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GRAND MASTER
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No recording made of opening prayer by Grand Chaplain.

ROLL CALL

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Master	MW Lloyd W. Triggs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deputy Grand Master	RW Stanley R. Foulke
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Warden	RW Gene R. Freeman
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Warden	RW Raymond L. Beaver
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Treasurer	RW Steve Lee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Secretary	RW Richard D. Bender
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Chaplain	W Don G. Chaffin
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Lecturer	VW Marvin R. Harned
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Orator	W Frederick H. Newton
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Historian	W Joe H. Ashby
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Marshal	W Frank L. Dickinson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Deacon	W Loyd Williamson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Deacon	W John P. Johnson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Standard Bearer	W Martin W. Parsons
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grand Sword Bearer	W William C. Quirion
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Bible Bearer	VW John W. Underwood
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Steward	W L. Tom Smotherman
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Steward	W Roy D. Hartz
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		W Karl G. Amundsen (Appointed)
<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
- Aurora Lodge No. 15

- North Pole Lodge No. 16
- Anchorage Lodge No. 17
- Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18
- Tongass Lodge No. 19
- Iditarod Lodge No. 20

MW Grand Master, all Grand Lodge Officers, with the exception of the Grand Sword Bearer and 19 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 Sixteenth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was opened at 8:00 AM on April 3, 1997, by Most Worshipful Henry T. Dunbar, Immediate Past Grand Master. The program for the public ceremonies included:

Entrance of Grand Lodge Officers
Presentation of Flags by DeMolay
Flag Tribute by the Heroes of '76, National Sojourners
Pledge of Allegiance
National Anthems (U.S., Canadian, Alaska Flag Song)
Introduction of Youth Groups
International Order of DeMolay
Paul V. Godwin, State Master Councilor
Jeremiah Kay, State Senior Master Councilor
J.R. Blyth, State Junior Master Councilor
John LeFlore, Junior Past State Master Councilor
Gerald R. Fairley, Executive Officer for Alaska
International Order of Rainbow for Girls
Susan Swarthout Grand Charity representing
LeAnn Lasher, Grand Worthy Advisor, Grand Assembly of
Alaska
International Order of Job's Daughters
Crystal Risse, Past Honored Queen, Bethel No. 2, Anchorage,
Alaska
Introduction of Ladies Organizations
Barbara Cline, Waheed Court, Ladies Oriental Shrine
Betty Wood, Grand Royal Matron, Order of Amaranth
Order of Eastern Star
Maxine F. Justice, Most Worthy Grand Matron
Robert L. Baker, Most Worthy Grand Patron
Barbara J. White, Worthy Grand Marshal
Mary Alice Tait, Worthy Grand Ruth
Nena Hash, Worthy Grand Adah
Mary Wallace, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron
in Northern Alaska
Response by Sister Mary Wallace
Introduction of Concordant Bodies
Al Aska Shrine Temple
Illustrious Walt Bonner, Potentate
Supreme Council, A.A.S.R. Southern Jurisdiction
VW Mitchell R. Miller
DeMolay Supreme Council
W Gerald R. Fairley
York Rite Sovereign College
W James W. Morton, Grand Governor
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons
W Russell A. Burnett, Grand High Priest
W William B. Clucas, Grand Illustrious Master

Grand Council of Allied Masonic Degrees in USA

MW Dalvin L. Hollaway, Most Venerable Sovereign Grand Master

Response by Mitchell R. Miller

Introduction and Reception of Distinguished Guests

British Columbia, A.F. & A. M.

RW Donald P. Frizzell, Deputy of the Grand Master

RW Thomas O. Mickey, Past District Deputy, British Columbia

California, F. & A. M.

RW Tony P. Wordlow, Deputy Grand Master, representing

MW Allen B. Gresham, Grand Master

Illinois, A. F. & A. M.

RW James O. Kenagy, Grand Chaplain

Maine, A. F. & A. M.

RW Gordon L. Kimball, Sr., Past Junior Grand Warden

Minnesota, A. F. & A. M.

W Howard Triggs, Grand Representative

Montana, A. F. & A. M.

MW Francis D. Hess, Past Grand Master

Nebraska, A. F. & A. M.

MW Bryon C. Jenkins, Past Grand Master

Nevada, F. & A. M.

MW W. Ronald Briggs, representing

MW John D. Clifton, Grand

RW Arthur K. Cronin, Deputy Grand Master

W H. Wayne Kingsley, Grand Sword Bearer

MW Roy A. Wilson, Past Grand Master

Oregon, A. F. & A. M.

MW Vern S. Wertz, Grand Master of Oregon

RW Max L. Schumacher, Deputy Grand Master of Oregon

RW Aaron W. Harvey, Junior Grand Warden of Oregon

W John D. Live, Senior Grand Deacon of Oregon

W L.L. "Vern" Beito, Junior Grand Deacon of Oregon

W John A. Friedrichsen, Grand Historian of Oregon

W Tom O. Macready, Grand Sword Bearer of Oregon

W Joseph E. "Jerry" Mills, Grand Pursuivant of Oregon

W Walter A. Meek, Senior Grand Steward of Oregon

W Wilson A. Harvey, Grand Tyler of Oregon

MW Vern R. Garvin, Past Grand Master of Oregon

MW Dalvin L. Hollaway, Past Grand Master of Oregon

MW Herman C. Kuppler, Past Grand Master of Oregon

RW William R. "Bill" Chappell, District Deputy of Oregon

Pennsylvania, F. & A. M.

RW Edward O. Weisser, Grand Master

RW Marvin G. Speicher, Grand Treasurer

W Thomas C. Librandi, Grand Steward

Virginia, A. F. & A. M.

RW Samuel C. Halterman, District Deputy

Washington, F. & A. M.

MW William R. Miller, Past Grand Master

VW Wendal H. Kuecker, Past District Deputy

VW Rod Tappe, Past District Deputy

The formal opening of the Sixteenth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was opened at 10:00 AM on April 3, 1997, by Most Worshipful Lloyd W. Triggs, 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 Russel G. Hintz (3, 16)

Second Session

W Ronnie E. Epperson (3, 8)

Third Session

W Billy R. Platz (12, 16)

Fourth Session

W Hazen R. Ricker (10, 13)

MESSAGE OF THE M.W. GRAND MASTER

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

To begin, it is a great pleasure to welcome all of the visitors from Foreign Jurisdictions to the great State of Alaska. We hope you will find everything to your liking while in the Fairbanks area. If there is something special we can help with, please don't hesitate to call on one of our team.

To those from the Alaska Jurisdiction, I bid you also a warm welcome, hoping that you enjoy your stay. If we can supply you with any special comforts, please contact the Arrangements Chairman, V.W. Bill Oldham. My representative for the Ladies is June Oldham. We want to make your stay as pleasant as possible.

NECROLOGY

How sad it is to say farewell to brethren we have worked with and come to know and love. But we suffer our own sadness because of the loss to ourselves. Should we also rejoice that these Brethren have entered the realm of Paradise where happiness is eternal and they are at peace and where the Supreme Architect receives them with open arms.

The written report will appear elsewhere in the program and the Grand Chaplain will offer a few words of comfort at that time.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

My Visitations this year proved to be very enlightening to me. Most of our Lodges are doing very good work and I am very proud of this. I have not received the numbers as of this writing but, by all reports, they are all doing some Degree Work and in the Metropolitan areas they are very busy.

As for the Grand Lodge, I am pleased by the way we are going. This is indicated to me by the way the Grand Lodge Officers have been received throughout the Jurisdiction. In the few short years of our existence, we have accomplished nearly as much as some Jurisdictions that are a century or more old. Keep up the good work!

VISITATIONS

It has been a privilege for me to have visited all of the Lodges at least once. I chose this year to make special effort to visit with the Ladies at a time best suited to their busy schedules. This was very well received. I much appreciate their attendance. Thank you Ladies.

A list of all the visitations will appear elsewhere in this program.

In all the Foreign Jurisdictions that I visited, the welcome mat was spread and I was received most graciously. My thanks to all who represented me and this Grand Jurisdiction by bringing greetings from Alaska.

DISPENSATIONS

There have been several Dispensations granted this past year and the Grand Secretary has assured me they will be listed later in the program.

APPOINTMENTS

I found it necessary to make some changes on the Grievance and Appeals Committee: W. George Steck, Chairman., W. Rex Hasty and W. James LeFlore.

Grand Standard Bearer: W. Marty Parsons

Special Committee on Fraternal Relations: W. Darrell McSpadden, W. Don Chaffin and W. William Hendricks.

District Deputy: V.W. Clifford Darnell to District No. 5

SPECIAL EVENTS

I was honored in being able to participate in the constituting of Iditarod Lodge No. 20.

I was especially honored to be able to publicly appoint W. Brother Howard Triggs as Representative of Alaska near the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

Something that meant a great deal to me was having my brother, W. Brother Charles Triggs of Sherburne Lodge No. 95 in Elk River, Minnesota assist in my installation as Grand Master.

Probably the greatest event of all was being presented with a grandson in September. What more could a Grand Master ask for?

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. This year I made some changes in the Districts. District No. 3 had eight Lodges. With the approval of Anvil Lodge No. 2 and Valdez Lodge No. 4, I moved Valdez Lodge No. 4 into District No. 1 and made a new District No. 5 where I put Anvil Lodge No. 2, Matanuska Lodge No. 7, Eagle River Lodge No. 13 and Iditarod Lodge No. 20 which evened up all the Districts. This re-districting needs approval of Grand Lodge.

2. I recommend that we continue the dialogue with Prince Hall Masonry.

3. I recommend continuing the Lodge-Range Planning Committee and, by resolution, that we make it a Standing Committee of this Grand Lodge.

4. I recommend raising the Per Capita by \$1.50. \$.75 to go for the Grand Lodge Bulletin and \$.75 to the Grand Secretary for salary increase.

DECISIONS

In late August, I received a request for an Appeal from one of the brothers of Matanuska Lodge No. 7. The request was out of time. I researched the old records to be sure of making the proper decision. I agreed with the Lodge Verdict and denied the request.

APPRECIATION

I thank each and every one of you for elevating me to the station of Grand Master. Everywhere I have visited this year, you brethren have gone out of your way to show me every courtesy. If riches are measured in friendships then I am the richest man in the world.

I will not begin to name any individuals because I am sure to forget someone. However, I would like to mention, with much gratitude, those people in Foreign Jurisdictions who have assisted me when I was in need and generally made me feel at home away from home.

Special thanks to the Committee on Sessions and Arrangements. If you are enjoying the Sessions, please let them know and shake their hand.

Thanks to the Finance Committee. Special burdens were placed on them this year and they never wavered. With the help of the Grand Treasurer, I am confident our Finances are doing the best possible.

Thanks to the Jurisprudence Committee for keeping me out of trouble - most of the time.

Finally, without the Grand Secretary, I would have had an impossible task. Brother Rick, thanks just doesn't seem adequate. God had to have been on your side. "You're gonna miss me, brother."

Fraternally,

Lloyd W. Triggs
Grand Master

APPENDIX

This Appendix lists the official acts of the Grand Master during the period of April 12, 1996 through April 4, 1997:

Proclamations

March 17, 1997 Proclaimed the month of April as Public Schools Month

Special Actions

December 16, 1996 Allowed Iditarod Lodge No. 20 to organize an incorporated body for the purpose of holding title to Lodge property.

Dispensations Granted

April 18, 1996 Permission for Kenai Lodge 11 to appear in public clothed as Masons for your Public Schools presentation on April 20, 1996.

April 21, 1996	Permission for VW Dennis Z. Morgan, District Deputy to open Anchorage Lodge No. 17 in the absence of the Master and Wardens.
June 10, 1996	Permission for Eagle River Lodge No. 13 to appear in public clothed as Masons to march in the July 6, 1996 Bear Paw Festival Parade.
June 12, 1996	Permission for Matanuska Lodge No. 7 to hold an outdoor Master Mason Degree on July 20, 1996 at the farm of W Emmett Roetman.
June 12, 1996	Permission for North Pole Lodge No. 16 to hold an outdoor Master Mason Degree on June 22, 1996 at the farm of W Keith Herve.
June 12, 1996	Permission for North Pole Lodge No. 16 to appear in public clothed as Masons to march in the North Pole Summer Festival on July 9, 1996.
July 5, 1996	Permission for Kenai Lodge No. 11 to confer the Master Mason Degree on Brother Shawn W. Jackinski in less then two weeks.
October 7, 1996	Permission for Eagle River Lodge No. 3 to open Lodge at the Masonic Temple in Anchorage for the purpose of installing their 1997 Officers.
November 18, 1996	Permission for Iditarod Lodge No. 20 to open Lodge at the Mid-Valley Senior Center for the purpose of installing their 1997 Officers.
December 2, 1996	Permission for North Pole Lodge No. 16 to open Lodge at the Regency Hotel in Fairbanks for the purpose of installing their 1997 Officers.
December 16, 1996	Permission for Valdez Lodge No. 4 to change their January Stated Communication to January 9, 1997.
December 16, 1996	Permission for Seward Lodge No. 6 to hold a Special Election at the January Stated Communication due to failure to elect officers at the December Stated Communication.
December 30, 1996	Permission for Aurora Lodge No. 15 to change their January Stated Communication to January 8, 1997.
March 20, 1997	Permission for Aurora Lodge No. 15 to change their April Stated Meeting to April 9, 1997 due to conflict with Grand Lodge Annual Communication.

Official Lodge Visitations and Other Meetings

1996

April	13	Eastern Star State Meeting - Anchorage
	15	Fides Lodge No. 246 - Sanburn, MN
	16	Arcana Chapter OES - Minneapolis, MN
	18	Minnesota Masonic Home
	22	Sherburne Lodge No. 95 - Elk River, MN
	26-27	Anchorage Scottish Rite Ceremonial
May	1	Valdez Lodge No. 4
	4	Rainbow Assemblies Meeting - Fairbanks
	6	North Pole Lodge No. 16
	7	Ladies Visitation - Fairbanks
	8	Tanana Lodge No. 3
	9	Fairbanks Lodge No. 12

	11	Constitute Iditarod Lodge
	14	Seward Lodge No. 6
	15	Ladies Visitation - Kenai
	16	Kenai Lodge No. 11
	24	White Pass Lodge No. 1
	25-26	International Days - Whitehorse
June	5-7	Grand Lodge of Oregon - Springfield
	13-15	Grand Lodge of Washington - Yakima
	14	Alaska Breakfast - Yakima
	17	Grandview Lodge No. 91 - Grandview, WA
	19-23	DeMolay Supreme Council - Tulsa, OK
July	2	Rainbow Grand Assembly - Fairbanks
	14	Nugget Assembly No. 13 IORG Installation - Anchorage
	20	Golden Days - Fairbanks
	21	Shrine Picnic at Harding Lake
August	10	Golf Classic - Fairbanks
	3	Grand Lodge of Wyoming
	22	Official Visit of MW Alex Reid - Whitehorse, YT
September	3	Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8
	4	Aurora Lodge No. 15
	5	Anvil Lodge No. 2
	11	Anchorage Lodge No. 17
	12	Glacier Lodge No. 10
	19	Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5
	20-22	Warden's Charge - Anchorage
October	3	Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18
	4	Tongass Lodge No. 19
	7	Eagle River Lodge No. 13
	8	Matanuska Lodge No. 7
	9	Anchorage Lodge No. 17
	10	Iditarod Lodge No. 20
	11	Kodiak Lodge No. 9
	15	Summoned Meeting of Matanuska Lodge No. 7 - Palmer
	19	Sterling Masonic Club - Sterling
	23	Tanana Lodge No. 3 25 year Ceremony - Fairbanks
	31	Meeting with Grand Master of Prince Hall
November	2	General Grand Chapter of York Rite - Ashville, NC
	10	Grand Cross Ceremony for Rainbow - Las Vegas, NV
	10-12	Grand Lodge of Nevada - Las Vegas
	16	PGM Meeting - Anchorage
	17	Matanuska Lodge No. 7 MM Degree
	18	North Pole Lodge No. 16
	19	York Rite - Fairbanks

	20	Tanana Lodge No. 3 EA Degree
December	1	North Pole Lodge No. 16 Installation
	4	Tanana Lodge No. 3 MM Degree
	7	Matanuska Lodge No. 7 Installation Glacier Lodge No. 10 Installation
	16	North Pole No. 16 Stated Communication
	17	York Rite Installation - Fairbanks
	19	Fairbanks Lodge No. 12 Stated Communication
	28	Tanana Lodge No. 3/Midnight Sun No. 6 OES Installation
January	4	Fairbanks Lodge No. 12 Installation
	7	Sherburne Lodge No. 95 - Elk River, MN
	15	Special Fraternal Relations Committee - Fairbanks
	18	Shrine Elections & Potentate's Ball - Anchorage
	22	Tanana Lodge No. 3
	23	DeMolay Initiation - Fairbanks
	24	District No. 5 Meeting
	30	DeMolay Installation - Fairbanks
February	1	Ladies Visitation - Anchorage
	6	Amity Lodge No. 4 - Silver City, NV
	8	Western Conference - San Francisco, CA
	12	Scottish Rite - Reno, NV
	16-18	Conference of Grand Masters - Tulsa, OK
March	1	District No. 3 Meeting
	3	Eagle River Lodge No. 13
	4	Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8
	5	Matanuska Valley Chapter No. 14 OES - Palmer
	6-8	Grand Chapter R.A.M. - Anchorage
	15	DeMolay State Conclave - Anchorage Ladies Oriental Shrine Installation - Anchorage
April	2-4	Grand Lodge of Alaska - Fairbanks

Communications Attended by Others as Representatives of the Grand Master

September 30-October 1 Grand Lodge of Missouri, by RW Stanley R. Foulke

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.

Time marches on 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 times, I offer my appreciation for your hard work and dedication.

I am still having a few problems with receiving the Lodge paperwork in a timely manner. As required in Section 15.08 of the Alaska Masonic Code, I must report that Seward Lodge No. 6 and Kodiak Lodge No. 9 did not file their paperwork by the February 1st deadline and both of those Lodges were charged the allowed late penalty. Seward Lodge No. 6's Reports were filed on March 11th. I finally closed the records of Kodiak Lodge No. 9 on March 20th to stop the fine. I have instructed the Lodge to file "No Change" Reports for April-December of 1996. By doing this, I have some numbers to deal with for projected income. On a positive note, I think I had fewer problems with the numbers on the Monthly Reports than I have ever had. Again, thank you to the hard work that many of the Secretaries are doing.

I know that some of you object to the "new" format for the Status of Lodges but the old format will still not fit on one page. I think I can go back to the old format next year as we will no longer show Adak Lodge as part of this Jurisdiction. Our loss was due to a number of Adak Members asking for dimits when Adak Lodge No. 14 closed.

The major accomplishment of the year was the final updating and reformatting of the Alaska Masonic Code. The original Code of 1988 was prepared on a very old version of WordStar. I had a Conversion Program to convert the document to Microsoft Word but that Conversion Program self-destructed a couple of years ago and it has taken me this long to complete the updating. The new Codes are now ready and are available at this Annual Communication. There were no changes to the Code except in formatting and page layout.

