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PRAYER OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

Roger K. Hansen

Most Holy and Glorious Lord God.

*Thou has promised us where two or three are gathered together
in thy name, thou will be in the mist of them.*

*We humbly ask that you will be with us in all our actions at this
session and you will guide us that this Grand Lodge may grow
and prosper.*

*We humbly ask that you will be with us in all our future actions
with mankind.*

Now and tomorrow; forever.

In thy holy name we ask.

Amen

ROLL CALL

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Master	MW Kenneth E. Stedman
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deputy Grand Master	RW L. V. "Joe" Dees
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Warden	RW Harry J. Koenen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Warden	RW Marvin B. Fitzpatrick
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Treasurer	RW Gerald R. "Jerry" Fairley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Secretary	MW Leslie R. Little
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Chaplain	W Roger K. Hansen
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grand Lecturer	W Robert E. MacArthur
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Orator	W William P. Kalbach
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Historian	W Douglas C. Teninty
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Marshal	VW L. Tom Smotherman
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Deacon	W Nate Esteban
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Deacon	W Walt Bonner (Pro Tem)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Standard Bearer	W Roger A. Barnstead
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grand Sword Bearer	W Bert K. Stedman
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Bible Bearer	W Claude Roberts
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Steward	W Charles D. Wileman
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Steward	W John F. Bahrt
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Organist	W Edward Nygaard
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Tyler	W Dwight E. Morris
		W J. B. Carnahan

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
- Ketchikan Lodge No. 19
- Iditarod Lodge No. 20
- Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21
- Sterling Lodge No. 22
- Petersburg Lodge No. 23

MW Grand Master, all Grand Lodge Officers, with the exception of the Grand Lecturer and Grand Standard Bearer ,and 21 Lodges are represented and we, therefore, have a Constitutional quorum to open Grand Lodge.

MW Leslie R. Little PGM
Grand Secretary

SOLEMN CEREMONIES

The public opening of the Twenty Third Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was opened at 8:00 AM on February 5, 2004, by Worshipful Russell Shivers.. The program for the public ceremonies included:

- Entrance of Grand Lodge Officers
- Pledge of Allegiance
- U.S. and Canadian National Anthems
- The Alaska Flag Song
- Welcome to representatives of the Youth Groups
- Welcome by Mayor of Sitka
- Introduction of Representatives of Concordant Bodies

Mrs. Susan Anderson Bethel Guardian and Dwane Anderson Associate Guardian Bethel No 1, Anchorage Alaska introduced and conducted Job's Daughter's ceremony "What is a Mason."

Representatives of Concordant Bodies present included:

Al Aska Shrine Temple

Stanley R. Foulke, Potentate

Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction

Mitchell R. Miller, Sovereign Grand Inspector General

Grand Court of Alaska, Amaranth

Sharon Aceves, Grand Royal Matron

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alaska

Robert L. Fulton, Grand Illustrious Master

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Alaska

Charles O. Ashcraft, Grand Illustrious Master

Grand Commandry, Knights Templar of Alaska

David A. Hunt, Grand Commander

International Order of Job's Daughters

Brenda Hansel, Supreme Deputy in Alaska

International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Theresa Thurston, Supreme Deputy in Alaska

Masonic Service Bureau of Seattle

Leonard E. Luchau, Executive Secretary

Order of Eastern Star

Joan P. Morgan, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Alaska

York Rite College

Gene R. Freeman, Grand Governor of Alaska

Distinguished Guests present included:

Nevada, F. & A. M.

MW H. Wayne Kingsley, Grand Master

Oregon, A. F. & A. M.

MW L.L. Vern Beito, Grand Master

MW Herman C. Kuppler Past Grand Master

MW John D. Livie, Past Grand Master

MW Vern Wertz, Past Grand Master

Pennsylvania, F. & A. M.

RW Edward O. Weisser, Past Grand Master

Washington, F. & A. M.

MW John D. McNab, Grand Master

RW Saturo Tashiro, Past Grand Master

MW William R. Miller, Past Grand Master

MW Wendel H. Kueker, HPGM Alaska, Past District Deputy

Utah, F & A. M.

W Kelly A. Hansel, Senior Grand Deacon

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

Brandon White, DDGM, representing MW Charles W. Ferguson
Grand Master

The formal opening of the Twenty Third Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was opened at 10:00 AM on February 5, 2004, by Most Worshipful Kenneth E. Stedman, 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

WB Edward Sarff (23)

Second Session

WB Darrell Windsor (18)

Third Session

WB Jefferson Bailey (4)

Fourth Session

WB Gerald Hughes (19)

MESSAGE OF THE M.W. GRAND MASTER

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

I bid you welcome to the Twenty-Third Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska. Our annual sessions allow us to meet on the level and act on the square with our brethren from around Alaska and the world. For those of you who are her in Sitka and Southeast Alaska for the first time, I extend my sincere welcome to the banana belt of Alaska. It's interesting to note that Sitka is the oldest City on the west coast of North America and was once called the Paris of the Pacific. The history of Masonry in Alaska is synonymous with Sitka and the purchase of Alaska from Russia on October 18, 1867. The following spring or April 14, 1868, a dispensation was granted by the Grand Lodge of Washington to 14 Masons for a Lodge at Sitka which was eventually chartered as Alaska Lodge 14 on September 17, 1869.

APPOINTMENTS

Most Worshipful Brother John H. Grainger, Very Worshipful Brother Russell H. Mills, Very Worshipful Brother William Goodwin were appointed to the Committee on Segregations and Reference.

Worshipful Brother William Kalbach was appointed Grand Orator replacing Worshipful Brother Marty Parsons.

NECROLOGY

District 4 and this Grand Lodge lost an exemplary member with the passing of Very Worshipful Brother David Delong early this year. He was a member of Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge 21, past Deputy of the Grand Master, and was named Mason of the Year by Grand Master Steve Cox at the 22nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alaska in Fairbanks in February 2003. May we cherish his memory forever.

The least desirable report is the Necrology Report and although it is the least desirable it is a report of love and sorrow. It is a time to remember those Brothers who have passed on before us. Our Grand Chaplain Worshipful Brother Roger K. Hansen will give this report later in the session. I would like to quote a paragraph from the Necrology report given by Past Grand Master Steve Cox in last years report that is thought provoking. "The scythe of time and the cold touch of death never ceases to take from us those we love. We can only try to live our lives in such a manner that we are living monuments to their sacred memory."

STATE OF THE CRAFT

The state of the craft continues to be encouraging. Growth, the life blood of our organization still shows signs that it is continuing. I noted during my visitations that many of our Lodges had just conferred a degree or were scheduling degrees in the near future. Those few Lodges that had not conferred degrees recently, are the Lodges that I referred to as troubled Lodges in a report submitted at the Western Conference of Grand Masters three years ago. Last years Grand Master's Message showed a growth of two Lodges in our Jurisdiction, which was commendable. I must now report the pending loss of one of our Lodges. This loss, either with another Lodge or arresting of its Charter, has been oncoming for several years has just been done will be done shortly.

VISITATIONS

During the year of 2003, I made the annual Official Visitation of the Grand Master to each Lodge in the Jurisdiction. I also the attended the Conference of Grand Masters in Minneapolis, MN, The Western Conference of Grand Masters in Seattle, WA, and the Grand Lodges of Oregon and Washington. I also visited the Lafayette Lodge #242 in Seattle attending its 75th anniversary. Visitations were made to various concordant Bodies

including Imperial Shrine in Minneapolis and other concordant Bodies within Alaska and the Lower 48.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Conference of Grand Masters in Minneapolis, MN.

The Western Conference of Grand Master in Seattle, WA.

The Order of Eastern Star Triennial in Portland, OR.

SPECIAL ACTIONS OF THE GRAND MASTER

The following EDICT was vacated to comply with an order of the Superior Court for the State of Alaska. Third Judicial District at Anchorage Case No., 3AN-020427e “Any Mason involved in a legal action against the Grand Lodge, or Grand Lodge Officer’s actions fro the Grand Lodge, will be immediately expelled from the Grand Lodge. Confirmation of the summary Expulsion will be taken at the Next Grand Lodge session and will require a two-third vote of the members attending. If the Expulsion is not upheld, the penalty will be lowered to Suspension for a time indefinite.” The ruling of the Superior Court stated “The powers of the Grand Master to suspend members and provisions of the April 1, 2002 Edict to cause the expulsion of members for filing lawsuits shall be reviewed in an open and representative process and shall be voted upon by the convened Grand Lodge in 2004”

This court also recommended that The Alaska Masonic Code be reviewed. This has been done.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS BY THE GRAND MASTER

Letter to Fairbanks Lodge #12 regarding violation of Alaska Masonic Code in handling of petition for Dual Membership.

DISPENSATIONS

The following dispensations were granted:

Fairbanks #12, April 03, permission granted to hold Stated Communication at Tanana Lodge #3.

Kenai #11, April 03, permission granted for relief from normal labor for School Awards Program. Permission granted to wear aprons and regalia.

Fairbanks #12, August 03, permission granted to allow Fellowcraft to take Master Mason degree early due to Military transfer.

Aurora #15, August 03, permission granted to display Masonic Square And Compass at concert.

North Pole #16, August 03, permission granted to hold August Stated Communication at Arctic Lodge #7.

Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux #21, September 03, permission granted to change date of Second Stated Communication from 16th to 23rd of September.

Mt. Verstovia #18, December 03, permission to change date of January 2004 Stated Communication from 1 January to 8 January 2004.

FINANCES OF THE GRAND LODGE

Finances of the Grand Lodge continue to be a problem. Our per capita income has not been increased for several years and I am sure that you all are aware that our concordant bodies have increase their per capita assessments this year, to offset the increasing costs of operations. Yet when I mentioned increasing per capita I am told that the brothers will not stand for it. Brothers it is time to bite the bullet and do something while we still have a Grand Lodge.

1. Here are a few problems that your finance committee, Line Officers, and Grand Treasurer have been face with during this current year.
2. The cost of Insurance was almost doubled due to the liability claim that was settled last fall. We are expecting a further increase in premiums due to Insurance marketing conditions when the policy renews in July of this year.
3. An unbudgeted expense of \$5,000.00 for attorney fees to the above claim was paid.
4. The travel expense paid to the Line Officers was reduced three years ago in an effort to help reduce an unbudgeted expense of \$15,000.00 that we are faced with. This reduction in travel payment has not been returned to the budget and it should be. We cannot expect our Line Officers to continue paying travel expenses out of their own pockets.
5. Our publication "Light from the Great Land" has only been published once in the last two years. This was due to lack of funds in the budget to publish and mail the bulletin more than that one time. My brothers a Grand Lodge cannot be a viable organization if it unable to communicate with its members.

We were fortunate in that the Grand Treasurer found an overpayment in the amount of \$6,000.00 to a supplier which helped offset the additional expenses indicated above. We will not have that windfall this coming year.

Two weeks from now our Grand Lodge has the honor of displaying its history and Masonic information at the George Washington National Memorial in Washington D.C. We have no funds for this trip nor do we have funds to pay for the travel of our member on the board of directors of the Memorial. We expect them to represent us, at their own expense, this my Brothers is not right.

We need a paid employee in the Grand Lodge Office, on a part-time basis, to handle routine office duties and to assist the Grand Secretary.

My Brothers it is time to do something about this financial shortfall and I will cover that in my recommendations as follows.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I recommend approval of an emergent resolution assessing every Lodge \$10.00 per Master Mason, due and payable by April 1, 2004. These funds to be a part of the operating budget for the 2004 – 2005 fiscal year.

I recommend that the current per capita of \$0.50 per member payable to the George Washington National Memorial be increased by \$0.50 to a total of \$1.00 per year.

I urge the immediate passage of Resolution 2004-2 for the good Masonry, and this Grand Lodge.

APPRECIATION

I direct a special thank you to the following. First; to the Grand Secretary Most Worshipful Brother Les Little for the countless hours spent in traveling to and from his home in Sterling in the performance of his duties, and for the excellent job he has done as Grand Secretary these last two years. He has been a boon to me, ever ready to answer my countless questions and to assist me, when called upon.

To Right Worshipful Brother Jerry Fairley, Grand Treasurer of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge. RW Bro. Jerry has spent untold hours manning the Grand Lodge Office on a volunteer basis. He is primarily responsible for bringing our financial records into order and setting up a new accounting system. He accepted without question the duty of being assigned a special Deputy to the Grand Master in the Anvil Lodge #2 problem and traveling there on my behalf.

Both of these Grand Lodge Officers are through this year and are not seeking re-election to these two positions. This Grand Lodge owes these Brothers a round of thanks for a job well done.

A thank you is extended to my Brothers in Mt. Verstovia Lodge #18 for their support, both emotionally and financially, for without it the path to today would have been almost impossible to travel.

Thanks also to my son Worshipful Bert K. Stedman, my sounding board, my critic, and supporter.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank my wife Bonnie for patience, understanding and support during these last four years, for without it I could not have reached this pinnacle of Masonry, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska.

CONCLUSION

My Brothers, one year ago you bestowed me the greatest honor I have ever received, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska. I hope I have lived up to your expectations. I have tried to fulfill my duties with honor, integrity, and compassion. You have coming behind me Line Officers that I have been proud to serve with.

Right Worshipful Brother Joe Dees, Deputy Grand Master, has been a true and steady friend and a brother knowledgeable in our Craft. He will make an excellent Grand Master. Behind him you have Right Worshipful Harry Koenen and Marvin Fitzpatrick, two brothers of excellent character and well versed in Masonry. We have a wonderful Grand Jurisdiction with competent Line Officers to carry us into the future. Support them as you have supported me for the future is bright for you and our fraternity.

Respectfully submitted:

Kenneth E. Stedman
Grand Master

RESPONSE BY THE P.G.M.'S OF ALASKA

MWGM, MW, RW, VW, W Brothers, and my Friends:

It is my great Honor to reply for the PGM's of Alaska.

The Good members of this august group have taken a sacred pledge to support our Grand Lodge and our Grand Master.

Once we have been released from the oriental chair and its travails we are again only an equal among our Brothers.

Our PGM oath admonishes us not to interfere with the workings of the Grand Lodge or the sitting Grand Master, but to give council when requested by our Grand Master.

After a year of leadership we have learned to trust the integrity, intelligence, and compassion of the brethren, the true power of the Grand Lodge.

My dear brother Ken, you have nearly completed an exemplary year as Grand Master. I am so proud to call you my friend and thank you for the opportunity to travel with you the past several years.

Fraternally,

Stephen L. Cox, PGM

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

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

I herewith submit my report of the status of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge.

We have encountered a large budget deficit this year due to the doubling of our insurance premiums. This was due to the legal action brought against this Grand Lodge by certain members of this Grand Lodge during the year 2001, and finally settled in the year 2002. We went from a cost for insurance of approximately \$8,000 to approximately \$15,000. This severe increase in premiums will never go away. Your Grand Master's message contained a recommendation for an assessment of \$10 per member. This is to help offset this budget deficit, as well as other expenses. I urge the approval of this recommendation.

