is transacted and balloting is done only **at a Stated Communication. A Stated Communication may be open on any Degree. Entered Apprentices, Fellowcraft Masons, and Master Masons who are not yet enrolled as members of the Lodge may vote except on the following:**

1. **petitions for membership,**
2. **election of Lodge Officers,**
3. **changes in Lodge Bylaws,**
4. **matters relating to Masonic trials or discipline,**
5. **and other matters where the Code refers to a vote by a "member" or "members",**

Respectfully submitted,

Walter T. Williams, PM (7)
Wayne M. Baskett, PM (7)
William A. Folsom, PM (7)
C. Paul Jones, PM (7)

Harry J. Koenen, PM (7)
G. Rex Plunkett, PM (7)
Stanley Woodin, WM (7)
Gregory D. Van Kirk, SW (7)

Report of Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. The Committee does not express an opinion as to whether this resolution should or should not be adopted.

As it proposes to amend a Bylaw, it will require a 3/4 majority vote for adoption.

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

RESOLUTION 94-9

To Amend Sections 30.09, 27.01, and 29.01 of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To provide an alternate procedure for Masonic Charges in the event a brother has been convicted of a felony.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, a Masonic Trial is often divisive in the harmony of a Lodge; and,

WHEREAS, Masonic charges should not be taken lightly but there are situations where a Masonic offense has occurred and the circumstances of the offense are relatively straightforward;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 30.09 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

JUDGMENT OF CIVIL COURT AS EVIDENCE. A judgment of a civil court in a criminal proceeding is prima facie evidence that a criminal act has been committed, but it is not conclusive evidence of the guilt or innocence of an accused when tried by a Lodge or Grand Master's Trial Committee on a charge which requires proof of the same act. For the accused to be judged guilty, the Lodge or Committee must find that the act was proven or admitted by a plea of guilty in the criminal proceeding.

be amended to read:

JUDGMENT OF CIVIL COURT AS EVIDENCE.

1. A judgment of a civil court in a criminal proceeding for a misdemeanor is prima facie evidence that a criminal act has been committed, but it is not conclusive evidence of the guilt or innocence of an accused when tried by a Lodge or Grand Master's Trial Committee on a charge which requires proof of the same act. For the accused to be judged guilty, the Lodge or Committee must find that the act was proven or admitted by a plea of guilty in the criminal proceeding.
2. **Whenever charges are based upon a conviction of the accused by a State or Federal Court of competent jurisdiction for a crime which is a felony, a court-certified copy of the final judgment of conviction entered therein and the sentence imposed thereon shall be supplied by the person who prefers the charges and shall be conclusive evidence of the crime of which the accused was convicted, and the accused shall be notified in writing accordingly. Such**

cases shall be referred directly to the Committee on Grievance and Appeals. The accused shall be given twenty (20) days after his receipt of notice of the charges to forward to the Committee on Grievance and Appeals any written statement or evidence in explanation of or in mitigation of the offense of which he stands convicted. The Committee on Grievance and Appeals shall consider the certified record of conviction and the accused's response thereto and shall determine, with the approval of the Grand Master, the penalty, if any, which shall be imposed.

and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 27.01 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

SERVICE OF COMPLAINT OR CHARGES. When the original jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge is invoked by the filing of complaint or charges with the Grand Secretary, he notifies the Grand Master and causes a copy of the complaint or charges to be served upon the party or parties complained against.

be amended to read:

SERVICE OF COMPLAINT OR CHARGES. When the original jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge is invoked by the filing of complaint or charges with the Grand Secretary, **unless the procedure in Section 30.09(2) is used**, he notifies the Grand Master and causes a copy of the complaint or charges to be served upon the party or parties complained against.

and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a new paragraph be added to Section 29.01 of the Alaska Masonic Code to read:

CHARGES. Charges against an offending Brother:

2. **If resulting from a felony conviction, are handled according to Section 30.09(2).**

Respectfully submitted,

Richard D. Bender, PM (10)
Anthony L. Johnson, WM (18)

This Resolution was amended to not include paragraph one, Section 30.09 and reads as follows:

Carryover Resolution 94-9, Amended

To Amend Sections 30.09, 27.01, and 29.01 of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To provide an alternate procedure for Masonic Charges in the event a brother has been convicted of a felony.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, a Masonic Trial is often divisive in the harmony of a Lodge; and,

WHEREAS, Masonic charges should not be taken lightly but there are situations where a Masonic offense has occurred and the circumstances of the offense are relatively straightforward;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 30.09 of the Alaska Masonic Code be amended by adding a second subsection to read:

2. Whenever charges are based upon a conviction of the accused by a State or Federal Court of competent jurisdiction for a crime which is a felony, a court-certified copy of the final judgment of conviction entered therein and the sentence imposed thereon shall be supplied by the person who prefers the charges and shall be conclusive evidence of the crime of which the accused was convicted, and the accused shall be notified in writing accordingly. Such cases shall be referred directly to the Committee on Grievance and Appeals. The accused shall be given twenty (20) days after his receipt of notice of the charges to forward to the Committee on Grievance and Appeals any written statement or evidence in explanation of or in mitigation of the offense of which he stands convicted. The Committee on Grievance and Appeals shall consider the certified record of conviction and the accused's response thereto and shall determine, with the approval of the Grand Master, the penalty, if any, which shall be imposed.

and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 27.01 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

SERVICE OF COMPLAINT OR CHARGES. When the original jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge is invoked by the filing of complaint or charges with the Grand Secretary, he notifies the Grand Master and causes a copy of the complaint or charges to be served upon the party or parties complained against.

be amended to read:

SERVICE OF COMPLAINT OR CHARGES. When the original jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge is invoked by the filing of complaint or charges with the Grand Secretary, **unless the procedure in Section 30.09(2) is used,** he notifies the Grand Master and causes a copy of the complaint or charges to be served upon the party or parties complained against.

and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a new paragraph be added to Section 29.01 of the Alaska Masonic Code to read:

CHARGES. Charges against an offending Brother:

5. If resulting from a felony conviction, are handled according to Section 30.09(2).

Respectfully submitted,

Richard D. Bender, PM (10)
Anthony L. Johnson, PM (18)

Report of Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. The Committee does not express an opinion as to whether this resolution should or should not be adopted.

As it proposes to amend a number of Bylaws, it will require a 3/4 majority vote for adoption.

Note: This Resolution did not receive the required three-quarter majority vote but did receive a majority vote and is a carryover resolution.

RESOLUTION 94-10

To Amend Section 7.06 of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To reduce the voting requirement for adoption of a Constitutional amendment.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, Section 7.06 requires a 100% vote for adoption of a Constitutional amendment the first year it is presented; and,

WHEREAS, a Constitutional amendment is often delayed by a very small number of Brothers, sometimes only two or three; and,

WHEREAS, one dissenting Brother alone can delay the adoption of a Constitutional amendment that 99% of the Brothers want adopted; and,

WHEREAS, if 90% of the Brothers favor adoption of a Constitutional amendment, that should be sufficient for adoption without delay:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the second and third sentences of Section 7.06 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now read:

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS. ... If a vote in favor of a proposed amendment is unanimous, it is declared adopted, and at the close of that communication becomes a part of the Constitution. If the vote is not unanimous, but there is a majority in favor of the proposed amendment, it lies over one year, and is published with the proceedings or is published and circulated as set forth in Section 11.03 under the caption of "Proposed Amendments to the Constitution."

be amended to read:

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS. ... If a vote in favor of a proposed amendment is **ninety percent** or more, it is declared adopted at the close of that communication becomes a part of the Constitution. If the vote is not **ninety percent**, but there is a majority in favor of the proposed amendment, it lies over one year, and is published with the proceedings or **is published** and circulated as set forth in Section 11.03 under the caption of "Proposed Amendments to the Constitution."

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Grainger, PM (1

Report of Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. The Committee does not express an opinion as to whether this resolution or should not be adopted.

As it proposes to amend the Constitution, it will require a unanimous vote for adoption.

Note: This Resolution did not receive the required three-quarter majority vote but did receive a majority vote and is a carryover resolution.

RESOLUTION 94-11

To Amend Sections 2.02 and 11.03 of the Alaska Masonic Code

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To align deadlines with Grand Lodge Annual Communications

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the date of the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alaska has been changed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the sixth and seventh sentences of Section 2.02 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now read:

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS. A person desiring to serve as Junior Grand

Warden of this Grand Lodge may, on or before the first day of October preceding the Annual Communication, file with the Grand Secretary a Statement of Availability containing a resume of his service to his Symbolic Lodge and to the Grand Lodge. Prior to December 1, all such Statements must be duplicated and forwarded by the Grand Secretary to all Constituent Lodges for study prior to the next annual Grand Communication.

be amended to read:

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS. A person desiring to serve as Junior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge may, at least **120 days** preceding the Annual Communication, file with the Grand Secretary a Statement of Availability containing a resume of his service to his Symbolic Lodge and to the Grand Lodge. All such Statements must be duplicated and forwarded by the Grand Secretary to all Constituent Lodges for study **at least 75 days** prior to the next annual Grand Communication.

and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 11.03 which now reads:

RESOLUTIONS. Resolutions must be in writing and be received by the Grand Secretary not later than October 1 to be considered at the next Annual Communication. The Grand Secretary refers resolutions to the Jurisprudence Committee. Prior to November 20, the Grand Secretary shall forward all resolutions, together with the committee recommendations, to all Constituent Lodges for study. Resolutions received after October 1 will be considered only upon approval of the Grand Master.

be amended to read:

RESOLUTIONS. Resolutions must be in writing and be received by the Grand Secretary not less than **120 days preceding the Annual Communication to be considered** at the next Annual Communication. The Grand Secretary refers resolutions to the Jurisprudence Committee. **At least 75 days preceding the Annual Communication**, the Grand Secretary shall forward all resolutions, together with the committee recommendations, to all Constituent Lodges for study. Resolutions received **less than 120 days preceding the Annual Communication** will be considered only upon approval of the Grand Master.

Respectfully submitted,

G. Rex Plunkett, PM (7)
Richard D. Bender, PM (10)

Report of Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. The Committee does not express an opinion as to whether this resolution should or should not be adopted.

As it proposes to amend a number of Bylaws, it will require a 3/4 majority vote for adoption.