I know I say this every year but the Warden's Charge Weekend continues to be one of the best programs this Jurisdiction has to offer. Congratulations to our Warden's Charge Committee for another year of hard work. This program provides valuable material to the Wardens and Senior Deacons in the management of their Lodges.

The Financial Section is self-explanatory. Two Lodges have transferred their Life Membership Fund to the Grand Lodge of Alaska. The Life Membership Fund listed in the Financial Section is made up of money from Iditarod Lodge No. 20 (which included Adak Lodge No. 14's money which was transferred to Iditarod Lodge No. 20 before Adak closed) and Kenai Lodge No. 11. This year the Grand Lodge was able to pay a 7.5% return less the .5% administration fee. The Grand Master's Calendar program netted the Permanent Fund \$4564.15 after expenses as of 12/31/96. The 365 Club had deposits of \$6,642.30 which included a \$3,900.00 contribution from AMRA.

I would like to close this report, as always, by saying thank you to the people that I count myself fortunate to work with each year. The Grand Lodge Line Officers are a very supportive group. Yes, Grand Master, I will miss you. RW Brother Steve Lee has done an outstanding job as Grand Treasurer in his first year and it is a real pleasure to be able to work with him. Last but not least, I say thank you to the two best people in my life, my wife Linda and my daughter Katie. To both of them, 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

	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>
Total Petitions	46	52
Total Initiated	47	43
Total Passed	58	34
Total Raised	61	37
Total Degrees	166	114
Beginning Year Membership	2236	2243
Total Master Mason Proficiencies	43	40
Total Affiliations	6	3
Total Dual Members	24	27
Total Reinstatements	12	12
Total New Lodges UD	49	0
Other (Consolidations)	0	66
Total Gains	+134	+148
Total Deaths	46	56
Total Dimits	24	35
Total NPD	57	40
Total Expulsions	0	0
Total Suspensions	0	0
Other (Consolidations)	0	66
Total Losses	-127	-197
Total Net Gain/(Loss)	+7	-49
Year End Membership	2243	2194

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

1st Report

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

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

The first report of the Fraternal Relations Committee is a brief summary of actions reported by the Commission on Information for Recognition of the Conference of the Grand Masters of Masons in North America at their annual meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma in February 1977 (1997?).

Andorra.

The Commission had received requests for recognition from the Gran Logia Regulaire del Principat d'Andorra. Andorra is a small state in the Pyrenees Mountains between France and Spain. There are at least ten lodges in this state chartered by at least three different Grand Lodges. Seven of the constituent lodges formed the new Grand Lodge, three others were excluded. While the Commission is sympathetic to nationalistic desire to form a Grand Lodge in Andorra, the Commission is of the opinion that the Gran Logia Regulaire del Principat d'Andorra does not meet the standards of the Commission in that there are concerns about the legitimacy of origin and that it does not share territorial jurisdiction by mutual consent or treaty.

Benin.

The Grande Loge du Benin was consecrated on January 14th, 1995 in Cotonou by the Grande Loge Nationale of France. The ten constituent lodges were all chartered by the Grande Loge Nationale of France with the oldest lodge having been chartered in 1973. Since this Grand Lodge was consecrated by the GNLF (Grande Loge of France) there can be no question of its legitimacy of origin and it has furnished the Commission with full information about its lodges and constitutions and laws. It meets fully the standards of the Commission adopted by this conference. The Commission is of the opinion that it is entitled to recognition as a regular Grand Lodge. It has been recognized by the United Grand Lodge of England, the GNLF, and other regular Grand Lodges. We have not had a request from them, that is why we need no vote on it.

Madagascar

The Grand Lodge of Madagascar was consecrated by the GNLF on March 6th, 1996 with three Blue Lodges. Two more lodges were set to work in January 1997. This Grand Lodge has furnished full information to the Commission with references to its regularities showing that it meets the standards for recognition adopted by the Conference of Grand Masters.

Portugal.

The Grand Lodge of Portugal continues its regularity with Brother Louis Nandim di Carvalho as Grand Master. A current address was received for the Grand Lodge Office and the Grand Master both in Lisbon, Portugal.

Romania The Commission last year reported on The National Grand Lodge of Romania headed by Grand Master Frientu (spelling ?) which we considered the regular Grand Lodge. There has existed for some time another Grand Lodge with the same name headed by Vladimir Voanta (spelling ?) as Grand Master. Through the efforts of a Romanian Mason in France these two Grand Lodges were merged on May 26th 1996 in Bucharest making Fientu the Grand Master and Vladimir Voanta Grand Master Honor Advitim (spelling ?). The Commission is aware of a United Grand Lodge of Romania which was organized on March 9th 1996 in Alb Eva, Romania with Dr. Titus Nicorra (spelling ?) said to be the Grand Master. The Commission considers this to be an irregular Grand Lodge.

Russia

This Grand Lodge has made excellent progress under the leadership of its Grand Master Georgia Dergachev in spite of the still chaotic political and economic situation in Russia. The commission reported in 1996 that under the sponsorship of the Grande Lodge National of France there was no question of the legitimate origin. A new lodge was chartered in Moscow by the Grand Lodge Russia in June of 1996 and will work in English. There are now five constituent lodges under this Grand Lodge, three in Moscow, one in Petersburg, one in Voronezh and this Grand Lodge has been recognized by four Grand Lodges in the United States, five in Canada ... (break in tape)...

... (break in tape)... not entitled to recognition, because it does not meet the standard for recognition.

Fraternally submitted,

Henry T. Dunbar, Chairman

MW Grand Master, I move for the acceptance of this report

MW Grand Master: Your report will be accepted.

2nd Report

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

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

We have received a request for recognition from the Grand Lodge of Senegal. The Grand Lodge of Senegal was consecrated on January 16th, 1993 by the National Grand Lodge of France. The Grand Lodge of France has provided the necessary documentation to prove

that they meet the requirements of a regular Grand Lodge and are entitled to recognition as reported by the Commission on Information for Recognition at the 1994 Grand Masters Conference. We do have a request for recognition of this Grand Lodge of Senegal.

Fraternally submitted,

Henry T. Dunbar, Chairman

MW Grand Master, I move for the acceptance of this report.

MW Grand Master: I will accept that report.

MW Grand Master, I move that this report be adopted and that the Grand Lodge of Senegal be granted recognition by this Grand Lodge.

MW Grand Master: It's been moved and seconded, and passed.

3rd Report

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

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

We have received a request for recognition from the Grand Lodge of Russia. The Grand Lodge of Russia was consecrated in Moscow on June 24th, 1995 by the National Grand Lodge of France. This Grand Lodge is regular and meets the standards of recognition as set forth by the Grand Master's Conference of North America. There are now five constituent lodges in the Grand Lodge of Russia. This Grand Lodge has been recognized by four Grand Lodges in the United States, five in Canada, six in Europe, and a number of regular Grand Lodges elsewhere in the world. The Commission on Recognition of the Grand Master's Conference encourages other Grand Lodges to also grant recognition to the Grand Lodge of Russia.

Fraternally submitted,

Henry T. Dunbar

MW Grand Master, I move for the acceptance of this report.

MW Grand Master: Your report will accept that report.

MW Grand Master, I move that this report be adopted and that the Grand Lodge of Russia be granted recognition by this Grand Lodge.

MW Grand Master: It's been moved and seconded, and passed.

4th Report

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

We have received a request for limited recognition from the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska and its Jurisdiction Incorporated. The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alaska was organized on September 6th, 1969 and constituted by the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Oklahoma. It currently consists of the following constituent lodges. Alpha Lodge No. 1 at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 2 in Anchorage, Midnight Sun Lodge No. 3 in Fairbanks, Summit Lodge No. 6 at Fort Richardson, and Arctic Lodge No. 7 in North Pole.

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge traces its Masonic lineage back to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and Africa Lodge No. 459 who was granted a warrant from the Premier Grand Lodge of England on September 29th, 1784. On November 21st, 1994 the United Grand Lodge of England granted recognition to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts

It further stated that action should not be a general precedence of all Prince Hall Grand Lodges, but that each one should be considered on its own merits. This Committee has investigated Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alaska and finds that it meets the standards of recognition as set forth in the Alaska Masonic Code and by the Grand Master's Conference of North America.

If this report is adopted, it will take effect by decree of the Grand Master only after such time as the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alaska has adopted similarly legislation and our constitution has been amended to allow for shared territorial jurisdiction by our two Grand Lodges by mutual consent.

Fraternally submitted,

Henry T. Dunbar

MW Grand Master, I move for the acceptance of this report.

MW Grand Master: Your report will accept that report.

MW Grand Master, I move that this report be adopted and that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alaska grant limited recognition which will allow visitation by our members of our two Grand Lodges and their constituent Lodges .

MW Grand Master: It's been moved and seconded, and passed.

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	6
Anvil Lodge No. 2	4
Tanana Lodge No. 3	18
Valdez Lodge No. 4	4
Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5	4
Seward Lodge No. 6	4
Matanuska Lodge No. 7	5
Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8	2
Kodiak Lodge No. 9	4
Glacier Lodge No. 10	15
Kenai Lodge No. 11	10
Fairbanks Lodge No. 12	14
Eagle River Lodge No. 13	5
Aurora Lodge No. 15	3
North Pole Lodge No. 16	8
Anchorage Lodge No. 17	6
Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18	3
Tongass Lodge No. 19	6
Iditarod Lodge No. 20	4
Voided Ballots	-
Total	125

Respectfully submitted,

Marvin B. Fitzpatrick Chairman
 Stephen L. Cox James M. LeFlore
 Cecil C. Johnson Thomas O. Mickey

MW Grand Master, I ask that this report be received.

MW Grand Master: It will be received.

MW Grand Master, I move for the adoption of this resolution

MW Grand Master: It has been moved and seconded and adopted.

APPOINTMENT OF REGULAR COMMITTEES

Standing Committees

Jurisprudence

WV Clifford Darnell (8, 13, 20) Chairman
MW Fred V. Angleton (2, 11)
W Monte R. Ervin (3, 12)
VW Charles F. Lewis (2, 11)
VW Raymond F. Tidwell (4)

Grievance & Appeals

W George Steck (3) Chairman
W Rex C. Hasty (3)
W James M. LeFlore (16)

Finance

RW Steve Lee (15) Chairman
MW Gunnar Flyngenring (10)
W Dennis R. Thayer (17)
W Jerome P. Wasson (13, 20)

Fraternal Relations

MW Henry T. Dunbar (10, 17, 20) Chairman

Masonic Research & Education

MW Leslie R. Little (10, 15) Chairman
W John L. Dolenc (7)
VW Charles F. Lewis (2, 11)
W John J. Lincoln (3)
W Darrell C. McSpadden (3, 12, 16)

Credentials

W Marvin B. Fitzpatrick (10) Chairman
W Stephen L. Cox (3, 12)
W Cecil C. Johnson (2)
W James M. LeFlore (16)
RW Thomas O. Mickey (1)

Masonic Public Relations

W William A. Hendricks (12) Chairman
VW Robert L. Fulton (10, 11)

DeMolay

W Paul A. Godwin (8, 13) Chairman
W Frank H. Bird (7, 20)
W Donald W. Winters (3)

Bylaws

W Raymond R. Wagener (3, 16) Chairman
W Russell A. Burnett (11, 19)
MW Frank W. Erie (3, 12)

Public Schools

W Glen E. Josey (8, 17) Chairman
W William B. Clucas (3, 12, 16)
VW Will R. Josey (17)

Long-Range Planning

MW Lloyd W. Triggs (3, 16) Chairman
RW Stanley R. Foulke (2)
RW Gene R. Freeman (3, 12, 16)
RW Raymond L. Beaver (3, 10, 15)
RW Steve Lee (15)
RW Richard D. Bender (10)
MW Henry T. Dunbar (10, 17, 20)
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

W Russel G. Hintz (3, 16) Chairman
W John R. Buehrle, Jr. (5)
VW Alfred B. Cratty (9)

Sessions & Arrangements

VW William E. Oldham (12, 16) Chairman
W Don G. Chaffin (3, 12, 16)
W George W. Earp (3, 16)
W Monte R. Ervin (3, 12)
W John P. Johnson (3)
W Darrell C. McSpadden (3, 12, 16)
VW Mitchell R. Miller (3, 12)

Drug and Alcohol Abuse

W Greg D. Van Kirk (7, 20)
Bro Terrence B. Quarton (7, 17, 20)

Publications

W Gerald R. Fairley (10, 20) Chairman
W Stephen L. Cox (3, 12)
W V. Clifford Darnell (8, 13, 20)
MW John H. Grainger (1, 19)
W Stanley Woodin (3, 7, 8, 20)

Warden's Charge

W Don G. Chaffin (3, 12, 16) Chairman
W Stephen L. Cox (3, 12)
W Fred H. Newton (11)
RW Stanley R. Foulke (2)

Russian Relations

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

Special Fraternal Relations

W Darrell McSpadden (3, 12, 16)
W Don G. Chaffin (3, 12, 16)
W William Hendricks (12)

Grand Lodge Photographers

W George Steck (3)
W Paul A. Godwin (8, 13)

Segregations and Reference

MW Leslie R. Little (10, 15) Chairman
VW Milton M. "Tim" Routzahn (9)

Deputies of the Grand Master

District 1 VW William E. Oldham (12, 16)
District 2 VW Arthur A. Rindahl (6, 8, 11)
District 3 VW Dennis Z. Morgan (8)
District 4 VW Carl E. Mulvihill (1)
District 5 VW V. Clifford Darnell (8, 13, 20)

REPORTS OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business was discussed.

MOTIONS

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Fred Angleton's Motion to Make Wendal Kuecker an Honorary Past Grand Master.

At our Past Grand Masters meeting today and Grand Masters meeting we unanimously approved this motion. Brothers we have among us an individual that has dedicated at least sixteen years and I know more than that to the Grand Lodge of Alaska. His dedication has helped us financial situations, problems with other jurisdictions. He has been an outstanding supporter for Grand Lodge of Alaska. It gives me a great pleasure to put on this floor a motion, because it takes this body to approve it, to make an honorary Past Grand Master of a great friend of this Jurisdiction, Wendal Kuecker.

MW Grand Master, Motion seconded, and passed

Grand Master-elect, Stanley R. Foulke, under the direction of the Grand Secretary, so moved to have an open installation.

MW Grand Master, moved and seconded, and passed unanimous.

RESOLUTIONS

Carryover 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 reads:

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 a Carryover Resolution to amend a Bylaw, it will require a simple majority vote for adoption.

Note: This Carryover Resolution received a simple majority vote and was adopted.

Resolution 97-1

To Amend Section 16.05.01 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To allow all Lodges the same time schedule for the annual election of officers.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, most Lodges have their annual election of officers on the Stated Communication in November, however some Lodges can also choose the Stated Communication in December per Alaska Code; and,

WHEREAS, Lodges: White Pass No. 1, Kodiak No. 9, Fairbanks No. 12, North Pole No. 16, Tongass No. 19, and Iditarod No. 20 all have their Stated Communication on the third or fourth week of the month, therefore, they are excluded to have their election of officers at their Stated Communication in December if they choose, except by a request for a Dispensation from the Grand Master; and,

WHEREAS, this proposed Resolution will put all Lodges on an equal status;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 16.05.01 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

ELECTION, WHEN TO BE HELD.

1. The Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, and Secretary are chosen annually by secret vote. Election is by a majority of votes by members present and voting. The election must be at a Stated Communication of the Lodge held between November 1 and December 15. Officers are installed at a Special or Stated Communication as soon thereafter as possible.

be amended to read:

ELECTION, WHEN TO BE HELD.

1. The Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, and Secretary are chosen annually by secret vote. Election is by a majority of votes by members present and voting. The election must be at a Stated Communication of the Lodge held between November 1 and **December 31**. Officers are installed at a Special or Stated Communication as soon thereafter as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

V. Clifford Darnell, PM (8, 13, 20)

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.

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

Resolution 97-2

To Amend Sections 17.17, 17.18, and 17.19 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To be more consistent and considerate in our Membership Recognition.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the majority of Master Masons may be a member long enough to have recognition as a member for twenty-five years; and,

WHEREAS, very few Master Masons achieve recognition as a fifty-year member; and,

WHEREAS, many Master Masons are members for forty years or more, but never as a fifty year Master Mason; and,

WHEREAS, this Resolution would give recognition to all Master Masons with over forty years as members and for each five year increment thereafter; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 17.17 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

Section 17.17 Bylaw

TWENTY-FIVE YEAR MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION. A Master Mason belonging in this Grand Jurisdiction who has maintained membership in some Symbolic Lodge for at least twenty-five years under the provisions of Section 17.18 may be presented by his Lodge with a certificate and button of uniform design as prescribed the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary.

be amended to read:

Section 17.17 Bylaw

TWENTY-FIVE YEAR MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION. A Master Mason belonging in this Grand Jurisdiction who has maintained membership in some Symbolic Lodge for at least twenty-five years under the provisions of Section 17.18 may be presented by his Lodge with a suitable card, or certificate and lapel emblem of uniform design as prescribed by the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary.

And, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 17.18 which now reads:

Section 17.18 Bylaw

FIFTY YEAR MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION.

1. A Mason belonging to this Grand Jurisdiction who has maintained membership in some Symbolic Lodge for at least fifty years from the date of enrollment as a Master Mason may be presented with a suitable card and lapel emblem of uniform design as approved by the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary.

2. Eligibility of fifty-year members must be verified by Grand Lodge office records. Time in excess of six months between dimit and affiliation, time lost as a result of action by a Trial Committee, and time dropped for N.P.D. are deducted in calculating membership time.

3. Loss of time is not chargeable against a Brother who was a signer on a Petition for Dispensation to form a new Lodge and whose membership record indicates there was a loss of time between the date of his dimit and the date the Dispensation was granted for the new Lodge. Should the Dispensation to form a new Lodge be subsequently disapproved, there is no loss of time charged to the signer if, within one year from the date the Dispensation was denied, the signer of the Petition affiliates with a regular Lodge of this Jurisdiction.

4. The card and lapel emblem are supplied to the Lodges of this Jurisdiction at cost. The presentation may be made at the will and pleasure of the Lodge on the date of eligibility or any time thereafter.

be amended to read:

Section 17.18 Bylaw

FORTY YEAR MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION.

1. A **Master** Mason belonging to this Grand Jurisdiction who has maintained membership in some Symbolic Lodge for at least **forty** years from the date of enrollment as a Master Mason may be presented **by his Lodge** with a suitable card, **or certificate** and lapel emblem of uniform design as prescribed by the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary.

2. Eligibility of **forty**-year members must be verified by Grand Lodge office records. Time in excess of six months between dimit and affiliation, time lost as a result of action by a Trial Committee, and time dropped for N.P.D. are deducted in calculating membership time.

3. (No changes to this paragraph)

4. The **suitable** card, **or certificate** and lapel emblem are supplied to the Lodges of this Jurisdiction at cost. The presentation may be made at the will and pleasure of the Lodge on the date of eligibility or any time thereafter.

And, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 17.19 which now reads:

Section 17.19 Bylaw

SIXTY- OR SEVENTY-FIVE YEAR MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION. A Master Mason belonging to this Grand Jurisdiction who has maintained membership in some symbolic Lodge for at least sixty or seventy- five years may be presented by his Lodge with a certificate and button of uniform design prescribed by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

be amended to read:

Section 17.19 Bylaw

OVER FORTY YEAR MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION. A Master Mason belonging to this Grand Jurisdiction who has maintained membership in some symbolic Lodge for at least **forty- five** years, **and each five year increment after forty-five years** may be presented by his Lodge with a **card, or** certificate and **lapel emblem** of uniform design prescribed by the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary. **The provisions of Section 17.18 will be observed for all Membership Recognition.**

Respectfully submitted,

V. Clifford Darnell, PM (8, 13, 20)

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.

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

Resolution 97-3

To Amend Chapter 12 - Restrictions, by adding Section 12.08 Bylaw to the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To add a section concerning Masonic Clubs.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, Masonic Clubs are not covered in the code; and,

WHEREAS, there are some Masonic Clubs in the Jurisdiction; and,

WHEREAS, the Grand Lodge policy is not to discourage nor to encourage the formation of these clubs; and,

WHEREAS, the Grand Lodge has Jurisdiction of all Master Masons; and,

WHEREAS, therefore this amendment will allow and recognize Masonic Clubs;

NOW, THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, that Section 12.08 Bylaw, be added to the Alaska Masonic Code to read:

SECTION 12.08 Bylaw

Masonic Clubs. A Masonic Club may be formed with permission obtained from the Grand Master, in writing, and submitted through the Grand Secretary.

1. After formation, all Masonic Clubs must adhere to the following rules and regulations:

A. Be under the direct authority of the Grand Master;

B. Must be sponsored by a Blue Lodge nearest to their locality;

C. May not confer degrees;

D. All members must be Master Masons in good standing of Constituent Lodge of this Jurisdiction, or of another Jurisdiction recognized by this Grand Lodge;

E. Must submit an Annual Report to the Grand Secretary by January 10th, for the previous year, listing its Officers and members and a brief synopsis of its activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Lloyd W. Triggs, PM (3, 16)

V. Clifford Darnell, PM (8, 13, 20)

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

As it proposes to amend the Code by adding a section to the Bylaws, it will require a three-fourths majority vote for adoption

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

Resolution 97-4

To Amend Section 14.01 Constitution of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To delete from the Alaska Masonic Code that portion pertaining to the Washington Lodges still in this Jurisdiction.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, when formed in 1981, the Grand Lodge of Alaska acquired Supreme Masonic Jurisdiction within Alaska; and,

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

WHEREAS, after sixteen (16) years, three (3) lodges still continue to "hold out" and are still under the Washington authority and seem determined to remain that way; and,

WHEREAS, ample time has passed for these three "hold-out Lodges to at least signify their intent to join this Grand Lodge; and,

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 14.01 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

Section 14.01 Constitution

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

be amended to read:

Section 14.01 Constitution

AUTHORITY FOR LODGES. Each Lodge in this Jurisdiction is held by virtue of a Charter from this Grand Lodge, or under a Dispensation issued by proper authority under the **Grand Lodge of Alaska**.

(Note: Balance of Section 14.01 is deleted.)

Respectfully submitted,

Gene R. Freeman, PM (3, 12)

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

As it proposes to amend the Constitution, it will require a ninety percent majority vote for adoption.

Note This Resolution failed to receive the required ninety per cent majority vote but did receive a majority vote and is a Carryover Resolution to next year.

Resolution 97-5

To Amend Section 6.01 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To change the Grand Lodge convening time on the first day to allow more time for receptions of guests.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, Grand Lodge's Annual Communication is scheduled to open at 9:00 a.m. on the first day; and,

WHEREAS, the opening of the first day has many distinguished guests namely: local dignitaries, Youth Groups, families, and many related Masonic groups; and,

WHEREAS, the time is limited to acknowledge everyone present; and,

WHEREAS, this proposed Resolution will remedy this situation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the first sentence of Section 6.01 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

Section 6.01 Bylaw

GRAND LODGE PROCEEDINGS. Grand Lodge convenes at 9:00 a.m., on the first day of the Annual Communication.

be amended to read:

Section 6.01 Bylaw

GRAND LODGE PROCEEDINGS. Grand Lodge convenes **not later than 10:00 a.m.**, on the first day of the Annual Communication.

(Note: Balance of this paragraph remains the same.)

Respectfully submitted,

Lloyd W. Triggs, PM (3, 16)

Stanley R. Foulke, PM (2)

V. Clifford Darnell, PM (8, 13, 20)

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.

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

Resolution 97-6

To Amend Section 21.07 Constitution of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE : The purpose of this Resolution is to allow a Lodge within this jurisdiction to apply for and hold a gaming (raffle) permit issued by the State of Alaska.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the current economic situation in our communities is causing a serious hardship on our Lodges to provide finances to operate; and,

WHEREAS, it does not appear that this situation will be getting any better in the near future; and,

WHEREAS, raffles are an excellent way for our Lodges to raise funds and therefore reduce the financial strain on it's members; and,

WHEREAS, Section 12.05 of the Alaska Masonic Code authorizes such raffles; and,

WHEREAS, Alaska State law requires an organization holding a gaming (raffle) permit to hold all moneys associated with the gaming (raffle) permit in a separate account, and upon the demise of said organization all moneys held in this gaming (raffle) account shall be transferred to a pre-named (by the permit holder) charity; and,

WHEREAS, an organization applying for a gaming (raffle) permit from the State of Alaska must submit a copy of the Bylaws of the organization, these by laws must state the name of the charity to which the funds in the gaming (raffle) account will be paid in the event of the demise of said organization; and,

WHEREAS, there is currently a conflict between Alaska State law and the Alaska Masonic Code; and,

WHEREAS, we cannot change Alaska State law, but can change the Alaska Masonic Code;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 21.07 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

Section 21.07 Constitution

PROPERTY OF DEMISED LODGE. Upon the demise of a Lodge, the books, papers, jewels, funds, furniture and other property of the lodge vest in and belong to the Grand Lodge subject to the legal rights of creditors of the demised lodge. It

is the duty of the last presiding officer, the Secretary, and the Treasurer to surrender the properties without delay to the Grand Secretary. In case of real property, the proper officers shall have the title conveyed to the Grand Lodge.

be amended to read;

Section 21.07 Constitution

PROPERTY OF DEMISED LODGE. Upon the demise of a Lodge, the books, papers, jewels, funds, furniture and other property of the lodge vest in and belong to the Grand Lodge subject to the legal rights of creditors of the demised lodge, **except that a Lodge holding a gaming (raffle) permit issued by the State of Alaska shall dispose of all moneys held in said gaming (raffle) permit account in accordance with applicable Alaska State laws.** It is the duty of the last presiding officer, the Secretary, and the Treasurer to surrender the properties without delay to the Grand Secretary. In case of real property, the proper officers shall have the title conveyed to the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas V. Houser, PM (8, 13)
Ralph F. Jacobson, SW (8)
Michael D. Kean, JW (10)
Philip S. Lee, PM (15)
Loyd G. Williamson, PM (10, 15, 20)
Jerome P. Wasson, PM (13, 20)
Rex C. Hasty, PM (3)

Kelly P. Swihart, JW (8)
Glen E. Josey, PM (8, 17)
Hazen R. Ricker, PM (10, 13)
Jimmie R. McGoldrick, SW (13)
Charles O. Ashcraft, WM (10)
John L. Douts, PM (13)

Report of Jurisprudence Committee: This Resolution is not in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. Please see attached explanation by Jurisprudence Committee.

Jurisprudence Committee explanation of Resolution 97-6

The Committee has determined that the intent of this Resolution is already covered in the Code, therefore it would add unnecessary or redundant wording to this Section.

The statements of fact are as follows:

(1) Section 12.05 Bylaw LOTTERIES

The conduct of raffles, bingo and other lotteries to the extent authorized by civil law are permitted, providing that all organizations conducting same fully comply with all state and local laws, rules and regulations.

A. Lotteries, raffles or gaming has basically the same meaning: “a game of chance in which numbered tickets are bought and prizes given to numbers drawn by lot.”

B. The gaming permit holder must comply with all state and local laws (in this case by the State as it issues the permit).

(2).Section 21.07 Constitution PROPERTY OF DEMISED LODGE (3rd line)
...and other property of the Lodge vest in and belong to the Grand Lodge subject to the legal rights of creditors of the demised lodge.

A. “Creditor” is the crucial word as creditor “includes everyone having right to require the performance of any legal obligation, contract or guaranty.” In this instance, the State is the “creditor” as it issued the Gaming Permit and would also apply to the Beneficiary or Charity named in the permit as required by State Law.

(3) Section 9.01.3 Constitution REVENUE SOURCES

3. From the funds, dues, and proceeds of the property of dissolved Lodges within its Jurisdiction; subject to all legal and equitable rights of creditors of such dissolved Lodges in and to such properties.

A. Again the word “creditor” is used; therefore the State would be a creditor if a Lodge has a Gaming Permit from the State and said Lodge is dissolved.

Fraternally submitted,

Committee on Jurisprudence

Resolution 97-6 was ruled by Jurisprudence as being out of order. Below following is Tom Houser’s information on Resolution 97-6.

Brothers, those of you who have your Blue Book, the explanation to whole problem is on page 31 of the Blue Book and that is the letter written by Jurisprudence chaired by VW Cliff Darnell back to me as the writer of the Resolution and is contained here

It states in part that the Committee has determined that the intent of the Resolution is already covered in the Code. Therefore, this would add no more than unnecessary or redundant wording to this section. The rub lay that, very briefly, Grand Master, if you will, to apply for a raffle permit in the State of Alaska, all moneys reference that permit must be held in a separate account that can be audited at any time by the State of Alaska. The State of Alaska requires when you apply for the permit, you provide a copy of the Bylaws of your organization stating in your Bylaws where all of the money in this account shall go in the event of the demise of your organization. Now, there’s the rub and it must be in a pre-named charity. The charity must be listed in your Bylaws.

The problem being that Section 21.06 Constitution Property of Demised Lodge within our Grand Lodge if a lodge goes defunct all the property owned by that lodge must then go to the Grand Lodge with exception that of proper creditors and whatever. Then the current Jurisprudence Committee ruled that the key word is that particular thing is “creditor.” Creditor would include anyone having a right to acquire the performance of legal obligations, etc. This obligation of sending this money to this charity would be a legal obligation of the lodge as required by the State of Alaska. So, therefore after that money were disposed of, as per the Bylaws to this charity, the remainder of all properties of the lodge would go to the Grand Lodge. So, therefore, as the Code is written now there is no problem with getting the permit.

VW Cliff asked if I would like to withdraw this Resolution and I said no, because I wanted their interpretation of the present Code written into the record. There, then a lodge could apply for and receive a gaming or raffle permit. Because, if this is not written into the record and the opinion of the Jurisprudence Committee next year is not the same then that particular lodge would be in violation of the Code.

I did, approximately three years ago, submit the Bylaws of our lodge to have this included so that we could get a raffle permit. I was told then by the Jurisprudence Committee I couldn't do it. So, what we are dealing with here is an interpretation by the Jurisprudence Committee of our Alaska Masonic Code.

I hope and pray, Grand Master that I haven't confused the issue

Resolution 97-7

To provide funding for the George Washington Masonic National Memorial

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To provide additional funding to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial for maintenance and operations.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the George Washington Masonic National Memorial is the only Memorial erected to represent Masonry nationwide; and,

WHEREAS, the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, located in Alexandria, Virginia, near our Nation's Capitol, is visited by thousands of visitors annually; and,

WHEREAS, the George Washington Masonic National Memorial is now in excess of fifty years old and in recent years has fallen into various states of disrepair because of the ravages of time, normal wear and tear, erosion by the elements of Mother Nature and by a lack of sufficient funding; and,

WHEREAS, Masons have, since time immemorial, prided themselves in providing stately edifices of architecture; and,

WHEREAS, the condition in which this Memorial is maintained reflects the character and dedication of us and all Masons nationwide; and,

WHEREAS, currently the members of this Grand Jurisdiction provide only a one-time, five dollar (\$5.00) contribution to the Memorial at the time of their initiation; and,

WHEREAS, many other Grand Lodges around the Nation are providing annual contributions to the Memorial for continued maintenance;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Grand Lodge provide an annual contribution of fifty cents (\$.50) per member to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial for maintenance and that this contribution be collected through an increase of fifty cents (\$.50) per member in the Per Capita Tax. Such increase is subject to the restrictions of Section 9.04 Bylaw, Subsection 3.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry T. Dunbar, PM (10, 17, 20)

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 does not require an amendment change to the Code, it will require a simple majority vote for adoption.

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

Emergent Resolution 97-1

To Amend Section 1.03 Constitution of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To provide for sharing Jurisdiction with one specific other Grand Lodge and to provide limited recognition which establishes mutual visitation rights with the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Alaska, if it will reciprocate.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Alaska voted to continue dialogue with the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Alaska to pursue the goal of mutual limited recognition; and,

WHEREAS, in 1991 the Committee on Information for Recognition of the North American Conference of Grand Masters refined the American Doctrine of Exclusive Jurisdiction to mean that a Grand Lodge may share its sovereignty within its borders; and,

WHEREAS, the United Grand Lodge of England has adopted the position that the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts should be accepted as regular and recognized,

thus approving its recognition by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and paving the way for other similar recognitions since the other Prince Hall Grand Lodges have descended from the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts; and,

WHEREAS, as many as 17 other U.S. and Canadian Grand Lodges have recognized the Prince Hall Grand Lodges within their Jurisdictions; and,

WHEREAS, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Alaska is descended from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Washington; and,

WHEREAS, the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Alaska is descended from the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Washington; and,

WHEREAS, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Washington and the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Washington has established limited fraternal relations to include visitation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 1.03 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

Section 1.03 Constitution

SUPREME JURISDICTION. This Grand Lodge has supreme jurisdiction over all matters of Ancient Craft Masonry within the territorial limits of the State of Alaska and over such Lodges as it may hereafter establish in open territory belonging to the United States of America.

It does not recognize or admit the existence of any coordinate or superior Masonic authority, however styled, and it has the inherent power to investigate and determine all Masonic Matters relating to the Craft in general, to particular Lodges, and to individual Brethren, either directly or by its delegated authority, and its authority cannot be called into question. A Mason's conduct is judged that of a Master Mason subject to the discipline as provided in the Masonic Code.

be amended to read:

Section 1.03 Constitution

SUPREME JURISDICTION. This Grand Lodge has supreme jurisdiction over all matters of Ancient Craft Masonry within the territorial limits of the State of Alaska and over such Lodges as it may hereafter establish in open territory belonging to the United States of America; **except that it may share its supreme jurisdiction with the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Alaska and its Jurisdiction.**

It does not recognize or admit the existence of any coordinate or superior Masonic authority, however styled, and, **with the above exception,** it has the inherent power to investigate and determine all Masonic Matters relating to the Craft in

general, to particular Lodges, and to individual Brethren, either directly or by its delegated authority, and its authority cannot be called into question. A Mason's conduct is judged that of a Master Mason subject to the discipline as provided in the Masonic Code.

And, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following be added as the last paragraph of Section 1.03

This sharing of jurisdiction also provides limited recognition which establishes mutual visitation rights with the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Alaska, upon their reciprocation.

Respectfully submitted,

Lloyd W. Triggs, PM (3, 16)

Emergent Resolution 97-1 Amended

To Amend Section 1.03 Constitution of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To provide for sharing Jurisdiction with one specific other Grand Lodge and to provide limited recognition which establishes mutual visitation rights with the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Alaska, if it will reciprocate.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Alaska voted to continue dialogue with the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Alaska to pursue the goal of mutual limited recognition; and,

WHEREAS, in 1991 the Committee on Information for Recognition of the North American Conference of Grand Masters refined the American Doctrine of Exclusive Jurisdiction to mean that a Grand Lodge may share its sovereignty within its borders; and,

WHEREAS, the United Grand Lodge of England has adopted the position that the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts should be accepted as regular and recognized, thus approving its recognition by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and paving the way for other similar recognitions since the other Prince Hall Grand Lodges have descended from the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts; and,

WHEREAS, as many as 17 other U.S. and Canadian Grand Lodges have recognized the Prince Hall Grand Lodges within their Jurisdictions; and,

WHEREAS, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Alaska is descended from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Washington; and,

WHEREAS, the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Alaska is descended from the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Washington; and,

Note: MW Henry T. Dunbar, PGM corrected the above WHEREAS. The Most Worshipful Prince Hall did not descend from the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F & A. M. of Washington, but from the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F & A. M. of Oklahoma, but does not change the intent of the resolution.

Motion made by Grand Master to correct clerical error of Washington to Oklahoma in the above WHEREAS. Motion seconded and passed

WHEREAS, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Washington and the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Washington has established limited fraternal relations to include visitation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 1.03 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

Section 1.03 Constitution

SUPREME JURISDICTION. This Grand Lodge has supreme jurisdiction over all matters of Ancient Craft Masonry within the territorial limits of the State of Alaska and over such Lodges as it may hereafter establish in open territory belonging to the United States of America.

It does not recognize or admit the existence of any coordinate or superior Masonic authority, however styled, and it has the inherent power to investigate and determine all Masonic Matters relating to the Craft in general, to particular Lodges, and to individual Brethren, either directly or by its delegated authority, and its authority cannot be called into question. A Mason's conduct is judged that of a Master Mason subject to the discipline as provided in the Masonic Code.

be amended to read:

Section 1.03 Constitution

SUPREME JURISDICTION. This Grand Lodge has supreme jurisdiction over all matters of Ancient Craft Masonry within the territorial limits of the State of Alaska and over such Lodges as it may hereafter establish in open territory belonging to the United States of America; **except that it may share its supreme**

jurisdiction with the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Alaska and its Jurisdiction.

It does not recognize or admit the existence of any coordinate or superior Masonic authority, however styled, and, **with the above exception**, it has the inherent power to investigate and determine all Masonic Matters relating to the Craft in general, to particular Lodges, and to individual Brethren, either directly or by its delegated authority, and its authority cannot be called into question. A Mason's conduct is judged that of a Master Mason subject to the discipline as provided in the Masonic Code.

And, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following be added as the last paragraph of Section 1.03

This sharing of jurisdiction also provides limited recognition which establishes mutual visitation rights with the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Alaska, upon their reciprocation.

Note: Jurisprudence Committee changed the above new paragraph to read:

This sharing of jurisdiction also provides limited recognition which establishes mutual visitation rights with the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Alaska.

Respectfully submitted,

Lloyd W. Triggs, PM (3, 16)

This Resolution that We have considered the same and report as follows:

This Resolution is in proper form and for consideration for Grand Lodge, the Committee does not express as to whether this resolution should or should not be adopted. As it proposes to amend the Constitution it requires a ninety per cent majority vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

V. Clifford Darnell (8, 13, 20) Chairman
Fred V. Angleton (2, 11)
Monte R. Ervin (3, 12)
Charles F. Lewis (2, 11)
Raymond F. Tidwell (4)

Note: This Amended Emergent Resolution received the required majority vote (nearly unanimous) and was adopted.