We have continued to strive to reduce costs within the office of the Grand Secretary, and to increase the effectiveness of certain procedures.

We now are able to print the Alaska Masonic Code in house at a substantial savings. The cost to buy the new Code is not yet fully determined, but we expect it to be less than half the current cost of \$15.00. It will be in a new and much easier to read format. The Code will now be printed in the 8-1/2x11 format, and placed in a 3 ring binder. Subsequent changes can be printed and inserted at very little cost, instead of having to go to a p[rinter where we forced to order large minimum quantities. The index to the Code has been expanded to give you even more options to cross reference the Sections you are looking for. Many hours were put into this effort. The index was inadequate for a person to quickly locate the desired Sections. Suggestions for even more entries to the index are always welcome.

We also plan to incorporate the EA, FC, and MM booklets into the alternative proficiency manual. This will assist us in further saving of printing costs. These are not the ciphers, just the hand out degree booklets. There will not be any change to the cipher in the near future. We note, however, that the Grand Lodge of Washington has gone to an electronic version of the cipher. This may be something we can look at in the future.

To help make the job of the Lodge Secretaries even easier and less complicated, we have created a new web site specifically for the Lodge Secretaries to file their required monthly returns electronically if they so desire. The return is acknowledged so there are no questions about it being received in the office. This web site contains only the return form and should not be accessed by anyone except the secretary of the Lodge. This method of monthly reporting has been well received so far and we encourage more secretaries to avail themselves of these options.

R.W. Brother Gerald R. Fairley, our Grand Treasurer, has continually updated the database for all members. His diligence in transferring data from the old card system to the database has greatly eased the locating of records for individual Brothers whenever necessary. It is important that we continue to get the records of all Alaska Masons current and deceased, onto the database in order to help preserve the history of Masonry in Alaska. We maintain current copies in several locations outside the office so there is no danger of losing our data due to mishap.

It is imperative that we have a part time assistant to be in the office to take care of the day-to-day details, such as opening mail, answering letters, filing documents, answering the phone, responding to requests for information from other Grand jurisdictions, and such other duties as assigned. If any Brother is interested in this duty, please contact the Grand Secretary's office. It is a paid position, and would be ideal for a retired or semi-retired Brother who does not want a full time job. This Brother should reside in the Anchorage area.

The following Lodges have not paid the per capita fees for 2001 & 2002. These Lodges have been notified by the Grand Treasurer in writing, but have failed to respond.

White Pass #1 (as of Grand Lodge is now paid up-from VHS tape)
Kodiak #9

By order of the Grand Master, late charges will apply.

The following Lodges have not filed the required Annual returns pursuant to Section 16.16, sub paragraph. 6.

White Pass #1
Anvil #2
Mt. McKinley #5
Seward #6
Matanuska #7
Mt. Susitna #8
Kodiak #9
Kenai # 11
Ketchikan #19
Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux #21
Petersburg #23

Addendum: as of January 31 the following lodges have become current (from VHS tape)

White Pass #1
Matanuska #7
Mt. Susitna #8
Kenai #11
Ketchikan #19

The following Lodges are also delinquent in filing one or more monthly returns.

White Pass #1 (now current-from - VHS tape)
Anvil #2
Mt. McKinley #5
Seward #6
Matanuska #7 (now current-from – VHS tape)
Mt. Susitna #8 (now current – from VHS tape)
Kenai #11 (now current – from VHS tape)
Ketchikan #19 (now current – from VHS tape)
Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux #21
Petersburg #23

In view of the above situations, it is difficult to give an accurate status as to the condition of the Grand Lodge relative to gains or losses in membership during the year 2003. We are currently showing a net loss of 19. This number can change obviously with us receiving all the required returns. Some Lodges did show a net gain for the year. Based on the Lodges with a full year of returns, the Lodges with net gains are:

Matanuska #7	2
Mt. Susitna #8	1
Glacier #10	2
Eagle River #13	6
Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux #21	1
Sterling #22	1

Some Lodges, such as Tanana, Anchorage, and others have an elderly membership, and have been in existence for a much longer period of time. Most of the losses in those Lodges are attributed to the death of older members.

We must continually try to instill Our Lodge officers the importance of accurate and timely reporting of work done in the Lodge. Our whole being is tied to the making of Masons and attempting to bring about a better society through the teachings of our great Fraternity.

I have tried to do the best job possible for this Grand Lodge. I admit mistakes, and blame them only on myself. The pressures of having full time employment and living 130 miles from Anchorage have contributed to those mistakes. I sincerely hope I did not harm

anyone too greatly by those mistakes. Even with that, I wish to say that I could not have done this job without the aid and support of 2 individuals. My very good friend R.W. Brother Jerry Fairley, who has done so much of the behind the scenes work that has kept this Grand Secretary functioning. All of you will never know how much he has done, and how much I truly appreciate him. We all owe him so much more than the customary round of applause, but let's give him that anyway. The other person I wish to thank is, of course, my wife Roxie. She and I spent over 10 hours going through the Index of the Alaska Masonic Code to make all of those additional entries into it. This was done over several evenings when she could have been doing something for herself. She also folded letters and stuffed envelopes for me on many occasions. Being left alone so many times while I was driving back and forth to Anchorage was tough on her, but still she smiled for me. She has been the true light of my life. Please, if you have a chance, stop by the table where she is outside the door and thank her for all the work she has done for this Grand Lodge.

Finally, I wish to say that it has been a great pleasure being the Grand Secretary, and I leave the office with mixed feelings. I have enjoyed the association with our Grand Masters and Grand Lodge Officers over the last two years, and I look forward to whatever post I am assigned to by our next Grand Master. Perhaps, after I am finally able to retire, I could be available for this office again if needed.

MW Leslie R. Little PGM
Grand Secretary

STATUS OF LODGES

	BEGINNING MEMBER	ENDING MEMBER	NET GAIN/LOSS	PERCENT GAIN/LOSS	NEW ELECTED	EA DEGREES	FC DEGREES	MM DEGREES	TOTAL DEGREES	ENROLLED	AFFILIATION/DUAL MEMB.	REINSTATED/R ESTORED	TOTAL GAIN	DIED	DEMIT	DEMIT SUSPENDED/ EXPELLED	TOTAL LOSS	
WHITE PASS LODGE NO. 1	60	57	(3)	-5.00%	1	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	3
TANANA LODGE NO. 3	250	240	(10)	-4.04%	5	5	1	0	6	0	1	2	3	10	0	3	0	13
VALDEZ LODGE NO. 4	77	80	3	3.90%	2	3	3	2	8	2	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
MT. MCKINLEY LODGE NO. 5	28	28	0	0.00%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SEWARD LODGE NO. 6	27	27	0	0.00%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MATANUSKA LODGE NO. 7	111	120	9	8.11%	9	9	11	12	32	12	1	0	13	3	0	1	0	4
KODIAK LODGE NO. 9	58	59	1	1.73%	3	2	3	3	8	3	0	1	4	2	1	0	0	3
GLACIER LODGE NO. 10	201	207	6	2.99%	3	3	7	9	19	9	2	0	11	5	0	0	0	5
KENAI LODGE NO. 11	122	132*	9	7.38%	6	5	5	3	13	3	5	2	10	1	0	0	0	1
FAIRBANKS LODGE NO. 12	112	113	1	0.89%	3	5	3	3	11	3	1	0	4	2	1	0	0	1
EAGLE RIVER LODGE NO. 13	86	95	9	10.47%	4	6	3	7	16	7	2	1	10	0	1	0	0	1
AURORA LODGE NO. 15	63	63	0	0.00%	4	5	3	5	13	5	1	0	6	1	5	0	0	6
NORTH POLE LODGE NO. 16	53	56	3	5.66%	3	2	0	0	2	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
ANCHORAGE LODGE NO. 17	376	380	4	1.06%	5	7	10	14	31	14	3	1	18	12	1	1	0	14
MT. VERSTOVIA LODGE NO. 18	61	60	(1)	-1.64%	1	1	1	1	3	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2
KETCHIKAN LODGE NO. 19	95	95	0	0.00%	3	3	3	1	7	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	2
IDITAROD LODGE No. 20	119	120	1	0.08%	0	1	0	1	2	1	2	0	3	2	0	0	0	2
MT. JUNEAU-GASTINEAUX LODGE No. 21	139	141	2	1.44%	5	4	2	4	10	4	1	0	5	3	0	0	0	3
STERLING LODGE No. 22	26	26	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	2
PETERSBURG LODGE No. 23	45	43	(2)	-0.49%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
TOTALS:	2109	2141	32	1.56%	57	62	56	65	183	65	23	10	98	49	12	5	0	66

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

1st Report

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

Subject: 1st Report - Fraternal Relations Committee - February 5, 2004

We, the committee on Fraternal Relations have received a request for recognition from the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Oregon, Idaho, and Montana, Inc.

This request includes privileges of visitation and affiliation and all rights and privileges customary incident to recognition.

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Oregon, Idaho, & Montana, Inc., appear to meet all requirements for recognition and is listed in the “Prince Hall Masonic Directory” published by the conference of Grand Masters, Prince Hall Masons, Inc.

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Oregon, Idaho, & Montana, Inc., did at its annual communication on June 24, 2003, adopt a resolution granting full Masonic recognition to our Grand Lodge pending our adoption of a similar resolution. A copy of their resolution is attached.

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I move for the adoption of this report and that full recognition be granted to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Oregon, Idaho, and Montana, and its jurisdiction, Inc.

Fraternally Submitted:

MW Henry T. Dunbar, Chairman
W Jimmie McGoldrick, PM
W Robert Homoleski, PM

Note: This motion was approved.

2nd Report

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

Subject: 2nd Report - Fraternal Relations Committee - February 5, 2004

We, the committee on Fraternal Relations have received a request for recognition from the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Connecticut, Inc.

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Connecticut, Inc, appears to meet all requirements for recognition and is listed in the "Prince Hall Masonic Directory" published by the conference of Grand Masters, Prince Hall Masons, Inc.

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I move for the adoption of this report and that full recognition be granted to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Connecticut, Inc

Fraternally Submitted:

MW Henry T. Dunbar, Chairman
W. Jimmie McGoldrick, PM
W. Robert Homoleski, PM

Note: This motion was approved.

3rd Report

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

Subject: 3rd Report - Fraternal Relations Committee - February 5, 2004

We, the committee on Fraternal Relations have received a request for recognition from the Grand Lodge of Armenia, Free & accepted Masons, which was consecrated on July 30, 2002. They would also like to exchange Grand Representatives.

The Commission on Information for Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons of North America has been presented with extensive documentation and is of the opinion that the Grand Lodge of Armenia, Free & Accepted Masons meets all the requirements for recognition.

It was consecrated by Grand Lodge Representatives of the Grand Lodge National Francaise, the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia (Washington DC), the Grand Lodge of Russia, and the Grand Lodge of Romania.

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I move for the adoption of this report and that full recognition be granted to the Grand Lodge of Armenia, Free & Accepted Masons and that Grand Representatives be exchanged.

Fraternally Submitted:

MW Henry T. Dunbar, Chairman
W. Jimmie McGoldrick, PM
W. Robert Homoleski, PM

Note: This motion was approved.

4th Report

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

Subject: 4th Report - Fraternal Relations Committee - February 5, 2004

The Committee on Fraternal Relations received correspondence from several other Grand Lodges. Most of them were extending fraternal greeting and announcing elections and installations of new Grand Lodge Officers.

Following is a brief synopsis:

- a. Grand Lodge National Malgache (Madagascar) sends greetings from new Grand Master Francis Rajaobelina.
- b. Grand Lodge of F & AM of Finland – Greetings and list of new Grand Lodge Officers.
- c. Grand Lodge of Bulgaria – Greetings and list of new Grand Lodge Officers. They also announced irregularities in its jurisdiction. Investigation is continuing.
- d. The Grand Lodge of Spain sent correspondence about some alleged misconduct and fiscal irregularities in its jurisdiction. Investigation is continuing.
- e. The Grand Orient of Italy sent notice of formal recognition of several foreign Grand Lodges.
- f. Grand Lodge of Rio de Janeiro sent extensive correspondence concerning the alleged misconduct and expelling of several brothers from one of its constituent Lodges.
- g. The United grand Lodge of England announced the recognition of the following Grand Lodges: Andorra, Latvia, Lithuania, and Prince Hall

- Grand Lodges of Bahamas and Maryland. They also sent a copy of a form to be used by the Grand Lodge seeking recognition from them,
- h. We also had requests from the Grand Lodge of San Marino (Italy) and Grand Lodge of Sinaloa, Mexico for recognition. Both of these need further verifications and will be considered at a later date.