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

RESOLUTION 94-12

To Amend Sections or Repeal several Sections in Chapters 18 and 19 of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To create a Statewide jurisdiction for petitioners.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, a Statewide jurisdiction would be less restrictive than Lodge jurisdictions on petitioners who move from one area within Alaska to another while accumulating residence time; and,

WHEREAS, a Statewide jurisdiction is desirable to attract petitioners who may wish to petition a Lodge other than the one near where they may live;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the first sentence of Section 18.01 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

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

be amended and a succeeding sentence be added to read:

PREREQUISITE TO INITIATION, CONDITIONS AND PROCEEDINGS UNDER. A Lodge may not initiate a person except upon his petition and may not knowingly receive a petition from, or initiate a candidate who is less than twenty-one years old, or who has not been an actual resident within this Grand Jurisdiction at least one year preceding the date of such petition. **A qualified petitioner residing anywhere within this Grand Jurisdiction may petition any Lodge within this Jurisdiction.**

and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the first sentence of Section 18.05 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

MEANING OF RESIDENCE. Masonic residence means the permanent or continuous

abiding place and home of the petitioner for the year next preceding the date of presentation of his petition to the Lodge.

be amended to read:

MEANING OF RESIDENCE. Masonic residence means the permanent or continuous abiding place and home of the petitioner for the year next preceding the date of his petition to a Lodge.

and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 18.06 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

LODGE MAY REQUIRE LONGER RESIDENCE. A Lodge may by its Bylaws require more than one year of residence within its jurisdiction.

be amended to read:

LODGE MAY REQUIRE LONGER RESIDENCE. A Lodge may by its Bylaws require more than one year of residence within **this Grand Jurisdiction.**

and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 18.07(2) of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

ARMED SERVICES.

2. A man in the Armed Services of the United States, who, while in such service, has maintained his continuous residence within this Jurisdiction for six months preceding the date of presentation of his petition, may petition a Lodge for the degrees of Masonry.

be amended to read:

ARMED SERVICES.

2. A man in the Armed Services of the United States, who, while in such service, has maintained his continuous residence within this Grand Jurisdiction for six months preceding the date of presentation of his petition, may petition any Lodge for the degrees of Masonry.

and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the second sentence of Section 18.08 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

SEAFARING, NAVAL, AND MILITARY MEN. The requirement of one year's residence within this Jurisdiction does not apply to a person who is, and for six months preceding the date of petition has been, in the United States naval or military service, but the petition must be to a Lodge having jurisdiction over the place at which it is stationed.

be amended to read:

SEAFARING, NAVAL, AND MILITARY MEN. A person who is, and for six months preceding the date of petition has been, in the United States naval or military service, **may petition any Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction.**

and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Sections 18.10 and 18.11 of the Alaska Masonic Code both of which apply solely to procedures for waivers of Lodge jurisdictions over petitions, be repealed.

and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 18.13 of the Alaska Masonic Code, which now reads:

WAIVERS, PROCEDURE. A Lodge receiving an application for a waiver to allow a resident to petition another Lodge of this Jurisdiction or a Lodge of another Grand Jurisdiction shall process the application for waiver exactly as a petition for the degrees, as in Section 19.01 except that such application must be passed through the respective Grand Secretaries.

be amended to read:(middle part of first sentence is deleted)

WAIVERS, PROCEDURE. A Lodge receiving an application for a waiver to allow a resident to petition a Lodge of another Grand Jurisdiction shall process the application for waiver exactly as a petition for the degrees, as in Section 19.01 except that such application must be passed through the respective Grand Secretaries.

and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Sections 18.15, 18.16, 19.04, 19.05 and 19.14 of the Alaska Masonic Code, each of which apply solely to the measurement or workings of Lodge Jurisdictions, or to jurisdictional waivers, or to residential changes between Lodge jurisdictions, be repealed.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Grainger, PM (1)

This resolution was submitted after the October 1st deadline but has been approved by the Grand Master for consideration.

Report of Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. The Committee does not express an opinion as to whether this resolution should or should not be adopted.

As it proposes to amend a number of Bylaws, it will require a 3/4 majority vote for adoption.

Note: This Resolution did not receive the required three-quarter majority vote but did receive a majority vote and is a carryover resolution.

EMERGENT RESOLUTION 94-E-1

To adopt a consistent Code for Russian Lodges

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To approve working in unity with the Grand Lodge of France in our common goal of establishing Freemasonry in Western and Eastern Russia.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, Masonry is considered a global Fraternity; and,

WHEREAS, the precepts of Masonry are unknown in Eastern Russia; and,

WHEREAS, the establishment of Masonry in this open territory, spreading international Brotherhood, would be an imposing advance for the Craft; and,

WHEREAS, many variations in our Code would be necessary if we are to cope with the language barrier, financial and other conditions of Russia; and,

WHEREAS, the National Grand Lodge of France, after years of experience, has in effect regulations for our common goal of establishing Masonic Lodges in Russia; and,

WHEREAS, the cooperation, experience and expertise of the National Grand Lodge of France are invaluable and available to us; and,

WHEREAS, it would be to the advantage of newly formed Russian Lodges throughout Russia if we approve conformity to the regulation of the National Grand Lodge of France;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Grand Lodge follow the procedures and regulations of the Grand Lodge of France for the establishment of Lodges in Eastern Russia.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Grainger, PM (1,UD)

Mitchell R. Miller, PM (3,12)

Stanley R. Foulke, PM (2)

Gerald R. Fairley, SW (10)

Report of Jurisprudence Committee: We find the purpose of this Resolution to be worthwhile and one worth serious consideration.

However, since we presently do not have the procedures and regulations of the National Grand Lodge of France available, we find this resolution is not in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to consider this resolution for discussion.

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Jurisprudence

1st Report

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

We, your committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution 93-8, have considered the same and report as follows. Resolution 93-8 is in proper form to be considered by the Grand Lodge.

The committee does not express an opinion as to whether this resolution should or should not be adopted. As a carryover resolution that proposes to amend the constitution, it will require a 2/3 vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams, Chairman
Gunnar Flygenring
Gene Freeman
James Burris
Russell Burnett.

Report received for the record

MW James Williams: First, I move that Resolution 93-8 be amended by deleting paragraph 2 of the proposed amendment to Section 3.06, as contained in the resolution;

Motion made, seconded, and passed.

MW James Williams: I move that 93-8 be amended by deleting paragraph 3 of the proposed amendment to Section 3.06;

Motion made, seconded, and passed

MW Grand Master, called for the vote of Resolution as amended and it passed.

2nd Report

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

We, your Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Resolution 94-2, have considered the same and report as follows. Resolution 94.2 is in proper form to be considered by the Grand Lodge.

The Committee does not express an opinion as to whether this resolution should or should not be adopted. As it proposes to amend a bylaw, it requires a three-quarter vote for adoption. I ask that this report be received.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams, Chairman
Gunnar Flygenring
Gene Freeman
James Burris
Russell Burnett.

Report received for the record and adopted.

3rd Report

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

We, your Committee on Jurisprudence have considered the matter of dispensation for a research Lodge granted on February 5, 1993 and report as follows: the proposed research Lodge has not held a meeting or has submitted any books or records to the Grand Secretary as required by Section 13.01 of the Code. Therefore, we recommend that the Grand Lodge annul the said dispensation.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams, Chairman,
Gunnar Flygenring,
Gene R. Freeman,
James O. Burris
Russell A. Burnett

Report received for the record and was adopted.

4th Report

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

We, the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Resolution 94-3, have considered the same and report as follows. Resolution 94-3 is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge.

The Committee does not express an opinion as to whether this resolution should or should not be adopted. As it proposes an amendment to a bylaw, it will require a three-quarter vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams, Chairman
Gunnar Flygenring
Gene Freeman
James Burris
Russell Burnett.

Report received for the record and was adopted.

5th Report

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

We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution 94-4, have considered the same and report as follows: Resolution 94-4 is in proper form to be considered by Grand Lodge.

The Committee does not express an opinion as to whether this resolution should or should not be adopted. As it proposes to amend the Monitor, it will require a three-quarter vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams, Chairman
Gunnar Flygenring
Gene R. Freeman
James O. Burris
Russell A. Burnett

Report received for the record and was adopted.

6th Report

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

We, the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution 94-5, have considered the following report as follows: Resolution 94-5 is in proper form to be considered by the Grand Lodge.

The Committee does not express an opinion as to whether this resolution should or should not be adopted. As it is proposed to amend a bylaw, it requires a three-quarter vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams, Chairman
Gunnar Flygenring
Gene R. Freeman
James O. Burris
Russell A. Burnett

Report received for the record and was adopted.

7th Report

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

We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution 94-6, have considered the same and report as follows: Resolution 94-6 is in proper form to be considered by Grand Lodge.

The Committee does not express an opinion as to whether the resolution should or should not be adopted. As it proposes to amend a bylaw, it will require a three-quarter vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams, Chairman
Gunnar Flygenring
Gene R. Freeman
James O. Burris
Russell A. Burnett

Report was received for the record and did not receive the required three-quarter majority vote but did receive a majority vote and is a carryover resolution

8th Report

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

We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution 94-7, have considered the same and report as follows: Resolution 94-7 is in proper form to be considered by Grand Lodge.

The Committee does not express an opinion as to whether the resolution should or should not be adopted. As it proposes to amend a bylaw, it will require a three-quarter vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams, Chairman
Gunnar Flygenring
Gene R. Freeman
James O. Burris
Russell A. Burnett

Report received for the record and was defeated.

9th Report

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

We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution 94-8, have considered the same and report as follows: Resolution 94-8 is in proper form to be considered by Grand Lodge.

The Committee does not express an opinion as to whether the resolution should or should not be adopted. As it proposes to amend a bylaw, it will require a three-quarter vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams, Chairman
Gunnar Flygenring
Gene R. Freeman
James O. Burris
Russell A. Burnett

Report received for the record and was defeated.

10th Report

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

We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution 94-9, have considered the same and report as follows: Resolution 94-9 is in proper form to be considered by Grand Lodge.

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

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams, Chairman
Gunnar Flygenring
Gene R. Freeman
James O. Burris
Russell A. Burnett

Report received for the record.

This Resolution was amended to not include paragraph one

The amended resolution did not receive the required majority vote but did receive a simple majority vote and is a carryover resolutions

11th Report

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

We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution 94-10, have considered the same and report as follows: Resolution 94-10 is in proper form to be considered by Grand Lodge.

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

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams, Chairman
Gunnar Flygenring
Gene R. Freeman
James O. Burris
Russell A. Burnett

Report received for the record and the resolution did not receive the required majority vote but did receive a simple majority vote and is a carryover resolutions

12th Report

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

We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution 94-11, have considered the same and report as follows: Resolution 94-11 is in proper form to be considered by Grand Lodge.

The Committee does not express an opinion as to whether the resolution should or should not be adopted. As it proposes to amend a bylaw, it will require a three-quarter vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams, Chairman
Gunnar Flygenring
Gene R. Freeman
James O. Burris
Russell A. Burnett

Report received for the record and was adopted.

13th Report

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

We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution 94-12, have considered the same and report as follows: Resolution 94-12 is in proper form to be considered by Grand Lodge.

The Committee does not express an opinion as to whether the resolution should or should not be adopted. As it proposes to amend a bylaw, it will require a three-quarter vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams, Chairman
Gunnar Flygenring
Gene R. Freeman
James O. Burris
Russell A. Burnett

Report received for the record and the resolution did not receive the required majority vote but did receive a simple majority vote and is a carryover resolutions

14th Report

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

We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution 94-E-1, have considered the same and report as follows: Resolution 94-E-1 is not in proper form to be considered by Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams, Chairman
Gunnar Flygenring
Gene R. Freeman
James O. Burris
Russell A. Burnett

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to consider this resolution for discussion.

