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ROLL CALL

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GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Master	MW Henry T. Dunbar
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deputy Grand Master	RW Lloyd W. Triggs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Warden	RW Stanley R. Foulke
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Warden	RW Gene R. Freeman
<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	W Van O. Chaney
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Lecturer	VW Marvin R. Harned
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Orator	W Arthur A. Rindahl
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Historian	W Joe H. Ashby
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Marshal	W Thomas V. Houser
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Deacon	W Michael B. Swensen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Deacon	W Loyd G. Williamson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Standard Bearer	W Marty W. Parsons
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Sword Bearer	W William C. Quirion
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Bible Bearer	W Frederick H. Newton
<input type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Steward	W Rex C. Hasty
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Steward	W James M. LeFlore
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Organist	W Dwight E. Morris
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Tyler	W Raymond A. Gallant

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 Fifteenth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was opened at 8:00 AM on April 11, 1996 by Most Worshipful Howard N. Hobbs (10, 12, 15, UD), Immediate Past Grand Master. The program for the public ceremonies included:

- Entrance of Grand Lodge Officers
- Presentation of U.S., Canadian, and Alaska flags and Flag Tribute by the Heroes of '76, National Sojourners
- Pledge of Allegiance
- National Anthems and "The Alaska Flag"
- Welcome to representatives of the Youth Groups
- International Order of Job's Daughters**
Shaelyn Ellzey, 1995 Miss Alaska IOJD, Bethel No. 1
- International Order of Rainbow for Girls**
Elaine Ambrose, Grand Worthy Advisor Grand Assembly of Alaska
- International Order of DeMolay**
Aric R. Thompson, Master Councilor Anchorage
- Introduction and Reception of Distinguished Guests**
 - Canada**
 - RW Donald P. Frizzell, Deputy of the Grand Master in District No. 11, British Columbia
 - RW Thomas O. Mickey,
 - California**
 - RW Allen B. Gresham, Deputy Grand Master of California
 - MW William F. Stovall, Past Grand Master of California
 - Montana**
 - MW Francis D. Hess, Past Grand Master of Montana
 - Nebraska**
 - MW Bryon C. Jenkins, Past Grand Master of Nebraska
 - Nevada**
 - MW W. Ronald Briggs, Past Grand Master of Nevada
 - Oregon**
 - W John D. Live, Grand Pursuivant of Oregon representing MW John H. Smith, Grand Master
 - MW John S. Harvey, Grand Master of Oregon
 - MW Herman C. Kuppler, Past Grand Master of Oregon
 - Washington**
 - MW E.L. "Roy" Foss, Past Grand Master of Washington representing M.W. Preston Stedman, Grand Master

MW Sidney Kase, Past Grand Master of Washington
VW Wendal H. Kuecker, Past District Deputy

**Introduction of Representatives of the Concordant Bodies
Al Aska Shrine Temple**

Illustrious Howard McElrath, Potentate

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons

James W. Morton, Grand High Priest

Raymond A. Gallant, Grand Illustrious Master

Grand Court of Amaranth

Sister Rita M. Grady, Grand Royal Matron

International Order of Eastern Star

Sister Mary L. Wallace, Deputy to MWGM in Western
Alaska

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

Illustrious John H. Bowerman, representing

Chester L. Proudfoot, Deputy for Alaska

York Rite Sovereign College

James W. Morton, Grand Governor of Alaska

The formal opening of the Fifteenth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was opened at 9:00 AM on April 11, 1996, by Most Worshipful Henry T. Dunbar, 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 Charles O. Ashcraft (10))

Second Session

W Glen E. Josey (8, 17)

Third Session

W Robert E. MacArthur (17)

Fourth Session

W Russell W. Sanders (7, UD)

MESSAGE OF THE M.W. GRAND MASTER

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

My brethren: I'd like to personally welcome everyone to the Fifteenth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska. Especially to those of you who have traveled from across the state of Alaska and several locations outside the State of Alaska at great expense in order to be here. Your

dedication to Masonry and your willingness to help spread brotherly love and friendship across our great land is commendable. If we can do anything to help make your visit more enjoyable, please let us know.

NECROLOGY

As always, the Necrology Report is the saddest part of our Annual Communication. The Supreme Grand Architect of the Universe has again seen fit to take a number of our brothers from us, including one of our beloved Past Grand Masters, Most Worshipful Brother David J. Thomas. Our sympathy and love goes out to each of their families. Even though we share these losses with great sadness, we should also be happy that we had the opportunity to know these brothers and share part of our lives with them.

Our Grand Chaplain, Worshipful Brother Van O. Chaney will give a full Necrology Report and a brief Memorial Service later in the session.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

It was noted during our visitations to the Constituent Lodges of this Jurisdiction that most Lodges are doing good ritual work in opening and closing ceremonies. Most of the Lodge buildings were attractive and well maintained. The morale of members throughout the state was excellent. Many Lodges are still struggling with declining memberships and reduced financial resources. However, those Lodges who are aggressively using the Membership Development Kits from the Masonic Renewal Committee are seeing some positive results and have reduced the rate of their declining membership.

It became apparent last year, after the Department of Defense decided to close Adak Naval Air Station, that Adak Lodge No. 14 would not be able to survive. Many of the members of Adak Lodge wanted to retain an affiliation with an Alaskan Lodge. Since several of their members planned to retire in the Mat-Su area, the members of Adak Lodge No. 14 and Iditarod Lodge U.D. voted to merge their two Lodges. This merger will become official as soon as possible after Iditarod Lodge receives its Charter and is duly constituted.

VISITATIONS

All Lodges of this Jurisdiction, except Adak Lodge No. 14, were visited by the Grand Master and his entourage at least once during the year. Several topics of interest were presented to the Lodge members by the Grand Lodge officers and committeemen. Each meeting concluded with a question and answer period. I felt the question and answer periods was especially important since it gave the Lodge members an opportunity for feedback concerning the programs presented by the Grand Lodge officers.

Hospitality at the Lodge visitations was excellent throughout the State. We really appreciate the effort you expend in preparation for our visits and, on behalf of all of us, I would like to personally thank you for all your courtesies.

SPECIAL EVENTS

One Day Ritual Class: An "All the Way - In One Day" Ritual Class was held on October 21, 1995. Brothers who had started their Degree work but never finished it were targeted for this class. Most of them were Entered Apprentices and some were initiated

as far back as ten years ago. All three Degrees were conferred in full form during the class. The Third Degree Drama was presented in full costume in order to make it more interesting and meaningful to the candidates. Twenty five candidates, representing 8 different Lodges took advantage of this opportunity. About 50 or 60 Master Masons were in attendance at various times throughout the day. The exact number is unknown because some of them could not stay all day and a few of them apparently neglected to sign the Tyler's Register.

As of mid-March, at least ten of these candidates had returned their proficiencies and are now paid up, card carrying members of their Lodge and some of them have been attending Lodge regularly.

I want to call special attention to Matanuska Lodge No. 7 in Palmer. They sent seven candidates to the one day class. Six of the seven have returned their Proficiencies, two are holding appointed offices in the Lodge and one has already joined the Scottish Rite. This success, I believe, is due to the enthusiasm shown by the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, his willingness to monitor their progress and constant encouragement given the candidates to complete the program. His expectations were high and the result shows. Congratulations to you, Worshipful Brother Russell Sanders. Keep up the good work.

I believe the One Day Ritual Class was a success and should be adopted as an alternate method of raising Master Masons in this Jurisdiction. However, this method should be used sparingly and only at the discretion and direction of the Grand Master. The traditional method of conferring Degrees, one at a time on each individual, should remain the preferred method. I further believe that any brother who takes an abbreviated form of Proficiency, either from the Alternate Proficiency Manual or from a One Day Ritual Class, who later decided to go through the chairs as an officer of his Lodge should go back and learn the Posting Lecture of each Degree as outlined in the coaching ciphers. It is imperative that Lodge officers know these Posting Lectures in order to perform their duties properly.

Prince Hall Masonry: One of my goals this year was to start a dialogue with the Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alaska, to find out if they were interested in establishing mutual recognition between our two Grand Lodges. I first met with Most Worshipful Brother Ruben Jackson last spring and posed the question of mutual recognition. He said that he would present the question to his Grand Lodge at their next Annual Communication in July 1995. M.W. Brother Jackson did desire to seek recognition on the following terms: Whatever form of recognition we pursued would have to be mutually agreed to by both Grand Lodges; That each of our Grand Lodges would retain sovereign Jurisdiction over its Constituent Lodges and their members; That we mutually agreed to share jurisdiction within the State of Alaska; That we would seek a limited form of recognition which would allow visitation between our Lodges but we would have no Dual Membership; and That implementation of any such recognition would not become effective until each Grand Lodge had approved the necessary legislation in their respective Grand Lodges.

After Prince Hall Grand Lodge met in July 1995, I was verbally informed that a substantial number of their members were interested in seeking mutual recognition. However, as of now, we have not received a formal request for recognition.

In December 1995, I met with their new Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother James Watson in Fairbanks. He was briefed on the previous conversations that I had had with M.W. Brother Jackson. During my conversation with M.W. Brother Watson, he stated that he too would be in favor of a limited form of recognition that allowed

visitation only. Near the end of my visit with M.W. Brother Watson, he stated that he was pleased to have met me and that he never would have believed that we would be seeking recognition of each other during his lifetime.

I subsequently received a letter from M.W. Brother Watson acknowledging our meeting and stating that he would like to maintain our dialogue on the question of mutual recognition of our two Grand Lodges. His letter, however, did not formally ask for recognition at this time.

So my Brothers, I guess the ball is now in our court. Do we continue the process by formally asking them for recognition? Do we sit back and wait for them to be first to ask us for recognition? Do we ask our elected Officers to have a few more informal meetings with the Prince Hall Elected Officers? Or, do we just sit back and do nothing?

I believe it will be in the Masonic Fraternity's best interest for us to continue this process. Many people outside our Fraternity think that we Masons are a racist organization because of this long-standing separation and lack of recognition of our Prince Hall Brothers. Masonry's public image needs some improvement and I believe that our recognition of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska would be a big boost to our public image in the State of Alaska.

Long Range Planning: At the beginning of this Masonic year, I appointed a Long Range Planning Committee. This committee met several times throughout the year and discussed a number of different topics that we felt would be of interest and benefit to this Grand Lodge. Since this was a new committee, we spent much time discussing the merits of having such a committee and trying to decide what topics should be included in our agenda and how much latitude the committee would have in formulating Grand Lodge policy. It was pretty much agreed that for the committee to be most effective that almost any topic would be fair game but that the Grand Master would have veto power over any decisions made if he felt that they were not in the best interest of this Grand Lodge. Perhaps, this committee should be made a Standing Committee of the Grand Lodge so that it will continue from year to year.

My brethren, our Grand Lodge is now in Cyberspace, thanks to the efforts of Worshipful Brother Don Chaffin of Fairbanks. W. Brother Chaffin developed a Home Page for us on the Internet. It is listed as an unofficial Directory of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Alaska. At first, I thought of asking you to authorize it as an "official Directory" at this Session. However, after some thought I decided it would be best to wait a while. That way, you would have an opportunity to check it out plus it would give us a chance to see if there are any bugs in it that need to be worked out. I think W. Brother Don did an excellent job with this project and it should prove to be an great asset for this Grand Lodge. Thank you W. Brother Chaffin.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the "All the Way - In One Day" Ritual Classes be adopted as an alternate method of conferring Degrees in this Grand Lodge. The classes should be used sparingly and only at the discretion of and under the direction of the Grand Master.

2. That any Master Mason who takes an abbreviated form of Proficiency, either that prescribed by the Alternate Proficiency Manual or any offered at the conclusion of a One Day Ritual Class, and who subsequently becomes an officer of his Lodge should go

back and demonstrate proficiency in the Posting Lecture of all three Degrees as outlined in the ciphers prior to advancing to Senior Deacon.

3. That Anvil Lodge No. 2 be transferred from District No. 1 to District No. 3 and that Valdez Lodge No. 4 be transferred from District No. 2 to District No. 1.

4. That the Grand Lodge Per Capita Tax be increased by \$.50 per person. The proceeds of this increase to be donated to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia for maintenance of this facility.

5. That a dialogue be maintained with the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska concerning mutual recognition.

6. That the Long Range Planning Committee be made a Standing Committee of this Grand Lodge.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Many brothers worked very hard this past year to help me have a successful year as Grand Master. I am not going to try to single out those individuals because I would surely overlook someone. Often times, someone will do something for you behind the scenes and you don't even know about it. So, a great big Thank You to everyone who did anything to make this a better year for our Grand Lodge.

Fraternally,

Henry T. Dunbar
Grand Master

APPENDIX

This Appendix lists the official acts of the Grand Master during the period of April 8, 1995 through April 12, 1996:

Proclamations

March 20, 1996 Proclaimed the month of April as Public Schools Month

Special Actions

July 10, 1995 Appointed M.W. Leslie R. Little as our representative to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial.

September 7, 1995 Allowed Anchorage Lodge No. 17 to reinstate a Brother dropped NPD without a vote of the Lodge. The Brother had requested reinstatement beyond the 24 month period and Anchorage Lodge No. 17 had requested California for a Courtesy Investigation on Reinstatement. The brother died before the Investigation could be completed and the family requested a Masonic Funeral.

