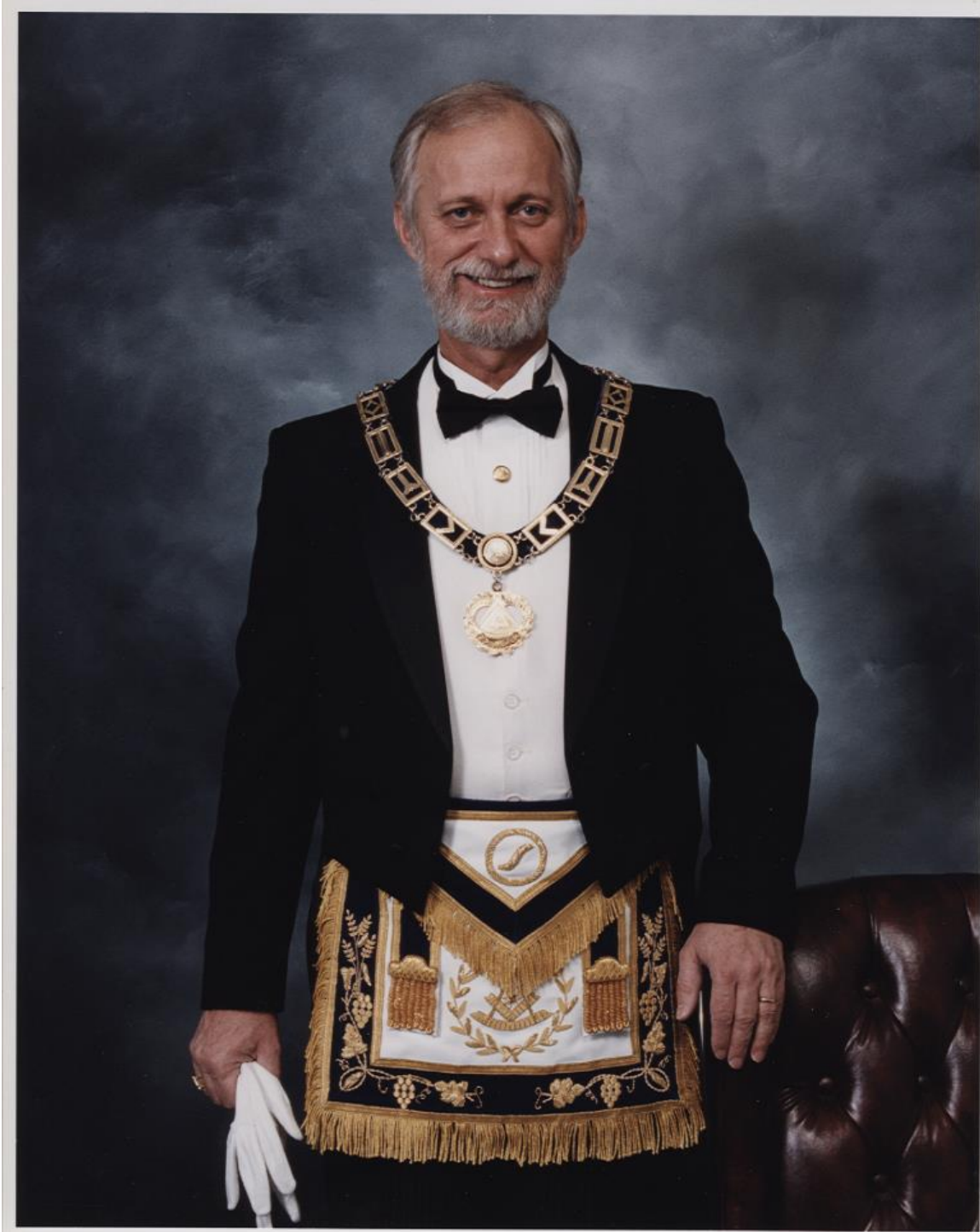


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GRAND MASTER
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ROLL CALL

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Master	MW Don G. Chaffin
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Warden	RW Stephen L. Cox
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Treasurer	RW Steve Lee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Secretary	RW Richard D. Bender
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Deacon	W Bradley C. White
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Sword Bearer	W Robert E. Cunningham
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Bible Bearer	W Yvaneck I. Tremblay
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Steward	W Harold G. "Bud" Moore
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Steward	W Michael A. Eady
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Organist	W Dwight E. Morris
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Tyler	W C. Vernon Carlson

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
- Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21

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

RW Richard D. Bender
Grand Secretary

SOLEMN CEREMONIES

The public opening of the Twentieth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was opened at 8:00 AM on February 1, 2001, by Most Worshipful Raymond L. Beaver, Immediate Past Grand Master. The program for the public ceremonies included:

Entrance of Grand Lodge Officers
Flag Presentation by National Sojourners
Pledge of Allegiance
U.S. and Canadian National Anthems
The Alaska Flag Song
Welcome to representatives of the Youth Groups
 International Order of Rainbow for Girls
 Christine Dupee, Grand Worthy Associate Advisor, representing
 Kristy Becker, Grand Worthy Advisor, Grand Assembly of Alaska
 International Order of DeMolay
 Ben Hughes, State Master Councilor, Alaska State DeMolay
 Congress
Welcome by Fairbanks North Star Borough Mayor
Welcome by Mike Walsh representative from Governor's Office
Introduction of Representatives of Concordant Bodies
Representatives of Concordant Bodies present included:

Al Aska Shrine Temple

J. B. Carnahan, Potentate

Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction

Mitchell R. Miller, Sovereign Grand Inspector General

Grand Court of Alaska, Amaranth

Karen LeFlore, Grand Associate Matron, representing
Beth Ribbick, Grand Royal Matron

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alaska

Stanley R. Foulke, Grand High Priest

General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International

Lloyd W. Triggs, N.W. Regional Deputy General Grand Master

International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Hilary Freeman, Supreme Deputy in Alaska

Masonic Service Bureau of Seattle

Leonard E. Luchau, Executive Secretary

Order of Eastern Star

Mary L. Wallace, representing Joan P. Morgan, Deputy to the Most
Worthy Grand Matron in Northern Alaska

York Rite College

Gene R. Freeman, Grand Governor of Alaska

Distinguished Guests present included:

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

RW Donald P. Frizzell, Past District Deputy
RW Thomas O. Mickey, Past District Deputy

California, F. & A. M.

RW Howard D. Kirkpatrick, Junior Grand Warden, representing
MW David C. Decker, Grand Master

Montana, A. F. & A. M.

W Jack D. Anderson, Junior Grand Deacon, representing
MW Kenneth J. Bruchez, Grand Master

Michigan, F. & A. M.

W George Kavorkian, Past Master
W Robert L. Goodrich, Past Master

Nevada, F. & A. M.

RW H. Wayne Kingsley, Grand Junior Warden, representing
MW Gordon F. Wessell, Grand Master
MW Roy S. Wilson, Past Grand Master

Oregon, A. F. & A. M.

MW John D. Livie, Grand Master
MW Vern R. Garvin, Past Grand Master
MW Herman C. Kuppler, Past Grand Master

Oklahoma, A. F. & A. M.

W Warren L. McConnell, Grand Representative, representing
MW Robert T. Shipe, Grand Master

Pennsylvania, F. & A. M.

RW Edward O. Weisser, Past Grand Master, representing
RW Robert L. Dluge, Jr., Grand Master
VW Guy Mathews, Past District Deputy
W William A. Wetterau, Past Senior Grand Steward
W Kenneth McCarty, Executive Director, Grand Lodge Library
and Museum

Washington, F. & A. M.

MW Richard A. Mecartea, Grand Master
RW Robert L. Van Zee Deputy Grand Master
RW James N. Reid, Jr., Senior Grand Warden
MW Sydney Kase, Past Grand Master
MW William R. Miller, Past Grand Master
MW Wendal H. Kuecker, Past District Deputy

Prince Hall Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Alaska

RW Alfred Boyle, Deputy Grand Master, representing
MW Sterling Taylor, Grand Master

The formal opening of the Twentieth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was opened at 10:00 AM on February 1, 2001, by Most Worshipful Don G. Chaffin, 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 Donald W. Sutton (12)

Second Session

W Robert Homoleski (3)

Third Session

W Randall C. Miller (16)

Fourth Session

W William B. Lawrence (21)

MESSAGE OF THE MW GRAND MASTER

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

GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

First, may I extend to each of you a most sincere and cordial welcome to this, the Twentieth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska? Those of us in Fairbanks area are overjoyed to have the opportunity of welcoming our many friends from throughout the State of Alaska as well as those from the Jurisdictions in the Lower 48 and Canada.

I wish to extend a hearty welcome to our visitors and distinguished guests who have traveled from far and near to be with us during this session. I am deeply honored by your presence and delighted that you came. I pray that your visit with us will be a memorable and enjoyable one. Please do not hesitate to let us know if there is anything we can do to make your stay more enjoyable.

APPOINTMENTS

This year I have appointed Most Worshipful John C. Ingram, Most Worshipful Henry T. Dunbar, and Most Worshipful Wendal Kuecker to the Committee on Segregations and Reference.

Brother Benerito M. Angel was appointed as Chairman of our Publications Committee and I might say a real life saver.

NECROLOGY

This is always the saddest part of any Grand Lodge Session. This past year forty-two of our brethren have taken that final journey and joined the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

An especially tough loss was the loss our dear friend Most Worshipful Brother Byron C. Jenkins, Past Grand Master of Nebraska and Most Worshipful Brother Roy Foss, Past Grand Master of Washington. Most Worshipful Brother Foss was the Installing Marshal for our first Grand Lodge Officers. Most Worshipful Brother Jenkins was the Installing Marshall and immediately after the installation ceremony, he granted Fraternal Recognition between the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and the Grand Lodge of Alaska. We will miss them dearly and share the loss with their families.

The Necrology report will be given later in this Session with Prayers for our departed brothers supplied by our Grand Chaplain, Worshipful. George Earp.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

As I traveled around our State, I see the revitalization of Masonry within our Jurisdiction. This can be attributed largely to those officers who have attended the Warden's Charge. Some Lodges are still struggling, due mainly to their isolated location. However, we have been able to assist Anvil Lodge No. 2 by conducting a Grand Master's One-Day Ritual Class in Nome. We were able to Raise four Brethren on that day and Worshipful Master Warren Little put them to work immediately by appointing them to positions within the Lodge. I would like to thank the dedicated Brethren who traveled to Nome with me to assist in making this effort a success: Most Worshipful Hank Dunbar, Right Worshipful Chuck Corbin, Right Worshipful Steve Cox, Very Worshipful Joe Dees, Very Worshipful Harry Koenen and Worshipful Bob MacArthur. I also thank the Brethren of Anvil Lodge No. 2 for their participation in the Degree work, especially Worshipful Master Warren Little.

The addition of Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge to our Jurisdiction was a pleasant surprise this year. We extend to those Brothers a warm Fraternal welcome to the Grand Lodge of Alaska.

Communicating our message to the Craft is of the utmost importance. Recognizing this, I was determined to resume the publication of the Quarterly Bulletin the "Light From the Great Land" after a one-year hiatus. Although we lost the services of our editor last year, I decided to act as editor myself until someone else could be found. Fortunately, after the printing of the first issue, Brother Benerito Angel volunteered his services and the publication is now back in full production. Ben is doing such a great job that the first issue received recognition in the September issue of the Southern California Research Lodge Newsletter. In a one-page article the Editor, Brother Ralph Herbold, gave high praise to our newsletter and especially to the talents of Brother Angel. Thanks, Ben!

To also aid in communicating to the Craft, it is necessary to keep our Grand Lodge Web site current. My duties and the duties of Right Worshipful Steve Cox have limited the time that we could devote to our Webmaster duties. Fortunately, Worshipful Brother Nate Esteban volunteered to take over the duties as Webmaster and he has much improved the format of the site. Our Web site has received numerous comments from around the world about our first-class Web pages. Thanks, Nate!

The Youth Organizations are experiencing growth. We have many dedicated adults volunteering their time and talents to help them. However, in order to continue the growth and prevent burn-out of those involved, we must find more adults who are willing to become more active.

The remodeling of the Anchorage Masonic Center has vastly improved the general appearance of the building and goes a long way in presenting Masonry in a positive image to the public. I was honored to have been able to conduct the Rededication Ceremony, along with the Grand Lodge Officers.

VISITATIONS

During this year, I visited every Lodge in the Jurisdiction of Alaska. I also visited four other Lodges in Alaska that were chartered under other Jurisdictions: Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 124 and Ketchikan Lodge No. 159 under the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Washington and Midnight Sun Lodge No. 3 and Arctic Lodge No. 7 under the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska.

The Conference of Grand Masters of North America was in Savannah, Georgia February 17th through the 22nd, 2000. Our jurisdiction was well represented. In addition to the progressive elected line, the Grand Secretary and two Past Grand Masters were in attendance. It was a great honor for our jurisdiction and a personal honor for me to have been elected by all of the Grand Masters to represent the Convention as their Conference Chairman. What a thrill it was for me to be in charge of and preside at this convention of the sixty-four Grand Masters of North America and drop the gavel and call them to order. In our short twenty-year history the Grand Lodge of Alaska has gained the respect of the other jurisdictions and we have truly come into our own.

On May the 8th and 9th, 2000, we hosted the Western Conference of Grand Masters in Sitka, Alaska. The Brethren of Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18 outdid themselves to ensure that all of the visiting Grand Lodge Officers and their wives thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The Grand Masters of California, Alaska, Hawaii, Oregon, and Washington as well as members of their elected line and their wives attended the Conference. Since the event coincided with the Annual Masonic Fishing Derby in Sitka, our visitors were able to experience some of our great Alaska fishing and take home an enormous amount of salmon and halibut (and grins from ear to ear).

In addition, the Conference of Grand Masters of North America and the Western Conference of Grand Masters, I visited the Foreign Jurisdictions of Ohio, Oregon, Nevada, Washington, and West Virginia. I was most graciously received in each Jurisdiction and made to feel extremely welcome.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Western Conference of Grand Masters in Sitka, Alaska
- Special visitations to Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 124 and Ketchikan Lodge No. 159
- Grand Master's One-Day Ritual Class in Nome
- Joint Visitation with the Grand Master of British Columbia to Whitehorse, Yukon and Skagway, Alaska. What a thrill it was for me to preside with the Grand Master of British Columbia, Yukon
- Investiture as DeMolay Honorary Legion of Honor
- Anchorage Masons manned the phones for the Labor Day telethon
- Rededication of the Anchorage Masonic Center
- Assisted the Grand Lodge of Russia in Constituting Pacific Rim Lodge #12
- International Night held at Lafayette Lodge No. 241 in Seattle, Washington

- Endorsing the Charter of Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21, formalizing their admittance into the Grand Lodge of Alaska

RECOMMENDATIONS

- On April 4, 1997, the Grand Master of Masons of Alaska ordered that Dennis M. Bump be suspended from membership in Fairbanks Lodge No. 12 until the term of his disbarment expires. On June 21, 2000, by order of the Alaska Supreme Court, Dennis M. Bump was disbarred from the practice of law effective July 3, 1996. According to the Alaska Bar Association, a disbarment is considered permanent unless later reapplied for and reversed by a court of law. To this date none have been reinstated in the State of Alaska. Based on this information, I recommend that Dennis M. Bump's membership in Fairbanks Lodge No. 12 be suspended indefinitely.
- In April 1997, this Grand Lodge voted to jointly grant limited recognition to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of F. and A. M. of Alaska and its Jurisdiction, Inc. for visitation only. In the nearly four years since that recognition has been granted we have enjoyed many visitations with our Prince Hall brethren. This time has permitted us to get to know one another very well and I see no reason why we should not grant them full recognition. I have met with Most Worshipful Brother Sterling Taylor, Prince Hall Grand Master, and have suggested to him that it is time to remove the restrictions and grant full recognition to one another. I told him that I would recommend that our jurisdiction grant full recognition to his jurisdiction with the stipulation that they reciprocate at their next Annual Communication. He assured me that should this recommendation pass, he would recommend the same to his membership at his Annual Communication.
- One of the reasons that this Jurisdiction has been able to slow the decline in membership has been the success of the Warden's Charge. I recommend that we continue conducting this Seminar and encourage the Lodges to support their officers financially in every effort to offset their expenses.
- We have been remiss in previous years by not publishing our Grand Lodge proceedings. The last proceedings, which were printed, were for 1985. With the numerous duties that have been placed on the Grand Secretary he is unable to find the time to bring these documents up to date. I recommend that a high priority be placed on publishing these past proceedings, with the goal of finishing them before our next Annual Communication. The cost of achieving this task would be accomplished by utilizing the funds that were budgeted during the previous years but were not used.
- A special Masonic Apron was made and presented to Very Worshipful Mitchell R. Miller, to commemorate his election as the first Scottish Rite Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Alaska. I recommend that he be authorized to wear this apron at all public Grand Lodge and Blue Lodge Masonic functions and ceremonies.
- As per the Alaska Masonic Code, Section 3.01 Constitution, the Grand Master is authorized to appoint Representative of this Grand Lodge near other Grand Lodges, and to receive and accredit Representatives of other Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge. This year I conducted a review of the Grand Representatives near this Grand Lodge, of the Jurisdictions recognized by the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Alaska. I concluded that some of our Grand Representatives are performing those duties that

are expected of them and others are not taking their duties seriously at all. With this in mind, we need to establish some special rules in order to ensure that our appointees perform their duties in a responsible manner. The duty of a Grand Representative should be to represent the Jurisdiction from which he is appointed near the Grand Lodge of Alaska and to be in attendance at our Annual Communication if at all possible. Failure to attend three successive communications, unless excused, should result in the termination of the appointment. As a further responsibility, they should request a copy of the proceedings of their represented Grand Lodge and write a brief report of the significant events of the Jurisdiction. This report should then be forwarded to the Chairman of the Fraternal Relations Committee and is used by him in preparation of his Report to the Annual Communication.

APPRECIATION

I'm sure that each Grand Master in the history of the Grand Lodge has believed that their appointed officers were the best ever. I certainly feel the same way! The Brethren I appointed made many sacrifices to serve this Grand Lodge. My personal debt to them can never be repaid. I would especially like to thank the following:

- My Sessions and Arrangements Committee under the direction of Very Worshipful. Doug Ooms. They work largely behind the scenes, but their efforts do not go unnoticed. These are the unsung heroes of this communication and the success of this Session is largely due to their efforts.
- Each of the other committees who worked so hard during this year, thank you.
- The five Brothers who accepted the challenge of serving as District Deputies for this Grand Lodge. They are the eyes and ears of the Grand Master and have done an excellent job of keeping me informed. All problems that arose were resolved at the Lodge level without the necessity of any action being taken by the Grand Master. I am most appreciative.
- The Past Grand Masters for their counsel and advice, thank you so much.
- The Grand Secretary for his assistance each time he was asked.
- Our Washington Brethren who continue to assist us in maintaining excellent relations with our Brethren in Southeast Alaska and further strengthen the bonds of Brotherly Love and Affection between us.
- Most Worshipful Brother Les Little and his Lady Roxie for their continued excellent work with the Warden's Charge
- The Brethren of Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18 for ensuring the success of the Western Conference of Grand Masters
- Worshipful Master Bill Lawrence, Worshipful Brother David DeLong, and the Brethren of Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21 for their efforts in bringing their Lodge into our Jurisdiction. You have made many Alaska Brethren very happy!
- Worshipful Brother Johnnie Wallace, his wife Mary, their friendship and assistance during my advancement through the line. They have epitomized the true meaning of Freemasonry. I am very grateful for your friendship.
- My Lady Char for her understanding, patience, and unselfish contributions. Although her employment prevented her from being able to join me on many of my travels, she was always with me in spirit.

