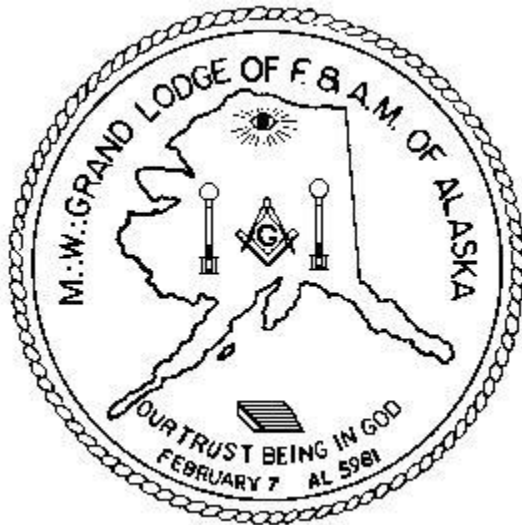


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PRAYER OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

Van O. Chaney

*Supreme Architect of the Universe,
we thank You that we are able to assemble here
for this Grand Lodge Communication.*

*We thank You for the many good works,
which have gone on in the previous year,
and ask You to bestow Your blessing
upon this coming year.*

*We ask You to heal those who are sick,
comfort those who are bereaved.*

*We ask that You would protect our servicemen,
and their children, and wives
in this time of turmoil.*

*We ask that You would bestow Your blessing
upon all those who have traveled a great distance to be here
and return them safely home to their destination
at the end of this Communication.*

In Your Holy Name we pray.

Amen

ROLL CALL

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Master	MW L. V. (Joe) Dees
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deputy Grand Master	RW Harry J. Koenen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Warden	RW Marvin B. Fitzpatrick
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Warden	RW Samuel K Medsker
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Treasurer	RW Dennis Z. Morgan
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Secretary	RW John R. "Bo" Cline
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Chaplain	W Van O. Chaney
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Lecturer	MW Johnnie L. Wallace
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Orator	W Gerald R. (Jerry) Fairley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Historian	W Douglas C. (not Jim) Teninty
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Marshal	W. Roger A. Barnstead
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Deacon	W Russell D. Shivers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Deacon	W Walter B. Bonner
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Standard Bearer	W Jerome P. Wasson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Sword Bearer	W E. Fred Lentz
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Bible Bearer	W James M. LeFlore
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Steward	W G. E. "Gene" Browning
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Steward	W Timothy M. Smith
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Organist	W Dwight E. Morris
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Tyler	W John H. Freie

CONSTITUENT LODGES

(Would the most Senior Representative please respond?)

- White Pass Lodge No. 1
- 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 officers and Lodges are represented and we, therefore, have a Constitutional quorum to open Grand Lodge.

RW John R. "Bo" Cline
Grand Secretary

SOLEMN CEREMONIES

The Twenty Fourth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was opened at 10:00 am on February 3, 2005, by Most Worshipful L.V. (Joe) Dees, Grand Master of Masons in Alaska in Ample form.

MESSAGE OF THE GRAND MASTER

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

Welcome to the twenty-fourth annual communication of the most worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska. At this time I wish to extend a hearty welcome to our visitors and distinguished guests, who traveled from near and far to be with us during this session. I am deeply honored by your presence and I hope that your visit to the Great Land of the Last Frontier will be a memorable and enjoyable one. If there is anything we can do to make your stay with us more comfortable or pleasant don't hesitate to ask and we will do all in our power to honor your request.

APPOINTMENTS

Most Worshipful Brother Lloyd Triggs, Right Worshipful Brother Don Frizzell, and Most Worshipful Brother Gene Freeman were appointed to the committee on segregation and reference.

I appointed twelve Grand Lodge Representatives this past year. The Grand Representatives are: MW Joe Dees to Alabama and Australia, WB Roger Barnstead to District of Columbia, MW Tomas O. Mickey to Hawaii, VW Robert Wiseman to Idaho, WB Gerald Browning to Indiana, RW Edward O. Weisser to New Hampshire, MW Don Chaffin to New York, RW Dennis Morgan to North and South Dakota, VW Jared S., Decker to Utah, WB Roger K. Hansen to Washington, RW John "Bo" Cline to Finland and Nova Scotia, and VW Johnny L. Wallace to Japan. We still have appointments of representatives to be filled.