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

Fraternally Submitted:

MW Henry T. Dunbar, Chairman
W Jimmie McGoldrick, PM
W Robert Homoleski, PM

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

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

	Total Number of Ballots
Grand Lodge	21
White Pass Lodge No. 1	6
Anvil Lodge No. 2	3
Tanana Lodge No. 3	7
Valdez Lodge No. 4	4
Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5	1
Seward Lodge No. 6	3
Matanuska Lodge No. 7	4
Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8	4
Kodiak Lodge No. 9	2
Glacier Lodge No. 10	6
Kenai Lodge No. 11	5
Fairbanks Lodge No. 12	11
Eagle River Lodge No. 13	5
Aurora Lodge No. 15	4
North Pole Lodge No. 16	6
Anchorage Lodge No. 17	5
Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18	3
Ketchikan Lodge No. 19	2
Iditarod Lodge No. 20	8
Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21	7
Sterling Lodge No. 22	4
Petersburg Lodge No. 23	2
Voided Ballots	2
Total	125

Respectfully submitted,

Howard McElrath, Chairman

APPOINTMENT OF REGULAR COMMITTEES

Standing Committees

Jurisprudence

- MW Charles E. Corbin, PGM (7, 20) Chairman
- VW Ken R. Creamer PDD (9, 18)
- VW V. Clifford Darnell PDD (8, 13, 20)
- W Bruce Jones (23)
- W Dan McCrummen (18, 21)

Grievance & Appeals

- MW Henry T. Dunbar, PGM (10, 17) Chairman
- MW Thomas O. Mickey, HPGM (1, 3)
- VW Mitchell R. Miller (3, 12)

Finance

- W Bert K. Stedman (18), Chairman
- MW Don G. Chaffin, PGM (3, 12,16)
- RW Gerald R. "Jerry" Fairley (10, 20)
- W Edward E. Sarff (23)
- VW Douglas W. Ooms PDD (12)
- Mike Johnston (17) Advisor

Fraternal Relations

- MW Henry T. Dunbar PGM (10, 17) Chairman
- W Jimmie R. McGoldrick (13)
- RW Gerald R. "Jerry" Fairley (10, 20)

Masonic Research & Education

- W John P. Johnson (3) Chairman
- W Claude Roberts (21)
- RW Gerald R. "Jerry" Fairley (10, 20)

Credentials

- W Howard McElrath (4) Chairman
- W John A. Sandor (21)
- W Scott Thompson (10, 15, 17)
- W Darrel E. Windsor (18)
- W Gerald B. Hughes (19)

Masonic Public Relations

- W Glen E. Josey (8, 17, 22) Chairman
- W Jack Coghill (3)
- W Jimmie R. McGoldrick (13))
- W Scott Thompson (10, 15, 17))

Masonic Youth

- W Stanley Wooding (3, 7, 8, 20) Chairman
- W John R. "Bo" Cline (7)
- W Dan McCrummen (18, 21)
- W Gerry Lassman (8)
- Vernon Hughes (3)

Bylaws

- MW Gunnar Flygenring, PGM (10) Chairman
- W John R. "Bo" Cline
- RW Charles O. Ashcraft (10)
- W David C. Pratt (10)

Public Schools

- W John R. "Bo" Cline, Chairman
- VW Robert R. Wiseman (11, 22)
- W Jack Coghill (3)

Long-Range Planning

- MW Kenneth E. Stedman (18, 23) Chairman
- RW L. V. "Joe" Dees
- RW Harry J. Koenen (7, 20, 22)
- RW Marvin B. Fitzpatrick (10)
- RW Gerald R. "Jerry" Fairley
- MW Leslie R. Little, PGM (10, 15, 20)
- MW Charles E. Corbin, PGM (7, 20)

Sub Committees

Charters & Dispensations

- MW Gene R. Freeman PGM (3, 12, 16) Chairman
- W Roger K. Hansen (7, 20, 23)
- W E. Fred Lentz (9)
- W John P. Johnson (3)

Sessions & Arrangements

- VW Ken Creamer (9, 18) Chairman
- VW L. Tom Smotherman (18, 19)
- W John F. Bahrt (18)
- W Bert K. Stedman (18)
- W James LeFlore (16)

Leadership Training

- MW Leslie R. Little PGM (10, 15, 22) Chairman
- MW Don G. Chaffin (3, 12, 16)
- MW Stephen L. Cox (3, 12)
- W Robert E. MacArthur (17)
- W Marty W. Parsons (1, 19)
- W. James M. LeFlore (16)

Russian Relations

- MW John Grainger, PGM (1, 19), Chairman
- MW Charles E. Corbin PGM (7, 20)
- VW William Goodwin (7, 20)
- W Roger A. Barnstead (18)
- W James R. Griffith (13)
- W Donald A. Witsoe (17, 20)
- W J. B. Carnahan (12)
- W Larry D. Wright (7, 20)

Internet & Publications

- MW Don G. Chaffin PGM (3, 12, 16, 17)
- W Nate Esteban (11, 20) Webmaster
- W D. Scott Thompson (10, 15, 17)

Awards

- MW Stanley R. Foulke PGM (2, 17), Chairman
- MW Gene R. Freeman PGM (3, 12, 16)
- W Charles O. Ashcraft (10)

Wills & Endowments

- W C. Vernon Carlson (12), Chairman
- W Edward E. Sarff (23)

George Washington National Memorial

- MW Lloyd W. Triggs, PGM (3, 16), Chairman
- MW Charles E. Corbin PGM (7, 20)

Military Recognition

- W Charles O. Ashcraft (10)
- W George W. Earp (16)
- W Roger A. Barnstead (18)
- VW L. Tom Smotherman (18, 19)

Grand Lodge Photographers

W George Steck (3)
W Robert E. MacArthur (17)
W Claude H. Roberts (21)
W John Grady (17)
W Luther Joseph (23)

Masonic Code Review

MW Stephen L. Cox, PGM (3, 12), Chairman
VW L. Tom Smotherman (18, 19)
W Claude H. Roberts (21)
VW Mitchell R. Miller (1, 3)
VW Johnnie L. Wallace (12, 17)

Deputies of the Grand Master

DDGM #1 VW Samuel K. Medsker (3, 12, 16)
DDGM #2 VW Jared S. Decker (9, 13)
DDGM #3 VW Johnnie L. Wallace (12, 17)
DDGM #4 VW David G. Koko (21)
DDGM #5 VW James D. Grubbs (8, 13, 20)

REPORTS OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business was discussed.

MOTIONS

Motion made by Grand Master MW Kenneth Stedman to pass the budget.

Motion passed.

RESOLUTIONS

Carryover Resolution 2003-1

To Amend Sections 16.02, 16.03, 17.01, and 20.11 Bylaw
To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To make all newly raised Master Masons dues paying members and to eliminate contradictions between Section 16.02, Section 16.03, Section 17.01, and Section 20.11 Bylaws.

RESOLUTION: WHEREAS, those Master Masons raised in One-day Ritual Classes who pay dues, sign By-laws, and can hold all offices except Senior Deacon, Junior Warden, Senior Warden and Worshipful Master; and,

WHEREAS, the Master Mason raised in the traditional manner may attend Lodge, but must return proficiency prior to signing the Bylaws, paying dues, and holding any office;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 20.11 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

Section 20.11 Bylaw

PROFICIENCY IN THE DEGREES. A candidate may not be passed to the degree of Fellowcraft, nor raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason without proof of proficiency in the preceding degree. This may be done by either:

1. memorization and recital of the Standard Proficiency as detailed in the Standard Work Cipher of this Jurisdiction; or,
2. by completion of a written Study Guide provided by the Grand Secretary as an education in Freemasonry and the memorizing and recital of the obligation of each degree as the Brother progresses through the degrees.

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

If option (1) is selected, the Standard Proficiency may be done by examination in open Lodge or by a committee appointed by the Master of the Lodge to examine such Candidate. If option (2) is selected, the completed written Study Guide is reviewed by the Master of the Lodge or a Committee of one or more members of the Lodge and if completed correctly the Brother is declared proficient by the Master and may progress to the next degree. The obligation of each degree must be given in accordance with the provisions in (1) above. The signs, tokens, and words must also be demonstrated at the same time.

After the Brother is declared proficient in the Degree of Master Mason by the Master of the Lodge, he must then sign the Bylaws of the Lodge and pay his dues for the current year. This may be done:

- (1) immediately following the examination if the Brother was examined in open Lodge: or,
- (2) at the next Stated Communication of the Lodge if the Brother was examined by a committee or if he selected the written Study Guide.

He then becomes an enrolled member of the Lodge. **(Section revised 1988, 1990, 1992)**

The provisions of this paragraph may be waived by the Grand Master for the purpose of conducting a "One-Day Ritual Class." (See Section 20.12)

Be amended to read:

Section 20.11 Bylaw

PROFICIENCY IN THE DEGREES. A candidate may not be passed to the degree of Fellowcraft, nor raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason without proof of proficiency in the preceding degree. This may be done by either:

1. memorization and recital of the Standard Proficiency as detailed in the Standard Work Cipher of this Jurisdiction; or,
2. by completion of a written Study Guide provided by the Grand Secretary as an education in Freemasonry and the memorizing and recital of the obligation of each degree as the Brother progresses through the degrees.

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

If option (1) is selected, the Standard Proficiency may be done by examination in open Lodge or by a committee appointed by the Master of the Lodge to examine such Candidate. If option (2) is selected, the completed written Study Guide is reviewed by the Master of the Lodge or a Committee of one or more members of the Lodge and if completed correctly the Brother is declared proficient by the Master and may progress to the next degree. The obligation of each degree must be given in accordance with the provisions in (1) above. The signs, tokens, and words must also be demonstrated at the same time.

~~After the Brother is declared proficient in the Degree of Master Mason by the Master of the Lodge, he must then sign the Bylaws of the Lodge and pay his dues for the current year. This may be done:~~

- ~~1. immediately following the examination if the Brother was examined in open Lodge: or,~~
- ~~2. at the next Stated Communication of the Lodge if the Brother was examined by a committee or if he selected the written Study Guide.~~

After being raised as a Master Mason the Brother shall pay his dues for the current year as established in the Lodge bylaws and sign the bylaws.

He then becomes an enrolled member of the Lodge. (Section revised 1988, 1990, 1992)

If at a later date he wishes to progress through the “Chairs” of his lodge he must demonstrate proficiency in the Master Mason degree in accordance with section 20.11 Bylaw paragraph 1 & 2 prior to being installed in the office of Senior Deacon, Junior Warden, Senior Warden or Worshipful Master.

The provisions of this paragraph may be waived by the Grand Master for the purpose of conducting a “One-Day Ritual Class.” (See Section 20.12)

And, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Sections 16.02 which now reads:

Section 16.02 Bylaw

QUALIFICATION TO VOTE, ELIGIBILITY TO OFFICE. Each member in good standing of a lodge is entitled to vote, and is eligible to hold any office.

Be amended to read:

Section 16.02 Bylaw

Each member in good standing of the lodge is entitled to vote, and is eligible to hold any office **therein, except as restricted in Section 20.11**

And, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 16.03 which now reads:

Section 16.03 Bylaw

OFFICER QUALIFICATION. Prior to election or appointment, officers of a Lodge must be voting members thereof except the Chaplain, Organist, and Tyler, who may also be voting members of the Lodge or they may be members of other regular Lodges.

Be amended to read:

Section 16.03 Bylaw

OFFICER QUALIFICATION. Prior to election or appointment, officers of a Lodge must be voting members thereof except the Chaplain, Organist, and Tyler, who may also be voting members of the Lodge or they may be members of other regular Lodges, **except as restricted in Section 20.11.**

And, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 17.01 Bylaw which now reads:

Section 17.01 Bylaw

LODGE MEMBERSHIP, HOW ACQUIRED. Membership in a Lodge is acquired only in one of the following manners:

1. By being one of the Brethren to whom was granted Dispensation or Charter under which the Lodge was constituted;
2. By being elected by the Lodge to receive the degrees, receiving the Third Degree therein and passing a satisfactory examination for proficiency in the Third Degree, signing the Bylaws, and paying dues as provided for in Section 20.11.

3. By affiliation; a Master Mason may become a member of a Lodge other than that in which, or at the request of which, he received the Third Degree, if it appears that he is nonaffiliated and not **indebted** to any Lodge for dues or assessment, and that no charges of un-Masonic conduct are pending against him, or as provided in **Sections 17.03 and 17.05**. Provided further that a Lodge may not receive or act upon a petition for affiliation from a person who was formerly a member of a Lodge under Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, has been dropped for any cause until such former member is reinstated or restored to membership in the Lodge of which he was last a member in good standing.
4. By reinstatement: A Master Mason dropped for nonpayment of dues for a period in excess of 24 months, as is provided in **Section 17.14** may submit a petition for reinstatement. Such petition must comply with the provisions of **Section 17.14** as relates to dues in arrears and dues for the current year. The petition is processed in the manner prescribed in **Section 19.01** as it applies to petitions for affiliations.
5. By restoration: A Mason deprived of membership under penal sections of this Code may apply for restoration to membership as prescribed in **Section 34.01** and subsequent Code sections using a form provided by the Grand Secretary.
6. An Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft made by a Lodge Under Dispensation which ceased to exist may petition a Lodge within the Lodge Jurisdiction where he resides for the remaining degrees or degree. If he is elected therein, he becomes a member of such Lodge on receiving the Third Degree as provided in **Section 20.11**.

Upon affiliating with or receiving the Third Degree in a Lodge, the Brother shall sign its Bylaws, as provided in subsection 2 of this Section, except when that degree is conferred upon him by courtesy for another Lodge, in which case his signature must be provided by the Brother to the Lodge which he petitioned. **(Section revised 1988)**

Be amended to read:

Section 17.01 Bylaw

LODGE MEMBERSHIP, HOW ACQUIRED. Membership in a Lodge is acquired only in one of the following manners:

1. By being one of the Brethren to whom was granted Dispensation or Charter under which the Lodge was constituted;
2. By being elected by the Lodge to receive the degrees, receiving the Third Degree therein ~~and passing a satisfactory examination for proficiency in the Third Degree~~, signing the Bylaws, and paying dues as provided for in Section 20.11.
3. By affiliation; a Master Mason may become a member of a Lodge other than that in which, or at the request of which, he received the Third Degree, if it appears that he is nonaffiliated and not **indebted** to any Lodge for dues or assessment, and that no charges of un-Masonic conduct are pending against him, or as provided in **Sections 17.03 and 17.05**. Provided further that a Lodge may not receive or act upon a petition for affiliation from a person who was formerly a member of a Lodge under Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge,

has been dropped for any cause until such former member is reinstated or restored to membership in the Lodge of which hew was last a member in good standing.

4. By reinstatement: A Master Mason dropped for nonpayment of dues for a period in excess of 24 months, as is provided in **Section 17.14** may submit a petition for reinstatement. Such petition must comply with the provisions of **Section 17.14** as relates to dues in arrears and dues for the current year. The petition is processed in the manner prescribed in **Section 19.01** as it applies to petitions for affiliations.
5. By restoration: A Mason deprived of membership under penal sections of this Code may apply for restoration to membership as prescribed in **Section 34.01** and subsequent Code sections using a form provided by the Grand Secretary.
6. An Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft made by a Lodge Under Dispensation which ceased to exist may petition a Lodge within the Lodge Jurisdiction where he resides for the remaining degrees or degree. If he is elected therein, he becomes a member of such Lodge on receiving the Third Degree as provided in **Section 20.11**.
Upon affiliating with or receiving the Third Degree in a Lodge, the Brother shall sign its Bylaws, as provided in subsection 2 of this Section, except when that degree is conferred upon him by courtesy for another Lodge, in which case his signature must be provided by the Brother to the Lodge which he petitioned. (**Section revised 1988**)

Respectfully submitted,

Jim R. McMichael, PM (17)
Sean R. McGrane, PM (17)
Robert K. Kelly, Jr., PM (17)
Michael B. Swensen, PM (17)
Johnnie L. Wallace, PM (17)
Henry T. Dunbar, PM (10, 17, 20, 22)
James W. Morton, PM (17)
Thomas L. Schram, SW (17)

Report of the Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. As it is a carry-over resolution which seeks to amend a Bylaw, it will require a simple majority vote to pass. The Committee does not offer an opinion as to whether this resolution should or should not be adopted.

This carryover resolution received a majority vote and was adopted

Resolution 2004-1

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to ratify the actions of this Grand Lodge in session in Fairbanks in 2003 and to more clearly define the powers of the Grand Master.