- September 18, 1995 Issued an Edict in order to facilitate the One Day Ritual Class. Sections 20.01, 20.06 and 20.11 of the Alaska Masonic Code were temporarily suspended to allow procedures of the Class.
- October 18, 1995 Issued Grand Master's Ruling regarding conditions for Masonic Clubs to operate.

Dispensations Granted

- May 15, 1995 Permission for Eagle River Lodge No. 13 to appear in public clothed as Masons to march in the Bear Paw Festival Parade on July 8, 1995 in Eagle River.
- May 18, 1995 Permission for White Pass Lodge No. 1 to change their May Stated Meeting to May 27, 1995. Also, permission for members of White Pass Lodge No. 1 to appear in public clothed as Masons in order attend a Church Service on May 28th.
- June 12, 1995 Permission for North Pole Lodge No. 16 to hold two Outdoor Master Mason Degrees on June 17, 1995 at the home of W. Keith Herve.
- July 3, 1995 Permission for Matanuska Lodge No. 7 to hold an Outdoor Master Mason Degree on July 8, 1995 at the home of W. Emmett Roetman.
- September 21, 1995 Permission for White Pass Lodge No. 1 to change their September Stated Meeting to September 20, 1995.
- November 20, 1995 Permission for Matanuska Lodge No. 7 to hold an Open Installation of Officers at the Palmer Elk's Lodge on December 16, 1995.
- November 24, 1995 Permission for Eagle River Lodge No. 13 to change their regular meeting place to the Parkgate Building in Eagle River.
- November 24, 1995 Permission for Eagle River Lodge No. 13 to hold an Open Installation of Officers at the VFW Hall in Eagle River on November 27, 1995.
- December 18, 1995 Permission for North Pole Lodge No. 16 to install their 1996 officers in the absence of the Senior Warden-Elect who was absent due to sudden illness.
- December 28, 1995 Permission for Tanana Lodge No. 3 to hold a special Election on January 10th, 1996 for the purpose of electing a Senior and Junior Warden.
- March 4, 1996 Permission for Anchorage Lodge No. 17 to change their April Stated Communication to April 3, 1996 as their regular Meeting falls during Grand Lodge.
- March 20, 1996 Permission for Glacier Lodge No. 10 to change their April Stated Communication to April 18, 1996 as their regular Meeting falls during Grand Lodge.
- March 22, 1996 Permission for Kenai Lodge No. 11 to appear in public clothed as Masons for the Public Schools Presentation on April 18, 1996.

Lodge Visitations and Other Meetings

1995

- April 11 Long Range Planning Committee - Anchorage

	12	Kodiak Lodge No. 9
	13	York Rite Grand Sessions - Kodiak
	17	Eagle River Lodge No. 13
	18	Matanuska Lodge No. 7
	28	Scottish Rite Spring Reunion
May	1	Aurora Lodge No. 15
	2	Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8
	3	Anchorage Lodge No. 17
	4	Glacier Lodge No. 10
	5	Shrine Ceremonial - Anchorage
	15	North Pole Lodge No. 16
	16	Long Range Planning Committee - Fairbanks
	17	Tanana Lodge No. 3
	18	Fairbanks Lodge No. 12
	20	International Days - Fairbanks
	31	Grand Lodge of Oregon - Portland
June	3	Shriner's Hospital - Portland
	7-10	Grand Lodge of Washington - Wenatchee
	23	White Pass Lodge No. 1
September	7	Anvil Lodge No. 2
	14	Valdez Lodge No. 4
	19	Seward Lodge No. 6
	21	Kenai Lodge No. 11
	22-24	Warden's Charge
	28	Iditarod Lodge UD
	29	Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5
October	5	Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18
	6	Tongass Lodge No. 19
	21	One Day Ritual Class
	7	Scottish Rite Fall Reunion
December	1	Long Range Planning Committee - Fairbanks
	1-2	Scottish Rite Honors Ceremony - Fairbanks

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February	18-20	Conference of Grand Masters - Arlington, VA
April	10-12	Grand Lodge of Alaska - Anchorage

Communications Attended by Others as Representatives of the Grand Master

June	9-10	Grand Lodge of Alberta, by V.W. William H. Lefferson
October	2-3	Grand Lodge of Missouri, by R.W. Stanley R. Foulke
October	6-7	Grand Lodge of Illinois, by V.W. Mitchell R. Miller

October 16-17 Grand Lodge of Kentucky, by V.W. Mitchell R. Miller

November 13-14 Grand Lodge of Nevada, by R.W. Lloyd W. Triggs

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.

Another year has passed and it is again time for my annual report on the activity of the Grand Lodge Office and the condition of the Constituent Lodges in Alaska. Again, my thanks go to the Secretaries of the Constituent Lodges. Although there are problems at time, I offer my appreciation for your hard work and dedication.

Moving our Annual Communication to April has not improved the time crunch in preparing the necessary paperwork for this Communication. Although the deadlines have not changed, I appears that there is a general feeling that there is plenty of time to get the paperwork submitted and April is a long way off. 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. Five Lodges submitted their Reports prior to the February 1st deadline. The five remaining Lodges submitted their Reports just prior to the printing of this Report. In at least four instances, a Lodge had not turned in a Report for almost one year! The problems with the late submissions ranged from; changing of Secretaries and the incoming Secretary thinking the outgoing one had submitted the paperwork, to problems with the mail, and to simply not having enough time. I know that these Secretaries are all volunteers and some of them are holding the office of Secretary because no one else will take it. I will make my annual plea for all Secretaries to keep their Monthly Reports up to date. On a positive note, I had very few problems with the Monthly Reports when they were submitted. In the past, there have been many problems with the “numbers” in the Reports. This year, those problems were almost nonexistent.

I have changed the format for the Status of Lodges this year. I can no longer fit the individual statistics for 20 Lodges on one page. We show a slight gain for the year which is due to the Dispensation for Iditarod Lodge. As the Grand Master reported, Adak Lodge No. 14 will be merging with Iditarod Lodge once they receive their Charter. This will allow many of those brothers to retain their Alaska membership.

To repeat a statement I made in last year’s Report, the Warden's Charge Weekend continues to be one of the best programs this Jurisdiction has to offer. Our Warden’s Charge Committee has worked very hard to make this weekend an ongoing program of our Grand Lodge. They continue to fine tune the agenda to make it a valuable item in the management of our Lodges. Hopefully, this Committee will not change membership from year to year and they can develop a continuous program.

The Financial Section shows the growth in our Investments this year. Our Permanent Fund is now over \$100,000 and is showing a good rate of return. The 365

Club, which is a program to help the Grand Lodge Dedicated Travel Fund, has a total value of \$8,500+ as of December 31, 1995.

I wish to offer appreciation to the people I work with. It has been a pleasure to work with the elected Officers this year. They continue to strive for continuity in the Grand Lodge line and, by doing so, hope to make some of the programs more than just a one year effort. It has been my pleasure to work with our Grand Treasurer, R.W. Brother Bobby Alexander. Few people realize the amount of work that is necessary to keep the Financial Records of this Grand Lodge accurate. He is a Mason who practices Masonry on a 24 hour basis. Thank you, Bobby, for the opportunity to work with you. 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. Brothers, this concludes my Annual Report. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and Masonry in Alaska.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Richard D. Bender
Grand Secretary

Status of Lodges

Total Petitions - 1995	46	
Total Initiated - 1995	47	
Total Passed - 1995	58	
Total Raised - 1995	61	
Total Degrees - 1995	166	
Membership as of 1/1/95		2236
Total Master Mason Proficiencies	43	
Total Affiliations	6	
Total Dual Members	24	
Total Reinstatements	13	
Total New Lodges U.D.	49	
Other	0	
Total Gains -1995		+134
Total Deaths	46	
Total Dimits	24	
Total NPD	57	
Total Expulsions	0	
Total Suspensions	0	
Other	0	
Total Losses - 1995		-127
Total Net Gain/(Loss) - 1995	+7	
Membership as of 12/31/95		2243

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge officers, visiting Brethren, one and all. I kind of feel like Larry Fortenski felt from California when he married Elizabeth Taylor: he knew what would happen if he didn't make it interesting.

We've heard our distinguished speaker from California. We appreciate his comments. It makes us happy and it makes us sad at the problems our beloved fraternity is faced with. I'm happy! I'm also sad, sad I had to close down my store. I can't sell anymore jewelry or medallions while I make this report, and Very Worshipful Brother Bob Fulton is sitting here today to hear these messages, and he too is sad because he's not selling any more Masonic books.

But, brethren, you know the thing that goes the farthest that makes life worthwhile that does the most and costs the least is just a pleasant smile. A smile comes very easy. You can wrinkle up a cheer a hundred times before you shed a single tear. So smile away. Folks understand what by a smile is meant. It is worth a million dollars; it doesn't cost a cent.

We heard our very eloquent Past Grand Master from California deliver his message. I kind of feel like the Brother in charge of the Fraternal Relations Committee prior to me when he reported at this Grand Communication: "Grand Master, I have no requests, I have no report." And he sat down. Well, that was a real challenge. To think we have no requests for recognition, so there's nothing to report! Wow! I don't go along with that.

We have a lot to report. I'm not going to report anything to add to what the Grand Master from California has told you. I'm hunting for happiness, to let you know, that things are going good. They can be improved on, but Masonry's doing good! Jurisdictions are showing increases in membership. As I reviewed this past Masonic year, fraternal reviews, I've reviewed them from 59 different Jurisdictions, plus other correspondence that your Fraternal Relations receives. Bear with me, while I make my report.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, the assignment of the Fraternal Relations Committee is to examine the printed or written proceedings or other documents emanating from the Grand Lodges and report at the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge. Also, the Fraternal Relations Committee shall review all requests for recognition from other Grand Jurisdictions and if appropriate, recommend recognition of the petitioning Grand Jurisdictions or rejection of said petitions. Having agreeably accepted this assignment the Fraternal Relations Committee did examine all correspondence received and report as follows: No requests from Jurisdictions that are considered "regular."

When I first came in here Wednesday, I was approached by three members of the Grand Lodge wanting to know if we're going to recognize this or that Grand Lodge. Brethren, we rely very heavily on our Commission of Recognition of the Grand Master's Conference of North America and Right Worshipful Brother Bob Dillard and his committee to review all requests for consideration. These reports come out every year to our Grand Lodge and to the Fraternal Relations Committee. I was in the Grand Lodge office the last thing Friday night and our Grand Secretary said we had no requests for recognition. When we do get a request for recognition, Brother, we review the various things the Grand Lodge puts out to see if they are "regular." We rely on the report of the Commission from the Grand Master's Conference. But still, it is the duty of the Fraternal Relations Committee to examine them thoroughly and report them to our Grand Master and to our Grand Secretary. That job has been done, Brothers, and as we review the different proceedings, there is much to discuss and think about.

There is lot of happiness in Masonry, and it's reported. Happiness! Happiness here at this Grand Jurisdiction, and when I leave this room, all medallion coins will be sold for \$3.00 each. Take them, Brothers, because there will be no more. It is a beautiful gift to a visiting friend and Brother. Three dollars each; a great deal. And with humor, allow me to report on some of the things I've found in the fraternal reviews of other Jurisdictions.

From the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, the honored guest of the Grand Lodge was the President, Fidel Ramos. He spoke to the assembly stating, "I have always admired the ceremonies, the symbols and high principals of Freemasonry, which dates back, according to your records, to the eighteenth century, and perhaps even further to the temple of the wise King Solomon. It is a fortunate house, and it is a lucky Lodge that can trace its roots back to the wisdom of Solomon!" He further said, "Now as I look over the Fraternities' programs of action, I am assured, in fact impressed, by the affinity and kinship that I see between you, and I wish you success in your continuing to build in the temples of the hearts of men and a kinship and brotherhood of men under the Fatherhood of God.

In France, the Star Spangled Banner Lodge was chartered in honor of the Americans who gave their lives for liberty, and as an example of the friendship between the United States and France.

From Australia we learn of the Grand Lodge of Queensland that held several ceremonies on the anniversary of the fifty years since the end of World War II.

We learn from the Grand Lodge of Indiana—they have increased their per capita tax to \$21.65. We're doing all right on that!

Let's go to the Grand Lodge of Florida. The rituals are being translated into Spanish to accommodate the Spanish-speaking Lodges in the state. Florida also shows a 5% decrease in membership. The Grand Master of Florida raised 820 new Masons to the Sublime Degree of A Master Mason; it was a one-day class, providing all the degree work. It was most successful and from the list of those raised, it would appear that these

are all quality men. The greatest number of occupations were managers, lawyers, judges, engineers, teachers, police, firemen and also the construction trades. The day was regulated and well-planned. It included informational copies for the procedures of these two Master Masons.

The Masonic Service Association reports happily that \$33,460 was the raised contribution for flooding and earthquake victims. The Grand Lodge of Oklahoma received through the kindness of the Masonic Service Association Bulletins \$87,900 for that terrible bombing. We learned that the victims of the Japan earthquake received \$34,825, totaling \$146,275 received for the year 1995.

The Masonic Service Association sent out a letter to all Grand Lodges that the Government encourages non-governmental organizations to open channels of communication with the Cuban people. Contact between the U.S. and the Grand Lodge of Cuba is also encouraged.

The Masonic Service Association is requesting all Grand Lodges to budget \$1,000 per year for their new Masonic Information Center. Also, they will need \$2,000 on a one-time basis to help them produce a quality generic video that can be used by all Grand Lodges.