The Committee does not express an opinion as to whether the resolution should or should not be adopted. As it proposes to amend a bylaw, it will require a three-quarter vote for adoption.

Motion made and seconded to adopt Resolution 94-E-1 and motion failed.

15th Report

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

We the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred the Grand Master's Message by the Committee on Segregations and Reference have considered the same and recommend as follows.

The portion titled Infractions be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams, Chairman
Gunnar Flygenring
Gene R. Freeman
James O. Burris
Russell A. Burnett

Report received for the record and was passed.

16th Report

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

We the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred the Appendix of the Grand Master by the Committee on Segregations and Reference have considered the same and recommend as follows.

The portion entitled Special Actions concerning removal of Brother Wayne E. Parker be approved

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie R. Little (10, 15) Chairman
Fred V. Angleton (2, 11)
Frank Eerie (3, 12)
Frank Weiss (13)
J. Marc Williams (15, 20)

Report received for the record and was passed..

17th Report

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

We the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred the Appendix of the Grand Master by the Committee on Segregations and Reference have considered the same and recommend as follows.

That portion entitled Special Actions dated March 1, 1994 be approved

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie R. Little (10, 15) Chairman
Fred V. Angleton (2, 11)
Frank Eerie (3, 12)
Frank Weiss (13)
J. Marc Williams (15, 20)

Report received for the record and was adopted.

18th Report

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

We the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred the Appendix of the Grand Master by the Committee on Segregations and Reference have considered the same and recommend as follows.

That portion entitled Dispensations Granted dated April 14, 1993 be approved

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie R. Little (10, 15) Chairman
Fred V. Angleton (2, 11)
Frank Eerie (3, 12)
Frank Weiss (13)
J. Marc Williams (15, 20)

Report received for the record and was adopted.

Grievance and Appeals

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

The Committee on Grievance and Appeals is very pleased to report that there was no action required of this Committee during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. Jack Bentley, Chairman
Fred L. McGuire

Report received for the record..

Finance

Report of the Finance Committee

1st Report

The Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Alaska, appointed by the Grand Master at the Twelfth Annual Communication in Anchorage, is as follows, Thomas K. Black, Jr., Chairman, William Kyle, Rex Plunkett, Robert Van Huss, and L.R. Bud Young. During the year the Committee approved the following:

1. Investments of \$177,829.00 of Grand Lodge General and Permanent Funds in Dean Whitter investment accounts.
2. The budget to be presented at the Thirteenth Annual Communication, April 7 & 8, 1994.
- 3.
4. Recommended to the Grand Master that he approve a bylaws change for Aurora Lodge #15.
5. Created a Dedicated travel fund for money donated to support long-term Grand Lodge officer travel and establish management and control procedures for the fund.

This covers the Finance Committee's activities for the 1993 Masonic year.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas K. Black, Chairman
William D. Kyle
G. Rex Plunkett
Robert L. Van Huss
Leonard "Bud" R. Young

Report received for the record and was adopted.

2nd Report

Due to audio recording problems on the second day of Grand Lodge, no audio recording made of the 2nd Report of the Finance Committee and no written report was submitted.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1994

ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS	
	CASH IN GENERAL FUND
CHECKING - FNB	\$ 1,696.85
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT - FNB	6,224.63
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT -NBA	24,352.34
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT – KB	50,361.45
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT – DW	8,585.64
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT – NR	<u>16,948.96</u>
TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH	\$108,169.77
	CASH IN PERMANENT FUND:
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT – NBA	52,294.66
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT – FNB	<u>32,917.69</u>
TOTAL PERMANENT FUND CASH	85, 212.35
ACCOUNT RECEIVABLE –CONSTITUENT LODGES	37,955.45
INVESTMENT IN NBA – 166 SHARE OF STOCK	1,330.00
INVENTORIES – MASONIC SUPPLIES	12,693.30
PREPAID EXPENSES	<u>4,569.29</u> 56,212.35
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	249,930.16
FIXED ASSETS – NET OF DEPRECIATION	10,785.74
	<u>\$ 260,715.90</u>
	LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH
CURRENT LIABILITES	
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$ 3,416.25
COMMENORATIVE PRINTS - GRAINGER	4,181.49
GEO WASHINGTON NATIONAL MEM ASSN	280.00
ACCRUED PAYROLL TAXES	<u>73.17</u>
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$ 7,950.91
NET WORTH	
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	167,587.39
PERMANENT FUND BALANCE	<u>85,177.60</u>
TOTAL NET WORTH	<u>252,764.99</u>
	<u>\$ 260,715.90</u>

STATEMENT OF INCOME CALENDAR YEAR 1992

	GENERAL FUND	PERMANENT FUND
INCOME		
GRAND LODGE PER CAPITA	\$ 35,510.00	
FEEES FOR DEGREE CONFERRALS	740.00	
FEEES FOR AFFILIATIONS	780.00	
FEEES FOR PETITIONERS FOR DEGREES	2,750.00	
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	36,780.00	
MEDALLIONS, COINS, & PINS	(646.20)	
SALE OF MASONIC MATERIALS – NET	798.25	
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	10.00	
CONTRIBUTIONS AND DONATIONS		\$ 18,421.88
INTEREST AND DIVIDEND INCOME	5,802.64	3,423.15
 TOTAL INCOME	 \$ 42,744.69	 \$ 21,845.03
EXPENSES		
GRAND MASTER’S EXPENSE ALLOWANCE	965.40	
GRAND MASTER’S TRAVEL ALLOWANCE	1,000.00	
ARRANGEMENTS COMM – ANNUAL COMM	3,238.38	
PRINTING & BINDING – PROCEEDINGS	1,215.35	
ENTERTAINMENT OF VISITORS	640.40	
INSURANCE	5,350.79	
PAST GRAND MASTER’S REGALIA	606.60	
GRAND SECRETARY’S EXPENSE ALLOWANCE	2,143.56	
GRAND SECRETARY’S TRAVEL ALLOWANCE	600.00	
OFFICE SALARIES	9,000.00	
PAYROLL TAXES	885.84	
FEEES – LEGAL & AUDIT	875.00	
OFFICE RENT	4,902.00	
OFFICE SUPPLIES & EXPENSE	590.41	
POSTAGE	815.89	
TELEPHONE EXPENSE	786.58	
PRINTING EXPENSE	1,713.74	
COMM ON FRATERAL RECOGNITION	15.00	
MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION	300.00	
GRAND MASTERS & GRAND SECY CONF	380.00	
DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	779.16	
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	275.07	
WARDENS’ RETREAT	(431.49)	
COMMITTEE MASONIC RESEARCH	890.15	
 TOTAL EXPENSES	 37,537.83	
 NET INCOME (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	 \$ 5,206.86	 \$ 21,845.03

FUNDS BALANCE BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>162,380.53</u>	<u>63,332.57</u>
FUNDS BALANCE END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 167,587.39</u>	<u>\$ 85,177.60</u>

**OPERATING BUDGET GENERAL FUND CALENDAR
YEAR 1992**

	ACTUAL BUDGET 1992	ACTUAL EXPENDED 1992	OVER (UNDER) BUDGET
EXPENSES			
GRAND MASTER'S EXPENSE ALLOWANCE	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 965.40	\$ (34.60)
GRAND MASTER'S TRAVEL ALLOWANCE	1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
ARRANGEMENTS COMM – ANNUAL COMM	3,000.00	3,238.38	238.38
PRINTING & BINDING – PROCEEDINGS	2,500.00	1,215.35	(1,284.65)
INSURANCE	5,000.00	5,350.79	350.79
RECEPTION OF VISITORS	1,000.00	640.40	(359.60)
PAST GRAND MASTER'S REGALIA	500.00	606.60	106.60
CHARITY	100.00		(100.00)
SUB – TOTAL I	\$14, 100.00	\$13,016.92	\$ (1,083.08)
GRAND SECRETARY'S EXPENSE ALLOWANCE	3,400.00	2,143.56	(1,256.44)
GRAND SECRETARY'S TRAVEL ALLOWANCE	600.00	600.00	
GRAND LODGE EXPENSE			
OFFICE SALARIES	9,000.00	9,000.00	
PAYROLL TAXES	950.00	885.84	(64.16)
FEES – LEGAL & AUDIT	1,000.00	875.00	(125.00)
OFFICE RENT	4,902.00	4,902.00	
OFFICE SUPPLIES & EXPENSE	600.00	590.41	(9.59)
POSTAGE	800.00	815.89	15.89
TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS	935.00		
TELEPHONE EXPENSE	750.00	786.58	36.58
TAXES	15.00	30.00	15.00
PRINTING EXPENSE	2,000.00	1,713.74	(286.26)
DUES EXPENSE:			
COMM ON FRATERNAL ERECOGNITION	15.00	15.00	
MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION	300.00	300.00	
GRAND MASTERS & GRAND SEC'Y CONFERENCE	225.00	380.00	155.00
DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	1,000.00	779.16	(220.84)
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	200.00	245.07	45.07
WARDENS' RETREAT		(431.49)	(431.49)
COMMITTEE ON MASONIC RESEARCH		890.15	890.15
SUB – TOTAL II	\$26,692.00	\$24,520.91	\$ (2,171.09)
GRAND TOTALS	\$40,792.00	\$37,537.83	\$ (3,254.17)

COMPARISON OF ANNUAL BUDGETS CALENDAR YEARS 1992 AND 1993

	ACTUAL BUDGET 1992	PROPOSED BUDGET 1993	INCREASE DECREASE
EXPENSES			
GRAND MASTER'S EXPENSE ALLOWANCE	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
GRAND MASTER'S TRAVEL ALLOWANCE	1,000.00	1,000.00	
FRATERNAL RECOGNITION CONFERENCE			
MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE			
ARRANGEMENTS COMM – ANNUAL COMM	3,000.00	3,000.00	
PRINTING & BINDING – PROCEEDINGS	2,500.00	2,500.00	
INSURANCE	5,000.00	5,000.00	
RECEPTION OF VISITORS	1,000.00	1,000.00	
PAST GRAND MASTER'S REGALIA	500.00	500.00	
CHARITY	100.00	100.00	
SUB – TOTAL I	\$14, 100.00	\$14, 100.00	
GRAND SECRETARY'S EXPENSE ALLOWANCE	3,400.00	3,400.00	
GRAND SECRETARY'S TRAVEL ALLOWANCE	600.00	600.00	
GRAND LODGE EXPENSE			
OFFICE SALARIES	9,000.00	9,000.00	
PAYROLL TAXES	950.00	950.00	
FEES – LEGAL & AUDIT	1,000.00	1,000.00	
OFFICE RENT	4,902.00	5,340.00	438.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES & EXPENSE	600.00	600.00	
TAXES	15.00	15.00	
POSTAGE	800.00	800.00	
TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS	935.00	935.00	
TELEPHONE EXPENSE	750.00	750.00	
PRINTING EXPENSE	2,000.00	2,000.00	
DUES EXPENSE:			
COMM ON FRATERNAL ERECOGNITION	15.00	15.00	
MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION	300.00	300.00	
GRAND MASTERS & GRAND SEC'Y CONFERENCE	225.00	225.00	
DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	1,000.00	1,000.00	
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	200.00	200.00	
SUB – TOTAL II	\$26,692.00	\$27,130.00	\$ 438.00
GRAND TOTALS	\$40,792.00	\$41,230.00	\$438.00