WHEREAS there has been some degree of confusion concerning the powers of the Grand Master, and

WHEREAS, this Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication in Fairbanks in 2003 ratified the actions of the Grand Master in suspending a Mason for cause, and

WHEREAS, this Grand Lodge has been directed by court order to review and discuss the issue of the powers of the Grand Master, and

WHEREAS, the powers of the Grand Master are accepted as absolute under the Ancient Usages and Customs of the fraternity, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Section 3.01 Constitution, sub Para 3., which now reads

“To depose any officer of a Lodge from the functions of his office for just cause, and to arrest the Charter of any Lodge for dereliction of duty, or other un-Masonic conduct, until the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, when he will present in writing the reasons for such deposition or arrest.”

be amended to read

“To depose any officer of a Lodge from the functions of his office for cause, to suspend any Mason for cause, and to arrest the Charter of any Lodge for dereliction of duty, or other un-Masonic conduct, until the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, when he will present in writing the reasons for such deposition, suspension, or arrest, subject to Section 27.02.”

Respectfully Submitted

Leslie R. Little, (10,15,22)

Kenneth E. Stedman (18)

L.V. Joe Dees (13,20)

Harry J. Koenen (7,20,22)

Marvin B. Fitzpatrick (10)

Report of the Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. As it seeks to amend a Constitution, it will require a

ninety percent majority vote to pass. The Committee does not offer an opinion as to whether this resolution should or should not be adopted.

This resolution did not receive the required ninety percent for adopted but did receive a majority vote and is a carryover resolution.

Resolution 2004-2

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to abide by the direction of the Judge in the settlement of the legal action taken against this M.W. Grand Lodge during the calendar year 2001.

Whereas, an edict was issued during the year 2002 by M.W. Stephen L. Cox, Grand Master, and

Whereas, the edict was put on hold by M.W. Cox at the direction of Judge Gleason, with the instruction that the matter be brought before this M.W. Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication in 2004, and

Whereas, this Grand Lodge has, and will for many years to come, suffer a huge financial loss through doubled insurance premiums as well as other incidental expenses because of the legal actions brought against this Grand Lodge and several of its officers, and

Whereas, all Master Masons have promised to abide by the Masonic Code and to live within its boundaries and limitations,

Now therefore be it resolved, that a new Section be added to the Alaska Masonic Code to read as follows:

Section 26.03 Civil or Legal Action. Bylaw

Any Mason bringing a legal action and/or a civil lawsuit against the Grand Lodge, or any Grand Lodge member's actions for the Grand Lodge, without first pursuing due recourse through all provisions of the Alaska Masonic Code, will be immediately expelled from Masonry. Confirmation of the summary Expulsion will be taken at the next Grand Lodge session and will require a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members attending. If the expulsion is not upheld, the penalty will be lowered to Suspension for a time indefinite.

Respectfully Submitted

Leslie R. Little, (10,15,22)
Kenneth E. Stedman (18)
L.V. Joe Dees (13,20)
Harry J. Koenen (7,20,22)

Marvin B. Fitzpatrick (10)

Report of the Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. As it seeks to amend a Constitution, it will require a 3/4 majority vote to pass. The Committee does not offer an opinion as to whether this resolution should or should not be adopted.

MW Gunnar Flygenring made motion to add the phrase “by a member of Grand Lodge while acting for said Grand Lodge” so that the proposed resolution reads:

Section 26.03 Civil or Legal Action. Bylaw

Any Mason bringing a legal action and/or a civil lawsuit against the Grand Lodge, or any Grand Lodge member’s actions **by a member of Grand Lodge while acting for said Grand Lodge**, without first pursuing due recourse through all provisions of the Alaska Masonic Code, will be immediately expelled from Masonry. Confirmation of the summary Expulsion will be taken at the next Grand Lodge session and will require a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members attending. If the expulsion is not upheld, the penalty will be lowered to Suspension for a time indefinite.

Motion passed.

After much discussion the resolution was tabled by Grand Master MW Kenneth Stedman and later the Jurisprudence indicated that proposed Resolution 2004-2 was not in proper form.

Resolution 2004-3

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to ratify the actions of this Grand Lodge in session in Fairbanks in 2003 and to more clearly define the powers of the Grand Master.

WHEREAS, this Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication in Fairbanks in 2003 ratified the actions of the Grand Master in suspending a Mason for cause, and

WHEREAS, this Grand Lodge has been directed by court order to review and discuss the issue of the powers of the Grand Master, and

WHEREAS, the powers of the Grand Master are accepted as absolute under the Ancient Usages and Customs of the fraternity, now

Therefore be it resolved that Section 27.02 which now reads,
“If the Grand Master finds reasonable grounds for the filing of a complaint or charges he may, if the accused is an officer of the Grand Lodge or of a Lodge, suspend or depose

him from the functions of his office; and he causes the accused to be cited by the Grand Secretary to appear and answer the complaint or charges at the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge following the expiration of twenty days after the date of service of such citation. Service of citation is made as prescribed by Section 29.05.”

be amended to read:

Section 27.02 Bylaw

CITATION OR SUSPENSION. If the Grand Master finds reasonable grounds for the filing of a complaint or charges against an officer of a Lodge, or a Mason of this Jurisdiction, he may, if the accused is an officer of the Grand Lodge or of a Lodge, suspend or depose him from the functions of his office; and he causes the accused to be cited by the Grand Secretary to appear and answer the complaint or charges at the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge following the expiration of twenty days after the date of service of such citation. Service of citation is made as prescribed by Section 29.05, or he may summarily suspend him.

If the Grand Master suspends the Mason or officer he shall then appoint a Grand Master’s Trial Committee in accordance with Section 32.02, and direct the Junior Grand Warden or another Grand Lodge officer to prosecute the case before the Grand Master’s Trial Committee. The accused shall have all the rights of defense as in Section 30.02. The trial shall be held within 60 days of the suspension, but at least after the expiration of twenty days following service of citation. The results of the trial shall be sent to the Lodge or Lodges in which the Brother is a member, and reported in full to the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully Submitted

Leslie R. Little, (10,15,22)

Kenneth E. Stedman (18)

L.V. Joe Dees (13,20)

Harry J. Koenen (7,20,22)

Marvin B. Fitzpatrick (10)

Report of the Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. As it seeks to amend a Constitution, it will require a 3/4 majority vote to pass. The Committee does not offer an opinion as to whether this resolution should or should not be adopted.

After much discussion and Code citations by various brothers, Grand Master MW Kenneth Stedman tabled the resolution and later the Jurisprudence indicated that proposed Resolution 2004-3 was not in proper form.

Resolution 2004-4

To the M.W. Grand Lodge of Alaska, F. & A.M.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to be certain that the Grand Lodge of Alaska, officers, and members thereof, and all of the constituent Lodges and/or any property under it's jurisdiction are covered from any liability resulting from the serving and/or consumption of alcohol at any function under their control or from any person or organization using said property.

WHEREAS, some lodges and or their holding companies have found it necessary to rent or lease properties under their control to concordant bodies or members thereof or to outside individuals, companies or groups to generate revenue and

WHEREAS, on occasion alcohol may be served or consumed on these premises and

WHEREAS, there is a very real liability from incidents that may occur after someone consumes alcohol on these premises and

WHEREAS, these liabilities may have grave consequences to the Grand Lodge of Alaska and all of its officers and members

Therefore be it resolved, that the Alaska Masonic Code Section 12.04 Bylaw be Amended to read, (changes underlined)

Section 12.04 Bylaw

INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN THE LODGE ROOM. Intoxicating liquors shall not be introduced into a Lodge Room. Lodges or Temple Corporations may, at their option by Standing Resolution, adopt and enforce such regulations relating to other areas than a Lodge Room as they, in their wisdom, may deem appropriate.

If said Lodges or Temple Corporations or Holding Companies choose to allow a function, by individuals, parties, or an organization where alcohol may be served or consumed on properties under their control, they must have a liability insurance policy on file with the Grand Lodge of Alaska in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 (two million dollars) expressly covering the serving or consumption of alcohol at such event. This policy must state that the Grand Lodge of Alaska and all it's members and constituent Lodges, and /or concordant bodies are insured against any incident that may occur from the serving or the consumption of alcohol on said premises.

Respectfully Submitted

Robert Wiseman, (11, 22)

Report of the Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. As it seeks to amend a Constitution, it will require a 3/4

majority vote to pass. The Committee does not offer an opinion as to whether this resolution should or should not be adopted.

Resolution 2004-4 Amended

As amended on the floor of Grand Lodge by Jim McMichael (17)

Section 12.04 Bylaw

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If said Lodges or Temple Corporations or Holding Companies choose to allow a function, by individuals, parties, or an organization where alcohol may be served or consumed on properties under their control, they must have a liability insurance policy on file with the Grand Lodge of Alaska in the amount **of a minimum of \$1,000,000 (one million dollars)** expressly covering the serving or consumption of alcohol at such event. This policy must state that the Grand Lodge of Alaska and all its members and constituent Lodges, and /or concordant bodies are insured against any incident that may occur from the serving or the consumption of alcohol on said premises.

This resolution was amended on the floor of the Grand Lodge. The amendment was passed. This amended resolution received the required three-fourths majority vote and was adopted.

Resolution 2004-5

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

STATEMENT PURPOSE: To clarify the procedure for changing the Bylaws for a Lodge

WHEREAS, there has been some confusion as to the normal course of events in effecting a change to the Bylaws of a Lodge, and

WHEREAS, the procedure should one that is smooth and free of potential hang-ups in pursuing the desires of the members of the Lodge,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 15.02 Constitution which now reads:

Section 15.02 Constitution

Lodge Bylaws.

1. A Lodge has the power and authority to enact bylaws for its own government which are not in conflict with the Constitution or Bylaws of the Grand Lodge or with the principles of Masonry.
2. Bylaws can be adopted or amended only at a Stated Communication by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present after written notice of the proposed action has been mailed to each member of the Lodge at least ten days prior to the Stated Communication.
3. When adopted, the new Bylaws or amendment is sent in duplicate to the Grand Secretary for referral to the proper committee(s) and then to the Grand Master, or directly to the Grand Master, as appropriate.
4. When approved or disapproved, one copy is returned to the Lodge and one copy is retained in the Grand Lodge files.
5. The Bylaws and amendments thereto become effective when approved by the Grand Master. (Section revised 1989)

Be amended to read: (change underlined para. 2 only)

2. Proposed Bylaws or amendments thereto are presented in writing at a Stated Communication. Bylaws can be adopted or amended only at a subsequent Stated Communication by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present after written notice of the proposed action has been mailed to each member of the Lodge at least ten days prior to the Stated Communication.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles E Corbin, (7, 20)

Leslie R. Little, (10, 15, 22)

Report of the Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. As it seeks to amend a Constitution, it will require a ninety percent majority vote to pass. The Committee does not offer an opinion as to whether this resolution should or should not be adopted.

This resolution received the required ninety percent majority vote and was adopted.

Emergent Resolution 2004-6

Emergent Resolution 2004-6 written on behalf of the Grand Master by the Jurisprudence Committee.

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

This Grand Lodge approved the assessment of each constituent lodge the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00) per member to be paid not later than April 1, 2004. Said money, to be paid into the operating fund. (from VHS tape)

As this is an emergent resolution it requires a simple majority vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

MW Kenneth E. Stedman
Grand Master

This emergent resolution received a majority vote and was adopted.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Jurisprudence

Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence

1st Report

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Alaska.
We the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Carryover Resolution No. 2003-1, have considered the same and report as follows:

This Carryover Resolution is in proper form to be considered by Grand Lodge. The Committee does not express an opinion as to whether or not this carryover resolution should or should not be adopted,

As it is a Carryover Resolution to amend a Bylaw, it requires a simple majority vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

MW Charles Corbin PGM (7, 20) Chairman
VW Ken Creamer (9, 18)
VW V. Clifford Darnell PDD (8, 13, 20)
W Bruce Jones (23)
W. Dan McCrummen (18, 21)
MW Grand Master I ask that this report be received.

MW Grand Master I request the report be adopted.

This carryover resolution received a majority vote and was adopted

2nd Report

(No written report-but taken from tape recording of the Grand Lodge Communication)

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

The following issues were referred to the jurisprudence committee for consideration during the year of 2003 and previous to the 2004 Grand Lodge Communication (and as I said the Grand Master asked me to give this report, I hadn't given one of these before.. I didn't remember all of the actions that we , the questions that came before us but I tried to remember the most recent ones).

I should reference a letter dated 10/29/2003 from the special deputy RW Jerry Fairley regarding procedural questions in the forfeiture of Anvil Lodge Charter. In my letter response dated 11/06/2003 that it was recommended that the proper procedures were followed by the lodge and the brothers voted to forfeit the charter, then all the efforts to assist them in initiating demits and affiliations should begin immediately. In the event this becomes impossible then it would be wise for the Grand Lodge to inform the brothers that they should merge or consolidate with the lodge of their choice if and when agreed upon by both lodges. There was no formal meeting of the jurisprudence committee on this issue but that they have reviewed my report and the jurisprudence committee is unanimously in favor of the report.

In October 2003, a brother of Matanuska 7, via a teleconference, requested a ruling regarding the Lodge's investigation of a brother prior to his being voted upon as a dual or affiliated member of his lodge. He was given reference to Section 17.04 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code which states that the petition for affiliation must take the same course as the petition for the degrees.

On 12/04/2003, a request was made by teleconference by RW Jerry Fairley and MW Brother Stan Foulke for determination regarding the rules of order when voting in front of the resolution regarding the forfeiture of the charter of Anvil Lodge. Section 25.02 refers to this procedure, argued by MW Foulke, that if it were not seven persons present wishing to retain the charter, then those present (I believe there were five) must vote on the issue and the majority should prevail which was in accordance with his interpretation of Section 7.04 of the Alaska Masonic Code. That section of the Alaska Masonic Code strictly deals with Part 1 Grand Lodge, Chapter 7 Rules and Order of Voting, Section 7.04 Bylaw Voting, specifically states "Motions on Grand Lodge are determined by majority vote except as may otherwise be specifically provided."

The Section which contains constitutions and bylaws covering constituent lodges as in Part 3 of the Alaska Masonic Code, Constituent Lodges, Chapter 14, Section 14.04 Bylaw is the only reference to voting procedures other than those issues that have specific sections and guidelines to follow. There is no reference made in the Alaska Masonic Code pertaining to constituent lodges and requiring a majority vote on a motion to

surrender their charter of for that matter any motion that comes to the floor of the lodge. It might be assumed that a majority vote upon a motion is a rule and guide unless otherwise stated by appropriate law but there is no written law under Part 3 Constituent Lodges stating that fact and thereby any lodge that would wish to make a law stating that ninety percent affirmative vote required to pass a resolution or motion in their lodge could do so without being in conflict with the Code. In fact, there are areas in Part 1 Grand Lodge and Part 3 Constituent Lodges which indicate a very different majority vote upon the same issues with their individual jurisdictions. Reference Part 1 Grand Lodge, Section 7.07 Constitution, bylaw changes require a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote to pass in Grand Lodge. Reference Part 3 Constituent Lodges, Section 15.02, paragraph 2, Lodge bylaws changes require a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote to pass.

The point is, the sections refer to procedures in Grand Lodge and individual lodges. The end result of that conversation was agreed that a withdrawal of the motion to surrender the charter be executed and a motion to consolidate be put before the membership for approval.