Let's get a little closer to home to our Brothers in Canada. The Grand Historian of Ontario reported presently there are 1,500 Lodges in Ontario. Of those, 337 use Free Union rituals, generally called Ancient York Rites. All together, a total of 1,162 use Post rituals of various types. Forty speak English, 16 speak Scottish, 2 speak Australian, 1,104 speak the type called Canadian, and 9 working in the (*garbled*) language.

The Grand Lodge of Kansas reported information from a professional survey that Kansas has the largest percentage of interested Masonic prospects in the United States. That number is in the hundreds of thousands of interested Masonic prospects. And our good Brothers in Tennessee passed a resolution to now allow them plural membership.

From the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, when the Grand Master gave his annual report, recounted a situation where Masonic membership was questioned in the appointment of a judge. The Code of Conduct of the United States Judges provides that a judge should not hold membership in an organization that practices individual discrimination on a basis of race, sex, religion, or national origin. Thanks to the assistance of the Honorable Charles Richey, a 33rd Degree Mason from the U.S. District Court of Columbia, a favorable new ruling interpreting the Code of Conduct now permits Federal Judges to remain Freemasons. This is a great victory for our country and the Masonic Fraternity. Some of us have heard that report before, but I felt it warranted a repeat to those of you who have already heard it.

And the per capita of Wisconsin has now been raised to \$14. Brothers, I could talk for a long time on the Fraternal Relations as we review the many fraternal reviews sent in, but I think it is time for me to retire from the duties I've had for the past few years and kind

of remember that as you take on the job as a Committee member, or Chairman, or a Grand Lodge officer, you work hard to build up the membership, the happiness, and do the best you can do. We've heard many times, "Do what you can with what you've got wherever you are."

My love and attachment to our Fraternity is never-ending, gentle Brothers. I love all of you Brother Masons. And we work to build up this new Grand Lodge. It's like the fire at hunting camp: boy, it feels good to come in tired and build a big roaring fire and sit around it and tell about the opportunities you missed that day. That's what it'll be like when I retire from this position of Fraternal Relations. And now, among the fading embers fades the main regret; when I was right, some never remembered, when I was wrong, some never forgets.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Grand Master, I move for the reception of this report.

Grand Master: Your report will be accepted.

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

GM: It has been moved and seconded that the Fraternal Relations report be adopted.

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	18
White Pass Lodge No. 1	7
Anvil Lodge No. 2	6
Tanana Lodge No. 3	3
Valdez Lodge No. 4	5
Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5	4
Seward Lodge No. 6	5
Matanuska Lodge No. 7	10
Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8	6 *
Kodiak Lodge No. 9	6
Glacier Lodge No. 10	11
Kenai Lodge No. 11	8
Fairbanks Lodge No. 12	12
Eagle River Lodge No. 13	8
Adak Lodge No. 14	1
Aurora Lodge No. 15	5
North Pole Lodge No. 16	6
Anchorage Lodge No. 17	10
Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18	4
Tongass Lodge No. 19	2
Total	143

Respectfully submitted,

Aves D. Thompson, Chairman

(Note: Transcript of proceedings indicates that Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8 had 2 officers, 2 proxies, and 3 past masters for a total of 6 but totals to be 7)

APPOINTMENT OF REGULAR COMMITTEES

Standing Committees

Jurisprudence

- W V. Clifford Darnell (8, 13, UD), Chairman.
- W Russell A. Burnett (11, 19)
- W Darrell McSpadden (3, 12, 16)
- W Harry J. Koenen (7, UD)
- W David A. Hunt (17, UD)

Grievance & Appeals

- MW Fred V. Angleton (2, 11), Chairman
- MW Frank W. Erie (3, 12)
- VW Chester L. Proudfoot (17)

Finance

- W William D. Kyle (17), Chairman
- W James A. Bogert (10)
- VW Robert L. Van Huss (8, 11, 15)
- W Jerome P. Wasson (13, UD)
- W Leonard "Bud" R. Young (10, 17)

Fraternal Relations

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

Research & Education

- VW Robert L. Fulton (10, 11), Chairman
- W Ernest J. Anderes (10, 19)
- VW Stephen L. Cox (3, 12)
- W Timothy Jackson, Jr. (8)
- W Anthony L. Johnson (18)

Credentials

- W Aves D. Thompson (10, 13, 15), Chairman
- W Ted M. Cadman (10)
- W John P. Grady (17)
- W Marvin B. Fitzpatrick (10)
- W Sean R. McGrane (17)

Masonic Public Relations

- W Dennis Z. Morgan (8), Chairman
- W J. Marc Williams (15, UD)
- W Phillip L. Draheim (6, 11)

DeMolay

W Paul A. Godwin (8, 13), Chairman
W Steve Lee, (15)
W Stanley Woodin (3, 7, 8, UD)

Bylaws

W James D. Grubbs (13, UD)
W James T. Ables (15)
W Ken R. Creamer (18)

Public Schools

VW Will R. Josey (17)
W Ben W. Mac Armstrong (17, 18)

Long-Range Planning

MW Henry T. Dunbar (10, 17, UD)
RW Lloyd W. Triggs (3, 16)
RW Stanley R. Foulke (2)
RW Gene R. Freeman (3, 12, 16)
RW Bobby W. Alexander (13)
RW Richard D. Bender (10)
MW Howard N. Hobbs (10, 13, 15, UD)
W Gregory D. Wyman (12)
VW Milton M Routzahn (9)
Bro. Charles E. Corbin (7, 20)
W David W. DeLong (12)

Sub Committees

Charters & Dispensations

MW Leslie R. Little (10,15)
VW William H. Lefferson (3, 12)
W Chris D. Woodard (13)

Sessions & Arrangements

W Frank G. Weiss, III (13), Chairman
Bro. Daniel F. Hawkins (10)
Bro. Ralph Jacobson (8)
W Glen E. Josey (8, 17)
Bro. Robert K. Kelly, Jr. (17)
Bro. Harry A. Odden (15)
Bro. D. Scott Thompson (17)
Bro. Larry D. Thurston (10)

Drug and Alcohol Abuse

W Jim R. McMichael (17), Chairman
W Greg D. Van Kirk (7, UD)

Publications

W Gerald R. Fairley (10, UD), Chairman
VW L.V. "Joe" Dees (10, 13, UD)
VW Carl E. Mulvihill (1)
VW William E. Oldham (12,16)
VW Raymond F. Tidwell (4)
All Lodge Secretaries

Warden's Charge

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

Russian Relations

MW John H. Grainger (1, 19), Chairman
VW Mitchell R. Miller (3, 12)

Segregations and Reference

MW Roy Foss, Chairman
MW Frank Erie
VW Mitchell Miller

Deputies of the Grand Master

District 1 VW William E. Oldham (12,16)
District 2 VW Raymond F. Tidwell (4)
District 3 VW L.V. "Joe" Dees (10,13,UD)
District 4 VW Carl E. Mulvihill (1)

REPORTS OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business was discussed.

MOTIONS

Newly elected Grand Master, Lloyd W. Triggs made motion to have an open installation in the afternoon and that the time of the schedule is to be 4:00 P.M..

It was moved and seconded.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 96-1

To Amend Section 9.02 and to Add Sections 9.08 and 17.21 to the AMC

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To establish a Grand Lodge Life Membership Fund

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, Lodges may benefit by pooling Life Membership funds to earn a higher rate of return on their funds; and,

WHEREAS, Life Members of a Lodge surrendering its charter could transfer their Life Membership to another Lodge within this jurisdiction;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 9.02 of the Alaska Masonic Code be amended by adding a fifth subsection to read:

5. For management of the Grand Lodge Life Membership Fund, one-half of one percent of the yearly interest earned.

and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 9.08 Bylaw, be added to the Alaska Masonic Code to read:

Section 9.08 Bylaw

GRAND LODGE LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND. The Grand Lodge Life Membership Fund shall consist of all moneys, bonds and securities accruing thereto from the sale of Life Memberships by constituent Lodges as provided in Section 17.20 and 17.21.

1. Investment of Funds. The principal of this fund shall be invested by the Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge as provided in Section 5.05, subsection 5 for the investment of other funds of the Grand Lodge, and shall not be otherwise expended or transferred to any other fund; provided, however, that investment of Grand Lodge Life Membership Funds may be made as a part of investments of other funds of the Grand Lodge so long as the principal of the Grand Lodge Life Membership Fund and the earnings therefrom are accounted for separately.

2. Distribution of Earnings. The earnings from the investment of the principal of this fund, less the cost of management as provided in Section 9.02, subsection 5 shall be disbursed as soon as possible after the end of each calendar year to the constituent Lodges, prorated according to the amount of money each Lodge shall have to its credit in the fund. A Lodge may elect to have the earnings added to the principal amount credited to that Lodge.

3. Record Keeping. The Grand Secretary shall keep a record of each life member by Lodge and the amount paid for each Life Membership. The Grand Treasurer will keep strict account of the fund by Lodge and will issue

earnings to each Lodge as provided for in subsection 2 above. If a Lodge elects to have the earnings added to the principal amount credited to that Lodge, the earnings will be posted to the Lodge account on a separate entry as "earnings added to principal."

4. Transfer of Life Membership. Life membership may be transferred only when a Lodge voluntarily surrenders its Charter or when two or more Lodges consolidate.

A. Voluntary Surrender of Charter. When a Lodge voluntarily surrenders its Charter, a member holding a Life Membership in that Lodge may transfer that Life Membership to another Lodge that participates in the Grand Lodge Life Membership Fund, after the member has petitioned to and been accepted for membership in the Lodge, in accordance with the provisions of Section 17.04, except that the effective date of the transfer will be the final date approved for the surrender of Charter by Grand Lodge per Section 25.02.

B. Consolidation of Lodges. When two or more Lodges consolidate, all Life Memberships will be transferred to the new consolidated Lodge.

and, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 17.21 Bylaw, be added to the Alaska Masonic Code to read:

Section 17.21 Bylaw

Grand Lodge Life Membership Fund. A Lodge may elect to deposit Life Membership funds in the Grand Lodge Life Membership Fund as provided in Section 9.08. The Lodge Secretary will forward, to the Grand Secretary, a list of Life Members and the amount paid by each member for the Life Membership. Any amount over the sum paid for all Life Memberships will be shown on a separate entry as "earnings added to principal." The Lodge Secretary will still be responsible for issuing dues cards yearly and maintaining a list of Life Members. A Lodge may elect to withdraw its Life Membership Fund by notifying the Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley R. Foulke, PM (2)
Lloyd W. Triggs, PM (3, 16)
Gene R. Freeman, PM (3, 12, 16)
Don Chaffin, WM (12)
Billy R. Platz, JW (12)
Hazen R. Ricker, JW (10)
Russell W. Sanders, SW (7)
Novis L. Eady, SW (11)

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.

This resolution received the required three-fourth majority vote and was adopted.

Resolution 96-2

To Amend Section 13.02 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To reinstate a requirement of the 1981 Code which was inadvertently dropped when the 1988 Code was adopted.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, Section 184 of the 1981 Code included a requirement that petitioners for a Dispensation for a Lodge U.D. be residents within the jurisdiction of the proposed new Lodge; and,

WHEREAS, this requirement was inadvertently and unintentionally dropped when the 1988 Code was written and adopted; and,

WHEREAS, a large portion of the petitioners for a Lodge U.D. should be residents within the area of the Lodge to assure support of the proposed Lodge by their attendance and participation at its meetings,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Part 2 of Section 13.02 which reads:

2. All the petitioners are in good Masonic standing;

be amended to read:

2. All the petitioners are in good Masonic standing **and at least 15 of them are residents within the jurisdiction of the proposed new Lodge.**

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams, PM (3)
Gunnar Flygenring, PM (10)
Peter E. Nilles, PM (10)

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

As it proposes to amend a Bylaw, it will require a three-fourths majority vote for adoption.

This resolution received the required three-fourth majority vote and was adopted

Resolution 96-3

To Amend Section 20.11 of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To change the method and requirements for proficiency in the Degrees Of Freemasonry.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the current method of proficiency of Degrees is by choice of the candidate and can be changed only by the candidate at anytime; and,

WHEREAS, as a matter of Masonic authority of our lodges, we bow to the will and pleasure of the Worshipful Master, yet we currently allow the candidate to dictate training methods of the lodge; and,

WHEREAS, this is contrary to Masonic protocol, in which the Worshipful Master is responsible for all things in his Lodge, he should therefore have the authority to indicate training methods.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the first paragraph following option #2 of Section 20.11 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

The choice of proficiency is at the option of the candidate and may be changed at anytime.

Be amended to read:

The choice of proficiency **shall be made by the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, and can be changed as the situation may dictate.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Ralph Kavorkian, PM (3, 12,16)
William B. Clucas, PM (3,12,16)
Rex C. Hasty, PM (3)
Russel G. Hintz, PM (3,16)
Fred L. McGuire, PM (3,12)
John P. Johnson, PM (3)
Harold H. Ervin, PM (3)
George Steck, PM (3)

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

As it proposes to amend a Bylaw, it will require a three-fourths majority vote for adoption.

