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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 Howard N. Hobbs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deputy Grand Master	RW Henry T. Dunbar
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Warden	RW Lloyd W. Triggs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Warden	RW Stanley R. Foulke
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grand Treasurer	RW Bobby W. Alexander
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Secretary	MW Richard D. Bender
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Chaplain	VW William H. Lefferson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Lecturer	W Clyde Saltz
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Orator	W Dennis Z. Morgan
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Marshal	RW Bobby W. Alexander
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Deacon	W Frank g. Weiss
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Deacon	W Anthony L. Johnson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Standard Bearer	W David L. DeLong
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Sword Bearer	W Phillip L. Draheim
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Bible Bearer	W William A. Hendricks
<input type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Steward	VW Chester L. Proudfoot
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Steward	RW Jacques G. Boily
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Acting Grand Organist	W James W. Castle
<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
- Tongass Lodge No. 19
- Iditarod Lodge UD

MW Grand Master, all Grand Lodge Officers, with the exception of the Grand Treasurer and Senior Grand Steward, and all Lodges are represented and we, therefore, have a Constitutional quorum to open Grand Lodge.

RW Richard D. Bender
Grand Secretary

SOLEMN CEREMONIES

The public opening of the Fourteenth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was opened at 8:00 AM on April 6, 1995 by Most Worshipful John H. Grainger (1, 19), Immediate Past Grand Master. The program for the public ceremonies included:

Entrance of Grand Lodge Officers
Presentation of U.S., Canadian, and Alaska Flags
Pledge of Allegiance
National Anthems and “The Alaska Flag”
Welcome to representatives of the Youth Groups
International Order of Job’s Daughters
Sara Trumble, Honored Queen, Bethel No. 1 Miss Alaska IOJD
International Order of Rainbow for Girls
Heidi Muckey, Grand Worthy Advisor Grand Assembly of Alaska

Introduction and Reception of Distinguished Guests

Japan

MW Arthur S. Thomas, Honorary Past Grand Master representing
MW Allen L. Robinson, Grand Master

New Zealand

MW Arthur S. Thomas, Honorary Past Grand Master representing
MW Daniel M. Holmes, Grand Master

Oregon

MW John S. Harvey, Grand Master
RW Vern S. Wertz, Senior Grand Warden
RW Marty J. Martinez, Junior Grand Warden
MW Herman C. Kuppler, Past Grand Master
W James W. Castle, Grand Organist

Washington

MW E.L. “Roy” Foss, Past Grand Master, representing
MW Milton R. Benson, Grand Master
MW Sidney Kase, Past Grand Master
VW Wendal H. Kuecker, Past District Deputy
VW Dean L. Quigley, Past District Deputy

Al Aska Shrine Temple

Earl J. Beesley, Sr., Potentate

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons

Antonio A. Carpine, Most Excellent Companion
William B. Clucas, Grand High Priest Pro Tempore
Richard L. Holyoke, Grand Illustrious Master

Order of Eastern Star

Mary L. Wallace, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron
in Western Alaska

Supreme Council, A.A.S.R., Southern Jurisdiction

Chester L. Proudfoot, Deputy for Alaska

York Rite Sovereign College

James W. Morton, Grand Governor of Alaska

The formal opening of the Fourteenth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was opened at 9:00 AM on April 6, 1995, by Most Worshipful Howard N. Hobbs, 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 Gerald R. Fairley (10)

Second Session

W Thomas V. Houser (8, 13)

Third Session

W Frank H. Bird (7)

Fourth Session

W V. Clifford Darnell (8, 13)

MESSAGE OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL. GRAND MASTER

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

My brethren: Welcome to the Fourteenth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska. At this time, I wish to extend a hearty welcome to our visitors and distinguished guests who have traveled from far and near to be with us during this Grand Session. I hope that your visit with us will be a memorable and enjoyable one. If there is anything that we can do to make your visit with us more pleasurable or comfortable, don't hesitate to ask and we will endeavor to do all in our power to honor your request

NECROLOGY

This report is always the saddest topic of any Grand Lodge Communication because many dear friends have made that final journey to sit with the Supreme Architect of the Universe. We will miss each and every one of them and share with their families their great loss.

The Necrology Report will be presented later in the Session with prayer and words of comfort offered by our Grand Chaplain, VW William H. Lefferson.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

My brothers, this Grand Lodge is growing. This past year, Tongass Lodge No. 19 was constituted and chartered. The fifth Lodge since our Grand Lodge inception, Iditarod Lodge at Wasilla, was placed Under Dispensation on March 11, 1995.

VISITATIONS

During the year, I visited every Lodge in the Jurisdiction of Alaska with the exception of Valdez Lodge No. 4 and Adak Lodge No. 14. RW Brother Henry "Hank" Dunbar, Deputy Grand Master, and entourage conducted that specific visitation for me due to personal illness. Thank you, Hank, for filling in for me. With the downsizing of Adak Naval Airstation, the visitation to Adak Lodge No. 14 was unable to be scheduled. I was totally amazed and grateful for the numbers who unselfishly committed themselves in attending these visitation.

I also visited the Foreign Jurisdictions of the Grand Lodges of Oregon and Washington. I was received, in each, most graciously and made extremely welcome.

I was also ably represented in other Jurisdictions by officers listed in the Appendix under the heading of Communications Attended by Others as Representatives of the Grand Master. I sincerely thank you, my Brethren, for representing me and carrying my greetings and good wishes from Alaska.

DISPENSATIONS

White Pass Lodge No. 1 was given permission to open a Lodge in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, with the permission of the Grand Master of British Columbia, for the purpose of receiving the Alaska Grand Lodge Officers and to confer a Third Degree.

Iditarod Lodge of Wasilla was placed under Dispensation on March 11, 1995. This is the fifth Lodge placed under Dispensation since the inception of the Grand Lodge of Alaska and brings great joy to my heart for opening new territory in Alaska to Masonry.

Other Dispensations granted are listed in the Appendix..

APPOINTMENTS

W Stephen L. Cox was appointed to the Credentials Committee. VW Gene R. Freeman was appointed to the Jurisprudence Committee after the death of VW Al White. RW Bobby Alexander was appointed Grand Treasurer, with all the duties, rights, responsibilities and privileges of that office.

SPECIAL EVENTS

I co-presided at the Cornerstone Laying Ceremonies at Ketchikan High School with the Grand Master of Washington the day after the Thirteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alaska in Sitka. Cornerstone Laying Ceremonies do not happen that often; but how often do joint Jurisdictional Cornerstone Layings occur? On the same day, I presided at the Constituting, Chartering and Installing the Officers of Tongass Lodge No. 19.

I presided at another Cornerstone Laying Ceremony at the AmVets Building in Wasilla on May 21, 1994.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That each Lodge volunteer for Community Service Projects so that Masons and Masonry becomes more visible to the public eye.
2. That the Grand Lodge Bulletin be continued in its present format.
3. That the Grand Lodge policy of no Deficit Spending be continued.
4. That a Long Range Planning Committee be formed, not to take any power or authority from the Grand Master, but to facilitate prudent planning for future Grand Lodge actions. Why should we re-invent the wheel every year?

APPRECIATION

To say thank you to every one whose help and council was timely and good would be almost impossible. However, every Grand Master must know that most of the success of his term was due to the help of others, and conversely, most of the failures are his own.

I especially acknowledge the vast assistance given to me by the Grand Secretary, who has kindly kept me on track and helped me beyond measure.

A special thanks is given to VW L.V. "Joe" Dees, Deputy of the Grand Master in District No. 3, who has been one of my staunchest supporters for the past year.

Special thanks must be given to the Sessions and Arrangements Committee and the Chairman, W Loyd Williamson, for their dedication and untiring efforts to make this Grand Lodge Session a success.

Thank you, my Brethren, for allowing me to serve as your Grand Master. It is an honor, privilege and experience I will never equal or forget.

Fraternally,

Howard N. Hobbs
Grand Master

APPENDIX

This Appendix lists the official acts of the Grand Master during the period of April 8, 1994 through April 7, 1995:

Proclamations

March 15, 1995 Proclaimed the month of April as Public Schools Month

Special Actions

April 18, 1994 Issued a letter and Petition to the Constituent Lodges regarding Shrine Masonic Unity to be presented at upcoming Shrine Imperial Session.

Dispensations Granted

April 20, 1994 Permission for White Pass Lodge No. 1 to change date, time, and place of May Stated Meeting and combine it with Official Visitation in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory.

May 2, 1994 Permission for Matanuska Lodge No. 7 to hold Outdoor Degree on July 30, 1994 at the farm of W Brother Emmett Roetman.

May 6, 1994 Permission for Seward Lodge No. 6 to hold Outdoor Degree on June 17, 1994 at the home of Cotton Moore.

May 6, 1994 Permission for North Pole Lodge No. 16 to hold Outdoor Degree at the farm of W Brother Keith Herve.

August 10, 1994 Permission for Kenai Lodge No. 11 to confer the Master Mason Degree on Brother Trevor D. Munger in less than 2 weeks of receiving the Fellowcraft Degree. Brother Munger is preparing to leave for college.

November 7, 1994 Permission for Adak Lodge No. 14 to change their November Stated Meeting to November 9th. All principal officers will be out of town for the regular meeting date.

November 23, 1994 Permission for Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8 to confer the Master Mason Degree on Brother David W. Bithell in less then 2 weeks of receiving the Fellowcraft Degree. Brother Bithell is stationed at Elmendorf AFB and is being transferred.

January 16, 1995 Permission for White Pass Lodge No. 1 to change the date and time of their January, February and March Stated Meetings from Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. to Saturday at 11:00 a.m. This change is to accommodate the officers that travel from Whitehorse since the US and Canadian Custom Stations are closed overnight.

March 11, 1995 Permission for Iditarod Lodge to operate under Dispensation.

March 11, 1995 Permission for Iditarod Lodge UD to hold open Lodge at the Mid-Valley Senior Center for the purpose of holding Dispensation Ceremony.

March 17, 1995 Permission for Iditarod Lodge UD to change the date of their March Stated Communication due to bad weather on the regular meeting night.

March 24, 1995 Permission for Glacier Lodge No. 10 to open a Lodge of Master Masons on April 5, 1995 for the purpose of conducting a Master Mason Degree at Grand Lodge.

Lodge Visitations and Other Meetings

1994

May	2	North Pole Lodge No. 16
	4	Tanana Lodge No. 3
	5	Fairbanks Lodge No. 12
	6	Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5
	16	Eagle River Lodge No. 13
	17	Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8
	18	Anchorage Lodge No. 17
	19	Glacier Lodge No. 10
	21	Cornerstone Laying of AmVets Building, Wasilla
	24	Matanuska Lodge No. 7
	28-29	International Days - Whitehorse, YT
		White Pass Lodge No. 1
June	2-3	Grand Lodge of Oregon - Klamath Falls
	9-11	Grand Lodge of Washington - Wenatchee
	17	Moon Lodge at Cotton Moore's - Sterling
September	1	Kodiak Lodge No. 9
	6	Seward Lodge No. 6
	8	Kenai Lodge No. 11
	19	Aurora Lodge No. 15
	13	Eagle River Lodge No. 13
	23-25	Warden's Charge
October	5	Valdez Lodge No. 4
November	3	Anvil Lodge No. 2

December 3 Glacier Lodge No. 10 - Installation of Officers

1995

January 13 Mt. Verstovia Lodge 18
14 Tongass Lodge No. 19

February 19-21 Conference of Grand Masters - Fargo, ND

April 5-7 Grand Lodge of Alaska - Anchorage

Communications Attended by Others as Representatives of the Grand Master

June 10-11 Grand Lodge of Alberta, by VW William H. Lefferson

Sept. 26-27 Grand Lodge of Missouri, by RW Stanley R. Foulke

October 5 Valdez Lodge No. 14, by RW Henry T. Dunbar

October 17-18 Grand Lodge of Kentucky, 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.

Once again, it is time make my annual report on the activity of the Grand Lodge Office and the condition of the Constituent Lodges in Alaska. I continue to offer my appreciation to the Secretaries of the Constituent Lodges. Many of these brothers work overtime to keep their Lodges running smoothly and the statistical and membership data accurate. Thank you brothers for your hard work and dedication.

This is the second year of holding our Annual Communication in April. I am still not convinced that this move was totally in our best interest. When our Communication was in February, it created havoc with the printing deadlines, but for the most part, the paperwork got done in the allotted time. Since the move to April, I get the feeling that many of the Lodges feel that April is a long way off and they've got plenty of time to get their Reports submitted. As required in Section 15.08 of the Alaska Masonic Code, I must report that ten Lodges submitted their End-of-Year Reports by the January 10th deadline. Six Lodges submitted their Reports prior to the February 1st deadline. One Lodge submitted their Report just after the February 1st deadline and two Lodges did not submit their Reports until after March 1st! The Alaska Code provides for a \$5.00/day penalty for Reports submitted after the February 1st deadline. In the past I have not assessed this penalty. However, I have spoken to the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master and they support my decision to charge that penalty next year for any paperwork not submitted by the deadline. It puts an incredible burden on the Grand Lodge Office to get everything printed for this Annual Communication when I have to wait for Lodge Reports. I ask all Secretaries to keep their Monthly Reports up to date.