On 12/04/2003, a request for a determination as to whether the motion to forfeit the charter by the brothers of Anvil Lodge could be withdrawn. It was stated that, of course, like we said in the agreement that it was stated by the chairman of the Jurisprudence CommitteeNoise on tape.....that they are less important along with the ancient usages and customs of the fraternity throughout the world and the ancient landmarks which they dictate the Grand Master's powers. More specifically, his powers to rule and govern the Masons within this jurisdiction and answering only to the Grand Lodge of Alaska when convened. It is most definitely confined within the text of the Alaska Masonic Code. This issue was not agreed upon to be stipulated in the test of an agreement made between the authority of the Grand Lodge of Alaska and VW Brother Fulton and W Brother Summers in December of 2002, arbitrated by their council before the civil courts of Alaska and in accordance with the authority of this Grand Lodge, and those two brothers that the following report that you will see being submitted. That is in accordance with that agreement and the information contained within that agreement and the information that report contained will also be pointed out when I read those reports.

Grand Master I might point out the biggest lesson learned is very costly to do those things and second thing is that the courts of Alaska and the Grand Lodge of Alaska both learned one thing – that according to the Supreme Court of the United States versus the Boys Scouts of America that it is not their business of the civil court system to delve into the business of a fraternity unless all measures are taken to solve the problem.

Respectfully submitted,

MW Charles Corbin PGM (7, 20) Chairman
VW Ken Creamer (9, 18)
VW V. Clifford Darnell PDD (8, 13, 20)
W Bruce Jones (23)
W. Dan McCrummen (18, 21)

MW Grand Master I ask that this report be received.

Grand Master I ask that this report be accepted.

Grand Master made motion to accept the report and motion was passed.

3rd Report

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Alaska.
We the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution No. 2004-1, have considered the same and report as follows

This Resolution is in proper form to be considered by Grand Lodge. The Committee does not express an opinion as to whether or not this carryover resolution should or should not be adopted,

As it proposes to amend a Constitution, it requires a ninety percent majority vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

MW Charles Corbin PGM (7, 20) Chairman
VW Ken Creamer (9, 18)
VW V. Clifford Darnell PDD (8, 13, 20)
W Bruce Jones (23)
W. Dan McCrummen (18, 21)

MW Grand Master I ask that this report be received.

MW Grand Master I request the report be adopted.

This resolution did not receive the required ninety percent for adopted but did receive a majority vote and is a carryover resolution.

4th Report

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Alaska.
We the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution No. 2004-2, have considered the same and report as follows:

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

MW Charles Corbin PGM (7, 20) Chairman
VW Ken Creamer (9, 18)
VW V. Clifford Darnell PDD (8, 13, 20)
W Bruce Jones (23)
W. Dan McCrummen (18, 21)

MW Grand Master I ask that this report be received.

MW Grand Master I request the report be adopted.

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Motion made by MW Gunnar Flygenring to amend the proposed resolution and motion passed

After much discussion and Code citations by various brothers, MW Grand Master Kenneth Stedman tabled the resolution and later the Jurisprudence indicated that proposed Resolution 2004-2 was not in proper form.

5th Report

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Alaska.
We the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution No. 2004-3, have considered the same and report as follows:

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

As it proposes to amend a Bylaw, it requires a 3/4 majority vote for adoption

Respectfully submitted,

MW Charles Corbin PGM (7, 20) Chairman
VW Ken Creamer (9, 18)
VW V. Clifford Darnell PDD (8, 13, 20)
W Bruce Jones (23)
W. Dan McCrummen (18, 21)

MW Grand Master I ask that this report be received.

MW Grand Master I request the report be adopted.

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After much discussion and Code citations by various brothers, MW Grand Master Kenneth Stedman tabled the resolution and later the Jurisprudence indicated that proposed Resolution 2004-3 was not in proper form.

6th Report

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Alaska.
We the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution No. 2004-4, have considered the same and report as follows:

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

As it proposes to amend a Bylaw, it requires a 3/4 majority vote for adoption

Respectfully submitted,

MW Charles Corbin PGM (7, 20) Chairman
VW Ken Creamer (9, 18)
VW V. Clifford Darnell PDD (8, 13, 20)
W Bruce Jones (23)
W. Dan McCrummen (18, 21)

MW Grand Master I ask that this report be received.

MW Grand Master I request the report be adopted.

This resolution was amended on the floor of the Grand Lodge. The amendment was passed. This amended resolution received the required $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote and was adopted.

7th Report

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Alaska.
We the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution No. 2004-5, have considered the same and report as follows:

This Carryover Resolution is in proper form to be considered by Grand Lodge. The Committee does not express an opinion as to whether or not this resolution should or should not be adopted,

As it proposes to amend a Constitution, it requires a ninety percent majority vote for adoption

Respectfully submitted,

MW Charles Corbin PGM (7, 20) Chairman
VW Ken Creamer (9, 18)
VW V. Clifford Darnell PDD (8, 13, 20)
W Bruce Jones (23)
W. Dan McCrummen (18, 21)

MW Grand Master I ask that this report be received.

MW Grand Master I request the report be adopted.

This resolution received the required ninety percent majority vote and was adopted.

8th Report

(from VHS tape)

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

We the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the Grand Master's Message, and within there was an emergent resolution.

We, the Committee do not make any recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

MW Charles Corbin PGM (7, 20) Chairman
VW Ken Creamer (9, 18)
VW V. Clifford Darnell PDD (8, 13, 20)
W Bruce Jones (23)
W. Dan McCrummen (18, 21)

MW Grand Master I ask that this report be received.

MW Grand Master I request the report be adopted.

Grand Master moved for the adoption of the report, seconded and was adopted.

Grievance and Appeals

Report of the Committee on Grievance and Appeals

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

Subject: Grievance & Appeals Committee report February 5th, 2004

We, the Committee on Grievance & Appeals are happy to report that there has been no activity during the previous year.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I request that his report be received for the record.

Fraternally reported,

M.W. Henry T. Dunbar, PGM Chairman

M.W. Thomas O. Mickey, HPGM

V.W. Mitchell R. Miller, PDD

Finance

Report of the Grand Treasurer

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

I herewith submit my report of the financial status of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge.

The year 2003 has shown a marked increase in the accuracy of the financial records of your Grand Lodge and to the efficiency of its office:

- A new accounting system (Peachtree Complete) was implemented providing a highly sophisticated capability that should be adequate for our use for years to come.
- Our method of accounting was converted from a cash basis to an accrual basis, thereby permitting a more accurate association of revenue received with the expenditure of those funds.
- Correction of several entries made in previous periods reflects our greater accuracy.
- Depreciation of our fixed assets was calculated to reflect the fact that these assets are showing the wear and tear associated with use, and that they will have to be replaced at some future date.
- Interest and dividends on investments have been recorded to more properly reflect the value of those investments. As can be seen from the notes to the attached financial statements, this amounted to a substantial increase in the book value of those assets.
- Numerous cost reducing and/or efficiency enhancements have been made in the Grand Lodge office's operations. Foremost are the new Grand Lodge forms CD, the dues card preparation process, and the forthcoming Masonic Code with enhanced index. Most of these were developed by the Grand Secretary, and will help both his office and the individual Lodge Secretaries.
- Many other changes have been made, and hopefully they will add to the accuracy of our financial records, to the efficiency of the Grand Secretary's and Grand

Treasurer's Office and to the ability of each Brother to understand the information the reports contain.

Additional changes and improvements will probably be made in the next few years.

This last year has been an interesting one, and I particularly appreciated the opportunity to work closely with our Grand Secretary. But the changes that have been made (especially those of a technical accounting nature) could not have been made without the assistance S.M. (Mike) Johnston and M.:W.:Gunnar Flygenring. These two Brothers have been a constant fount of accounting wisdom, and have always been ready to answer questions or give advice.

I must give recognition and thanks to my wife, Sharon. She is my "Corporate Grammarian", and has put up with my many absences from home. I could do nothing without her.

Finally, the attached financial statements are, to the best of my ability, a proper reflection of the current status of the financial affairs of this Grand Lodge.

R.:W.: Gerald R. (Jerry) Fairley
Grand Treasurer

Notes to Financial Statements

1) The Original cost basis for the NBA/Wells Fargo stock was \$1,330.00. For the past two years since NBA merged with Wells Fargo, we have received information advising that we have been credited the following interest amounts:

Calendar Year	2002	\$1,166.00
Calendar Year	2003	<u>1,425.12</u>
Total		<u>\$2,591.12</u>

However, because the original stock certificates have been lost, and therefore ownership is in question by the Stock transfer agent, we have not actually received the reported dividends on this stock. Consequently, the dividend have been recognized as income and added to the cost basis of the original NBA stock basis, resulting in a total cost basis at December 21, 2003, of \$3,921.12. Additionally, the converted NBA stock with an estimated market value of \$58,000.00 has not been issued to the Grand Lodge pending the resolution of the lost stock certificate matter.

2) Total investment cost basis in the following accounts was adjusted by the amounts indicated to compensate for accumulated dividends, interest income, and gains & losses on securities transactions reinvested in prior years.

MS DW-Global Growth Fund	\$ 55,401.92
MS DW-US Growth Fund	\$ 12,201.33

MS DW-Investment/Fixed Income	<u>\$ 33,217.54</u>
	\$100,820.79

MS DW-Life Membership	\$ (2,439.67)
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In as the income was reported for tax purposes and recognized on investments schedules in prior years it was not always booked to the permanent records. Therefore, the General Fund investments were understated by \$100,820.79, and the Life Membership Fund was overstated by \$2,439.67. adjustments correcting the balances have been booked to the records at December 31, 2003.

Formerly the broker monthly and annual statements showed only market values, and rendered no cost basis scheduling. With the new annual reporting statement showing all investments at original cost, we now have a way to positively verify our invested cost basis at the year end.

Report of the Finance Committee

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

Report of the Audit Committee

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

Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2003

CURRENT ASSETS

Account No.	CHECKING/SAVINGS	AMOUNT	TOTALS
1110	Checking - First National Bank	21,845.97	
1130	Money Market - MSDW- 0551149	1,194.75	
1140	Petty Cash	100.00	
1150	Clearing Account	200.00	
1210	MSDW – Global Growth – 064043	119,956.57	
1220	MSDW- US Growth Acc. – 06403	89,757.95	
1230	MSDW – Fixed Income – 057523	246,477.22	
1240	MSDW – Life Membership – 015272	104,851.34	
1250	Wells Fargo Stock – 1600 Shares	3,921.12	
1295	Unrealized Gains – All Investments	10,350.76	
	Total Savings, Checking & Investments		598,655.68

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

1401	White Pass No. 1	3,515.15
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1402	Anvil Lodge No. 2	236.00	
1405	Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5	3.86	
1406	Seward Lodge No. 6	89.68	
1408	Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8	3.20	
1409	Kodiak Lodge No. 9	2,050.72	
1410	Glacier Lodge No. 10	12.60	
1411	Kenai Lodge No. 11	-5.32	
1412	Fairbanks Lodge No. 12	6.04	
1415	Aurora Lodge No. 15	-15.75	
1418	Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18	60.00	
1423	Petersburg Lodge No. 23	52.70	
	Total Accounts Receivable		6,008.88

OTHER CURRENT ASSETS
MASONIC SUPPLIES/INVENTORY

1509	Alaska Masonic Code w/Binder	1,128.00	
1515	Alaska Monitor w/Binder	3,245.08	
1517	Alaska Monitor Binder w/o Text	1,611.00	
1520	Lodge Officer Hand Book w/Binder	847.80	
1530	List of Lodges Masonic	218.59	
1540	Entered Apprentice Cipher	289.28	
1541	Entered Apprentice Booklet	663.30	
1550	Fellowcraft Cipher	148.12	
1551	Fellowcraft Booklet	529.59	
1560	Master Mason Cipher	848.61	
1561	Master Mason Booklet	48.64	
1570	Pamphlet - On The Threshold	69.52	
1571	Pamphlet - What I'd Like	353.88	
1580	Pins - 25 Year	271.05	
1581	Pins - 50 Year	383.16	
1582	Pins - 75 Year	99.20	
1585	Pins - Widow	114.40	
	Total Masonic Supplies Inventory		10,339.63
	Total Current Assets		615,004.19

Fixed Assets

1810	Office Furniture & Fixtures	5,281.00	
1820	Accumulative. Depreciation - F & F	-1,320.00	
1830	Office Electronic/Computer Equity	3,719.94	
1840	Accumulative. Depreciation - Elect.	-531.42	
	Total Fixed Assets		7,149.52

TOTAL ASSETS **622,153.71**

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Current Liabilities

2250	Def. Income - Annual Comm.	5,281.00
2270	Def. Income - Other	1,826.00

2295	Unrealized Gains/Losses – Investment	10,350.76	
	Total Current Liabilities		15,872.26
	EQUITY AND RETAINED EARNINGS		
3100	Arts - Scholarships	3,504.47	
3110	DeMolay – Scholarship Fund	469.76	
3120	General Charity Fund	3,331.99	
3130	Dedicated Travel Fund	28,042.42	
3140	Life Membership	978,953.93	
3150	Martinez Education Fund	595.57	
3160	Office Equipment Fund	1,585.68	
3170	Proceedings - Transcript, P&B	40,202.59	
3180	Russian Relations Fund	1,771.51	
3190	General Fund	175,900.83	
3195	Permanent Fund	249,801.52	
	Total Equity and Retained Earnings		603,160.27
	NET INCOME		3,121.18
	TOTAL EQUITY		606,281.45
	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		622,153.71

Budget – 2004

Grand Lodge, F&AM of Alaska

Acct #		Budgeted 2004	Budgeted 2003	Actual 2003	Actual 2002
	Revenue				
4000	Grand Lodge Revenue				
4100	Assessment - Per Capita	\$ 38,000	\$ 36,000	\$ 38,269	\$ 36,458
4110	Assessment - Bulletin	3,700	3,500	3,773	3,595
4120	Assessment- Late Fee	150.00		150	50.00
4130	GM Dispensations				50
4145	George Washington Memorial *	1,200	10,000	30	1,237
4150	Assessment - Petition Received	1,500	1,500	2,050	2,100
4160	Assessment - Degrees Conferred	500	500.00	525	805
4170	Assessment - DM/Affiliation	600.00	600.00	3,270	840
4175	Reinstatement for NPD			142	35
4180	General Contributions / Donations	1,500	1,500	300	2,526
4200	Commercial Marketing Programs		9,000	190	8,988
4240	Medallions (Fund Raiser)			360	70

4250	Fund Raisers - Other			907	
4260	Special Orders				1,226
4300	R & E Book Sales		400	-	458
4400	Masonic Inventory	2,000	1,500	2,192	1608
	Less Cost of Masonic Materials	(1,000)		(3,978)	
4810	Interest and Dividend Income	10,000	5,000	17,837	31
4840	Div-Interest - Life Membership	3,500		6,600	
4841	Gain on Sale of Securities – Life Mem.			237	
4900	Other Income – Miscellaneous	100		251	
4950	Annual Communication	12,000	12,000	14,078	11381
4999	Uncategorized Income/Dividends/etd.			203	