This resolution received the required three-fourth majority vote and was adopted

Resolution 96-4

To Amend Section 1.05 of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To reinstate the original time/date of the Annual Communication.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the change of the Annual Communication date to April has resulted in fewer attendees from other Jurisdictions; and,

WHEREAS, the earlier February date occurs after the usual mid-winter vacation time and prior to the startup of many of the Alaskan industries and does not conflict with the Communications of the other Grand Lodges; and,

WHEREAS, the present April date also comes after the fishing season has opened, thus preventing those in that industry from attending; and,

WHEREAS, the present date is at a time when the Scottish and York Rites are busy with their Annual Communications in other States, as well as in Alaska - thus drawing potential attendees from our Annual Communication; and,

WHEREAS, better hotel and airline rates are usually obtainable in February rather than in April when the tourist season has already started in many places; and,

WHEREAS, visitors from the South and elsewhere want the "Alaskan winter experience" when they come to Alaska rather than seeing the dirty snow melting and having to "navigate" our muddy and slushy roads; and,

WHEREAS, Junior Grand Wardens of other Jurisdictions, who desire to make plans to attend our Grand Lodge when they are Grand Masters, can hardly find a calendar which will tell them four (4) years in advance when Easter will occur during that particular year so they may know the exact date; and,

WHEREAS, because the Conference of Grand Masters meeting comes in late February, it is of no particular use to a Grand Master who is nearly out of office then, but offers great benefit to him if he has been installed just days prior to that meeting; and,

WHEREAS, a Deputy Grand Master "carries little or no weight" and is "paid little or no attention" at the Conference of Grand Masters;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the first three sentences of Section 1.05 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now read:

Communications. Grand Lodge meets annually on the first Thursday in April. In years when Maundy Thursday falls on the first Thursday in April, Grand Lodge will meet on the second Thursday in April. This change will become effective with the 1994 Annual Communication.

be reduced to two sentences and amended to read:

Communications. Grand Lodge meets annually on the first Thursday in **February.** This change will become effective with the **2000 Annual Communication.**

(Note: Balance of Section 1.05 remains as is.)

Respectfully submitted,

Gunnar Flygenring, PM (10)

Charles I. Gregg, PM (10)

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

As it proposes to amend a Bylaw, it will require a three-fourths majority vote for adoption.

This resolution did not receive the required three-fourths majority vote for adoption but did receive a majority vote and is a carryover resolution.

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 Resolution 96-1, have considered the same and report as follows.

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

As it proposes to amend a Bylaw, it requires a three-fourths majority for adoption,

Respectfully submitted.

V. Clifford Darnell (8, 13, UD), Chairman,

Russell Burnett (11, 19)

Darrell McSpadden (3, 12, 16)

Harry Koenen ((7, UD
David Hunt, (17, UD)

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

GM: Your report will be received.

I move for the adoption of this report.

Grand Master: it has been moved and seconded that Resolution 96-1 be adopted. Is there any discussion?

Resolution 96-1 received the required three-fourths majority vote and was adopted.

2nd Report

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

We the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution 96-2 have considered the same and report as follows.

This resolution has been re-examined and we find that it conflicts with Section 30.16 Constitution under Grand Master's Powers. "The Grand Master has power to grant a dispensation for a new Lodge under the restrictions of the Constitution and on the petition of at least fifteen Master Masons." Since Resolution 96-2 only changes Section 13.02 Bylaw, it conflicts with Section 30.16, which is the Constitution. Therefore, a single resolution that can change both a Bylaw and the Constitution of our Code would be improbable since a Bylaw requires a three-quarters vote for adoption and a Constitutional amendment requires ninety percent for adoption.

This resolution is not in proper form for consideration by the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

V. Clifford Darnell (8, 13, UD), Chairman,
Russell Burnett (11, 19)
Darrell McSpadden (3, 12, 16)
Harry Koenen ((7, UD
David Hunt, (17, UD)

Grand Master, I ask that this report be received.

Grand Master: The report will be received and was tabled..

Grand Master: It was my decision that we would bring this back up this morning and talk about it again and vote on it. We did not vote on it yesterday because Jurisprudence had ruled that it was not in proper form. After examining this thing this morning, I think it is in proper form, so we're going to vote on it again, and it is up to you Brothers here to either vote it up or vote it down. So we had another motion here to bring this up or that it be adopted. I believe we had a second on that, so if there is no further discussion on it, we'll go ahead and have a vote right now and get this over with.

Resolution 96-2 received the required three-fourths majority vote and was adopted.

3rd Report

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

We the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution 96-3 have considered the same and report as follows.

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 requires a three-fourths majority vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

V. Clifford Darnell (8, 13, UD), Chairman,
Russell Burnett (11, 19)
Darrell McSpadden (3, 12, 16)
Harry Koenen ((7, UD
David Hunt, (17, UD)

Grand Master, I ask that this report be received.

Grand Master: The report will be received

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

Resolution 96-3 received the required three-fourths majority vote and was 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 96-4 have considered the same and report as follows.

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 requires a three-fourths majority vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

V. Clifford Darnell (8, 13, UD), Chairman,
Russell Burnett (11, 19)
Darrell McSpadden (3, 12, 16)
Harry Koenen ((7, UD
David Hunt, (17, UD)

Grand Master, I ask that this report be received.

Grand Master: The report will be received

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

This resolution did not receive the required three-fourths majority vote for adoption but did receive a majority vote and is a carryover resolution.

5th Report

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

We, the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the Grand Master's message from the Committee on Segregation and Reference have considered the same and report as follows:

One day ritual classes, the Grand Master does not have the authority to suspend the Alaska Masonic Code. This was (*garbled*) on the one-day ritual class on October 21, 1995, in Anchorage, Alaska per the Grand Master's edict, dated September 18, 1995. In the Alaska Masonic Code that was suspended for the one-day ritual class with Sections 28.01, 20.06, 20.11. We recommend that the Grand Master's actions be heled, though.

Respectfully submitted,

V. Clifford Darnell (8, 13, UD), Chairman,
Russell Burnett (11, 19)
Darrell McSpadden (3, 12, 16)
Harry Koenen ((7, UD
David Hunt, (17, UD)

I ask that this report be received.

Grand Master: Your report will be received.

I move that this report be adopted.

Grand Master: It has been moved and seconded that this report of the Jurisprudence Committee be adopted.

(Note: Tape ended and over half of following tape nothing recorded)

6th Report

Not audible from the tape recording, however, from other documentation it concerns the Grand Master's Message regarding Prince Hall Masonry and the report was adopted.

7th Report (given first)

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

We, the Committee on Jurisprudence, by permission of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, hereby present **Emergent Resolution, 96-5**

WHEREAS: Iditarod Lodge UD has been granted a charter by this Grand Lodge and

WHEREAS: Iditarod Lodge will become #20 when constituted and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That Section 4.02 of the Alaska Masonic Code be amended to add Iditarod Lodge #20 to District #3.

As a proposed amendment to the bylaws, it requires a three-fourths majority vote for adoption and the Committee does recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

V. Clifford Darnell (8, 13, UD), Chairman,
Russell Burnett (11, 19)
Darrell McSpadden (3, 12, 16)
Harry Koenen ((7, UD
David Hunt, (17, UD)

Most Worshipful Grand Master we request this report be received.

Grand Master: Your report will be received.

And, for expedience, we move for the adoption of this report.

Grand Master: Brethren, it has been moved and seconded that this report of the Jurisprudence Committee be adopted. Is there any discussion concerning adding Iditarod Lodge #20 to District #3? It is an administrative thing to add them onto that District.

Emergent Resolution 96-5 received the required three-fourths majority vote and was 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

We the Committee on Grievance and Appeals are pleased and relieved to make the following report. We have not received any grievance or appeals for this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

MW Fred Angleton (2, 11), Chairman,

MW Frank Erie (3, 12)

VW Chester Bradford (17)

I request that you receive this report.

Grand Master: Your report will be received.

Finance

Report of the Grand Treasurer

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

Report of the Finance Committee

No report from the Finance Committee was received at the time of publication.

Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 1995

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS:

CASH IN GENREAL FUND

CHECKING – FIRST NATIONAL BANK	\$3,157	
SAVINGS – FIRST NATIONAL BANK	\$1,091	
MONEY MARKET – DEAN WITTER	\$11,534	
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT - NR	\$19,313	

TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH \$35,095

CASH IN PERMANENT FUND

SAVINGS – FIRST NATIONAL BANK	\$47,012	
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TOTAL PERMANENT FUND CASH \$47,012

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE – CONSTITUENT LODGES

INVENTORIES – MASONIC SUPPLIES	\$37,225	
PREPAID EXPENSES	\$7,711	
	<u>\$2,201</u>	\$47,137

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS \$129,244

INVESTMENTS

GENERAL FUND – DEAN WITTER	\$98,752	
DEDICATED TRAVEL FUND – GENERAL FUND	\$8,591	
PERMANENT FUND – DEAN WITTER	\$116,393	
NATIONA BANK OF ALASKA – 166 SHARES	<u>\$1,330</u>	

TOTAL INVESTMENTS \$225,066

FIXED ASSETS – NET OF DEPRECIATION

\$12,057

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	\$190,949	
PERMANENT FUND BALANCE	\$168,730	

TOTAL MEMBERS EQUITY \$359,679

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY \$366,367

Statement of Income – Calendar Year 1995

	GENERAL FUND	PERMANET FUND
INCOME:		
Grand Lodge Per Capita	\$32,395	
Fees for Degree Conferrals	\$820	
Fees for Affiliations	\$1,410	
Fees for Petitioners for Degrees	<u>\$2,600</u>	
 TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	 \$37,223	
 MEDALLIONS, COINS, & PINS		
Sale of Masonic Materials - Net	\$2,861	
Contributions and Donations - Permanent Fund	\$0	\$37,560
Contributions to Dedicated Travel Fund	\$4,814	
Interest and Dividend Income	<u>\$2,186</u>	<u>\$23,577</u>
 TOTAL INCOME	 <u>\$47,086</u>	 <u>\$61,137</u>
 EXPENSES:		
Grand Master's Expense Allowance	\$1,000	
Grand Master's Travel Allowance	\$1,000	
Arrangements Committee Annual Communication	\$2,748	
Printing and Binding - Proceedings	\$0	
Insurance	\$5,851	
Past Grand Master's Regalia	\$751	
Grand Secretary's Expense Allowance	\$3,350	
Grand Secretary's Travel Allowance	\$590	
Office Salaries	\$9,000	
Payroll Taxes	\$1,459	
Office Rent	\$5,731	
Office Supplies and Expenses	\$863	
Postage	\$862	
Telephone Expense	\$746	
Printing Expense	\$930	
Committee on Fraternal Recognition	\$13	
Masonic Service Association Dues Expense	\$300	
Grand Master's & Grand Secretary's Conference	\$999	
Grand Lodge Bulletin	\$2,147	
Miscellaneous Expense	\$150	
Warden's Retreat	\$262	
Reception of Visitors	\$714	
Depreciation Expense	\$1,850	
Research and Education Committee:	\$243	
Regalia GL Aprons (GD Treasurer)	\$725	
 TOTAL EXPENSES	 <u>\$42,286</u>	
 NET INCOME (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	 \$480	 \$61,137
 FUNDS BALANCE BEGINNING OF YEAR	 <u>\$186,149</u>	 <u>\$107,593</u>
 FUNDS BALANCE END OF YEAR	 <u>\$190,949</u>	 <u>\$168,730</u>

Operating Budget General Fund – Calendar Year 1995

	ACTUAL BUDGET 1995	ACTUAL EXTENDED 1996	OVER (UNDER) BUDGET
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	\$2,147	(\$13)
MASONIC RESEARCH & EDUCATION COMM	\$250	\$243	(\$7)
ARRANGEMENTS COMM - ANNUAL COMM	\$3,000	\$2,748	(\$252)
PRINTING & BINDING - PROCEEDINGS	\$2,500	\$0	(\$2,500)
INSURANCE	\$7,000	\$5,851	(\$1,000)
RECEPTION FOR VISITORS	\$1,000	\$714	(\$286)
PAST GRAND MASTER'S REGALIA	\$700	\$751	\$51
CHARITY	\$100	\$0	\$100
SUB-TOTAL I	<u>\$18,712</u>	<u>\$14,454</u>	<u>(\$4,258)</u>
GRAND SECRETARY'S EXPENSE ALWS			
GRAND SECRETARY'S TRAVEL ALWS	\$3,400	\$3,350	(\$50)
GRAND LODGE EXPENSE:	\$600	\$590	(\$10)
OFFICE SALARIES	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$0
PAYROLL TAXES	\$1,000	\$1,459	\$459
OFFICE RENT	\$5,700	\$5,731	\$31
OFFICE SUPPLIES & EXPENSE	\$900	\$863	(\$37)
TAXES	\$15	\$0	(\$15)
POSTAGE	\$800	\$862	\$62
TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS	\$1,000	\$0	(\$1,000)
WARDEN'S RETREAT	\$250	\$262	\$12
TELEPHONE EXPENSE	\$750	\$746	(\$4)
PRINTING EXPENSE	\$2,000	\$930	(\$1,070)
REGALIA G/L APRONS (GD TREAS)	\$0	\$725	\$725
DUES EXPENSE:			
COMM ON FRATERNAL RECOGNITION	\$15	\$15	\$0
MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION	\$300	\$300	\$0
GRAND MASTERS & GRAND SECY CONF	\$225	\$999	\$774
DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	\$1,850	\$1,850	\$0
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	\$200	\$150	(\$50)
SUB TOTAL II	<u>\$28,005</u>	<u>\$27,832</u>	<u>(\$173)</u>
GRAND TOTALS	<u>\$46,717</u>	<u>\$42,286</u>	<u>\$2,536</u>