IN CONCLUSION

It has indeed been an honor and I am humbled to have been able to serve as your Grand Master. This year, you have given me the most pleasurable memories of my Masonic career. Every Grand Master should be as fortunate as I have been during my term.

In all of my visitations, I have tried to portray and maintain the dignity of the Craft and be as gentle to it as it has been to me.

In closing, I would like to leave you with this final thought. It takes at least one spark plug to make an engine run. For an engine to run smoothly, all spark plugs must be working at their finest. Our Masonic organizations are much the same as that engine. We need all the spark plugs firing. Find those spark plugs within your Lodge and nourish them that they may make it possible for your organization to operate as a well oiled machine.

I thank you again my Brethren for the opportunity to serve you, and may God Bless this Grand Lodge.

Fraternally,

Don G. Chaffin II
Grand Master

APPENDIX

This Appendix lists the official acts of the Grand Master during the period of February 4, 2000 through February 2, 2001.

Special Actions

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| May 22, 2000 | Issued an edict to encourage all Masons to wear their Masonic aprons when attending any youth functions |
| September 12, 2000 | Issued an edict for all Constituent Lodge to drape their Charter for 30 days following the death of MW Byron C. Jenkins, Past Grand Master of Nebraska. |
| January 17, 2000 | Issued an edict for all Constituent Lodges to drape their Charter for 30 days following the death of MW E. L. "Roy" Foss, Past Grand Master of Washington. |
| January 30, 2001 | Approved Bylaws Amendments for Kenai Lodge No. 11 and Iditarod Lodge No. 20. |

Proclamations

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| March 22, 2000 | Proclaimed April as Masonic Public Schools Month in Alaska |
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Dispensations Granted

February 15, 2000	Permission for Kodiak Lodge No. 9 to change their February Stated Communication to February 28 th due to conflict with President's Day
April 5, 2000	Permission for Fairbanks Lodge No. 12 to change time of April Stated Communication to 8:00 p.m. due to conflict with Scottish Rite Maundy Thursday Ceremonies
April 7, 2000	Permission for Kenai Lodge No. 11 to appear in public clothed as Masons for their Public Schools presentation.
November 14, 2000	Permission for White Pass Lodge No. 1 to change their November Stated Meeting due to bad weather.
November 28, 2000	Permission for Iditarod Lodge No. 20 to hold their Installation of Officers on December 9, 2000 at the Masonic Temple in Palmer.
December 5, 2000	Permission for Seward Lodge No. 6 to change their December Stated Meeting to December 12 due to bad weather.
January 12, 2001	Permission for Kenai Lodge No. 11 to return the fees on a Petition for Dual Membership prior to balloting since the petitioner has moved out of the area.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS AND OTHER MEETINGS

2000

February	9	Tanana Lodge No. 3
	10	Fairbanks Scottish Rite
	13	Fairbanks Chapter No. 18 – Audit and Budget Meeting
	17 - 22	Conference of Grand Masters – Savannah, Georgia
	27	Golden heart Table Lodge Practice
	29	Farthest North Shrine Club Lunch
March	2 – 5	Grand Royal Arch Sessions - Soldotna
	7	Farthest North Shrine Club Lunch
	9	Glacier Lodge No. 10 – Official Visitation
	10	Forget-Me-Not Chapter High Twelve - Anchorage
	10	Anchorage Scottish Rite
	15	Farthest North Shrine Club Lunch
	20	North Pole Lodge No. 16
	21	Fairbanks York Rite
	22	Tanana Lodge No. 3 Funeral Service
	26	Golden Heart Table Lodge Practice
	28	Farthest North Shrine Club Lunch
	29	Sessions and Arrangements Meeting
April	3	Eagle River Lodge No. 13 – Official Visitation

	4	Matanuska Lodge No. 7 – Official Visitation
	5	Valdez Lodge No. 4 – Official Visitation
	7	Fairbanks Scottish Rite
	11	Sojourners Chapter No. 369
	12	Nugget Rainbow Assembly No. 13 – Anchorage
	12	Anchorage Lodge No. 17 – Official Visitation
	14 – 16	Scottish Rite Workshop – San Diego, California
	17	North Pole Lodge No. 16 – Official Visitation
	18	Farthest North Shrine Club Lunch
	18	Fairbanks York Rite
	19	Tanana Lodge No. 3 – Official Visitation
	20	Fairbanks Scottish Rite – Maundy Thursday
	20	Fairbanks Lodge No. 12 – Official Visitation
	22	Farthest North Shrine Kids Party
	24	Sessions and Arrangements Meeting
	25	Farthest North Shrine Club Lunch
	25	Farthest North Shrine Club Meeting
	28	Fairbanks Chapter No.18, O.E.S., Deputy to MWGM in Northern Alaska
	29	Golden Heart Table Lodge
May	1	Anchorage OES Chapter No. 8
	2	Anchorage Lodge No. 17 – Coffee
	2	Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8 – Official Visitation
	2	Al Aska Shrine Lunch
	3	Aurora Lodge No. 15 – Official Visitation
	4	Mt. McKinley Lodge NO. 5
	5	Anchorage York Rite College No. 120
	6	District #3 Meeting
	6	Anchorage Lodge No. 17 – Ladies Night Dinner
	8 – 9	Western Conference of Grand Masters – Sitka, Alaska
	10	Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18 – Official Visitation
	11	Ketchikan Lodge No. 169
	12	Tongass Lodge No. 19 – Official Visitation
	15	Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 124 – EA Degree
	16	Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 124
	18	Iditarod Lodge No. 20 – Official Visitation
	19	Anvil Lodge No. 2 – Official Visitation
	20	Grand Masters One-Day Ritual Class – Nome
	22	Denali OES Chapter No. 16
	24	White Pass Lodge No. 1 – Official Visitation
	25	Official Visit of MW William Carter – Whitehorse, Y.T.
June	1 - 2	Grand Lodge of Oregon – Portland
	7 – 9	Grand Lodge of Washington – Wenatchee
	21	Three – Lodge Picnic for Rainbow Girls - Fairbanks

	21 – 25	Rainbow Grand Assembly – Fairbanks
	25	Farthest North Shrine Club Picnic
July	1 – 6	Imperial Legion Session – Boston
	11	Arctic Chapter DeMolay – Installation
	15	Rainbow Assembly No. 1 – Installation
	23	Anchorage Lodge No. 17 – Fishing Trip
August	5	DeMolay Legion of Honor Investiture
	10 – 12	Grand Court of Amaranth – Fairbanks
	17	Fairbanks Lodge No. 12
	19	Al Aska Shrine Masonic Unity Day – Anchorage
	24	Fairbanks Lodge No. 12
September	9	Northern Jurisdiction OES Meeting – Anchorage
	11	Kodiak Lodge No. 9 – Official Visitation
	12	Seward Lodge No. 6 – Official Visitation
	13	Sterling Lodge Masonic Club
	14	Kenai Lodge No. 11 – Official Visitation
	15	Anchorage York Rite
	16	Anchorage Lodge No.17 – Lodge Rededication
	20	Sessions and Arrangements Meeting
	29 – 30	Anchorage Chapter No. 3 Royal Arch Festival
October	3	Sessions and Arrangements Meeting
	8 – 10	Grand Lodge of West Virginia – Charleston
	13	Osiris Shrine Temple – Wheeling, West Virginia
	16	Wellsburg Lodge No. 2 – West Virginia
	17	Cameron Lodge No. 17 – West Virginia
	18	Beallsville Lodge No. 237 – Pennsylvania
	26 – 28	Grand Lodge of Ohio – Cincinnati
	28 – 31	General Grand Chapter OES Triennial – Detroit, Michigan
November	1	General Grand Chapter OES Triennial – Detroit, Michigan
	2	Lafayette Lodge No. 241 – Washington
	7	Farthest North Shrine Club Lunch
	8	Tanana Lodge No. 3
	9	Fairbanks Scottish Rite
	12 – 14	Grand Lodge of Nevada
	21	Farthest North Shrine Club Lunch
	21	Fairbanks York Rite
	24	Fairbanks Chapter No. 18 – OES
	29	Tanana Lodge No. 3
December	4	North Pole Lodge No. 16 – Installation
	2	Farthest North Shrine Club Lunch
	11	Fairbanks Chapter No. 18 – OES

	12	Farthest North Shrine Club Lunch
	12	Sojourners Chapter No. 369
	13	Tanana Lodge No. 3
	16	Fairbanks Chapter No. 18 OES – Audit and Budget
	16	Al Aska Shrine Stated meeting
	16	Shrine White Christmas Ball
	17	OES Chapter 6 and OES Chapter 19 – Joint Installation
	18	North Pole Lodge No. 16
	19	Farthest North Shrine Club Lunch
	19	Fairbanks York Rite Bodies – Installation
	20	Fairbanks Lodge No. 12 – Installation
	26	Farthest North Shrine Club Lunch
	27	Tanana Lodge No. 3 – Installation
	30	Will Rogers Camp, Heroes of '70 – Bivouac
2001		
January	3	Al Aska Shrine Lunch
	2	Anchorage Lodge No. 17 – Installation
	3	Al Aska Shrine Reception of Visiting Dignitaries – Anchorage
	4	Al Aska Shrine Chief Raban's Reception – Anchorage
	5	Al Aska Shrine Elections
	6	Potentate's Ball – Anchorage
	9	Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8 – Master Mason Degree
	10	Al Aska Shrine Lunch
	10	Anchorage Lodge No. 17
	11	Fairbanks Lodge Scottish Rite
	13	Polaris Court No. 2, Order of the Amaranth – Installation
	14	Fairbanks Rainbow Assembly No. 1 – Installation
	14	Arctic Chapter DeMolay – Installation
	15	North Pole Lodge No. 14
	16	Mt. Juneau – Gastineaux Lodge No. 21 – Endorse Charter
	17	Juneau Shrine Club Lunch
	17	Juneau Scottish Rite Bodies – Installation
	18	Fairbanks Lodge No. 12
	20	Golden Heart Table Lodge – Fairbanks
	24	Grand Lodge Finance Committee Meeting – Anchorage
	26	Fairbanks Chapter No. 18, OES
	31	Grand Lodge Special Communication – Fairbanks
February	1-2	Grand Lodge of Alaska – Fairbanks

Communications Attended by Others as Representatives of the Grand Master

June 2 - 3, 2000	Grand Lodge of Alberta, by VW William H. Lefferson
June 12 – 14, 2000	Grand Lodge of Russia, by MW John H. Grainger

October 14, 2000	Constitution of Pacific Rim Lodge No. 12, by RW Charles E. Corbin
October 16 – 17, 2000	Grand Lodge of Kentucky, by VW Mitchell R. Miller
December 6 – 7, 2000	Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, by MW John H. Grainger

Most Worshipful Grand Master Don Chaffin, indicated that after attending an outdoor degree in Alaska in the summer, he decided that there should be an Alaskan version of the private and public grand honors (modeled after the swatting of mosquitoes) bestowed upon our visiting brothers and dignitaries. Most Worshipful Grand Master demonstrated these honors to the Grand Lodge and indicated that any out of state visiting brethren to the various Masonic Lodges in the State of Alaska be afforded these private and public honors.

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.

In preparing the Annual Report for this Annual Communication, I would first like to compliment many of the Secretaries for their excellent work this year. You of all people are the backbone of your Lodge and I truly appreciate your hard work. I would like to offer my personal thanks Very Worshipful Brother Ray Tidwell for his many years of service to Valdez Lodge No. 4 as their Secretary. Very Worshipful Brother Ray retired this year as their Secretary and I appreciate the fine work he has done over the many, many years.

As required by the Code, I must report that Anvil Lodge No. 2, Seward Lodge No. 6, and Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8 did not submit all of their paperwork by the deadline and I was required to instruct these Lodges to file “No Change” Reports regardless of the activities so I could close the Grand Lodge Records. Any activity that did occur will be submitted on future reports. I do have a concern about the paperwork in two of our Lodges. Anvil Lodge No. 2 and Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8 have not filed any Monthly Reports since 1998 other than no changes. I hope I am able to get this backlog corrected soon after Grand Lodge as possible. Also, Anvil Lodge No. 2 is still owing their 1999 Per Capita Assessment.

Looking at the Status of Lodges this year, it is one of the proverbial “Good News – Bad News” situations. The bad news, as most jurisdictions, we continue to lose members. The good news is however, that we were very pleased to see Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge affiliate with the Grand Lodge of Alaska and as previously reported, the Grand Master went to Juneau on January 16th to formally endorse their Charter. There was an outstanding turnout of Grand Lodge Officers and other dignitaries to witness that ceremony. We were fortunate to have the Grand Master of Washington join us in Juneau also. The brothers of Juneau seem very excited about joining their brothers in Alaska. I know everyone looks forward to their work among us.

The various aspects of the Financial Section will be explained by the Finance Committee. One of the recommendations will be to make some changes in the administration of our Life Membership, hopefully being able to improve our yearly return on that fund.

It has been my pleasure to work with each of the Elected Grand Lodge Officers again this year. The Grand Master was very helpful in his re-evaluation of the Grand Representatives and I thank him for the time and effort that went into that project. Also, a special thanks to our Grand Treasurer. His many hours of work go largely unheralded. Let me publicly thank him for his hard work and dedication. I could not close upon my report again without offering my thanks to my wife, Linda and my daughter, Katie. They

both were always there when they were needed. I offer my appreciation to the members of this Jurisdiction for the honor of serving as your Grand Secretary. I know we have a bright future for Masonry in Alaska.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Richard D. Bender
Grand Secretary

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

Grand Master: It is accepted

STATUS OF LODGES

	Lodge No.	Elected Only	Initiated	On File EOY	Passed	On File EOY	Raised	On file EOY	Members 1-1-97	MM Proficiency	Affiliates	Dual Members	Reinstated	Consolidate	Other	Total Gain	Deaths	Dimitis	NPD	Suspensions	Expulsions	Other	Total Loss	Net Gain / (Loss)	Members 12-31-97
White Pass	1		2						87		1					1	1						1	0	87
Anvil	2								43							0							0	0	43
Tanana	3		6	13	4	4	4	4	298	4	1	2	1			8	14	3	3				20	(12)	286
Valdez	4		1	6		5		1	66	1		2				3							0	3	69
Mt. McKinley	5			3					44							0	3	1					4	4)	40
Seward	6			1					44							0							0	0	44
Matanuska	7		2	15	2	1	2	9	115	1		1				2	1	1	11				13	(11)	104
Mt. Susitna	8			11		1		11	153							0							0	0	153
Kodiak	9		1	3		1			77							0	2	2					4	(4)	73
Glacier	10		4	16	3	2	3		244	2	1	1				4	2	1	5				8	(4)	240
Kenai	11		4	8	2	1		1	115	3		2				5	2	1	2				5	0	115
Fairbanks	12		1	3			2		93	3		2	3			8	1	5					6	2	95
Eagle River	13		3	7	2		3	1	78	1		1				2							0	2	80
Aurora	15		2		5		3	1	59	4	1					5	2						2	3	62
North Pole	16			3		1	2	4	44	2		4				6		2					2	4	48
Anchorage	17		3	3	1		4	2	284	2	1	2	1			6	11		6				17	(11)	273
Mr. Verstovia	18		2		1	1	1		64	1						1							0	1	65
Tongass	19		3		1	2	1		29	3	1					4	2						2	2	31
Iditarod	20		4	1	2	1	2	2	124	2		1				3	1	1	4				6	(3)	121
Totals			38	94	23	20	27	36	2061	29	6	18	5	0	0	58	42	17	31	0	0	0	90	(32)	2029

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO MOST WORSHIPFUL EARL FOSS AND MOST WORSHIPFUL BYRON JENKINS

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Brethren, it is our sad duty to say goodbye to two distinguished members of our Fraternity. While we mourn the loss of our true and faithful Brothers, we must be ever thankful for having been allowed the opportunity to labor in the quarries and trod the pathways with these Brothers who by their quiet peaceful nature, exemplary character, and participation in the labors of our Craft so typified the three great tenants of our profession: Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

From time immemorial it has been a custom of the society of Free and Accepted Masons on proper request to perform a fitting memorial in memory of a departed Brother. In conformance of this ancient usage and in accordance with our loving duty to our Brother, we are assembled here as Masons to offer tribute to our affection and to testify before the world our faith in the Almighty Father and his beneficent goodness to us, his children. With becoming reverence, then let us pray as we pay our respects to our departed Brothers.

Almighty and eternal god, in whom we live and move and have our faith, we beseech thee to be present with us in this hour and during all the days of our earthly life.

Lead us by the hand of love, point out to us the bad point of being, pour out Thy continual blessing upon the relatives and friends of our departed Brothers, and leave him to move that his way to greet him in the world where life and bliss are eternal.

Grant us Thy divine assurance Most Worshipful God to redeem our misspent time and in the important duties Thou has assigned to us in the erection of our spiritual temple.

Give us wisdom to direct us, strength to support us, and to be with your holiness to have known our labors and render them acceptable in Thy sight so that when our labors here on earth are ended, we may join our Brothers and Thee amidst the radiance and spender of eternal truth. Amen

So Mote It Be.

We are standing in the presence of the great mystery we call death. The roll of the workmen has been called and another has not answered his name. Our Brother has been overtaken by that fate which must sooner or later take us all. And, which neither: power nor station; virtue nor bravery; wealth not honor; nor tears of the kindred and friends can avert.

There are Brothers who have passed beyond our mortal view yet we can trustingly leave them in the hands of a beneficent being. We do with, all things well, who was glorious in his holiness, wondrous in his power, and boundless in his goodness and love.

May we, my Brothers, who have left behind go forth with a firm resolution to cultivate the spirit of truth and brotherly love, those virtues which when subjected to the chastening fires of time alone remain unconsumed in all their strength and beauty.

Finally, brothers, we bid thee farewell with firm faith in the Supreme Grand Master of the universe. We know that we shall meet again. Until then dear friends and brothers, until then farewell.

Lord bless us and keep us.

Lord lift up his face unto us and be gracious unto us.

Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon us and give us peace, now and evermore.

Amen.

So Mote It Be.

Brethren, let us pray.

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

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

May Thou bestow upon us the strength and wisdom to complete our tasks here on Thy earthly kingdom. Grant us strength in our resolve to dedicate the remainder of our lives to the cause of Masonry and to building Thy kingdom here on earth, and thus may our lives be a living memorial to our departed Brothers. Amen

So Mote It Be.

HISTORY OF GRAND LODGE OF ALASKA GRAND MASTER'S JEWEL BY MW JOHN C. INGRAM, SR., PGM

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Brothers, I got to say something that's important to somebody.