Emergent Resolution 97-2

To Amend Section 4.02 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To add another District within the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, District No. 3 has had three new Chartered Lodges since the formation of this Grand Lodge in 1981; and,

WHEREAS, in 1996 District No. 3 had 8 Lodges, District No. 1 had 4 Lodges, District No. 2 had 5 Lodges and District No. 4 had 3 Lodges; and,

WHEREAS, this Resolution will equalize the number of Lodges in each District by reassigning some of the Lodge and by adding a new District to be called District No. 5;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 4.02 of the Alaska Masonic Code which reads:

Section 4.02 Bylaw

DISTRICTS AND LODGES. The Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge is divided into Districts with Lodges assigned as shown below:

District 1- Anvil Lodge No. 2, Nome
Tanana Lodge No. 3, Fairbanks
Fairbanks Lodge No. 12, Fairbanks
North Pole Lodge No.16, North Pole

District 2- Valdez Lodge No. 4, Valdez
Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5, Cordova
Seward Lodge No. 6, Seward
Kodiak Lodge No. 9, Kodiak
Kenai Lodge No. 11, Soldotna

District 3- Matanuska Lodge No. 7, Palmer
Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8, Anchorage
Glacier Lodge No. 10, Anchorage
Eagle River Lodge No. 13, Eagle River
Adak Lodge No. 14, Adak
Aurora Lodge No. 15, Anchorage
Anchorage Lodge No. 17, Anchorage
Iditarod Lodge No. 20, Wasilla

District 4- White Pass Lodge No. 1, Skagway
Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18, Sitka
Tongass Lodge No. 19, Ketchikan

be amended to read:

District 1- Tanana Lodge No. 3, Fairbanks
Valdez Lodge No. 4, Valdez
Fairbanks Lodge No. 12, Fairbanks
North Pole Lodge No.16, North Pole

District 2- Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5, Cordova
Seward Lodge No. 6, Seward
Kodiak Lodge No. 9, Kodiak
Kenai Lodge No. 11, Soldotna

District 3- Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8, Anchorage
Glacier Lodge No. 10, Anchorage
Aurora Lodge No. 15, Anchorage
Anchorage Lodge No. 17, Anchorage

District 4- White Pass Lodge No. 1, Skagway
Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18, Sitka
Tongass Lodge No. 19, Ketchikan

And, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a new District be added to read:

District 5- Anvil Lodge No. 2, Nome
Matanuska Lodge No. 7, Palmer
Eagle River Lodge No. 13, Eagle River
Iditarod Lodge No. 20, Wasilla

Respectfully submitted,

V. Clifford Darnell, PM (8,13,20)

This Emergent Resolution was withdrawn

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Jurisprudence

1st Report

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

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

We the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Resolution 97-3 have considered the same and report as follows.

This Resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. This Committee does not express an opinion as to whether this Resolution should or should not be adopted. As it proposes to amend the code by adding a section to the Bylaws it requires a three-fourths majority vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

Clifford Darnell (8, 13, 20) Chairman
Fred V. Angleton (2, 11)
Monte R. Ervin (3, 12)
Charles F. Lewis (2, 11)
Raymond F. Tidwell (4)

MW Grand Master, I ask that this report be received.

MW Grand Master: It will be received.

MW Grand Master, I move for the adoption of this resolution

MW Grand Master: It has been moved and seconded and the Resolution received the required majority vote and was adopted.

2nd Report

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

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

We the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Resolution 97-4 have considered the same and report as follows.

This Resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. This Committee does not express an opinion as to whether this Resolution should or should not be adopted. As it proposes to amend the Constitution it requires a ninety per cent majority vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

Clifford Darnell (8, 13, 20) Chairman
Fred V. Angleton (2, 11)
Monte R. Ervin (3, 12)
Charles F. Lewis (2, 11)
Raymond F. Tidwell (4)

MW Grand Master, I ask that this report be received.

MW Grand Master: It will be received.

MW Grand Master, I move for the adoption of this Resolution

MW Grand Master: It has been moved and seconded and the Resolution failed to receive the required ninety per cent majority vote but did receive a majority vote and is a Carryover Resolution to next year.

3rd Report

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

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

We the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Carryover Resolution 96-4 have considered the same and report as follows.

This Carryover Resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. This Committee does not express an opinion as to whether this Resolution should or should not be adopted. As a Carryover Resolution to amend a Bylaw it will require a simple majority vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

V. Clifford Darnell (8, 13, 20) Chairman
Fred V. Angleton (2, 11)
Monte R. Ervin (3, 12)
Charles F. Lewis (2, 11)
Raymond F. Tidwell (4)

MW Grand Master, I ask that this report be received.

MW Grand Master: It will be received.

MW Grand Master, I move for the adoption of this Resolution

MW Grand Master: It has been moved, seconded for the adoption of this report, and it passed with a majority vote.

4th Report

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

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

We the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Resolution 97-1 have considered the same and report as follows.

This Resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. This Committee does not express an opinion as to whether this Resolution should or should not be adopted. As it proposes to amend the Bylaws it will require a three-fourths majority vote to be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

V. Clifford Darnell (8, 13, 20) Chairman
Fred V. Angleton (2, 11)
Monte R. Ervin (3, 12)
Charles F. Lewis (2, 11)
Raymond F. Tidwell (4)

MW Grand Master, I ask that this report be received.

MW Grand Master: It will be received.

MW Grand Master, I move for the adoption of this Resolution

MW Grand Master: It has been moved, seconded for the adoption of this report and it passed with a unanimous vote.

5th Report

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

We the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Resolution 97-2 have considered the same and report as follows.

This Resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. This 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 requires a three-fourths majority vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

V. Clifford Darnell (8, 13, 20) Chairman
Fred V. Angleton (2, 11)
Monte R. Ervin (3, 12)
Charles F. Lewis (2, 11)
Raymond F. Tidwell (4)

MW Grand Master, I ask that this report be received.

MW Grand Master: It will be received.

MW Grand Master, I move for the adoption of this Resolution

MW Grand Master: It has been made, seconded, and the Resolution failed to receive the required majority vote and was rejected.

6th Report

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

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

We the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Resolution 97-5 have considered the same and report as follows.

This Resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. This 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, 20) Chairman

Fred V. Angleton (2, 11)
Monte R. Ervin (3, 12)
Charles F. Lewis (2, 11)
Raymond F. Tidwell (4)

MW Grand Master, I ask that this report be received.

MW Grand Master: Your report will be received.

MW Grand Master, to get this on the floor I move for adoption of this Resolution

MW Grand Master: It has been moved and seconded, and the motion passed.

Clarification on Grand Master's Recommendation No. 4 to Increase Per Capita by 75 cents to Fund the Grand Lodge Bulletin

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Fred Angleton, Jurisprudence Committee

It is the opinion of the Jurisprudence Committee that on your Recommendation No. 4 that the Finance Committee found out of order, however, with some exceptions we felt that the majority of the body was not sure what they voted on. Well, the Jurisprudence Committee, feel that they voted on for seventy-five cents for the Bulletin. If that is not what they meant, Finance Committee will explain what they meant.

RW Steve Lee, Grand Treasurer

Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Finance Committee when we were discussing this, it was our intent not to split your Recommendation. What we found out of order was the tying of the Secretary's salary with the assessment and since the Grand Lodge Bulletin fee was a part of that we had no intent of splitting your Recommendation.

Therefore we were not recommending, the wording of the report said we had no objection to the increase for the Grand Lodge Bulletin but we were not recommending it.

Fred Angleton, Jurisprudence Committee

In discussing this with the Finance Committee we had planned on referring all of your Recommendations from the Jurisprudence Committee to Finance so that they could make the recommendation. I think that we all agree that we did not intend to have the seventy-five cents voted in the manner that we felt that you allowed to be voted on. In other words, I don't think everybody knew exactly they were voting for seventy-five cents.

Grand Master: I move that this Grand Lodge allow for seventy-five cents as a per capita for the specific use of the Grand Lodge Bulletin: Second; the Motion has carried.

7th Report

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)
To The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska

We the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Resolution 97-6 have considered the same and report as follows.

This Resolution is not in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. The Committee has determined that the intent of the resolution is already covered in the Code; therefore, it would add unnecessary or redundant wording to this Section.

Respectfully submitted,

V. Clifford Darnell (8, 13, 20) Chairman
Fred V. Angleton (2, 11)
Monte R. Ervin (3, 12)
Charles F. Lewis (2, 11)
Raymond F. Tidwell (4)

MW Grand Master, I ask that this report be received.

MW Grand Master: It will be received.

8th Report

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

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

We the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Resolution 97-7 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 does not require an amendment change to the Code it will require a simple majority for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

V. Clifford Darnell (8, 13, 20) Chairman
Fred V. Angleton (2, 11)
Monte R. Ervin (3, 12)
Charles F. Lewis (2, 11)
Raymond F. Tidwell (4)

MW Grand Master, I ask that this report be received.

MW Grand Master: It will be received.

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

MW Grand Master: Moved and Seconded and passed.

9th Report

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

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

Reading of the Emergent Resolution 97-1 by MW Fred V. Angleton, PGM

To Amend Section 1.03 Constitution of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To provide for sharing Jurisdiction with one specific other Grand Lodge and to provide limited recognition which establishes mutual visitation rights with the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Alaska, if it will reciprocate.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Alaska voted to continue dialogue with the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Alaska to pursue the goal of mutual limited recognition; and,

WHEREAS, in 1991 the Committee on Information for Recognition of the North American Conference of Grand Masters refined the American Doctrine of Exclusive Jurisdiction to mean that a Grand Lodge may share its sovereignty within its borders; and,

WHEREAS, the United Grand Lodge of England has adopted the position that the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts should be accepted as regular and recognized, thus approving its recognition by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and paving the way for other similar recognitions since the other Prince Hall Grand Lodges have descended from the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts; and,

WHEREAS, as many as 17 other U.S. and Canadian Grand Lodges have recognized the Prince Hall Grand Lodges within their Jurisdictions; and,

WHEREAS, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Alaska is descended from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Washington; and,

WHEREAS, the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Alaska is descended from the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Washington; and,

Note: MW Henry T. Dunbar, PGM corrected the above WHEREAS. The Most Worshipful Prince Hall did not descend from the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F & A. M. of Washington, but from the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F & A. M. of Oklahoma, but does not change the intent of the resolution.

Motion made by Grand Master to correct clerical error of Washington to Oklahoma in the above WHEREAS. Motion seconded and passed

WHEREAS, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Washington and the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Washington has established limited fraternal relations to include visitation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 1.03 of the Alaska Masonic Code which reads:

Section 1.03 Constitution

SUPREME JURISDICTION. This Grand Lodge has supreme jurisdiction over all matters of Ancient Craft Masonry within the territorial limits of the State of Alaska and over such Lodges as it may hereafter establish in open territory belonging to the United States of America.

It does not recognize or admit the existence of any coordinate or superior Masonic authority, however styled, and it has the inherent power to investigate and determine all Masonic Matters relating to the Craft in general, to particular Lodges, and to individual Brethren, either directly or by its delegated authority, and its authority cannot be called into question. A Mason's conduct is judged that of a Master Mason subject to the discipline as provided in the Masonic Code.

be amended to read:

Section 1.03 Constitution

SUPREME JURISDICTION. This Grand Lodge has supreme jurisdiction over all matters of Ancient Craft Masonry within the territorial limits of the State of Alaska and over such Lodges as it may hereafter establish in open territory belonging to the United States of America; **except that it may share its supreme jurisdiction with the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Alaska and its Jurisdiction.**

It does not recognize or admit the existence of any coordinate or superior Masonic authority, however styled, and, **with the above exception**, it has the inherent power to investigate and determine all Masonic Matters relating to the Craft in general, to particular Lodges, and to individual Brethren, either directly or by its delegated authority, and its authority cannot be called into question. A Mason's conduct is judged that of a Master Mason subject to the discipline as provided in the Masonic Code.

And, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following be added as the last paragraph of Section 1.03

This sharing of jurisdiction also provides limited recognition which establishes mutual visitation rights with the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Alaska, upon their reciprocation.

Note: Jurisprudence Committee changed the above new paragraph to read:

This sharing of jurisdiction also provides limited recognition which establishes mutual visitation rights with the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Alaska.

Respectfully submitted,

Lloyd W. Triggs, PM (3, 16)

This Resolution we have considered the same and report as follows:

This Resolution is in proper form and for consideration for Grand Lodge, the Committee does not express as to whether this resolution should or should not be adopted. As it proposes to amend the Constitution it requires a ninety per cent majority vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

V. Clifford Darnell (8, 13, 20) Chairman
Fred V. Angleton (2, 11)
Monte R. Ervin (3, 12)
Charles F. Lewis (2, 11)
Raymond F. Tidwell (4)

MW Grand Master, I ask that this report be received.

MW Grand Master: It will be received.

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

MW Grand Master: Moved and Seconded and passed with only 6 dissenting votes.

10th Report

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

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

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

Recommendations

Changes in the Districts and adding a new District , Section 4.01 allows the Grand Master to make such arrangements of the districts as he may deem advisable to facilitate the operations of the system. The arrangement will be affective until the annual communication. The Committee recommends the Action of the Grand Master be approved by Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

V. Clifford Darnell (8, 13, 20) Chairman
Fred V. Angleton (2, 11)
Monte R. Ervin (3, 12)
Charles F. Lewis (2, 11)
Raymond F. Tidwell (4)

MW Grand Master, I ask that this report be received.

MW Grand Master: It will be received.

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

MW Grand Master: Moved and Seconded and passed.

11th Report

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

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

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

Recommendation No. 2

That the effort of the Grand Master for some type of recognition between the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska and the Most

Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alaska is commended and that the dialogue be maintained in the future if there is a mutual interest to continue by both Grand Lodges.

The Committee recommends that the Grand Master's efforts on dialogue as he recommended be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

V. Clifford Darnell (8, 13, 20) Chairman
Fred V. Angleton (2, 11)
Monte R. Ervin (3, 12)
Charles F. Lewis (2, 11)
Raymond F. Tidwell (4)

MW Grand Master, I ask that this report be received.

MW Grand Master: It will be received.

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

MW Grand Master: Moved and Seconded and passed

12th Report

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

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

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

Recommendation No. 3

The Long-Range Planning sub-committee be made a standing committee may have merit. It is a recommendation of this Committee that the Long-Range Planning should remain as a sub-committee at this time because of the following.

At the present there are ten Standing Sub-Committees, Alaska Masonic code Section 5.01; Jurisprudence, Grievance and Appeals, Finance, Fraternal Relations , Masonic Research and Education, Credentials, Masonic Public Relations, DeMolay, Bylaws, and Public Schools. There are nine Sub-Committees appointed by the Grand Master in 1996 and 1997. They are Charters and Dispensations, Sessions and Arrangements, Drug and Alcohol Abuse, Publications, Warden's Charge, Russian Relations, Long-Range Planning, Grand Lodge Photographers and Segregations and Reference.

It is therefore the recommendation of this Committee that a thorough examination to be made on all the Standing and Sub-Committees and report to the Grand Lodge. The results should then determine which committees should be Standing Committees and which committees should be at the pleasure of the Grand Master as a Sub-Committee. A resolution, if needed, could be made at a future date to change the committees.

Respectfully submitted,

V. Clifford Darnell (8, 13, 20) Chairman
Fred V. Angleton (2, 11)
Monte R. Ervin (3, 12)
Charles F. Lewis (2, 11)
Raymond F. Tidwell (4)

MW Grand Master, I ask that this report be received.

MW Grand Master: It will be received.

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

MW Grand Master: Moved and Seconded and passed.

13th Report

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

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

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

The Official Acts of the Grand Master, sub-titled Proclamations, Official Acts and Dispensations were proper and within his authority as Grand Master. The Committee recommends the Actions of the Grand Master be approved by Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

V. Clifford Darnell (8, 13, 20) Chairman
Fred V. Angleton (2, 11)
Monte R. Ervin (3, 12)
Charles F. Lewis (2, 11)
Raymond F. Tidwell (4)

MW Grand Master, I ask that this report be received.

MW Grand Master: It will be received.

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

MW Grand Master: Moved and Seconded and passed.

Grievance and Appeals

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, and Brethren all, it is with a heavy heart the Grievance and Appeals Committee submits this report. This Committee of Grievance and Appeals has thoroughly investigated the evidence of un-Masonic conduct of Worshipful Brother Dennis Bump, Fairbanks Lodge No.12 F. & A. M.

A trial was conducted on 18 December 1996 by Fairbanks Lodge No. 12 F. & A. M. It is the recommendations of this Committee that the judgment of the Lodge be changed to a guilty verdict. We recommend a sentence of thirty days suspension.

Respectfully submitted,

W George Steck, Chairman
W Rex C. Hasty
W James M. LeFlore

MW Grand Master, I move that this report be received.

MW Grand Master: Your report will be received.

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

MW Grand Master: Motion made and seconded to adopt this report.

MW Grand Master re-read the report and got the okay from the chairman of the Committee to break the recommendations into two parts. Let us then amend the motion. We need to amend this motion to break it into two recommendations; Recommendation No. 1, Recommendation No. 2 or retract your first motion.

Recommendation No. 1 was that the verdict be changed to guilty and carried (passed)

Recommendation No. 2 is that the Committee recommends a sentence of thirty days suspension. That motion has been made and seconded and motion failed-opposed to the thirty day suspension.

Grand Master indicated that he would accept an amendment for a new motion that the penalty be to the extent of his disbarment. Darrel McSpadden, Fairbanks (3, 12, 16) made the motion that Dennis Bump be expelled from Masonry for the length of his disbarment from the practice of law in the State of Alaska. Grand Master asked Brother McSpadden to think about changing the motion by doing away with the word expelled and his penalty is be suspended to the length of his disbarment. Brother McSpadden agreed and changed it to be suspension

According to documentation this motion passed and he is suspended for the time he is disbarred from the State of Alaska.

Finance

Report of the Grand Treasurer

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

Report of the Finance Committee

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

To The Most Worshipful Grand Master, we the members of the Finance Committee thank you for the privilege and honor of serving you this past year. The Committee recommends approval of the 1996 Budget Sheet found on page seventeen, the Statement of Income for 1996 found on page eighteen, the 1996 Operating Budget of the General Fund found on page nineteen, and the 1997 Operating Budget for the General Fund found on page twenty of the Grand Masters Message and Annual Reports for 1996, 1997.

We recognize there is a decrease in the 1997 budget for the Grand Officer's travel but with the established guidelines this budget has been set at the maximum allowable and has not gone into deficit spending.

The Committee rules that the Grand Maser's Recommendation number four is out of order and not in conformance with paragraph 10.05 of the Alaska Masonic Code. However, we have no objection to the seventy-five cent increase in the per capita for the Grand Lodge Bulletin.

Grand Master I ask that this report be accepted.

Grand Master: Your report will be accepted.

Grand Master, I move that this report be approved.

Grand Master: moved and seconded that this report be approved and message was approved and that the GM Recommendation Number 4 was disapproved by vote of the Grand Lodge.