Comparison of Annual Budgets – Calendar years 1995 and 1996

	ACTUAL BUDGET	PROPOSE D BUDGET	INCREASE (DECREASE)
	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u></u>
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	\$2,148	(\$14)
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	\$7,000	\$6,000	(\$1,000)
RECEPTION FOR VISITORS	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
PAST GRAND MASTER'S REGALIA	\$700	\$800	\$100
CHARITY	\$100	\$100	\$0
SUB-TOTAL I	\$18,712	\$17,798	(\$914)
GRAND MASTER'S AWARD PROGRAM			
	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000
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	\$0
PAYROLL TAXES	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$500
FEES - LEGAL & AUDIT	\$0	\$0	\$0
OFFICE RENT	\$5,700	\$5,800	\$100
OFFICE SUPPLIES & EXPENSE	\$900	\$900	\$0
TAXES	\$15	\$15	\$0
POSTAGE	\$800	\$900	\$100
TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
WARDEN'S RETREAT	\$250	\$1,000	\$750
TELEPHONE EXPENSE	\$750	\$750	\$0
PRINTING EXPENSE	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
DUES EXPENSE:			
COMM ON FRATERNAL RECOGNITION	\$15	\$15	\$0
MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION	\$300	\$300	\$0
GRAND MASTERS & GRAND SECY CONF	\$225	\$225	\$0
DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	\$1,850	\$1,850	\$0
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	\$200	\$200	\$0
SUB TOTAL II	\$28,005	\$31,455	\$3,450
GRAND TOTALS	\$46,717	\$49,253	\$2,536

Masonic Research and Education

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brethren, the annual report on the Masonic Research and Education report is as follows:

- Masonic books are available throughout our Grand Jurisdiction due to the efforts of a lot of dedicated Brothers and the elected Grand Lodge officers who carried these books on their official visits throughout the state. Sales were very good.
- The Committee on Research and Education encourages the Brethren to join the Masonic Service Association by having subscription blanks available and passing out free publications put out by the Masonic Service Association; mainly facts about Freemasonry, the response of critics of Freemasonry, and also (*garbled*) there is no sins symbols. These were very informative bulletins and gave the Brethren some idea of the type of information they would receive if they joined the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

VW Robert L. Fulton (10, 11), Chairman

W Ernest Anders (10, 19)

W Thomas Jackson (8)

VW Stephen L, Cox (3, 12)

W Anthony Johnson (18)

I move that this report be received.

Grand Master: Your report will be received.

Masonic Public Relations

No report from the Committee on Masonic Public Relations was received at the time of publication.

Public Schools

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

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

This year the Committee of Public Schools has followed the footsteps of the previous Committee. Public Schools are of the utmost importance to our children and our fraternity as well. Most of the Lodges in our Grand Jurisdiction have developed and

implemented a Public Schools program for their Lodge. The majority of these appear to be working well. As examples, Kenai Lodge No. 11 has an outstanding student award program that involves all schools on the Kenai Peninsula. Anchorage Lodge No. 17 has a \$1,000 scholarship program for a daughter or son of a Master Mason. Kenai 11's program involves not only students but teachers, parents, administrators, and elected officers. Plaques are awarded to an outstanding student at each school and the student's name is engraved on each school's plaque. An awards ceremony is conducted for all participants.

The program is supported from proclamations from the Soldotna, Kenai and Borough Mayors, and the Grand Master. Funds for this program were raised by a two-day Masonic golf tournament at the Kenai golf course. This great program began in 1968 with six schools and now has 16 schools. We recommend that each Lodge without a public schools program adopt one as soon as possible. Get involved! Provide a good example and educate some of our children to think positive about our great fraternity. We might just reap some good benefits from the seeds we sow. To quote our Chairman from last year, Worshipful Brother Art Rendahl, "What Freemasonry does for mankind, free public schools does for our youth." We must give our full support to public schools.

Respectfully submitted,

VW Will Josey, (17), Chairman

I move this report be accepted.

Grand Master: Your report will be accepted for the record, and no voting action is necessary.

DeMolay

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

More than a dozen Masons took Dad Training in Anchorage, Palmer, and Fairbanks during the past year. The strengths and interests of the Advisory Council determines the viability of a DeMolay Chapter. I encourage all Brothers to get involved in some way.

Mat Su Chapter recently re-started with the initiation of six new DeMolay via Anchorage Chapter. They will be receiving the DeMolay degree on Sunday, April 14 at 15th and Eagle at 7:00 p.m. Please come and support us, if you are able. Within the past two weeks, our Chapter in Fairbanks initiated four new members, ending a period of inactivity. Now we can say we have three operating Chapters again. During the past year, Scottish Rite has taken on support of DeMolay in Anchorage as one of their priorities. We appreciate this support.

As for the future of DeMolay in Anchorage, Palmer, and Fairbanks, they are going to need activities to keep and attract new members. We are still at a fragile state in our development. Most of our future depends on us. In June, Brother Jerry Fairley will be appointed Executive Officer for Alaska. I found out recently that there are boys in Kenai expressing interest. We look forward to working with our Brothers on the peninsula toward reactivating a Chapter there. Anchorage Chapter is going to investigate the possibility of developing a recreational facility on a lake near Talkeetna.

DeMolay is faced with many challenges and opportunities. Please help us create a future for DeMolay filled with adventure, brotherhood, and fun. Most Worshipful Grand Master, I thank you for the opportunity of allowing me to serve in this capacity during this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul A. Godwin (8, 13), Chairman
Steve Lee (15)
Ken R. Creamer (18)

I request that this report be received.

Grand Master: Your report will be received,

Bylaws

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

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

The Bylaws Committee of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Alaska has received five requests for bylaws changes. The Committee has found all changes to conform to the bylaws of the Grand Lodge of Alaska, and therefore approve them.

Fraternally submitted,
W James E. Grubbs, PM (13, UD), Chairman
W James T. Ables, PM (15)
W Ken Cramer, PM,)18)

.Most Worshipful Grand Master, I move that this report be accepted.

Grand Master: The report will be accepted.

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 1995

*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	
William Logan McIlroy	October 31, 1995
Tanana Lodge No. 3	
Sam Morris Hill	June 16, 1988
Charles Arthur Lumpkin	August 28, 1992
Ralph Arch DeLong	August 8, 1994
Herbert Daniel Schroeder	August 14, 1994
Edward Bernard Hardland	December 12, 1994
Raymond Charles Niemi	March 5, 1995
Theodore Albert Loftum, PM	March 14, 1995
Clyde Raymond Conley	April 21, 1995
Howard Frederick Larson	June 26, 1995
Duane McLachlan Snedden	July 30, 1995
Richard Ellan Denver	August 7, 1995
Bruce Ira Thomas	September 3, 1995
Robert Gordon Turnbull	October 11, 1995
Valdez Lodge No. 4	
Robert L. Oliver	September 3, 1995
Seward Lodge No. 6	
Harold Walter Campen, PM	March 19, 1995
Matanuska Lodge No. 7	
Noah David Caldwell	January 19, 1995
James Howard Thornlow	February 22, 1995
Byron James Hollembach	March 27, 1995
Leaman Crockett Hazel	August 20, 1995

Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8	
Ray Myron Gaylor	Unknown
Bertrant Bragg Comer	Unknown
William Coffell	December 13, 1994
Carl Frederic Westfall	July 7, 1995
Wilbert Eugene Burrow	July 11, 1995
Orrin Sylvester Felmley, PM	July 13, 1995
Robert L. Oliver	September 3, 1995
Roy Burnett Johnson	September 11, 1995
Kodiak Lodge No. 9	
Daun Cecil LaRue	Unknown
Dalton Arthur Rowell	March 13, 1995
Charles James Ferrell	March 15, 1995
Kenai Lodge No. 11	
David Jay Thomas, PM	April 28, 1995
Fairbanks Lodge No. 12	
Raymond Phillip Jones, PM	October 5, 1995
North Pole Lodge No. 16	
Raymond Phillip Jones, PM	October 5, 1995
Anchorage Lodge No. 17	
Gilbert Lea Sweat	January 31, 1995
George Leonard McAndrew	February 21, 1995
Benjamin Isaac Peterson	February 28, 1995
Alfred Clifford Johnson	March 8, 1995
Clyde Edward Gilley	April 13, 1995
Lewis Henry Baker	April 19, 1995
Sam Arnold Nye	May 23, 1995
Rex Huber Elliot	May 31, 1995
Richard Anders Larsen	September 5, 1995
Ivan Lloyd Felton	October 10, 1995
Leo Hjalmar Saarela	October 13, 1995
Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18	
Clarence Ray Rands, PM	April 12, 1995

Oh, God, who gave us birth, you are evermore ready to hear than we are to pray. You know our needs when we ask and our ignorance in asking. Give to us now your grace that is ...before the mystery of death, that we may see the light of eternity. Speak to us once more your solemn message of life and death. Help us to live as though we are prepared to

die. And when our days here are accomplished, enable us to die as those who go forth to live, so that the living or the dying, our life may be with you. And from nothing in life or in death will we be prepared to be separated from your great love. We praise you for your great company of all those who have finished their course in faith and fraternity and now rest from their labor. We praise you for those who have been dear to us, whom we have named in our hearts before you as Brethren. Especially we praise you for our departed Brothers whom you have graciously received into your presence. Amen.

Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren dwell in unity. It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that went down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard; that went down to the skirts of his garment. As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew descended upon the mountains of Zion, for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life forevermore.

Thus he showed me; and, behold, the Lord stood upon a wall made by a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand and the Lord said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, "A plumb line." Then said the Lord, "Behold, I will set a plumb line in the midst of my people, Israel: I will not again pass by them any more."

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

In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened.

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

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

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

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

Brethren, would you now join me in rendering private Grand Honors for these departed Brethren.

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

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

W Van O. Chaney
Grand Chaplain

Report of Grand Lecturer

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, fellow Grand Lodge Officers, distinguished visitors, Brethren one and all.

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

Most Worshipful Henry T. Dunbar, I thank you for this appointment as Grand Lecturer. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve you and an enlightening experience for me. I would like to thank the Deputies of the Grand Master for their help in getting the work around to the Lodges. As Grand Lecturer, I have made some visits to the various visitations, but was unable to make most of them, and I apologize for that. I account the work to be good in all the Lodges (*garbled*) in all the Lodges in Alaska. Looking at Masonry as well as life,

Life in Masonry has five things we must do: first we have a question, or are given one. Then we have a choice to do it or not. If we choose to do it, we must set a priority. When we set a priority, we must set a dedication of equal or greater value. The last thing we have to do is take action on it. Miss any one of these, and you end up with a person or a Lodge that is not doing what they should. All of us come in to Masonry of our own free will and accord, by asking to become a Mason. We set a priority and dedication to that. We took action on it or we would not be here today.

If Masonry is to continue, grow and prosper, we must let people know outside of our Lodges, see it has made a difference in us and show that we are proud to be Masons. So, in turn, they will be led to ask the same question that we did: How do I become a Mason? The same applies to Lodge work. When we work to learn a part or give a lecture, we get a great sense of fulfillment, self-satisfaction, and accomplishment. This shows to our fellow Brothers our sincerity to our Lodge and Brethren, brotherly love to our visitors, and our pride in Masonry.

I would like to thank the many Brothers who have shown a great interest in what we are trying to do.

Respectfully submitted,

Marvin Harned
Grand Lecturer

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I move this you accept this report.

Grand Master: Your report will be accepted.

Report of Grand Orator

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, distinguished guests, Brethren all. “

All the souls who will be saved will be saved in the first twenty minutes” has been said of a ceremony in a church. It is not hard to paraphrase this for a Masonic speech; the mind can only absorb as much as he can endure. I won't take too long!

We talk much about speculative Masonry, but we need to take this speculative Masonry and make it operative in our lives. In Masonry we need doers of the word not hearers only. “By their work, ye shall know them.” It is most true when spoken of Masons. The only way we are known is by our works, not by our rituals or secrets. The future of Masonry depends on action; Masonry in action is a group of men at work seeking to overcome the spirit of selfishness in this world. Action will play a tremendous part in the future of Masonry.

Try to imagine the future if suddenly we would come alive and put into action the ideals, teachings, and principles of Masonry. The spirit of Masonry is the spirit of friendship and brotherly love. Masonry is an organization in which we were taught not only our duty to God, but our duty to our fellow man. One poet has told us how to measure a man; not how did he die, but how he lived; not what did he gain but what did he give. These are the things that measure the worth of the man, regardless of birth.

You cannot have a better world without better men, nor will it ever be any better than the men who inhabit it. Everything begins with the individual. One man living a brotherly life is worth a hundred lectures on brotherhood. Today our Lodges stand close by the community in which we are to build. Moreover, as in the case of our ancient Brethren, the urgency of our calling arises not only in our Masonic vision, but in the needs of our communities. If we as Masons want to assert greater prominence in government and our nation, we must first become knowledgeable.

Good Masons are informed and responsible citizens who know the issues and are willing to stand up and make themselves heard on matters in accord with proven principals of our craft. Good Masons lead the people in exercising our right to vote on candidates and issues. But the key word is knowledge.