ESTIMATED CASH FUNDS AVAILABLE CALENDAR YEAR 1993

	GENERAL FUND	PERMANENT FUND
INCOME		
GRAND LODGE PER CAPITA	\$33,500.00	
FEEES FOR DEGREE CONFERRALS	520.00	
FEEES FOR AFFILIATIONS	850.00	
FEEES FOR PETITIONERS FOR DEGREES – NET	1,750.00	
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	36,620.00	
SALE OF MASONIC MATERIALS – NET	800.00	
CONTRIBUTIONS – PERMANENT FUND		\$ 7,500.00
INTEREST AND DIVIDEND INCOME	5,250.00	3,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$42,670.00	\$10,500.00
OPERATING EXPENSES		
SUB TOTAL I EXPENSES	14,130.00	
SUB TOTAL II EXPENSES	27,130.00	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 41,230.00	
NET INCOME FOR YEAR	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 10,500.00
CASH IN FUNDS JANUARY 1, 1993	108,169.77	85,212.32
ESTIMATED CASH IN FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 1993	\$109,609.77	\$97,612.35

Masonic Research and Education

Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Committee on Masonic Research and Education does not have a written report. I'll give a verbal report, such as it is. Brethren, we have continuing efforts in education through the purchase of Masonic literature. We make it available to you at less than the market price, if you were to buy it direct from McCoy Publishing or Masonic Service Association. We have these books available for you outside on the table. Please avail yourself of this Masonic education. It's there for you, not for anyone else. So take advantage of it.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie R. Little, Chairman.
Gary E. Ackerson
Russell A. Burnett
William A. Folsom
James A. Morton

Report received for the record.

Masonic Public Relations

Due to audio recording problems on the second day of Grand Lodge, no audio recording made of the Report of the Masonic Public Relations Committee and no written report was submitted.

Public Schools

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brethren all, as your Public Schools chairman for the past year, I submit the following report.

Letters were sent to each and every one of the Masonic Lodges in Alaska outlining programs that might be used to support our public schools and increase communication and association between our schools and Lodges, to pledge to them our support and our confidence. Our children are the future and hope of our nation. Our technology, which has made America a world-leader in the past, should be sustained. It would behoove all the people of our country to assist in maintaining the highest level of education in our system that we might continue our democratic leadership in the world of tomorrow.

Letters were sent to many other Jurisdictions regarding their school programs, and I regret to say that the response I received was disappointing. Of those who replied, some had excellent programs, scholarships, and so forth. Some had no program at all, and some complimented us on what we are doing. Maybe I bragged on Alaska too much. This concludes my report.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur A. Rindahl, Chairman
Stanley Woodin

Report received for the record.

DeMolay

Due to audio recording problems on the second day of Grand Lodge, no audio recording made of the Report of the DeMolay Committee and no written report was submitted.

Bylaws

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

We the Committee on Bylaws to whom it was referred bylaw changes for three Lodges and new bylaws for Tongass Lodge UD, find the bylaw changes in two of the Lodges to be in acceptable order and form. Bylaws for Tongass Lodge are in acceptable order and form. Bylaw changes in one of the Lodges is not in an acceptable form. The Committee has processed the bylaws and changes in an expeditious manner. We, the Committee, thank the Grand Lodge Secretary and the Lodge Secretaries for their timely submission of the bylaws and their changes and the new bylaws to the Committee.

Most Worshipful Sir, it has been a pleasure to have served you and our Grand Lodge in this assignment during the year as your year as Grand Master.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred V. Angleton, Chairman
Charles I. Gregg
Clifford Darnell

Report received for the record.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Report of Grand Chaplain (Necrology)

The following Brethren have laid down their Working Tools, as reported by the Constituent Lodges in their monthly reports for 1993:

White Pass Lodge No. 1

Carl William Heinmiller	June 10, 1992
Karl Austin Hahn	March 23, 1993
John Roderick MacMillan	August 18, 1993
Harold Turner, PM	October 21, 1993

Anvil Lodge No. 2

Oliver Leslie Rawls, Jr.	August 26, 1992
Donald James Lyle, PM	March 1, 1993

Tanana Lodge No. 3

Richard Todd Sears	November 30, 1990
William Post	July 6, 1991
Clyde Elmer Brown	December 5, 1992
Joseph Pryor Allen	Unknown, 1993
George Cullen Straughn	Unknown, 1993
Amos Joseph Swartz	Unknown, 1993
Gustav Arthur Gustafson	January 7, 1993
William Charles Perigen	January 10, 1993
Charles Joseph Smith	January 29, 1993
Richard McAllister Fenton	June 21, 1993
Lawrence Safford	September 18, 1993
George Buckingham Rayburn, PM	September 22, 1993
Alvin Edwin Rank	October 1, 1993
Sylvester Waldon Coughran	November 18, 1993

Valdez Lodge No. 4

Kenwood Philip Dayton, PM	June 25, 1993
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Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5

George William Discher	August ?, 1993
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Seward Lodge No. 6

Clark Dennis Andreson, PM	Unknown
Baird M. French	Unknown
Edward Hinkley Lincoln, PM	February 19, 1993
Mason Bart Walker	March 23, 1993

Matanuska Lodge No. 7 Forrest Adair Cason	November 17, 1993
Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8 Lee Moran Simpson David Edgar Grove Harold Dardier Fraser Wilburn Laffeytt White	January 23, 1993 April 25, 1993 June 17, 1993 October 2, 1993
Kodiak Lodge No. 9 Lester Melvin Peterson Robert Stanley Acheson John Wesley Patterson, PM T.V. Hunter	February 13, 1993 March 14, 1993 March 30, 1993 August 13, 1993
Glacier Lodge No. 10 Edward Aubrey Bellringer David Dwight Coulson James Daniel Wooters Hillen Lee Arnold Harry Day Case, PM Benjamin Harmon Robertson, PM George Walter Pullins Gary Badger Joseph John Bandanza	February 22, 1993 March 3, 1993 March 6, 1993 April 21, 1993 April 23, 1993 May 10, 1993 May 14, 1993 November 20, 1993 November 25, 1993
Kenai Lodge No. 11 Edward Hinkley Lincoln, PM Benjamin Harmon Robertson, PM	February 19, 1993 May 10, 1993
Fairbanks Lodge No. 12 Rufus Kendrick Young Herbert B. Kittler	February 6, 1993 March 10, 1993
North Pole Lodge No. 16 George Buckingham Rayburn, PM Paul Steven Penny, PM	September 22, 1993 August 8, 1993
Anchorage Lodge No. 17 Howard Clark Luther, Jr. Harley Jason Grizzle Gilbert Robert Richardson Jack William McCord Robert Herman Etuokeok Andrew Lincoln Longmire Lawrence Safford	January 31, 1993 February 15, 1993 March 10, 1993 April 8, 1993 May 12, 1993 August 8, 1993 September 18, 1993

**Eugene Ashton Williams
Julius Harold Tanner**

**September 27, 1993
December 31, 1993**

**Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18
John Lauritz Bahrt, PM**

May 15, 1993

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

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

Most Holy and Glorious Lord God, in this sacred moment, as our thoughts are directed to the fact that several of our Brethren received their eternal summons from Thee; Brethren who labored among us, who labored well; Brethren who sought to exemplify by their lives the fact that they had learned the teachings of Free Masonry; Brethren who patterned their lives after the teachings of the Great Lights of our Institution, we pause reverently before Thee in this sacred moment to pray that the Holy Spirit will give us the sense of appreciation of their lives who have now received the words.

“Well done, though faithful servant. Thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make you ruler over many things.” We pray, Oh, God, that we will become better Masons because we have known them. We pray that we will pattern our lives after their examples and seek to show those ‘round about us that...(recording of audio missing)

We thank Thee, Oh God, for these sacred memories, and we pray the memories these men leave behind us will be cherished as much as by those who follow us as we cherish the memories of those who have preceded us. In the Name of Him who came to give victory over that which is mortal and to give us that which is immortal, do we pray,

Amen.

William H. Lefferson
Grand Chaplain

Special Memorial Report-MW Glenn W. Pruett, PGM

Like a ship that has left its moorings and sailed calmly out to sea, so someone dear has passed away. But, there is a promise of a greater joy than life can have in store, for God has promised us a fuller life beyond that unseen shore.

This tribute is to William Glen Pruett, Grand Master of this Jurisdiction in 1985. It has been said many times, “I never met a person who didn’t like Glen Pruett.” Glen was a 49-year resident of the Great Northern Interior of Alaska, more especially Fairbanks. His working tools of life were finally laid down on March 4, 1994 at the age of 81. Glen was

born near Atchison, Kansas in 1913. He was taken to the Christian Church as a youngster and later joined the Baptist Church. After graduating from high school, he worked as an engineer's watchman for the Missouri Pacific Railroad before putting on the uniform of the soldier-boy in our United States Army in 1936. Glen was awarded a Silver Star for bravery during the attack on Pearl Harbor and the Scofield Barracks on December 7, 1941. He served in both the Pacific and European theaters during World War II, rising to the rank of Warrant Officer.

After the War, Glen came to Alaska to work for the Fairbanks Exploration Company, or as you Brothers know it as the old F & E Company. He later became employed as a dedicated, devoted worker to the Alaska Road Commission, or to you Brothers, A. R. C. He studied mechanics, welding, and locksmithing, and after his retirement, he founded the G. & C. Locksmithing Company in Fairbanks, which he continued to operate until his death.

Sunset and evening star and one clear call for me.
And, may there be no moaning of the bar, when I put out to sea.
But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full of sound and foam.
When that which drew from out the boundless deep turns again home.
Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark.
And may there be no sadness of farewell.
When I embark; For tho' from out our borne of time and place,
The flood may bear me far, I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.

Glen was very active in Masonic Lodge work throughout his life. His Masonic career started in Tanana Lodge No. 162 on March 19, 1952, as an Entered Apprentice. He was passed the degree of a Fellowcraft on November 25, 1952, and raised a Master Mason June 6, 1953 and was entered into the rolls of the Lodge on December 9, 1953.

Glen worked his way through the chairs of Tanana Lodge, becoming a Worshipful Master in 1964 of now Tanana Lodge No.3. He served this Grand Jurisdiction as Grand Master in 1985.

He was coronated a 33rd Degree Mason by the Scottish Rite, a KYCH of the York Rite, a member of the Red Cross Team, Alaska Conclave, charter member and charter secretary of Fairbanks Lodge No. 12—its first secretary; Deputy of the Grand Master for District No. 1, 1972-74, a life member of Maritime Lodge No. 239 in Seattle, Lodge No. 281 in Seattle, a life member of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, affiliated Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington, a member of the National Sojourners, Secretary of the Polaris Chapter, Past Worthy Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star, Past Royal Patron of the Order of Amaranth in Fairbanks, Chapter Dad of DeMolay, Rainbow Dad, Job's Dad, on the boards of the youth organizations and was the president of the Farthest North Shrine Club.