Report of the Audit Committee

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

Balance Sheet –December 31, 1996

ASSETS

Current Assets:

Cash in General Fund		
Checking - First National Bank	\$2,175	
Savings - First National Bank	\$1,508	
Money Market - Dean Witter	<u>\$8,641</u>	
Total General Fund Cash		\$12,324

Cash in Permanent Fund		
Savings - First National Bank	<u>\$62,908</u>	
Total Permanent Fund Cash		\$62,908

Accounts Receivable - Constituent Lodges	\$209	
Inventories - Masonic Supplies	\$8,411	
Prepaid Expenses	<u>\$2,546</u>	
Total Current Assets		\$11,166

Investments:

General Fund - Dean Witter	\$104,987	
Dedicated Travel Fund	\$15,234	
Permanent Fund - Dean Witter	\$121,103	
National Bank of Alaska - 166 Shares	\$1,330	
Treasury Bond - General Fund	\$20,000	
Life Membership Fund - Dean Witter	<u>\$37,923</u>	
Total Investments		\$300,577

Fixed Assets - Net of Depreciation		<u>\$10,207</u>
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TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$397,182</u>
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LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY

Current Liabilities:

Life Membership Interest Payable	<u>\$786</u>	
Total Current Liabilities		\$786

Members' Equity:

General Fund Balance	\$157,476	
Permanent Fund Balance	\$185,763	
Life Membership Fund	\$37,923	
Dedicated Travel Fund	<u>\$15,234</u>	
Total Members' Equity		<u>\$396,396</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY		<u>\$397,182</u>
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Statement of Income Calendar year 1996

	GENERAL FUND	OTHER FUNDS
INCOME:		
Grand Lodge Per Capita	\$32,443	
Fees for Degree Conferrals	\$830	
Fees for Affiliations	\$900	
Fees for Petitioners for Degrees	\$2,300	
George Washington Memorial	\$230	
Sale of Masonic Materials - Net	\$696	
Calendar Contributions - Net		\$4,564
Contributions and Donations - Permanent Fund		\$4,710
Contributions to Dedicated Travel Fund		\$6,643
Life Membership Fund		\$37,923
Interest and Dividend Income	<u>\$15,852</u>	<u>\$7,759</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$53,251	\$61,599
 EXPENSES:		
Grand Master's Award Program	\$1,200	
Grand Master's Expense Allowance	\$1,000	
Grand Master's Travel Allowance	\$1,000	
Arrangements Committee - Annual Communication	\$2,990	
Charity	\$108	
Insurance	\$5,789	
Past Grand Master's Regalia	\$621	
Grand Secretary's Expense Allowance	\$3,395	
Grand Secretary's Travel Allowance	\$565	
Office Salaries	\$9,000	
Payroll Taxes	\$1,081	
Office Rent	\$5,845	
Office Supplies and Expenses	\$879	
Postage	\$868	
Taxes	\$15	
Telephone Expense	\$845	
Transcription of Proceedings	\$250	
Printing Expense	\$1,141	
George Washington Memorial Association	\$230	
Masonic Service Association Dues Expense	\$300	
Grand Master's and Grand Secretary's Conference	\$407	
Research and Education Committee	(\$568)	
Miscellaneous Expense	\$38	
Warden's Charge	\$487	
Reception of Visitors	\$474	

Depreciation Expense	\$1,850	
Grand Lodge Officer's Travel:		
Grand Master	\$5,895	
Deputy Grand Master	\$2,358	
Senior Grand Warden	\$1,179	
Junior Grand Warden	\$1,179	
Grand Secretary	\$1,179	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$51,600	
NET INCOME (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	\$1,651	\$61,599
FUNDS BALANCE BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$190,949	\$168,730
FUNDS BALANCE END OF YEAR	\$192,600	\$230,329

Operating Budget - General Fund Calendar Year 1996

	ACTUAL BUDGET <u>1996</u>	ACTUAL EXPENSES <u>1996</u>	OVER (UNDER) <u>BUDGET</u>
EXPENSES:			
Grand Master's Expense Allowance	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Grand Master's Travel Allowance	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Masonic Research & Education Committee	\$250	(\$568)	(\$818)
Arrangements Committee - Annual Comm.	\$3,000	\$2,990	(\$10)
Printing and Binding - Proceedings	\$2,500	\$0	(\$2,500)
Insurance	\$6,000	\$5,789	(\$211)
Reception for Visitors	\$1,000	\$474	(\$526)
Past Grand Master's Regalia	\$800	\$621	(\$179)
Charity	<u>\$100</u>	<u>\$108</u>	<u>\$8</u>
 SUB TOTAL I	 \$15,650	 \$11,414	 (\$4,236)
 Grand Master's Award Program	 \$2,000	 \$1,200	 (\$800)
Grand Secretary's Expense Allowance	\$3,400	\$3,395	(\$5)
Grand Secretary's Travel Allowance	\$600	\$565	(\$35)
Grand Lodge Expenses:			
Office Salaries	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$0
Payroll Taxes	\$1,500	\$1,081	(\$419)
Office Rent	\$5,800	\$5,845	\$45
Office Supplies and Expenses	\$900	\$879	(\$21)
Taxes	\$15	\$15	\$0
Postage	\$900	\$868	(\$32)
Transcription of Proceedings	\$1,000	\$250	(\$750)
Warden's Charge	\$1,000	\$487	(\$513)
Telephone	\$750	\$845	\$95
Printing Expense (Masonic Forms)	\$2,000	\$1,141	(\$859)
Dues Expense:			
Committee on Fraternal Relations	\$15	\$0	(\$15)
Masonic Service Association	\$300	\$300	\$0
George Washington Memorial Assoc.	\$0	\$230	\$230
Grand Master's & Grand Secretary's Conf.	\$225	\$407	\$182
Depreciation Expense	\$1,850	\$1,850	\$0
Miscellaneous Expense	\$200	\$38	(\$162)
 SUB TOTAL II	 \$31,455	 \$28,396	 (\$3,059)
 Grand Lodge Officer's Travel			
Grand Master	\$5,895	\$5,895	\$0
Deputy Grand Master	\$2,358	\$2,358	\$0
Senior Grand Warden	\$1,179	\$1,179	\$0

Junior Grand Warden	\$1,179	\$1,179	\$0
Grand Secretary	<u>\$1,179</u>	<u>\$1,179</u>	\$0
SUB TOTAL III	<u>\$11,790</u>	<u>\$11,790</u>	<u>\$0</u>
GRAND TOTALS	<u>\$58,895</u>	<u>\$51,600</u>	<u>(\$7,295)</u>

Operating Budget – General Fund calendar Year 1997

	ACTUAL BUDGET <u>1996</u>	PROPOSED BUDGET <u>1997</u>	INCREASE (DECREASE) <u>E)</u>
EXPENSES:			
Grand Master's Expense Allowance	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Grand Master's Travel Allowance	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Grand Lodge Bulletin	\$2,148	\$2,148	\$0
Masonic Research & Education Committee	\$250	\$250	\$0
Arrangements Committee - Annual Comm.	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
Printing and Binding - Proceedings	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
Insurance	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0
Reception for Visitors	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Past Grand Master's Regalia	\$800	\$800	\$0
Charity	<u>\$100</u>	<u>\$100</u>	<u>\$0</u>
 SUB TOTAL I	 \$17,798	 \$17,798	 \$0
 Grand Master's Award Program	 \$2,000	 \$1,200	 (\$800)
Grand Secretary's Expense Allowance	\$3,400	\$3,400	\$0
Grand Secretary's Travel Allowance	\$600	\$600	\$0
Grand Lodge Expenses:			
Office Salaries	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$0
Payroll Taxes	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
Office Rent	\$5,800	\$5,800	\$0
Office Supplies and Expenses	\$900	\$900	\$0
Taxes	\$15	\$15	\$0
Postage	\$900	\$900	\$0
Transcription of Proceedings	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Warden's Charge	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Telephone	\$750	\$750	\$0
Printing Expense (Masonic Forms)	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
Dues Expense:			
Committee on Fraternal Relations	\$15	\$15	\$0
Masonic Service Association	\$300	\$300	\$0
George Washington Memorial Assoc.	\$0	\$230	\$230
Grand Master's and Grand Secretary's Conf.	\$225	\$225	\$0
Depreciation Expense	\$1,850	\$1,850	\$0
Miscellaneous Expense	<u>\$200</u>	<u>\$200</u>	<u>\$0</u>
 SUB TOTAL II	 \$31,455	 \$30,885	 (\$570)
 Grand Lodge Officer's Travel			

Grand Master	\$5,895	\$3,164	(\$2,731)
Deputy Grand Master	\$2,358	\$1,266	(\$1,092)
Senior Grand Warden	\$1,179	\$633	(\$546)
Junior Grand Warden	\$1,179	\$633	(\$546)
Grand Secretary	<u>\$1,179</u>	<u>\$633</u>	(\$546)
 SUB TOTAL III	 <u>\$11,790</u>	 <u>\$6,329</u>	 <u>(\$5,461)</u>
 GRAND TOTALS	 <u>\$61,043</u>	 <u>\$55,012</u>	 <u>(\$6,031)</u>

Masonic Research and Education

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

To The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska, this is the report of the Committee on Research and Education. The Committee on Research and Education was requested by the Grand Master to review and update the Alternative Proficiency Manual through additions and enhancements. This has been accomplished and the revision has been given to the Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie R. Little, Chairman
John Dolenc
Charles F. Lewis
John J. Lincoln
Darrell C. McSpadden

MW Grand Master, I ask this report be received.

MW Grand Master: Your report will be received.

Masonic Public Relations

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Most worshipful Grand Master, Brethren all, I would submit a report of no significant activity.

Respectfully submitted,

William A. Hendricks (12) Chairman
Robert L. Fulton (10, 11)

MW Grand Master, I ask that this report be received

MW Grand Master: Your report will be received.

Public Schools

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Grand Master. I would like to give a report from Public Schools Committee. This year the Committee on Public Schools has followed in the footsteps of previous Committees. Public Schools are most important to our children, our country, our way of life, and our Fraternity.

Most of the Lodges in our Grand Jurisdiction have developed and implemented a public schools program for their lodges. The majority of these appear to be working well. As an example, Kenai Lodge No. 11 has an outstanding student awards program that involves all the schools of the Kenai Peninsula and Anchorage Lodge 17 has a thousand dollar 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 officials. Flags are awarded to an outstanding student. Each school and the student's name is engraved on each of the school's plaques. An award ceremony is conducted for all of the participants. The program is supported by proclamations from the Soldotna, Kenai Borough Mayors and Grand Masters. Funding for this program is raised by a two-day Masonic open golf tournament at the Kenai Golf Course. This great program began in 1968 and now has sixteen schools.

Eagle River Lodge No. 13 works with the Anchorage School District and also awards plaques to students in schools in their area.

We recommend each Lodge without a Public School program adopt one as soon as possible. Get involved! It doesn't take a lot of money just a little time to provide a good example to help our youth. You'll never know what a little word of encouragement or just being there will accomplish. Remember, time and perseverance will accomplish all things. We must give our full support to the public schools.

Respectfully submitted,

Glen E. Josey (8, 17) Chairman

William B. Clucas (3, 12, 16)

Will R. Josey (17)

MW Grand Master, I ask that his report be accepted.

MW Grand Master: Your report will be received

Amendment to the Report by William B. Clucas

Grand Master, one of your Lodges, North Pole 16 is also very active in the public schools here. They have a scholarship that we award every year. Seeing how you are a Past

Master and I thought we had better give you some credit, cause you're one of the persons who got that really started. Thank you Grand Master.

Bylaws

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Committee on Bylaws acted to fulfill its obligation to the Most Worshipful Grand Master and while doing so has complied with section 5.11 of this Grand Lodge Masonic Code.

We received and acted on request changes from two constituent Lodges as follows.

1. Kenai No. 11's request was received early in the Masonic year. The changes referenced life membership and therefore were forwarded to the Finance Committee. Upon their approval, we forwarded it to the Most Worshipful Grand Master with an approval recommendation.
2. North Pole 16's request was received just prior to this Grand Lodge session and also dealt with life membership changes. The Finance Committee recommended conditional approval if two additional items were incorporated into the requested change. As a result this Committee forwarded the request to the Most Worshipful Grand Master with a disapproval recommendation. We further commented that the requested change be returned to the Lodge so that the Finance Committee's recommendations could be incorporated into the requested change. It therefore could be resubmitted to the Grand Lodge for approval.

We wish to thank the Most Worshipful Grand Master for allowing us the privilege of serving on this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

W Ray Wagener, Chairman

MW Frank Erie

W Russ Burnett

MW Grand Master, I ask that this report be accepted.

MW Grand Master: It will be received.

DeMolay

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, this past year has been one of changes for DeMolay in Alaska. Gerald Fairley was appointed as Executive Officer for the State. DeMolay Chapters have been revitalized in Palmer and Fairbanks. In March DeMolays got together in Anchorage for the first statewide Conclave in many years, it was ten years.

While DeMolay has made strides particularly in communities outside Anchorage, there are still challenges for further growth. DeMolay headquarters continues to be faced with difficulties regarding the governing of the organization in general.

Within the State our most serious need is for more active advisors. The strength and growth of the Palmer Chapter is in the direct proportion to the support of Masons in that area. Likewise, the decline of the Anchorage Chapter is attributable in large part to its need for advisors. We appreciate the support of the Masons in the State who have donated their time and resources to the cause.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Godwin, Chairman
Frank Bird
Donald W. Winters

MW Grand Master, I ask that this report be accepted.

MW Grand Master: Your report will be received.

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 1996

*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.*

Anvil Lodge No. 2

Robert William Steele

Unknown

Tanana Lodge No. 3

Arthur Glen Jones

Unknown

Thola E. Noon

September 26, 1995

Robert James Hayford

December 9, 1995

Bruce Wayne Bishop

January 1, 1996

Phillip Richardson

February 2, 1996

Jack Barnum Wilbur

March 23, 1996

Theodore Allen Wicken

March 25, 1996

Ransi Lush Barnhart

April 7, 1996

Joseph Fredrich Wortman

April, 23, 1996

Ralph Kavorkian, PM

June 26, 1996

Troy Robert Marshall

July 5, 1996

Gordon King Wear

November 11, 1996

Roy A.A. Larson, PM

November 25, 1996

Valdez Lodge No. 4

Richard Curtis Coats

October 13, 1996

Mt. McKinley Lodge No, 5

Ralph Edward Renner

December ?, 1996

Seward Lodge No. 6

David Jay Thomas, PM

April 28, 1995

Roy Edgar Luckie

February 2, 1996

Matanuska Lodge No. 7	
Lars Johannsen Vadla	June 13, 1996
Dean Edward Denny	August 11, 1996
Grayson Elwood Murphy, PM	November 7, 1996
Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8	
Clifford Randolph Black	May 4, 1995
Nissel Abraham Rose	January 14, 1996
Robert William Bechtol	May 3, 1996
Kodiak Lodge No. 9	
Clinton Louis Rosengren	March 9, 1996
Glacier Lodge No. 10	
Fred William Ash	March 30, 1995
Ivan Jose "Marty" Martinez, PM	February 22, 1996
Fred Albert Miller	March 7, 1996
Headirick Brown	May 2, 1996
Donald Wesley Combs	June 4, 1996
Paul Harvey Gabbert	July 30, 1996
Marvin Wayne Carson	September 11, 1996
Robert Lee Prater	October 12, 1996
Fred Buren Diamond	November 22, 1996
Kenai Lodge No. 11	
Orrin Sylvester Felmley, PM	July 13, 1995
Louis Eugene Sherman	July 27, 1996
Samuel Darby Howell	August 18, 1996
Burton Gene Carver	September 14, 1996
Fairbanks Lodge No. 12	
Ralph Kavorkian, PM	June 26, 1996
Aurora Lodge No. 15	
Frank Daniel Ferguson	November ?, 1995
North Pole Lodge No. 16	
Ralph Kavorkian, PM	June 26, 1996
Anchorage Lodge No. 17	
Albert Vincent Pierce	October 2, 1994
Jay Wed Burnett	August 22, 1995
Nissel Abraham Rose	January 14, 1996
Joseph Jethro Whittenberg	January 31, 1996
Edwin Lawrence Meier	February 14, 1996
Charles W. Brion	March 4, 1996

Thomas Jeff Mozingo	July 13, 1996
Melvin Felix Evans	August 5, 1996
Jacob Brant Markley	August 9, 1996
Preston James Williams	August 22, 1996
Johan O. Solberg	August 23, 1996
John Henry Collinsworth	September 27, 1996
William Marmon Hiber	October 9, 1996

Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18	
Harold Lawrence Donnelly	June 13, 1996

Iditarod Lodge No. 20	
Allen Verdean Engle	March 23, 1996

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

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

Memorial Service by Grand Chaplain

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Almighty and Eternal God be with us now as we pause in a moment of memorial tribute to our Brothers Thou has called his eternal home.

We thank you for the life of these Brothers for their service and devotion to Thee and our beloved brotherhood of Masonry.

May Thou bestow upon us the strength and wisdom to complete our tasks here in our earthly kingdom.

Grant us strength in our resolve to dedicate the remainder of our lives to the cause of Masonry and to the building of thy kingdom here on earth and thus our lives be a living memorial to our departed Brothers.

Amen

W Don G. Chaffin
Grand Chaplain

Report of Grand Lecturer

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, fellow Grand Lodge Officers, Distinguished Guests, Brethren one and all.

To The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska, Most Worshipful Brother Lloyd Triggs, I thank you for the appointment as Grand Lecturer. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve you and this Grand Lodge for this year. I have traveled to some of the Grand Master's visits, but not as many as I would have liked. But, I have found the work in the Lodges to be of good report.

There are two things that I would like to see. The first is that the newly made Brothers take a more active part in the Lodges and this Grand Lodge. All of us can help them to do a part of the degree work. The second is to see that the Deputies to the Grand Master have a copy of the historic work so that they can help their lodges in their district in a more effective manner.

In the last sixteen years, I have traveled to almost every lodge in this State of Alaska, some of them more than others. The most important thing that I have found is the fellowship and friends that you make that last for years. Brothers do travel.

Respectfully submitted,

VW Marvin Harned
Grand Lecturer

MW Grand Master I move that this report be received.

MW Grand Master: It will be received

Report of Grand Orator

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Distinguished Guests, Brethren all, at the will and pleasure of the Grand Master this year the Grand Orator's message was to be directed to the Alaska Masonic Code and the Alaska Monitor and Freemasons Guide. Faced with this challenge I consulted the Code book and Monitor looking for inspirations to bring a meaningful and educational message to you Brethren. After perusing them both, I thought the tried and true journalistic approach to relating information by employing the five "W's," Who, What, Where, When, and Why might be appropriate to this discussion.

The WHO is conveniently covered by the blanket endorsement of including all Masons in Alaska and in some respects all Masons everywhere. By this I mean the actions of Masons are controlled, hopefully, in some measure by our basic beliefs and obligations taken by each and everyone of us while traveling that sometimes rough and rocky road becoming a Master Mason. Even our forefathers adhered to a Masonic code that governed their thoughts and actions in the course of making our great nation the place that it is today. The Who is you , me, them, and us collectively.