The Status of Lodges shows a net loss in membership of 10 for the year. This isn't too bad considering the losses in deaths and NPD's. For a number of years, we have talked about how the military cutbacks would affect Adak Lodge No. 14. As Adak Naval Air Station was on the latest Base Closure List, it appears the government has made this decision for us. It is unfortunate to lose a Lodge that had shown an increase in activity a year ago. This loss is especially sad since the closure of the Lodge was not of their own doing.

The Warden's Charge Weekend continues to be one of the best programs this Jurisdiction has to offer. We were fortunate to have the "Vern & Marty Show" back in town this past year. These two brothers do an excellent job to encourage and motivate our Lodge Officers to work for the betterment of their Lodge. The Deputy Grand Master has appointed a Warden's Charge Committee that will be a continuing Committee to plan and organize the Warden's Charge each year. Many of this year's Masters have attended the Charge for three years and have spoken very highly of the benefit of these training sessions.

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 earthquake that struck Southern California. A check for \$3,700.00 was sent from the Lodges and individual

contributions. Living in Alaska, we know the devastation that results from a massive earthquake.

As indicated in the Financial Section of this booklet, we had a fairly good return on our Investments this past year. We still have one Certificate of Deposit on record which is still getting a good rate of return. The 365 Club, which was a program to help the Grand Lodge Dedicated Travel Fund, has resulted in contributions of just under \$3500.00 through December 31, 1994. Although it will not appear on the current financial statement, we have received additional contributions of just under \$1000.00 in 1995.

I cannot end this report without offering my thanks and appreciation to the people I work with. It has been a pleasure to work with the elected Officers this year. They are all working for continuity in the Grand Lodge line and, by doing so, hoping to make some of the programs more than just a one year effort. I would offer a special thanks to RW Bobby Alexander. The hours he has spent in setting up the Grand Treasurer's books are almost beyond measure. He certainly exhibits a love of Masonry and dedication to his office over and above the call of duty. Thank you, Bobby, for the opportunity to work together. Finally, I say thank you to the two best people in my life, my wife Linda and my daughter Katie. 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	3	1		1	1	70	1		15				16	1	1			2		4	12	82
Anvil	2			4				2	48		1					1	2						2	(1)	47
Tanana	3		5	13	5	4	3	7	373	4	1	1	1			7	3	9					12	(5)	368
Valdez	4		3	5	5	4	5	4	76	1						1		3			5		8	(7)	69
Mt. McKinley	5		2						48									1					1	(1)	47
Seward	6								50				1			1	1	2			2		5	(4)	46
Matanuska	7	1	8	24	8	1	9	9	134	6		1				7		3					3	4	138
Mt. Susitna	8		5	10	9	2	8	8	178	7	1		2			10	2	9					11	(1)	177
Kodiak	9		1	3	1	2	2	2	101	1		1	2			4		3					3	1	102
Glacier	10	1	5	11	6	4	6	3	249	6	2	3	1			12	2	11			4		17	(5)	244
Kenai	11		7	8	5	1	5		122	6		4	1			11	1	2			3		6	5	127
Fairbanks	12		4	1	3	4	1	3	92	1	2		1			4		3			1		4	0	92
Eagle River	13	1	3	11	4	3	3	3	75	3		1	1			5	1	2			1		4	1	76
Adak	14		5	18	2	1	1		90	5		1	2			8	1				6		7	1	91
Aurora	15		1	7	1	3	2	3	58			2				2	1				2		3	(1)	57
North Pole	16		2	2		1	2	2	40	2		2				4	3				1		4	0	40
Anchorage	17		2	7	3	1	2		351	4		1	2			7	1	12			2		21	(14)	337
Mr. Verstovia	18		3	10			1	1	68										1				1	(1)	67
Tongass	19		3	2	2	2			23		1	6				7		1	3				1	6	29
Totals		4	58	141	55	33	51	48	2246	47	8	38	14	0	0	107	19	62	1	0	35	0	117	(10)	2236

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, distinguished Brothers, visitors, and everybody else who wants to listen:

This is the annual report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations. I have copies for the Grand Master and everybody else. Anyhow, this is what it says: To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska: the assignment of the Fraternal Relations Committee is to examine the printed or written proceedings or other documents emanating from other Grand Lodges and report at the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

Also, the Fraternal Relations Committee shall review all requests for recognition from other Grand Jurisdictions, as appropriate, and recognition of petitions of Grand Jurisdictions or rejection of said petitions. Brethren, in the Fraternal Relations report of 1994, it was called to your attention that the Grand Lodge of Alaska asked for fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Venezuela in 1981. Most Worshipful Jim Williams and Most Worshipful Gunnar Flygenring will attest to that.

Called to attention of this last year's report. We have received an official request asking for fraternal relations between the two Grand Lodges. The Grand Lodge of Venezuela has been operating continuously since 1924 and it is recognized by most Grand Lodges throughout the world. The Grand Lodge of Venezuela has, in 1994, from its letter, for its Grand Master, Dr. Otto Medina. The Deputy Grand Master was Otto John Jensen.

Your Fraternal Relations Committee has reviewed their request, and some of it is not in English, and as recommended by the Conference of Grand Masters of North America, Right Worshipful Bob Dillard sends out this report annually. Brothers, sure they're worthy of recognition. And for the record, Grand Master, I will move for the adoption of the recommendation of extending fraternal relations between the Grand Lodge of Venezuela, which has operated since 1924 and this Grand Jurisdiction, and exchange of Grand Representatives be appointed.

Grand Master: It has been moved and seconded for the adoption of fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Venezuela and the Grand Lodge of Alaska.

All those in favor of such adoption, signify by the usual voting sign of a Mason. Down hands. Those opposed? Ballot cast unanimously for adoption.

Thank you, Sir.

Grand Master, we have a chart—the last one was printed in 1992 by the Masonic Services Association—and we keep a running track of when and what Grand Lodges we recognize. This is current and up to date. We have over 50 recognitions from the Grand Lodges of the United States and District of Columbia, plus several others throughout the world. This Fraternal Relations report, my Brothers, to me, is one of the finest reports that a Brother can have prepared for you Brethren at the Grand Communication.

As your Grand Master and others have been to other Jurisdictions, this year, my report is that we have no recognition to extend. That's the end of my report. I'm not going to shut down that easily. No other requests since our last Communication have been received from any other Grand Jurisdiction.

In reviewing the several proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions, namely, Utah, California, Vermont, Michigan, Texas, Delaware, Rhode Island, West Virginia, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, Montana, Maine, Louisiana, Idaho, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Western Australia, United Grand Lodge of England, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Saskatchewan, and Rio de Janeiro; in reading through these Fraternal Relations reports they send us, I like to dig through it and come up with a few little tidbits of information:.

This year we learned from the Grand Lodge of Maine that they give a membership diploma to each new Master Mason, and also they authorize nine different degree teams.

Wyoming had been working on videos to promote friendship and fellowship.

Louisiana restored fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. They also approved having ten Lodges use Scottish Rite rituals.

Montana: legislation has been produced that permits members visiting or residing in foreign Jurisdictions to visit and recognize Lodges where unrecognized Masons are present. They also have a Long-range Planning Committee.

From the Philippines, they have issued charters to four new Lodges. The Philippines require a two by two inch photo of each petitioner and require each Lodge to have ten to fifteen educational programs at each meeting.

Louisiana reports having 400 perpetual members after only two years.

Vermont reported on "Hands Across the Border," a meeting with Quebec, Maine, and New Hampshire participating.

Utah had to examine a Past Master from the Star of the South Lodge #101 of the Grand Lodge of India.

In California: twenty cornerstones were laid by the Grand Lodge of California

Rio De Janeiro has purchased a computer for the Grand Lodge office.

Pennsylvania sent out 2,100 educational packets.

Texas issued 802 fifty-year memberships in one year.

Delaware gave outstanding Worshipful Master awards to eleven Masters.

Saskatchewan: the Grand Master says, "we need to restore emphasis on Masonic and education."

Western Australia reports the first Indian Pacific Masonic Congress being planned for October, 1996, to discuss the problems they face in the far Pacific.

West Virginia held thirty-one regional ritual schools.

Texas approved 1,505 certificates of officer proficiency.

The United Grand Lodge of England reported having 8,500 Lodges and that attendance at the 271st Anniversary reached 12,539.

This, my Brothers, is information I like to pass on to you. And in closing, lest we forget: a cabinetmaker was showing a customer how beautifully finished even the backs of the drawers were in a small chest he had just completed. "Why do you take so much pains with the back?" the customer asked, "No one will know." Whereupon, the old craftsman moved his fingers lovingly across the top of the chest and replied, "I will know."

Thank you, Grand Master, for allowing me to serve on the Fraternal Relations Committee during your term of office.

Respectfully submitted,

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

I move for the acceptance of this report.

Every part of it will be received.

Grand Master, I move for the adoption of his report.

There has been a motion and a second on adoption of this report.

Is there any discussion?

Report adopted

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

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

	Total Number of Ballots
Grand Lodge	24
White Pass Lodge No. 1	3
Anvil Lodge No. 2	6
Tanana Lodge No. 3	10
Valdez Lodge No. 4	5
Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5	4
Seward Lodge No. 6	2
Matanuska Lodge No. 7	8
Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8	7
Kodiak Lodge No. 9	5
Glacier Lodge No. 10	14
Kenai Lodge No. 11	7
Fairbanks Lodge No. 12	10
Eagle River Lodge No. 13	5
Adak Lodge No. 14	2
Aurora Lodge No. 15	5
North Pole Lodge No. 16	4
Anchorage Lodge No. 17	8
Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18	2
Tongass Lodge No. 19	3
Total	134

Respectfully submitted,

Howard R. McElrath (4), Chairman
Stephen L. Cox (3, 12)
Marvin B. Fitzpatrick (10)
Charles F. Lewis (2, 11)
Aves D. Thompson (10, 13, 15)
Lloyd G. Williamson (10, 15)

APPOINTMENT OF REGULAR COMMITTEES

Standing Committees

Jurisprudence

MW James A. Williams (3), Chairman.
W Russell A. Burnett (11)
W William B. Clucas (3, 12, 16)
VW Gene R. Freeman (3, 12, 16)
W David A. Hunt (17)

Grievance & Appeals

VW Fred L. McGuire (3, 12), Chairman
MW H.B. "Jack" Bentley (10)
MW Ralph Kavorkian (3, 12, 16)

Finance

W William D. Kyle (17), Chairman
W James A. Bogert (10)
W Ted M. Cadman (10)
W Steve Lee (15)
W Leonard "Bud" R. Young (10, 17)

Fraternal Relations

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

Masonic Research & Education

W Aves D. Thompson (10, 13, 15), Chairman
W Gary E. Ackerson (1, 6)
VW Robert L. Fulton (10, 11)
W James W. Morton (17)

Credentials

W Howard R. McElrath (4), Chairman
W Stephen L. Cox (3, 12)
W Marvin B. Fitzpatrick (10)
VW Charles F. Lewis (2, 11)
W Aves D. Thompson (10, 13, 15)
W Loyd G. Williamson (10, 15)

Masonic Public Relations

W David W. DeLong (12), Chairman
W Phillip L. Draheim (6, 11)
W Gerald R. Fairley (10)

DeMolay

W Paul A. Godwin (8, 13), Chairman
W Stanley Woodin (3, 7, 8,)

Bylaws

MW Fred V. Angleton (2, 11), Chairman
W V. Clifford Darnell, (8, 3)
W Arthur A. Rindahl (8, 11)

Public Schools

W Arthur A. Rindahl (8, 11), Chairman
W Stanley Woodin (3, 7, 8)
VW Will R. Josey (17)

Sub Committees

Charters & Dispensations

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

Sessions & Arrangements

W Loyd G. Williamson (10, 15), Chairman
W James T. Ables (15)
VW L.V. "Joe" Dees (10, 13)
W Gerald R. Fairley (10)
W Ben W. MacArmstrong (17, 18)
W Dennis Z. Morgan (8)
W Michael B. Swensen (17)
Bro. Orlando R. Gonzales (10)
Bro. Michael A. Poston (10)
Bro. Larry D. Thurston (10)

Drug and Alcohol Abuse

W Jim R. McMichael (17), Chairman
W Ben W. MacArmstrong (17, 18)

Publications

W Gerald R. Fairley (10), Chairman
VW L.V. "Joe" Dees (10, 13)
W David W. DeLong (12)
VW Thomas A. Leslie (1, 19)
VW Mitchell R. Miller (3, 12)

Warden's Charge

W Don G. Chaffin (3, 12, 16), Chairman
W Howard H. Gardner (16)
RW Lloyd W. Triggs (3, 16)

Deputies of the Grand Master

District 1	VW	Mitchell R. Miller (3, 12))
District 2	VW	Raymond F. Tidwell (4)
District 3	VW	L.V. "Joe" Dees (10, 13)
District 4	VW	Thomas A. Leslie (3, 19))

REPORTS OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business was discussed.

MOTIONS

Motion made by RW Henry T. Dunbar (newly elected Grand Master) to have an open installation at 4:00 PM , April 7, 1995 – Motion passed.