Glen is survived today by Rowena and a daughter Annie Forkner of New Mexico. Although Glen was very active, he was a quiet gentleman and Brother.

In closing this memorial for Glen William Pruett, our Past Grand Master, here is a final prayer.

Let me live, Oh Mighty Master,
Such a life one man should know;
Hasting triumph and disasters,
Joys, but not too much of woe.
Let me run the gauntlet over,
Let me fight and love and laugh;
And, now the he's beneath the clover,
Let this be his epitaph:
Here lies one who took his chances
In this world of busy men.
Battled luck and circumstances,
Fought and fought again.
Won some times,
But, did no wooing,
Lost some times
But, did not wail.
He took his beatings, kept on going,
Never let his courage fail.
He was a full-blown human,
Therefore, loved and understood,
Both by fellow men or women,
Be they good or not so good.
But he kept his spirit undiminished,
Never false to any friend, he played life's game to the finish,
He was our Brother to the end.

Thanks for your kind attention, Brethren. Thank you, Grand Master.

Fraternally,

MW John C. Ingram, PGM

Report of Grand Lecturer

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, and Brethren all, it has been an honor to serve this Grand Lodge as Grand Lecturer. To you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, it has been a distinct pleasure to share in the fellowship that has existed among the Grand Lodge officers throughout the year. Your leadership has been an inspiration to use all. The visitations to the Lodges have been well-documented.

Therefore, I should like to dwell on other matters within the purview of the Grand Lecturer. Fortunate indeed is the Lodge that has the type of membership from which he will present himself, or themselves, as being willing to hold office and discharge the duties and responsibilities required. To those, it is wise that the incumbent Lodge leaders encourage them to the fullest extent. There is an excellent book on this subject and it should be in the library of every Lodge. It is *How to Become a Masonic Lodge Officer*, and it is written by Brother H. L. Howard. Although it was last reprinted in 1975, the information contained therein is appropriate and outstanding. It is highly recommended reading to any Brother with an idea of becoming a Lodge officer. Our own Lodge Officers' Handbook is certainly one of the best ever compiled.

Recently, I was observing a Lodge that has very few members attending. The fault lay not with the Master. It lay with the fact that nearly all the members of that Lodge had departed the locality. I found out that he had brought to work for Sojourners. They were practicing for a scheduled first degree. The Deacons and the Junior Steward there were three Sojourners. The Senior Steward was a recently raised Master Mason, but was yet unproved. I might also add that the Junior Warden was a recently made member of that Lodge, although he had prior experience in another Jurisdiction. Upon suggestion, they were provided with the Lodge Officers' Handbook, monitor and ciphers. About three practice sessions later they initiated the candidate. Sure, it wasn't a perfect (not audible), but it was just shy of a 3.5 excellent.

This Lodge Officers' Handbook of ours is filled with the most useful information, not only for the beginning officer but also for the incumbent and past. Check pages 102 and 103: the suggested sequence for learning the ritual. It is an outstanding chapter; a guideline worthy of undertaking and learning by practice and reiteration until the goal of perfect ritual recitation has been accomplished.

The flags should always be done. It is clear from this that I do not recommend any change in the standard work. Grateful should the Lodge be to find in one Brother both ritualistic and administration ability. Although the latter can be greatly assisted by planned classes, particularly in the Code, also, in the Lodge Officers' Handbook. And these study periods should include every member of the Lodge.

Finally, my Brethren, plan for interesting periods of refreshment. Although the bonds of fellowship begin within the tiled recesses of the Lodge, they are surely cemented more solidly in the festive board.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, it has been a distinct pleasure to serve under you in the capacity of Grand Lecturer. In your fourteen-month year, it has been long, but we are justly proud of your accomplishments.

Respectfully submitted,

Milton M. Routzahn.

Report received for the record.

Report of Grand Orator

Due to audio recording problems on the second day of Grand Lodge, no audio recording made of the Report of the Grand Orator and no written report was submitted.

Report of Grand Historian

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, Officers, and Members of this Grand Lodge, Brethren all, as we gather for the Thirteenth Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alaska here in Sitka, may our thoughts turn to those Brothers who have gone before us in the 125 years past into history since Masonry was first established in our beloved Alaska here in Sitka, on September 27, 1869. Ours is a proud heritage from the days from the transfer from the great land of Russia to the United States, October 17, 1867. Through the world's greatest gold rush in the days of '98, then the mind-boggling construction of the Al Can Highway at the start of World War II, on to the frustrating and prolonged legislative battle for statehood, through construction of the world's premier petroleum pipeline, never forgetting the many military, clergy, educators, medical, legislators, and builders that were brothers of our Craft who have our great land what it is today.

In order to not lose sight of the grand heritage, an ardent effort is being made to gather all odds and ends, bits and pieces our proud history together and to eventually organize it all into a comprehensive volume of history. To this end, much material has been gathered, through the efforts of past historian, Very Worshipful Brother Paul W. Harvey, "his not made with hands(?) Grand Lodge of Washington into our Grand Brother Very Worshipful William H. Lefferson, who has had the honor to serve with distinction as Grand Historian of both the Grand Lodge of Washington in 1967-68, and Grand Lodge of Alaska, 1983-84, and who continues to be a valuable resource, having established 100 years of Masonry in Alaska, 1868-1968.

I wish to also, at this time, to go on record officially thanking Right Worshipful Brother Dave DeLong, 33rd Secretary of the Valley of Juneau Scottish Rite, for delving into the archives of the Scottish Rite and brought to light very interesting historic facts going back to the 1800s of Masonic activity in the Juneau area of Alaska. As so the utilization of this

material gathered, I respectfully propose that for the present time they be archived in Sitka, where Lodge #18 can offer a secure office, a fireproof file, and a new, large-capacity computer, where all the material may be stored for safe-keeping and future reference through issuance of discs and printouts.

In the interim, a complete index is being prepared for anyone interested. We are fortunate to have recently returned to Sitka for permanent residency, Worshipful Brother Kenneth Creamer, who recently retired from the National Marine and Wildlife Service, and who is computer-friendly and is as enthused about the project as is Most Worshipful John H. Grainger, who is also a historian and publisher, who has graciously offered his expertise in eventually printing a volume on Alaska's place in Masonic history, as soon as he relinquished his jewels of office.

In closing, I wish to extend my gratitude to the many Brothers who have added bits and pieces to the historic picture, and to the Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, Leslie R. Little, and to the Most Worshipful John G. Grainger for appointing me to the office of Grand Historian with the privilege to being able to do this good work that is so dear to my heart. Extending brotherly love and wishes of peace and harmony to all those attending this Thirteenth Session of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Ashby,
Grand Historian,

Report received for the record.

Charters and Dispensations

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Alaska,

Subject: Tongass Lodge UD.

We the Committee of Charters and Dispensations have reviewed the papers and records submitted by Tongass Lodge UD to secure a charter and thus operate as a chartered Lodge in their Jurisdiction. Unfortunately, a number of discrepancies and errors were noted in the submitted material, including but not limited to the following:

- A. The written proclamation, not the following subsequent dispensation itself, dated September 3, 1993, over the signatures of Most Worshipful John H. Grainger, Grand Master of Masons in Alaska, and as attested by Right Worshipful Richard Bender, Grand Secretary, reads in part: Dispensation to act as a Lodge; to all the Fraternity, Greetings. The third paragraph: "Now therefore, we, by virtue of the power in us vested by the constitution and regulations as one Grand Lodge, and the ancient usages of the

Fraternity, do grant this, one dispensation, the empowering, authorizing, and appointing Brother Christopher Westwood to act as Senior Warden and Brother David T. Alderson to act as Senior Warden, to a Lodge under dispensation to be held under our authority at Ketchikan. Such Lodge to be named Tongass Lodge, etc.” Please note from the above that there is no mention of a Worshipful Master, and the fact that two Senior Wardens were named, when one, of course, should have been listed as Junior Warden.

- B. Lodge bylaws have not been approved, nor were they effective as of 12-31-93. Tongass Lodge UD, seemingly operated without bylaws from its inception, and at least until February 16, 1994, the date of this writing.
- C. The petition for the degrees of Masonry of the first candidate, Mr. Robert Frances Nesvig, Jr., who petitioned Tongass Lodge UD on September 20, 1993, was received in violation of the Alaskan Masonic Code, Section 18.01 of the bylaws, which reads in part:
- D. Prerequisites or initiation conditions under.

A Lodge may not initiate the person except upon his petition, and may not knowingly receive a petition from or initiate a candidate who is less than 21 years old or who has not been an actual resident within the Jurisdiction of the Lodge at least one year preceding the date of such petition. In this connection, Section 18.05 through 18.09 regarding residency was studied.”

According to Mr. Nesvig’s petition, he indicated that he had a 3 1/2 month residency only, which the previous address shown was in Anchorage, Alaska for 1 year and 3 months. This petitioner, who was subsequently elected on 10-22-93, was initiated into Tongass Lodge UD on 11-05-93, clearly in violation of Section 18.01 of the Alaska Masonic Code. The three Masons recommending the petitioner were: the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, and the Lodge Secretary, all of whom should be knowledgeable on the Alaskan Masonic Code, as this is part of the skill and ability to work under dispensation, or as a Constituent Lodge.

- E. Regarding the stated meeting of 11-26-93: as part of the reported business of that Session, “the Brothers were asked to put the Fez on for the rest of the meeting.” This raises several questions, including the following:
 - 1. Did the members in attendance remove Masonic paraphernalia, aprons, jewels, etc., prior to putting on their fez, or did they wear Masonic paraphernalia at the same time they were wearing the Shrine fez?

2. Were they clothed as Shriners when closing the Lodge? However well-intentioned, the wearing of the fez may have been, it has no place as clothing in a Masonic Lodge during symbolic ritual work or during usual Lodge proceedings such as opening or closing ceremonies, if at all.

Finally, we find the Worshipful Master and Wardens and possibly other members of Tongass Lodge UD remiss in not having made timely filings of all required documentations. In support of their endeavor to obtain a charter for their Lodge UD, as required by Section 13.01 of the bylaws, which reads in part: "Lodges, how formed, duration & condition: such dispensation, together with the bylaws, books, and records, and returns to the Lodge under dispensation, must be returned to the Grand Secretary on or before the 31st day of December preceding the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodges."

In summary, there appears to be a lack of knowledge of the most basic but most important part of the Alaska Masonic Code, under which they, as a chartered Lodge under this Jurisdiction, would have required and expected to function. It appears that more effort and diligence should be expended in learning, among other things, the laws, rules and regulations so as to meet the requirements to secure a the charter, Section 13.13 of the bylaws.

We, the Committee on Charters and Dispensations regretfully recommend that a charter to operate as a Constituent Lodge in this Jurisdiction, not be approved at this time. Rather, the dispensation to operate as Tongass Lodge UD be continued until the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, the Annual Communication in 1995.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles I. Gregg, Past Master
Gunnar Flygenring.