The WHAT is not so easily addressed. The Alaska Masonic Code and the Alaska Monitor parallel the Holy Bible in some respects. For as the Holy Bible is the rule and guide of our faith, the Code and Monitor are the rule and guide of our many actions. As we review these two great instruments of policy and procedure, it becomes clearly evident that in carrying out the directions of actions and ritual, lecture, policies, and so forth there exists pit falls in the form of that controversial word “interpretation.”

As soon as one is able to read the written word they become a victim of interpretation. One has to decide what did the passage state, what did it really mean, and what did the author intend. During my year as Master I struggled with interpretation of Alaska Masonic Code and the Alaska Monitor in carrying out the duties of my office. The suggestions and guidelines in the Lodge Officers Handbooks seem fairly straight forward to me. The Alaska Monitor seemed to follow a logical path to preparing the candidate to be made a Mason, to raising him to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. If there was a question of a time between degrees, the fees for affiliations, the sequence for events, ritual, or other questions about policy and procedure, a quick review of the Code or Monitor would seem to furnish the answer. But, as a young Mason being Raised in June of 1987, I obviously did not understand the interpretation.

I don't have to tell any of you active Masons here today about these situations. You have faced this same dilemma in some form or other regardless of your station or place in Masonry today. From observing as a sideliner at lodge meetings to serving in an official capacities in your lodge or Grand Lodge, there are instances where interpretation has delayed meetings, cause conflict in thought and action, and in some case resulted in emotional outbursts creating anything but peace and harmony.

Therefore, my Brothers I urge you to consult the Alaska Masonic Code and the Alaska Monitor and Freemasons Guide in matters concerning your Masonic activities in Alaska. Even more important is that once the guideline is confirmed, everyone abide by it and proceed with the activity. If you do not agree with the Code or Monitor then follow the prescribed path of changing the item, that is to bring a Resolution before the Grand Lodge body for discussion and vote.

WHERE seems so simple. Why not just say everywhere and be done with it? That is not acceptable because it overlooks some points to consider. I think we need to be reminded that often times we are the first impression of a Mason that someone observes; that our actions, no matter how well grounded in Masonic Code or Monitor can be presented in such a way that others are not offended; that one of the very reasons we maybe losing

members is because we lack peace and harmony or that we constantly disagree with lodge procedure or policy.

Do we practice what we preach? In living our daily lives, are we known and respected as Masons because of our actions or in spite of them? The WHERE my brothers applies to us as individuals where from the first charge we received we are reminded that as an individual you are charged to practice the domestic and public virtues and be faithful to the trust committed to your care among any other lines we as Masons are expected to follow. WHERE means wherever our thoughts and actions maybe observed by and influence others.

WHEN should we be consulting the Alaska Masonic Code and Alaska Monitor and Freemasons Guide when there is a question about anything being done in Alaska which seemed to be the logical answer. That is the reason they are deemed the guidelines, rules and policy for ritual, policies and procedures for Masons in Alaska. I'm not about to enter upon a dissertation by chapter, verse or section number in the Code book or degree, page number of the Monitor because that is of the individual to become familiar with and follow these rules and guides.

But, I would like to point out that if you have an opinion or wisdom to impart regarding an action being taken in your lodge meeting, committee meeting, or even a Grand Lodge communication like the one now in session, you're obligated by your vows as a Master Mason to express the same in such manner as to not be disruptive, argumentative, or in conflict with the Worshipful Master or Grand Master who is control of the meeting by virtue of his office and Masonic Code.

That does not mean that we can not agree to disagree and discuss it at a later time. That option should remain open regardless of the circumstance. When to consult the Code and Monitor should be remembered by those leadership roles of this great fraternity of ours. They may not provide all the answers or the answers you want to hear but they must be followed as the rule and guide of our actions as Masons in Alaska.

WHY should be considered about rules and guidelines in Masonry? Why don't we just follow the rules of society and be good old boys and everything will turn out fine? I think the reason is interpretation. With the firmly established written Masonic Code and Monitor we have the basis for standard work and rules to govern ourselves by even though we still may disagree with some aspects of their content. They may be used for conflict resolution, standardization of work in all lodges with this jurisdiction providing rules for conducting business within lodges and temple holding companies, making loans, setting fee schedules, providing rules for revenue sources, granting authority for lodges and forming new lodges, outlining funeral services and cornerstone laying ceremonies, and on and on. All one has to do is pick up a copy of the Code book or Monitor and read the table of contents or index to see what is covered concerning our actions as Masons. Knowing the existence of these two instruments of policy and procedure and following them are two of the greatest challenges facing Masons in Alaska today.

MW Grand Master, I move that this report be accepted.

MW Grand Master: Your report will be accepted.

Report of Grand Historian

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

I'm Joe Ashby, Grand Historian from Sitka, Alaska and after hearing the Grand Master's good bye letter, third day ago, where he said his report was good bye, I thought all I would need to do is report progress. I did kind of put some boiler plates in here.

Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Grand Master Lloyd Triggs, Officers of the Grand Lodge, Distinguished Guests and Brethren all for the Sixteenth Communication of the Grand Lodge here in Fairbanks, Alaska I can't report too much progress. But, I'm happy to report my plan of attack. Most Worshipful John Grainger suggested a scanner and the concept sounded good. But, then we discovered there are scanners and scanners. Some will take photo pictures others won't but they won't take text.

I am very pleased to announce we got this problem straightened out and a long term Forest employee, a computer technician, has decided to retire in Sitka. He's a good working Mason so he's going to take over getting all this information we've gathered on disc and printouts.

In the mean time I am always thankful for any bits or pieces of information that the Brothers can hand me. We're getting quite a bit of it. Out at the airport, we were being picked up and coming from forty-three degrees in Sitka to about twelve above zero out at the airport, some brothers said Hey, some so and so had a box of records from one of the Lodges of the Klondike. And, I told him to see you. He didn't remember his name or I didn't remember it, so whoever out there has this box of records, please bring them into either me or Honorable Secretary Rick Bender.

In going through things, just recently the Kenai Lodge had a newsletter and in it was a report on the building of their lodge at Kenai back in the early '70's and it was written by none other than venerable Worshipful John Ingram and I would just like to read a little bit of it for you.

This recent newsletter from Kenai Lodge No. 307 had a reprint of the Lodge's history written by none other than Most Worshipful Brother John Ingram in which he lists the founding members of the Lodge and then he says during the building that he taught, from the youngest Entered Apprentice Mason to the more advanced Masons, that a long-handled shovel was also a working tool of Masons. And, I thought that was kind of cute.

So I wish to thank Brother Lloyd Triggs for appointing me Grand Historian for the past year and I will certainly have a better report next year for you. I promise, Honest Injun. Thank you Grand Master

MW Grand Master: I do accept your report.

Alaska Masonic Library and Museum Foundation

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Grand Masters, Brethren one and all, I don't know how the Grand Master puts the one that got least to say last but I got you fooled, I got it written down. Also got a copy for the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, and Grand Secretary. It's printed for your information.

To The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska. It's the annual report of the Alaska Masonic Library and Museum Foundation. The members of the Board of Trustees wished to submit the following.

Treasurer's report as of 12 March 1997 is as follows:

Operating Expenses: Kenai Property tax \$31.53
Post Office Box \$49.00
Annual Report to the State of Alaska \$15.00

And we have spent for the year \$99.53

Our Memorial Funds as such to Cecil Clifft, George Ballum, Ron Nash, Neil Bassett have a total of \$2,920.00. We've received other donations: Memorials \$630.53.
Our Checking Account, National Banks of Alaska \$6,315.60.
Certificates of Deposit for \$10,750.35.

Total New Worth as of 12 March 1997, no outstanding debts, \$17, 108.95

The 1997 Board of Trustees,
President John C. Ingram
Vice President Henry T. Dunbar
Secretary Howard N. Hobbs
Treasurer Robert L. Van Huss

Also, Brother Russell Burnett, Mitchell R. Miller, Steve Lee, and the other Elected Grand Lodge Officers.

The Alaska Masonic Library and Museum Foundation still holds their quarterly meetings in Anchorage at the Al Aska Temple Mosque in fine conference rooms. We express appreciation to the Shrine for their generous contributions to use their facility. The next

scheduled meeting is June 11, 1997. The Board of Directors lost two dedicated members in the death of our dear friends or brothers, David J. Thomas and Ralph Kavorkian since our last report to you.

The Board of Trustees will be conducting a raffle for the beautiful hand-crafted clock built and donated by Russell A. Burnett, Past Master. We encourage you to assist in this worthwhile project to raise funds for the Foundation. The consultant for the Foundation, Brother Wendal H. Kuecker offers us his expertise as questions come up and is appreciated by all.

Past Grand Master John Grainger has offered the Foundation a supply of post card directories to raise additional funds. All of the directories are in the possession of distributors. Final accounting of this project will be made at the next report. The Directors hope the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge will show an increase of its financial standing. This statement is based on the several meetings that have and continue with prospective contributors to the Foundation.

We again encourage you to attend the meetings with your constructive ideas and volunteer to be a spokesman in your lodges and communities which you live and help us make the Foundation grow and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Ingram, President

MW Grand Master, I move for the acceptance of this report.

MW Grand Master: Your report will be received.

Alaska Masonic Research Association

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

I'm glad that I worked like crazy on this before session started.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Brethren all, the primary activity of the Alaska Masonic Research Association for 1996/1997 was the continuation of the Pioneer Club and Ten-Ten Club membership program.

The Gold Pan program, at the resumption of the Gold Pan program, has proven productive. Four Gold Pans were pledged by AMRA Officers. The Officers felt they should not ask others for a Gold Pan if they were not willing to do themselves. Nine new pledges for Gold Pans for a thousand dollars each were last received since Grand Lodge.

Last year AMRA agreed to financially support the purchase of the Grand Lodge coins. A check for \$5,000 was received from Grand Lodge for money making projects. A check for \$2,124 was written for the current holdings of Grand Lodge coins. An additional \$2,000 was issued for the purchase of this years coins.

The balance of \$5,000 is held in an interest-bearing account. Monies received from the Pioneer Club, Ten-Ten, and the Gold Pan programs are dedicated funds. This income is turned over each year to the Grand Lodge Permanent Fund. It can not be used for other purposes. This year a check for \$6,000 will be turned over to Grand Lodge for the Permanent Fund Account. At this years AMRA meeting members voted to continue the Grand Lodge coin program. To support this program so that it pays for itself, AMRA will need two fund raising activities. It is hoped that the Brethren will support this project.

Respectfully submitted,

John P. Johnson

MW Grand Master, I move to accept this report

MW Grand Master: Your report will be received.

Charters and Dispensations

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Charters and Dispensations for this year we have had none, unfortunately. We had some interest from Square and Compass Club that had asked the Secretary for the paperwork to charter a lodge. They have done nothing with it. So we have nothing for Charters and Dispensations.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy G. Hintz, Chairman

John R. Buehrle, Jr.

Alfred B. Cratty

MW Grand Master I ask that this report be received.

MW Grand Master: Your report will be received.

Warden's Charge

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Distinguished Guests, and Brethren one and all, the report on the 1996 Warden's Charge.

The 1996 Warden's Charge was held on September 20th, 21st, and 22nd in 1996 at the West Coast International Inn in Anchorage, Alaska. The session was attended by twenty Master Masons and nine ladies. All Senior Wardens, Junior Wardens, Senior Deacons, and their ladies from all Lodges in the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alaska were invited to attend.

The purpose of this weekend seminar was to provide valuable materials to the Wardens and Senior Deacons in the management of their lodges and to help to prepare the officers for their year as Master. Additionally the ladies program is to help their ladies better understand what to expect during that year.

Subjects that we covered were, which included but not limited to:

- familiarization of the Alaska Masonic Code,
- challenges facing Masonry,
- preparing for change,
- Grand Lodge and its workings,
- availability of Grand Lodge materials to the lodges,
- review of lodge secretaries duties to Grand Lodge,
- team building exercises where we formed a lodge and elected officers to that lodge,
- the Worshipful Master as an administrator in the lodge,
- planning your year as Master where you construct an annual calendar,
- planning out your year,
- seeking excellence in your lodge activities,
- Grand Lodge Officers and their roles,
- planning your officer meetings,
- available resources to you and your lodge,
- Trestleboard Newsletter,
- the advantages of a newsletter,
- how to start a newsletter and how to keep your newsletter interesting and informative,
- Masonic protocol.

Each year, the critiques from the students continue to be very positive. We review all of those critiques and try to implement any suggestions which we feel will benefit the Craft. Many have commented they have seen great improvement in the management of their lodges since inception of the Warden's Charge.

We must give credit to Most Worshipful Brother Leslie Little, his wife Roxie, and especially Most Worshipful Brother Vern Wertz and Right Worshipful Brother Marty Martinez who taught us at the first Warden's Retreat that Wardens do not retreat, we Charge ahead! Thus the birth of the name - Warden's Charge. A lot of people ask me what a Warden's Charge is, the Warden's Charge confuses them but that is how we came up the term Warden's Charge. On behalf of the Committee, I would also like to thank RW Stanley Foulke and RW Rick Bender for all the behind the scenes tasks which they performed to make this years Warden's Charge a success.

Next years Warden's Charge will be held September 19, 20, and 21 at the West Coast International Inn in Anchorage, Alaska and since I forgot to say who I am, I'm Don Chaffin Tanana 3, Fairbanks 12, and North Pole 16.

Respectfully submitted,

Don G. Chaffin (3, 12, 16) Chairman
Stephen L. Cox (3, 12)
Fred H. Newton (11)
Stanley R. Foulke (2)

MW Grand Master, I ask that this report be received.

MW Grand Master: Your report will be received.

Russian Relations

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

Long-Range Planning

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

Publications

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

As we have in the past, there is not a specific written report for this Committee because our report is delivered to each one of you on a quarterly basis. However, I must apologize to you because there should have been one gone out about three weeks ago. Unfortunately, my computer decided to explode and there was no way that we were gong to be able to get that issue out prior to this Grand Session.

Ads for the Grand Lodge Bulletin have been substantial. We are making funds that way. I certainly appreciate the acceptance of the additional seventy-five cents for the cost of the publication. The only problem that we have with the publication is that I'm not getting articles from you. Consequently an awful lot of the publication sounds like it is written by me and that's because it is. I solicit your input because it is your bulletin and whatever you wish to make it that's what it will be.

Thank you Grand Master. I hope you will accept this report

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald R. Fairley, Chairman
Stephen L. Cox

Report of Segregations and Reference Committee

1st Report

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

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

We the Committee on Segregations and References to whom was referred the Grand Master's Message have reviewed the same and make the following recommendations:

The portions titled as follows Grand Master's Message Necrology, State of the Craft, Visitations, Appointments, Special Events, and Appreciations be approved as printed.

The portion listed as Recommendations, paragraph 1, paragraph 2, paragraph 3 and the portion listed as Appendix listing the Official Acts of the Grand Master during the period of April 12, 1996 through April 4, 1997, sub-titles Proclamations, Special Actions, and Dispensations Granted all be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The portion listed as Recommendations, paragraph 4 be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie R. Little
Milton M. Routzahn

MW Grand Master, I ask this report be accepted.

MW Grand Master, Your report will be accepted.

MW Grand Master, I move that this report be adopted.

MW Grand Master: Seconded and report is adopted.

2nd Report

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

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 Message have reviewed the same and make the following recommendations:

The printed portion found on pages 14 and 15 of the Grand Master's Message and Reports be approved as printed.

The portions titled Balance Sheet, Statement of Income, Operating Budget, and General Fund all for the calendar year 1996 and the Operating Budget, General Fund calendar year 1997 found on pages 17, 18, 19, and 20 be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie R. Little
Milton M. Routzahn

MW Grand Master, I ask this report be accepted.

MW Grand Master: It will be accepted.

MW Grand Master, I move adoption of this report.

MW Grand Master: Seconded and report is adopted.

Sessions and Arrangements Committee

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

I want to thank everyone for coming up. We have such a great Grand Master, all the Lodges love him, Fairbanks loves him, couldn't ask for a better one. Thank you for coming out and making all of this possible. And, the Sessions and Arrangements support people we couldn't ask for anything better.

Respectfully submitted,

William E. Oldham (12, 16) Chairman
Don G. Chaffin (3, 12, 16)
George W. Earp (3, 16)
Monte R. Ervin (3, 12)
John P. Johnson (3)
Darrell C. McSpadden (3, 12, 16)
Mitchell R. Miller (3, 12)

Report of Deputies of the Grand Master

District 1

No report from the District Deputy was received at the time of publication

District 2

No report from the District Deputy was received at the time of publication

District 3

No report from the District Deputy was received at the time of publication

District 4

No report from the District Deputy was received at the time of publication

District 5

No report from the District Deputy was received at the time of publication

Awards

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

James A. Williams Award

Mt. Susitna No. 8, Glacier No. 10, Eagle River No. 13, and Mt. Verstovia No. 18 have exactly the same number of Master Masons raised in 1996. To resolve the dilemma the Grand Master is going to have a name drawn out of a hat and that lodge will have its name on the plaque. Most Worshipful Bro. Verne Wertz drew Mt Verstovia No. 18 as recipient of the award.

Buckley C. Hazen Award

The recipient of the Buckley C. Hazen Award for the largest percentage membership growth was presented to White Pass Lodge No. 1 for the year 1996

Mason of the Year

W Hazen R. Ricker Mason of The Year for the year 1996

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Contributions to the Grand Lodge

Contribution From:	To:	For:	Amount	Total
AMRA	Grand Lodge	Permanent Fund	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Tanana Lodge No. 3	Grand Lodge	Permanent Fund	\$953.00	\$953.00
Fairbanks Lodged No. 12	Grand Lodge	Permanent Fund	\$520.00	\$520.00
Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18	Grand Lodge	Travel Fund	\$500.00	\$500.00
DeMolay	Grand Lodge	Perform Arts Schl	\$100.00	\$100.00
Edward O. Weisser	Grand Lodge	Perform Arts Schl	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
		Total:		\$10,073.00

Presentations

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Special Gift from North Pole Lodge No. 16 of a Porcelain Santa and a Santa Clause hat one of the official hats for North Pole Lodge 16

Presentation of Dalvin L. Hollaway, Most Venerable Sovereign Grand Master of the Supreme Council of Allied Masonic Degrees in the United States of America by Most Worshipful Grand Master Lloyd W. Triggs.

MW Grand Master: I had better read this. Brethren, was this done by election Dalvin? I don't even know how to address him, but any how his title is Most Venerable Sovereign Grand Master of the Supreme Council of Allied Masonic Degrees in the United States of America and he has just been elected to that position. Dalvin, we congratulate you and hope you have a magnificent term.

Speeches by Distinguished Guests

Paul V. Godwin, State Master Councilor, DeMolay

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

On behalf of the State of the Order of DeMolay, I first of all would like to thank the Masons for all the support of DeMolay and we couldn't do it without all the advisors and the help of the Masons and we definitely could use some more of their help especially for members. I know Masons have sons or grandsons between the ages of twelve to twenty-one and we ask you to encourage them to join DeMolay and if you would like to pick up a petition, come to me or Jerry Fairley when this is over and we could hook you up with one.