Total Revenue

\$ 73,750	\$ 84,900	89,747	\$ 74,892
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Expenses

6000	Cost of Communication	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000		\$ -
6005	Banquet Expense	18,350.00		12,428	11,172
6015	Entertainment			500	
6020	Equipment rental			100	175
6030	Printing			2,720	1,035
6040	Supplies			-	541
6045	Transportation			109	
6050	Other	-	-	1,829	99

Total Annual Communication

12,000	12,000	17,686
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6100	Warden's Charge	2,300	3,400		
6125	Cost of Warden's Charge			1,520	4,505

Total Warden's Charge

2,300	3,400	1,520
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6220	Awards Program	100	100	100	101
6225	Bank Service Charges	3,000.00	25	30	3
6230	Contributions/Donations	1,000		1,320	
6255	Internet Service	375	50	356	46
6260	Depreciation			1,320	
6270	Dues & Subscriptions	200	250	200	250
6275	Equipment Rental		700	-	686
6277	Equipment Repair	500	100	639	100
6285	Legal Fees	-	-	5,968	

6300	Grand Master				
6305	GM Regalia	2,000	2,000	995	1,803
6310	GM Expenses	1,000	1,000	25	1,000
6315	GM Travel-Discretionary, Cot	1,000	1,000		1,225
6400	Grand Lodge – Officers Travel: *				
6405	Grand Master	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
6410	Deputy Grand Master	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600
6415	Senior Grand Warden	800	800	800	800
6420	Junior Grand Warden	800	800	800	800
6425	Grand Secretary	800	800	800	800
6430	Grand Treasurer	800	800	800	800
6500	Grand Secretary				
6505	GM & GS Conference & Misc.	1,200	500	1,175	115
6510	GS Expenses & Miscellaneous	750	1,000	700	550
6515	Reception of Visitors		-		-
6610	Gain/Loss on Sale of Securities			7,629	
6620	G. Washington Memorial Assoc.			40	
6630	Insurance	14,000	8,500	13,470	6,879
6635	Workman’s Comp. Ins.	160	150	157	150.
6680	Recruiting	-	60		58
6690	MSA Dues	300	300	300	300
6700	Office Salaries*	10,000	10,000	9,175	10,000
6710	Office Supplies	1,500	1,500	942	1,279
6730	Postage	1,750	1,000	1,621	852
	Grand Lodge Bulletin			624	
6743	Printing Dues Cards	-	700		680
6745	Printing General Forms	400	1,500	330	-1,768.35
6750	Rent	10,000	10,000	9,080	9,711
6760	Property Tax	-	65		65
6765	Telephone	1,000	1,500	983	1,071
6780	Web Site Fees	300	500	275	468
6790	Miscellaneous **	1,000	100	815	79
6820	Payroll Taxes		900	145	
6821	Medicare	140		133	145
6822	FICA	575		133	145
6823	State (S.U.I.)	1410		104	100
	Federal (F.U.T.A.)	60		56	
4900	Other Income – Misc				(50)
8010	Other Expenses		2,500		1,000

Office Accounting Software ***	1,500			
George Washington Memorial* Ex.	10,000			
	114,346.00	98,275.00	108,748.30	10,473.30
	\$ 73,220	\$ 84,100	\$ 86,625	\$ 69,278

Net Income	\$ 530	\$ 800	\$ 3,122	\$ 5,614
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BUDGET NOTES:

- * No revenue projections made for 2002.
- * Annual Communication & Wardens Charge Revenue and Expenses Net Out
- * George Washington Memorial revenue is generated first before committed to spend.
- * Grand Officers Travel may be increased from last year if revenue exceeds projections
- * Office salary to pay for part time accounting and secretary help.
- ** Account 6790 Miscellaneous for 2002, not elsewhere identified, used only to agree with the proposed Expense budget for 2002.
- *** New office accounting software.

Masonic Research and Education

(No written report, report is from tape recording)

W John Johnson (3)

We worked by email mainly with RW Jerry Fairley to rewrite the booklets that we hand out to the candidates on the three degrees. That work did not get done and that was all the action that the Masonic Reach and Education Committee did this year.

Grand Master I ask that the report be accepted.

Grand Master accepted the “no report”.

Masonic Public Relations

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

Masonic Youth and Public Schools

Report of the Committee on Masonic Youth and the Committee on
Public Schools

The following is a report of the activities of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alaska Public Schools Committee and Masonic Youth Committee for the year 2003.

This past year the Chairman of the Masonic Youth Committee (Stanley L. Woodin) and Public Schools Committee (John R. Cline) joined together to survey the constituent lodges in the Grand Lodge of Alaska on their participation in support of Masonic Youth (DeMolay) and the Public Schools of Alaska (see attached). The purposes of the surveys were to assess the kinds and amount of support the lodges provide, to recognize their contribution, and to baseline that support so that future improvement could be quantified. All 22 constituent lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction of Alaska were mailed questionnaires along with pre-addressed return envelopes. Of the 22 lodges, seven (7) or about 1/3 responded. Following is a synopsis of the information requested and the data received.

Masonic Youth: The lodges were asked if they sponsored a DeMolay chapter and, if so, its name, status, and advisor's name. Additionally, they were asked if they sponsored any other type of youth organization, and, if so, what type of organizations and the name of the lodge member who represented the lodge to the organization. Of the seven lodges who responded, only two reported that they sponsored a DeMolay chapter. In one case the chapter was reported to be inactive. While in the other, the chapter was reported to be only somewhat active. Regarding other types of youth groups sponsored, one lodge reported that it sponsored a Cub Scout Pack, while another lodge reported that it sponsored both a Rainbow Girls' Assembly and a Jobs Daughter's Bethel. The attached spreadsheet of Masonic Youth Activities summarizes the responses received.

Additionally, the lodges that responded stated that several of their members were active volunteer participants with the Boy Scouts of America at the District and Council level.

Public Schools: The lodges were asked if they sponsored a scholarship program and, if so, what was the basis of the scholarship, were scholarships given out in 2003, how much money was awarded, and if the scholarship was covered by a 501 c(3) tax exempt status. Additionally, they were asked if they sponsored an academic award program and, if so, the type of recognition awarded and if the lodge presented awards in 2003. Of the seven lodges responded, four reported they sponsored a scholarship program, however, one of these programs was new and had not yet raised enough money or returned any to the community. Two of the scholarship programs were covered by 501 c(3) tax exempt status. A reported \$33,000 was raised and \$38,500 awarded in scholarships in 2003. Of particular note is the Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge, who contributed the bulk of the scholarship money (\$33,000) in 2003. Three of the seven lodges reporting stated that they supported a non-monetary recognition program, two of which were active in 2003.

In addition, the lodges that responded stated that some of their members were either currently active or are retired educators who remain active as substituted teachers.

John R. (Bo) Cline Chairman,
Public Schools Committee

Constituted Lodges	Location	Scholarship	Name	Purpose	2003	Raised	Awarded	501(c) 3	Recognition	Purpose	2003	Other
White Pass No.1	Skagway											
Anvil No. 2	Nome											
Tanana No. 3	Fairbanks											
Valdez No. 4	Valdez											
Mt. McKinley No. 5	Cordova											
Seward No. 6	Seward											
Matanuska No. 7	Palmer	yes	Matanuska Masonic Foundation	Undetermined	no	\$0.00	\$0.00	yes	yes	Academic	no	OES Scholarship
Mt. Susitna No. 8	Anchorage	no	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	no	n/a	n/a	n/a
Kodiak No. 9	Kodiak											
Glacier No. 10	Anchorage	yes	Charles C. Cramer Memorial	Academic	yes	unknown	\$4,000.00	unk				
Kenai No. 11	Soldotna											
Fairbanks No. 12	Fairbanks											
Eagle River No. 13	Eagle River											
Aurora No. 15	Anchorage											
North Pole No. 16	North Pole											
Anchorage No. 17	Anchorage	yes	Anchorage Masonic Lodge #17 Scholarship Program	Masonic Affiliation	yes	unknown	\$1,500.00		no	n/a	n/a	n/a
Mt. Verstovia No. 18	Sitka											
Ketchikan No. 19	Ketchikan											
Iditarod No. 20	Wasilla	no	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	no	n/a	n/a	n/a
Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux No. 21	Juneau	yes	Rae & Jesse Stevens Fund	Academic	yes	\$33,000.00	\$33,000.00	yes	yes	Academic	yes	no
Sterling No. 22	Sterling	no	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	yes	Academic	yes	No
Petersburg No. 23	Petersburg											

W Robert Wiseman read the following 8th grade examination taken from the State of Kansas in the year 1895:

Subject: 8Th GRADE EDUCATION

Could you have passed this 8th grade exam?

Remember when grandparents and great-grandparents stated that they only had an 8th grade education? Well check this out. Could any of us have passed the 8th grade in 1895? **(LOOK CLOSELY... THAT’S EIGHTEEN NINETY FIVE!)**

This is the eighth-grade final exam from 1895 in Salina, Kansas, USA. It was taken from the original document on file at the Smokey Valley Genealogical Society and Library in Salina, KS., and reprinted by the Salina Journal.

8th Grade Final Exam: Salina, KS – 1895

Grammar (Time, one hour)

1. Give nine rules for the use of capital letters.
2. Name the parts of speech and define those that have no modifications.
3. Define verse, stanza, and paragraph.
4. What are the principal parts of a verb? Give principal parts of “lie,” “play,” and “run.”
5. Define case: Illustrate each use.
6. What is punctuation? Give rules for principal marks of punctuation.
- 7-10. Write a composition of about 150 words and show therein that you understand the practical use of the rules of grammar.

Arithmetic (Time, 1.25 hours)

1. Name and define the Fundamental Rules of Arithmetic.
2. A wagon box is 2 ft. deep, 10 feet long, and 3 ft. wide. How many bushels of wheat will it hold?
3. If a load of wheat weights 3,942 lbs., what is it worth at 50 cts /bushel, deducting 1050 lbs for tare?
4. District No. 33 has a valuation of \$35,000. What is the necessary levy to carry on a school seven months at \$50 per month, and have \$104 for incidentals?
5. Find the cost of 6720 lbs. coal at \$6.00 per ton.
6. Find the interest of \$512.60 for 8 months and 18 days at 7 percent.
7. What is the cost of 40 boards 12 inches wide and 16 ft. long at \$20 per metre?
8. Find bank discount on \$300 for 90 days (no grace) at 10 percent.
9. What is the cost of a square farm at \$15 per acre, the distance of which is 640 rods?
10. Write a Bank Check, a Promissory Note, and a Receipt.

U.S. History (Time, 45 minutes)

1. Give the epochs into which U.S. History is divided.
2. Give an account of the discovery of America by Columbus.
3. Relate the causes and results of the Revolutionary War.
4. Show the territorial growth of the United States.
5. Tell what you can of the history of Kansas.
6. Describe three of the most prominent battles of the Rebellion.
7. Who were the following: Morse, Whitney, Fulton, Bell, Lincoln, Pen, and Howe?
8. Name events connected with the following dates: 1607, 1620, 1800, 1849, 1865.

Orthography (Time, one hour) (WHAT IS THIS ANYHOW?)

1. What is meant by the following: Alphabet, Phonetic, orthography, etymology, syllabication.
2. What are elementary sounds? How classified?
3. What are the following, and give examples of each: Trigraph, subvocals, diphthong, cognate letters, linguals.
4. Give four substitutes for caret 'u.' (HUH?) (look this one up in Webster)
5. Give two rules for spelling words with final 'e.' Name two exceptions under each rule.
6. Give two uses of silent letters in spelling. Illustrate each.
7. Define the following prefixes and use in connection with a word.: bi, dis, mis, pre, semi, post, non, inter, mono, sup.
8. Mark diacritically and divide into syllables the following, and name the sign that indicated the sound: card, ball, mercy, sir, odd, cell, rise, blood, fare, last.
9. Use the following correctly in sentences: cite, site, sight, fane, feign, vane, vain, vein, raze, raise, rays.
10. Write 10 words frequently mispronounced and indicate pronunciation by use of diacritical marks and by syllabication.

Geography (Time, one hour)

1. What is climate? Upon what does climate depend?
2. How do you account for the extremes of climate in Kansas?
3. Of what use are rivers? Of what use is the ocean?
4. Describe the mountains of North America.
5. Name and describe the following: Monrovia, Odessa, Denver, Manitoba, Hecla, Yukon, St. Helena, Juan Fernandez, Aspinwall, and Orinoco.
6. Name and locate the principal trade centers of the U.S.
7. Name all the republics of Europe and give the capital of each.
8. Why is the Atlantic Ocean colder than the Pacific in the same latitude?
9. Describe the process by which the water of the ocean returns to the sources of rivers.
10. Describe the movements of the earth. Give the inclination of the earth.

Notice that the exam took FIVE HOURS to complete. Gives the saying “he only had an 8th grade education” a whole new meaning, doesn’t it?! Also shows how poor our education system has become.

Bylaws

Report of the Committee on Bylaws

During the Masonic Year 2003, The Committee on Bylaws received the following two (2) amendments to Lodge Bylaws for consideration – in accordance with Section 15,02 – Constitution – entitled Lodge Bylaws

1. From **White Pass Lodge No. 1** relative to change of date and time of the Stated Communication of the said Lodge – i.e. from 7:30 p.m. on the third (3rd) Tuesday of **each** month to the third (3rd) Saturday of the months of January, March, May, September, October, and November **only** and at the hour of 12.01 p.m.
2. From **Iditarod Lodge No. 20** relative to change of months only of the Stated Communication of the said Lodge from **each** month to ten (10) only – i.e. the months of July and August to be “dark” – with the hour of the Stated Communication remaining the same (7:30 p.m.).

We the Committee on Bylaws, found that in each instance a sufficient number of votes were cast in favor of the said amendments. We, however, found, that while the ‘proper’ procedure with respect to notification of the membership was followed in the first case (White Pass Lodge No. 1), the ‘**proper**’ procedure in the latter case (Iditarod Lodge No. 20) was not followed – i.e. there is no evidence that the proposed amendment to the Bylaws of Iditarod Lodge No. 20 was presented to the Lodge at a **prior** Stated Communication (than the one at which the vote was taken), although mail-out notification appeared to have been made in a timely fashion – i.e. at least ten (10) days prior to the Stated Communication at which the vote was to be taken.

We, the members of the Committee on Bylaws, therefore recommend to the M.W. Grand Master the approval of the above mentioned amendment from White Pass Lodge No. 1, while we recommended that the latter amendment from Iditarod Lodge No. 20 be **not** approved. To the first request for change to Lodge Bylaws – i.e. from White Pass Lodge No. 1 – all the members of the Committee affixed their signatures, while in the second instance – i.e. from Iditarod Lodge No. 20 – only three of the four members affixed their signatures, while the fourth member concurred ‘telephonically’ in the decision to recommend that this requested amendment be **not** approved.