My two years as Chairman of Public Schools Committee brought home to me the importance of public schools to our nation, for it is there knowledge begins. We must educate our youth and candidates in terms of intellectual and civic responsibilities and moral conduct. We must make Masons in fact rather than Masons in name. Our brotherhood has the potential for wielding a great deal of power in our local and national affairs. To do so, we must also make ourselves known and respected among the people. We must let the public know the principles for which we stand and become attractively visible in our communities.

Our nation today needs the active support and participation of every Mason as it did when our Constitution was formed. While we can never hope to achieve the accomplishments of our Brothers in George Washington's time, we must maintain the work which they accomplished. We must remember that in honoring these founding-fathers, we are truly honoring their adherence to our Masonic ideals and their dedication and zeal. Today, we need to revitalize those ideals and help America return to a new dedication.

Many of our people have lost perspective and are viewing this era in terms of leisure ethic rather than a work ethic. They are looking to government for solutions to all of their problems rather than depending on their own convictions and abilities. We are experiencing a decline in respect for law, for morality, for quality, even for truth as a guide to our actions. We are threatened both from without and within and once again comes the obligations of Masons to take up their working tools and build a bulwark of defense which will stand against any adversary.

The solution is within our grasp. We have the knowledge and the materials to shape the future of our fraternity and to influence the future of our nation and the world. The ways we use our capabilities will determine our destiny. Masonry has always dedicated its efforts towards taking good men one at a time and making them better men. Then in periods of distress, these good men, imbued with a philosophy of our craft, have stepped forward to lead the world back to the concept of liberty and justice. The founders of our country were that sort of men; George Washington, the founder of our country, was one as were a great many of those who stood with him when this country had its precarious birth.

All of us are Masons and thousands of our government leaders are Masons. If we truly accept our Masonic obligations, we have only to unite our thoughts and actions to create a resurgence of those virtues on which our nation was founded. We need to apply our working tools in our collective pursuit of excellence to meet the problems that lie ahead to be certain that moral virtue will prevail. Never in the history of mankind has the inculcation and implementation of the principles and ideals of Masonry so important and yet apathy, indifference, and complacency are common even within our own ranks.

If Masonry is to continue to exist and be effective, we must relinquish passive principles and become an aggressive, viable force to this nation among its people. Masonry by its very origin has no choice. We must be a living, breathing force. Masonry must act

through the body of idealistic men applying Masonic principles to a way of life and bringing about accomplishments of its goals. We must have Masons who will match in fortitude and courage those who faced the rack of the Inquisition and the bitter cold of Valley Forge. Masons who are alert and faithful to their convictions and who are raised to struggle to win liberty again in each generation. We owe this to our country, we owe this to our people and our way of life; we owe it to ourselves, and particularly we owe it to the leaders of tomorrow and the generations who will follow them. Let us reawaken our sleeping giant; the greatest force for mankind ever conceived in the minds of man.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur A. Rindahl
Grand Orator

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I move this address be accepted.

Grand Master” We will accept your report

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, and Brethren all.

For the Fifteenth Communication of the Grand Lodge here in Anchorage, Alaska, I would like to report that progress is being made in gathering historic material regarding Masonry’s progress in Alaska. The index is still going slow due to the constant changes in computer programming. However, it has been decided that we should have a scanner. We’re working on this to save a lot of time-consuming typing, and along this line I have been in touch with Brother Don Chapin of Fairbanks and Most Worshipful Past Grand Master John Grainger and they being both computer-friendly, feel obtaining the scanner would be the best solution in getting this material on discs for distribution to whoever Brothers wish it. The newest scanners are quite expensive but we’re working on it.

I wish to thank the outgoing Most Worshipful Grand Master Henry T. Dunbar for appointing me to serve as Grand Historian the past year. It was a pleasure working with you. I also wish to thank all the Brothers who have shared their historical findings with me, especially Very Worshipful Ray Tidwell, Past Master of Venerable Valdez #4, now Secretary. He personally took his time to write up a history of that Lodge, including mention of Bishop Roe, as he was the first Episcopal Bishop in Alaska back in the 1900s. He was a very ardent Mason and he timed his travels by dog team to visit the local Lodges. He was always fed (feeded-according to tape recording) and it was quite an honor to have him there and in Ray Tidwell’s writings, he mentions Bishop Roe visiting Valdez Lodge.

Also appreciated are the newsletters that are proliferating with more and more user-friendly computers coming on line. There are a good many bits and pieces of history in these newsletters; please continue them.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Ashby
Grand Historian

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I ask that this report of the Grand Historian be received into the record.

Grand Master: Your report will be received for the record

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 the undersigned Committee on Charters and Dispensations have examined the records and reports of Iditarod Lodge UD. Having read the report of the District Deputy of the Grand Master in District #3 and finding all of the above in proper order, do hereby respectfully request that this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, by its vote, grant to Iditarod Lodge a Charter to work as Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction without restriction beyond what is now or may be in the future placed upon it by the Masonic Code of this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

MW Leslie R. Little (10, 15), Chairman
VW William H. Lefferson (3, 12)
W Chris Woodward (13)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I ask that this report be accepted.

Grand Master: Your report is accepted.

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

Grand Master: It has been moved and seconded that the report of the Charters and Dispensations Committee be adopted.

Report adopted.

Warden's Charge

No report from the Warden's Charge Committee was received at the time of publication.

George Washington National Memorial

No report from the George Washington National Memorial Committee was received at the time of publication.

Russian Relations

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

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, members, guests of the Grand Lodge of Alaska.

The Committee on Russian Relations has received word that the Grand Lodge of Russia was constituted on June 24, 1995 by the Grand Lodge National of France. The Grand Lodge National of France is recognized by the Grand Lodge of Alaska as regular. The Russian Relations Committee respectfully requests that the Alaska Grand Lodge recognize the Grand Lodge of Russia when the following conditions are met:

- One, when the Commission of Information for Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America notifies the Alaska Grand Lodge that the newly constituted Grand Lodge of Russia is regular;
- Two when we receive a letter from the Grand Lodge of Russia requesting recognition of their Grand Lodge. Request for approval of the Alaska Grand Lodge is made at this time, so your Russian Relations Committee will not have to wait another year before developing plans to establish Masonry in Eastern Russia.

No changes in our Code is required. Degree work will be as a courtesy for the newly constituted Russian Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,
MW John Grainger (1, 10), Chairman
VW Mitch Miller (3, 12)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I ask that this report will be accepted.

Grand Master: Your report will be accepted.
I move for the adoption of this report.

Grand Master: It has been moved and seconded that the Russian Relations Committee report be adopted. Is there any discussion?

After much discussion, the Grand Master decided to just receive the report for the record and did not do any voting upon it at this time. According to the Grand Master, “if the Grand Lodge of Russia at some later date requests recognition, we would deal with it at that time through the Fraternal Relations Committee.”

Long-Range Planning

No report from the Committee on Long-Range Planning was received at the time of publication.

Publications

No report from the Committee on Publications was received at the time of publication.

Report of Segregations and Reference Committee

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

First Report

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

We, the Committee on Segregations and Reference, to whom was referred the Grand Master’s Message have considered the same and make the following report:

- That the Grand Master’s Message, Necrology, State of the Craft, Visitations, Long-Range Planning, and Acknowledgements be accepted as printed.
- Special Events, Prince Hall, and recommendations be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee, and
- Recommendation No. 6 be referred to the Finance Committee

Respectfully submitted,

VW Roy Foss (11), Chairman

MW Frank Erie (12)

VW Mitch Miller (12)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I ask that this report be accepted.

Grand Master: Your report is accepted.

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

Grand Master: It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the Grand Master's report.

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Report adopted.

Second Report

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

We, the Committee on Segregations and Reference, to whom was referred the Grand Secretary's Report, make the following recommendations:

1. The printed portion of the Grand Secretary's Report be approved as written.
2. The Finance portion of the Grand Secretary's Report be referred to the Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

VW Roy Foss (11), Chairman

MW Frank Erie (12)

VW Mitch Miller (12)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I ask that this report be accepted.

Grand Master: Your report is received.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I move for the adopt the report of the Segregation and Reference Committee.

Grand Master: It has been moved and seconded that we adopt the report of the Segregation and Reference Committee.

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Report adopted.

Alaska Library and Museum Foundation

No report from the Alaska Library and Museum Foundation was received at the time of publication.

Alaska Masonic Research Association

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I apologize that I have nothing in written form prepared, but I will give you a statement of our meeting as required by our bylaws that occurred on Wednesday morning at 9:00 in this building.

A decision was made last year to abolish AMRA, and that was further discussed and it was decided through a unanimous vote that AMRA would be continued. I am very pleased to be elected for the third year as president of that organization.

To better promote the organization, we have adopted a policy and procedure of sending the vice-presidencies through to the presidency of the organization, from the fourth through the first vice-president. That was all elected and decided, and I am pleased to report that there was no election of those officers; they were all volunteers to accept the first through fourth vice-presidency.

As contributing results at least to Very Worshipful Brother John Grainger, I was pleased to present to you earlier today a check for \$7,500 for our Permanent Fund. We have several other programs that are “in the mill” or will be “in the mill” very shortly, as they are right now in the thinking stages: four fund-raisers for AMRA.

It was decided by the membership of AMRA that we accept the financial responsibility of providing the Grand Lodge coins, or medallions, or whatever they’re called, at the 19978 Grand Lodge Communication and hopefully that will be perpetuated to all the Communications in the future. Of course, now we have been given the challenge of that. We must accept that challenge and move forward with some fund-raising activities for our Grand Lodge and its many different facets. I would encourage the Masters of each of the Lodges present today to go home and promote AMRA at every possibility, every opportunity. We will be communicating and coordinating this effort tremendously within the next very few months. Thank you, Grand Master.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas V. Houser

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

GM: We will receive it; thank you.

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 1995

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 Anvil Lodge No. 2 for the year 1995

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Annual Membership Meeting

April 7, 1995

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 West Coast International Inn in Anchorage, Alaska.

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

There was no old business to conduct.

The membership approved the transactions made during the just-concluded 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	Gene R. Freeman

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.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard D. Bender
Secretary

Contributions to the Grand Lodge

Contribution From:	To:	For:	Amount	Total
AMRA	Grand Lodge	Permanent Fund	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
Tanana Lodge No. 3	Grand Lodge	Permanent Fund	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Fairbanks Lodge No. 12	Grand Lodge	Permanent Fund	\$510.00	\$510.00
Aurora Lodge No. 15	Grand Lodge	Travel Fund	\$80.00	\$80.00
Iditarod Lodge UD	Grand Lodge	Permanent Fund	\$180.00	\$180.00
Life Insurance Policy from Gene R. Freeman	Grand Lodge	Permanent Fund	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Loyd Williamson	Grand Lodge	Travel Fund	\$150.00	\$150.00
		Total:		\$19,620.00

Presentations

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

25 year pin presentation to M.W. Howard Hobbs

Speeches by Distinguished Guests

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

Most Worshipful Brother Bill Stovall, Junior Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, distinguished Grand Lodge officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Alaska.

First of all, let me say thank you very much for the hospitality that you've extended to me and my wife, Beverly during our stay up here. This has been absolutely outstanding and as our Deputy Grand Master in California so eloquently put it, as only attorneys can—and that's the shortest talk I've ever heard him make—we've just really enjoyed ourselves here and we're going to take the advantage of a few extra days after your Grand Lodge closes to check out some of the area and enjoy this fine State of Alaska.

Your Grand Master didn't tell you that I am a retired Deputy Chief of Police for the city of Long Beach, California. I'd like to tell you a little story about North Carolina: it seems this fellow was speeding through North Carolina and —it sounds like a few of you may have heard this before—the state trooper stopped him after giving chase. You know, your adrenaline gets pretty high: you may have seen something in the paper the other day about the Riverside Deputy Sheriff's chase getting their adrenaline going pretty good. He walked up on the car and says, "what is your name?" "Bubba." "You have any ID?" "About what?"

Grand Master interrupted Brother Will, "we do have some of those Brothers from North Carolina."

Well, I'm reminded of the story of the fellow who was going up the scaffold to the hangman's noose and he walked up there, the hangman put the rope around his neck and asked, "do you have any last words you'd like to share before we pull the trap here?" He says, "yeah, there's been something bothering me ever since this whole thing started." "What is it?" "Well, if it wasn't for the Masons, I wouldn't be here." "What are you talking about?" "Well, the fellow that I shot was a Mason, and the policeman who caught me was a Mason. And they took me to jail and the jailer was a Mason. The District Attorney who filed the case on he was a Mason and the Public Defender who was assigned to me was a Mason. The Judge in the court that I was tried in was a Mason and the foreman in the jury was Mason, and after the verdict was pronounced, the Governor who reviewed my case and denied clemency was a Mason. So, yes, if it wasn't for the Masons, I wouldn't be here, and I'm glad to have said that." The hangman says, "Is that all you have to say?" "That's it; I got it off my chest." "You will advance one step with your left foot."

Well, I tell you that little story because I just accentuate the fact that the fraternity has always served at the very heart of our country's government. Masons have been the major players in the building of our country, the building of our states, and the building of our cities. You can probably recite the Masonic affiliation of the men who pioneered this great state and who started your cities. In California, all of our major cities have had Masons predominately involved in the building. The first hospital in California was built by Masons in Sacramento during the great plague there in the 1850's. Masons have always been a major part of what's gone on in this republic. They have been in the vanguard of what's needed in our society. Presidents, senators, representatives, governors, mayors, our local representatives, judges, admirals, generals, all stand among the ranks of Masons.