DeMolay is doing pretty well. We had a Conclave recently, first one in ten years and we currently have three active Chapters in the Fairbanks, Anchorage, and Palmer. And, we would just like to say for all of you, have fun at your communication and you have a good year. Thanks.

Susan Swarthout Grand Charity, International Order of Rainbow for Girls

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Grand Master, Distinguished Dignitaries, Honored Guests, and all others, on behalf of the Grand Worthy Advisor of the Grand Assembly of Alaska International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, LeAnn Lasher I am honored to welcome you to our city. In order to keep this short, as he as already mentioned, my name is Susan Swarthout. I am Grand Charity and I thought that I would just tell you why our organization is symbolized by the rainbow.

As you may already know the Order for Rainbow for Girls was created by a Mason, Mark Sexton. He found that on some of the oldest Masonic charts there was often the symbol of the rainbow and this symbolized fraternal life. He also found that it had never been the center of a ritual, so, he created the Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Since he has created it, our membership has grown and is now in over forty-five states and over nine countries and hopefully with a little faith our membership will continue to grow and more girls will be able to find their rainbow dreams. Thank you.

Crystal Risse, Past Honored Queen, International Order of Job's Daughters

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Good morning everyone and thank you for inviting me. Job's Daughters is something that has meant a lot to me through my whole life. I think it is something that has not been seen in Fairbanks for quite awhile so we thought we would tell you a little bit about it.

Job's Daughters is a Masonic affiliated organization. Again, none of us could do it without the support of all the Masons, so we thank you very much. It is an organization for young women between the ages of eleven and twenty. It was created by Mother Mick in 1925 and her goals were to teach respect for parents and elders, love of country, responsibility, just basic good civic-mindedness. The girls start early with philanthropic projects as well as fun things and they learn what it means to be a good civic-minded person. It teaches them how to be a well-balanced adult, is my thought.

So, on behalf of all of the Job's Daughters in Alaska we would like to say thank you. Have a good meeting.

Mary Wallace, Order of Eastern Star

Scheduled speaker but no tape recording made.

Mitchell R. Miller, Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction

Scheduled speaker but no tape recording made.

Illustrious Walter B. Bonner, Potentate Al Aska Shrine Temple

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Visitors, Brothers I appreciate the opportunity to be able to talk to you for a few moments this afternoon about the Shrine, because the Shrine of North America is 125 years old this year. Our hospitals are 75 years old. The hospitals themselves are all new because in June we will have finished a rehabilitation program which will have rehabbed all of our 22 hospitals and actually replaced several of them so that we will have state-of-the-art facilities throughout the United States and Canada to provide treatment for our kids.

Another unique thing about 1997 is our Imperial Potentate and the Imperial Divan is asking us to emphasize in 1997, not the fact that we're out looking for money to continue to make our system operate but that we're looking for kids to bring into the program to

ensure all these hospitals throughout the United States and Canada are filled and operating to their capacity. We've got a new hospital emphasis coming up on line down in Sacramento which will have, I believe, like ninety beds and we need to ensure that we not fill it and keep it filled all the time because we're able to do things now in an outpatient basis that ten years ago, fifteen years ago required extensive hospital stays. So, we're bringing them in, treating them, and sending them home.

I ask each and everyone of you if you are a Shriner or a Mason that has not yet decided to walk the sands and become a Shriner, to take each and every opportunity that you have to tell the story of our hospitals and when you see a kid who has an affliction or a problem that we can treat, even if you're not sure that we can treat them, please get them enrolled in our program so that we can examine them at an outreach clinic or take them to hospital and get them enrolled, because this is what we're all about. We're now in the Shrine, we've shrunk down to about 586,000 Shriners, but we've still got twenty-two state-of-the-art hospitals staffed with some of the best doctors and nurses on the face of this globe and we need all the help that we can get to bring kids in.

Another thing that we're hoping to do in this 125th anniversary is to do something, maybe to reverse the trend on membership. We've got jurisdictions outside in the "Lower 48" which are trying some really new and innovative things to bring new people into Masonry, new people into the Rites, and new people into the Shrine. In fact I was talking to one of our visitors from Virginia, either last night or the night before last and he was telling me that in a couple of the jurisdictions with which he is acquainted in two weekends they made 1500 new Masons, Scottish Rite members, and Shriners. That's a mind-boggling figure to me when I realize our entire Shrine Temple has only a thousand members right now. We could double Al Aska Shrine temple if we had two weekends like that. I'm not advocating that every jurisdiction is going to find that kind of system the one that works for them, but I know that in every jurisdiction we can find something that will work for us. So, I would urge you to all look at things not a tradition bound concept that we've always done it that way so we can never change because Brothers we've got to be somewhat adaptable to change if we are going to be a viable and growing organization in the Shrine, in the Rites, and in the Blue Lodges in the United States, actually in the world today.

I hope that many of you, especially those of you from Alaska will be involved in the anniversary party which we are going to put on in Anchorage on July 12th of this year to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Shrine hospital system. The Portland hospital is going to do the same type of celebration at Portland and invite as many of their graduates back as they can and we here in Alaska, while we are much younger than 75 will have to bring as many of our Alaskan Shrine kids back even if those Alaskan kids are forty, forty-five years old. We want to bring them back and renew old acquaintances because it's the kind of things that we need to do to generate knowledge within the public of what we do. We've got to get out and get things so that they know what we're about.

Most Worshipful Chuck Gregg, who is sitting here in this audience today is our public relations chairman for Al Aska Shrine Temple and he's working real hard to get our

message out in front of the public in Alaska. I would urge you in your Lodges throughout the State to take every opportunity that you have to feed things into Most Worshipful Chuck so that he can get things in our Fez Magazine. He can get things into the local newspaper even was able to persuade one of the our local TV stations in Anchorage the other day to give Ray Gallant and me about 15 minutes of prime air time so that we could talk about the Shrine story. So, if he can do it without the help, just think of what he could accomplish with all of you and your members in the Lodges throughout the State of Alaska.

I appreciate the fact that I have been given the opportunity to serve as Potentate of Al Aska Shrine Temple in 1997. I appreciate the fact that the Grand Master has asked me to come and then he's allowed me to stand here and talk to you today, because I've been a Mason for several years now. In fact the day I was installed gave me my 25th anniversary pin, 25 year Mason pin. It made me feel really good but this is the first time that I've had an opportunity to stand and talk to you at Grand Lodge other than one time, I believe it was Most Worshipful Frank Erie gave me the gavel to call you to attention once after a lunch session. And, that was kind of a thrill in itself, but this will really get you moving when you can stand here and look out at all these years of Masonry all this knowledge and talent and be able to talk to us.

So, for those of you who haven't stood here on the podium yet, I urge you to take every step you can to get involved in your Grand Lodge and rotate through the various positions and make yourself available with the elected line and maybe one day you would be sitting here and get the privilege of showing the total lack of emotion that Most Worshipful Grand Master Lloyd Triggs did this morning. I've never seen a man who had a tighter grip and I know that he would agree with me that has to be the ultimate in your Masonic career. So, I would urge you to get out and do those things, find the time, but as the man who is most interested in the Shrine in the State of Alaska, I want you to do something for me, let's find some kids. We've got 369 Alaskan kids currently enrolled in the program and I'd like to have 469 or 569 kids if we have that many that need treatment.

MW Howard N. Hobbs, PGM, Response to Alaska Past Grand Masters

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, you pulled one on me. I wasn't expecting this. We appreciate the kind words you said about this subject bunch that the pictures are on the wall back here and we've stood in front of you here. But, we all did work as hard as we could for this Grand Lodge and we expect each and every one sitting in the positions now will do the same as we did or that we think had done. And, we certainly appreciate this Grand Lodge and we certainly appreciate you. And, we let you join us at the end of this session.

VW V. Clifford Darnell, Response to District Deputies of Alaska

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, may I respond? I know it's said in your printed, there has to be a response. On behalf of the Very Worshipful Brothers, William Oldham, Arthur Rindahl, Dennis Morgan who can not be here today, Carl Mulvihill, and myself V. Clifford Darnell, Number 5. It's been a privilege and an honor to be Deputies for you for this past year.

One of the duties of the Deputies of the Grand Master is to visit each lodge in his district at least once but to keep into contact with them and visit often as possible. It's up to us most important to the Masters of each lodge to keep in contact with their District Deputy and use him as his abilities for the benefit of that lodge and its members.

Again, we thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master for the opportunity to serve Grand Lodge and I know it will be one of the high points of our Masonic career. Thank you.

W Raymond R. Wagener, Grand Representatives Recognition Response

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Go Green Bay Packers! Guess where I'm a Representative to. Most Worshipful Grand Master, on behalf of all these representatives, most of them stood up, we wish to thank you for the privilege of serving this past year and all the up-coming grand Masters we hope that we can keep that position.

I do correspond with Most Worshipful Darrell Aderman who is Wisconsin's Grand Rep to us. This past year he and his wife made a trip to Alaska and I became their eyes and ears before they left Wisconsin so they'd know where to go. I think they did visit several people in the State.

Once again, on behalf of all these Representatives, we wish to thank you for the privilege of serving this year.

VW Wendal H. Kuecker, Greetings, Grand Representative of Washington

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, members of Alaska, I'm the Representative of Washington near Alaska. We correspond quite frequently with your representative, Most Worshipful Brother John Ingram. In fact he is so dedicated; he comes down several

times a year just to correspond. That's dedication for you. But, it's a great pleasure to be here. I always look forward to your Grand Lodge assemblies.

Thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master.

RW James O. Kenagy, Greetings, Grand Representative of Illinois

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

I bring you greetings from our Grand Master of Illinois. I'm the Grand Representative to Alaska near the Grand Lodge of Illinois and it has always been a pleasure to come and visit in this Grand Lodge and certainly the friendship Brother Mitch Miller who is my counterpart and I have had it's been a great credit to this Grand Lodge as you have been.

Brethren it's always been my pleasure to be here in Alaska and visit this Grand Lodge and be your Representative. I hope that each day I can represent you in the proper manner. Thank you.

RW Arthur Cronin, Deputy Grand Master of Nevada

Scheduled speaker but no tape recording made.

RW Donald P. Frizzell, District Deputy to Grand Master, British Columbia

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Thank you Grand Master. It seems that I've done so far has to be front and center for you

Most Worshipful Grand Master I bring you greetings from Most Worshipful Grand Master Alexander Reid Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of British Columbia and I bring you personal greetings from all those members in Whitehorse of whom we have been the pleasure being your friend for so long.

Grand Master I would like to tell you a little bit about Skagway, if I may. You know we've been in trouble there a few years and we've worked hard going down and making sure that Lodge stayed alive. Last Saturday, pleased to tell you sir we had all Alaskans in the Chairs. That's the first time since I've been going there and others have been going there longer than me. So, we also have a couple of candidates going through the Chairs. Our Worshipful Master has to come across from Haines and has a little trouble from airlines and boats and we have to fill in for him once in awhile. But, I am happy

Worshipful Grand Master that we now have all Alaskans in the chairs of White Pass Lodge No. 1.

I took part in your Past Master's degree yesterday and enjoyed myself immensely. Anybody that hasn't taken that degree should do so next year in Anchorage. Grand Master, thank you for your hospitality and inviting us to come to your Communication which we so much enjoy.

MW Francis D. Hess, Grand Master of Montana

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Alaska Brethren one and all, it is again a pleasure to be back home. When the first year we came up, the wife and I had tickets and we were going to go the Grand Lodge of Colorado and I believe it was the Grand Lodge of Utah and I got this letter in the mail from the Masonic Research Association of Alaska. I couldn't figure out why they would be sending a letter to me and it was an invitation to the Constitutional Convention.

Well, I felt like the letter should have gone to the Grand Master but it took me about two weeks before I decided well I had better call Most Worshipful (?) and Brother Jack is a little bit different person than some of us. He said, well the invitation's too late and we've already got plans to go to Colorado and Utah and I can't go and neither can you because you already have tickets, so you tell them we aren't coming. Well, I thought about that for quite awhile 'cause I hadn't sent the letter and one day my wife said Francis we had been to Colorado several times; we've been to Utah several times, why don't we go to Alaska. And I said, well honey, we had better see how much it is going to cost us. See if it is going to cost us too much. Fortunately, we never set a figure what too much was.

We went into see our travel agent and I asked her how much it would cost to fly to Anchorage, Alaska. I think that it was about nine-hundred and fifty dollars, I'm not sure. Without even asking Lela what too much is, I told her we want to return our tickets to Colorado and Utah and bought tickets to Alaska. That was the smartest thing that I have ever done in my life besides asking my wife to marry me.

It is a pleasure to be back Brethren and I fully enjoy Grand Lodge of Alaska. Last year, our Grand Master in Montana was having, he called them "occasional lodges" I called them "making Masons off of main street" and I had put in reservations, I was at least going one day. The more I got to thinking about it, I decided I would better stay home I was afraid I would lose my cool and say some un-Masonic things at Grand Lodge. So, I didn't attend Grand Lodge last year.

The Grand Master this year is having the "occasional lodges" again and I haven't decided for sure whether I am going to be in Billings or I think maybe this year I will be 'cause I sort of got things under control. I think that they will have them again next year. They'll

have these “occasional lodges” and I was talking to our Grand Secretary and I found out he felt like I did and he said all it’s going to do is I am going to be busy with a lot of suspensions for non payment of dues. He figured the first year we would lose at least thirty per cent of them, but we’ll see how it comes out.

Other than that, Masonry in Montana is in good state and Most Worshipful Sir, yesterday when you wanted reports from Grand Reps, I didn’t say anything because I figured I had to say something today. But, I want to assure you that the Grand Rep between Montana and Alaska is working good. I don’t know whether it has anything to do with it but for some reason I’m on my third Grand Rep up here and they’ve all been from my lodge up here. Maybe that’s why we have such beautiful communications. Most Worshipful Sir, I wouldn’t have missed your session for anything.

RW Samuel C. Halterman, District Deputy of Virginia

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers of Alaska, and all Brethren present it gives me a great deal of pleasure to be with you to enjoy the fellowship, the brotherhood, the love that I have received while here. My Grand Master, Alan Wayne Atkins asked me to convey to you his sincere love and affection for you as we love all Brethren everywhere we go.

I was in a lodge in a sister district just recently and the Worshipful Master made a remark that really struck home to all of us. The remark was that we should, Brethren, feel comfortable and at home with one another and here I find that to be truly so. My Grand Master has asked that on my trip that I convey to you his deepest personal regard and to your Grand Master he asked that I give him a token of his esteem. With it I would like to make a presentation to the Grand Master of a lapel pin that states the goal of Most Worshipful Brother Atkins for the year.

We’re investing in mankind. Brethren we are investing in mankind for the future. Most Worshipful it gives me a great deal of pleasure to present this to you. (Break in Tape) and hopefully this afternoon you will be sitting in the, we refer to it as the “hot seat” and quite often it is. Thank you my Brothers

RW Edward O. Weisser, Grand Master of Pennsylvania

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

(break in tape) ... Grand Lodge and its our privilege to be here.

We’re here for two purposes. Number one is because we wanted to come to your Grand Lodge. I’ve always loved Alaska. I even said in my high school book that my desire was

to join the Navy and go to Alaska. I didn't join the Navy but I did get to Alaska. I was here about ten years ago and as Grand Master in Pennsylvania I decided that I would like to have a cruise for our Grand Lodge to Alaska. This summer on the third of August we're leaving with approximately 400 Masons and wives and coming here for a visit. We're anxious to do that and we're looking forward to do it. We're going to be landing in Anchorage probably on the tenth of August and I've already informed your supposedly in-coming Grand Master of our program and he will let you know about that in due time.

I'd just like to say just a couple of things. Our Grand Lodge is the largest Grand Lodge in the United States. We just passed Ohio in membership now and we're proud about that. I would think that this is the smallest Grand Lodge in the United States. I'm not quite sure if Delaware is smaller, but I don't believe so. But, I say to you that from the 160,000 Masons we have in Pennsylvania to the 2,000 some I saw in your report, I find one thing interesting Brethren that where I have 160,000 Masons or where we have less than 3,000 the friendship and the comradery is amongst us all and that is what Freemasonry is all about.

I see you just suffered through a situation I suffered through as Grand Master about four weeks ago, that had a man challenge the Grand Lodge on the floor and then cursed the Grand Lodge and cursed Masonry and I suspended him for non-Masonic conduct. Brethren I say to you, I'm not taking part from which you've just done one way or the other but I think, we as Freemasons need to make sure that our Fraternity stands high.

I said that I was in Alaska here I was looking for souvenirs. I walked into one of your fine gift shops. A little lady was there and met us and waited on us and I told her that I would like to purchase about 150 gifts for our ladies when we travel to Alaska next summer. And, after I made my purchase, I said to her how much deposit do you want? And, she said sir, my dad was a Mason and I trust the Masons all the way. This hasn't happened to me once Brethren but this has happened to me the last couple of months several times. People say your word is your bond. And, I think that stands great for our Fraternity.

I like to think our fraternity, Brethren, right now is like the great airplanes that we've flown to get here. Many of you have flown on some of these gigantic airplanes. And, you know how that relates to Freemasonry? Free masonry is like that giant airplane. All kinds of power, but Brethren just think that when that airplane is in the station or in at the loading dock, it can't get itself away from dock. It doesn't have the ability to get itself away from the dock. I find myself as Freemasons sometime with all the power we have and all the influence we have and all the desire we have for new members sometime we don't get ourselves away from the dock to let someone else know that they have to ask to be a Freemason. So, Brethren don't be like the airplane that's sitting at the dock, be like the one that's on the runway ready to take off. Don't allow yourself to have to have that pusher to push you out away from the loading dock.

I'd like to say that I have one other thing. Grand Master, yesterday you graciously handed Marvin Speicher, Tom Librandi, and myself a certificate that said that we're honorary

members of Grand Lodge of Alaska. Now when I thought about that then I should have something to say, I am an honorary member, this is what I would like to say, if I'm out of order Grand Master use your gavel. Now you didn't even give me a chance! I have a paper and I just had it faxed in as couple minutes ago because I couldn't find anybody to type in this area and I couldn't find a typewriter to use (Now I'm getting our of order, right?). But. it says The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania presents to the Grand Lodge of Alaska a two-thousand dollar grant to be used as a Past Master's Performing Arts Scholarship Fund. The scholarship shall be used for high school seniors from Alaska or seniors who desire to go on to high education in the field of the performing arts. The scholarship will be one-half of the earned income from the grant after it reaches twenty-five hundred dollars, the other half to grow the scholarship fund. The fund shall be governed by The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska with the Past Grand Masters as judges for awarding the scholarships each year during the Grand Lodge session. Now I, Edward O. Weissner, Grand Master of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, a Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, authorize this grant on this 4th day of April to the Grand Lodge of Alaska, and I have signed it my name.