NECROLOGY

This year has been little or no different from the past twenty-four years. The Great Architect of the Universe has called 71Brotheran to that Celestial Lodge. We mourn their passing and we share the loss of these brothers with their families. Worshipful Brother Van Chaney, Chaplain, will conduct a memorial service later in the day.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

Throughout my travels in this Grand Jurisdiction the Deputies and I have observed quality floor work in most Lodges; while others clearly needed help. Good ritual work is a building block that strengthens leadership. Good ritual work, also, inspires the dedicated membership to continually practice and improve, with a desire towards perfection. This year it has been exciting to see many of the Lodge officers attending the new "Leadership Training Seminar". This attendance shows great desire on the part of those officers. MW Les Little and MW Vern Wertz are to be commended for their efforts to improve the Program. The Lodges, whose Masters and Wardens are attending, are making progress. The existence of your Lodge lies with each of you, as "You are Your Lodge".

VISITATION

During this past year, it has been my privilege to visit all Lodges of the Jurisdiction of Alaska. Participation was **Great!** I commend you all for that extra effort to be proud of your Lodges. I thank you warmly for all courtesies given during these visits. District Deputies and other Grand Lodge Officers were in attendance, as they had committed themselves upon accepting an appointment last February.

Brethren, having visited each of our lodges in Alaska at least one time and some more often, with the exception of Anvil Lodge #2; which has merged with Kenai Lodge #11, this was completed on January 5, 2005.

In February, I attended the Conference of Grand Masters in Washington D.C., after which and along with sixteen Masons from Alaska, I opened Grand Lodge at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. I attended the Western Conference of Grand Masters in Hawaii, in March. I also visited the Grand Lodges of Hawaii, Oregon, Washington, Nevada and Alabama. I was graciously received in each Jurisdiction and made to feel welcome.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Conference of Grand Masters in Washington D.C.

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria Virginia.

The Western Conference of Grand Masters in Hawaii.

The Imperial Shrine in Denver, Colorado.

International Night held at Lafayette Lodge No. 241 in Seattle, Washington.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION BY GRAND MASTER

LETTER TO Matanuska Lodge No. 7 regarding violation of Alaska Masonic Code, Section 18.20 in handling of petition for the degrees of Masonry.

DISPENSATIONS

The following dispensations were granted:

Kodiak #9 August 16 permission granted to change date of regular stated meeting from 20th to 13th of September, 2004

Sterling # 22 October 3rd permission to participate in dedication ceremonies October 10th, 2004; as Masons, for the opening of new housing for senior citizens at Sterling Senior Center.

Kodiak #9 November 22, 2004 permission to change time of November stated communication to November 29, 2004 at 8:00p.m.

Aurora #15 November 19th permission to hold special election for office of Junior Warden.

Matanuska #7 November 19th permission to hold a special election for the office of Senior Warden.

Aurora #15 November 19th permission to hold installation of officers for 2005 at the Anchorage Masonic Center December 11, 2004.

Iditarod #20 November 19th permission to hold installation of officers for 2005 at the Matanuska Masonic Temple on December 11, 2004.

Matanuska #7 December 14th permission to change stated meeting from 1 to 8 February 2005.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I urge the immediate passage of Resolution 2005-3 for the good of Masonry and this Grand Lodge.

I rescind Grand Master ruling #12 and hereby declare it be null and void as per bylaws section 16.10.

APPRECIATION

Every Grand Master believes that his Grand Lodge Officers are the best, and I am no different. They have served with dedication this past year. Each has my personal thank you for your commitment.

My Session and Arrangements Committee, chaired by V.W. Jim Grubbs.

The Past Grand Masters for their counsel and advise.

The Grand Secretary for his assistance each time he was asked.

I would especially like to thank W.B. Tom Schram for accepting the position to assist in the Grand Lodge Office. He has been a great asset in that position.

To my loving and caring wife, Jackie. This year would have been impossible if it had not been for her support . She was always there for me. She was my strength.

IN CONCLUSION

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your Grand Master. I have tried to portray and maintain the dignity of the Craft. I hope I have lived up to your expectations.

Now, at the end of this Grand Lodge session I will pass on to my successor the responsibilities of Grand Master and I can assure you they will be in the hands of a sincere and devoted Mason. I will be proud to transmit the gavel to a man who is dedicated and worthy of serving our Grand Lodge as Grand Master, and I offer him my support and cooperation during his year.