When I was filling the term of our Grand Master Buck Hazen, who passed away in 1983, I, with several other Grand Master's traveled across the country, back and forth, from the rocky coast of Maine where "we parked our cah by the haabaa and waatched the shaarks in the waata," down in the deep South where they tried to convince me to save the Confederate money because the South will rise again. We went over the beautiful lands of dreams, or the home of the fruits and nuts in California. They tried to convince us to stop and spend a little more time and change the brown desert into green in the beautiful State of Nevada under those blue clear skies. As we traveled in a Masonic circle up to the beautiful emerald city of Seattle in the great Pacific Northwest admiring our whole beautiful country. And, when we got home, back home, there was one thing missing.

In our many travels, and our colleagues will back me up, we never had a Grand Master's jewel. They wore some fancy jewels on their collars, but Alaska needed a Grand Master's jewel. Low and behold, I was in possession of a part of a jewel like that, used to be a past master of a Blue Lodge.

With the help of Worshipful Brother Bill Miller, Worshipful Brother Wendal Kuecker, and above all our late Brother Ben Robertson, went into Federal Way and they knew a Brother craftsman, artist that would put this jewel together for us, for the Grand Master's jewel of Alaska.

I know that this is the first time that some of you Brothers have been to a Grand Lodge session and I know also many of you do not know where your Grand Master's jewel came from. I'm very honored to be the first Grand Master to wear it and all of Grand Masters since 1983 have worn it, and you brothers are entitled to know where your Grand Master's jewel came from. And, I've ... you can boo, or hurray, or applaud. We've got a Grand Master's jewel that we're proud of and very honored of our Grand Masters who wear it, as again our Grand Master Don Chaffin did again this year.

Thank you Grand Master for allowing me to bring this to the Brother's attention. Now they know

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Most Worshipful Grand Master,

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

On November 1, 1997 the Grand Lodge of Newfoundland and Labrador was consecrated by Lord Farnham and a delegation from the United Grand Lodge of England in St. John's, Newfoundland. Also present was Lord Burton with a delegation from the Grand Lodge of Scotland and representatives from eighteen Grand Lodges from Canada and the United States. The new Grand Lodge of Newfoundland and Labrador is comprised of lodges that were originally chartered by the United Grand Lodge of England and/or the Grand Lodge of Scotland. They meet all the standards of regularity as specified by the Commission on Recognition of the Grand Master's Conference of North America and as such are entitled to recognition by this Grand Lodge.

This Grand Lodge did in fact grant tentative recognition to the Grand Lodge of Newfoundland and Labrador on April 2, 1998 pending a written request for recognition. That request apparently was lost in the mail and never received. It probably got misdirected to Arkansas or Alabama, or some other such place as mail sometimes does, especially if they just put "AK" on there.

We now have a copy of the request for recognition from the Grand Lodge of Newfoundland and Labrador. The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Newfoundland and Labrador is Most Worshipful Brother Herman W. Starts and the Grand Secretary is Right Worshipful Brother George Cull. The mailing address is:

P.O. Box 23018
St. John's, Newfoundland
Canada, A1B4J9
The telephone and fax number is:
Area code (709) – 754 6520.

I request that this report be received for the record Grand Master.

Most Worshipful Grand Master: It is received.

I also request that permanent recognition be extended to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Most Worshipful Grand Master: Motion made, seconded.

Fraternally submitted,

MW Henry T. Dunbar, Chairman
VW L. V. "Joe" Dees

Note: This motion was approved unanimously.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Credentials Committee -- Ballot Issue and Appeal Procedures

The following criteria cover who may receive a ballot for a communication of the Grand Lodge of Alaska.

1. All Master Masons who are in good standing with a Grand Lodge of Alaska constituent lodge and are a Past Master, Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, or Junior Warden of a Grand Lodge of Alaska constituent lodge are entitled to a ballot.
2. All Master Masons who are in good standing with a Grand Lodge of Alaska constituent lodge and are a Past Master or Past Grand Master of a constituent lodge under a Grand Lodge which grants reciprocal voting rights to the Grand Lodge of Alaska are entitled to a ballot.
3. All Master Masons who are in good standing with a Grand Lodge of Alaska constituent lodge and who hold a duly sealed proxy from the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, or Junior Warden of a Grand Lodge of Alaska constituent lodge will be issued the ballot that officer is entitled to. In the event a properly completed and sealed proxy form is not available, or the form is refused by the Credentials Chairman, the Master Mason may appeal to the Grand Master for credential and ballot issue (see 6 below).
4. A Master Mason who is also an appointed Grand Lodge Officer of the Grand Lodge of Alaska is entitled to a ballot for the communication during which he is an appointed Grand Lodge Officer.
5. A Master Mason must display a signed dues card from a Grand Lodge of Alaska constituent lodge for the current year to be issued a ballot. In the event no dues card can be displayed, the Master Mason may appeal to the Grand Master for credential and ballot issue (see 7 below).
6. **Appeal to the Grand Master (Improper Proxy)** -- If a proxy form is refused due to lack of signature or seal or any other reason, a facsimile or copy of the information not properly submitted may be substituted and credentials and ballot issued only upon appeal to the Grand Master and his written instruction to the Credentials Committee to issue the ballot and credentials.
7. **Appeal to the Grand Master (no dues card)** -- If a Master Mason does not have a current dues card from a Grand Lodge of Alaska constituent lodge, but meets all other criteria for being issued credentials and a ballot, he may have the Secretary or Master of that lodge attest that he is a member in good standing, and appeal to the Grand Master for a waiver. The Grand Master may then instruct the Credentials Committee to issue the ballot and credentials to that Master Mason.

Approved by the Grand Master

Date

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

	Total Number of Ballots
Grand Lodge	25
White Pass Lodge No. 1	4
Anvil Lodge No. 2	2
Tanana Lodge No. 3	16
Valdez Lodge No. 4	2
Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5	2
Seward Lodge No. 6	5
Matanuska Lodge No. 7	8
Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8	5
Kodiak Lodge No. 9	5
Glacier Lodge No. 10	10
Kenai Lodge No. 11	7
Fairbanks Lodge No. 12	9
Eagle River Lodge No. 13	7
Aurora Lodge No. 15	3
North Pole Lodge No. 16	6
Anchorage Lodge No. 17	5
Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18	4
Ketchikan Lodge No. 19	3
Iditarod Lodge No. 20	7
Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21	6
Voided Ballots	0
Total	141

Respectfully submitted,

Howard R. McElrath (4) Chairman

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master: It is accepted.

APPOINTMENT OF REGULAR COMMITTEES

Standing Committees

Jurisprudence

- MW Leslie R. Little, PGM (10, 15) Chairman
- MW Fred V. Angleton, PGM (2, 11)
- MW Frank W. Erie, PGM (3, 12)
- MW Stanley R. Foulke, PGM (2)
- VW V. Clifford Darnell, PDD (8, 13, 20)

Grievance & Appeals

- MW Howard N. Hobbs, PGM (10, 13, 15, 20) Chairman
- MW Thomas O. Mickey HPGM (1, 3)
- VW Mitchell R. Miller (3, 12)

Finance

- Bro. Michael Johnston (15) Chairman
- MW Gunnar Flygenring, PGM (10)
- RW Steve Lee (15)
- W G. Rex Plunkett (7, 10)
- Bro. Patrick R. Williams (15)

Fraternal Relations

- MW Henry T. Dunbar, PGM (10, 17) Chairman
- VW L. V. "Joe" Dees (13)

Research & Education

- W William A. Hendricks (16) Chairman
- W William R. Little (2)
- W George T. Weaver (12)

Credentials

- W Howard McElrath (4) Chairman
- W Theodore M. Cadman (10)
- W William B. Clucas
- W Marvin B. Fitzpatrick (10)
- W Scott Thompson (10, 15, 17)

Masonic Public Relations

- Bro. Jack Coghill (3) Chairman
- W David DeLong (12)
- W Robert B. Molloy (20)
- W Kelly P. Swihart (8)

Masonic Youth

- VW Robert L. Fulton (6, 10, 11) Chairman
- W Frank H. Bird (7, 20)
- W Charles E. Rhea, III (10)
- W Russell W. Sanders (7, 20)
- Bro. Vernon C. Hughes (3) Advisor

Bylaws

- VW Will R. Josey (17) Chairman
- W Harry E. Casson
- W Allan J. Morrison (1)
- W Jens W. Noet (2)

Public Schools

- Bro. John B. "Jack" Coghill (3) Chairman
- W Robert D. Davidson (15)
- W William J. Goodwin, Jr. (7, 20)
- W Robert B. Malloy (20)

Long-Range Planning

- MW Don G. Chaffin, GM (3, 12, 16) Chairman
- RW Charles E. Corbin (7, 20)
- RW Steven L. Cox (3, 12)
- RW Kenneth E. Stedman (18)
- RW Steve Lee (15)
- RW Richard D. Bender (10)
- MW Raymond L. Beaver, PGM (3, 10, 15)
- VW Douglas W. Ooms (12)
- VW Robert R. Wiseman (11)
- VW Michael B. Swensen (17)
- VW Ken R. Creamer (9, 18)
- VW Harry J. Koenen (7, 20)

Sub Committees

Charters & Dispensations

- MW John C. Ingram, PGM (6, 11) Chairman
- VW Thomas A. Leslie (1, 19)
- VW L. Tom Smotherman (18, 19)
- W James R. Griffith (13)
- W Emil F. "Fred" Lentz (9)
- W James R. Ujioka (4)

Sessions & Arrangements

- VW Douglas W. Ooms (12) Chairman
- VW Monte R. Ervin (3, 12)

VW William E. Oldham (12, 16)
W William B. Clucas (3, 12, 16)
W James LeFlore (16)
W John J. Lincoln (3)
W Samuel K. Medsker (3)

Chemical Dependency

MW Raymond L. Beaver, PGM (3, 10, 15) Chairman
W Ronald J. Dupree (3)
W Terrence B. Quarton (7, 17, 20)

Publications

Bro. Benerito M. Angel (3) Chairman
W Glen E. Josey (8, 17)
W Scott Thompson (10, 15, 17)
Bro. Patrick R. Williams (15)

Warden's Charge

MW Leslie R. Little, PGM (10, 15, 22) Chairman
RW Stephen L. Cox (3, 12)
W Robert E. MacArthur (17)
W Marty W. Parsons (1, 19)
RW Charles E. Corbin (Advisor)

Russian Relations

MW John Grainger, PGM (1, 19) Chairman
RW Charles E. Corbin (7, 20) Co-Chairman
VW Robert L. Fulton (6, 10, 11)
W Roger A. Barnstead (18)
W William Goodwin (7, 20)
W James R. Griffith (13)
W Donald A. Witsoe (17, 20)
Bro. Benerito M. Angel (3) Advisor
Bro. J. B. Carnahan (12) Advisor
Bro. John R. Richardson (19) Advisor
W Larry D. Wright (7, 20) Advisor

Internet

RW Steven L. Cox (3, 12) Chairman
Bro. Nathan D. Esteban (11, 20) Webmaster
MW Don G. Chaffin, GM (3, 12, 16) Advisor

Awards

MW Stanley R. Foulke, PGM (2) Chairman
MW Gene R. Freeman, PGM (3, 12, 16)

Wills & Endowments

MW Stanley R. Foulke, PGM (2) Chairman
MW Gene R. Freeman, PGM (3, 12, 16)

George Washington Masonic Memorial

MW Lloyd W. Triggs, PGM (3, 16) Chairman

Military Recognition

MW Stanley R. Foulke, PGM (2) Chairman
W George W. Earp (16)

Grand Lodge Photographers

W George Steck (3)
W Paul A. Godwin (8, 13))
W John P. Grady (17))
W Robert E. MacArthur (17)
W Darrell C. McSpadden (3, 12, 16)

Segregations and References

MW John C. Ingram, PGM (6, 11)
MW Henry T. Dunbar, PGM (10, 17, 20)
MW Wendal H. Kuecker, HPGM (11)

Deputies of the Grand Master

District 1 VW Douglas W. Ooms (12)
District 2 VW Robert R. Wiseman (11)
District 3 VW Michael B. Swensen (17)
District 4 VW Ken R. Creamer (9, 18)
District 5 VW Harry J. Koenen (7, 20)

REPORTS OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business was discussed.

MOTIONS

RW Charles Corbin, Grand Master elect, made a motion to have an open installation at 4:00 P.M. February 2, 2001.

Motion made, seconded, and passed

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2001-1

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To change the number of black cubes required to reject a petition

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, we have seen or heard of cases where a petitioner has been rejected by one dissenting vote because of a private pique or quarrel or for revenge; and,

WHEREAS, if a candidate has a serious flaw in his character, it is usually known by more than one member of the Lodge; and,

WHEREAS, the merits and/or demerits of a petitioner are usually discussed among several members of the Investigating Committee; and,

WHEREAS, any member of a lodge who has knowledge about a petitioner that should be brought to the attention of the Lodge is free to share this knowledge with the Master and/ or Investigating Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 19.06 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

Section 19.06 Bylaw

BALLOTING. A ballot on a petition for the degrees or for affiliation may be taken only at a Stated Communication. The ballot must be unanimous in its favor or the petition is declared rejected.

Be amended to read:

Section 19.06 Bylaw

BALLOTING. A ballot on a petition for the degrees or for affiliation may be taken only at a Stated Communication. **Two or more Black Cubes are required for a petition to be declared rejected.**

Respectfully submitted,

Harry J. Koenen, PM (7, 20)	Philip S. Lee (15)
Stanley L. Woodin, PM (3, 7, 20)	Russell W. Sanders, PM (7, 20)
John R. Cline, WM (7)	Don Witsoe, WM (20)
Frank H. Bird, PM (7, 20)	Raymond A. Gallant, WM (15)
Roger K. Hansen, PM (7, 20)	Charles O. Ashcraft, PM (10, 17)
Lee O. Seagondollar, PM (7)	

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

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

Note: This resolution failed to receive a majority vote and was rejected.

Resolution 2001-2

To Amend Sections 14.03 and 14.04 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code.

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

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

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, newly initiated Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Masons have energy and enthusiasm toward Masonry and are assets to a Lodge; and,

WHEREAS, it generally takes several months before newly initiated Masons are passed to the Sublime degree of a Master Mason and their enthusiasm wanes as they languish in obscurity; and

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

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

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

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

Section 14.03 Bylaw

BUSINESS ON THIRD DEGREE AT STATED COMMUNICATION.

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

Be amended to read:

Section 14.03 Bylaw

LODGE BUSINESS. Lodge business is transacted and balloting may only be done at a Stated Communication. The Worshipful Master may open the Lodge and transact the business of the Lodge on any Degree. Master Masons who are members in good standing of that Lodge are the only members present who may vote on lodge business.

And, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT Section 14.04 which now reads:

Section 14.04 Bylaw

VOTING BY ALL MEMBERS. All members present must ballot on the following questions:

1. A petition for the degrees or for affiliation;
2. The acceptance or rejection of charges for a Masonic trial; and
3. The expulsion or suspension of a member.

A member, by unanimous consent, may be excused from balloting on No. 1. A vote of all members present is not required on other business matters.

Be amended to read,

Section 14.04 Bylaw

VOTING BY ALL MEMBERS. All members present who are members in good standing of the Lodge must ballot on the following questions:

1. A petition for the degrees or for affiliation;
2. The acceptance or rejection of charges for a Masonic trial; and
3. The expulsion or suspension of a member.

A member, by unanimous consent, may be excused from balloting on No. 1. A vote of all members present is not required on other business matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry J. Koenen, PM (7, 20)
Stanley L. Woodin, PM (3, 7, 20)
John R. Cline, WM (7)
Frank H. Bird, PM (7, 20)
Roger K. Hansen, PM (7, 20)
Lee O. Seagondollar, PM (7)
Philip S. Lee (15)
Russell W. Sanders, PM (7, 20)
Don Witsoe, WM (20)
Raymond A. Gallant, WM (15)
Charles O. Ashcraft, PM (10, 17)

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 failed to received majority vote but a tie vote (54 for and 54 against) was cast and the Grand Master cast the deciding vote in accordance with Section 7.03 of the Alaska Masonic Code and the resolution is a Carryover Resolution.

Resolution 2001-3

To Add a New Section to the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To preclude any member from committing this Grand Lodge to the expenditure of funds beyond that which is budgeted.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, this Grand Lodge is still in relative infancy, and has Been able, through the perseverance of our several dedicated Grand Secretaries and the Committees on Finance, to build our net worth to what it is today, and

WHEREAS, we must diligently strive to preserve and grow our finances through strict budgeting; and

WHEREAS; it is not clear as to what extent a Grand Master or other Grand Lodge officer may commit Grand Lodge funds,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a new Section 10.06 Budget be added, to read as follows:

Section 10.06 Bylaw

Budget. A Grand Master or any other Grand lodge officer may not commit this Grand Lodge to expend any funds unless provision for said expenditure shall be included in the proposed annual budget for the current year, or if he shall have received advance written approval for said expenditure in from the Committee on Finance. A request for a non-budgeted expenditure must be submitted in writing to the Committee on Finance, and must request a fixed amount.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie R. Little, PGM (10, 11, 15)
Richard D. Bender, PM (10)
Stanley Foulke, PM (2)
Steve Lee, PM (15)

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: Original Resolution amended

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Section 10.06 Bylaw

Budget. No person, including the Grand Master or other Grand Lodge officers shall commit this Grand Lodge to expend any funds unless provision for said expenditure shall be included in the proposed annual budget for the current year. A request for a non-budgeted expenditure must be submitted in writing to the Committee on Finance, and must request a fixed amount.

Respectfully submitted

Leslie R. Little, PGM (10, 11, 15)
Richard D. Bender, PM (10)
Stanley Foulke, PGM (2)
Steve Lee, PM (15)

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: The vote on the floor to amend the resolution was approved;

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

Resolution 2001-4

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to amend the Alaska Monitor and Freemasons Guide. If approved this resolution would allow an optional Apron Lecture to be given when presenting an Entered Apprentice his White Leather Apron.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the Alaska Masonic Code Section 8.01 Constitution Reads in part. Stand Work. The esoteric work, together with the Monitorial Work, as approved by a three-fourths vote of the Grand Lodge, is the Standard Work of this Grand Jurisdiction. Constituent Lodges shall practice this Standard Work and no other; and,

WHEREAS, the Proposed Apron Lecture is the standard work of some Jurisdictions; and,

WHEREAS; this lecture has a very strong and meaningful message; and,

WHEREAS; there are several Constituent Lodges who would like to use the proposed lecture or one similar,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Monitor and Freemasons Guide, Second Edition, page 18, which now reads:

* * * lambskin or white leather apron. It is an emblem of innocence and the badge of a Mason; more ancient than the Golden Fleece or Roman Eagle; and, when worthily worn, more honorable than the Star and Garter, or any other Order that could be conferred upon you, at this time, or at any future period, by King, Prince, Potentate, or any other person, except he be a Mason. It is hoped that you will wear this emblem with equal pleasure to yourself and honor to the Fraternity.

- [It is yours; yours to wear throughout an honorable life and, at your death, to be placed upon the coffin that shall contain your mortal remains, and be with them laid in their final resting-place. Let its pure and spotless surface be to you an ever-present reminder of a purity of life and rectitude of conduct, a never-ending inspiration for nobler deeds, for higher thoughts, for greater achievements; and when at last your weary feet shall have come to the end of life's toilsome journey, may the record of your life and actions be as pure and spotless as this fair emblem.]