Report received for the record.

MW Grand Master, the action taken by the Committee was proper under the Code, and they are to be commended for the work that they do, but the Brothers of Tongass Lodge UD have also worked hard to achieve their charter. Therefore, I move that this report be set aside and that the charter be granted immediately for Tongass Lodge UD.

MW Grand Master: It's motioned and seconded and motion carries. I thank you, Brethren. I would like to say that some of the flagrant discretions have been healed and they're looking forward to going ahead with Masonry.

Publications

Due to audio recording problems on the second day of Grand Lodge, no audio recording made of the Report of the Publications Committee and no written report was submitted.

Report of Segregations and Reference Committee

1st Report

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

We the Committee of Segregation and Reference, to whom was referred the Grand Master's message, have considered the same and make the following Recommendations:

No.1, that the Grand Master's message, Necrology, State of the Craft, Visitations, Appreciation, Proclamations, Special Actions, Dispensations Granted, Lodge Visitations and other meetings, Communications attended by others as representatives of the Grand Master, be approved as printed.

No. 2 Infractions referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

No. 3 Recommendations No. 2 & 3 be referred the Finance Committee.

No. 4 Special Actions, On July 30, 1993, March 1, 1994 to the Jurisprudence Committee.

No. 5 Dispensations granted: April 14, 1994 to the Jurisprudence Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Steadman (18)

Jim Norton (17)

Roy Foss (6, 11)

Report received for the record and was adopted.

2nd Report

To The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons , we the Committee of Segregations and Reference, to who was referred in the Grand Secretary's report, have considered the same and report with the following recommendations.

No.1, that the report be accepted with that portion pertaining to financial matters, be referred to the Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Steadman (18)

Jim Norton (17)

Roy Foss (6, 11)

Report received for the record and was adopted.

Alaska Library and Museum Foundation

Due to audio recording problems on the second day of Grand Lodge, no audio recording made of the Report of the Alaska Library and Museum Foundation and no written report was submitted.

Alaska Masonic Research Association

Due to audio recording problems on the second day of Grand Lodge, no audio recording made of the Report of the Alaska Masonic Research Association and no written report was submitted.

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 Adak Lodge No. 14 for the year 1993.

Buckley C. Hazen Award

The recipient of the Buckley C. Hazen Award for the largest percentage membership growth (25%) was presented to Adak Lodge No. 14 for the year 1993.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Annual Membership Meeting

Annual Membership Meeting

February 5, 1993

The Annual Membership Meeting was called to order by President John H. Grainger, pursuant to the corporation bylaws, at 5:30 p.m. at the West Coast International Inn in Anchorage, Alaska

All officers and several other members were present, thereby establishing a quorum.

There was no old business to conduct.

The membership approved the transactions made during the just-concluded Twelfth Annual Communication. It was requested that such approval be made a matter of the record.

New business consisted only of installing the following 1993 officers:

President	John H. Grainger
Vice President	Howard N. Hobbs
Secretary-Treasurer	Richard D. Bender
Director	Henry T. Dunbar
Director	Lloyd W. Triggs

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Lloyd W. Triggs, seconded by Howard N. Hobbs. Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

John H. Grainger
President

Howard N. Hobbs
Vice President

Henry T. Dunbar
Director

Lloyd W. Triggs
Director

Respectfully submitted,

Richard D. Bender
Secretary-Treasurer

Speeches by Distinguished Guests

Honorable Jack Coghill, Lieutenant Governor State of Alaska

Good morning. All of you folks who are from other Jurisdictions, welcome to our great State and to the beautiful country. We put a little shroud over the mountain this morning; we didn't want to spoil you, but when we get out of the Sessions, I'm sure the beautiful mountains will be out again.

For all of you Brothers and Sisters from Alaska, Greetings. Good morning to you and I thank the Worshipful Grand Master for inviting me to talk to you just briefly this morning and welcome you to your 13th Annual Communication. You know, folks, things are changing, times are changing. We have new technology, we have TV, all kinds and all sorts of things in our society today that detract us from the real work of society, and that is of putting Masonic order in its proper perspective in our lives.

Putting Masonic order and civic duties together in the same sentence today is natural. They go together. But if I put politics and I put the public perspective and Masons in the same sentence now, many look at me strangely, as if the two have nothing in common. Over the years, politicians have become associated with corruption because they don't follow a standard or ethic. They have become dishonest and unethical in their behavior.

Freemasonry, on the other hand, is considered to be moral, to be virtuous, and to be patriotic. Why is there such a difference, why isn't George Washington, the Father of our Nation, the epitome of civic duty for Freemasonry, President Monroe, President Jackson, Polk, Buchanan, Andrew Jackson, Garfield, McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, Taft, Harding, Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman, and Ford were all Masons. There were countless governors and Congressmen and Senators, state legislators and local officials, who have been members of the Masonic order, fully subscribing to the moral principals we pride ourselves in. It comes down to character, folks.

In 1937, a Freemason referred to our gentle craft as an organized association of men, symbolically applying the principals of operative Masonry and architecture to the science and the art of character building. This is still true today. The symbolism can be carried further. It takes skilled craftsmen to build anything of lasting value, including law-making. It is no coincidence that when people write a Bill in the legislature, they call it the crafting of legislation. Although it takes months, sometimes years to build a substantial building, like it does laws, to tear it down takes comparatively only a few moments by a common laborer. This is true of someone's reputation, of a program somebody's trying to start, or even an idea that has been born.

It is far easier to criticize whatever it is that help build upon it. Just as Freemasonry asks us to build our life upon a carefully constructed moral foundation, so too, our society must be built upon a carefully crafted and assembled base. The Constitution is the foundation for all political society, the philosophy of Freemasonry is built into the Federal as well as into the State Constitution.

Our State Preamble reads: “We the people of Alaska, grateful to God and to those who founded our nation and pioneered this great land, in order to secure and transmit to succeeding generations our heritage of political, civil, and religious liberty within the Union of States, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the State of Alaska.” It further says; “We believe in the inherent rights of all persons, have a natural right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness and enjoyment of the rewards of their own industry.” Furthermore, it states that all persons have corresponding obligations to the people and the State. These are mutual tenants, shared philosophies that we hold as truths. A belief in a Supreme Being, a belief that an individual has a responsibility not only to himself but to those around him and the belief in self-determination.

I am proud to be one of the remaining members of the Alaska State Constitution. I served that body in 1955 and 1956. There were 55 of us who met for 75 days and crafted the Constitution for the State of Alaska. It was without a doubt one of the highlights of my life. I can tell you now that the principles of Freemasonry guided many of us and my input into that document. Our Federal Constitution was built much the same way; that individual rights were of the utmost importance. Liberty, freedom were to be delicately balanced within the needs to provide security and order.

It was crafted by some of the most noble men in our history—truly by men of skill. The Constitution has a strong, vibrant life. We are obligated to keep it strong. Current-day society, Brethren, has seen that education of civics, and the foundation of government in schools have been reduced. It seems that too few really know the importance of our Constitution and the foundation that our society was built on. This may be why we are having so many problems in our society today. By getting away from the ideals, those principles that were carefully placed in our founding documents. We’ve lost sight of what really has made this country strong.

The Federal government was a Union of States. It allowed for the individual of each state to be considered. Unfortunately, we are losing those states’ rights today. The Federal system seems to pass laws when they see a new problem instead of beefing up the values—the values of the Constitution. Just like we’ve lost most of our individual rights today, it is because citizens did not live up to their corresponding responsibilities. How quickly we have come to blame our problems on someone else or something else. We have freedom and we must cherish that freedom with responsibility.

That’s what our Order teaches us. We acknowledge a Supreme Being. We acknowledge the need for charity. That is the best when it comes from the individual when charity is accepted when there is a face to it—the face of volunteers—people who really care—and promotes the caring attitude that we must reinstate in our society. Government has tried to take that away from us. They have tried to create a safety net where no one fails. The entity where no one takes responsibility. And, unfortunately, an agency without a face, without the individual care that is badly needed. On the other hand, our Order, Masons, a Brotherhood devoted to charity, crippled children, burn victims, our soldiers, peace, disaster relief, dentistry for the handicapped, scholarships, and many, many more charities—the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God.

In Alaska we have 18 Lodges and over 2,000 members. Let us continue to support our Fraternal Organizations in not only words but especially through deeds. Let us let the public know that we are a caring organization. Let us sing our historical virtues from the hilltops and then, perhaps, in the not-too-distant future we will again here the words “Masons” and the politics of government service in the same sense. They will sound like they belong together.

Thank you very much for letting me visit with you this morning and share some of my thoughts, and please have a great, great Communication.

MW John C. Ingram, PGM Response to Alaska’s Past Grand Masters

Thank you, Grand Master, Brethren one and all. You know, by day our numbers lessen, year by year they slip away to that far-off land so distant; to a realm of yesterday. Some have left us in the morning; some at noontime made their flight; some in the twilight evening shadows; some in the darkness of the night. I will miss them, yes we’ll miss them—Mr. Handclasp, Mr. Cheer, Mr. Smiling Face of Welcome that we knew while they were here.

Most Worshipful Sir, Right Worshipful Sirs, Brethren one and all, thank you very much for the fine, kind words to the Past Grand Masters of this Grand Jurisdiction. It is a distinct privilege and an honor to speak on behalf of these distinguished Brethren.

Thank you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, John H. Grainger for the courtesies extended to us through this year. We have served the Craft to the best of our abilities, but the Craft and you, my Brethren, have paid us ten-fold for everything that we have done. And so today we say “Thank you, thank you very much.”

We feel we owe the Craft more than when we were elected to the office of Grand Master We all received more than expected. Our debt can never be repaid. We have endeavored to serve this Grand Lodge to the best of our ability, each in his own way. I know these past Grand Masters personally, and we have served on Committees. And I know foremost in our minds is the betterment of the Grand Lodge.

We are pledging to our Grand Master and all the Brethren wherever dispersed, every bit of energy, every bit of ability, and everything that we have to make a more successful year. That is the spirit of these Past Grand Masters, and I’ll stand before you. We are grateful for the opportunity of service. After all, the thing that is most important in life is being able to serve, and there is nothing that gives more satisfaction than to be constructive help somewhere along the line.

We hear a lot of problems about the problems we having in Masonry these days and the difficulties here and there. You know, whenever there is a problem, it seems to me that it comes right back to us to ask ourselves the question, “Are we part of the problem or are we

part of the answer?" These Past Grand Masters want to part of the answer, not a part of the problem. And we're all so delighted at having had the opportunity of service.

We thank you for having given us an opportunity to serve you and those who have gone before and we hope we can go right on along serving to the end. Thank you, my Brethren for your generous welcome.

Response received for the record.