There was once a level of government and people in our society who were heavily represented by Masons. Well, such is not the case today. It seems that society has moved on in one direction and our fraternity has stood fast. It seems that things are happening and we're starting to wake up. One thing remains certain: as we move forward through time, there is a need to change. We need to change with the times. Those aren't new words to you; they are being echoed throughout the country.

The changes we see in Masonry, however, are those changes that continue to establish us as an organization that holds fast to those solid moral values and ethical standards which are necessary for a civilized society and which seem to be so sorely neglected today throughout the country. While continuing to defend those standards, we continue to work hard to meet the challenges of the changing needs of our members in our respective communities. And just what are some of those important needs? I would submit to you that right up there at the top is safety. Yes, and particularly the need to protect our children from danger and to see them properly nurtured and educated. These are basic in every society and forever have been the driving force in the development of mankind's quest for a peaceful, civilized society.

Just last month I read that school violence this past year has killed or seriously injured students in nearly half of the schools in American cities. Two weeks ago I read in the paper that...(*tape ends here*)...safety. Yes, and particularly the need to protect our children from danger.

I read in the paper that researchers attribute the startling rise of homicide among youths 15-19 years of age to gangs who recruit these younger members for their drug business. Last month a school basketball coach was murdered by one of his students. Can you imagine that? An athletic team, the coach murdered by a student. The week before in Redlands, a middle school student walked into the principal's office and shot him in the face with a shotgun, blowing away half of his jaw. Not very long ago, two 14 year old girls out in the Hisperia area—good students, well- liked—went to their morning classes then cut school, went to a fast food store, had lunch, went home and got a gun and walked out in the desert and each committed suicide. Last November a student in the Laguna area of California walked into the classroom, stuck a gun in his mouth in front of all his peers and in front of his teacher and committed suicide.

For the first time in history in California, and it is rapidly growing this way throughout the country, the majority of murders are being committed by people unknown to the victim, in things like drive-by shootings and other such things as that. The problem has become a national epidemic. Wednesday morning—I arrived here Tuesday night and attended the Anchorage Board of Education and attended a meeting of concerned parents of the Anchorage School District. It was held at the Assets Building on Nichols Street. After which, I talked with Dr. Colmer (?), the Vice President of Whaley School here. A school which is there exclusively for troubled children. I had to walk through a metal detector when I walked into the school. The nearly 70 K-12 schools in Anchorage, which constitute about half of the schools in your state, mirror the same kind of behavior of youth problems as exists throughout our country as a whole.

You're not exempt from that problem. Gangs are on the rise, so much so that there is a school official here assigned exclusively to the tracking in trying to control the spread of gang activity. I picked up the Anchorage Daily News yesterday, talking about students who now have to have their back packs taken away from them when they come into the school because they may be carrying weapons into the school. You saw that one out of 10 children in the last 30 days has carried a firearm or a knife to school in their backpack.

This is a problem that we can't turn our backs on. It's a problem that's a natural for Masons of this country to become concerned with because it affects the very future of what our country is going to become.

The subculture of drugs, gangs, substance abuse, violence, drops outs, and teen pregnancy is not only taking valuable time away from our school teachers, it's actually threatening the very lives of our children. Not only while in school, but while playing in their own front yards. Random acts of violence have resulted in the deaths of infants in their mother's arms walking out the front door, and are the reason for the present danger we see today and are the reason that some of our elderly don't even want to venture out on the streets in some areas of our cities at night. I know it is not as bad here today as it is in Los Angeles or in Long Beach, but it's going to be.

The handwriting is on the wall, all we have to do is read it. I've been asked, "why we, as Masons, who are law-abiding, who have pretty well reached that point in our lives where our children are raised, why should we be interested in what's happening to those violent children and their senseless acts? Why should we care if they're caught and sent away for most of their juvenile life? Why should we want to spend our money to turn the lives of those hoodlums around?" I'll tell you why: I have 14 grandchildren and almost 6 great grandchildren—because we all have children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren who are attending those violent schools, or who are walking home on those violent streets and playing in their front yards where more and more tragedy is occurring. None of us, and none of our children will ever be safe if we don't try to turn things around.

We can't do it with the adults; we know the recidivism rate in our state prisons is 87%. Only 13% who come out within five years don't go back in. 87% do; that means we haven't corrected anyone's behavior. I'd submit to you that 13% of any group of people is going to change in a five year period. They probably got too old to run from the law or commit crimes or they died or they just changed, like any number of people will from whatever they're doing. We can't do it with adults; we have to do it before that criminal pattern is ingrained in their behavior. We have to do it with the children.

It is impossible to hire enough policemen to make our streets safe. We, each and every one of us, all have a responsibility for a part in our own and our own family's safety. In California, I ask the question, "Can anything be done about this? Can the Masons of California help to turn this condition around? And the answer that we came up with is, "You bet we can!" We can't do it overnight, we can't do it all at once, but we can take the first step.

I have been privileged to serve on the National Masonic Foundation for Children for up to six years now. That is a committee appointed by the Conference of Grand Masters to look at substance abuse throughout the United States and see what can be done about it. One of the jobs was to survey programs in existence. You heard your Grand Master say the State of Pennsylvania had one of the first and most successful programs. That's a large Jurisdiction. In 1997 they will have attained an intervention team in every school of the state, sponsored by the Masons of Pennsylvania. It is a state law in Pennsylvania that

intervention for troubled children or children at risk in the public schools, there must be an intervention team in each school. They will have attained that by next year.

Well, we have an exciting opportunity in front of us to emulate what Pennsylvania has done, what Illinois has done, what many other Jurisdictions have done. California also has a large Jurisdiction, and you're probably thinking in your mind, "he's leading up to something, and that something is going to cost money." I heard one of your members say, "You have to put your money where your mouth is if you want to get a program going." And that is exactly right; you have to put your money where your mouth is. But other small Jurisdictions are doing it.

The first time in my life, in fact the only time in my life that I heard a President of the United States on television and radio mention the name Freemasonry and Freemasons was when he was complimenting the state of Vermont on public/private cooperation for substance abuse in that state, because the state of Vermont Masons were supporting an intervention program with their schools and President Bush, at the time, mentioned it on public television. It caught my ear; it's an important step in functions of our fraternity, because we were the vanguard of society in the past. Should it be any different today?

Shouldn't we recognize the dangers of today and lead the way through this terrible epidemic that we have with our children today? This Student Assistance training program that Pennsylvania has, that Illinois has, and now that California is beginning its second year with, is Masons providing the very best training to our professional educators, teaching them what to do to change the behavior of at-risk children. Those children who are at risk of becoming the substance abusers, the school dropouts, the gang members, and even the victims of teen suicide. And how are we accomplishing this in California?

In November of 1994, we had the first in a series of intensive three-day, live-in training programs for public school administrators, teachers, nurses and counselors in our public schools throughout the state. We can accommodate about 60 at a class. They are organized as core groups, or teams, of three to seven members from each school represented. First, they're taught how to recognize at-risk children from their behavior in the schools, and secondly, how to legally function as an intervention team. Intervening in the lives of those children is a way to break that life pattern which was putting them at risk in the first place.

Under the guidance of this program, the identification of these children and the trained intervention through the proper referrals—because we teach these educators how to develop their resources in their communities to help these children—a positive case follow-up continues with that child from the time initial recognition until graduation. This had an amazing success in Pennsylvania; it has had amazing success throughout the country. In the eight classes we've had, we have trained over 504 educators, representing 151 schools. That's a lot! We could never do that in Alaska, but think of what we have to do: our goal is to have an intervention team in every school in the state. We have only reached 151 schools; we have 7,500 schools to reach! Anchorage has 70. Alaska has about 140-150. The job is do-able,

The program is something that our public schools really need. To watch these teachers as they begin absorbing what's going on in this class, soaking up this information, to listen to the gratitude they have to the fraternity of Free & Accepted Masons for providing this type of training for them is very, very rewarding. To watch them go out to their schools and begin putting this program into implementation is very rewarding. In my own city, a middle school attended the third class that we had. Within two weeks after returning, they had fourteen children in referral already who were the most serious they were dealing with.

The State of Pennsylvania last year had 75,000 referrals to their student assistance training program and over half of those came from the children's peers, other kids who recognized that their friend was having a problem, by their alcohol abuse, or a problem in their home, or some kind of a problem that was causing their grade to go down, causing them to become a potential drop out, abuser, or potentially violent. That's the kind of success that marks a really good program.

You know, in the past, your national agenda for dealing with this kind of behavior and this epidemic that we're faced with has been either apprehension by the law enforcement or education, such as programs such as DARE and SANE and other kinds of educational programs. But a great big void existed in the middle for those kids who didn't learn and hadn't been taught. A void of children that were on the way to a path of self-destruction. That void has now been identified as treatable. A void that is now labeled "intervention," and if you get right action at the right time, you can turn the life of that child around. Just think what that might mean? You're probably saving the life of someone else by avoiding sending someone down a path of violence who will end up in that big abyss of state prison where losers are sitting on the corner with a tin cup in their hand.

Masons in California pay for the travel, lodging, food, books, and the whole program. You can modify this to be adapted for the capabilities of your own Jurisdiction. But just think, if you had a program like this, the impact it would have on your fraternity, because it has long been my feeling that the direction we've gone and the membership we're losing is not because we're not worthy, we don't have a good foundation, that we aren't really carrying the standard of morality and ethics in our society, it's that nobody knows what we do. Those educators come into that campus we use. They don't know one thing about Masonry—they don't even know the word. Maybe some of them saw it in an encyclopedia, maybe someone thinks it's a cult. We don't know what they think about us, but they come in there with a lot of trepidation and they sit there with a lot of negative body language when they start. Within thirty minutes, they open up, begin absorbing, begin asking questions.

In the last class we had about four weeks ago, and we'll have another one in about a couple of weeks, two of the women teachers said, "When I go home, my husband is going to be a Mason, he doesn't know it yet, he's going to be!" In the first class we had, two of the ladies said, "I wish I could get a sex change so I could be a Mason today! How can this organization have existed and nobody knows anything about it? How can you do things like this in our society and nobody knows it and give you credit for it?"

The first questions we are asked, “What do you expect out get out of this? Nobody does anything for nothing!” We said, “We expect a safe society, our grandchildren safe. We expect to the educators of our state because we really do honestly support public education. It is the standard and the foundation for improving our society; it keeps us from being a stratified society with exclusiveness only taking the cherries from the top of the ice cream.” Believe me, this program will put the word “Freemason” on the lips of every educator in the state and through them countless leaders of your communities.

I would see once again people clamoring to board Freemasonry. Members of the fraternity once again becoming deeply involved in the city councils or in their state legislatures or running for governor, or running for President, superintendent of schools, or other public office where we rightfully ought to be. It has been in the past, should be in the future. Society took the left fork; Masonry was still straight down the road. We need to find a way to get over there on that left fork and put us again in the mainstream of where the problems are today and what’s going on in society. You can’t do this program free.

Now, one thing I learned about Masonry is they’re really tight with a nickel; you look at their thumb and you’ll see a president’s head on their thumb and you know they’ve been squeezing that nickel real hard. In our Grand Lodge, we can’t hardly raise per capita - they’ll take you down the road and put you on a rack to keep from raising the per capita. But, you know, I had a feeling that if we asked for support for a worthy program, we’d have results. The first thing I did was tell our foundation, “Let’s send out one of these return address mail labels—you probably get them from every organization that’s around—I said, let’s see what people in Masonry think about it?” Oh, you can’t do that! That’s commercialism, that’s not what Masonry is all about. I said, “No, Masonry is about doing things.” But today you don’t do things without money; you’ve got to put your money where your mouth is. You can have all the ideas in the world but there’s not enough of us to man all of the stations of government. We’ve got to make the showing!

So, I sent the mail labels out, and we can’t raise the per capita \$.50! We can’t do that. We sent these mail labels out and the fellow who was doing it for us said, “You’re going to bring in over \$200,000.” I said, “There’s no way in California that we’re going to get any \$200,000 from the Masons of this state: there’s no way—we have 120,000 members.” He said, “Yep, you’re going to do it. There’s no sweat.” So I talked to the president of our foundation and I said, “If we get \$30,000, I’m going to be just floating on a cloud!” \$350,000 came in like THAT! The third mailing went out about four weeks ago. The first day \$87,000 came in. They’re giving more now because more know what the program is about. Masons aren’t tight! They don’t want to be taxed! They want to give voluntarily and I suggest you look into funding ideas like that.

It’s going to take innovativeness on your part in order to put a program like this together. But don’t let the constraints of the past prevent you from visualizing what can be done in the future. We ought to be there in the army attacking this plague that has been visited upon our children. We ought to be there. We’ve been on the vanguard of every problem in society from the formation of our organization. You subscribe to the idea that we may

have been generated out of the Knights Templar. Just think, where were we then? Sitting around the king's throne? No! We were out there with the Crusaders, protecting the highways and making things safe for the people in society. We can be doing the same thing again. Brethren, I realize that you don't go into something like this overnight. Your Grand Master has been a listener, an observer, of what's going on throughout the state and your Deputy Grand Master coming up here is excited about the concept. He doesn't know how he's going to put it together or how it would even be paid for, but let me say if any of your money is worth anything, it's the best leverage program for your dollar that you can look at, because for every dollar that you spend, you are impacting hundreds and hundreds of other people. It's not just a dollar per person. You train an educator and an educator has contact with 40 kids every semester or 30 and on and on and on, and I just extrapolated conservatively.