Be amended to read:

- * * lambskin or white leather apron. It is an emblem of innocence and the badge of a Mason; more ancient than the Golden Fleece or Roman Eagle; and, when worthily worn, more honorable than the Star and Garter, or any other Order that could be

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OR

***** lambskin or white leather apron. It is an emblem of innocence and the badge of a Mason; more ancient than the Golden Fleece or Roman Eagle; and, when worthily worn, more honorable than the Star and Garter, or any other Order that could be conferred upon you, at this time, or at any future period, by King, Prince, Potentate, or any other person, except he be a Mason. It is hoped that you will wear this emblem with equal pleasure to yourself and honor to the Fraternity.**

It may be that, in the coming years, upon your head shall rest the laurel wreath of victory; or on your breast may be hung the jewels fit to grace the diadem of an Eastern potentate; nay, more that these with light added in the coming light, your ambitious feet may tread round after round the ladder that leads to fame in out mystic circle, and even the purple of our fraternity may rest upon your honored shoulders; but never again from mortal hands shall any honor, so emblematical of purity and perfection, be bestowed upon you as this which I now confer. It is yours to wear throughout an honorable life, and at your death to be placed upon your coffin that holds your earthly remains and with them laid beneath the silent clods of the valley.

Let its pure and spotless surface be to you an ever-present reminder of a purity of life and rectitude of conduct, a never-ending inspiration for nobler deeds, for higher thoughts, for greater achievements. And when at last your weary feet shall have come to the end of life's toilsome journey, and from your nerveless grasp shall drop forever the working tools of life, may the record of your life and actions be as pure and spotless as this fair emblem which I place within your hands, and which is hoped that you will wear with pleasure to yourself and honor to the Fraternity.

And when your trembling soul shall stand before the Grand White Throne, may it be your portion to hear from Him Who sitteth as the Judge Supreme, the welcome words "Well done good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Respectfully submitted,

Robert R. Wiseman PM (11)

NOTE for Finance: If this resolution should pass I see no need to reprint the Alaska Monitor until existing supplies are exhausted and at that time this new and any other section could be added. It should be no trouble for Constituent Lodges that would choose to use this lecture to get a copy of it from the Grand Secretary.

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 Alaska Monitor, it will require a three-fourths majority vote for adoption.

Note: This resolution failed to receive a majority vote cast and was rejected.

Emergent Resolution 2001-01

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To raise needed additional capital.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, for the last few years the proposed expense budgets as submitted for the ensuing Masonic year have collected in excess of expenses over anticipated revenues which trend continuing, and

WHEREAS, such budgeting method is not proper and cannot be allowed to continue indefinitely, and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget for the year 2001 has already been drastically reduced by the Committee on Finance and which budget, as revised, has been recommended for approval at this time, and

WHEREAS, a further cut in proposed expenditures may not be prudent at this time, and

WHEREAS, other sources of additional revenue do not appear available for general operating expenses.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the annual per capita tax assessed against constituent Lodges as Grand Lodge dues be hereby increased to twenty dollars for each Master Mason of the rolls of each constituent Lodge, except for the four exempt categories as reflected in Section 9.04, 3A to 3D inclusive of the said Bylaws. The current dedicated amount will remain the same. (Note: the additional new revenue will approximately be \$5,500 to \$6,000 per annum, i.e. \$2.75 per chargeable member additional)

Respectfully submitted,

Gunnar Flygenring (10)

Steve Lee (15)

This emergent resolution passed and was adopted.

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 who was referred Resolution No. 2001-1, have considered the same and report as follows.

This Resolution is in proper form to be considered by this Grand Lodge.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie R. Little, PGM (10, 11, 15) Chairman

Fred V. Angleton, PGM (2, 11)

Frank W. Erie, PGM (3, 12)

Stanley R. Foulke, PGM (2)

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

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master: It is accepted.

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master: It is moved and seconded.

Note: This resolution failed to receive a majority vote cast and was rejected.

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 who was referred Resolution No. 2001-2, have considered the same and report as follows.

This Resolution is in proper form to be considered by this Grand Lodge.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie R. Little, PGM (10, 11, 15) Chairman

Fred V. Angleton, PGM (2, 11)

Frank W. Erie, PGM (3, 12)

Stanley R. Foulke, PGM (2)

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

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master: It is accepted.

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master: It is moved and seconded.

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

(the following day) Report from the Jurisprudence Committee

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Les Little, Glacier 10.

Yesterday my Brothers, the report of the Jurisprudence Committee that brought up Resolution 2001-2, per Section 7.03, I believe it is, the tie vote, requires the Grand Master to cast the deciding vote. The Grand Master must now at this time cast the deciding vote.

Grand Master: It's nice to have two votes. We cannot have a tie and I am in favor of the resolution, so the resolution is adopted - a carryover, you are right a carryover.

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 who was referred Resolution No. 2001-3, have considered the same and report as follows.

This Resolution is in proper form to be considered by this Grand Lodge.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie R. Little, PGM (10, 11, 15) Chairman

Fred V. Angleton, PGM (2, 11)

Frank W. Erie, PGM (3, 12)

Stanley R. Foulke, PGM (2)

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

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master: It is accepted.

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master: It is moved and seconded.

To amend Resolution No. 2001-3

Delete the words in the beginning sentence starting with "A Grand Master or any other Grand Lodge officer may not" and insert the words, "No person, including the Grand Master or other Grand Lodge officers shall". Further to delete the comma after the word year and insert a period and delete the words "or if he shall have received advance written approval for said expenditure from the Committee on Finance.

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

4th 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 who was referred Resolution No. 2001-4, have considered the same and report as follows.

This Resolution is in proper form to be considered by this Grand Lodge.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie R. Little, PGM (10, 11, 15) Chairman

Fred V. Angleton, PGM (2, 11)

Frank W. Erie, PGM (3, 12)

Stanley R. Foulke, PGM (2)

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

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master: It is accepted.

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master: It is moved and seconded.

Note: This resolution failed to receive a majority vote cast and was rejected.

5th Report

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

In the interest of conserving a little bit of time, we have taken all of the recommendations of the Grand Master's Message and put them into one report.

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

We the Committee on Jurisprudence, to who was referred that portion of the Grand Master's message entitled Recommendations, have considered the same and report as follows.

Recommendation #1 is approved.

Recommendation #2 is not approved. This requires a change to the Constitution and must be submitted by resolution in the normal manner in order to permit prior consideration by the constituent Lodges.

Recommendation #3 is approved.

Recommendation #4 is approved. Section 3.05, Paragraph 9, requires that this be done annually. The Grand Master should direct that the Grand Secretary hire this to be done in order to catch up past proceedings. There is a current budget of \$38,000.

Recommendation #5 is not approved. This Grand Lodge, per Section 1.03, recognizes no concordant body.

Recommendation #6 is not approved. This would limit the prerogative of future Grand Masters to appoint representatives as he deems necessary. The representatives serve at the will and pleasure of the Grand Master.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie R. Little, PGM (10, 11, 15)

Fred V. Angleton, PGM (2, 11)

Frank W. Erie, PGM (3, 12)

Stanley R. Foulke, PGM (2)

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

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master: It is accepted

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master: It is moved, seconded and I table the vote for discussion later.

After discussing those recommendations, that were not approved, with Jurisprudence, I am in agreement with them and will be, per their recommendations, submitting resolutions in the future to take care of those recommendations. Therefore, I am untabling this report and opening this up for discussion.

No discussion.

Note: The Grand Master's Message, as recommended by the Jurisprudence Committee, was approved

6th Report

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

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

Regarding the issue of accepting nominations from the floor for the offices of Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.

Nominations for any office are not proper in this Grand Lodge. The Grand Master may opt for this session, to waive the 120 day requirement for letters of availability.

And, again, I will re-read Section 2.02 as amended last year.

Section 2.02

A person desiring to serve as Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, or Junior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge may, (Note: My brothers the operative word is "may") at least 120 days preceding the Annual Communication, file with the Grand Secretary a Statement of Availability containing a resume of his service to his Symbolic Lodge and to the Grand Lodge. All such Statements must be duplicated and forwarded by the Grand Secretary to all Constituent Lodges for study at least 75 days prior to the next Annual Grand Communication. This action does not preclude the right of the Grand Lodge to elect an eligible member without such statement.

All Lodges should have already known that if anyone desired to put in a Statement of Availability for any of these three offices, they were entitled to do so.

That is the report of the Jurisprudence Committee

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie R. Little, PGM (10, 11, 15) Chairman

Fred V. Angleton, PGM (2, 11)

Frank W. Erie, PGM (3, 12)

Stanley R. Foulke, PGM (2)

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

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master: It is accepted and thank you very much. My brethren, I stand corrected by the Jurisprudence Committee, however, they did say I may waive the 120 day requirement for letters of availability.

Point in bringing this to the floor was that there two offices that were not publicized as having letters of availability. They are correct in that the Master should have notified any members who might be interested in those two positions, that they were not publicized to the Lodges when the resolutions were sent out.

Only one letter of availability was publicized and received responses for the Junior Grand Warden, the letters of availability. Therefore I will not ask for nominations from the floor for the other two. However, I will waive the 120 day requirement for letters of availability until 2:00 P.M. this afternoon and let the Brethren know if anyone is interested in the other two elected positions.

This is not for the Junior Grand Warden but for that what was publicized. And, I also understand that you saying that the sitting Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer are not required or is not necessary for them to submit letters of availability. The brothers need to understand that, the assumption should be that they are available.

As I said in the beginning when I submitted this resolution, I didn't know if they were available as a young Mason sitting on the sidelines, my first time in here and I didn't know who to vote for. Now by brothers you do know who to vote for and by 2:00 P.M., if there is anyone else available, you'll know that. But, the two sitting, am I correct you are available? (Answer -"Correct.") the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer are available and after 2:00 P.M. when I find out if anyone else is available so that I may waive that 120 day requirement because I don't feel proper notice was sent out even though it was put in the Code. I don't think all the Lodges have a current copy of the Code. When I brought this up in Lodge, when the resolution was read, it came as a surprise to those in Lodge that those two positions were available. So, I am waiving that until 2:00 P.M. today.

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 who was referred Emergent Resolution No. 2001 - 01, have considered the same and report as follows.

This Resolution is in proper form to be considered by this Grand Lodge.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie R. Little, PGM (10, 11, 15) Chairman
Fred V. Angleton, PGM (2, 11)
Frank W. Erie, PGM (3, 12)
Stanley R. Foulke, PGM (2)
V. Clifford Darnell, PDD (8, 13, 20)

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

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

Point of interest, this does require a three-fourths majority to adopt.

Note: This resolution received a unanimous vote cast and was adopted.

Grievance and Appeals

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I've been waiting for that and I have a fairly lengthy report. It says:

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

We the Committee on Grievance and Appeals have met long and diligently on the 31st day of January, 2001 and having no matter of grievance or appeal to consider report as follows.

We report that no matter requiring attention of the Committee on Grievance and Appeals have come before this committee and pray for the continuation of this trend.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell R. Miller (3, 12)
Thomas O. Mickey (1, 3)

Thank you sir. I move that this be accepted.

Most Worshipful Grand Master: The report is accepted

Finance

Report of the Grand Treasurer

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

Report of the Finance Committee

1st Report

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, members of the Grand Lodge, Masons all.

The members of your Grand Lodge Finance Committee met to review the financial statements of the year 2000, the budget for the year 2001, and respond to items referred to the Finance Committee during the course of this Session.

The Committee reviewed the proposed operations budget, was the first item on the agenda. I don't believe the Blue Book has been passed out but the budget that is contained therein was the initial budget published and this Committee recommends some drastic adjustments to that budget.

The Committee determined that we must balance our estimated expenses with the estimated revenues that you are going to have or the Grand Lodge cannot survive. We cannot continue to have deficit financing in the operations of the Grand Lodge and that's what has been going on for two or three years. The continued deficits in each annual report are slowly eliminating any general fund equity. Since 1998, the General Fund Reserve equity has decreased from \$122,293 to \$75,317 or \$46,916 due to these annual deficits.

Fiscal responsibility and living within means is the only way to assure the survival of the Grand Lodge. Consequently, the Finance Committee has proposed a revised budget report separate from the Blue Book which you will receive right after, whenever those booklets are released.

They propose reducing the proposed expenditures from \$98,810 to \$58,910 or \$39,100 (ed. note: actually \$39,900. but as indicated on tape-\$39,100) reduction. This was agreed unanimously by the Finance Committee. We labored over every single item on that budget proposal and every one of them we agonized over how we were going to meet the anticipated revenues and match them with the corresponding expenditures and some items are going to affect some of the people in this room and some are not. But, we spent the better part of four hours reviewing every single item on the budget to see where we

could cut or we could increase to meet the needs so that the Grand Lodge can function properly and still go on.

The changes in the proposed 2001 budget have been reviewed by the Deputy Grand Master who is in agreement with the actions and the recommendations of the Finance Committee with respect to the budget for the year 2001. The Chairman reported that the investment fund, good news, increased to \$58,174 of which \$50,000 was being transferred to the Fixed Income Fund to rebalance the Growth Fund and the Value Fund.

That was preliminary. That decision was made a week ago Wednesday. However, after our meeting yesterday, we've reviewed the operating expenses and the costs of investment management fees has been reduced to an estimated \$1,000 for the year 2001. Finance Committee proposes that we close out the Value Fund and the Growth Fund which are separate investment fund portfolios and move them to the Fixed Income Fund and have the Chairman or a member of the Finance Committee invest this in investment securities with Dean Witter and thereby reducing substantially the fees we pay for the other two funds. This should save us between \$7,300 and \$8,500 annually. This effectively takes Grand Lodge out of the market in terms of value funds or technical stocks and growth funds and moves everything into the Fixed Income Group which is performing relatively well.

Now, we were going to be paying in the current year after yesterday's action more money for fixed income so we are probably on new acquisitions, going to lose interest income probably will drop from 8.5 and 9 down to 7 to 7.25. The actions by the Federal Reserve in the last month are going to drastically affect the securities, these fixed income securities. However, during the past two years we've been buying these fixed income securities at below par, and now they are at par or greater than par, so we have some capital gains within the Fixed Income Fund that we will realize in the future.

Secondly, your Finance Committee proposes to totally separate the Life Membership Fund to a separate investment fund managed by a member of the Finance Committee to eliminate the market gyrations which have offered between the Growth and the Value Funds. One year the Growth Fund is high, one year the Value Fund's low and vice versa. We believe this will substantially improve the overall results for the Life Membership Fund from the current year rate of 4.5 % with no back charge

Overall, this Life Membership Fund has not performed as well as we feel it could if it was segregated. In other Masonic organizations of which I've been a party to this, the segregation of the Life Membership Fund had worked out very successfully and we have been able to substantially increase the Life Membership Fund by segregating it from the other funds that are invested.

Third, the Finance Committee recommends the consolidation of the \$2,800 Charity Fund (Arts Scholarship Fund as corrected by the Grand Secretary) and the \$500 DeMolay Fund to be a \$3,300 initial scholarship fund administered annually by the Grand Lodge of Alaska.

Fourth, the Finance Committee endorses the increased proposal in annual per capita fees which has been proposed by two Past Masters of this Grand Lodge and will be introduced later in the Session.

At last Wednesday's session of the Finance Committee, the Grand Secretary presented the Finance Committee with the proposed bylaws of Iditarod Lodge No. 20 F. & A. M. and after some discussion, the Finance Committee recommends for clarification, Article 6, Life Membership Plan, Section 2, should read as follows "The one-time fee will be fifteen times the annual dues," the change we are recommending is "... not including the Grand Lodge assessment for per capita." for clarification purposes only.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Grand Lodge Officers, Grand Lodge Secretary, the Treasurer, and members of the Finance Committee for their help during the year. We plan this current year to meet quarterly so that we can monitor the finances a little bit closer and if you have any comments?

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Johnston (15) Chairman
Gunnar Flygenring (10)
Steve Lee (15)
G. Rex Plunkett (7, 10)
Patrick R. Williams (15)

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master: The report is received.

2nd Report

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Before I give the second report of the Finance Committee, there is a minor item of clarification that I would like to make on brother Mike Johnston's report yesterday, and there is some misunderstanding on the merging of the DeMolay Fund with the Arts Scholarship Fund. Basically, that is the ... DeMolay Fund be merged with and fall within the established guidelines set forth in the Arts Scholarship Fund. I hope that clears that up.

The Second Report on the Finance Committee

We the Committee on Finance to who and pursuant to Section 10.02 Bylaws, Appropriations, Approval of was referred the proposed expense budget for the year 2001, as contained in the Grand Master's and Grand Secretary's Reports. Have examined the same and conclude that we cannot in good conscience recommend its approval. As it

appears that the revenue for the year 2001 is expected to be approximately the same as for the year 2000, i.e. roughly \$60,000, the proposed budget reflects an excess of expenses over revenues of some \$38,000 plus or minus, which we feel is not an acceptable amount.

Even taking into consideration the sum of \$20,000 anticipated dividends and interest is intended to be reinvested in permanent funds, it would still leave a real loss of \$18,000 plus or minus, which is still excessive.

We, therefore, feel obligated to reduce the proposed budget even further and having cut out as much as feel is prudent at this time we are herewith submitting the attached revised budget for the year 2000 (ed note: 2001) for your approval acceptance and that is the paper, 8 ½ x 11 sheet that hopefully everybody picked up yesterday.

Fraternally and respectfully submitted the Committee on Finance.

Michael Johnston (15) Chairman
Gunnar Flygenring (10)
Steve Lee (15)

Grand Master, we also have an Emergent Resolution 2001-01. Reference Section 9.04 paragraph 3, Bylaws Grand Lodge Dues.

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To raise needed additional capital.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, for the last few years the proposed expense budgets as submitted for the ensuing Masonic year have collected in excess of expenses over anticipated revenues which trend continuing, and

WHEREAS, such budgeting method is not proper and cannot be allowed to continue indefinitely, and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget for the year 2001 has already been drastically reduced by the Committee on Finance and which budget, as revised, has been recommended for approval at this time, and

WHEREAS, a further cut in proposed expenditures may not be prudent at this time, and

WHEREAS, other sources of additional revenue do not appear available for general operating expenses.