Motion to rename Permanent Fund to Buckley C. Hazen Permanent Fund.- Motion Passed

Motion made to extend the Dispensation for Iditarod UD. – Motion passed.

Motion made to adopt the 1995 budget – Motion passed

RESOLUTIONS

Carryover 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, PM (13)
Jerome P. Wasson, PM (13)
Thomas V. Houser, PM (8,13)

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 a carry-over resolution that proposes to amend a Bylaw, it will require a simple majority vote for adoption.

Carryover Resolution 94-6 received a majority vote and is adopted.

Carryover 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 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 a carry-over resolution that proposes to amend three Bylaws, it will require a simple majority vote for adoption.

Carryover Resolution 94-9 did not receive the required majority vote and is rejected.

Carryover 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, and 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 should or should not be adopted.

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

Carryover Resolution 94-10 received the required two-thirds majority vote and is adopted.

Carryover 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, which applies only to requests for jurisdictional waivers, **be repealed.**

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)

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 a carry-over resolution that proposes to amend several Bylaws, it will require a simple majority vote for adoption\

Carryover Resolution 94-12 did not receive the required majority vote and is rejected.

Resolution 95-1

To Amend Section 16.12 Of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To preside and work by Proxy and to allow the Master or Wardens acting as Master to authorize any Master Mason to open lodge.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, it is our duty as Masters and Wardens to teach the upcoming officers and brethren the Masonic Work/Ritual; and,

WHEREAS, the only way to get the experience is to do the job; and,

WHEREAS, the Warden present may not know how to open lodge or be able to open lodge; and,

WHEREAS, due to unforeseen problems the Master may not be able to make arrangements for one of the Wardens who is able to do the required Ritual;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 16.12 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

TO PRESIDE AND WORK BY PROXY. The Master, or Wardens acting as Master, may call to the East any Master Mason and permit him to preside or confer the degree while the Master or acting Master is present.

be amended to read:

TO PRESIDE AND WORK BY PROXY. The Master, or Warden acting as Master, may call to the East any Master Mason and permit him to **open the Lodge for the purpose of Degree Work, preside, confer the Degree, and/or close the Lodge** while the Master or acting Master is present.

Respectfully submitted,

Rex C. Hasty, WM (3)
Thomas V. Houser, PM (8, 13)
John P. Johnson, SW (3)
Yvaneck Tremblay, JW (3)
Stephen L. Cox, PM (3, 12)
Darrell McSpadden, PM (3, 12, 16)

Douglas W. Ooms, JW (12)

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 three-fourths majority vote for adoption.

Resolution 95-1 received the required three-fourth majority vote and is adopted.

Resolution 95-2

This resolution was withdrawn.

Resolution 95-3

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 six 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 **six 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 **six 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 **six 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 six months' 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. 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley R. Foulke, PM (2)
Charles F. Lewis, PM (2)
Robert E. Morse, Sr., PM (2)
Cecil C. Johnson, PM (2)
Robert K. Lewis, PM (2)
William C. Quirion, WM (2)
Jens W. Noet, SW (2)
Howard N. Hobbs, PM (10, 13, 15)
Henry T. Dunbar, PM (10, 17)
Lloyd W. Triggs, PM (3, 16)

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 several Bylaws, it will require a three-fourths majority vote for adoption

Resolution 95-3 received the required three-fourth majority vote and is adopted.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Jurisprudence

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

1st Report

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

We, the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Carryover Resolution 94-6, have considered the same and report as follows. Carryover Resolution 94-6 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 carry-over resolution that proposes to amend a bylaw, it may be adopted by a simple majority vote

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams (3), Chairman

Gene Freeman (3, 12, 16)

Russell Burnett (11)

Dave Hunt (17)

William Clucas (3, 12, 16)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I ask that this report be received for the record.

Grand Master: It will be received

I now move for the adoption of this resolution.

It has been moved and seconded that this resolution be adopted

Carryover Resolution 94-6 received a majority vote and is adopted.

2nd Report

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

We the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Carryover Resolution 94-9, have considered the same and reports as follows: Carryover Resolution 94-9 is in the 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 carry-over resolution that proposes to amend a number of bylaws, it may be adopted by a simple majority.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams (3), Chairman

Gene Freeman (3, 12, 16)

Russell Burnett (11)

Dave Hunt (17)

William Clucas (3, 12, 16)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I ask that this report be received for the record.

Grand Master: It will be received

I now move for the adoption of this resolution.

It has been moved and seconded that this resolution be adopted

Carryover Resolution 94-9 did not receive the required majority vote and is rejected.

3rd Report

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

We the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Carryover Resolution 94-10, have considered the same and reports as follows: Carryover Resolution 94-10 is in the 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 carry-over resolution that proposes to amend the section of the constitution, it will require a two-thirds vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams (3), Chairman
Gene Freeman (3, 12, 16)
Russell Burnett (11)
Dave Hunt (17)
William Clucas (3, 12, 16)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I ask that this report be received for the record.

Grand Master: It will be received

I move for the adoption of this resolution.

It has been moved and seconded that the resolution be adopted

Carryover Resolution 94-10 received the required two-thirds majority vote and is adopted.

4th Report

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

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

The Committee does not express an opinion as to whether this motion should or should not be adopted.

As a carry-over resolution, that purpose to amend the bylaws, it may be adopted by a simple majority vote.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams (3), Chairman
Gene Freeman (3, 12, 16)
Russell Burnett (11)
Dave Hunt (17)
William Clucas (3, 12, 16)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I ask that this report be received for the record.

Grand Master: It will be received

I move for the adoption of this resolution.

It has been moved and seconded that the resolution be adopted

Carryover Resolution 94-12 did not receive the required majority vote and is rejected.

5th Report

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

We, the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Resolution 95-1, have considered the same and report as follows. Resolution 95-1 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 a resolution that proposes to amend a bylaw, it will require a three-fourths majority for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams (3), Chairman

Gene Freeman (3, 12, 16)

Russell Burnett (11)

Dave Hunt (17)

William Clucas (3, 12, 16)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I ask that this report be received for the record.

Grand Master: It will be received

I move for the adoption of this resolution.

It has been moved and seconded that the resolution be adopted

Resolution 95-1 received the required three-fourths majority vote and is adopted.

6th Report

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

We, the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Resolution 95-3, have considered the same and report as follows. Resolution 95-3 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 a resolution that proposes to amend several bylaws, it will require a three-fourths majority for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams (3), Chairman

Gene Freeman (3, 12, 16)

Russell Burnett (11)

Dave Hunt (17)

William Clucas (3, 12, 16)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I ask that this report be received for the record.

Grand Master: It will be received

I move for the adoption of this resolution.

It has been moved and seconded that the resolution be adopted

Resolution 95-3 received the required three-fourths majority vote and is adopted.

Grievance and Appeals

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

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

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals is pleased to report that there have been no grievances filed with this Committee during the past year, and no appeals filed.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred McGuire (3, 12), Chairman

H. B. "Jack" Bentley (10)

Ralph Kavorkian (3, 12, 16)

I move that the report be received for the record.

Grand Master: This report will be received and made part of the record.

Finance

Report of the Grand Treasurer

No report from the Grand Treasurer was received at the time of publication.

Report of the Finance Committee

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Finance Committee requests that the published statements be approved.

(No name submitting report)

Grand Master: I second the motion.

The motion has been made and seconded that the Financial Committee report be accepted and approved. Is there any discussion?

Motion passed

Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 1994

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS:

CASH IN GENREAL FUND

CHECKING – FIRST NATIONAL BANK	\$3,449	
SAVINGS – FIRST NATIONAL BANK	\$1,051	
MONEY MARKET – DEAN WITTER	\$10,659	
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT - NR	\$18,394	

TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH \$33,533

CASH IN PERMANENT FUND

SAVINGS – FIRST NATIONAL BANK	\$5,053	
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TOTAL PERMANENT FUND CASH \$5,053

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE – CONSTITUENT LODGES

INVENTORIES – MASONIC SUPPLIES	\$39,632	
PREPAID EXPENSES	\$7,711	
	<u>\$4,771</u>	\$52,114

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS \$90,720

INVESTMENTS

GENERAL FUND – DEAN WITTER	\$98,898	
PERMANENT FUND – DEAN WITTER	\$94,008	
DEDICATED TRAVEL FUND – GENERAL FUND	\$3,777	
NATIONA BANK OF ALASKA – 166 SHARES	\$1,330	

TOTAL INVESTMENTS \$198,013

FIXED ASSETS – NET OF DEPRECIATION

\$12,057

\$300,790

LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY

CURRENT LIABILITIES:

COMMEMORATIVE PRINTS -GRAINGER	\$4,281	
GEO. WASHINGTON NATIONAL MEM. ASSN.	\$260	
GRAND LODGE BULLETIN	\$2,147	

TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES \$6,688

MEMBER'S EQUITY:

GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$186,149	
PERMANENT FUND BALANCE	\$107,953	

TOTAL MEMBERS EQUITY \$294,102

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY \$300,790

Statement of Income – Calendar Year 1994

	GENERAL FUND	PERMANET FUND
INCOME:		
Grand Lodge Per Capita	\$33,442	
Fees for Degree Conferrals	\$1,035	
Fees for Affiliations	\$1,200	
Fees for Petitioners for Degrees	\$4,500	
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	\$42,177	
MEDALLIONS, COINS, & PINS		
Sale of Masonic Materials - Net	\$4,643	
Miscellaneous Income	\$73	
Contributions and Donations	\$7,693	\$2,660
Interest and Dividend Income	\$2,186	\$8,155
TOTAL INCOME	\$60,500	\$10,815
EXPENSES:		
Grand Master's Expense Allowance	\$1,000	
Grand Master's Travel Allowance	\$1,000	
Arrangements Committee Annual Communication	\$2,951	
Printing – Annual Communication	\$2,347	
Insurance	\$6,331	
Past Grand Master's Regalia	\$693	
Grand Secretary's Expense Allowance	\$4,490	
Grand Secretary's Travel Allowance	\$874	
Office Salaries	\$9,000	
Payroll Taxes	\$1,380	
Fees – Legal & Audit	\$900	
Office Rent	\$5,676	
Office Supplies and Expenses	\$4,645	
Postage	\$869	
Telephone Expense	\$836	
Printing Expense	\$1,111	
Committee on Fraternal Recognition	\$15	
Dues Expense	\$300	
Grand Master's & Grand Secretary's Conference	\$315	
Grand Lodge Bulletin	\$2,162	
Miscellaneous Expense	\$520	
Warden's Retreat	\$135	
Reception of Visitors	\$811	
Depreciation Expense	\$1,802	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$50,163	
NET INCOME (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	\$10,337	\$10,815
FUNDS BALANCE BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$175,812	\$97,138
FUNDS BALANCE END OF YEAR	\$186,149	\$107,953

Operating Budget General Fund – Calendar Year 1994

	ACTUAL BUDGET 1994	ACTUAL EXTENDED 1994	OVER (UNDER) BUDGET
EXPENSES:			
GRAND MASTER'S EXPENSES ALLOWANCE	\$1,000	\$1,000	
GRAND MASTER'S TRAVEL ALLOWANCE	\$1,000	\$1,000	
GRAND LODGE BULLETIN	\$2,162	\$2,162	
MASONIC RESEARCH & EDUCATION COMM	\$250		(\$250)
ARRANGEMENTS COMM - ANNUAL COMM	\$3,000	\$2,951	(\$249)
PRINTING – ANNUAL COMMUNICATION	\$2,500	\$2,347	(\$153)
INSURANCE	\$6,600	\$6,331	(\$269)
RECEPTION FOR VISITORS	\$1,000	\$811	(\$189)
PAST GRAND MASTER'S REGALIA	\$500	\$673	\$173
CHARITY	\$100		(\$100)
SUB-TOTAL I	<u>\$18,112</u>	<u>\$17,275</u>	<u>(\$837)</u>
GRAND SECRETARY'S EXPENSE ALWS	\$3,400	\$4,490	\$1,090
GRAND SECRETARY'S TRAVEL ALWS	\$600	\$874	\$274
GRAND LODGE EXPENSE:			
OFFICE SALARIES	\$9,000	\$9,000	
PAYROLL TAXES	\$850	\$1,380	\$530
FEES-LEGAL & AUDIT	\$1,000	\$900	(\$100)
OFFICE RENT	\$5,643	\$5,676	\$33
OFFICE SUPPLIES & EXPENSES	\$900	\$4,645	\$3,745
TAXES	\$15		(\$15)
POSTAGE	\$800	\$869	\$69
TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS	\$935		(\$935)
WARDEN'S RETREAT		\$155	\$155
TELEPHONE EXPENSE	\$750	\$836	\$86
PRINTING EXPENSE	\$2,000	\$1,111	(\$889)
DUES EXPENSE:			
COMM ON FRATERNAL RECOGNITION	\$15	\$15	
MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION	\$300	\$300	
GRAND MASTERS & GRAND SECY CONF	\$225	\$315	\$90
DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	\$1,8500	\$1,802	\$2
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	\$200	\$520	\$320
SUB TOTAL II	<u>\$28,433</u>	<u>\$32,888</u>	<u>\$4,455</u>
GRAND TOTALS	<u>\$46,545</u>	<u>\$50,163</u>	<u>\$3,618</u>