Thank you and may God bless each and every one of you for many years to come. And may God bless America!

Respectfully submitted

“L” “V” Joe Dees

Grand Master

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

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

This past year has been a year of transition and learning for our Grand Lodge Office. As a new Grand Secretary who has never spent time as a Lodge Secretary, I had to learn the routine of the office, I had to learn the protocols for dealing with the Lodges in our Jurisdiction and other Grand Jurisdictions, and I had to learn and become proficient in the Alaska Masonic Code. I own a debt of gratitude to **MW Les Little** and **RW Jerry Fairley** for their guidance and assistance this past year. Additionally, as recommended by Les, the Grand Lodge budgeted for a part-time office assistant this year. In March, based on a recommendation from MW L. V. (Joe) Dees, I hired **W Tom Schram** into that position. Tom has maintained regular office hours at the Grand Lodge Office from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Monday through Friday. He has taken care of the day to day details of the office, 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. In short, Tom has been a Godsend, and I recommend this position continue to be budgeted for.

One of the most important things I have learned this year is that our Grand Lodge will either live or die by its numbers. Our revenue is derived primarily from the per capita dues paid by each of our enrolled Master Masons. It is crucial, therefore, that each of our Lodges continue to grow and expand and to accurately report their activities to the Grand Lodge in a timely manner as required by the Alaska Masonic Code. In that regard, I wish to commend many of our Lodge Secretaries for excellent work. You are the backbone of your Lodge and I truly appreciate your hard work. I wish to especially thank **W John P. Johnson**, Secretary of Tanana No. 3, who as always has been exceedingly responsive, accurate, and timely in his reporting to this office. It is troubling to note, however, that, as of this reporting, six Lodges have not filed the required Annual returns pursuant to Section 16.16, sub paragraph 6 of the Alaska Masonic Code. Additionally, seven Lodges are delinquent in filing one or more monthly returns. The Lodges who HAVE submitted the required annual returns and all of their monthly returns include:

White Pass No. 1	Eagle River No. 13
Anvil No. 2	Aurora No 15
Tanana No. 3	Anchorage No. 17
Mt. McKinley No. 5	Mt. Verstovia No. 18
Seward No. 6	Ketchikan No. 19
Matanuska No. 7	Iditarod No. 20
Kodiak No. 9	Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux No. 21
Glacier No. 10	Sterling No 22

Based on the condition of inadequate Lodge reporting noted above and other factors, I cannot absolutely vouch for the current status of the condition of the Grand Lodge of Alaska. The other factors I allude to are the practices of this office, whereby we have

three separate and distinct means by which we allow the Lodges to report their monthly activities. None of these methods is consistent with the other nor provides all of the information necessary to accurately maintain our records. This will change this next year with the introduction of a single form for the Lodges' to provide their monthly returns. Also, this office maintains two separate and distinct tracking systems, one for monitoring the status of the Lodges and one to record the membership information of each of our members. In addition to the deficiencies noted here, Resolution 2003-1, which makes all newly raised Master Masons dues paying members and thereby enrolled members, has compounded the inaccuracy of our data. I have asked each Lodge to add to their annual report a list of all of their members by name that were enrolled in 2004, either as a result of being raised to Master Masons previously in accord with Resolution 2003-1 or by being made a Master Mason this year. Of the 15 lodges that provided annual reports, only five included this information.

It is my sad duty to inform you that, with regard to the disclaimer provided above, the Grand Lodge of Alaska has suffered a net loss of 67 members (3%) this year. This number is derived from a loss of 141 members, balanced by an increase of 74 members. The lost group includes those lost through death (70), demit (33), and non-payment of dues (38). The increase in membership includes those gained through enrollment (44), affiliation (22), and reinstatement (8). We anticipated that the increase would have been much greater as a result of non-proficient Master Masons being enrolled as a result of Resolution 2003-1. Based on the Lodges with a full year of returns, the Lodges with net gains are:

Matanuska No. 7	2 (1.72%)
Eagle River No. 13	2 (2.22%)
Mt. Verstovia No. 18	1 (1.67%)
Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux No.21	3 (2.27%)
Sterling No. 22	2 (8.33%)

Additionally, **Eagle River No. 13** reported the greatest number of Masons raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason with five, followed by Matanuska No. 7 and Glacier No. 10 with three each.