NOW THEREFOR LET IT BE RESOLVED that the annual per capita tax assessed against constituent Lodges as Grand Lodge dues be hereby increased to twenty dollars for each Master Mason of the rolls of each constituent Lodge, except for the four exempt categories as reflected in Section 9.04, 3A to 3D inclusive of the said Bylaws. The current dedicated amount will remain the same. (Note: the additional new revenue will approximately be \$5,500 to \$6,000 per annum, i.e. \$2.75 per chargeable member additional)

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Johnston (15) Chairman
Gunnar Flygenring (10)
Steve Lee (15)

Report of the Audit Committee

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

Balance Sheet December 31, 2000

ASSETS

Cash in Bank		
Checking - First National Bank	\$ 16,148	
Savings – First national Bank	1,116	
Money Market – Dean Witter	1,158	
Savings – First national Bank	1,448	
Total Cash in Bank		\$ 19,870
A/R Constituent Lodges	\$ 742	
Inventories – Masonic supplies	15,022	
		15,764
Investment		
Dean Witter - Access	\$ 133,000	
Dean Witter, USG Access	116,000	
Individual Investments	209,825	
National Bank of Alaska – 166 Shares	1,330	
Total Investments		460,155
Fixed Assets - Net		6,098
Total Assets		\$501,887

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,465	
Total Current Liabilities		\$ 1,465
Member's Equity		
General Fund	\$75,317	
Permanent Fund	260,944	
Life Membership	85,732	
Dedicated Travel	28,576	
Proceedings, transcription, Printing, & Binding (1)	38,000	
Arts scholarship	2,891	
Martinez Education Fund	634	
Charity Fund	2,800	
Office Equipment	625	
Russian Relations	4,403	
DeMolay Scholarship Fund	500	
		\$ 500,422
Total Liabilities/Equities		\$ 501,887

Notes:

1. transcription of Annual Communications - \$5,000.00

Statement of Income – Calendar Year 2000

	General Fund
INCOME	
Grand Lodge Per Capita *	\$29,605
Bulletin Per Capita	3,441
Petition Income	2,150
Degree Income	475
Dual Member/Affiliation Income	900
George Washington Memorial *	1,198
Sale of Masonic Material - Net	117
Interest and Dividend Income	<u>21,701</u>
Total Income	<u>\$59,587</u>
Annual Communications	\$4,243
Awards Program	95
Bank Charges	-
Depreciation Expense	1,524
Dividend Income Distribution	12,152
Research and Education Committee	(179)
Fraternal Recognition	15
Grand Lodge Officers Travel	10,000
Grand Master's & Grand Secretary's Conference	1,632
Grand Master Expenses	1,000
Grand Master Regalia	781
Grand Master Travel	1,000
Grand Secretary Expenses	2,875
Grand Secretary Travel	600
Insurance	5,905
Investment Management Fee	7,388
Life Membership Distribution	3,547
Member Welfare	-
Masonic Service Association Dues	300
Rent	8,556
Office Salaries	10,000
Office Supplies	940
Postage	900
Printing General Forms	1,828
Reception of Visitors	400
Taxes – Federal Withholding)	1,095
Telephone & Utilities	1,786
Transcription, Printing & Binding of Proceedings	3,500
Warden's Charge	-
Western Conference	224
Grand Lodge Bulletin *	3,372
George Washington Memorial *	<u>1,139</u>
Net Operating Expenses	<u>\$86,618</u>

Net Loss from Operations	<u>\$ (27,031)</u>
Extraordinary item – Annual Communication Expense	5,044
Extraordinary item – Drug Awareness Program - Net	<u>9,638</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u>\$ (41,713)</u>

Operating Budget – General Fund Calendar Year 2000

	BUDGET 2000	2000 ACTUAL EXPENSES	OVER (UNDER) BUDGET
EXPENSES			
Grand Master's Expense Allowance	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -
Grand Master's Travel Allowance	1,000	1,000	-
Grand Lodge Bulletin *	3,500	3,372	(128)
Masonic research and Education Committee	250	(179)	(429)
Arrangements Committee – Annual Communication	3,000	9,287	6,297
Printing and Binding - Proceedings	2,500	2,500	
Insurance	6,000	5,905	(95)
Reception for Visitors	1,000	400	(600)
Past Grand Master's Regalia	800	781	(19)
Charity	100	-	(100)
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SUB TOTAL I	\$19,150	\$24,066	\$4,916
Grand Master's Award Program	\$ 5,00	\$ 95	(\$ 405)
Grand Secretary's Expense Allowance	3,400	2,875	(525)
Grand Secretary's Travel Allowance	600	600	-
Grand Lodge Expenses			
Office Salaries	10,000	10,000	-
Payroll Taxes	1,500	1,095	(405)
Office Rent	8,600	8,556	(44)
Office Supplies and Expenses	900	940	40
Taxes	15	-	(15)
Postage	900	900	-
Transcription of Proceedings	1,000	1,000	-
Warden's Charge	1,200	-	(1,200)
Telephone	1,800	1,786	(14)
Printing Expense (Forms)	2,000	1,828	(172)
Dues Expense			
Committee on Fraternal Relations	15	15	-
Masonic Service Association	300	300	-
George Washington Memorial Association	1,250	1,139	(111)
Grand Master's & Grand Secretary's Conference	480	1,632	1,152
Depreciation Expense	1,500	1,524	24
Miscellaneous Expense – Western Conference	200	224	24
Investment Management Fee	8,500	7,388	(1,112)
Life Membership Fund Dividend	6,000	3,547	(2,453)
Other Funds Dividend – Dividends & LTCG	46,000	12,152	(33,848)
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SUB TOTAL II	\$96,660	\$57,596	\$ (39,064)
Grand Lodge Officer's Travel			
Grand Master	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$ -

Deputy Grand Master	2,000	2,000	-
Senior grand Warden	1,000	1,000	-
Junior Grand Warden	1,000	1,000	-
Grand Secretary	1,000	1,000	-
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SUB TOTAL III	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -
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GRAND TOTALS	\$125,810	\$91,662	\$ (34,148)
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Proposed Budget – General Fund Calendar Year 2001

	2000 BUDGET	2001 PROPOSED BUDGET	INCREASE (DECREASE)
EXPENSES			
Grand Master's Expense Allowance	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -
Grand Master's Travel Allowance	1,000	1,000	-
Grand Lodge Bulletin *	3,500	3,500	-
Masonic research and Education Committee	250	100	(150)
Arrangements Committee – Annual Communication	3,000	3,000	-
Printing and Binding - Proceedings	2,500	2,500	-
Insurance	6,000	6,000	-
Reception for Visitors	1,000	1,000	-
Past Grand Master's Regalia	800	800	-
Charity	100	100	-
SUB TOTAL I	\$19,150	\$19,157	\$ (150)
Grand Master's Award Program	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -
Grand Secretary's Expense Allowance	3,400	3,400	-
Grand Secretary's Travel Allowance	600	600	-
Grand Lodge Expenses			-
Office Salaries	10,000	10,000	-
Payroll Taxes	1,500	1,500	-
Office Rent	8,600	8,600	-
Office Supplies and Expenses	900	950	50
Taxes	15	15	-
Postage	900	1,000	100
Transcription of Proceedings	1,000	1,000	-
Warden's Charge	1,000	1,000	-
Telephone	1,300	1,800	-
Printing Expense (Masonic Forms)	2,000	2,000	-
Dues Expense			
Committee on Fraternal Relations	15	15	-
Masonic Service Association	300	300	-
George Washington Memorial Association *	1,250	1,250	-
Grand Master's & Grand Secretary's Conference	480	480	-
Depreciation Expense	1,500	1,500	-
Miscellaneous Expense	200	200	-
Investment Management Fee	8,500	7,500	(1,000)
Life Membership Fund Dividend	6,000	6,000	-
Other Funds Dividend – Dividends & LTCG	46,000	20,000	(26,000)
SUB TOTAL II	\$96,660	\$69,810	\$ (26,850)
Grand Lodge Officer's Travel			
Grand Master	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$ -

Deputy Grand Master	2,000	2,000	-
Senior grand Warden	1,000	1,000	-
Junior Grand Warden	1,000	1,000	-
Grand Secretary	1,000	1,000	-
SUB TOTAL III	<u>\$ 10,000</u>	<u>\$ 10,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
GRAND TOTALS	\$65,369	\$71,611	\$(27,000)

* This is a portion of the Grand Lodge Assessment and no additional expenditures above that assessment will be made.

Masonic Research and Education

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

Masonic Public Relations

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Grand Master Don Chaffin in assembly, here in Fairbanks, your Committee on Masonic Public Relations for the year of your service did not have a committee meeting on the Grand Lodge activities. However, we did assist the Grand Master in notifying the local media of this Grand Assembly of Masons. Otherwise, the committee's activities were small. Enclosed is a copy of the Fairbanks News Miner announcement.

Respectfully submitted,

John B. "Jack" Coghill (3) Chairman
Robert D. Davidson (15)
William J. Goodwin, Jr. (7, 20)
Robert B. Molloy (20)

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master: It is received.

Masonic Youth

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Grand Master, this is the report on the Masonic Youth Committee

Grand Master, we did not meet as a committee, but I went around talking with different people involved in the youth groups and had been assured that the Masonic youth are active and present in Alaska. But they are just like our Lodges, they suffer declining membership, lack of interest, and lack of funds.

Masonic youth is a very important committee, needless to say the future of our nation. Our Masonic fraternity lies in our youth. It would behoove us to support these fine youth in their endeavor. I'm a prime example of what you shouldn't do. This year I never attended one youth group partly because in our area we have no youth groups, lack of interest, and lack of people to champion those programs.

So, for me to do it, I'd have to drive many miles to attend these youth groups. Sometimes that becomes a problem and these are things that maybe we should search ourselves and try to change. I'm a prime example of what not to do. The only excuse I could say is don't do like I do, but do like I say. But we should get in there and support these youth groups. They need our support. It is very important that we support them. That's the future of our organizations. It's the future of our nation.

Grand Master I thank you for the opportunity of speaking to this Grand Lodge today.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Fulton (6, 10, 11) Chairman
Frank H. Bird (7, 20)
Charles E. Rhea, III (10)
Russell W. Sanders (7, 20)
Vernon C. Hughes (3) Advisor

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master: Report is received.

Public Schools

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Worshipful Master, I was understand that all committees had to report, whether they had activities or not. So the Most Worshipful Grand Master Don Chaffin in assembly here in Fairbanks, your Committee on Public Schools for the year of your service did not have a committee meeting on Grand Lodge activities. However, several of the local Lodges have held activities in their areas in the public school system. Therefore, there is nothing to report from the committee of your Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

John B. "Jack" Coghill (3) Chairman
Robert D. Davidson (15)
William J. Goodwin, Jr. (7, 20)
Robert B. Molloy (20)

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master: It is received.

Bylaws

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Grand Master, due to health reasons and other reasons, the Bylaws Committee are not here. However, I did receive a call from Worshipful Brother Harry Casson who is on that committee Tuesday morning, telling me that of the bylaws request that they had received, one had been received from Kenai Lodge No. 11 to amend their bylaws to create a finance committee that had been approved and also Iditarod Lodge No. 20 submitted their bylaws for consideration. A couple of housekeeping items were to change the bylaws from Iditarod Lodge UD to Iditarod 20. they also changed the wording on their dues structure, instead of naming a specific dues amount, they set their dues at fifty dollars plus any Grand Lodge assessments. The other major change in their bylaws was to create a life membership. Those have been signed off, approved by Bylaws. That's right, the Finance Committee reported on those changes yesterday and also made those approvals.

So, that would be the approval of the Bylaws Committee and I move for the acceptance of that report.

Grand Master: The report is accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

RW Richard D. Bender, Grand Secretary for
Bylaws Committee

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 2000.

*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.*

Note: Some of our deceased Brothers may have belonged to more than one Lodge. Only one Lodge is shown here.

White Pass Lodge No. 1

Stuart Allen Starbuck, PM

March 20, 2000

Tanana Lodge No. 3

Ernest F. Aleson	1990
Henry Harvey Simpson	November 14, 1999
Robert Arthur Young	December 16, 1999
Lester Franklin Young	February 5, 2000
James Leroy Davis	February 23, 2000
Jack Gilbert Cornelius, PM	March 18, 2000
Robert Alford Reichardt	May 3, 2000
Thomas Gordon	June 20, 2000
Perry David King	July 9, 2000
Walter Lee Heinrichs	July 13, 2000
Billy Moran Olinger	August 13, 2000
Vernon LaRoy Johnson	August 20, 2000
Johnny Ruozi	September 10, 2000
James Richard Miller	October 31, 2000

Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5

Charles Barton Simpler

Unknown

Matanuska Lodge No. 7	
Kenneth Robert Miller	September 25, 2000
Kodiak Lodge No. 9	
James Carthye Myers	April 1999
Ralph Richard Knapp	June 5, 2000
Glacier Lodge No. 10	
James Irvin Merrill	May 8, 2000
Neil Gordon Harper.	November 1, 2000
Kenai Lodge No. 11	
Charles Faxon Lewis	March 1, 2000
Raymond Lawrence Freer.	March 8, 2000
Fairbanks Lodge No. 12	
Byron Charles Jenkins, PGM	September 12, 2000
Aurora Lodge No. 15	
Lewis James Beaty	February 13, 2000
William Victor Knox	July 15, 2000
Anchorage Lodge No. 17	
Arty Rex Robertson	November 18, 1999
Franklin Y. Swanson	January 19, 2000
Jack Lee Grigsby	March 3, 2000
Russell Curtis Hart	March 26, 2000
Charles Maxwell Conover	May 19, 2000
Adolf Ernest Peterson	August 24, 2000
Harold Scott Freeman	August 30, 2000
Dennis Evan Carraher	September 8, 2000
Charlie Earl Griggs, Jr.	October 7, 2000
Justin Delano Brigendolph	November 10, 2000
Elmer E. Rasmuson	November 1, 2000
Tongass Lodge No. 19	
Eugene Walter	March 29, 2000
Leroy Warren Volmer	December 6, 2000
Iditarod Lodge No. 20	
David W. Kronberger	July 20, 2000

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

*Almighty and Ever living God,
comforter of those who are troubled and grieved,*

*as we remember these our friends and brothers
who have done thy bidding and laid down their working tools
and made the final journey in this life, we thank we with that blessed
assurance, that they have ascended to that celestial lodge on high for the
glory of thy countenance shines on them this day and forever more.
Amen.*

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

W George W. Earp
Grand Chaplain

Report of Grand Lecturer

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Thank you very much Grand Master. I discovered in my year as Grand Lecturer, it takes approximately thirty to thirty-five minutes to deliver a lecture regardless of the degree. I promise not to be that long.

We had a very interesting year for us as the Grand Master mentioned. I accompanied him on the trip to Nome to confer the one-day degree there and we arranged to have all three lectures there and they we done very, very nicely.

In addition to that, one of my favorite things of Masonry is in fact our spoken ritual work and in line with that I have developed a program to be given at the Warden's Charge this year to encourage people to learn to use the ritual. It addresses many, many sides of it, not the least of which is the fact in some of the degrees the words are virtually not understandable due to the nature of them. For instance, unless you are an architect, many terms in the second degree probably are almost meaningless and in actuality and also relating these to the Masonic meaning and the Masonic ritual.

I was very, very excited to hear the term *school of instruction* that I have spoken to our Grand Master and other officials about the possibility of establishing this type of thing as it related to the ritual work here in Alaska. So, that is one thing I hope to get accomplished and working on encouraging people and individually within our own Lodges. You and your members work on learning the spoken ritual work because it is the only way you have, the only way we have of teaching our candidate what Masonry is all about.

And, Most Worshipful Grand Master, it has been a distinct honor and pleasure to serve as Grand Lecturer of this past year and I thank you very much for that opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert E. MacArthur
Grand Lecturer

Report of Grand Orator

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Good Morning. I apologize not being here yesterday as minor difficulties presented themselves. In preparing this little talk at the request of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, I was told to speak for fifteen to twenty minutes, so those of you who would like to take a nap, and then the Grand Secretary explained I was not giving a sermon, so keep it short.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Fellow Officers in the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alaska, Honored Guests, and Brothers all.

It is indeed an honor to stand here before this Grand Lodge Assembly as we officially begin our new millennium. Much has been accomplished over the past thousand years; man has traveled to the moon; we've shucked the bonds of feudal servitude; composed music that has touched the heart of the Almighty and with his guidance. We have struck off in a new experiment that they called democracy; and unlocked the mysteries of the human genome; and through all of this Freemasons have played an integral role. Brothers helped and piloted the first spacecraft, the first craft that carried us to our closest celestial neighbor and in that endeavor, some, too soon laid down their working tools.

Others have composed great symphonies that have endured through the ages: Mozart, Haydn, and Liszt have composed for the great aristocracy of Europe while Berlin, Koen, U. B. Blake, Count Basie, and Paul Whitman provided us with a little more up-tempo sound that has changed the face of popular music. While still others pledged to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor to shake off the oppression of tyranny and to bring forth a new form of government by which man might direct himself.

Masons like Samuel L. Clemmons, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Robert Burns, and Alex Haley have provided us with volume of prose that have been both entertaining and sometimes introspective. They've caused us to look at what is and compare it to what it should be and have challenged us to reduce that expanse between the two.

Masons have entertained us in movies, on stage, and lately on television. Buffalo Bill Cody brought the Wild West to thousands around the world. Gene Autry, John Wayne, Clark Gable, and Ernest Borgnine have provided countless hours of family entertainment both on the big screen and into our homes. Didn't know it at the time, but I remember as a child, my favorite memory was a couple of seagulls called Gertrude and Heathcliff, were brought to life by a Brother Mason called Red Skelton.

During our Revolutionary War, many Masons answered the call of a new nation: Paul Revere, John Paul Jones, Patrick Henry, Benjamin Franklin, and of course George Washington. Nine Masons put their “John Hancock” to the Declaration of Independence and thirteen more helped to craft our most enduring document, the Constitution of the United States. Twenty-four members of the United States Supreme Court have applied our working tools to the interpretation of that document and fourteen of our Presidents have applied a level hand in leading our country.

From the great explorers of Lewis and Clark to some of the most revered sports figures of Palmer, Dempsey, Rockne, and Robinson, Masons have helped to shape the world we live in. But these facts are well known and I suppose you are wondering why I am spending so much time going through history.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I believe it is important that we periodically wander down the halls of history and remember from whence we came and to rekindle the spirit that has made Masonry the oldest and venerated Fraternity in man’s last thousand years. It is important we remember the great men you have sought “Light” in the past and ask ourselves how will we provide “More Light” in the future. Our legacy is this Fraternity. Moreover, nothing determines the future of this Fraternity more than the men we attract to raise to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

A brief review of what I’ve mentioned illustrates what Washington has called “men who are first characters.” “First characters” as Washington described them are those who by virtue of their abilities and record of their public service stood first in the respect of their neighbors. As Masons we have a history of attracting “first characters.” The great thinkers and transformers of the previous millennium were not attracted to Masonry because we threw the best parties or we had the best and finest dining arrangements. They came because they were attracted to men of like-mind who sought “Light” wherever they might find it.

Today we are faced with a new challenge of continuing to attract the “first characters” from within our communities. In order to ensure the future of this great Fraternity community, business, labor, and social leaders must be made aware of our history and the benefits available through association with men of like-mind.

The question becomes, how do we do this? We do this by our public actions and leadership roles we take in our varying communities. Whether we commit ourselves to service to our chosen house of worship or become immersed in our local youth organizations, or perhaps we take on the mantle of public leadership. Our roles in community leadership will attract those men whose desire to be associated with the virtues extolled by Freemasonry.

We will always not be the first in number, but we should always strive to be first in representing all the characteristics that place us first in the respect of our neighbor. Each one of us knows a man who should be sitting here in this room with us today. Someone we grew up with, or an acquaintance at work, a leader in the community who we have

had an association with, or a young man who is just beginning his travels upon the level of time.