Comparison of Annual Budgets – Calendar Years 1994 & 1995

	ACTUAL BUDGET <u>1994</u>	PROPOSED BUDGET <u>1995</u>	INCREASE (DECREASE)
EXPENSES:			
GRAND MASTER'S EXPENSES ALLOWANCE	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
GRAND MASTER'S TRAVEL ALLOWANCE	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
GRAND LODGE BULLETIN	\$2,162	\$2,162	\$0
MASONIC RESEARCH & EDUCATION COMM	\$250	\$250	\$0
ARRANGEMENTS COMM - ANNUAL COMM	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
PRINTING & BINDING - PROCEEDINGS	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
INSURANCE	\$6,600	\$7,000	\$400
RECEPTION FOR VISITORS	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
PAST GRAND MASTER'S REGALIA	\$500	\$700	\$200
CHARITY	\$100	\$100	\$0
SUB-TOTAL I	\$18,112	\$18,712	\$600
GRAND SECRETARY'S EXPENSE ALWS	\$3,400	\$3,400	\$0
GRAND SECRETARY'S TRAVEL ALWS	\$600	\$600	\$0
GRAND LODGE EXPENSE:			
OFFICE SALARIES	\$9,000	\$9,000	
PAYROLL TAXES	\$850	\$1,000	\$150
FEES - LEGAL & AUDIT	\$1,000	\$0	(\$1,000)
OFFICE RENT	\$5,643	\$5,700	\$57
OFFICE SUPPLIES & EXPENSE	\$900	\$900	\$0
TAXES	\$15	\$15	\$0
POSTAGE	\$800	\$800	\$0
TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS	\$935	\$1,000	\$65
WARDEN'S RETREAT		\$250	\$250
TELEPHONE EXPENSE	\$750	\$750	\$0
PRINTING EXPENSE	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
DUES EXPENSE:			
COMM ON FRATERNAL RECOGNITION	\$15	\$15	
MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION	\$300	\$300	
GRAND MASTERS & GRAND SECY CONF	\$225	\$225	\$0
DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	\$1,800	\$1,850	\$50
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	\$200	\$200	\$0
SUB TOTAL II	\$28,433	\$28,005	(\$428)
GRAND TOTALS	\$46,545	\$46,717	\$172

Masonic Research and Education

No report from the Masonic Research and Education Committee was received at the time of publication.

Masonic Public Relations

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, distinguished visitors, Fourteenth Grand Communication participants, and my Brethren: I am pleased today to present the report of the Committee on Masonic Relations, of which I am the Chair,

It appears that the population of the world is divided into four categories when it comes to Masonic public relations. First, there is the enormous group, numbering into the billions, who have never heard of the Masons. Second, there is a huge number, not as large as category one, but still mighty big. These people have heard of the Masons, but know absolutely nothing about them. The third category consists of people who are not our friends, but have weird conceptions of the Fraternity, caused by prejudice, misinformation, hostile media releases, and many avowed enemies of Masonry who have made their feelings known. And finally, we have category four, composed of people who have been touched in a positive way by some Masonic contact, information, act, or humanitarian activity of our craft.

My Brethren, the need is clear, and our path, which must be followed, lies before us. We simply must move more of the general public, in particular men who are good prospects for Masonry, from categories one, two, and three into number four. Now, at our request during this Grand Communication, we contacted all the Lodges and invited them to indicate what public relations they had engaged in over this past year. We were very excited from their responses, and I would like to briefly describe some of this information, which I am sure a lot of you are not aware of.

I will begin by talking about what happened at White Pass No. 1. Brother Mulvihill tells us that they send out an annual newsletter to all members and selected guests. An extremely important communication. They encourage non-Masonic groups to use the temple for their meetings. Anvil No. 2 annually funds a scholarship to a local student; assists in funding for an annual fireman's event; and puts on an annual friendship dinner. Tanana No. 3 joined Fairbanks No. 12 and North Pole No. 16 on a joint friendship night. They have halibut feeds open to the public, and they have walking tours during the summer through the temple. Glacier No. 10 has used the media in Anchorage to advertise their Lodge installation. A Rusty Master Mason Night, unfortunately, had some tough weather that affected the attendance. But, they have an ambitious program for this year: Annual Ladies' Night; Past Masters' Night; articles on charity purposes; and a presentation of a scholarship to a high school senior. It's a very, very active program. Kenai Lodge No. 11 advertises in their local newspaper. They cleaned up the Seward

Masonic Cemetery, participated in the Soldotna parade, the Ninilchik (?) Fair parade, and the Kenai 4th of July parade, all positive manifestations to the general public.

Fairbanks No. 12 has a tremendous inter-relationship with the other Masonic groups up in that area. They have local Lodge breakfasts with more than one Lodge, they advertise their meetings, have special events, and encourage all their members to display the Masonic emblems as much as possible. Eagle River No. 13 had a fund raiser Bar-B-Q open to the public, and they showed the Sojourners movie on famous Americans—all very successful. North Pole No. 16 had two tremendous activities. First and foremost is the scholarship program in the high school. The program is funded through food sales at the winter carnival. Secondly, they have public sales from Thanksgiving to Christmas of Christmas trees. And this is donated to local churches each year—tremendous activity. Anchorage No. 17 has an ongoing scholarship program. They give a \$1,000 award to a deserving high school senior and the Lodge also works with alcohol and drug abuse, providing speakers on request. Mt. Verstovia No.18 is very, very active. They have a scholarship of \$500 to a local student enrolled in a physician's assistant program. They donated \$500 for the Salvation Army's annual Christmas drive to help local needy families. Everyone is, of course, privy to our kind offices. A brass plaque on the Sitka General Hospital says "furnishings in this hospital were donated by Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18, of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska." Tongass No. 19 is very active in the 4th of July parade, had a Masonic information night open to the public, and that's the key word—the public—had two Masonic open houses on the 4th of July and their annual blueberry festival. They sell and promote the wearing of Masonic baseball caps.

Our new Lodge under dispensation, Iditarod has been very active as far as publicity. They were interviewed by the Mat-Su (?), pictures were taken Just a tremendous publicity effort and the interview pictures that were in the picture were broadcast on Channel 5 TV and came out really good, according to the Most Worshipful Grand Master. So these are all really positive things that will move at least some of the people in this area into that final category that I was speaking of.

So, the bottom line is we have to be communicative, we have to be positive with the public and we have to capture their imagination.

Respectfully submitted,

David DeLong (12) Chairman

Phillip Graham (6, 11)

Jerry Fairley (10)

I request that this report be received.

Grand Master: It will be received and placed in the record.

Public Schools

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

Thank you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brethren all, this is the report of Public Schools Committee.

In the year that I have been Public Schools Chairman, I have endeavored to instill interest in this very important activity within the Lodges of the State of Alaska. Our schools will always be of the utmost importance to us all. This Committee has recommended to every Lodge in Alaska programs that might be used to assist our public educators. Our Lodges also benefit from these programs. I recommend that every Lodge consider and adopt a school program, one in their immediate proximity. This program would entail how Masons could help a school in volunteer projects, essay, or speech contests, recognition nights for teachers and staff. Activities of a Lodge could initiate in assisting a school (*tape garbled*).

It would seem that we, who are such a potent force for the betterment of man, could do more for the betterment of our schools and our young people. A ship is never truly on its course; it is in need of constant correction. And so it is with the use of our country. In their growing years, they must have guidance and the public schools play a very important role in molding the minds of those who will one day assume the responsibilities of our nation.

What Freemasonry does for mankind, free public schools does for our youth. Therefore, we as Masons are obligated to give our wholehearted support to the public schools. Global education can do much to enhance lives of all the peoples of this earth. This is the report of the Public Schools Committee

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur A. Rindahl (8, 11), Chairman
Stanley Woodin (3, 7, 8)
Will R. Josey (17)

I now request that this report will be accepted.

Grand Master: Formally received and made part of the record.

DeMolay

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, distinguished guests, Brothers, DeMolay in Alaska at this time is in what could be best described as a Holding Action. Anchorage, Arctic, and

Mat-Su Chapters each have advisory councils made up of dedicated Master Masons and Senior DeMolays. Masons in the Ketchikan and the Kenai-Soldotna area have expressed interest in our Order. I believe this foundation of support is the key to keeping DeMolay viable in Alaska. My thanks and admiration goes out to these Brothers and men for their efforts. The ranks of active Chapter members are thin at the moment, but this is a reflection of international trends. Internationally, membership has fallen from around 155,000 in 1960 to an approximate current level of 26,000.

Financially, the International Supreme Council is in serious trouble. A fickle real estate market has changed former assets into financial burdens. Taking into account property upkeep, staff costs, insurance and programs, the International Supreme Council budget is higher than the membership can support. This financial burden is partially passed on to Alaska DeMolays and advisors.

Advisors' fees have increased and insurance is charged on a per capita basis regardless of DeMolay activity or Chapter status. Because of this, I encourage all Lodges to support the International Supreme Council through their local Chapters or at the state level. It is my personal philosophy that volunteers should not have to pay to be DeMolay advisors.

We should consider also, the possibility that young men in our communities who might best benefit from DeMolay might be those who can least afford membership. Last year, two DeMolays and two Master Masons represented Alaska at the 75th International Supreme Council Session in Kansas City. We hope to have a similar representation this year in Bismark, North Dakota. It is important we continue to do whatever we can to keep DeMolay alive in Alaska.

It might just be the times and the kind of society we live in now that compels young people away from our kind of organizations. However, times change. Let's do what we can to be here when the pendulum swings back. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul A. Godwin (8, 13), Chairman
Stanley L. Woodin (3, 7, 8)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I would request that this report be received.

The report will be received

Bylaws

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

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

The Committee on Bylaws received requests from White Pass No. 1, Mt. Susitna No. 8, Fairbanks No. 12, Aurora No. 15, Mt. Verstovia No.#18, and Iditarod UD, to review new and changes to bylaws.

We, the Committee, recommended approval of the bylaws as proposed, after a few changes, and sent them to the Grand Master for his approval with the consent of the Finance Committee.

We, the Committee, appreciate the opportunity to serve this Grand Lodge and thank you, Most Worshipful, to serve you.

Fred V. Angleton (2, 11), Chairman
V. Clifford Darnell (8, 13)
Arthur A. Rindahl (8, 11)

I move that this report be received for the record.

Grand Master: The motion has been moved and seconded that we accept the report.

Report adopted.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Report of Grand Chaplain (Necrology)

We remember these brethren who have laid down their working tools, as reported by the Constituent Lodges in their monthly reports for 1994

*When the door of life closes, another door opens;
but often we look so long at the closed door
that we do not see the one that has been opened.*

*May his life beyond that door
Be even more fruitful and rewarding
Than the life he led while on this side.*

White Pass Lodge No. 1	
Richard Herbert Williams	Unknown
Tanana Lodge No. 3	
Robert Edgar Lyle	Unknown
Elmer Edward Stohl	September 28, 1992
Constantine Condurachi	October 12, 1993
John D. Contento, Jr	February 10, 1994
Glen William Pruett, PM	March 4, 1994
Arne Matthews Lee	August 12, 1994
William Henry Bostic	September 3, 1994
Robert Gene Smith	September 17, 1994
Lloyd Wesley Ives, PM	December 29, 1994
Valdez Lodge No. 4	
George John Quinlan, PM	December 31, 1993
Shane Eric Miller	February 2, 1994
Marvin Theodore Beals, PM	December 12, 1994
Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5	
Maxwell Dixon Lewis	November 2, 1993
Seward Lodge No. 6	
William Harold Palmer	March 19, 1994
William Dean Bedford	September 30, 1994
Matanuska Lodge No. 7	
Benny Leo Watson	February 19, 1994
Jack Donald Bolton	April 21, 1994

Emil Steven Larsh	December 29, 1994
Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8	
Russell Roosevelt Settle	Unknown
William E. Welker	July 5, 1993
Forrest DeBoyce Fuhr	November 19, 1993
Robert Maxine Parkins, PM	January 31, 1994
Benny Leo Watson	February 19, 1994
Chris Invold Bjornstad, PM	May 2, 1994
Roger Walter Plank	May 8, 1994
Joseph Austin Thornburg	June 1, 1994
Alfred Melvin White, PM	June 16, 1994
Kodiak Lodge No. 9	
Leroy Edward Wensel	March 19, 1994
William Bruce Finke, PM	August 12, 1994
Robert Orville Washburn	November 2, 1994
Glacier Lodge No. 10	
Harold Wahl Dahlstrom	Unknown
Jimmie Lee Wolcott	January 24, 1994
Wakefield Lawrence Sewell	February 26, 1994
Farris Ward McAlister	April 3, 1994
Theodore Henry Zumbusch	May 27, 1994
James Bryan Holt	June 23, 1994
Joe Edward Woods	August 11, 1994
Donald Fred Shantz	August 18, 1994
Travis L. Williams, PM	August 20, 1994
Earl Ray Smith	September 4, 1994
Kenai Lodge No. 11	
James Arthur Barr	March 5, 1994
William Harold Palmer	March 19, 1994
Fairbanks Lodge No. 12	
Ransom Tony Schultz	June 24, 1993
Glen William Pruett, PM	March 4, 1994
Lloyd Wesley Ives, PM	December 29, 1994
Eagle River Lodge No. 13	
Robert Maxine Parkins, PM	January 31, 1994
George Bristow, PM	December 29, 1994
Anchorage Lodge No. 17	
Richard Arthur Rice	March 31, 1993
James Wilson Butler	July 9, 1993

Glenn Hampton Fisher	December 23, 1993
Harry Marcell Hathhorn	March 2, 1994
William Orval Felton	March 11, 1994
Van Don Hill	March 20, 1994
Winifred Lindon	April 25, 1994
Robert Eugene Ford	May 2, 1994
Marvin Raymond Birley	September 2, 1994
Gerald Dean Brown	September 20, 1994
Lawrence W. Nelson	September 30, 1994
Albert John Jakasoff	October 24, 1994

Tongass Lodge No. 19

Elmo Oscar Keinbaum, PM

February 14, 1994

Supreme Architect of the Universe, in this sacred moment, as our thoughts are directed to the fact that several of our Brethren have received their eternal summons from Thee:

Brethren who labored among us and labored well,

Brethren who sought to exemplify by their lives the fact that they had learned the teachings for Freemasonry,

Brethren who patterned their lives after the teachings of the Great Light of our Institution.