I figure in the last thirteen months we have had an assessment based on our criteria for intervention of almost 40,000 children. Now the problem is not that many numbers in the state, but percentage-wise, it is the same problem: alcoholism, drug abuse, violence, schools that are as put together as (*garbled*) for children who are violent—who have to walk through a metal detector. That's not our democracy. We can't have that. Let's see that the Masons do something about it. I really encourage you Masons in Alaska - one of the newest Grand Lodges in the world, the most exciting state in the world, to sit down and take a look at what your future is and what's going on in your society and where do you fit and what you can put together to impact this epidemic.

You have been very attentive. I've enjoyed speaking with you—I could talk about the subject a long time because professionally it is something else I'm involved with, Masonically, it is something I see that Masons can do! Can do with pride. It's something that will cause every Mason involved in it to swell his chest up, bust his buttons off with the pride of knowing that he is making a difference in society, not for today, but for tomorrow, for our children and grandchildren who are trying to fight their way through this new world.

Grand Master, thank you very much for the time, Deputy Grand Master, for inviting me. Both of you together, it has been an exciting experience, and the food is great here! I've never been in a hotel where consistently the food has been so great. And when the food is good, everything else just takes care of itself, isn't that right. I've brought a couple of videotapes for each Grand Master coming up. I had a couple left over from when I did, so you won't see our current Grand Master and I'm not going to tell him that! I've brought a couple of videotapes you can pass around to your Lodges to give you an idea. It interviews some of the teachers and you hear some of the things they say and it's an exciting videotape and you can have some little schoolhouse pins I'll give you for your officers and whomever is interested. Thank you very much for your time and for your attentiveness.

Sister Rita Grady, Royal Grand Matron of the Order of the Amaranth

Most Worshipful Grand Master, distinguished members and guests, all nations, and friends. I bring you greetings from the Grand Court of Alaska, Order of the Amaranth.

Thank you for the enjoyable evening at the banquet last night, and all the courtesies that you extended to the Grand Royal Patron and me. Thank you for this opportunity to speak to you about the Order of the Amaranth. The Order of the Amaranth had its origins in Sweden about three hundred years ago when Queen Christina created an order for the Ladies and knights of the royal court, which was built around the character of Lady Amarantha, a virtuous and talented lady of the court. This original order had no connection with Masonry.

Modern-day Amaranth was officially organized in New York City in 1873 as part of the rite of adoption, consisting of three degrees: Eastern Star, Queen of the South, and the Amaranth, the third and highest degree. Until 1921, members of the Amaranth were required to belong to the Eastern Star to maintain their Amaranth membership. Today they are completely separate organizations.

Worldwide, there are 43 Grand Courts and 10 subordinate Courts under Supreme Jurisdiction. Our main philanthropic project is the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation. At our 1995 Supreme Council, a check for \$295,000 was presented to the American Diabetes Association Research Foundation from the members of the Order of the Amaranth. Alaska Grand Court contributed \$2,073 in 1995. This, with 221 members, most of them out of state. This year, Alaska Court #1 has raised \$2,500 from the sale of chocolate Easter baskets. The goal of the Grand Court for 1996 is \$3,500.

Amaranth is dedicated to the Golden Rule and is built on a foundation of truth, faith, wisdom, and charity. Membership is open to Masons and ladies with the proper Masonic affiliation. Half of our offices may be held by our Sir Knights. I encourage you to share your love of your Masonic fellowship with your wife. Petitions are available for any Amaranth member. Come join us. I thank you, good day.

Sister Mary Wallace representing the Order of the Eastern Star.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Officers, Brothers and Sisters and friends. Brother Hank, I admire your courage. You have my utmost respect. I can see why he was chosen for this position. It is a privilege that I am here today to speak about the Order of the Eastern Star. This privilege I do not take lightly. So, again, thank you, Brother Hank. There is one thing that you should know about me, and that is I am not afraid to ask questions. Therefore, I would like to know if all of you have a wife? I know that Brother Lloyd Triggs doesn't, but how about daughters? Step daughters? Grand daughters? Even great grand daughters? Mother? Grandmother? Stepmother? Sisters?

Half-sisters? Step sisters? Daughter-in-law? Niece? Or perhaps you know a widow of an affiliated Master Mason in good standing at the time of his death? These people that I have just described do not know that you have left them a legacy. If you or if these people are 18 years and older, they are eligible for membership in the Order of the Eastern Star. But it is up to you, if you want to share the fellowship as a family.

Next time you see an Eastern Star lady, know that we are your family. What you see, my Brothers, know that he is an affiliated Master Mason in good standing. They are the heart of Masonry. Eastern Star in Alaska will be making history this Saturday at the Masonic Temple. I would like at this time to invite all Eastern Star members to come and join us in our first statewide fellowship. As you know, we do not have a Grand Chapter in Alaska, but this will be the first time the whole state will be getting together. Dinner will begin at 5:30 P. M., with an exemplification of our work following. I am excited about it, I know many of you will be there and I am looking forward to seeing you there. Again, thank you, Brother Hank for the generous hospitality you have extended. Until we meet again, Saturday—farewell

Illustrious Brother John Bowerman, Deputy for Anchorage Valley. Scottish Rite

Most Worshipful Grand Master and members of this Communication. As Chester Proudfoot is out of the state due to a previous commitment, he asked me as one of his personal representatives to be here today. It is my extreme pleasure, on behalf of all the Scottish Rite bodies in Alaska, to present our greetings and those of the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction. We wish you the best, and have a successful Communication. And to assure you to of our continued support. I would like personally at this time to thank you and all the members and Brothers of the Lodges under your Jurisdiction for the continued help and support they are giving us in the Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders program in Alaska. Again, it is my pleasure to be here.

Illustrious Brother Ray Gallant, Grand Illustrious Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Alaska.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I certainly appreciate this opportunity you have afforded me to say a word or two, and there won't be many more than those one or two. There are three Councils in Alaska in the Cryptic Mason bodies. And this, the one I am the Illustrious Grand Master of, is the grand body that requires the existence of three Councils before it can be in existence. We just finished having a Grand Council up in Fairbanks and like other bodies, it is generally held at the location of the ruling person of that body at the time, so I would anticipate this next one will be held in Anchorage in this building. Beyond that, I can't say much more than to express my tremendous appreciation of the opportunity to be recognized by you and extend my greetings to all who may themselves be members of the Council of the York Rite. It is one of the two

bodies of the York Rite, and I'll be followed by the representative of the other body. And with that, Most Worshipful Grand Master, I think that I will wrap it up and sit down. Thank you very much.

Sister Elaine Ambrose, Grand Worthy Advisor of the Grand Assembly of the Rainbow of Alaska.

Grand Master, Masons, and friends. I distinctly remember my anxious wait to be initiated into Friendship #16 at the age of 12. Suddenly, there I was in my new resplendent white dress, fit for Cinderella, my new white shoes, and a little dab of makeup, which was all my mother would allow. The skirt swished, the people piled in, and the girls chattered while I timidly cloaked myself behind my parents. Little did I know how far this path in my life would take me.

As I got older, I began to realize that Rainbow, only being new shoes and lovely dresses, was a completely misconstrued sentiment. I listened to the lectures given during initiation and recognized the values that have been applied to my life through Rainbow: truth, justice, and ethics have performed tremendous roles and as such, I have closely examined my contrivance to become an attorney. Leadership and speaking skills I practice adeptly through ascending the line, rendering service into my community is a challenge I have embraced and love for my family and close friends has strengthened my relationships. But, the most significant lesson I have acquired has been through the Grand Cross of Color. To render a service and seek no recognition is a brave feat that many do not grasp, and the concept of, and without truth and vision, I cannot attain victory.

For all this I have you, as our sponsoring order, to thank. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to search for the pot of gold. Thank you for giving our youth of today a chance to prove ourselves other than generation acts. Society is too prone to think that the youth of today will ever achieve great accomplishments, but if we are not allowed to be given a chance, where will the leaders of our future emerge?

I admonish you to explore your lives and find a girl that needs a compass for direction, and that creates confidence, for through Rainbow she will behold a new, extraordinary path of life. Each of my sisters and I entered a world we were not familiar to. We found it opens new doors to new ways of thinking, new people and their ideas, and it brings inspiration through its wonderful teachings. All of us joined a crusade, an adventure in pursuit of life's riches, and along the way, we found Rainbow's teachings have encouraged and have shed light on the path for us through the most impressionable years of our lives. Within these lessons lie the answers to living life deliberately. Without Rainbow's influences, I would not be where I am today, and I fully recognize the doors it has opened, the people that have enriched my life, and the values it has instilled.

I would like to cordially invite all of you to our Grand Assembly in Fairbanks on June 27 through the 29th. Our mascot is the frog. Our colors are emerald green and cream. Our flowers are the daisy and sunflower. Our Bible verse is 1 Peter 3:10. And, our motto is an

excerpt from *Walden* by Henry David Thoreau, “I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to affront only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not when I came to die to discover that I had not lived.” I hope you can all join us in our celebration of Rainbow and life and the majesty of our state
Thank you.

Aric R. Thompson, Master Counselor of the Anchorage Chapter of International Order of DeMolay

Grand Lodge, all the Master Masons, and visitors, I am here to say that DeMolay has just started up in Anchorage, or it has been here for a while. Our Chapter was out of commission for a while here, but we’ve just got it started up, got some new members, and initiated about seven new members for a chapter in Palmer. This Sunday we’re planning on giving a DeMolay degree at the Lodge there, if any of you Master Masons want to come see that. We’re here to let you know that DeMolay is alive and kicking in Anchorage right now, so hopefully we’ll get something really good rolling and I thank all of you guys for supporting us as much as you have. Dad, Paul Godwin, who’s here tonight is our Chapter Dad, and without his support, I don’t know where we’d be, so, I thank you all again for supporting us in DeMolay.

ELECTION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

Final Report of the Credential Committee - 143 eligible ballots – 72 ballots to elect

(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:

Blank	2 votes
Gene Freeman	1 vote
Ray Beaver	1 vote
Bobby Alexander	2 votes
Stanley R. Foulke	3 votes
Lloyd W. Triggs	127 votes (Position Accepted)

Deputy Grand Master:

Blank	2 votes
Ray Beaver	1 vote
Bobby Alexander	2 votes
Gene Freeman	4 votes
Stanley R. Foulke	128 votes (Position Accepted)

Senior Grand Warden:

Blank	2 votes
Tim Routzahn	1 vote
Fred McGuire	1 vote
Ray Beaver	1 vote
Bobby Alexander	1 vote
Gene R. Freeman	127 votes (Position Accepted)

Junior Grand Warden:

1st Ballot

Blank	1 vote
Tim Routzahn	1 vote
Cliff Darnell	2 votes
Fred McGuire	2 votes
Bobby Alexander	23 votes
L. V. "Joe" Dees	49 votes
Raymond L. Beaver	59 votes

2nd Ballot

Lloyd Williamson	1 vote
Fred McGuire	1 vote
Cliff Darnell	2 votes
Bobby Alexander	14 votes
Joe Dees	37 votes
Ray Beaver	64 votes (Position Accepted)

Grand Secretary:

Blank	2 votes
Van Chaney	1 vote
Bill Lefferson	1 vote
Ray Beaver	1 vote
Chuck Gregg	1 vote
Bobby Alexander	1 vote
Gunnar Flygenring	3 votes
Richard D. Bender	125 votes (Position Accepted)

Grand Treasurer:

Blank	1 vote
Tim Routzahn	1 vote
Bud Young	1 vote
Bill Oldham	1 vote
Chuck Gregg	1 vote
Gunnar Flygenring	1 vote
Fred McGuire	2 votes
Rick Bender	2 votes
Bill Kyle	2 votes
Marvin Harned	3 votes
Tom Black	3 votes
Bobby W. Alexander	12 votes
Steve Lee	107 votes (Position Accepted)

INSTALLATION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

An open installation for the 1996-1997 officers for the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was conducted in Anchorage, Alaska on April 12, 1996

OPENING CEREMONIES

Welcome and Introduction

By MW Henry T. Dunbar

INSTALLING OFFICERS

Installing Master	MW Henry T. Dunbar
Installing Marshall	MW Leslie R. Little
Installing Assistant Marshall	MW Francis D. Hess
Installing Assistant	W Charles Triggs
Installing Chaplain	MW Byron C. Jenkins
Installing Secretary	MW E.L. "Roy" Foss
Installing Musician	Sister Alice Chaney

ELECTED OFFICERS

Grand Master	MW Lloyd W. Triggs
Deputy Grand Master	RW Stanley R. Foulke
Senior Grand Warden	RW Gene R. Freeman
Junior Grand Warden	R.W Raymond L. Beaver
Grand Treasurer	R.W Steve Lee
Grand Secretary	RW Richard D. Bender

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Grand Chaplain	W Don Chaffin
Grand Lecturer	W Marvin Harned
Grand Orator	W Fred Newton
Grand Historian	W Joe H. Ashby
Grand Marshal	W Frank Dickerson
Senior Grand Deacon	W Loyd Williams

Junior Grand Deacon	W John Johnson
Grand Standard Bearer	W Charles Hall
Grand Sword Bearer	W William C. Quirion
Grand Bible Bearer	W J. W. Underwood
Senior Grand Steward	W L. Tom Smotherman
Junior Grand Steward	W Roy Hartz
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