The various aspects of our Financial Section will be explained by the Finance Committee. With that regard, this office recommends a budget line item for a replacement copy machine for the Grand Lodge office and another budget line item for improved office automation (i.e., a second computer, wireless networking, and broadband internet connectivity).

It has been my pleasure to work with each of the Elected Grand Lodge Officers and the Grand Master, who have been very helpful and supportive. I have thoroughly enjoyed my experience this year as your Grand Secretary, and I offer my appreciation to the members of this Jurisdiction for the honor of serving them.

Addendum to the Report of the Grand Secretary

Subsequent to the Report of the Grand Secretary previously submitted, three additional Lodges have filed their annual returns. The three lodges filing include:

Mt. Susitna No. 8
Fairbanks No. 12
North Pole No. 16

The result of this additional reporting is that the Grand Lodge now reports a net loss of 84 members or 3.72%. This number is comprised of a gain of 74 members by way or raising to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, affiliation (both as dual members or through transfer of membership), and reinstatement; and a loss of 158 members by way of death, dimit, and dropping NPD. Additional statistics regarding the status of the Lodges within the Grand Lodges are attached.

Respectfully submitted,
RW John R. "Bo" Cline
Grand Secretary

	BEGINNING	ENDING	NET	PERCENT	New Degrees					Affiliation				Rest	TOTAL	Exp.				TOTAL
	MEMBER	MEMBER	GAIN/LOSS	GAIN/LOSS	Petition	EA	FC	MM	Total	Prof.	Affiliation	D.M.	Rein.	GAIN	Died	Demit	NPD	Suspend.	LOSS	
WHITE PASS LODGE NO. 1	82	78	(4)	-4.88%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	4	
ANVIL LODGE NO. 2	29	28	(1)	-3.45%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	3	0	3	0	6	
TANANA LODGE NO. 3	271	256	(15)	-5.54%	2	2	2	2	6	0	1	1	1	5	8	2	10	0	20	
VALDEZ LODGE NO. 4	73	73	0	0.00%	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	
MT. MCKINLEY LODGE NO. 5	30	28	(2)	-6.67%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	
SEWARD LODGE NO. 6	33	32	(1)	-3.03%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	
MATANUSKA LODGE NO. 7	116	118	2	1.72%	3	4	2	3	9	3	3	1	0	8	2	4	0	0	6	
MT. SUSITNA LODGE NO. 8	126	114	(12)	-9.52%	3	4	2	3	9	2	0	0	0	3	10	2	3	0	15	
KODIAK LODGE NO. 9	67	63	(4)	-5.97%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	
GLACIER LODGE NO. 10	245	210	(35)	-14.29%	7	7	4	3	14	2	0	4	0	8	21	6	16	0	43	
KENAI LODGE NO. 11	103	99	(4)	-3.88%	3	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	
FAIRBANKS LODGE NO. 12	104	109	5	4.81%	10	9	2	4	15	0	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	
EAGLE RIVER LODGE NO. 13	90	92	2	2.22%	4	5	4	5	14	4	0	0	0	7	1	4	0	0	5	
AURORA LODGE NO. 15	64	60	(4)	-6.25%	1	1	1	0	2	0	1	1	2	4	1	3	4	0	8	
NORTH POLE LODGE NO. 16	58	56	(2)	-3.45%	1	2	0	3	5	0	0	0	0	4	1	5	0	0	6	
ANCHORAGE LODGE NO. 17	262	258	(4)	-1.53%	7	7	5	2	14	2	1	0	0	6	7	1	2	0	10	
MT. VERSTOVIA LODGE NO. 18	60	61	1	1.67%	0	0	0	2	2	2	1	0	0	4	1	1	1	0	3	
KETCHIKAN LODGE NO. 19	115	108	(7)	-6.09%	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	8	0	0	0	8	
IDITAROD LODGE No. 20	130	127	(3)	-2.31%	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	2	1	4	0	0	5	
MT. JUNEAU-GASTINEAUX LODGE No. 21	132	134	2	1.52%	5	5	3	2	10	1	1	1	0	8	3	1	2	0	6	
STERLING LODGE NO. 22	24	26	2	8.33%	1	1	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	
PETERSBURG LODGE No. 23	47	47	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTALS:	2261	2177	(84)	-3.72%	50	54	25	30	109	17	10	12	8	74	80	37	41	0	158	

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

1st Report

Subject: 1st Report- Fraternal Relations Committee- Feb. 3, 2005
i.e. Recognition of "Serenissima Gran Loggia di San Marino"
(The Grand Lodge of San Marino)

We have a request for recognition from the Grand Lodge of San Marino. This new Grand Lodge was constituted on March 13, 2003, by the Grand Orient of Italy and The Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, USA.