We pause reverently before Thee in this sacred moment and pray that the Holy Spirit will give us a sense of appreciation of their lives who have now received from you the words "Well done."

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 about us that we have paused to meditate and to pray.

We thank Thee, Oh, God, for these sacred memories and we pray that the memories that we will leave behind us will be cherished as much by those who follow us as we cherish the memories of those who have proceeded us.

In the name of Him who came to give victory over that which is mortal and to give to us that which is immortal, do we pray.

Amen.

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

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

William H. Lefferson
Grand Chaplain

Report of Grand Lecturer

No report from the Grand Lecturer was received at the time of publication.

Report of Grand Orator

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished East, visiting guests, Brethren all. I want to read to you first something I have received as a Rainbow Dad.

While many have seen and worn the apron, few truly understand it's meaning. To us, it is an emblem of innocence and the distinguished badge of a Mason. It is a perfect rectangle, which angles represent truth and honesty. Its four sides remind Masons to practice the four Cardinal Virtues: self control in word and act, fortitude in a noble response, wise judgment, justice to the humble and greatest alike. The flap is triangular, and its three sides refer to the three attributes of God: infinite knowledge, infinite power, infinite presence. The two strings remind us that reverence for the practice of the Masonic virtues should be bound to the heart and conscience by the double ties of love to God and man.

The apron, with its four sides, and its flap with its three constitutes the sacred number seven. Seven refers to the seven liberal arts and sciences which are the foundation of Masonry. To a Rainbow girl, this will quickly bring to mind the seven lessons taught by our (*garbled*) stations.

There is one peculiar significance about the lambskin: it is the first symbol of the Masonic life and also the last. The principal honor of the apron consists of one's innocence, conduct, and purity of heart. And they ask, these Rainbow Girls that the next time you put on the apron remember all the Rainbow Girls in the world who are wearing this, that reminds us of the teachings of the Masons that we have throughout all the different bodies that we support.

We stand around here today as brothers, circled about this altar, which reminds us that in ancient times an altar was a place possibly of sacrifice, but was put somewhere else. It was just of a rough stone, but still people worshipped to it. They made sacrifices, which we know were bloody and unjust, but at this altar, we too make sacrifices; we make sacrifices to a commitment to spread the teachings of morality, friendship and brotherly love, not within ourselves, but without these doors. That altar where we make oaths and sacrifices as Masters of your Lodges and Masters of the Grand Lodge, to do the best, do the teachings that constitute all that we teach within the Brethren. As in ancient times an altar was always placed in front of the people. It has been a while the Catholic Church hid it, now it's placed in front for the sacrifices or the teachings.

But we as Masons, it's not an accident that this altar is amongst us because it symbolizes a world that is surrounded by brotherhood. Teachings are surrounded by all. And I look

out there and I see Brothers who I have seen and visited with, Brother Marty, I guess he left, got tired anyway, this is just a point to show you that we as Masons travel throughout the world with a common cause. And no matter where we go, as Worshipful John said earlier, we are amongst friends; we have instant friendship, we have an instant camaraderie.

But the morals of this world today are lessening. They're going in different directions, and we as Masons, have to remember these teachings that we have upon the altar. We have the Great Lights—the Bible, which we all know the teachings within it, we have the square upon it, which —and I'm going to repair it again—in the fifth century

Before Christ there was a Chinese book called the Great Learning. And they had a statement of “acting upon the square.” And Brother, listen to the quote of acting upon the square: “Man should not do unto others what he would not have them do unto him.” So acting upon the square is no new thing to the brotherhood of man and teaching and learning how to be amongst others and how to treat others.

It is us as Brothers who kneel at the altar in silence in company of human beings and bow together at the altar that joins us together in a common bond. So I ask you all, when you leave here today or after these meetings, remember what you learn at this altar or around it and take that outside these doors. We have to be a visible group of people that have to change what's happening outside these doors. And I say again, Pride as a passion can bring many grievances, but the pride to do what's good for all can bring many gratifications.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I'd like to thank you for the honor and opportunity of being your Orator, and I've enjoyed all the visits.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Z. Morgan
Grand Orator

Report of Grand Historian

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, distinguished guests, Officers, and members of the Grand Lodge, Brethren alike, I would like to report that progress is being made in the gathering and indexing of the historical material regarding Masonry's progress in Alaska. Although it has slowed somewhat, the changes in computer use during the past year, however, we are confident the new superhighway and the Internet will bring up some new and interesting facts and lead us to the best way of indexing and preserving the material we have gathered, and disperse it to interested Brothers.

I wish to thank the Grand Master for appointing me to serve as Grand Historian for this coming year. I also wish to thank the Brothers who have shared their historical findings with me, also the newsletters that are proliferating with the new and user-friendly computers. There are a good many bits and pieces of history in these letters. Please continue.

I would also like to add that if any of you come across anything at all about history of Masonry here in Alaska—old letters, articles, diaries, anything at all—please convey them to me. I'd also like to add that I was really pleased to see Past Grand Master Ingram, a note that he had for everyone that he was going to promote a central place to preserve and display the artifacts and records of Masonry of Alaska. And I'd certainly be happy to turn over what we have over to him at that time when they become active.

Thank you for this opportunity, Worshipful Master..

Respectfully submitted,

Joe H. Ashby
Grand Historian

I move that my report be accepted

Grand Master: It will be received and accepted.

Charters and Dispensations

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

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

We, your appointed Committee on Charters and Dispensations, have received no formal indications that activities have occurred that might require our services. Therefore, we must assume, that if such has happened, that either the Grand Master or Grand Secretary can attest that all provisions as set forth in Section 13 of the Alaskan Masonic Code have been met, and uniformity to the code has been thereby assured.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles I Gregg (10), Chairman
Gunnar Flygenring (10)
Will Josie (17)

I move that this report be received for the record.

Grand master: This report will be received for the record.

Publications

1st Report

Brethren, I've listened to all of you, you have to listen to all of this. Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brethren, this is not really a committee report because the Grand Master and I agreed that the Publications Committee reports to all of you every quarter. Our primary activity is right from the grapevine. However, we have a lot of stuff here.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I would first like to express my appreciation for the appointment that you gave me during the 1994-95 Masonic year. The work of the Publications Committee is a kind of labor of love, for writing about Masonic history, philosophy, and Masonic activities are of a great interest to all of us. Second, I have not written the report for the Grand Lodge on the activities of this committee, as results of its efforts have been received on a quarterly basis by every Mason who is a member of this Grand Jurisdiction.

Next, I would like to apologize for some omissions on my part. These include an inability to attend many of the special events as I might have liked. Second, a lack of foresight, which prompted me to forget my camera on several occasions when I did attend and an inability to get others to submit articles, thus resulting in almost everything sounding as if it came from the same author, which, in many instances, it did.

I might preface this with, Brethren, send me articles, send me ideas; I need them, I don't like to have everything sound like it came out of me. I don't think that you really like that, either. All in all, though, I am not too unhappy with the Committee's efforts, and I only hope that you feel the same way. Most Worshipful Grand Master, that's all I'm going to read. There are more words in here, but these are primarily photographs. Volume One is last year's Grand Session. It does not have the installation of your officers. That's in Volume Two. And Volume Three are some of the activities that I was able to attend and remember to take my camera. These do not go to the Grand Secretary. These are yours, Sir.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry R. Fairley (10), Chairman
L. V. "Joe" Dees (10, 13)
David W. DeLong (12)
Thomas A. Leslie (1, 19)
Mitchell R. Miller (3, 12)

2nd Report

Brethren, approximately a year ago, your Publications Committee printed this brochure. It was sent out to each of the members, but the majority of our stock is languishing in

storage in the Grand Lodge office. This is a brochure that was made up from the Grand Lodge of Oregon. We think; it has been adopted by us and modified to meet our needs. There is one error in it that says that we will accept someone who is 18 for a petition. That came from Oregon and did not get corrected.

At this point, one of the reasons the stock is languishing in our Grand Lodge office is that we are charging you to replenish that stock. The original supply was donated, and it was decided to charge for these brochures because we needed to reprint them when the original stock ran out. I have just received word that the original donor will reprint the stock at the time that we run out and so therefore, there should be no charge, provided they get used!

It is a good introduction to Masonry for the non-Mason. Its title is “The Real Secret of Freemasonry: Making Good Men Better.” We have a case of these brochures here, now. They are at your disposal. Please come and get them, they are right behind the Secretary’s desk. Use them, because they are a good introduction to Masonry for the non-Mason. And, good luck with your membership.

Thank you, Most Worshipful .

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry R. Fairley (10), Chairman
L. V. “Joe” Dees (10, 13)
David W. DeLong (12)
Thomas A. Leslie (1, 19)
Mitchell R. Miller (3, 12)

Report of Segregations and Reference Committee

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

1st Report

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Alaska:

We the Committee on Segregations and Reference, to whom was referred to in the Grand Master’s message, have the considered the same, and make the following recommendation.. Let the message be approved as printed.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie R. Little (10, 15), Chairman
V. Clifford Darnell (8, 13)
Roy Foss (6, 11)

I request this report be received.

Grand Master: Report will be received.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I move for the adoption of this report.

Report adopted.

2nd Report

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Alaska:

We the committee on Segregation and Reference, to whom it was referred to in the Grand Secretary's report, have considered the same, and make the following recommendations: that the report be received, as printed, with the exception of that portion in Finances be referred to the Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie R. Little (10, 15), Chairman

V. Clifford Darnell (8, 13)

Roy Foss (6, 11)

I request this report be received.

Grand Master: The report will be received.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I move for the adoption of this report.

Report adopted

Alaska Library and Museum Foundation

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

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska, members of the Board of Trustees wish to submit the following report. The Treasurer's report as of March 15, 1995 is as follows:

Operating expenses: Kenai property tax, \$31.50,

Post office box rent, \$49,

Annual report to the State of Alaska, \$15,

Operating expenses, \$95.53 to the *(tape garbled)* Memorial Fund,

for the late Brethren George Ballum, Ron Nash, Cecil Clift, and Neil Bassett, \$2,920.

Other donations received: \$630.53.

Our checking account in the National Bank of Alaska is \$11,933.50.

From the sales of post card directories, Most Worshipful John H. Grainger, to date \$272.92,

Total cash net worth, March 15, 1995, \$15,756.95,

No outstanding debts.

Board of Trustees for 1995, President John Ingram, Vice President C. Rex Plunkett; Secretary, Peter E. Nilles; Treasurer Robert L. Van Huss. Also other board members: Fred V. Angleton, Russell A. Burnett, Henry T. Dunbar, Stanley R. Foulke, Gunnar Flygenring, Mitchell R. Miller.

The last Masonic Library and Museum Foundation has met the past year in Anchorage at the Alaska Shrine Temple Mosque in their fine conference room. We express our appreciation to the Shrine for their generous contribution to use their fine facility. The next meeting is scheduled for Anchorage on June 14, 1995.

A special meeting will be called before the above-mentioned date to let the Secretary replace Brother Peter E. Nilles, who will be leaving the state. The Board of Trustees still hopes to get the stamp program completed and mailed out this year. Upon receipt of these stamps, Brethren, we encourage you to participate in our efforts. The consultant for the Foundation, Brother Wendal H. Kuecker offers us his expertise as questions come up. And it is appreciated by all.

The post card directory, offered by Most Worshipful John H. Grainger, is starting to receive funds, due to the advertisements we put into your magazine. The directors hope the next annual report to the Grand Lodge will show an increase of its financial standing. This statement is based upon the several meetings that have been and continue with effective contributors to the Foundation.

We have a beautiful clock, hand-crafted by Most Worshipful Russell A. Burnett. He donated it to the Alaskan Masonic Library and Museum Foundation as a fund-raising project. Now, this Brother cut the tree, he hauled the logs to the mill, he planed them, he hand-crafted this beautiful clock that's on display there in the Prospect Room. Russ says he's got over 250 hours in that clock. Golly, he says it's worth \$2,500 a minimum, but we plan to raffle it off with the permission of the Grand Master, after we get a permit from the State of Alaska. But if someone is so inclined to purchase it, we'd unload it for a minimum of \$2,500. It's beautiful! I urge you to look at it and congratulate Brother Russ. Jeepers, what patience this Brother has, and he did it all for Masonry.