I'd like to say Brethren, that I have been giving scholarships in Pennsylvania to our high school seniors in the amount of five-thousand dollars for the scholarship for kids in their performing arts for music. We say in our second degree in Pennsylvania, we should be a lover of the arts and sciences and make every opportunity to prove ourselves therein and then we don't do anything about it. So, I would like to give this grant of two-thousand dollars to the Grand Lodge of Alaska and what it really says you will invest that and when it reaches twenty-five hundred dollars, which it should do in one year, that you will take half of that growth and give it as scholarship to a high school senior. The Past Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge can be that judge and the other half shall go back into the fund to enhance that fund and we hope it will grow and grow and grow so that this can be a viable scholarship that you can give to your high school students who we know are good kids. So, if I'm not out of order, Grand Master, I would like to present this to you at this time and the check's in the mail.

Brethren, I would like to say I was going to do this, Grand Master, but if the Past Grand Masters would see in their hearts, that they want to do this, if you want to name this scholarship after your current Grand Master that's fine with me. If you just want to keep it as a Performing Arts Scholarship title that's up to your Grand Lodge if you want a title, but we trust you will invest it.

Brethren, I would just like to say (GM Triggs: Can I sit him down,?) Sure you've got the gavel! But Brethren, I would just like to say to you that I listened to your reports today Brethren and I know that your Finance Committee's doing well. But just to bring you some ideas, and I'm willing to talk with any of your finance people, our Grand Lodge last year got 28.5% on our money and I would like to say during the last twelve years we have never gotten less than fifteen per cent in our investments. So, if the Grand Lodge of Alaska would like to share in how we've done this we would be more willing to offer anything to your Grand Lodge. I sit and listen and I know that our Grand Lodge at times

did not raise the money because we just weren't on the right road and we did a great job. I talked to our Grand Lodge finance people the other day and they told us that we're working on about nineteen per cent. Now, of course since the stock market last couple days, I don't know where we are. But, I just say to you Brethren that we have done that and have done it consistently for many years.

I know your incoming Grand Master said he is going to be working on it. He has talked about this before, but it's our privilege really. Everybody here has been so great to us Brother and we just feel that we are at home and in fact I've been thinking about taking membership in one of your Lodges up here but they tell me I'll get blackballed. Thank you.

RW Tony P. Wordlow, Deputy Grand Master of California

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Members of the Grand Lodge of Alaska if you want to hear an instance, I will tell you about one this afternoon. I got kicked out of the meeting. Well, I didn't really get kicked out, because I shouldn't have been there. I was representing, of course, our Most Worshipful grand Master Allen Gresham and I guess I got the wrong information from the Brother Secretary. (GM Triggs: We'll let you in next year.)

Most Worshipful, I bring you the greetings from our Most Worshipful Grand Master Allen B. Gresham. He is probably down in sunny Southern California enjoying that beautiful air down there, the one that you can see. I've been very impressed with this area. When I flew over, I've never seen so much snow. I've never been so cold. It's new for me. I've never been below twenty below and here it was ten below the other day. Pretty close.

I've been up here in the summer time and it was nice. And, when I came this year it's a little different than it was last summer. I did enjoy it. I have had a wonderful time. I've enjoyed the hospitality of the Brethren. It makes me want to come back, but I think I would rather come back with the Grand Master from Pennsylvania next year, enjoy that trip. It sounds like it going to be wonderful. You've got an application right there, yes sir. Thank you. I think that would be a wonderful trip up here. It's a beautiful country and some of the instances in Sacramento you're talking about. California is where I, I'm from Sacramento.

I was really pleased to hear about your Senior Warden's work with the retreats. I understand that you borrowed that from us and I'm really glad to hear its working. And, I love that Warden's Charge! I like that and not a retreat, but a charge. This is really what we do need. We have been very happy with our retreats this last couple of years. Our Wardens are really getting active.

We've been pushing to do things different, to make things happen, to get out into the community and really make Masons really known to their community. We've got some of these fellows that, boy if they don't read some of that see-n-see, we're all going to be in trouble. They're ready to go. They just want to do everything. They're willing to do it and I've made a few comments by golly if you haven't tried it, at least try it because it's not going to hurt to try to do something once in awhile. I think that's what we've been doing, been hiding our heads in the sand. And, we as Masons should be out in the public, letting people know who we are, what we're doing and what we're going to do. And we shouldn't be scared to jump forward and do it.

Brethren, we are jumping into the next millennium. Let's be in the future and let's get with it and I think it is going to be wonderful. Most Worshipful, thank you very much.

MW Byron C. Jenkins, Past Grand Master of Nebraska

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Came home again. I just got to pause for a moment because I can get as emotional as your people do.

It's a great, great thing to go back over 1981 when I had the extreme pleasure of coming to Alaska my first time and then I ran into a formation of a new Grand Lodge. I've always been a history buff. If it had anything to do with the Masonic Fraternity I was more of that history.

Then they put me to work. What in the Sam hill? I'm a guest and they want me to work. Well, there was a couple items I gave them a little assist with. Not that they would have ever figured it out in the first place. And, we came along to time to install the Officers. We had four Past Grand Masters there, myself from Nebraska, Francis Hess from Montana, Charles Lowther (spelling ?). There are two of us here today. I think we will both be back next year. I don't know whether we are suckers for punishment. Sitting in these long meetings for days on end. But, we love it or we wouldn't be here.

You've got a fine, fine Grand Lodge. You've made so many others feel guilty of not coming up here and seeing what Masonry in this State is all about. You've put them to shame. I know of a good many lodges that would like to jerk up here and visit one of your Lodges and let them learn how to do the work.

It's just been a magnificent number of years and I want to thank you, each and every one of you for giving me the pleasure of becoming an Honorary Past Grand Master here in Alaska. I have the right to vote. I'm a member of Fairbanks 12, good lodge and if you will notice through all the voting of all these candidates for office my arm didn't go up once. That's the reason that I do that, this is your Grand Lodge not my Grand Lodge. I don't want to possibly throw vote in that would take the seat away from a man who should have had it just because I wanted to vote.

Came down, they had to count off everyone in here and came up with a tie except for me. I guess that I would have to cast a vote then, but I won't do it otherwise. Thank you Brethren, it's been a magnificent weekend. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

RW Gordon I. Kimball, Past Junior Grand Warden of Maine

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Visitors, and the most Distinguished-the Brethren present, I bring you the greetings of the Grand Lodge of Maine, our Most Worshipful Grand Master Walter McDougall.

If you want to know what we're doing in Maine, I would like to invite you to Maine. We need the money, but our Grand Lodge is flourishing, it's moving. Just two weeks ago I had the opportunity to be with them, better than one-hundred of us went to the George Washington National Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia and worked the three degree on a Brother and if I was informed correctly, I believe it's the first time a visiting Grand Lodge ever worked in that Washington Alexandria Lodge hall at the Memorial.

Back in the '87, '88 era we started giving \$500 scholarships to each high school in the State and when it came to 1990 we were giving, with the help of the other Masonic groups \$500 scholarships to every high school in the state. I will correct myself, we started with two in each district. We have twenty-four districts in Maine. We gave two \$500 scholarships to each district and since about 1990 we have been giving \$500 scholarships to every high school in the State since then. We give up in the thousands of dollars every year to the DARE program which operates through our state school system. We furnish the money and they form the retreats whereby the teachers go and get their information on the DARE program to take back to their schools to instruct the children how to have their own minds and not succumb to the peer pressure where some student will say come on try this butt, try this alcohol, or something. We teach them the determination to think for themselves.

You've got things to do. I'm glad to be here. This isn't my first time in Anchorage (Ed: note, we're in Fairbanks) I've been here with the York Rite bodies. I've been to Alaska several times. I've known Lloyd for several, several years. Congratulations, this is another page in his book. His book is not finished; he has many pages and chapters to go yet. But, thanks for accepting me and I will be back.

W Howard Triggs, Grand Representative from Minnesota

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

I might be bashful, but I can tell you stories about this Grand Master (GM: Careful, I've got the hammer) It all started in many years ago in Ponsford, Minnesota (GM: I've still got the hammer).

Most Excellent Grand Master, Brethren of Alaska, thank you for giving me the opportunity of being here today. This was quite an honor being here especially for myself. I know Lloyd started clearing a path when he got into the Grand Lodge with our Grand Lodge down there so that the plane(?) so that they could possibly be here and take part. I'm just a lonely past master three times over and I wanted to make sure that I had permission to leave my country to be here so I brought the Master of my lodge as well. He's the oldest sitting Master in the State (Minnesota) by the way. I would like to have everybody recognize him, if you would. He's Brother Harold Warnicky.(spelling ?). He wanted to come up here because he's known Lloyd for many years and like I say, he's the oldest Past Master.

I asked him why he took the seat of being Past Master after all these years. I can't recall the year he took Master the first time, but I know it's been a good fifteen, maybe twenty years. In between that he was Secretary for all those years, but asked why when he was elected to that office why he took it again. His answer was very clear and simple, when I was Past Master back then they never gave you an apron, today they do. For an apron, you can get a Brother to do just about anything.

From Worshipful Brother J. B. Christianson I would like to congratulate you. I welcome you to come down and visit us at Grand Lodge. I know it wasn't possible, because our Grand Lodge is very close to yours and if any of you Brethren are heading toward Minnesota, passing through, please give me a call and I would be glad to offer housing to you. Thank you again.

RW James O. Kenagy, Grand Chaplain of Illinois

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brethren of Alaska , and Masons all, again I bring you greetings from our Grand Master Benny L. Gresham in Illinois. We have some programs that we are very proud of as well. We have a drug and alcohol program which is similar to the DARE program whereby we take teachers from different schools and put them in a seminar where they are able to determine what to watch for with their children who are on drugs and alcohol. Throughout the State of Illinois we have had more than 1,500 teachers thus far in this program and the results are excellent.

We also have a Masonic academic bowl. It's similar to the GE College Bowl whereby we have the high schools are all sponsored by Masonic Lodges throughout the State of Illinois. We have, last count, this year we had 240 high schools involved with ten members in each team. When this competition comes along, the youngsters, many of them have no knowledge of Masonry and as they leave these buildings we present them with scholarships for their school and for them. Also we present them with a certificate with the signature of the Lodge Master, Secretary on it for each child and they have a medallion that goes around the neck with the Masonic emblem on it that is about 3 ½ inches in diameter. Thereby, they at least have the Masonic emblem in their houses and hopefully they will ask some questions.

It's been a great time this weekend or this week. It's really not a weekend, I'm from Illinois and weekends are Saturday and Sunday usually, but, I do thank you for your patience. Thank you for the great hospitality I've received and if you'd go to Illinois in our Grand Lodge you certainly will hear about Alaska because when I go back I tell them about how wonderful people are here and the great times that I've enjoyed over the past years. This is my third trip and I too want to be here again. Thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master.

MW William R. Miller, PGM, Washington

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Grand Master, sometime during the course of this, I'll bring you greetings from Most Worshipful George Jurgich, if I do it up there I'll have to hug you because that's what he does. (GM: No!) If I do it from down here we can do that symbolically. (GM: No kisses!)

Thank you Grand Master and Brethren I would like to bring you news of three of your friends from the Grand Lodge of Washington, Most Worshipful Alvin Jones who was many, many times a visitor here loved Alaska, loved his trips up here is in his late eighties. While he still enjoys some degree of health, his wife does not. She is essentially house-bound and Alvin probably will not be making any more trips. But, I'm sure that he would want me to give his greetings to you. Most Worshipful Arthur Thomas, an Honorary Past Grand Master of Japan, a many time visitor to here representing his beloved Japan passed away within the past month. He also was a great fan of Alaska; carried your praises both to his jurisdiction in Japan and also to Washington. And, of course, Most Worshipful Roy Foss, one of the original four horseman. Roy, until just a couple of months ago thought he would make another trip up here but he went on oxygen full time and has become very despondent since that time. He thinks the end is very close and even though he appears to be, in all respects, in great health, he's not enjoying life any more. He would very much appreciate your prayers and if any of you could see it, to send him a card. He'd be delighted to hear from you.

Grand Master may I tell you about four pieces of legislation that we will be voting on in June that you might be interested in. One is that there is a resolution to make every

single Master Mason a voting member of Grand Lodge. A second one would make every Entered Apprentice Mason a voting and dues paying member of his lodge and thus begin enjoying the privileges and benefits of Freemasonry at an earlier stage. A third one that you might be interested in is that we will eliminate the travel subsidy for the Washington chartered lodges that still exist in Washington. Patience and perseverance will eventually accomplish all things, I'm very confident. The fourth one is a victim of my short term memory. It would enable the Grand Master to open Grand Lodge for a specific purpose of setting aside the provisions of the code in enabling one-day classes. So it will be an interesting session down there.

Grand Master, in addition to the greetings from my other Grand Master, I would like to take this opportunity based on the actions of your Grand Lodge these past two days to congratulate you on, what I consider to be a most successful Grand Lodge. Thank you very much.

MW Vern S. Wertz, Grand Master of Oregon

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Well, It's later than I had anticipated but if my Grand Lodge Officers will assume their assigned stations we will go ahead with the take over. (GM: My Grand Lodge Officers are in their stations.)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Visitors, and my Brethren all, my good friend Lloyd, I want to tell you that those folks down south, that talk about hospitality they don't have a clue. On behalf of the twenty-six Masons and ladies that have come up here to this great State, I thank you for a wonderful time, an enjoyable time, and I congratulate you on a wonderful Grand Lodge session. It's been grand.

I was chatting with a Brother out in the hall yesterday about the comet and I wanted to know if it was really visible up here and he said it was and it reminded me of a little poem:

Sir Edmond Hillary searched for comets daily
His success was slight until he looked at night

Because RW Stan is getting nervous, I'm going to skip a lot of stuff and go to a (GM: take your time, we've got lots of time) Oh, ok if we've got lots of time, I'm going to tell you an absolutely positively true story about the first time I met your Grand Master. He said "What do you do?" I said, "Oh I have a little farm in Oregon about twenty acres, have some filberts, raise chickens." He said, "That's interesting, I have a farm also, but I live in Alaska so it's big, really big." I said, "How big?" He said, "Well, Vern if I get up before the sun rises, get in my pickup truck and head across my property, don't stop for lunch, when the sun sets I will not be half way across the farm." I said, "Yeah, I used to have a pickup truck just like that but I traded it in."

Want to share with you one of my favorite poems and then make some brief remarks.

Father's lodge I well remember wasn't large as lodges go.
There was trouble when December getting to it through the snow.

But, he seldom missed a meeting, drifts or blossoms in the lane.
Still the Tyler heard his greeting, winter ice or summer rain .

Father's lodge thought nothing of it mid the labors and cares
Those old Masons learned to love it that fraternity of theirs.

After all what's a bit of stormy weather when a little down the road
Men are gathering together helping bear each others load.

Father's lodge had made a village: men of father's sturdy brawn
Turned a wilderness to tillage, seized the flag, and carried on.

Made a village, built a city, shaped a county, formed a state,
Simple men, not wise nor witty- humble men, and yet how great!

Father's lodge had caught the gleaming of the great Masonic past;
Thinking, toiling, daring, dreaming, they were builders to the last.

Quiet men, not rich nor clever, with the tools they found at hand,
Building for the great forever, first a village, then a land.

Father's lodge no temple builded shaped of steel and carved of stone;
Marble columns, ceilings gilded, father's lodge has never known.

But they have left a heritage of glory those quiet ones, those humble ones-
They have left their mighty story in the keeping of their sons.

There is no man in this room who is prouder than I am that I am a Mason and that I inherited through my father a mighty story about good men trying to be better. But, I'll tell you something we need to look to the future. I can tell you that in this community there are dozens and maybe hundreds of men who could become Masons and don't care anything about our history, not a thing.

If they became a Mason, they'll learn to cherish it. We have too many Masons and we have too many lodges to spend today musing about yesterday and forgetting tomorrow. We must look to the future. Those hundreds of men out there will become Masons if three circumstances are met.

One, they know about us. There are thousands of people that don't know anything about us. Good men are among them. Two, they need to know what we do and what our plans for the future are, not what we did in the past. What are we doing today? What are we going to do tomorrow? And, finally they need to know and understand if they're a good

man, we would welcome them. Brethren above everything else I believe about Masons this is foremost, we must look to the future, and I thank you.

ELECTION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

Report of Credentials Committee on Balloting - 130 ballots issued - 66 to elect

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

Grand Master:

Blank	4 votes
Gene Freeman	1 vote
Gunnar Flygenring	2 votes
Stanley R. Foulke	126 votes (Position Accepted)

Deputy Grand Master:

Blank	2 votes
Ray Beaver	1 vote
Chuck Gregg	1 vote
Gene Freeman	129 votes (Position Accepted)

Senior Grand Warden:

Blank	2 votes
Bobby Alexander	1 vote
Marvin Harned	1 vote
Henry Ferguson	1 vote
Cliff Darnell	1 vote
Jerry Fairley	2 votes
Joe Dees	3 votes
Ray Beaver	121 votes (Position Accepted)

Junior Grand Warden:

1st Ballot

Blank	2 votes
Tom Mickey	1 vote
Billy Harris	2 votes
Jerry Fairley	2 votes
Joe Dees	5 votes
Jim Morton	25 votes
Fred McGuire	43 votes
Don Chaffin	51 votes

2nd Ballot

Blank	2 votes
Cliff Darnell	1 vote
Joe Dees	1 vote
Billy Harris	2 votes
Gerald Fairley	1 vote
Jim Morton	14 votes
Fred McGuire	40 votes
Don Chaffin	67 votes (Position Accepted)

Grand Secretary:

Blank	1 vote
Stan Woodin	1 vote
Ray Beaver	1 vote
Gunnar Flygenring	4 votes
Richard D. Bender	125 votes (Position Accepted)

Grand Treasurer:

Blank	2 votes
Greg Van Kirk	1 vote
Joe Dees	1 vote
Rick Bender	1 vote
Steve Lee	127 votes (Position Accepted)

INSTALLATION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

An open installation for the 1997-1998 officers for the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was conducted in Fairbanks, Alaska on April 4, 1997

OPENING CEREMONIES

Welcome and Introduction

By MW Lloyd W. Triggs

INSTALLING OFFICERS

Installing Master	MW Leslie R. Little
Installing Marshall	MW Henry T. Dunbar
Installing Assistant Marshal	M.W. Howard N. Hobbs
Installing Chaplain	MW Lloyd W. Triggs
Installing Secretary	MW Fred V. Angleton
Installing Musician	Sister Alice Chaney

ELECTED OFFICERS

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

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Grand Chaplain	W Eugene M. Mockerman
Grand Lecturer	MW Lloyd W. Triggs
Grand Orator	W Novis L. Eady
Grand Historian	W Joe H. Ashby
Grand Marshal	W Charles O. Ashcraft
Senior Grand Deacon	W Douglas W. Ooms
Junior Grand Deacon	W Glen E. Josey

Grand Standard Bearer	W Charles C. Dennis
Grand Sword Bearer	W William C. Quirion
Grand Bible Bearer	W Robert E. MacArthur
Senior Grand Steward	W Michael Lagos
Junior Grand Steward	W Harold G. Moore
Grand Organist	W Dwight E. Morris
Grand Tyler	W Raymond A. Gallant

DEPUTIES TO THE GRAND MASTER

District 1	VW Monte R. Ervin
District 2	VW Arthur A. Rindahl
District 3	VW Loyd G. Williamson
District 4	VW L. Tom Smotherman
District 5	VW V. Clifford Darnell