MW Ralph Kavorkian, PGM Response to Grand Representatives

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished East and Brethren all, it's indeed a pleasure to be recognized as a Grand Representative from a Jurisdiction other than our own. Many of us have traveled to our respective Lodges outside this Jurisdiction and became members of those Lodges. As an example, I go to Alabama every November and I go to Michigan—I don't go to Grand Lodge in Michigan, but when I go to Michigan, I visit Lodges. I meet a lot of Masonic friends away from this Jurisdiction. You talk about the time and effort that we as Representatives put in, you can't measure the Masonic good feeling and good will that we experience in our daily contacts with these Brethren away from our home. We thank you for allowing us to be your Representatives. Thank you, Grand Master.

MW Ken Robinson, Grand Master of Washington

Most Worshipful Sir, the Brethren of the Alaska Grand Lodge, fellow guests, it's indeed a pleasure for me to be here this afternoon and be able to attend this Grand Lodge. I think this is about my fourth or fifth time here and it's always a pleasure to come to Alaska and to make some new acquaintances and renew some old acquaintances and just have good fellowship and enjoy a great time.

The Washington Masons and the Alaska Masons have always had a good, close relationship and we cherish that and we certainly hope that relationship will continue forever because it is one of friendship and brotherly love and we certainly appreciate the opportunity.

On Saturday we have a special opportunity, I think, when we all go to Ketchikan. We have the privilege of jointly conducting a cornerstone for a new high school and I know the Brethren in Ketchikan have been working very hard on this to make it come about and it's going to truly be a joy for us to be able to work with our Brethren from the Grand Lodge of Alaska as well as the Ketchikan Lodge and Tongass Lodge, presently under dispensation, to put on this cornerstone And then we also have the great pleasure of all attending the constitution of Tongass Lodge and the celebration that will follow after that. We're really looking forward to that.

The plans have been in work for a long time and we're really waiting for that day when we can enjoy the hospitality and friendship of our Brethren in Ketchikan. You know, the reason these events are so important to me is because it's an opportunity for Freemasons on a couple of occasions now to be able to present ourselves to the public and to let them know and understand a little bit more about us. Really, the only secrets of Freemasonry, I think, are those right here in our hearts, where we have that common feeling and knowledge that we all belong to an organization that has as its tenant brotherly love, relief, and truth. When we have an opportunity to let the general public know about us and what we stand for, it's an opportunity that we can't pass up.

There is no question in my mind that the principles and the morals of Freemasonry are needed more in our nation today than perhaps they ever have been. Things that you read in the newspaper about crime and all the problems that exist—if everyone were able to practice the principles of Freemasonry, in which we believe, our country and our world would certainly be a better place in which to live. So, I look upon these opportunities as ones where we can take full advantage and let the Brethren and the non-Masons and any interested people in Ketchikan on Saturday have an opportunity to find out just a little more about our Fraternity and what we stand for.

Most Worshipful Sir, it's truly been a pleasure for us to be here. I thank you and the Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Alaska for the hospitality and the courtesies that you've shown to my wife, Charlene and me, and I can guarantee that we'll be back. Thank you very much.

MW Warren Blomseth, Grand Master of California

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

Most Worshipful Sir and members of the Grand Lodge of Alaska, I hope I can get through; my voice has been giving me fits ever since Friday. I'll try and see what I can do. I certainly would like, first of all, to thank this Grand Lodge and your Most Worshipful Grand Master for the hospitality extended to me and the privilege of being able to address you and share some thoughts with you and this, your Thirteenth Annual Communication.

This year in California, I've asked my Brethren to concentrate their efforts upon three programs and three programs only. Junior and Senior Wardens' Retreats, the Tournament of Roses Parade Float, and the development of a good, solid membership program of the auspices of the Renewal Committee. Let me tell you, the first program is an unqualified success, and I recommended, I committed, in fact, to all of the Grand Lodges in the United States, and I know that many of the Grand Lodges are in fact starting their own program very similar to our Retreat program. ... (break in tape.)

... (break in tape)... I'm so pleased that we have a small reserve built up, enough so we can kick off the float with some assurance that we're going to pay for it by the end of the year. There is support for the float; I think you need to know, from four major sources.

From Grand Lodges other than California the support has been over the last two years in the range of very close to 20%. Concordant and Attendant Bodies have supported the float with 36 or 37% over that same two year period. California Lodges and their members, some 34%, which is somewhat deceiving in that all the fund raising activities seem to center pretty much in the state of California, so that accounts for another 33 or 34%.

The thing that's great about the float, and what I like to share as I travel, is the fact that we have no labor of any kind whatsoever to decorate our floats, because that is done by the Youth Groups, the Job's Daughters, the Rainbow and DeMolay, who show up in unbelievable numbers every December to decorate the Freemasonry float. They do every bit of decoration on our float; they glue or place all the flowers, the seeds, the dried leaves. I must tell you that's a labor-intensive activity, and they do all of that work at no cost. This last year on a single day, we had 800 of the youth show up to decorate our float.

Obviously, we couldn't use that many, so we were able to 'farm them out,' if you will, to other float builders in the same area. They are so much in demand because they do such a great job and are so much fun to work with. They are highly valued for their quality work.

The third program membership is just getting underway here in California; I will suspect we will see some major results by the middle of the year.

The other thing I thought you might be interested in is the status of the earthquake relief fund. It was intended for the relief of those Brethren who suffered losses and Lodge structure damage in the earthquake of January 17, most often referred to as "Northwards" earthquake, although extensive damage was done in such areas as Santa Monica. Although the funds are coming in slowly, we do have now available for distribution some \$160,000. We had a starting balance in the Grand Master's Disaster Relief Fund of \$36,000; we received \$97,000 out of state or other Grand Lodges and all California Lodges, so far, have contributed some \$27-28,000. For some reason, the money from California Lodges seems to be coming in slower, although in one full week, that was before I left the Grand Lodge office, some \$6,000 came in.

The scope of the damage is still hard to assess, but appears the damage will be in the range of \$1 million that will not be covered by insurance at any time. I know some of the Temples are fortunate enough to have reserves to cover their damage. A few Temples are owned by Lodges which have substantial reserves and can perhaps cover the cost, but many of them will have to go deeply into debt, if indeed they can go as far as they can go.

Santa Monica is probably a perfect example of God giving you a double dose of what you didn't need; they just finished spending thousands and thousands of dollars to redo their Temple, meeting all the current Codes with regard to the earthquake requirements, and still on that day, way down there, almost to the ocean, one full side of that building

simply collapsed and went down. In spite of the doweling and all the work they'd done and the tiling and the "what not."

I do appreciate the support of the Grand Lodge of Alaska and all the Lodges. We share this great Pacific Coast area, where we all know it has a tendency to shake and quake on occasion. Therefore, I think we understand the impact that has upon each one of us. This year I doubt the policy of delivering a very short, three-minute, what I call a bullet, message, whenever the opportunity afforded me. One of these that I've prepared seems so appropriate for this Grand Lodge that I'd like to share it with you.

The topic of this particular message has to do with travel. I think of myself as one who does a great deal of traveling as I cover the Jurisdictions of California. But from border to border, it's about 800 miles, so I make no dent in the record that is set by your Grand Masters as they travel across the length and breadth of your state, noting that you have some 2,100 miles that can go from border to border in an arc. We in the family of Freemasonry, we often speak of traveling; the term used to convey the process of advancement in the Degrees of Craft Lodges. As we take our first, second and third degrees, we refer to the process as one of having "traveled." Traveled, really, from degree to degree.

As we have traveled, we have traveled to improve ourselves, to learn more, to further develop our personal values, and yes, to shape our character. It is a well-known and accepted fact that learning is a part of traveling and traveling is a part of learning. I would ask that each of you focus your thoughts upon travel as used in Freemasonry, as I close my brief remarks and share a quotation from the pen from Brother Mark Twain.

You might be interested to know that 1994 marks the 110 anniversary of Mark Twain's *Huckleberry Finn*. Mark Twain said this: Travel is fatal to prejudices, bigotry and narrow-mindedness. Many people need it sorely. When one travels, broad, wholesome, charitable views cannot be acquired by vegetation in one's little corner of the earth. Now you know why good men join together to travel the path of Freemasonry, and we, you, this Grand Lodge, are celebrating this Annual Communication, and why so many of us travel great, great distances to join and to be with one another. Travel is what Freemasonry is all about, for travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness; when one travels, broad, wholesome, charitable views are acquired.

Thank you, and may God continue to bless you in your travels this day and every day that follows. Thank you very much.

RW Alexander Reid, Junior Grand Warden of British Columbia

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished East, and Brethren all, I bring you greetings from Most Worshipful C. Grant Wardlaw, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of British Columbia. Most Worshipful Grand Master, I would like to thank you, the Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Alaska, and the people of Alaska for the courtesies

extended to my wife, Muriel, and I since we have been her. We will be back again - blessed with your good weather.

Brethren, in British Columbia we have what we call the Cancer Car Project. This was started about five years ago under the direction of Most Worshipful Brother Dennis Marsh. This has been an outstanding success. In 1996, this plan is going to be moved up to the Okanogan area of British Columbia with the opening of a new cancer clinic there. This program is not only supported by Freemasons, it is supported by firemen, realtors, and anyone who wants to drive the cancer van for the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

We have a pilot project coming up at the end of this month which seems to be going well in California and well in Washington State; this is our Wardens' Retreat. This is being held for the first time in British Columbia and is being held on Vancouver Island. By the great geographic location there, we hope that all 33 Lodges will be represented by the Wardens. Our Deputy Grand Master and Senior Grand Warden were in Washington State last month and were really impressed with the program they had there. We hope it's going to be a success.

Recently, Brethren, I made a trip to Scotland and I attended the Grand Lodge Assembly there and there were 1,500 members of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in attendance. It was a spectacle to watch. While, I brought this little poem back; I hope you can understand, with my accent, how it applies to Masonry. Here is to you and yours. Not forgetting us and ours; and we hope that when you and yours come to visit us and ours that us and ours will be as kind to you and yours as you and yours have been to us and ours where us and ours visited you and yours. Did you get it, Brethren?

Thank you, Most Worshipful Grand Master for allowing me to address this assembly

VW Mitch Miller, Response to introduction of District Deputies

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Distinguished guests and Brethren one and all, on behalf of the District Deputies, we thank you for the privilege of serving you and the Grand Lodge. It has been our pleasure to serve and work with you. One year ago, there were no thoughts about Masonry in Russia from Alaska. Because of your efforts, this may someday become a reality instead of just a thing that is talked about but never comes to be. You have strived, not only to move Masonry forward in Alaska, but to expand it. You have worked to improve Masonry and the Grand Lodge.

The results of the silent auction will not be known until after this Session is closed, but will be reflected in the future. Masonry in Alaska is well and alive, thanks to your efforts and the works of your Grand Lodge officers. You have worked towards the goals of peace and unity within our Grand Jurisdiction. Your efforts are appreciated, and it has been our pleasure to serve and assist in these efforts. We thank you for this privilege.