Brethren, the Alaskan Library and Museum Foundation is a non-profit organization, created to further the educational and charitable goals of our fraternity. It's an IRS 501C3, tax-deductible charitable organization for contribution purposes. What we are doing: the Alaskan Masonic Library and Museum Foundation is raising funds for the creation of a building to house important historical and educational items as they are

collected over the years. The building will also serve as a support center for educational and charitable activities by Masons at large in our state.

How can you help? Programs and buildings don't happen by themselves. Any tax-deductible contribution made toward our general goals are for a specific educational or charitable project supported by the Foundation to help Masonry throughout the state. If you have items that have a historical or educational significance, or wish to help in our work, please contact the officers and board members, and I've already mentioned them. I'll say the names again: John Ingram, or Rex Plunkett , or Bob Nellis, or Bob Van Huss—any of them. Or you may forward your inquiries to the Grand Lodge office, to the Foundation. Remember, the visible acts of all Masonic organizations, both recognized and not recognized by the Grand Lodge, are the message we send to the public.

Again, thank you. We encourage you to attend the meetings with your constructive ideas and volunteer to be a spokesman in your Lodge and communities in which you live, and help us to make the foundation grow and prosper.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Ingram,
President

I move for the reception of this report.

Grand Master: Report is received.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I move for the adoption of this report.

Report adopted

Alaska Masonic Research Association

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I apologize for being out of the room earlier, but necessity did dictate that. Most Worshipful Grand Master, I would present the annual report for the Alaskan Masonic Research Association, and what we did as required by the bylaws, was to hold our annual meeting yesterday and the report of the Mail-A-Bid fund raising program that was instituted by Most Worshipful Brother John Grainger last year.

After all expenses were paid, etc., we are pleased to report that we will issue a check to the Grand Lodge in the amount of \$3,062.64 as a result of those fund raising efforts. Also, at the meeting it was decided that the Buckley C. Hazen Permanent Fund Gold Pan Account would be transferred...excuse me, by the way, the \$3,062.74 will go to the Grand Lodge elected officers' Travel Permanent Fund. The Buckley C. Hazen Fund in the amount of \$34,629.14 will go the Alaska Grand Lodge Permanent Fund.

I would like to comment at this time that much of the efforts of this money—the keeping of this money—much of the credit goes to Worshipful Brother Richard Coffin and that money will be transferred as soon as we can facilitate the transfer of it.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, that would conclude then the report of the AMRA.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas V. Houser
President

I move that this report be received.

Grand Master: The report will be received

Addendum to report:

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I have a check in my hand. It's a little bit more than what our Chairman said. It's \$34,653.42 and I'd like to present it to you and I would like to have it as the money that the eighteen Brothers that participated and put in this money many years ago in the six Lodges. I ask that it be put in a Permanent Fund, not to be commingled with other funds like for travel, but it be put for Permanent only.

Awards

James A. Williams Award

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

The recipient of the James A. Williams Award for honoring the Alaska Lodge with the largest number of Master Masons raised was presented to Matanuska Lodge No. 7 for the year 1994.

Buckley C. Hazen Award

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

The recipient of the Buckley C. Hazen Award for the largest percentage membership growth was presented to Tongass Lodge No. 1. for the year 1994.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Annual Membership Meeting

Annual Membership Meeting

April 8, 1994

The Annual Membership Meeting was called to order by President Henry T. Dunbar, pursuant to the corporation bylaws, at 5:30 p.m. at the WestCoast 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 Fourteenth Annual Communication. It was requested that such approval be made a matter of the record.

New business consisted only of installing the following 1995-96 officers:

President	Henry T. Dunbar
Vice President	Lloyd W. Triggs
Treasurer	Bobby W. Alexander
Secretary	Richard D. Bender
Director	Stanley R. Foulke
Director	

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Bobby W. Alexander, seconded by Lloyd W. Triggs. Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Henry T. Dunbar
President

Lloyd W. Triggs
Vice President

Bobby W. Alexander
Treasurer

Stanley R. Foulke
Director

Director

Respectfully submitted,

Richard D. Bender
Secretary-Treasurer

Contributions to the Grand Lodge

Contribution From:	To:	For:	Amount	Total
AMRA	Grand Lodge	Permanent Fund	\$34,653.42	\$34,653.42
Tanana Lodge No. 3	Grand Lodge	Permanent Fund	\$1, 203.00	\$1,203.00
Valdez Lodge No. 4	Grand Lodge	Permanent Fund	\$500.00	\$500.00
Valdez Lodge No. 4	Grand Lodge	Travel Fund	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Fairbanks Lodge No. 12	Grand Lodge	Permanent Fund	\$525.00	\$525.00
John Grainger (Mail-A-Bid)	Grand Lodge	Travel Fund	\$3,064.00	\$3,064.00
		Total:		\$40,945.42

Presentations

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

Presentation by Thomas V. Houser on behalf of the Alaska Warden’s Charge Alumni Club of a check in the amount of \$638.00 to repay those expenses of those Brothers travel to come here from Oregon last September to assist with the Warden’s Charge.

Speeches by Distinguished Guests

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

Sarah Trumbull, Honor Queen, Bethel No. 1

Grand Master Howard Hobbs, distinguished guests, Master Masons, and friends: I am pleased to be here this morning to welcome you on behalf of the International Order of Job’s Daughters of the State of Alaska. I am currently Miss Alaska of Job’s Daughters and also Honor Queen of Bethel No.1. We also have another Bethel, No. 2, at Eagle River.

About two years ago Bethel No. 1 only had five girls and Bethel #2 had only three. We didn’t think Job’s Daughters was going to last in the state. But since then, Bethel #1 has tripled their membership and Bethel No. 2 has doubled theirs. Thanks to many donations we have already received from the Master Masons and the High Twelve, we are able to order more robes for the girls. Continued donations are more than welcome.

Along with growing, we have also become more active throughout the state. Most recently, we performed the Cross Ceremony for the Ladies' Oriental Shrine installation for High Priestess Jackie Dees. We are always willing to help in any way that we can, so don't hesitate to call.

We have received enormous support from our Masonic family. We appreciate all the help that you have all given us. You are welcome to join us at our meetings, any time. Bethel #1 meets the first and third Thursdays at 7:00 PM at the Masonic Lodge on 15th and Eagle. Bethel #2 meets the second and fourth Thursdays out in Eagle River.

We also have the Miss Alaska Job's Daughters coming up for 1995. It will be on Saturday, April 22 at the Alaska Shrine Temple. Please be there to show your continued support for the Job's Daughters of Alaska.

I wish you all a safe and fun time here and I hope you have a successful Grand Lodge session. Thank you.

John LeFlore, State Junior Master Counselor for Alaska

Wow. There is no way I can top that one. I am State Junior Counselor for the Jurisdiction of Alaska DeMolay and I'm going to welcome you to Anchorage. I am originally from Fairbanks so I can't exactly do much for Anchorage. I hope you have a fun time and enjoy your stay here.

The Honorable Mayor of Anchorage, Rick Mystrom

Well, I am very happy to be here. This is a little bit of a nostalgic adventure for me. As I was sitting there, I was recalling my days in DeMolay. I was a DeMolay in the late 50's. Gosh, "the late 50's:"That sounds like a long time ago. It was just after The Great War that I was a DeMolay, and I really had a wonderful experience. I was in DeMolay for perhaps three or four years and my sister was in Job's Daughters.

We really grew a lot and learned a lot from these experiences. As a matter of fact, just three or four days ago I was looking back through my old box of collectibles and saw a couple of DeMolay pins that I haven't looked at for thirty years, and it brought back a lot of memories. In fact, it was at DeMolay that we had an event—a hay ride—that was the first time I found that I couldn't sing. And I thought I was a good singer; you know, everybody sings in the shower and thinks they're a terrific singer.

So, I went along on this hayride with this group of DeMolays and Job's Daughters and I happened to be sitting close to one of the Job's Daughters who was really cute and I had kind of a crush on, but she also sang in the school chorus. We sang all kinds of songs over and over and just had a great time. As we pulled back into the parking lot, this girl turned to me and said, "Rick, I've never known anybody in my life who knows so many

words and so few notes as you do. I think that was a very kind way of saying I couldn't sing.

I want to touch on just a couple of things. First of all, I want to share a couple of short experiences before I give you the official welcome to the city. ...I've been mayor for only a short period of time —about eight months— but I think we have been able to accomplish a lot of things, and also we've had our share of fun times and enjoyable times. We've felt we need to keep our sense of humor. It's an intense job. This is my second speech today and I have three more, so I'll have four speeches today as well as about seventeen or eighteen different meetings —some short and some longer— but that's not an untypical day. But, you see, that's why you have to keep your sense of humor, and one of the challenges is dealing with all the letters we get.

We had a challenge at first in trying to do it, and now we have a system. And that is, once letters come in, they go out to the appropriate department head and when they come back, they have a suggested response. We got a letter about four weeks ago that my corresponding secretary came in and said, "Mr. Mayor, I don't know how we can handle this letter. Who should we send it to for a response?" It was a letter that was not atypical, that every once in a while you get about somebody who wasn't happy at all with the way things were going in our city. Didn't think that I was doing a good job in getting the streets plowed or the sidewalks plowed or with the police or with the fire department or the road maintenance. and it just went on and on and on. It was the kind of letter that started out really thick, you know. He was just bearing down really hard, but as he got down lower and lower in the letter, the writing got smaller and smaller because he wanted to get all this additional information in and he finally signed his name down at the very bottom, folded it up and put it in an envelope and on the way to the mailbox, he thought about four or five other things he didn't like, so he wrote those on the back of the envelope. So he got those written down and stuck it in the mail and I got the letter and my secretary said "What do we do with this letter?" I said, "Let me read it." I read the letter and I thought for a second, and I said, "Why don't you give me a day and I'll have an answer tomorrow morning. So, I wrote a two sentence reply: Dear ____, I thought you'd like to see a copy of this letter because just yesterday, some nut wrote this letter and signed your name to it; Sincerely, Rick Mystrom. And, we mailed it back to him. I've got to tell you, I felt good all week. It's good for the soul to do something like that. But then I got a letter back from him. The story doesn't end there. This time the letter was very short and tight. It said: Dear Mayor Mystrom: I'm not sure what nut sent that letter, but I just wanted to tell you, I agree with him 100%.

So we are having a good time. We are enjoying ourselves. Just the other day I was getting ready to go to a luncheon where I had to give a speech. I've been giving a lot of speeches lately because we have an election coming up, and I had a speech at noon and there was somebody outside my office who wanted to see the Mayor. This person was loud, obnoxious, and didn't know who the Mayor was, but he wanted to talk to the Mayor because he had a problem that only the Mayor could solve. So here I am in my office and I'm listening to the two receptionists out in the front of the office trying to deter him from coming in. They were trying to tell him the mayor's not in, he's just not there right now,

and I thought Uh-ho, what to I do now? I've got a speech in five minutes and they're saying I'm not available. I've got to solve this problem. I thought about it for a second and I thought well, the only thing to do is to go out and face the problem and just face it like a man.

So, I walked out there and as soon as I walked up to the group of three people that were talking, and as soon as I got up to them, the conversation just stopped. They all looked at me. I turned to Denise, who was our office manager, and I said, "Madam Mayor, I've got to go to lunch; I'll be back in a half an hour," and I took off. It worked fine. she looked confused, he looked at her and started talking, and I walked out the door. It worked. It worked perfectly. I have had a great deal of fun this past twelve months, and I think we've accomplished a lot in the office.

We have been able to reduce the total police and fire medical liability —the one I think you and all of Anchorage have read about— for years this \$160 million unfunded liability. We were able to take \$103 million of that and reduce that obligation by \$78 million, down to \$25 million and put together a plan for paying it off. That was a huge, huge problem we had facing us. We were able to put 17 more police officers on the street every 24 hour shift just by changing the shifts from 4 ten-hour days to five eight-hour days. And we're saving \$76,000 a month doing it. We were able to come into it with a budget that will be finally ratified at the end of April this year for first quarter revisions that is \$3.8 million under the tax cap.

That's not next to the tax cap, that's under the tax cap, and I think we've done a pretty darned good job of being able to keep the streets plowed and the sidewalks cleared, and accomplished things like that, so I am very pleased with what we've been able to do. We've got a long ways to go. There are a lot things to do. The main focus that I have is dealing with the crime issue.

One big impact you'll see is that we'll have forty-nine more police officers on the street as of June of this year. We'll have downtown foot patrols. We'll have bike path patrols. We are starting a school safety program. And we're doing all of this further under the tax cap that we've ever been before.

So, we're working hard to be sure we represent you correctly and fairly, that we keep the cost of government down and that we keep the city safe. Because, above all else, that's the most important thing we can do. So, finally I would just like to say I sure welcome you to Anchorage. Those of you who are citizens here, I welcome your continued support and contributions, and we hope we've earned it so far.