Sincerely and fraternally:

Gunnar Flygenring, PM, Chairman
Charles O. Ashcraft, PM,

David C. Pratt, PM
Robert Homoleski, PM

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 2003.

*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	
Robert Lee Rapuzzi	3-8-03
Tanana Lodge No. 3	
W Harold Henry Ervin	7-18-03
Eugene Gordon Hill	8-26-03
Clifford Allen Hudson	9-6-03
Charles Hamilton Shutleff, Jr	8-6-03
Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5	
W Clifford Wilhite Collins	11-1-03
Jack Stevenson	2-13-03
Matanuska Lodge No. 7	
W Frank Robert Cornelius	2-21-03
James Steven Hermon	5-14-03
William Jack Hernandez	8-30-03
Benjamin Franklin Morigeau	2-25-03
Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8	
W Walter Frank Reynolds	4-8-03

Kodiak Lodge No. 9	
Robert Russell Esch	4-22-03
Burton Frederick Lampe	3-22-03
Glacier Lodge No. 10	
James Venable Esper	3-17-03
Richard Lee Staten, Sr.	8-9-03
Peter Marvin Switzer	10-15-03
Kenai Lodge No. 11	
W Harry Edgar Casson	4-18-03
Gerald Clifford Holly, Sr.	10-15-03
W Frank Mize	12-14-03
W Emmor Mitchell Saunders	7-26-03
Fairbanks Lodge No. 12	
Earl Clayton Miller	1-1-03
Aurora Lodge No. 15	
Ronald Earl Cunningham	1-17-03
John Arthur Sutherland	3-18-03
Anchorage Lodge No. 17	
Myles Culbreth Harmon	10-18-03
W Joseph Edwin James	4-16-03
VW James Walter Morton	5-23-03
Paul David Rees	3-7-03
Joseph Allen Saunders	9-7-03
Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18	
W Ivan Emil Rezek	5-9-03
Francis Neil Vilandre (Fellowcraft)	1-30-03
Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21	
VW David Walter DeLong	6-23-03
Herbert Lance Gordon	3-21-03
Warren Milford Wilkins	2-21-03
Petersburg Lodge No. 23	
Levi Lyle Ellis	1-1-03
William Charles Grover	4-12-03

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

*Heavenly Father, we come to you in this time of sorrow seeking that consolation that thou alone can give. By you alone we strengthen our faith that in passing from this earth we are but entering that area where clouds and shadows are unknown. While we mourn the passing of our beloved brothers from the circle of our fraternity, we believe that they have entered into a higher brotherhood engaging in nobler duties and more exalted work to find rest from earthly labors and refreshment. As we too shall come to the end of the day, may the twilight be lit by a radiant glow and may we fall asleep without alarm and fear with a sublime conviction that we shall be raised to the power of the lion of the tribe of Judah and find a new home, that house not made with hands eternal in the heavens.
Amen.*

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

W Roger K. Hansen,
Grand Chaplain

Report of Grand Lecturer

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

Report of Grand Orator

Most Worshipful grand Master, Right Worshipful Grand Lodge Officers, distinguished visitors, Brothers All

When asked by the Grand Master to accept this appointment as Grand Orator, I thought immediately of having to present a very long address. Fortunately, the Grand Master said he would allow me only 7 to 10 minutes. He must have had second thoughts as to how good a speaker I am.

In Blue Lodge, after the first degree has been conferred to the candidate, the Worshipful Master informs the newly made Entered Apprentice what he may and may not do, along with the lodge room disciplines. Included is the proper form or attitude for attending prayer – left hand over the right with the response “So Mote It Be.” The words “So Mote It Be” are the last words written in the Regis Poem, or more accurately stated, the Regis Manuscript, written about 1390.

While reading, I came across the Harlein Manuscript, written about 167-. The Harlein Manuscript is a newer version of the original Regis Manuscript, and retains the same Masonic Landmarks and features of the 1390 writing.

This version (The Harlein Manuscript) came into being about the same time that Non-operative or “Speculative Masons” were being admitted into the fraternity. It reads as follows:

1. The Master Mason must be steadfast, trusty and true and render perfect justice to both his workmen and his employer.
2. The Master Mason shall be punctual in his attendance at the general congregation of assembly.
3. The Master must take no apprentice for less than seven years.
4. The Master must take no apprentice who are bondsmen but only such as are free and well born.
5. The Master shall not employ a thief, or a maimed man for an apprentice, but only those who are physically fit.
6. The Master must not take craftsman's wages for apprentice's labors.
7. The Master shall not employ a thief or immoral person.
8. The Master must maintain a standard of efficiency by not permitting incompetent workmen to be employed.
9. The Master must not undertake to do work which he can not complete.
10. No Master shall supplant (trip up by treachery) another in the work undertaken.
11. The Master shall not cause the masons to work at night except in the pursuit of knowledge.
12. No mason shall speak "evil" of his fellows work
13. The Master must instruct his apprentices in everything they are capable of.
14. The Master shall take no apprentices for whom he has not sufficient labor.
15. The Master is not to make false representations, nor compromise any sin of his fellows.

We can see where these landmarks with one or two exceptions may be applied to either Operative or Speculative Masonry.

These landmarks influenced the forming of the Grand Lodge of England (1717) and have been part of all Grand Lodges and Blue Lodges since then. They have helped to set the course and enabled the development of modern day Masonry as we know it, because they were well thought out for that particular time of change and turmoil.

Of course over time each Grand Lodge, and Blue Lodges within individual Grand Lodge Jurisdictions, set their own landmarks. We really are not thinking of landmarks, though, when we institute resolutions, like we will or have done during this and other Grand Lodge sessions. In time, history will tell if the decisions we make will be of landmark status.

We are a young Grand Lodge, only having been chartered since 1981. as a young Grand Lodge we are still having growing pains, wrought with the problems of retention, growth, and internal turmoil. Are we stumbling and creating landmarks of the wrong kind, unknowingly?

I remember the Worshipful Master standing me in the NE corner of the lodge many years ago as the youngest Entered Apprentice Mason, charging me "to ever walk and act as such."

We all should look back to those moments in time. We all need to revisit and keep faith with the obligations we took at the Altar, as we progressed through the degrees. Our Personal Landmarks!

We are looking for ways to increase membership, often thinking of taking short cuts such as lowering proficiency methods, one-day classes (fast tracking) or not learning the work properly to progress through the degrees.

All of our Lodges are having attendance problems. We need to find a way to solve this problem.

We find that to keep our Lodges alive we are recycling Past Masters back to the East, and in some cases fast tracking brothers to positions they are not ready for. We have to ask ourselves, are we driving out new and old brothers who just want to come to lodge for the fellowship, and not be asked or intimidated into taking a position, no matter how small.

Some lodges struggle to put on degree work only to see the newly made Mason fall by the wayside because we have no brothers willing to take on the task of working with him. Whose fault is it? On the bright side, we have some very dedicated brothers working hard to turn this around. But they need help.

In years past I have attended meeting called by the District Deputy of the Grand Master. On occasion attendance by Lodge officers and members has been very poor. The purpose of these meetings is to discuss problems within the lodges and to find solutions to them. When called upon, we need to attend and help resolve problems within the Lodges.

We all need to reacquaint ourselves with the ciphers, so as not to become rusty Master Masons before our time. We need to attend lodge practices. You will be helping yourself and your Lodge.

The brothers participating in degree work need to start picking up the book at home and studying their parts. Don't wait until you get to Lodge to do that. Attend practices; sloppy degree work leaves a poor impression on the candidate.

Officers, elected and otherwise, learn your parts and don't depend on the cipher to get you through the work when you get to Lodge. That sets a bad example and encourages everyone else to do the same. Even if you make mistakes, you will still be learning the work, and the effort you are putting forth will be obvious to all the brothers, and will be appreciated.

What we do, and how we act in the Lodge room, affects the future of our Lodges. Some issues being discussed are often just beat to death with no resolution having been achieved. They are hashed over and over and over with no end in sight. I know of at least one brother who won't come to Lodge due to that. He thinks it's a waste of his time! Is he right?

There are those who believe that to come to Lodge you are required to wear a suit and tie. There is no doubt that when you come to Lodge dressed nicely you probably will feel better about yourself and be more inclined to help out and perhaps do better work yourself. This is fine if you are able to. Do each of you remember how you were first received in the Lodge as an Entered Apprentice?

The January – February issue of the Scottish Rite Journal has an article in it concerning one-day classes that were held in Ohio. I hope all of you have an opportunity to read it as it gives a lot of the pro's and con's concerning that method of acquiring new members. It is interesting that one year later after having raised 7,700 new Master Mason in a statewide one-day class, a survey was done. Here are two statistics of interest from that survey.

Of the total 7,700 new Master Masons who were made, 91% said that the shortened time was important for them in having received the degrees. Some 69% said “the removal of the memory work, and examinations” was important.

Remember, we will in part be making the landmarks for this Grand Lodge when we vote to adopt resolutions and effect change. We need to think of how, and in what favor, these landmarks will be looked upon in the distant future.

Our personal landmarks are the cornerstones of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction, both in and out of Lodge; we should ever “walk and act as such” by their direction.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I thank you for allowing me to address this Grand Lodge Session, and submit this written copy to the Grand Lodge, that it may be accepted as presented.

W. William P. (Bill) Kalbach PM
Iditarod Lodge No. 20 F. & A.M.
Grand Orator 2003

Report of Grand Historian and Alaska Masonic Library and Museum

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alaska, distinguished Guests.

Brothers:

History is a hard subject, and at times almost impossible to keep up. We do not have the means to record all things that happened throughout the Grand Lodge and individual lodges without some kind of access to all of the records. Our Grand secretary, and each lodge secretary, are the true historians of Alaska Masonic Lodges and, without their

continued input, it is quite impossible for your Grand Historian to write an accurate account as to what has happened during the past year or years.

I do have another subject which needs to be addressed. I call it "Trouble among Brothers."

During the past two or three years we have heard accusations, charges, threatened law suits and had some very harsh words thrown around. I feel these should have been taken care of at the start, and probably in-house. However, these problems escalated and were blown way out of proportion.

Now is the time to revisit our obligations and reread the charges given us at each degree, especially remember the five points of fellowship. We have enough problems facing us today, and in the times ahead. We don't need to carry excess baggage with us into the future.

I caution everyone. Adversity has a tendency to drive away brothers and new candidates, when we desperately need a working membership. Remember the working tools, most especially the trowel. A divided house most often fails. We don't need others trying to get us to choose sides, one against another, Think about it and do the right thing. Stay together and stay strong.

Enough said. Now, onto something else.

ALASKA MASONIC LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

This is the third year in a row during which the Alaska Masonic Library and Museum has seen remarkable progress. The first year we were allowed to use space in the building at 4th Avenue and F Street. Within a year, we expanded beyond the wall of our allotted space. We started with five or so books, some copies of the proceedings of our Mother Jurisdiction and boxes of miscellaneous items. We now have an office with computer, printer, file cabinets, display cases, book cases filled with hundreds of Masonic and non-Masonic books, pamphlets, and other publications of interest. We grew so much in the second year that we were spilling out into the hallway. Anchorage Lodge No. 17 again came to our rescue and let us move into a larger area. We then had more room to display our collection, as well as room for expansion. In additions, because of its layout, the new facility offered a more attractive way to display our materials. As our third year, 2003, progressed, we continued to organize, catalog, and display our materials. The lion's share of this work has been due to the efforts of Curator, R.W. Bro. Gerald R. (Jerry) Fairley. He has taken on triple duties, Grand Treasurer, AMLAM Curator, Secretary for Glacier Lodge No. 10, and has been the assistant to the Grand Secretary. Even with his busy schedule, Jerry included a trip to Kenai to pick up items donated from MW Ingram's estate, and a trip to Nome for the possible closing of Anvil Lodge No. 2, to transport many boxes of items for the museum to Anchorage. These items, along with donations coming from other Brothers, or widows of departed Brothers, have filled our space until we, again, had to ask for more room. Our cup runneth over, yet this is just the tip of the iceberg. There is much more that needs to be brought in, so all can share in

learning about ourselves. Please heed the call for MORE LIGHT, and see if there isn't something in your garage, attic, crawl space, or other storage area just going to waste, that could be donated to the Alaska Masonic Library and Museum, to share with all present and future brothers, sisters, and other visitors. We also accept financial donations. Don't forget the Foundation has been designated an IRS 501 c (3) organization, and all donations are tax deductible.

We again invite each of you to visit your Library and Museum. We feel that you will be quite pleased with what you find. The Curator's normal hours are 10:00 A. M. till 3:00 P.M. Tuesdays and Thursdays and by special request. The time, effort, and expense it takes to bring this together for you should be appreciated, enjoyed, and shown off. The address is:

Alaska Masonic Library and Museum
Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 143413, Anchorage, Alaska, 99514-3413
Physical Address
606 West 4th Avenue -201 (second floor)*
Anchorage, Alaska
Phone: (907) 276-BOOK or 276-2665
Email: fairley@alaska.net

*SW corner of 4th Avenue and F Street, across from the Log Cabin Visitors Center

Remember, if you can't find a book or article to do your research or are just looking for information, contact the Curator he just may be able to help you.

Sincerely and fraternally,

W. Bro. Douglas C. Teninty
Grand Historian

Alaska Masonic Library and Museum Foundation
W. Bro. Douglas C. Teninty, President
M.W. Bro. Stanley R. Foulke, Vice President
M.W. Bro. Henry T. Dunbar, Treasurer
R.W. Bro. Charles O. Ashcraft, Secretary

Charters and Dispensations

Report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations

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

Subject: Report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations - February 5, 2004

There haven't been any request for either Charters or Dispensations for the year 2003.

Fraternally submitted:

M.W. Gene Freeman, PGM, Chairman
W. Roger Hansen, PM
W. E. Fred Lentz, PM
W. John P. Johnson, PM

Leadership Training

No report from the Leadership Training Committee was received at the time of publication

Military Recognition

George Washington National Memorial

Report of the George Washington National Memorial Committee

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

This is the report from the chairman of the committee. This is the year that the Memorial has designated Alaska to have a month long presentation at the Memorial and the Alaska Flag to fly over the site.

The grand officers agreed to have R.W. Brother Jerry Fairley to be the coordinator collecting all of the artifacts and shipping them to Washington D.C. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Brother Jerry for all the work he has put into this project. Also, arrangements have been made by our Deputy Grand Master to have the Grand Lodge of Alaska opened at the Memorial on the morning of the 18th of February just after the closing of the Conference of Grand Masters.

For any of the Lodges interested, donations are accepted and encouraged to support the maintenance of the Memorial. Certificates of Acknowledgement will be presented in designated increments which are tax deductible. For more information contact M.W. Lloyd Triggs or any one of the Committee.