This Grand Lodge meets the standards for recognition set forth by the Grand Masters Conference of North America.

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I move that full recognition be granted to the Grand Lodge of San Marino.

Respectively Submitted:

Henry T. Dunbar, PGM

Note: This motion was unanimously approved.
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2nd Report

Subject: 2nd Report- Fraternal Relations Committee- Feb. 3, 2005
i.e.: Recognition of M.W. Grand Lodge of del Estado de Guerrero, Mexico.

We have a request for recognition from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge "del Estado de Guerrero, Mexico". They further request an exchange of Grand Representatives.

This Grand Lodge meets the standards set forth by the Grand Masters Conference of North America.

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I move that full recognition be granted to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge del Estado de Guerrero and that Grand Representatives be exchanged.

Respectively submitted:

Henry T. Dunbar, PGM

Note: This motion was unanimously approved.

3rd Report

Subject: 3rd Report- Fraternal Relations Committee- Feb. 3, 2005

i.e. recognition of Most Worshipful Grand Logia "Benito Juarez" del Estado de Coahuila, Mexico.

We have a request for recognition from the Muy Respectable Gran Logia "Benito Juarez" del Estado de Coahuila" Mexico. aka. the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge "Benito Juarez" of the state of Coahuila, Mexico.

This Grand Lodge meets the standards for recognition set forth by the Grand Masters Conference of North America.

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I move that full recognition be granted the Grand Lodge "Benito Juarez" of the state of Coahuila, Mexico.

Respectively Submitted:

Henry T. Dunbar, PGM

Note: This motion was unanimously approved.

4th Report

Subject: 4th Report- Fraternal Relations Committee- Feb. 3, 2005

i.e: Recognition of the M.W. Gran Logia "Sinaloa" del Estado de Sinaloa, Mexico

We have a request for recognition from the "Muy Respectable Gran Logia de Sinaloa, Mexico. aka. the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Sinaloa, Mexico. and exchange of Grand Representatives.

This Grand Lodge meets the standards for recognition set forth by the Grand Masters Conference of North America.

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I move that full recognition be granted the "Grand Lodge of Sinaloa, Mexico" and that Grand Representatives be exchanged.

Respectfully Submitted:

Henry T. Dunbar, PGM

Note: This motion was unanimously approved.
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5th Report

Subject: 5th Report- Fraternal Relations Committee- Feb. 3, 2005

i.e. Miscellaneous information from the Grand Masters Conference--Commission on Recognition.

1. A communication was recently received from the Secretary of the Interamerican Masonic Conference (CMI) that they have suspended recognition of the Grand Lodge of Ecuador due to the "antimasonic behavior of it's Grand Master". At the last meeting of the CMI, two men asked to be accepted as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Ecuador. One was the previous Grand Master and the other a new one claiming to be regularly elected as Grand Master. The CMI gave them time to resolve the situation, and since that wasn't done, recognition of the Grand Lodge of Ecuador is suspended until as agreement is reached.
2. The Grand Lodge of Latvia was constituted in Riga, Latvia, on March 8, 2003, by the United Grand Lodges of Germany. The address of this Grand Lodge is" J. Alunana iela 6-8b, LV-Riga 1010, Latvia. No requests have been received from this Grand Lodge.
3. The National Grand Lodge of Romania held elections in October 2003, and M. W. Bro Eugen Ovidiu Chiroviel was elected Grand Master, replacing Bro. Gheorghe Comanescu. The new Grand Master insists that peace and harmony will now reign without the previous problems.
4. The Grand Lodge of Russia continues to grow, with 21 Lodges now at work. M.W. Dmitry Denisov is the Grand Master and Bro. Vladimir Nikitin is the Grand Secretary. Members of the breakaway group calling themselves the Regular Grand Lodge of Russia continue to make allegations of questionable practices of the GLOR; however, all European. regular Grand Lodges recognize the Grand Lodge of Russia as being the regular Grand Lodge.
5. A group of Masons in the state of Sao Paulo, Brazil have formed a new Grand Lodge called Grande Loja do Brasil-GLOB. This Grand Lodge is considered a clandestine Grand Lodge, and is in no way connected with the regular Grande Loja Maconica do Estado de Sao Paulo.
6. It should be noted that the Grand Lodge of Congo is not part of the country of the Democratic Republic of Congo, formerly known as the Belgian Congo. The Grand Lodge of Congo is located in Congo, whose capital is Brazzeville.