I hope you have a terrific conference. I am sure you will. Good luck to all of you. Thank you for inviting me to be part of this.

Response to the Mayor's Address by Right Worshipful Brother Henry T. Dunbar, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alaska.

Thank you most Worshipful Grand Master and Honorable Mayor. We thank you very much for your welcome this morning and many of us are residents of Anchorage and I would like to say that I am proud to see how you have been using your line item veto authority. I know many politicians in different areas of government kind of get carried away sometimes and they sure hate to scratch things out. But in the financial time we have to, we know it's necessary.

Also, some of our lodges here in Anchorage have been around just about as long as Anchorage itself has. I know we have one Masonic Lodge here in town that was chartered in the year after the year Anchorage was chartered. So they are almost the same age. We've kind of grown up together. Masonry has always been a focal part of Anchorage, and we helped with the founding of it, as Masonry helped found this country. We are still here and we are proud to be a part of the community and anything that we can do from time to time to help you make Anchorage a better place to live, we sure would be proud to help you out.

One of the services that we do offer is when you're building a new public building, we have a cornerstone laying ceremony that we can provide for you. So, you'd like to call on us any time to do that, we'd be proud to help out. I don't know if you're responsible personally, for this nice weather we have today, but it sure helps when you're having a convention to have it in pleasant surroundings. Today is a beautiful day, and if you had anything to do with that, we thank you very much.

With that, I'd like to say "Welcome" to our other guests here. We look forward to having a very productive Session this year. Thank you very much

Most Worshipful John Harvey, Grand Master of Oregon

Most Worshipful Grand Master, distinguished guests, Brethren, I am a Grand Master, but I am in another Grand Master's Province and he says, "Would you like to speak now?" I interpret that as "You will speak now!" And that sounds fine. You had a couple of sticky wickets come up here, and I compliment the Brethren on their aplomb. There were no raised voices, and everybody got along well; everybody didn't agree, but they agreed to disagree and you worked through it nicely. That's great. We're here, Brethren, and we come to our meetings not as we come to enjoy to see whose tie is straight, who does their ritual the best, who can remember to make the proper turns. We come because of our friendships. That's the very bottom line and when you get into conversations about Masonry, you can talk about the charity and the jewels and the Grand Lodge offices, and the Masters of your Lodges, but the bottom line is our friendships.

I had an experience a couple of years ago that to me epitomized this ingredient. We had a Trustees' meeting that lasted late into the day, after which we were going to have a District meeting in Salem, Oregon, which was about an hour's drive from our Grand Lodge. We went in two cars. There are two Lodges in Salem, and two of us traveled in one car. It was wintertime, there was snow on the road, and I am a pretty good driver, and I pride myself on being exceptionally fast when it comes to snow, compared to other people. I was sure that I would beat the people in the other car. Just before we left, I clearly heard that this meeting was going to be at the Scottish Rite Temple in Salem. So, we drove there and it didn't surprise me when we got there that we arrived first. I was pleased to see there were probably 100 cars parked around the Temple. And I thought, boy, this is great. The Grand Master is going to have a really nice turn-out. We rushed in, were about 10 or 15 minutes late. It was mealtime and we were worried that we may have missed it. We put our things down and rushed into the dining room and the line was clear back by the door. We walked in and got in line. We hadn't even had a chance to look around and a man came over to us, and he said, "Welcome. Are you the dignitaries?" And we said we're kind of the dignitaries, but we're not THE dignitary. That seemed to satisfy him. Jim Shellingburg was with me—my Grand Secretary. He tipped his badge up, read it and said, "Jim Shellingburg." That sounds familiar. I wisely kept my lips together; I was tempted to say, "It should be familiar, he's been Secretary for 75 years at the Grand Lodge." But I didn't say anything. He visited with us for a while and in the meantime this line was moving. He left and was replaced by somebody else, and after about the third visitor, we had a chance to look around.

We hadn't become alarmed, but we hadn't noticed anybody in the room that we knew. Now, we're Grand Lodge officers, and we've been around for a little while. It happened to be Marty's district, and he was District Deputy at that time. We thought, gee, Marty might be here, but by some freak of nature, by some chance, the Grand Master and his group may have come earlier, beat us, and were in a room having a meeting. So, all this time, these people were visiting with us, and they looked just right. They were our age, a lot of glasses, a lot of gray hair, a little bit of no hair. The ladies were all dressed up nice. Everything looked just right. And the tables we went to were loaded down with food. All this time, there wasn't one minute that we were left by ourselves.

There was somebody visiting with us all the way through this line, and it was pretty long. Until we got right down to the serving table and Jim had a plate in one hand and a serving spoon in another, and he says, "Hey, John, do you notice the name tags on these folks?" No, I hadn't, so I looked around, and sure enough, everybody had names tags, but they were small and a completely different configuration than anything we'd ever used in the history of Masonry. So I tapped this great big guy on the shoulder, about the size of Gunnar, and I said, "Hey, Brother, I hate to ask you this, but what's the name of your outfit? He says, "We're the Sons of Norway." There are two Lodges in Salem, Brush College and the Scottish Rite Temple; there may be another, but there are those two. We had mistakenly thought our meeting was at the Scottish Rite Temple and it was at Brush College and we just blundered in to a Sons of Norway meeting, just like we belonged there, and we were a good 15 minutes, maybe 20, but when we identified ourselves to

this guy, he says, “Well, you missed your meeting, you missed your meal. Just stay and eat with us.” And I want to tell you, those Norwegians know how to cook!

I never saw such good-looking food in my life. And the dessert table was this big and just loaded down. And the other one was three times that large. But we left there, and when we left, we didn’t discuss how much trouble we were in with our Grand Master, missing his meal, we discussed how friendly those people were. We’d been there for 15 minutes in the middle of strangers; there wasn’t a soul in that room that we knew, and all that time we thought we were in the middle of our friends. And I thought, what a tribute to the friendliness of a group of people. In the middle of people you’ve never seen before, and you think you’re in the middle of your friends!

And we thought, if Masonry could be that prolific in their extension of their friendship, we wouldn’t have any trouble at all. That’s why we’re here: the rest of it is nice, the rest of it is essential, but that is the real reason. The other thing that concerns me, Brethren, is that we try to get to basics. You hear people talking about getting back to basics; just before I became Grand Master, I thought, “What are basics?” Ritual, the straight ties, and you could go on and list a dozen other things.

The basics is the definition of Masonry: a system of morality, and when you take that and encompass the broad spectrum of all our society today, it comes up wanting. We had some young men bring the flag in today and we all stood and put our hands on our hearts; I almost got into trouble at a rodeo last year. They brought the flag around and almost everybody stood up and took their hats off, except one man, and I assume he had a broken arm, and I was going to go over and take his hat off for him and save him some embarrassment, The guy that I was with grabbed my arm and prevented me from doing it. But I really think the next time when I see that happen, I will do exactly that.

Our mores have changed over the past 40 years, and not for the best. We have educators who are in no position to be educators, and I am not saying that we don’t have some top-level ones, but when we find a bad egg, we need to get rid of him. We have politicians who should not be leaders of anything, let alone leaders of our nation. We have one right now, that doesn’t inhale. And, we have other politicians that are caught with their hand in the cookie jar, so we continue to elect them, and this has been going on for years. Adam Clayton Powell? Right one through: Wilbur Mills, and I’m not getting into politics here; that wasn’t my intention, but the thing is, we are accepting mediocrity, we’re accepting wrong-doings, as a matter of course, and we’re not doing anything about it.

There was a young man who wrote an article to the editor in my local paper: he was talking about sex education in the schools. He was concerned that he was getting the improper message. He stated in his letter that there was a lot of information being disseminated about communicable diseases, ways to avoid that and condoms were being passed out. They were taught ways to pleasure, but at no time were they taught the sanctity of marriage or abstinence. He said, Why is that? It was about a three paragraph article, and the very final sentence of his article was for our leaders, and I would ask you the same thing: Where are our leaders?

If you were going to pick a champion to be the champion for morality, who would you pick today? Would you pick this same government? I don't believe so. Even when you come to the clergy, you need to be a little bit careful. We have certain churches that are sanctifying marriage between those of the same sex. I do not believe you would want them to be the champion of moral issues in this country. We have the best change, are in the best position, of doing something about this than anybody that I can think of.

The very definition of Masonry: a system of morality, built in allegory, illustrated by symbols. You could just knock it off as a system or morality, and let the other two go. It's come on us a little at a time, Brethren, where we don't notice it. Just a little bit here, and a little bit there, and a little bit here.

When I was younger there wasn't any TV, but as TV came on, you've never heard any swearing on it; you never heard or saw anything that was improper, and as time went on, a little word was inserted here, a little word was inserted there, and we didn't do anything about it. We didn't raise a human cry. And somebody has to do that, but it really starts right here; it starts right here with each one of you, it starts in the Grand Lodge, it starts in your families, and in your Lodges.

Two different times in the past few years I have seen circumstances where we should have severely chastised and eliminated a membership of a Mason. Once in Oregon, a man was accused and convicted of child molestation. He withdrew before his charges could be brought up on him, and then when he came back to petition the Lodge after he served two years, he was accepted back. Now, what kind of message does that send to the public? This was public knowledge that this man was convicted and served time, and we accept him back.

The other one was the Grand Lodge of California; at their Grand Lodge this last year. There was a man who was charged and found guilty in court for "rubbing his genitals on Jobies at an outing." He was found guilty and when he came to be brought to trial at the Masonic Lodge, they found him innocent. Now, what do you think that tells the Jobie people, the girls, as well as the public? It's necessary that we maintain the highest possible standards of morality that we can, and that we do not tolerate those things that are against those standards.

Religious intolerance is another thing that's beginning to creep upon us, and we have a tendency to lay back and not say anything. Certain religions are being persecuted, as they were in the past, and a lot of times we think it's not our ox, don't worry about it. It is our ox, Brethren. Some time, some place, somebody has to say, "That's enough." And I think now is the time and we're the people.

I would encourage you to go back to your homes, to your communities, and get involved; if you see something that is not right, if you see a class that's being taught wrong, if you see an educator or politician or leader in your community just doing things, if an impropriety, do something about it.

Now, I can get off my soap box. Most Worshipful Brother Gunnar, he wanted me to talk for an hour, how close am I to an hour?

This is a real important thing to me, Brethren, and it's a major concern, and it concerns me but not as much as our tolerance of it, or becoming inured to these things. We figure that we take the best of the worst; we accept mediocrity, and we don't think we can do anything about it. We accept the fact that kids come in, shoot down somebody in school, and too bad. If it was our kid, it would be more than too bad. We need to take the necessary steps to try and effect changes, and that can only be done by standing up and being counted.

I thank you, Grand Master, for the opportunity to address your Grand Lodge. Alaska is near and dear to me. I have been up here; my son was born here in Anchorage, and we lived here a short time and then I lived here off and on for a great length of time. As I told one of my Grand Lodge officers, I used to love country just like you love a woman. I could do that again very easily. This is a great state and you're getting a good start in your Grand Lodge, and I am happy to be here today; pleased I was able to be here.

I wish we had some more Grand Masters to speak to you, but I am pleased that I was able to be here. I thank you for the considerations and the hospitality and most of all, my Brethren, I thank you for your friendship. It is easy to come in to a place a stranger and everybody knows each other, and you're talking with each other around, and once in a while you'll come in to a place like that Norwegian meeting and there are no strangers, and your Grand Lodge comes close to that. I thank you very much.

Sister Mary Wallace Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Western Alaska

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Sisters and Brothers, and soon-to-be Sisters and Brothers of the Order of the Eastern Star. It's a pleasure to be with you this afternoon, and quite an honor to be asked to be here. I bring you greetings from our Most Worthy Grand Matron.

I know some of you know this, but not all of you know this; when the Most Worthy Grand Matron came up to this portion of Alaska for her official visit, the Grand Master of Alaska had an official visit here in Anchorage, and due to time constraints of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, we cannot reschedule her schedule. It is a very, very tight schedule, and I want you to know that Brother Howard canceled his official visit to one of the Lodges so that attendance would be great for Denali Chapter #16. The Most Worthy Grand Matron is now the Junior Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Virginia, wanted me personally to thank you again for what you did. Thank you, very, very much.

I hope you know how important you are to the Order of the Eastern Star. That a Lodge first has to sponsor a Chapter to exist. In other words, each Chapter we have in Alaska

was sponsored by your Lodges. So my question is to you Brothers, do you know what Eastern Star Chapter you sponsor?

A woman has to be related to a Mason to become a member of our Order. We cannot even hold balloting or initiation in Eastern Star without a Brother Mason. So, we do need you and we very much appreciate you, and we love you.

Now, as for Grand Chapter of Alaska for the Order of the Eastern Star, I believe Eastern Star is the only organization of the Masonic body that does not have a Grand Chapter within the state. I think every other organization does. But we have such stiff regulations, that we do not yet qualify to form a Grand Chapter in Alaska. I am quite sure, with the Masons I see in this room, that is, my Brothers, I know they will support me 100% when that time comes. We need two more Eastern Star Chapters in order to have a Grand Chapter of Alaska, and I will keep you informed as time goes by, and I hope one day, as you today have, because of the history of those great Masons, that you have within this very room, that had the vision to see Grand Lodge of Alaska come true. It is a reality, as you can all see, and I hope that one day that will also apply to the OES.