All these men could benefit from association with our order and the Fraternity becomes stronger for their membership. I would challenge each of us here to extol the virtues of Freemasonry through our actions to a friend or colleague whom we regard as a “first character” through incorporation of the virtues set forth in our obligation and committing to apply the working tools of a Master Mason to all of our works. We will attract the men who desire the company of men of virtue and Masonry will enter a new millennium with greater strength than it has had in the past.

Report of Grand Historian

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Report given by Bert Stedman Worshipful Master of Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18 in Sitka, in place of W. Joe Ashby, Grand Historian.

Unfortunately the Grand Historian, W Joe Ashby wasn't able to attend. He ceased traveling several months ago due to, as Joe refers to, being literally bent over. He wanted me to tell the Brothers that this was in fact his literal problem, his back is failing on him. He has osteoporosis very bad.

But, I helped him go through quite a lot of historical documentation and we boxed it up and it's up in my hotel room and it's on its way to Anchorage and apparently there will be a group going through it and assembling it and when they are done, Joe has spent many years assembling the data. And, when they are done putting it together, we will have a history on almost all of the Lodges and even lodges that don't exist today. Some of them have started and stopped, like for instance we are the third Lodge there

So any way, the stuff is here and it's on the way to Anchorage and it's probably going to take another year, I would expect to go through the stuff. There is quite a volume of it and there is a little more to come. He is still working on a couple of small projects and I really don't have the heart to ask him to relinquish those because his mind is still working and he wants to pursue his projects as long as possible. But, eventually all that stuff will end up in Anchorage and I would imagine within a year or year and a half, even a couple of little items he is working on will be turned over, hopefully in somewhat of a finished form.

But, he did want me to say that though he is preparing to lay down his working tools and he is putting his house in order, he misses his Brethren at the Grand Lodge and he misses being here at the Grand Lodge and with that he bids you all a goodbye and God Bless.

Respectfully submitted,

Bert Stedman for Joe Ashby,
Grand Historian

Alaska Masonic Library and Museum Foundation

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

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

This is the year 2000 report of the Alaska Masonic Library and Museum Foundation. The Foundation continues to accept Masonic books, artifacts, pins, jewelry, and other Masonic items Lodges or individuals wish to donate. We have a storage room in Anchorage donated by Anchorage Lodge 17 which we wish to express our grateful appreciation.

We continue this year and completed the contractive fundraiser using the child ID kits conducted by Brother Rodney Young and Alaska Community Entertainment. The Foundation netted \$4,903.80 from that fundraiser this past year bringing the total for the two years to \$16,771.49. This has been our most successful fundraiser to date.

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley R. Foulke, PGM (2) President
Alaska Masonic Library and Museum Foundation

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master: It is received.

Charters and Dispensations

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Grand Master, I gave my report already. Gave it at Lodge the other day and since it was a good report the Grand Secretary took it away from me. I don't remember what all good things I said.

(Ed. Note: No record on tape recordings of this report being given, as mentioned above, on the first day of the Grand Lodge session)

That is my report today.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Ingram, Sr. PGM (6, 11) Chairman
Thomas A. Leslie (1, 19)
L. Tom Smotherman (18, 19)
James R. Griffith (13)
Emil F. "Fred" Lentz (9)
James R. Ujioka (4)

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master: It is received.

Warden's Charge

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

Military Recognition

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

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

The Military Recognition committee is a new committee established this past year by Most Worshipful Don G. Chaffin, Grand Master. After discussion with and approval by the Grand Master, it was decided to adopt the following procedures to guide this committee.

Each year, with the approval of the current Grand Master, the Grand Lodge of Alaska will recognize two military servicemen, one from the Alaska Army National Guard and one from the Alaska Air National Guard, pay grade E6 through E9.

These individuals will be recognized at the fellowship banquet on Thursday evening. To facilitate attendance at the banquet, the individuals selected, should be from the area where Grand Lodge is to held that year.

A letter was sent to the Alaska National Guard Public Affairs Officer outlining our program. The response was favorable and very much appreciated by the Guard.

The service members selected this year were:

Sergeant First Class Janet M. Carter
from the Alaska Army National Guard,
117th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

and

Master Sergeant Debra J. Hockenberry
from the Alaska Air National Guard,
168th Refueling Wing.

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley R. Foulke, PGM (2) Chairman
George W. Earp (3, 16)

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master: It is received.

George Washington National Memorial

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

Russian Relations

(From written report and as transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

During the past year much progress has been made to establish Freemasonry in Eastern Russia. In June MW John Grainger and RW Charles Corbin visited the Grand Lodge of Russia in Moscow. Permission was granted at that time for our committee to issue Lifetime Memberships in Pacific Rim Lodge No. XII, Vladivostok.

After leaving Moscow a stopover was made in Novosibirsk. A meeting was held in Novosibirsk with potential candidates who have expressed interest in starting a new lodge. A visit was then made with members of the new lodge in Vladivostok. Because of transportation problems it was necessary to visit Moscow via New York. Return was made via Seoul, Korea, San Francisco and home. Travel constituted a trip around the world.

Pacific Rim Lodge No. XII, Vladivostok, was constituted October 14, 2000. The new lodge was constituted by members of the Russian Relations Committee and the Grand Master of Russia George Dergachev and the Grand Secretary Vladimir Djanguirian.

Twenty-six visitors from the United States and Canada attended this historic event. Over forty persons, Masons, and spouses, were at the banquet following the constitution ceremonies. Masons attending were Illustrious William R. Miller Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Washington representing Sovereign Grand Commander Fred Kleinknecht, Worshipful Brother Gerald Fairley former DeMolay Executive Officer for Alaska, Right Worshipful Brother Ronald A. Aungst, Junior Grand Warden of Pennsylvania, Right Worshipful Brother Marvin G. Speicher, Grand Treasurer of Pennsylvania, and Ben Hughes, Alaska DeMolay State Councilor. Also in attendance were Right Worshipful Brother Don Frizzell, Right Worshipful Brother Tom Mickey both from Canada, Worshipful Brother Carrison Lochaby and Worshipful Brother William Kowalyk from Washington and Worshipful Brother Rod Tappe from Arizona. I mention all these names because everyone who attended the constitution of the new lodge and installation of officers at their own expense.

Goals for this year are to establish a new lodge in Novosibirsk as a courtesy for the Grand Lodge of Russia. Novosibirsk has a population of over one and a half million persons.

The Alaska Grand Lodge may well be proud of members of the Russian Relations Committee. They have served well in achieving the goals of bringing the light of Freemasonry in Eastern Russia. Two trips to the Far East have been at their own expense.

Committee members who have visited Russia are Brother. J. B. Carnahan, Right Worshipful Brother Charles Corbin, Very Worshipful Brother Robert Fulton, Worshipful Brother William Goodwin, Most Worshipful Brother John Grainger, Worshipful Brother James Griffith, Worshipful Brother Terrence Quarton, Worshipful Brother Donald Witsoe, Brother Larry Wright, and Worshipful Brother Roger Barnstead. Initially committee members visited Russia to confer degrees for eight candidates. Again, the second visit last October was made to constitute the new lodge.

Sale of Lifetime Memberships in Pacific Rim Lodge No. XII, Vladivostok now permits our committee to raise much needed funds to meet current expenses. At least half of the funds realized from the sale of lifetime memberships will be placed in a trust fund whereby only the interest may be spent so that our work can continue in the future years. Lifetime memberships to non-Russian Masons sell for \$200. Petitions are available at the AMRA station.

After 75 years of darkness Freemasonry can be a vital force for good in Eastern Russia.

Respectfully submitted,

MW John H. Grainger, PGM Chairman

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master: It is accepted.

Wills and Endowments

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

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

This is the report of the Wills and Endowments Committee for the year 2000. This is the first year of operation for this committee. We have requested and received from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania several brochures on various methods of charitable giving. These need to be computer scanned, consolidated into a single document suitable for distribution to the constituent Lodges.

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley R. Foulke (2) Chairman

Bro. C. Vernon Carlson, Jr. (12) Advisor

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master: It is received.

And just a note on that, Vern says he almost has that done and he will be sending something out to the Lodges and it will have a tear-off portion on the bottom so if you desire additional information, just fill that in and send it back and you should be receiving that hopefully shortly.

Long-Range Planning

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

Publications

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

Internet

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

Chemical Dependency

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master.

I'm going to speak to you a little about chemical dependency this morning. Most of you have heard the presentations that I have made for the last three or four years throughout the State and I won't get into any of the facts regarding what was said during those things. I think you are all aware of the problems that exist in our communities.

What I wanted to ask you, is chemical dependency a disease? They have classified alcohol dependency as a disease. I do not know why they regard chemical dependency or what I would refer to it as alcohol and drug abuse or substance abuse, if you will, because there are a lot more things than alcohol or drugs that young people are getting into.

I have reports from police officers. They have told me that when they are driving down the Seward Highway along Turnagain Arm in our community in Anchorage and they will find a parking lot along the side of the road and in that parking lot they will find containers that contain food and other items and that these containers are being used by people sniffing the fumes that come out of them to get a high.

Recently we had a young girl die in a village from sniffing gasoline fumes. It is a very prevalent problem in our villages. They don't wish to talk about it. They don't wish to discuss it. We have a very high rate of suicide among teenagers in our villages. It's the highest rate in the United States of America.

We have a very high rate of fetal alcohol syndrome, or FAS, as they call it. And, the reason that I point these out to you, and that's not, I am making remarks off the top of my head. I'm not reading it because what we are going to do is read to you some of the thoughts that came to my head while I've been sitting there. We have, and I will refer to it as substance abuse because of the variety of the means that they have.

We have thirteen native corporations in the State of Alaska. Some of those corporations are very, very successful. You may read in the newspapers, or TV, radio, one of the corporations just paid a dividend to its stock holders \$50,000. Now, these corporations have been in place since 1981. They are closed corporations, stock cannot be traded, you have to be a Native, you have to be a member of these organizations. Some of them are broke. Some never succeeded, and Native corporations that are very, very wealthy are beginning to take a hard look in their villages or even in the cities.

The Cook Inlet Regional Corporation which is the one that paid this huge dividend, they are based in Anchorage. The Native population of Anchorage is roughly ten per cent of the State population, around 70,000, and the reason that I am trying to bring this attention to you is because their problems are more or less problems they want to keep to

themselves. If they have a neighbor who drinks a lot or a neighbor who has substance abuse of some sort, they don't like to talk about it.

Most of our villages do not have a police officer per say. They have hired, they have trained people working there who are trained by the State Troopers in Sitka and they are dispersed to the villages and it's only recently that the State is beginning to think about having troopers in every town. It would be very, very nice if they did because these people are local people and they don't look at the problems objectively. So, and the problems continue to exist.

Now, we think that we can do something about the program and I'll tell you why, just a moment. Just recently, in fact last week, they had a symposium in Anchorage, as symposium of non-profits. It is organized to help their chances of obtaining funds, such as grants and other sources which I have thought about and gave a lot of consideration and I have talked to people who are with the former ARCO oil company which is now BP-British Petroleum. Now, these folks have dedicated millions and millions of dollars to help the citizens of Alaska, not just Anchorage, because these funds can be released, they can be obtained if you know how to go about doing it. And, this is one of the things I would like to see done, whether I do it myself or someone else. I think it is very important that we continue our program.

Now, the federal government this year has budgeted 80, excuse me, 18, 16 to 18 billion dollars to fight their war on drugs. Most of you are probably aware of most of this money goes for the purpose of interdiction and of destroying agricultural products that drugs are formed by. The greatest majority of the money is spent by other groups throughout the country from the local level or the state levels. And, most of the efforts are towards curing the problems that drug abuse, alcohol abuse causes and I think this may be wrong approach. We are not reducing the rate of drug dependency in the United States. We may be decreasing in the Anchorage area, they are not using so much heroin. They are more or less going to methamphetamine. Young kids are doing that which is worse probably.

What I would like to do is to continue my work and join the coalition that was just formed in Anchorage. Now, I've already talked to some people about this program and they were very encouraging. So, I think that there is money out there. I think we can obtain funds to do this.

If you recalled last year I was going to offer a resolution up to you to pay five dollars a head, if you will, for one year and I withdrew my resolution. Maybe that was a mistake. I feel strongly that we can do something in the communities in our State

Brethren, I don't want you to be in denial. There isn't a community in this State, not one, that does not have a problem with chemical dependency, whatever it is, or how small your community is, you have a problem.

When I first came to the Anchorage School District, they didn't have any problem. They were in denial and the program they had last year, still in place, is still working. I was

very heartened to hear that we might be able to get some funds from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. That's wonderful!

But, I want you to think about helping too. We sold calendars last year, probably broke even maybe. We had donations come in from a few people and a few Lodges that donated some money, but it does help you to feel better when you can contribute to these efforts. And, I think each of you, in your Lodges, when you go home, think about the problems that exist in your schools.

I would like to get together a fact sheet and send it to each Master of the Lodge and have him appoint a school committee, if you will, because that's where it is going to take place in the schools, and visit the school, and talk to the teachers, talk to the coaches, talk to the bus drivers, talk to the counselors and nurses, anyone else. If they have a problem, they will tell you, they don't want to talk about it.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I appreciate you allowing me to speak and I really think that the program is going to be good for our communities and I think it is going to be good for Freemasonry, because that is what we are for. Part of our job is to be charitable in that sense to help people and that's what you will be doing.

Thank you very much.

MW Raymond Beaver, PGM (3, 10, 15) Chairman
W Ronald J. Dupee (3)
W Terrence B. Quarton (7, 17, 20)

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 Reference to who was referred the Grand Masters Message have reviewed the same and report as follows:

Recommendations appearing on page 3 and 4 of the Grand Master message are referred to Jurisprudence Committee for their consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Ingram, PGM Chairman
Henry T. Dunbar, PGM
Wendal H. Kuecker, HPGM

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master: It is received.

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 Secretaries Report have reviewed the same and report as follows:

We recommend that the Grand Secretaries Report be accepted as printed and that the financial portions of this report, found on pages 20 through 23 be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration:

Respectfully Submitted,

John C. Ingram, PGM Chairman

Henry T. Dunbar, PGM

Wendal H. Kuecker, HPGM

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master: It is received.

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)

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

This is the report of the Awards Committee for the year 2000. This is the fourth year of the Grand Lodge of Alaska's Award Program. As a reminder the Lodge Service Award is available for Lodges to present to an individual for distinguished service to someone who has rendered outstanding or exceptional service to the Lodge or to Freemasonry. Lodges may request this award from the Grand Secretary at no charge.

As a side line, I've seen in writing and I've heard this referred to as the Mason of the Year Award as the Hiram Award. Please Brothers this is very confusing because when those terms are used, other people do not understand what this award is. It is the Lodge Service Award and please refer to it to avoid confusion. We only have one Mason of the Year Award and that is presented by Grand Lodge. Thank you.

The Grand Master's Award for Excellence was designated to recognize Worshipful Masters who complete certain requirements during their year. During the year 2000, the award was earned by the Worshipful Masters of ten Lodges

Michael D. Thurman	Tanana Lodge No. 3
John R. Cline	Matanuska Lodge No. 7
Jack B. Write	Mt. Susitna No. 8
Scott Thompson	Glacier Lodge No. 10
Fred B. Ruppert	Fairbanks Lodge No. 12
John M. Barkley	Eagle River Lodge No. 13
Raymond A. Gallant	Aurora Lodge No. 15
James M. LeFlore	North Pole Lodge No. 16
Dennis R. Thayer	Anchorage Lodge No. 17
Donald A. Witsoe	Iditarod Lodge No. 20

Mason of the Year

The Grand Lodge Mason of the Year for the year 2000 was Harold Ervin, Tanana Lodge No. 3.

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley R. Foulke PGM (2) Chairman
Gene R. Freeman PGM (3, 12, 16)

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master: It is received.

James A. Williams Award

The recipient of the James A. Williams Award for honoring the Alaska Lodge with the largest number of Master Masons raised (two lodges tied with four Master Masons raised each) and was presented to Tanana Lodge No. 3 and Anchorage Lodge No. 17 for the year 2000.

Buckley C. Hazen Award

The recipient of the Buckley C. Hazen Award for the largest percentage membership growth was presented to North Pole Lodge No. 16 for the year 2000.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Contributions to the Grand Lodge

Contributions to the Grand Lodge as noted on the tape recordings are Sitka's donation of a \$1,000, AMRA's donation of an unspecified amount, and North Pole's donation of \$700.

Presentations

Proclamation from the Governor of the State of Alaska, Honorable Tony Knowles presented by Tim Walsh representing the Office of the Governor of the State of Alaska.

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Grand Marshal, thank you. Grand Master Chaffin, thank you for the invitation this morning.

It's a pleasure to be here and to join again as the Grand Lodge once again holds its annual convention in Fairbanks. The Governor has asked me to read a few words of the Proclamation that he has issued welcoming all of you to Fairbanks.

Service to families, to communities, and to the nation is at the heart of Freemasonry, one of the world's oldest secular fraternal societies. Following along mid-evil European tradition, Masons strive to build a better world for all of us, especially our elders, our sick, and our children. The future of our nation's young people is one of Masons most important concerns through Masonic programs like the Shriners hospitals for children, the Shriner's burn institutes, Scottish Rite language disorder clinics, York Rite's Knight Templar Eye Foundation, and the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation, and many student scholarships.

The first Masonic Lodge in Alaska was chartered in 1869, only two years after the territory was purchased from Russia. Many of the sourdoughs who pioneered Alaska were Masons, working to improve their own communities. Today, more than two-thousand current Alaska members uphold that proud legacy and that is why Governor Tony Knowles has declared January 31st to February 2nd of the year 2001 as Masonic days in Alaska and encourages all Alaskans to recognize the accomplishments of Alaska's Masons.

Welcome to Fairbanks.

RW Edward Weisser, Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brethren, ladies, on behalf of our Grand Master, Brother Dluge, I would like to present one of his medallions to the Grand Master of Alaska. It is so interesting our grand lodge is the oldest grand lodge in the United States being born in 1731. This Grand Lodge is probably the youngest and our Grand Master's medallion takes into consideration of the ancient times and the modern times. We have the keystone, for Masons that means an awful lot, especially if you are a member of a chapter.

The keystone is, of course, is an important part of a building. This keystone is made of coal from Pennsylvania. I don't expect if you get cold you will burn this Grand Master, but it is a symbol of Freemasonry in ancient times. The top of this is the globe of the world. Many of the newest material (garbled). This represents olden times and the new.

I would like to present this medallion to you. Yes, it does have Alaska on it, and so you can be happy about that.

I present that from our Grand Master Brother Dluge and also something that you can find for your home, now that you won't have anything to do, you can peer into the kaleidoscope and it does have one of the bags(?) from Brother Dluge. And, I would like to say from Debbie's point of view, she brings her greetings to you, to Char. She wished they could be with you today but they are off on another road. So, I said I would be happy to fill their position.

Thank you Grand Master

RW Howard Kirkpatrick, Junior Grand Warden, representing MW David C. Decker, Grand Master of California.

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Thank you Most Worshipful. On behalf of the Grand Lodge of California and Most Worshipful David C. Decker, our Grand Master. I would like to extend to you greetings and wish you a very successful Grand Lodge meeting today.