The Committee would like to thank the Grand Master for the privilege of

serving this Grand Lodge for the year 2003.

Respectively submitted:

M.W. Lloyd Triggs, PGM, Chairman

M.W. Charles Corbin, PGM

R.W. Jerry Fairley

and anyone else that helped put everything together

Russian Relations

Report of the Russian Relations Committee

There is continued interest among Masons in the activities of the Grand Lodge of Alaska's Relations Committee. Correspondence and Lifetime membership applications have been received from Australia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canadian Providences, France, Germany, Greece, India, Ireland, Netherlands, Romania, Scotland, and Ukraine.

The new lodge in Vladivostok started by the Grand Lodge of Alaska is located over 5,200 miles from Moscow. This is twice the distance from Seattle to New York. The lodge is closer to Alaska than Moscow.

In 2003, the Russian Relations Committee has assisted the new lodges in Eastern Russia to expand and to initiate new candidates.

Alpha & Omega Lodge #23 in Novosibirsk is having problems finding an affordable place to meet. Our committee sent the A & O Lodge two payments of \$800 so they could rent a place to initiate new candidates. The lodge is now responsible for their rental expenses.

Pacific Rim Lodge in Vladivostok is also gaining in new members. They have a well-furnished lodge room with rent covered by Lodge members. Our committee sent the lodge \$600 to assist in the furnishing of their new lodge room. They now have a new Masonic altar \$120, 10 new chairs \$221, three stations for the officers \$214, shades, curtain rails, lamps, flags, etc. \$116. Monthly rent for the lodge room is \$40. The secretary is very frugal in his spending. Lodge members furnish labor. Retired elderly ladies in Vladivostok made a new altar apron. Masons from Maine have donated funds for the altar apron.

Pacific Rim Lodge #567 in Long Beach, California wrote that they would like to send something to Pacific Rim Lodge #12 in Vladivostok. They asked what would the Russian Lodge desire? The answer was, "An American Flag." An American flag was subsequently donated by the California lodge.

April 2003 – WM Sergei Bogolepov writes: Yes we believe Alenandr from Tomsk can attract enough qualified candidates to establish a lodge there. My task is to encourage

him to reach out and find prospective candidates. I have some prospective people in other cities, but in this point they are in hesitation. You can't win people just sending them some booklets. Good personal contact is a must. I want to share this good news with my Brothers who are supporting me in my works.

Income for committee expenses depends on a one-time Lifetime membership fee. Lifetime membership in one of the Russian Lodges, sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Alaska, is \$200.

It is heartwarming to experience the enthusiasm of qualified candidates that have joined the brotherhood of Freemasonry in Eastern Russia.

We would like eventually to challenge the members in Novosibirsk to mach a grant to purchase a building to be used as a lodge hall. Bu7t this will have to wait for a later date.

Primary goal this year is to start another lodge in Tomsk in Eastern Russia. We will aos assist the two current lodged to develop to become proficient in their work. Once this is accomplished, the new lodges will be prepared tostart spreading Freemasonry in Eastern Russia.

Current checking account balance in the Russian Relations account it \$140.00

Respectfully submitted

John Grainger, Chairman
Russian Relations Committee

Wills and Endowments

Report of the Wills and Endowments Committee

Recommendations of the Wills and Endowments Committee:

1.) To form a Masonic Charity Foundation to provide a conduit for charitable giving through several types of annuities which can benefit both the Grand Lodge and the individual donor in tax benefits and guaranteed income.

Tax benefited contributions can be made in various ways:

Current gifts such as cash can produce immediate income tax savings.

Deferred or planned gifts can also produce current income tax savings. For example, the donor might make a commitment to contribute assets after death while retaining the right to receive income from the property during his lifetime. For some donors this offers the best of both worlds – tax savings in the present without giving up current income.

Gifts of income refer to property which is given back to the donor or his family after a period of time, which may result in tax savings.

Gifts may also be made which produce only estate tax savings.

Pooled income fund is an account which is much like a shared mutual fund.

Gifts of real estate or other property.

Life insurance may provide an attractive method of charitable giving, and is a method which is often overlooked. The gift of a policy results in an immediate charitable deduction. If the policy is paid up, the deduction is the amount of the replacement value, but not more than the cost basis (usually the total of all the premiums paid, less any dividends received.) If premiums are still being paid, the deductions will be roughly equal to the cash surrender value. After the gift is complete, the donor may make additional annual, deductible cash gifts to enable the Grand Lodge to pay each year's premium. Life insurance contributions are particularly attractive when the donor's family is grown, and insurance may be of less importance. There are estate tax advantages as well, since the proceeds of a donated policy will not be included in a donor's estate.

2.) To allow approved certified charity advisors to make presentations on individual lodges and their membership in order to educate and solicit funding on behalf of the Grand Lodge. A C.C.A. designation is an independent professional consultant who provides individual donors and non-profit organizations with consulting services that help these organizations obtain capital through funding strategies or planned giving programs.

I respectfully submit this report for acceptance and approval.

C. Vernon Carlson Jr., PM.

Long-Range Planning

According to Grand Master Kenneth Stedman, no change this year, therefore there is no report from the Long-Range Planning Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

MW Kenneth Stedman (18, 23) Grand Master, Chairman

Internet & Publications

Report of the Internet and Publications Committee

Internet:

I am proud to say that our Grand Lodge web site is second to none. As I travel to other jurisdictions I am constantly reminded by others what a fine web site we have.

I must not however, that the information we post on the web is only as good and up-to-date as that which is provided to the webmaster. If you notice that your organization's information is outdated, then, by all means provide the current information the webmaster and he will see that the web pages get updated.

This past year we have had a problem getting the web pages updated in a timely manner. This was in part due to the work demands of the webmaster. Once it was brought to my attention that there was a backlog, the problem was rectified by getting the webmaster some assistance.

Publications:

Unfortunately we have been unable to publish the "Light From the Great Land" on a regular basis for the last three years. This can be attributed to two primary reasons:

- 1) Lack of a qualified individual to serve as an editor
- 2) When a temporary editor could be found, not enough articles would be submitted to produce a publication.

Brethren, communication within our jurisdiction is of paramount importance. Our Grand Lodge Officers must communicate to the membership on a regular basis, otherwise we become nothing more than mushrooms. We believe that this periodical must be revitalized. If you would like to assist in the publication of this newsletter, or know of someone who would, please let the Grand Secretary know.

Respectfully Submitted,

Don Chaffin, Chairman
Nate Esteban, Webmaster
Scott Thompson, Member

Report of Segregations and Reference Committee

MW Grand Master, The Committee of Segregations and Reference has received a copy of the Grand Master's report.

The special actions of the Grand Master have been turned over to the Jurisprudence Committee for their consideration.

The disciplinary actions of the Grand Master have also been turned over to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That portion of the Grand Master's report pertaining to the finances of the Grand Lodge has been turned over to the Finance Committee with the exception of those two sections of the Grand Master's report.

Respectfully submitted,

MW John H. Grainger, PGM

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master,

First, I would like to thank you for selecting me to serve as your Deputy for District #5. It has been a pleasure to serve you and the Grand Lodge.

I believe we have had a good year, in spite of a few misunderstandings that were cleared up satisfactorily with the help of R.W. Joe Dees who was assisting with matters while I was out of Alaska taking care of my mother.

All the Lodges in District #5 are in good order with the exception of Anvil Lodge #2. Each of the Lodges' degree works is getting better and appears to be on the right track for continued success.

I have attended the three Lodges regularly this past year, with the exception of the period of time that I was out of State.

I held District Deputy Meetings and a Stop and Go session in Eagle River #13 on the First Degree. I plan on having Stop and Go practice sessions in every lodge on each degree in the coming year.

Iditarod Lodge #20 has moved to a new location in Houston. They are deeply grateful to Matanuska Lodge #7 for the use of their Lodge while they were displaced. I believe all the past issues within Iditarod #20 have been satisfactorily resolved.

The newly elected officers of each Lodge are working hard to be proficient in their respective offices. I am working hard to keep the ciphers closed during stated and degree work.

The sad part of our past year has been the passing to the Celestial Lodge above many of our brethren, over which we have no control.

District #5 is in good shape and with all the degrees each Lodge put on this past year we should see some gains in the rolls and new officers taking charge in the future.

Peace and Harmony prevailing

Sincerely and Fraternally

VW James D. Grubbs
District Deputy of the Grand Master
District #5

Awards

Report of the Committee on Awards

James A. Williams Award

The recipient of the James A. Williams Award for honoring the Alaska Lodge with the largest number of Master Masons raised was presented to Eagle River No. 13 for the year 2003.

Buckley C. Hazen Award

The recipient of the Buckley C. Hazen Award for the largest percentage membership growth was presented to Eagle River Lodge No. 13 for the year 2003.

Military Recognition Award

No report of recipient of Military Recognition Award received at the time of publication.

Grand Master's Award for Excellence

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

The Grand Master's Award for Excellence was earned by the following Masters in 2003:

Tanana Lodge No. 3
 Glacier Lodge No. 10
 Aurora Lodge No. 15
 North Pole Lodge No. 16
 Anchorage Lodge No. 17

James H. Howard
 Henry T. Dunbar
 Leonard C. Bibler
 Robert E. Minor
 Thomas L. Schram

Mason of the Year

RW Gerald R. "Jerry" Fairley

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Contributions to the Grand Lodge

Contribution From:	To:	For:	Amount	Total
Mt. Susitna No. 8	Grand Lodge	Travel Fund	\$137.00	\$137.00
Eagle River Lodge No. 13	Grand Lodge	Warden's Charge	\$100.00	\$100.00
Anchorage Lodge No. 17	Grand Lodge	Travel Fund	\$250.00	\$250.00
Glacier Lodge No. 10	Grand Lodge	Permanent Fund	\$200.00	\$200.00
Iditarod Lodge No. 20	Grand Lodge	General Fund	\$307.00	\$307.00
Sterling Lodge No. 22	Grand Lodge	Travel Fund	\$122.00	\$122.00
Sterling Lodge No. 22	Grand Lodge	Geo. Wash. Mem.	\$99.00	\$99.00
Lorne Simpson	Grand Lodge	General Fund	\$50.00	\$50.00
Russell Shivers	Grand Lodge	General Fund	\$50.00	\$50.00
Roger Hansen	Grand Lodge	General Fund	\$550.00	\$550.00
Richard Bender	Grand Lodge	General Fund	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
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Richard Bender	Grand Lodge	Travel Fund	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Charles O. Ashcraft	Grand Lodge	Travel Fund	\$100.00	\$100.00
William Nelson	Grand Lodge	Travel Fund	\$50.00	\$50.00
James Griffith	Grand Lodge	Travel Fund	\$100.00	\$100.00
Jerry Pinion	Grand Lodge	Travel Fund	\$144.22	\$144.22
Cliff Huston	Grand Lodge	Travel Fund	\$250.00	\$250.00
Harry Copeland	Grand Lodge	Label Program	\$20.00	\$20.00
Fred Newton	Grand Lodge	Computer & Sound	\$50.00	\$50.00
Chuck Wellong	Grand Lodge	Computer & Sound	\$20.00	\$20.00
Harry Lasson	Grand Lodge	Computer & Sound	\$10.00	\$10.00
AMRA	Grand Lodge	General Fund	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
AMRA	Grand Lodge	Permanent Fund	\$4,000.00	<u>\$4,000.00</u>
		TOTAL		<u>\$10, 609.22</u>

Speeches by Distinguished Guests

No speeches from Distinguished Guests were received at the time of publication

ELECTION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

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

Grand Master:

(No recording of voting for this office from VHS tape):

L. V. “Joe” Dees

Deputy Grand Master:

Unknown Brother (not audible on VHS tape) – 3 votes

Roger Barnstead – 3 votes

Harry J. Koenen – 111 votes (Position accepted)

Senior Grand Warden:

Unknown brother (Not audible on VHS tape) 7 votes

Doug Teninty – 3 votes

Marvin Fitzpatrick – 111 votes (Position accepted)

Junior Grand Warden

Jim Grubbs – 1 vote

John Cline – 7 votes

Bill Kalbach – 39 votes

Samuel Medsker – 71 (Position accepted)

Grand Secretary:

David Koko – 1 vote

Monte Ervin – 1 vote

Chuck Corbin – 1 vote

V. Clifford Darnell – 1 vote

Johnnie Johnson – 3 votes

Bill Kalbach – 1 vote

Leonard Luchau – 32 votes

John R. “Bo” Cline – 78 votes (Position accepted)

Grand Treasurer:

(Question ballot) – 1 vote

Tom Schram – 2 votes

Gunnar Flygenring – 6 votes

Jerry Fairley – 4 votes

Dennis Miller – 1 vote

Dennis Z. Morgan – 100 (Position accepted)

INSTALLATION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

An open installation for the 2004 - 2005 officers for the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was conducted in Sitka, Alaska on February 6, 2004.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Welcome and Introduction

By MW Kenneth E. Stedman

INSTALLING OFFICERS

Installing Master	MW Lloyd Triggs
Installing Master	MW Henry "Hank" Dunbar
Installing Marshal	MW Charles Corbin
Installing Marshal	MW Leslie R. "Les" Little
Installing Chaplain	MW Donald Chaffin
Installing Secretary	MW Gunnar Flygenring

ELECTED OFFICERS

Grand Master	MW L. V. "Joe" Dees (Jackie)
Deputy Grand Master	RW Harry J. Koenen (Maggie)
Senior Grand Warden	RW Marvin B. Fitzpatrick (Gwen)
Junior Grand Warden	R.W Samuel K. Medsker (Michele)
Grand Treasurer	R.W Dennis Z. Morgan (Joan)
Grand Secretary	RW John R. "Bo" Cline (Beth)

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Grand Chaplain	W Van O. Chaney (Alice)
Grand Lecturer	VW Johnnie L. Wallace (Mary)
Grand Orator	RW Gerald R. "Jerry" Fairley (Sharon)
Grand Historian	W Douglas C. Teninty (Linda)
Grand Marshal	W Roger A. Barnstead (Sheryl)
Senior Grand Deacon	W Russel D. Shivers (Caroline)

Junior Grand Deacon	W Walter B. Bonner
Grand Standard Bearer	W Jerome P. Wasson (Sandra)
Grand Sword Bearer	W Emil F. Lentz (Joan)
Grand Bible Bearer	W James M. LeFlore (Caren)
Senior Grand Steward	W G. E. "Gene" Browning
Junior Grand Steward	W Timothy M. Smith (Cheryl)
Grand Organist	W Dwight E. Morris (Deanna)
Grand Tyler	W John H. Freie

DEPUTIES TO THE GRAND MASTER

District 1	W Robert Homoleski
District 2	W Jerrod Decker (Suni)
District 3	W Jim McMichael (Karen)
District 4	W Darrel Windsor
District 5	W James Grubbs (Tes)