7. The Commission has determined that the creation of a website would be beneficial to the member Grand Lodges of this Conference, as well as Grand Lodges throughout the world who use our services. This will allow the Commission to communicate information concerning regularity and recognition during the year in a timely manner. The cost to establish a domain name and maintain the site will be minimal and within our budget. The Commission looks forward to this opportunity to more efficiently serve our Grand Lodges. The website address is:

www. RECOGNITIONCOMMISSION .org

8. _Brethren, I want to read to you some excerpts from an article that is being posted on the website hosted by the Grand Lodge of Texas. The article is titled, "What Every Mason Should Know About Regular Masonry." Over the past decade, there have been increasing attempts by members of irregular Masonic bodies to contact regular Freemasons and have informal communications with us. Many of these irregular organizations originated in Europe, and have spread rapidly to the East coast of the U.S. and Canada. This is due in large part to the increased availability of information about Freemasonry, and the use of internet bulletin boards and list servers. At the same time, some regular Masons in this country consider it fashionable or "cosmopolitan" to fraternize with these irregular Masons on the internet, and to invite them to informal Masonic social where ladies and non Masons are invited, and where traditional Masonic customs are often abused. On occasion, they have been invited to attend meeting of appendant or affiliated bodies and research organizations, and have even been admitted to membership in some of them. These practices can be very embarrassing and damaging to regular Masonry, particularly when unsuspecting eligible candidates join one of these bodies without being aware they are an irregular organization. When they then find they are not welcome in their hometown lodge, varying degrees of animosity against our fraternity will likely result from those who might have otherwise become regular Masons and members of our Lodges. Our fraternity is being stolen by these irregular Masons. The day may not be too distant when these organizations will want to level cornerstones and gain the same stature and recognitions as our own Grand Lodges. We should not, under any circumstances, grant them any acknowledgement of legitimacy. To take the position that they are merely a different type, or a different brand of Freemasonry, is not only misguided, it is factually wrong. When encountering these individuals, either in person or on the internet, we should remember our obligation that it is a violation to have communication with them.

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

Respectfully Submitted

Henry T. Dunbar, PGM

6th Report

Subject: 6th Report- Fraternal Relations Committee- Feb. 3, 2005

i.e. Recognition of Prince Hall Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of D.C. (Washington, D.C.)

The Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia (Washington, D.C.) at its semi-annual meeting on May 4, 2004, unanimously adopted a motion to recognize all Prince Hall Grand Lodges without further Grand Lodge vote, provided that said Prince Hall Grand Lodge was recognized by the "mainstream Grand Lodge" with whom they were sharing jurisdiction, and that there was no objection by that Grand Lodge or with the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of D.C.

Subsequently in the same letter, the Grand Lodge of D.C. proposed recognition of the Most worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of F&AM of Alaska provided that that Grand Lodge concurred and that our Grand Lodge had no objection.

Therefore, Most Worshipful Grand Master, this committee recommends that our Grand Secretary notify the Grand Lodge of D.C. that we have no objection to their recognition of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alaska.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Henry T. Dunbar, PGM

<p>Note: This motion was unanimously approved.</p>

7th Report

Subject: 7th Report- Fraternal Relations Committee- Feb. 3, 2005
i.e. Grand Representatives