California, I think shares a lot of things with Alaska, the great surge of people that came to California came for the same reasons they came to Alaska, in search of the little gold nuggets. The time was slightly different.

It was earlier mentioned that in the founding of various cities and organizations, you found Masons involved. In California that was true also, in almost every situation when a new city was formed in California, there was a Mason involved in doing that.

Our oldest lodge in California is 153 years old this year and our Grand Lodge this past year was 150 years old. The Grand Master has asked me to present to you this hardbound copy of the history of Freemasonry in California for the past fifty years. There was an earlier book for one-hundred years but this is the last fifty years and hope you enjoy reading it.

Rhonda Boyles, Mayor of Fairbanks North Star Borough

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Good morning.

I'm here welcoming those of you who are from out of state and representing the City Mayor-Jim Hayes, the North Pole Mayor-Jeff Jacobson, and from the citizens of the Fairbanks North Star Borough. As I was coming in, one of my Fairbanks friends, Vern Carlson (I have a few in the room) said don't forget to welcome them from the Chamber of Commerce. So, here I am representing all of those entities and I am humbled. Actually, if I think I was twenty years old, I would be so thrilled to be in a room of men. Right now I am humbled.

Also, and forgive me if I'm not as formal as I should be, I came from Maine and I was telling Jack Coghill, I grew up in a sixty year old Victorian home that sat right behind the Lodge. My dad was a Pentecostal pastor so, of course, I was not allowed to join any of the various fraternal organizations. But, in this small community of 3,000 people, I would sing at weddings and funerals and at the Lodge. They would ask me to sing occasionally. So, I would wait until Dad wasn't looking and I would dress up and sneak next door which was just the width of this room. I would go through the back door, through the kitchen, and I would sing. And, to this day, he has never mentioned it, but I am sure he figured it out because I did it more than once and one of the gentlemen would pass me a ten dollar bill. To a teenager that is a lot of money, I don't think I will tell you when that was. Anyway, I learned to respect and honor you as an organization through that humble youth beginning. Now when I put my reading glasses on, you know I am over forty.

I would like to, Grand Master Chaffin, thank you for welcoming me here and I would like to read this proclamation and present it you Grand Master.

WHEREAS, the first Masonic Lodge in Fairbanks was chartered on June 17th, 1908 and is now in its ninety-first year of operation (Jack did you have a part in that? – laughter - Jack said no but his dad did); and

WHEREAS, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alaska, there are nineteen lodges and more that 2,200 members; and

WHEREAS, the Masonic Lodge reaffirms its ideals by maintaining high ethical standards in personal and professional life; respecting the basic human rights of all people; assisting

in developing the fullest concept of patriotism and love of our country; contributing to international understanding, universal friendship, goodwill, and peace; advocating Brotherly Love, community service, and support of its concordant bodies in children and human development; and

WHEREAS, the Masonic fraternities of interior Alaska have engaged in activities beneficial and wholesome to our entire community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rhonda Boyles, Mayor of the Fairbanks North Star Borough and I, James Hayes, Mayor of the City of Fairbanks, Alaska do hereby proclaim January 29th through February 4th, the year 2001 as Masonic Awareness Week and urge all citizens to join in this recognition by welcoming the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska to our wonderful community congratulating them for their accomplishments, certainly sharing in their civic concern, and wishing them well in all future endeavors.

WITNESS THEREOF, we have unto set our hands this first day of February, Rhonda Boyles, Jim Hayes, and Mona Drexler - Municipal Borough Clerk.

Thank you for your time this morning.

W C. Vernon Carlson, Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge of Alaska

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

It gives me great honor to present this sword on behalf of Most Worshipful John Grainger, PGM to be the official Tyler's sword for the Grand Lodge of Alaska and we will engrave it with the appropriate information on it.

Results of the raffle drawings as drawn by the Grand Master.

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

For the jewelry box (collected \$595) won Hanna V. Morris (her husband just happens to be here.)

Care Bears won by Thomas O. Mickey and Robert Goodrich

Cribbage boards made by Dennis Thayer for the Grand Lodge

1st board won by Roger Hansen who suggested giving it to RW Ed Weisser as a token of all that he has given to this Grand Lodge

Grand Master: Wait a minute! Did you stuff the box?

2nd board won by Roger Hansen but who said to redraw and board was won by Jim Ujioka of Valdez Lodge No. 4

Speeches by Distinguished Guests

Christine Dupee, Grand Worthy Associate Advisor, International Order of Rainbow for Girls

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Good morning everyone.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Distinguished East, Honored Guests, and Friends. I'm Christie Dupee, I'm the Grand Worthy Associate Advisor of the (garbled) Alaska of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls. Miss Kristy Becker, our Grand Worthy Advisor, was unable to be here today to speak to you because she is away at school in Idaho, and so I'm speaking on her behalf.

I would like to thank you for all you have done for many of the Rainbow Assemblies in the State of Alaska. Without your generous support of our Assemblies, I don't know where Alaska Rainbow would be today.

This years Grand Worthy Advisor is celebrating Alaska's majesty, with her sparkling salmon grand officers. Her colors are blue, white, and green and for her service project, we are working to keep Alaska's kids warm this winter.

Our grand service has been coordinating the collection and distribution of warm gloves, hats, mittens, coats, boots, that sort of thing for distribution to the needy children throughout the State. I know that many of you have unselfishly donated to this project and for that I thank you.

I would also like to tell you that we are more than happy to have you attend any of our regular meetings. The ones in Fairbanks are on the first and third Mondays at 7:00 at the Masonic Temple. I would also like to invite you to attend our Grand Assembly Session, which will be held in Juneau, from June 21st through the 23rd of this year.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak to you and I would just like to again thank you for all of your support. I would like to wish you a wonderful grand session on behalf of the Grand Assembly of Alaska and the Grand Worthy Advisor.

Thank you.

Karen LeFlore, Grand Associate Matron, representing Ruth Ribbeck, Grand Royal Matron of the Grand Court of Amaranth

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

I AM STANDING! I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANY JOKES ABOUT SHORT PEOPLE! That's why I wear the tall crown!

Thank you Grand Master for allowing me to speak. I would like to first explain a little about what we do in the Grand Court of Alaska. We raise money for the diabetes foundation. The International Order of Amaranth has its own research foundation for diabetes and last year we gave almost a half-million dollars in grants to doctors to do research to find a cure for this horrible disease that affects quite a number of people of this world.

I think everybody in this room can say that if they don't personally know someone who has diabetes, they know someone who knows someone who has diabetes. It is a ravenging disease and it's not very much fun to have to pinch yourself everyday with a needle in order to take medication for the control of the disease.

When you leave here today, you will notice that we will have a table out in the lobby room selling chocolate. We sell chocolate all year long to raise money for the research of diabetes - the cure for it. That sounds a little strange, but three out of four people in the world don't have diabetes. So, if three people buy one bar of chocolate from us, maybe, if we are lucky, that fourth person someday may be able to enjoy our chocolate. So, they are really adorable, we are selling moose. We sell baskets at Christmas time and baskets at Easter time and last year, the Grand Court of Alaska donated almost \$23,000 to diabetes research to the international organization.

Now, if you realize that there is only about a hundred of us in the Grand Court of Alaska and that's quite a lot of money that we have managed to raise and we are proud of our organization that we were able to do that. It turns out to be a little over a hundred dollars per capita and we are NUMBER ONE again in the international group for the raising of money, and that takes into account the other states like California, Pennsylvania, and all those big states that have lots and lots of people. They don't raise as much money as we do, so I want you to go out there and BUY that chocolate for us so that we can stay number one and we can beat diabetes, and one day we will be able to.

So on behalf of the Grand Court of Alaska, Grand Master I want to thank you for the opportunity to speak and just go out and buy that chocolate for us.

Mary Wallace, Order of the Eastern Star, representing Joan P. Morgan, deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Northern Alaska

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Good Morning. It is an honor to be able to be up here to represent Sister Joan, as many of you know that her husband had a heart transplant and this is the time of the year that he had to go in and have it checked. This is the only reason why she is not here, but she did want you to know she will be here or next year at the Grand Lodge session. So, I do have the honor one more time.

So, the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron send their love to the Grand Master and the officers and wish you a very successful session and full of fellowship, that I know all of you will enjoy at Grand Lodge; and I to enjoy the fellowship with the friends and sisters that attend with their Masons here.

And, thank you very much.

Stanley R. Foulke, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alaska.

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Thank you Worshipful Grand Master and on behalf of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Alaska, thank you for inviting us here this morning. Thank you for the hospitality shown us.

York Rite has had a pretty good year this past year. We've actually increased our membership. I think there is excitement out there, We just had a new class in Sitka of fifteen members and I know they are considering forming a York Rite body down there and they are thinking about it. It's been a good year for York Rite.

I just want to say thank you to everybody who has worked for York Rite, this year and also invite you to our Annual Session which is the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd of March in Anchorage. If you need information on that, please see me.

Thank you Grand Master.

Mitchell R. Miller, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master. It's a pleasure to be here and on behalf of the Supreme Council Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction; I thank you and extend to you the full support of the Scottish Rite.

For the brethren that are not aware of it, we are now in the process of raising the funds to start our second childhood language disorders clinic here in Fairbanks. The first one was in Anchorage. The one in Anchorage has been in operation for about nine years and thanks to a very generous donation from Doug Lemons in California, we are well on our way for starting the one here in Fairbanks.

There are approximately thirty belt buckles left at the Scottish Rite that are for sale out there and that money goes to the clinics into our permanent fund. When those belt buckles are gone, they are gone. The board has decided we will not reproduce any more of those belt buckles and our clinic is pretty much on schedule. It should be open sometime this year.

Thank you very much Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Hilary freeman, Supreme Deputy in Alaska, International Order of Rainbow for Girls

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

I'm used to being in the background. I am new at this position. I am very proud of our Rainbow girls and we are trying to build Rainbow. The Grand Lodge newsletter graciously asked the concordant bodies for information. We just received our copy yesterday and it does have our Assemblies in your communities and their meeting times. I would encourage your support of our Rainbow girls. We want to build our Assemblies. The girls are our future. So, I encourage you to support us. Like Christine said, we have our Grand Session in Juneau. Next year it will be in Anchorage. We've been traveling between Fairbanks, Anchorage, Palmer, and Juneau for our Grand Sessions. We meet every year.

I do want your support for our Rainbow girls and I want to tell Don how proud we are of him and wish you the best for your session.

Susan Earp, Royal Matron, Farthest North Court Order of the Amaranth

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Thank you Brother Don.

On behalf of our organization and also Fairbanks Chapter No. 18 Order of the Eastern Star and Midnight Sun No. 6 Order of the Eastern Star, we would like to welcome all of you to come to the hospitality room, which is in room 460 and it will be open today and tomorrow from 10:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. and please come. There are refreshments, room to sit, we have games, there's television if you would like to watch, and just a place where you can sit down and relax. So please come.

Response to the Welcoming of the Past Grand Masters of Alaska by MW John C. Ingram, PGM

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Grand Master thank you for inviting me to respond to the introduction of the Past Grand Masters of Alaska. Brethren I know since 1962 we (garbled) love for fraternity, we stand ready to aid as we did some twenty, thirty, forty years ago to assist our fraternity. These distinguished brethren with me are happy what we are saying also.

For sadness some of them are missing (garbled) Grand Master we're saddened for those who are not with us. We know he was your Grand Master and he loved them the same as you loved not all of them (garbled) the brother down here and we leave like a ship (garbled) mooring who sailed calmly out to sea, so some of you passed away. (Garbled) promises a greater joy what life would have in store. For God had promised us (garbled) share. Who knows Grand Master (garbled) distinguished our Grand Jurisdiction (garbled)

Grand Master, it's an honor and pleasure for me to respond to the cordial welcome (garbled) Grand Masters.

Thank you.

RW Alfred Boyle, Deputy Grand Master, Prince Hall Grand Lodge

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Most Worshipful Grand Master Chaffin, Grand Lodge Officers both past and present, brethren. I bid you greetings from Sterling Taylor the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons, State of Alaska and his Craft. Indeed an honor and a pleasure to be amongst you today.

Last night we had a wonderful meal and I was welcomed wholeheartedly by the Brothers. It is summed up by a poet about three-thousand years ago when he said “Oh, how good and wonderful it is for brethren to dwell together in unity” and Brethren, (clapping) I could sit up here, stand here rather and speak all day and still amount to those words.

The fellowship that I have enjoyed with you all will be a lifetime experience and I can only say thank you brothers and this is the way it should be.

Response to the Welcoming of the Grand Representatives by VW Mitchell R. Miller

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master. On behalf of the Grand Representatives, the honor of the Grand Rep., is more than an honor, it's a duty. It is incumbent upon us to maintain the fraternal correspondence with our counterparts through out the world and attend their grand session if at all possible.

Sometimes this is the only communication we do have with these other grand lodges. And, it was my pleasure this year to represent you in the Grand Lodge of Kentucky where I was very graciously received and they send their fraternal greetings to you also.

Response to the Welcoming of the District Deputies by VW Douglas W. Ooms

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Most Worshipful Grand Master Don, it's been a pleasure and on behalf of Very Worshipful Brothers Bob Wiseman, Michael Swensen, Ken Creamer, Harry Koenen, and myself, it has been an honor to be your eyes and ears and nothing more than that during our year in serving you.

We've heard a lot and seen a lot. We've had the opportunity to join you in your visitations to the Lodges throughout the State as well as to take part in our own district deputy meetings where he has done a lot. We feel we have accomplished a lot for all of the Lodges throughout the State. There are a number of stories of some of the places we've been, the more remote Lodges. I think one example might be, White Pass International Lodge No. 1 with our Canadian Brothers who helped immensely in keeping that Lodge active.

I know for myself the opportunity to travel to Valdez with (it's just a short piece down the road from Fairbanks here) but it has been an immense pleasure to serve with you. You've given us the responsibility to go places that very, very few with the exception of the Lodge Secretaries has been able to go to, like inside delving within the minutes of the

Lodge and auditing the books, and so on, and we consider that a privilege and a learning opportunity.

From my own standpoint, for those who weren't aware of it, Most Worshipful Brother Don, in fact, worked for me for a period for about eight years and when he came to me and said "Would you be willing to be my District Deputy for the Fairbanks area, during my year as Grand Master" and I said "Brother I would be absolutely overwhelmed and pleased to serve you and help you in any way possible." And, after I accepted, he said "And, oh by the way, what goes with that is the Chairman of the Sessions and Arrangements Committee." It was his way, I believe of getting even with me for eight years. So, I thought, okay, at the end of his year, I will be able to get even with him again. He retired on me!

On behalf of the District Deputies, I would like to thank you for the honors you have bestowed on us and the opportunity to serve you and all the Brethren of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alaska.

Thank you.

MW John D. Livie, Grand Master of Oregon

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

I was busy doing something else and caught me kind of off guard. That's fine.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Master's, and Brothers all.

It is a great feeling to be in Alaska again and where I can call your Grand Master my Grand Master. (Garbled) our Grand Master spoke of the outdoor degree in Fairbanks and the mosquitoes and how they did not have any pictures, they just had a blank white photograph. We have four outdoor degrees in Oregon. One is in the Malheur Cave owned by Burns Lodge in central Oregon and if all the lights went out there we would have a black photograph. Our other outdoor degrees, like to tell you about is in Crater Lake National Park. The letter of permission was given by a Past Grand Master and President of the United States, Harry S. Truman. And, we have a lifetime commitment from the Federal Park system to allow us to hold our outdoor degree. We also have mosquitoes down there but not as quite as big as the ones here in Alaska and we haven't adopted the mosquito public grand honors yet.

But, one thing we do, we have a backdrop against a hill and our lodge floor is not very level, kind of slopes down to the east. It drops probably about three or four feet from the Senior Warden's station to the Master's station. But, we have a wonderful time.

Like to tell you about a couple of things that are happening in our Grand Lodge in Oregon. We have adopted a model this year which goes something like this. It is leadership equals vision plus goals plus dreaming. We have gone back to the basics where everything begins and that is within the Blue Lodge. That's, my Brother's, where Masonry starts. We have seen over the past years that our leadership was not strong enough in our Blue Lodges. We had too many "I and my" years where leadership was not involved in all the lodge officers pertaining to the Lodges. For if you do not form a team with the lodges, your Master, your Senior Warden, your Junior Warden, your Deacons, your Stewards, your Secretary, your Treasurers, these do not make long term goals. Where are we going to be two years from now, five years from now, seven years, ten years? If you establish long-term goals you're going to have a very viable lodge.

Other excitement we are having in Oregon is we are going to have a friend-to-a-friend afternoon for the family of Freemasonry. It's going to be held in the Scottish Rite Center in downtown Portland. Each of the petit and concordant bodies will have a booth explaining what their organizations are all about. The highlight of the afternoon is that we have permission to exemplify the 17th degree of Scottish Rite to the public.

I want to ask you one question and this includes your youth groups. How many times do we watch our youth groups do their work? How many times they've watched us? It's going to be a great day and the only way you could attend is bringing a non-member of your organization.

We hope that this is successful. If any of you are in the area, please come and join us, and Most Worshipful Grand Master on behalf of the brothers that accompanied me to Alaska and the Past Grand Masters that have accompanied me, I want to say thank you for the hospitality and all extended welcomes to all of us from the Grand Lodge of Alaska.

RW Ed Weisser, Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, my Grand Master, for the record North Pole Lodge No. 16. Brethren, Grand Master kind of caught me off guard back there.

Want to say for the Pennsylvania, we were pleased to come to Alaska and present the third degree from Pennsylvania. I have received a lot of remarks from the Brethren and I am sure that they were interested and were very pleased to do that. We had a lot of fun doing that. A little difficult to do with some brethren who were not quite familiar with the work. I guess the only one who did his work properly was the candidate. We got him straightened out. We don't know if he wants to come to Pennsylvania and claim membership now or not, but we would be welcome to receive him. We do allow dual membership in Pennsylvania.

Brethren, I would just like to say a couple of words about brotherhood. Brotherhood in this jurisdiction is extremely fine. Sometimes in Pennsylvania I am a little embarrassed about brotherhood because sometimes we forget the importance of comradery and the things we should do in Freemasonry.

I think of the tools we use in Pennsylvania and I assume in most jurisdictions. In the third degree we use the trowel.

The trowel is an implement used by operative Masons to spread the cement whereby the building is united into one common mass. But we as Free and Accepted Masons are taught to make use of it for the more nobler and glorious purposes of spreading the cement of affection

Brethren do we always spread the brotherly love and affection?

In our Lodges and in our Grand Lodges, I guess there is those brethren who take a position, I don't like what's going on or don't like what's happening, and they really are not brethren. We can disagree but we should agree to disagree.

Brethren, it's hurting our Fraternity throughout the world, because brotherhood has splintered and you know our people who constantly tear down Freemasonry are happy to see that happen because they feel without being united they've got us divided and we fail.

So, it's up to each of you and each of us that are sitting here in this great Grand Lodge today that take your degrees brethren and apply it to your everyday life. I think one of the things we miss, and I don't know about this jurisdiction, even though I have had the opportunity to see a third degree here last time I was last here. I don't know whether we real ... break in tape...