God bless you and we love you.

Illustrious Potentate Earl Beasley, Potentate of Alaska Shrine Temple

Thank you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Howard Hobbs, Grand Lodge officers, and Brothers all. It gives me great pleasure as the Potentate for Alaska Shrine Temple to welcome everybody to Anchorage and to this Grand Lodge Session. One of the recent things that has happened in Shrinedom is the unity between the Grand Lodges and the concordant bodies, to bring them around to more unity amongst the Brothers so that Shrinedom and Masonry can thrive, which has been on the decline for a number of years. In our own temple, last year, thanks to our Potentate, Fred Angleton, our temp held its own. We didn't lose any, and we didn't gain any by the end of the year, so it has been quite a plus.

As most of you know, the Shrine represents 19 orthopedic hospitals and 3 burn centers for our philanthropy, and presently our yearly budget is over a million dollars a day. So, it takes quite a bit of effort to keep that going. In our own part, from Alaska, we have over 250 kids that are involved in the Shrine program, most of them going to the Portland hospital, some to Spokane, and some to the spinal cord injury unit in San Francisco—we had three go there this past year.

We have three clinics a year where the hospital sends up their doctor staff and administrative staff and we put on three clinics; the Alaska Regional Hospital provides us space and the x-ray department to handle this. Our next one is May 13. Presently, there are over 72 kids already scheduled for this one. Alaska Airlines has been flying our kids to these clinics we have here, as well as to and from the hospitals. Last year Alaska

Airlines flew 643,000 crippled child miles around Alaska to and from the Shrine hospitals. So that brings their total just under 3 million miles since 1984, so that's quite a plus.

One thing I'd like to bring out is on December 23 of this last year, Alaska Airlines flew one of the kids that was shot in the neck in an accident—12 years old—and was flown down to the spinal cord injury unit in San Francisco. Alaska Airlines had to give up 9 seats for this case, and we paid for a nurse to go down and a parent. So that made 11 seats they gave up. On the 23rd of December, that was a lot of jockeying for Alaska Airlines to do to make this work. So, these are some of the things Alaska Airlines has done. By the way, how many people flew Alaska Airlines to get here today? Oh, that's great! You know, with them doing what they have, and they do not to deduct these crippled child miles that they fly because they are on a mail contract, so these miles are not deductible, and that's strictly out of their corporate profits. So, fly Alaska Airlines whenever you can. Thank you very much.

William Clucas, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Alaska to the East.

Brothers, Most Worshipful Grand Master, the highest any of us will ever reach is a Master Mason. Anything after that, and what York Rite is, is it takes what was taught to us as Masons, as we progressed—the lessons—and examines them in greater detail.

Remember, as Masons, we should always stress and strive to become more understanding, have more knowledge, that we may become better men, better Brothers. Once again, it is really great to be here at Grand Lodge. Remember, Brothers, we never attain higher than that plain white apron. Thank you.

Richard Holyoke, Illustrious Master of the Grand Council of Alaska.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, distinguished East, Brothers and Sisters. It is a pleasure today being here to represent the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Alaska. I don't have to spend too much time here explaining what the Grand Council is, as most of you here either are or have been officers of the Grand Council, and know its workings. We are proud of the Masonic family and we are beholden to the Grand Lodge like all other good Master Masons, and all can say is that next week, unfortunately it is so close to Grand Lodge, we will have our Grand Sessions in Kodiak, Alaska. That's that little island over there they sang about last night. We hope all of the York Rite Masons will be able to attend. Once again, I really appreciate being invited to the Grand Lodge. I missed last year, and that's the first time in many years, but I don't plan on missing any more, so I'll be here. Thank you.

Chester Proudfoot, Deputy in Alaska of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge officers, distinguished guests and Brethren I am Chet Proudfoot and I am the Deputy of the Supreme Council of the (*garbled*) of Alaska, and I want to thank this Grand Lodge for recognizing the members of the concordant bodies—I really shouldn't say "concordant" as there has been a lot of discussion about the use of words in that regard. It is a pleasure to be recognized. I am the Deputy of the Supreme Council but my gear is a little different, I guess everyone wonders what I'm doing with that, but I try to do my part. Scottish Rite has a part in their ritual that says that every Scottish Rite Mason should be a good Blue Lodge Mason, so I try to do my little part. I don't do a whole lot, but I sort of hang around.

The Scottish Rite in Alaska is in the process of organizing our childhood languages program, and it's working well here in Anchorage. It is not very large but is solvent, and we guarantee the parents of our children that their children will be in there and financed the whole period of the treatment, regardless of whether the Scottish Rite discontinued the program or not. The money will be there to keep those children in the program and see that they finish their treatment. That's our big thing in Alaska right now; to try to get this childhood language thing off the ground and get it working throughout the whole state of Alaska. In between times, when I'm not doing anything else, I play around with Howard in the Scottish Rite and we do a little ritual work together. Other than that, I don't do a whole lot—I'm just a kind of fixture. Thank you.

Gene R. Freeman, representing James Morton, Governor of the Sovereign Grand York Rite College of North America

I extend you his greetings and also his apology for not being here, because he definitely wanted to attend the Session. The York Rite College function, locally, is to try and assist all the other Masonic bodies in whatever they can. They come together, and if you ask for their help, either singly or as a group, they will try and accommodate you, so you might think about them as a back-up some time when you're scrounging around looking for people to do work in the different bodies. Because, they say, and this is the profession, that "We will help." So with that thought, Most Worshipful Sir, I certainly appreciate your calling us to the East.

Most Worshipful E. L. Roy Foss, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington,

Most Worshipful Grand Master, what a pleasure to be here today. Brethren, distinguished Brethren all, this is my first time to come to the Grand Lodge of Alaska this year. It's been a pleasure for me to attend every function, every Grand Lodge Session, since we

formed the Grand Lodge of Alaska in 1981, and I hope that I'll be invited to come back again next year, and from now on until they start throwing a little dirt in my face.

Several years ago I started going to Australia. I noticed the Grand Organist played "Waltzing Matilda." When I was Grand Master, the Organist played that as my theme song because I'd been down there so many times. Now it's been thirteen trips in the last thirteen years down to Australia and New Zealand. A couple of years ago I got a letter from the Grand Lodge requesting if I would come down there and talk about Masonry and the Shrine in North America. I considered and went down there and they had me at a meeting of an organization they called the Past and Present Grand Lodge Officers of New South Wales. It is a membership of 1,400. They have a luncheon monthly and I was to be the guest speaker. I went and prepared extensively about what is Masonry in America and what is the Shrine.

I prepared a paper and I started giving the little talk and I decided that I should throw a little humor into it and told them about a Mason in Washington State who was reading the evening newspaper and in the classified ads he saw an article in there "White Mule for Sale." Well, he had never seen a white mule, but he decided to buy it. He called long distance to the farmer that had the mule for sale and the farmer said yes, he'd sell it to him for \$100. So the Mason sent a check down for \$100, but he said I can't come and get the mule for a couple of weeks. Two weeks later the Mason got his truck and drove it down to the farm to pick up this mule. He was met by the farmer who said, "I'm sorry, sir but since you sent me that check, that mule died." And my wife needed a new dress and the kids needed new shoes and we bought groceries and I spent that \$100, and I can't give it back to you today. But after the crop comes in, I'll send you your \$100 back."

The Mason says, "Well, do you have anything to load that dead mule?" The farmer says, "Yes, I've got a front-end, loader and I would be able to put him in your truck." The Mason says, "All right, do that." They loaded that mule up and two or three months later they met in a parking lot in a hardware store. The farmer says, "I've had a bad, bad time. The crop was a failure and I can't give you your \$100 back."

The Mason says, "Well, forget it. You see, I raffled that mule off. I sold a thousand chances for \$1 apiece and I raffled that mule off." The farmer says, "You raffled that dead mule off?!" "Yes." "Didn't that make everybody mad?" "No, just one person," says the Mason, "And I gave him his money back."

I also talked about Masonry and Shrinedom in North America. The next month I got a magazine in the mail and here's a picture of me in this magazine; a big picture, inside double-page spread, a big picture of me, and the full story about this Mason and the farmer with the white mule. The last sentence says, "He also told us about Masonry and Shrinedom.

But, in my thirteen trips down there, they don't want to know about Masonry in North America, they want to know about Masonry in Alaska! Because I have represented this Grand Lodge in New South Wales and Western Australia, in Victoria, in Queensland, I

happen to be a privileged honorary Senior Grand Warden for Queensland and New South Wales. I go down there and they don't want to know about anything that goes on in Washington, Washington DC or anything else, but they do want me to tell them about Alaska.

One time I told them the story—maybe I've told it here, I don't know, we were out moose hunting at a base camp. We sat around and beat our gums or told a few true stories, mostly otherwise, and about bedtime we decided to retire. I was taught by my mother that the last thing I wanted to do before I went to bed was to go to the potty. Well, out there at the base camp they didn't have any indoor plumbing, it was a building down the road about 50 feet and so I started to go out there to that outhouse and my friend says, "Roy, we're moose hunting, but we're also in bear country. Don't go out there without taking your rifle." I said, "Oh, I'm kind of strong. There's no problem; I'll be able to handle this." "No! Seriously, take your rifle." And I went past the kitchen stove and there was a kindling box and I picked up a little switch and says, "I'll get me one with a switch." I headed down towards the outhouse and lo and behold, I get there and a big old nine-foot bear stood and said "Woof!" I didn't have to "go" anymore! I turned around and started back to the cabin where my friends would protect me with their rifles and I was really picking them up and laying them down. I was just really going, but I could feel the hot breath of that bear on my heels. Just as I got to the front porch, I caught my foot on the first step and just went flat down. At that same instant, that big old bear made a big old lunge and he went right over the top of me, hit the door, went on inside the cabin; I stood up and pulled the door shut and said, "Skin that one out, boys, I'm going out for another one!"

That's the kind of information—they don't have great bears in Australia. They've got little koalas, but no big bears, no vicious animals. It's so great to be able to travel extensively around the world, and I look forward to coming back here for the fellowship that I have received over the past many, many years. This is my twenty-ninth trip for a Masonic Fraternity, and I look forward to another twenty-nine years to come.

Thank you.

ELECTION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

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

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

Grand Master:

Frank DeLong	1 vote
Lloyd Triggs	1 vote
Gene Freeman	1 vote
Chester Proudfoot	1 vote
Henry T. Dunbar	126 votes (Position Accepted)

Deputy Grand Master:

Frank DeLong	1 vote
Fred McGuire	1 vote
Rex Hasty	2 votes
Hank Dunbar	2 votes
Lloyd Triggs	125 votes (Position Accepted)

Senior Grand Warden:

Frank DeLong	1 vote
Fred McGuire	1 vote
Joe Dees	1 vote
Stanley Foulke	128 votes (Position Accepted)

Junior Grand Warden:

Cliff Darnell	1 vote
David DeLong	1 vote
Joe Dees	1 vote
Tom Leslie	1 vote
Chester Proudfoot	1 vote
Frank Weiss	2 votes
Fred McGuire	6 votes
Ray Beaver	52 votes
Gene Freeman	66 votes (Position Accepted)

Grand Secretary:

Cliff Darnell	1 vote
Rick. Bender	131 votes (Position Accepted)

Grand Treasurer:

Steve Lee	1 vote
Tom Black	9 votes
Bobby Alexander	121 votes (Position Accepted)

INSTALLATION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

An open installation for the 1995-1996 officers for the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was conducted in Anchorage, Alaska on April 7, 1995

OPENING CEREMONIES

Welcome and Introduction

By MW Howard N. Hobbs

INSTALLING OFFICERS

Installing Master	Tape not audible
Installing Marshall	Tape not audible
Installing Assistant Marshall	Tape not audible
Installing Assistant	Tape not audible
Installing Chaplain	Tape not audible
Installing Secretary	Tape not audible
Installing Musician	Tape not audible

ELECTED OFFICERS

Grand Master	MW Henry T. Dunbar
Deputy Grand Master	RW Lloyd W. Triggs
Senior Grand Warden	RW Stanley r. Foulke
Junior Grand Warden	RW Gene R. Freeman
Grand Treasurer	RW Bobby W Alexander
Grand Secretary	RW Richard D. Bender

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Grand Chaplain	W Van O. Chaney
Grand Lecturer	VW Marvin R. Harned
Grand Orator	W Arthur A. Rindahl
Grand Historian	W Joe H. Ashby
Grand Marshal	W Thomas V. Houser
Senior Grand Deacon	W Michael B. Swensen

Junior Grand Deacon	W Loyd G. Williamson
Grand Standard Bearer	W Marty W. Parsons
Grand Sword Bearer	W William C. Quirion
Grand Bible Bearer	W Frederick H. Newton
Senior Grand Steward	W Rex C. Hasty
Junior Grand Steward	W James M. LeFlore
Grand Organist	W Dwight E. Morris
Grand Tyler	W Raymond A. Gallant

DEPUTIES TO THE GRAND MASTER

District 1	VW William Oldham
District 2	VW Arthur A. Rindahl
District 3	VW Dennis Z. Morgan
District 4	VW Carl Mulvihill