RW Guy Kornfeld, Grand Inspecteur General, Grand Loge Nationale Francaise

Most Worshipful Grand Master, may I present to you the most (*garbled*) greetings of the Most Worshipful Brother Claude Chavigneau(?), Grand Master of the Grand Lodge Nationale Francaise, and of the Right Most Worshipful Brother Yves Prestonelle(?), Deputy Grand Master of Honor and Grand Secretary. I will tell the Grand Master how the Fraternity and the family I was met by the Grand Lodge of Alaska and all the Brothers. I took the opportunity of the occasion to present to you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, my most respectful greetings. Thank you. (*In French*)

Right now I would like to speak a little about the problem that faces all of us, both here in America and in France—everywhere, and in particular, a problem that faces the Grand National Lodge of France and the Grand Lodge of Alaska. My presentation will be brief as to what concerns my experiences with the subject which I will speak about. The Grand Lodge Nationale Francaise has at present established six Masonic Lodges in Russia. At the present there are between 50 and 60 Masonic Brothers in Russia. To this point we have a large amount of money and we are not at present certain of the results that we will reap. But we do have great confidence in the Great Architect of the Universe that one day we will be able to realize a Grand Lodge of Russia.

I understand very much the generosity and intentions of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alaska, as he hopes to someday realize a Grand Lodge of Russia. My simple recommendation to all Brothers is to be prudent and careful as to what you might expect in initiating Russians into Freemasonry. The best way for you to accomplish is to initiate Russians into Lodges in Alaska. Then it will follow they will go into Russia and open their own Lodges in Russia. In the meantime, we in the Grand Lodge Nationale Francaise will continue to try to open Lodges in Russia, and if we can assist you or in any way, shape or form, we will continue to be available to do so.

I extend my Grand Master's availability to you, Most Worshipful John Grainger, to accomplish what you are trying to accomplish. Thank you very much for allowing me to speak on this subject. Thank you for being so kind, so generous. I assure you that this is not my last trip to Alaska

RW Thomas Mickey, PDDGM, Grand Lodge of British Columbia

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brethren all, had I known you were going to do this to me, I would have probably been out in the hall. Anyway, it's a pleasure to be here again, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the weather that you arranged in Sitka is absolutely tremendous. I understand it's like this all the time, all the year round here, and if that's the case, we're certainly going to come back. We have enjoyed all the courtesies extended here and wish you well with the rest of your Session. Thank you.

MW Francis Hess, Past Grand Master of Montana

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished East, Distinguished Visitors, and my Alaska Brethren all, it is a pleasure to be back to my Grand Lodge in Alaska. I enjoy it every time I come. In spite of everything, I do learn some things every once in a while when I come. I would like to leave one thought with you. We've been making so-called changes to Masonry because we've wanted to get more membership. It was about ten years ago that the good Masons in Montana decided that by lowering the age for petitioning Lodge to 19, we would just be overwhelmed with candidates.

Well, last year, the Grand Secretary went through the records and in the last eight years or nine years, the 19, 20, and 21 year old petitioners amounted to 4% of the petitions we received. So, we really had a great influx of Masonry by lowering our standards to 19. We also adopted this new "Nebraska Version" of proficiency. In my Lodge we had four candidates after that was adopted, and two of the candidates chose to go the old way and learn all of the catechism for the proficiency. The other two chose the short form. It is interesting to note that the two young men who decided to learn it the way the rest of us had, are now officers of their Lodge and the other two very seldom even show up for a meeting. That might tell us something...I don't know.

But Most Worshipful Sir, I want to thank you for the courtesies extended to me. I am sorry that my bride couldn't come with me, but she did say to tell all the good Masons of Alaska hello for her. We hope to both be in Anchorage next year. Thank you.

RW James G. Kenagy, Grand Lecturer, Grand Lodge of Illinois

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge officers, Distinguished Guests in the East, Brethren all, I bring you greetings first of all from our Grand Master of Illinois, L. Wayne Blair. He has done a very fine job and we have a very upbeat program in Illinois.

We are working diligently with the drug and alcohol abuse program, and it is showing great strides in its improvement. We have some teachers who have been instructed in how to determine if the children are using drugs or alcohol in the schools, and we find that it goes down even into the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. They can now determine through the observance of the children whether these problems exist and are able to get them help. Each year, it improves and improves and improves.

We also have a thing that we are very proud of in Illinois, called the Masonic Academic Bowl. It follows the old G.E. College Bowl that you used to see on TV. We encourage our high school youngsters to participate in this Masonic Bowl. We now have the high school teachers prepare the questions; it's done on a one-day basis throughout the state. We had over 220 schools that participated this past two weeks ago. We had our first round—we do have our district round, and of course, our state round and the winners of the state are recognized at our Grand Lodges Session in October.

I have a little personal thing that I usually comment on when I am offered the opportunity, Most Worshipful Grand Master. I have had some wonderful associations in Masonry, and as we progress through life, and I've progressed through more than I wish that I had. I have a son who is retired from the Air Force and he is a Mason. This son, I have enjoyed immensely because through him and through our Masonic endeavors and teachings, I have learned that maybe we are not as macho as some of think we are. Sometimes we put a shell around ourselves and decide no one can come within that shell because we don't want to give of ourselves.

My son and I embrace. I think this is one of the greatest things that could ever be. My grandsons—and I have four of them, two 18, one 22, one 19—we embrace...and I am so proud of this. I wonder how many here have embraced your sons and sincerely meant it. What a wonderful feeling, my Brethren. I hope each of you can enjoy it. My father died two years ago and previous to his passing, in November, he passed away in January, I was to the Lodge in my home town to give a small talk. During the course of this, I again touched upon this same subject. As I left my father that day in November, and I live some 400 miles from him (not far by Alaska terms), I embraced my father. It was very hard for my dad to accept that, but he was proud of it, and it was the last opportunity I would ever have. I would not have missed that for the world.

So, as I leave here today, maybe each of you can resolve not to miss an opportunity to embrace your son, your father, or each as you see here, my Brothers. We're all family. This is a great meeting, and I thank you very much Most Worshipful Grand Master for this opportunity to address your Grand Lodge.

Due to audio recording problems on the second day of Grand Lodge, no audio recording made of any additional Remarks and Speeches of the distinguished guests.

ELECTION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

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

Grand Master:

Lloyd W. Triggs 2 votes
Howard N. Hobbs 101 votes (Position Accepted)

Deputy Grand Master:

Blank 2 vote
Lloyd W. Triggs 6 votes
Al White 1 vote
Henry T. Dunbar 95 votes (Position Accepted)

Senior Grand Warden:

Henry Dunbar 2 votes
Lloyd W. Triggs 100 votes (Position Accepted)

Junior Grand Warden:

1st Ballot

Keith Herve 3 votes
Jack Boily 1 vote
Mitchell R. Miller 1 vote
William Clucas 1 vote
William Lefferson 1 vote
G. Rex Plunkett 40 votes
Stanley R. Foulke 44 votes
Raymond L. Beaver 12 votes

2nd Ballot

Raymond L. Beaver 1 vote
Ray Wagener 1 vote
William Lefferson 1 vote
G. Rex Plunkett 37 votes
Stanley R. Foulke 54 votes (Position Accepted)

Grand Secretary:

Gunnar Flygenring 2 votes
Richard D. Bender 98 votes (Position Accepted)

INSTALLATION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

An open installation for the 1994-1995 officers for the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was conducted in Sitka, Alaska on April 8, 1994

OPENING CEREMONIES

Welcome and Introduction

By MW John H. Grainger

INSTALLING OFFICERS

Installing Master	MW James A. Williams
Installing Marshall	MW Fred V. Angleton
Installing Assistant Marshall	MW John C. Ingram
Installing Chaplain	MW Leslie R. Little
Installing Secretary	MW Byron C. Jenkins
Installing Musician	W Jim Gastle

ELECTED OFFICERS

Grand Master	MW Howard N. Hobbs
Deputy Grand Master	RW Henry T. Dunbar
Senior Grand Warden	RW Lloyd W. Triggs
Junior Grand Warden	RW Stanley R. Foulke
Grand Secretary	RW Richard D. Bender

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Grand Chaplain	VW William H. Lefferson
Grand Lecturer	W Clyde Saltz
Grand Orator	W Dennis Z. Morgan
Grand Historian	W Joe H. Ashby
Grand Marshal	RW Bobby W. Alexander
Senior Grand Deacon	W Frank G. Weiss
Junior Grand Deacon	W Anthony L. Johnson
Grand Standard Bearer	W David W. DeLong

Grand Sword Bearer	W Phillip L. Draheim
Grand Bible Bearer	W William A. Hendricks
Senior Grand Steward	VW Chester L. Proudfoot
Junior Grand Steward	RW Jacques G. Boily
Grand Organist	W James W. Castle
Grand Tyler	W Carl E. Mulvihill

DEPUTIES TO THE GRAND MASTER

District 1	VW Mitchell R. Miller
District 2	VW Raymond F. Tidwell
District 3	VW L.V. "Joe" Dees
District 4	VW Thomas A. Leslie

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

October 16, 1993

MINUTES OF AURORA LODGE No. 15 TRIAL COMMITTEE

Individuals present:

Trial Committee	Accuser & Counsel
W Thomas K. Black, Chairman.	Bro. Stanley O. Smith
W Philip A. Ambrose	W James T. Ables
Brother. Harry A. Odden	
	Accused & Counsel
Prosecutor	VW Peter E. Nilles
W Philip S. Lee	Brother Michael D. Corey

Masonic Temple in Anchorage, Alaska on October 16, 1993.

This Meeting of the Trial Committee of Aurora Lodge No. 15 was called to receive evidence in the charges of Un-Masonic Conduct filed against VW Bro. Peter E. Nilles. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. and then recessed until all members were present. Following the arrival of all parties, Chairman Black opened the meeting at 9:18. He excused all non-members of the Trial Committee for a brief meeting on procedure.

The Trial Committee then invited MW James A. Williams (3) into the meeting. MW Brother Williams wished to attend the meeting but the Trial Committee denied his request for attendance under Section 30.08 of the Alaska Masonic Code. Discussion followed regarding whether or not this was an actual Trial. The Trial Committee ruled that MW Brother Williams was not entitled to attend this meeting and was excused.

All participants were invited back into the room. A resolution submitted on Oct. 13, 1993 at a pre-trial meeting was distributed to all parties present. Chairman Black asked the accused and his counsel, the accuser and his counsel, the Prosecutor, and all members of the Trial Committee if they had read, agreed to, and signed the agreement. All parties answered in the affirmative.

Chairman Black asked if anyone had anything to add for the Good of the Order. Bro. Corey thanked the Trial Committee for the cooperation of all parties to accept this agreement. W Brother Ables also thanked all parties for their willingness to finalize this agreement. W Brother Lee also thanked the Trial Committee for their work.

Chairman Black then asked the members of the Trial Committee for a motion to receive the agreement and to recommend to Aurora Lodge No. 15, at their next Stated Communication, that the charges against VW Brother Nilles be withdrawn. Brother Odden so moved and W Brother Ambrose seconded the motion. The Trial Committee

then voted to accept the agreement and to make appropriate recommendations to Aurora Lodge No. 15 that the matter is now closed.

This meeting of the Aurora Lodge No. 15 Trial Committee was adjourned at 9:40 a.m., peace and harmony prevailing.

Respectfully submitted

Richard D. Bender
Acting Secretary