Leonard Luchau, Executive Secretary, Masonic Service Bureau of Washington

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Good morning Brethren.

I guess you are my Grand Master too because I am a member of Iditarod Lodge No. 20 and North Pole Lodge No. 16.

It's a little bit humorous when we were driving up. When we were driving up I had thought about taking some pictures if any wildlife crossed or anything like that. I had my camera already, everything was ready, here comes some elk, ran across the road guess what , buck fever, no pictures not one. But anyway it was a very enjoyable ride.

Brethren, we had a brother whose house burned down. Just as another Past Grand Master said, Masonry crosses all boundaries. There is none in Masonry. We assisted this brother. He was not in our state, but we assisted him.

A Rainbow girl, she was in (garbled) county and stabbed twenty-one times. She survived. We assisted her also.

Some of the brethren are wondering how can you reach out to other brethren and how can you make that man or that potential candidate come into your lodge. We tried that, what we'd done, we had for our widows a wreath program, Christmas wreath, and one secretary got a call from all of them about it. Who called in addition to that was one of her grandsons, how can I become a Mason? Keep that in mind.

The fundraiser was very successful. We were able to help out people and we have two other different requests for assistance on the dockets yet. It goes to the charity committee and we will go from there.

Brethren, we had a wild game night that was another fundraiser and I want to tell you right now, it would not have been successful at all hadn't it been for Worshipful Brother Sanders. He sent us down some moose and some salmon. The people that ate there thought it was just super and great. Thank you Worshipful Brother Sanders for your assistance.

Many times many of us wonder what we can do for Masonry. Those are two of the ideas that I have and they are working very well. I can assure you that your Masonic Service Bureau is reaching out to the various widows and to anybody out there that needs help. It's your service bureau, not ours, it's yours.

Anytime you need assistance, you want me to do something for you down there, please do not hesitate to call me. I've got an 800 number. That 800 number works for not only in Alaska but across the United States - 1-800-600-5544. In any event you want me to do something, please do not hesitate to call me. I'm more that happy to help you. I am your executive secretary and I'm there to assist you. Thank you very much.

Thanks for allowing me to speak Grand Master and I am very happy to be here today.

RW Howard D. Kirkpatrick Junior Grand Warden of California

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Thank you Most Worshipful for this opportunity to speak to your Grand Lodge. I bring you greetings from California. As I mentioned yesterday, we have a lot of similarities between California and Alaska, some of the reasons people originally came to our State. We have some differences too. You are a small jurisdiction and we are a large

jurisdiction, but we share the same problems. This gentleman that just spoke on youth activities, we make the same appeals at our Grand Lodge to have people get involved.

I'd like to thank Most Worshipful John Grainger for his hospitality. I have been to Russia twice over the past eleven years and was searching for some avenues that I might be able to establish Masonry there and I finally ran across John Grainger's name and he has been certainly helpful in inviting me to participate in their meetings. Yesterday he invited me to attend the Russian Relations Committee meeting and we discussed one item, is the impression that we make on other people. We never know when someone is watching us. Your Deputy Grand Master took a card out of his pocket yesterday and showed it to me which said something to the effect take a good look at yourself, you are the first impression of Masonry to someone else,

I'd like to relate to you just a short story of how that related back during the Vietnam War. There was a Navy commander who was commander of an air reconnaissance squadron and he had received some orders for his squadron during which he considered to be wrong and harmful to his men. He objected to these orders all the way up to the admiral laying his career on the line. He went out with the admiral and he did not know at that time, but several years after he retired, when the prisoners of war were returned, one young Navy lieutenant came to his home in Florida and said you're the reason that I am alive today. Because I know what you did when you went before the admiral and if I knew there were people like you in the Navy that you would not leave us in Vietnam. We never know when someone is looking at it.

I apologize for getting a little emotional. That commander was my brother. We never know when someone else is watching.

Thank you sir.

MW Lloyd Triggs, General Grand Counsel of Cryptic Masons International

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Most Worshipful Grand Master and assembled guests, Brethren.

I think he is getting even with me for something I didn't do.

A year ago I was appointed as regional representative to the General Grand Master of Cryptic Masons International. We have a research foundation for arteriosclerosis. I wasn't quite aware of the intent or intense research that went into it until I met with one of the doctors at Indiana College Foundation and he showed us some videos of what they do to offset a heart attack and I think everyone of us sitting here would be very interested in that.

They don't have to have open heart surgery any more. They can, through a small hole in the outer skin, they can inject a probe and establish – re-route the artery around the obstruction and the body itself will grow a new artery. They've worked this successfully on animals and this year the proposal is to get the final okay from the Food and Drug Administration to do it on human beings. So with that, that will decrease the price of hospitalization, surgery, and so forth and the body won't have any rejection problems.

It was very interesting to me to find out all of these things and I can't go into detail to you at this time because the Grand Master caught me unawares. It is very interesting and we all should be apprised of those matters. We do have some brochures from our General Grand Counsel that are available. I don't have any with me, I am sorry but I think it is very important that we looked at not only the research we do in a General Grand Counsel but in all the rites that have a philanthropy.

We as Masons should be interested in those things because not only for public reasons but also a lot of them are going to serve us individually.

I thank you for your attention and that's about the end of my report Grand Master.

VW Mitchell R, Miller, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Scottish Rite

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master, Most Worshipful Sirs, and Brethren all.

I wasn't expecting to speak so therefore it will be short.

The Scottish Rite has always followed the directions of the Grand Lodge. In fact is, it ties ourselves to the Grand Lodge so closely that any action taken on the membership by the Grand Lodge or by the Lodges is almost automatically taken by the Sovereign Grand Inspector General on that same individual, the exact same action will be taken by the Scottish Rite.

In our philanthropy of our Childhood Language and Disorders Clinic, we now have, I believe, 138 of them in the United States and more being built every year. Several are in the planning stages. We are in the process, the Northern Jurisdiction joined us a few years ago in this philanthropy so they are building them at a very, very rapid pace. Their approach is a little bit different than ours but it's still the same thing. It's helping the children.

Here in Alaska we have had for approximately eight years now going on nine years a clinic in Anchorage. That clinic is very successful. It's small. Our overhead expenses are almost zero because of the way we contract with the speech therapists. We keep an average of ten children in this program all the time, and I believe at the last count we'd

had somewhere around 50/60 children that have been completely through this. Our goal is to take these children that have these language programs and make them into good productive citizens in the future. It is very, very successful.

We are now in the process of raising the funds to start the clinic here in Fairbanks and it's, the schedule was hopefully that we would open this clinic the first of March. Think I am going to slip that to around the first of April. The funds are not coming in as fast as we anticipated, but they are still coming in.

I already mentioned the generous donation from California, but I would like to relate a little bit of a story that I just attended the Grand Lodge, excuse me, Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction, we were in Pittsburg. And, one of the things that happens at these Supreme Council meetings we have particularly in the Northern Jurisdiction, we did do it a our banquet in '99, is that they have one of the children from one of the clinics come and speak. This young lady, I think was ten/eleven years old, she came up with her mother and they traveled a couple hundred miles to attend the meeting and she spoke right before lunch. The Sovereign Grand Commander, Ralston, of the Northern Jurisdiction, as in tradition since they have started this program, gave this child an envelope. We all knew what was in it. It was a hundred dollar bill, brand new one. He handed the envelope to the child and we broke for lunch. We came back from lunch and the Sovereign Grand Commander says "I have the rest of the story to tell." This young lady looked at the hundred dollar bill, handed it back to the Sovereign Grand Commander and said help another child.

Brethren, Most Worshipful Sir, I thank you for allowing me to speak.

RW H. Wayne Kingsley, Junior Grand Warden of Nevada

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Officers, Distinguished East, Brethren. It is indeed a pleasure to be in Alaska once again. This is my fourth or fifth trip. I've forgotten exactly which, but I've never failed to have a fine time.

You know, I've always been impressed by things that went on at the Grand Lodge of Alaska, and I wasn't disappointed this time either. You know, we as Masons for a good many years now, chastise ourselves for not showing ourselves to the community in a better fashion. But, it was obvious yesterday that, that is not the case here in Alaska Grand Master. The Governor's proclamation recognized that Scottish Rite, York Rite, and Shrine are all Masons. Your Potentate acknowledges allegiance to Grand Masters in Alaska. Perhaps, Well Stanley maybe you could suggest to him he use that proclamation in solicitation of the potentates. You know not only Masons of Alaska recognize that Shriners are Masons, but the Governor does as well.

And, I was further impressed by the proclamation that the Mayor brought to Grand Lodge. She obviously recognizes, not from Alaska but from another place, but I'm sure she communicates the same. She also recognizes the tenants of Freemasonry. So Alaskan Masonry is alive and well. It is obvious to me that is always a pleasing thing to say,

I would like to share with you the couple of things what we are doing in Nevada that is different than what we have in the past. The programs haven't changed, the delivering of the programs have changed a little bit and I think it points out that while we don't have to change our program, sometimes if we change the delivery, we can be a little more successful.

In the Nevada Grand Lodge, for years, granted scholarships as most Grand Lodges do. Our's perhaps a little more modest than some, more modest than Pennsylvania's. but we were having problems delivering these scholarships because they were going unsolicited. And, this was primarily due to an unwillingness on the part of these universities and colleges in Nevada to allow the Masons to participate in the selection of the recipients of those scholarships.

So, last year I asked the Deputy Grand Master at that time, if he would support the change the way we delivered those scholarships. He said, well yeah he would. And, then I went to the Junior Grand Warden and Senior Grand Warden and asked them if they would continue the support of that and they agreed they would. So, I got together with another couple of the brothers who have better writing skills than myself and we designed a program to turn the scholarships back as matching funds to the Lodges. We had heard in Nevada, and I am sure you hear here, that most jurisdictions do that Masons grumbling when they see a Grand Lodge Officer that you know the Grand Lodge doesn't really do too much for us. We're kind of out there doing this all by ourselves and I thought that would help in that regard.

I made this comment to the chairman of the York Rite Foundation, education foundation and discovered they were in the process of changing their loan program which had been very successful over the number of years and grown substantially. But, they were in the process of changing this loan program to a scholarship program or a grant program, and I found out they were quite willing to augment the funds that Grand Lodge had available to turn back to the Lodges and were to turn a four or five-thousand dollar matching situation in to a close to a ten-thousand dollar matching situation to increase in increments over a period of a couple of years and the response has been tremendous. The Lodges are able now to offer more money to high school students in their own area, get the recognition in their own communities for moneys Masons collect and spend for scholarships. So that has been helpful to us.

Another thing that we just started in Nevada was a result of the secretary of my Lodge having a conversation one day with a brand new Master Mason and he said we would like to get on board with this student ID program which is very successful in California and many other places. But, we just can't seem to come up with the money to buy those units. They cost somewhere in the neighborhood of \$3,000 apiece for the computer and

equipment that goes along with it. And, this brother stood on one foot and the other and said you know, I'm on the board of directors of a foundation here in town and last year we had \$160,000 in grant money and there was nobody asked for it, and he said I'm sure if you write a grant, you know, we would probably fund the units for you. How much money do you need? Rod told him and we need about \$3,500. He said well no you don't want to write a grant for \$3,500. He asked how many of those things could you use? Rod thought about it for a minute and said well there is Reno 13, the Grand Lodge, and there's the Shrine, all right here in town. We could probably use three of them. He said, why don't you write a grant for three of them and we will see what we can do.

Well, last week, just before I left, he received the grant and ordered three child ID programs and so we will be running those in Nevada now. We are really happy about that.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, it's been indeed a pleasure as always to be in Alaska, particularly in Fairbanks. As I said, I've always enjoyed it very much and hospitality has always been outstanding and it's the same this year. I thank you very much for the opportunity to represent Grand Lodge of Nevada here.

W Warren L. McConnell, Grand Representative of Okalahoma

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Grand Master, Distinguished Brethren, it is indeed my pleasure to be speaking before such a distinguished group.

We have about 36,000 Masons in Oklahoma and we are trying a lot of different things. I noticed last night you were recognizing your service personnel. We started something real similar in Oklahoma. We're recognizing our law enforcement officers. We broke it down to seven different areas like the big cities, the smaller towns, the sheriff's departments, and things like this and at Grand Lodge we bring them to Grand Lodge and present them a real nice certificate and a monetary gift.

We've also started, any law enforcement officer that suffers a life-threatening accident, or wreck, or what whatever, we automatically, the minute we find out about it, take \$500 to the widow or wife of the injured officer. And, that has really got us some good publicity in Oklahoma this year. In fact the man that's the head of the highway patrol in Oklahoma, we just done a Mason-at-sight, at Guthrie, Oklahoma two months ago on him and he is going to be working with his officers, and the people under him, and the highway patrol trying to help us recruit more Masons. But, he'll have a strong influence on the other highway patrol officers.

Our youth groups are growing in Oklahoma, not very much, but we are growing. I was glad to see the youth here in this town really working. I mean the Rainbow girls selling candy, the advisory boards having dinners, the Rainbow girls having breakfasts and that

is what it is all about. We need to go out and help and support our youth. We really need the youth to survive.

Grand Master, it has been a pleasure being here. I appreciate all the hospitality extended to me and my wife and if the Good Lord is willing, I will be back for several years in a row. Thank you.

MW Richard A. Mecartea, Grand Master of Washington

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

Most Worshipful Grand Master Don and my Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Alaska, visitors and brethren in general.

It is my pleasure to bring you greetings from the 23,000 Masons in the State of Washington. What a pleasure it is for me to be here.

Your Most Worshipful Grand Master Chaffin and I have known each other for a number of years now we've had tremendous relationships. I had the pleasure of receiving him into Lafayette Lodge in Seattle last November for their International Night. I also had the pleasure of him receiving me into Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21 on the 16th of January, when there was a big celebration welcoming Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge into the Grand Lodge of Alaska. At the time we endorsed the charter to signify that Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge was a member of the Grand Lodge of Alaska. On that occasion your Grand Master accorded me the honors of participating in closing Lodge that evening. As the Grand Lodge Officers closed lodge, he offered me the courtesy of delivering the closing charge, which was a special occasion for me.

In Grand Lodge of Washington this year, we have a couple of new programs. One, we have developed a long-range planning program and this is a program that will go on for at least five years. The other elected Grand Lodge Officers have signed on to this program as well. We handled things a little differently this year. Many times we hear those Grand Lodge Officers are kind of, try to shove things down our throats. We, this year, we went out and asked the brethren the programs they would like to see and the Grand Lodge of Washington pursue in the future.

So, we got the ideas from the brethren of the Grand Jurisdiction of Washington and some of the programs were that they would like to see more training and education; they would like to see more activity in our public relations and also become more involved in community relations and of course family involvement; utilizing the new technology we are experiencing every day; and to spend more time in fraternalism, in other words visiting the Lodges in our districts and our various cities and towns; and cooperation with the concordant bodies. They also said we should look into the reorganization that the way Grand Lodge does business.

With relation to cooperation of the concordant bodies, a program was established last spring which we call the Washington Masonic Alliance. This consists of the leadership of the Grand Lodge of Washington, the Scottish Rite, the York Rite bodies, and the Shrine Temple. These groups delegates meet regularly to discuss challenges that face each and everyone of the various organizations. They recognize the fact that they are all Masons so that we should work together towards the good of Freemasonry in the State of Washington.

One of the things that I would like to share with you is something that is contained in the first degree charge. As that charge begins, 'I will now proceed to point out those lines of personal conduct which you as a Mason are expected to follow.' We know from that first degree, that it points out everything we as Masons should follow, the way we should live our lives. It also states in that first degree charge that it is an institution having its foundation the practice of social and moral virtues. In other words my Brethren, in a first degree we learn how we should conduct our lives as a Mason.

Now, I would like to close with a thought that I would like to share with you. "Build a better world," God said, but I answered, "How? The world is such a large vast place so complicated now and I so small and useless am there's nothing I can do." But, God in all his wisdom said, "Just build a better you." Now my Brothers, isn't that what this great Fraternity of Freemasonry is all about, building a better you and me?

Thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master

ELECTION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

(Transcribed from tape recordings of the Grand Lodge Communications)

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

Grand Master:

1 vote VW Dennis Thryer
1 vote Don Chaffin
132 votes RW Chuck Corbin (Station accepted)

Deputy Grand Master:

1 vote Kenneth Stedman
1 vote The dumb one
1 vote Sam Mudsucker
1 vote Donald Duck
1 vote VW Lloyd Triggs
129 votes RW Steve Cox (Station accepted)

Senior Grand Warden:

1 vote Snedder
1 vote Bradley White
1 vote RW Steve Lee
1 vote Johnnie Wallace
2 votes Blank
128 votes RW Ken Stedman (Station accepted)

Junior Grand Warden:

1 vote Brad White
1 vote Steve Lee
2 votes David DeLong
2 votes Doug Ooms
38 votes Chuck Wellong
91 votes Joe Dees (Station accepted)

Grand Secretary:

1 vote blank
1 vote Lloyd Triggs
1 vote Steve Lee
45 votes MW Gunnar Flannigan
84 votes RW Rick Bender (Station accepted)

Grand Treasurer:

1 vote Don Chaffin
1 vote Cline
1 vote Darnell
1 vote Rick Bender
128 votes RW Steve Lee (Station accepted)

INSTALLATION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

An open installation for the 2001 - 2002 officers for the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was conducted in Fairbanks, Alaska on February 2, 2001.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Welcome and Introduction

By MW Don G. Chaffin

INSTALLING OFFICERS

Installing Master	MW Henry "Hank" Dunbar
Installing Marshal	MW Fred V. Angleton
Installing Marshal	MW Leslie R. "Les" Little
Installing Chaplain	MW Lloyd Triggs
Installing Secretary	MW Stanley R. Foulke

ELECTED OFFICERS

Grand Master	MW Charles E. Corbin (Kathy)
Deputy Grand Master	RW Stephen L. Cox (Gayle)
Senior Grand Warden	RW Kenneth E. Stedman (Bonnie)
Junior Grand Warden	R.W L.V. "Joe" Dees (Jackie)
Grand Treasurer	R.W Steve Lee (Sandra Lee)
Grand Secretary	RW Richard D. Bender (Linda)

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Grand Chaplain	W Eugene M. Mockerman (Alice)
Grand Lecturer	VW Robert E. MacArthur
Grand Orator	RW Samuel K. Medsker (Michelle)
Grand Historian	W Lee O. Seagondollar
Grand Marshal	W Johnnie L. Wallace (Mary)
Senior Grand Deacon	W John M. Barkley
Junior Grand Deacon	W John R. Cline (Beth)
Grand Standard Bearer	W Stanley Woodin
Grand Sword Bearer	W Gerald E. Browning
Grand Bible Bearer	RW Thomas O. Mickey
Senior Grand Steward	W William D. Little (Marianne)
Junior Grand Steward	W Robert B. Molloy (Sandi)
Grand Organist	W Dwight E. Morris (Deanna)
Grand Tyler	W Warren Pruitt

DEPUTIES TO THE GRAND MASTER

District 1	VW Douglas W. Ooms (Rhonda)
District 2	VW Robert E. Cunningham
District 3	VW Michael B. Swensen (Linda)
District 4	VW David T. Alderson
District 5	VW William J. Goodwin, Jr. (Kathleen)