1. We received a request for a Grand Representative to be appointed to the Grand Lodge of Morocco. The Grand Lodge of Morocco was recognized by this Grand Lodge at our Feb.6,2002 meeting. This committee recommends that a Grand Representative be appointed.
2. We received a request for a Grand Representative be appointed to the Grand Lodge of Madagascar. This committee can find no evidence that this Grand Lodge has ever recognized the Grand Lodge of Madagascar. However, the Grand Masters Conference in 1997, reported that the Grand Lodge of Madagascar meets the standards for recognition. This committee recommends that the Grand Lodge of Madagascar be notified to send a "Request for Recognition" so that we can act accordingly.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Henry T. Dunbar, PGM

Note: This motion was unanimously approved.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Credentials Committee - Ballot Issue and Appeal Procedures

The following criteria covers who may receive a ballot for a communication of the Grand Lodge of Alaska:

1. All Master Masons who are in good standing with a Grand Lodge of Alaska constituent lodge and are a Past Master, Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Alaska constituent lodges are entitled to a ballot.
2. All Master Masons who are in good, standing with a Grand Lodge of Alaska Constituent lodge and are a Past Master or Past Grand Master of a constituent lodge under a Grand Lodge which grants reciprocal voting rights to the Grand Lodge of Alaska are entitled to a ballot.
3. All Master Masons who are in good standing with a Grand Lodge of Alaska constituent lodge and who hold a duly sealed proxy from the Worshipful Master of a constituent lodge will be issued the ballot that officer is entitled to. In the event a properly completed and sealed proxy form is not available, or is incomplete, the Master Mason may appeal to the Grand Master. (see 6 below).
4. A Master Mason who is also an appointed Grand Lodge Officer of the Grand Lodge of Alaska is entitled to a ballot for the communication during which he is an appointed Grand Lodge officer. All Grand Lodge officers will be counted as Grand Lodge members and not their home Lodge.
5. A Master Mason must display a signed dues card from a Grand Lodge of Alaska constituent lodge for the current year to be issued a ballot. In the event no dues card can be displayed, the Master Mason may appeal. (see 7 below).
6. Appeal to the Grand Master (Improper Proxy) - If a proxy form is refuse due to lack of signature or seal or any other reason, a facsimile or copy of the information not properly submitted may be substituted and credentials and ballot issued only upon appeal to the Grand Master and his approval, by his signature apply to said form.
7. Appeal to the Grand Master (no dues card) - If a Master Mason does not have a current dues card from a Grand Lodge of Alaska constituent lodge, he may have the Secretary or Worshipful Master of that lodge attest that he is a member in good standing, or appeal to the Grand Master for a waiver.

Approved by: L.V. (Joe) Dees, Grand Master of Masons in Alaska

Date: February 03, 2005

Number of Votes Available by Lodge

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

	Wardens	Masters	PMS	Proxies	Total
Grand Lodge					34
White Pass Lodge No. 1			2	3	5
Tanana Lodge No. 3	2	1	4		7
Valdez Lodge No. 4	1	1	3		5
Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5	1	1	1		3
Seward Lodge No. 6	1	1		1	3
Matanuska Lodge No. 7	2	1	4		7
Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8		1	4	2	7
Kodiak Lodge No. 9			1	2	3
Glacier Lodge No. 10	2	1	5		8
Kenai Lodge No. 11		1	1	2	4
Fairbanks Lodge No. 12		1	2	2	5
Eagle River Lodge No. 13		1	3	2	6
Aurora Lodge No. 15	2	1	3		6
North Pole Lodge No. 16	2	1	1		4
Anchorage Lodge No. 17	2	1	3		6
Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18	2		1	1	4
Tongass Lodge No. 19		1	1	1	3
Iditarod Lodge No. 20			3	3	6
Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21	1		6	2	9
Sterling Lodge No. 22	2		2		4
Petersburg Lodge No. 23		1	2	2	5
Total					144

Respectfully submitted,

Howard McElrath, Chairman

APPOINTMENT OF REGULAR COMMITTEES

Standing Committees

Jurisprudence

M.W. Leslie R. Little PGM (10, 15, 22), Chairman
M.W. Charles E. Corbin, PGM (7,20)
V.W. Ken R. Creamer (9,18)
V.W. V. Clifford Darnell (8,13,20)
V.W. L. Tom Smotherman (18)
V.W. Monte R. Ervin (3, 12, 16)
Advisor, Bro. Tom Westall (20)

Grievance & Appeals

M.W. Kenneth E. Stedman (18), Chairman
M.W. Thomas O. Mickey, HPGM (1,3)
V.W. Mitchell R. Miller (3,12)

Finance

W. Bert K. Stedman (18), Chairman
R.W. P. Stephen Lee (15)
V.W. Michael Swenson (17)
V.W. Douglas W. Ooms (12)
R.W. Dennis Z. Morgan(8)
W. Edward E. Sarff (23)
Mike Johnston (17) (Advisor)

Fraternal Relations

M.W. Henry T. Dunbar, PGM (10,17), Chairman
W. Jimmie R. McGoldrick (13)
W. William P. Kalbach (7, 13, 20)

Masonic Research & Education

R.W. Gerald R. Fairley (10,20), Chairman
W. Richard R. Olsen (7, 20)
W. James H. Summers (7)

Credentials

W. Howard McElrath (4), Chairman
W. Ted M. Cadman (10)
W. D. Scott Thompson (10,15,17)
W. Sean R. McGrane (17)
W. William P. Kalbach (7, 13, 20)

Masonic Public Relations

W. Glen E. Josey (8,17,22), Chairman
W. D. Scott Thompson (10,15,17)
W. Jimmie McGoldrick (13)

Masonic Youth

R.W. John R. "Bo" Cline (7, 20), Chairman
W. Gerry L. Lassman (8)
W. Thomas L. Schram (17)
W. Lee O. Seagondollar (7)
W. Robert P. Molloy (20)

Bylaws

M.W. Gunnar Flygenring, PGM (10), Chairman
V.W. David G. Koko (21)
W. James E. Howard (3)
W. David C. Pratt (10)

Public Schools

W. Richard R. Olsen (7, 20), Chairman
V.W. Robert R. Wiseman (11,22)
W. Claude H. Roberts (21)

Sub Committees

Charters & Dispensations

M.W. Gene R. Freeman, PGM (3,12,16), Chairman
W. Roger K. Hanson (7)
W. Douglas L. Whorton (12)
W. John P. Johnson (3)

Sessions & Arrangements

V.W. James D. Grubbs (7, 13, 20), Chairman
W. Frank G. Weiss III (13)
W. James M. LeFlore (16)
W. John M. Barkley (13)
W. Warren W. Frigon (13)

Leadership Training

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

Military Recognition

R.W. Charles O. Ashcraft (10), Chairman
W. J. Marc Williams (15)

George Washington National Memorial

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

Russian Relations

M.W. John H. Grainger, PGM (1,19), Chairman
M.W. Charles E. Corbin, PGM (7,20)
V.W. William J. Goodwin (7,20)
W. Roger A. Barnstead (4,18)
W. James R. Griffith (13)
W. Donald A. Witsoe (20)
W. Larry D. Wright (7,20)

Wills & Endowments

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

Fundraising

W. Rodney S. Young (15), Chairman
W. D. Scott Thompson (10,15,17)

Long Range Planning

M.W. L.V. (Joe) Dees, GM (13)
R.W. Harry J. Koenen (7,20,22)
R.W. Marvin B. Fitzpatrick (10)
R.W. Samuel K. Medsker (3,12,16)
R.W. Dennis Z. Morgan (8)
R.W. John R. "Bo" Cline (7,20)
M.W. Kenneth E. Stedman PGM (18)

Awards

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

Internet & Publications

M.W. Don G. Chaffin, PGM (3,12,16,17), Chairman
M.W. Stephen L. Cox, PGM (3,12)

Grand Lodge Photographers

W. George Steck (3)
W. Robert E. MacArthur (17)
W. Claude H. Roberts (21)
Bro. Albert R. Schuerger (15)

Deputies of the Grand Master

DDGM#1 V.W. Robert G. Homoleski (3, 12, 16)
DDGM#2 V.W. Jared S. Decker (9, 13)
DDGM#3 V.W. Jim R. McMichael (17)
DDGM#4 V.W. Darrell E. Windsor (18)
DDGM#5 V.W. James D. Grubbs (7, 13, 20)

REPORTS OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business was discussed.

MOTIONS

No report of Motions made.

RESOLUTIONS

Disposition of each Resolution listed here is provided in a notes section after each resolution.

Carryover Resolution 2004-1

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 is a carry-over resolution which seeks to amend a Constitution, it will require a two thirds majority vote to pass. The Committee does not offer an opinion as to whether this resolution should or should not be adopted.

Note: Adopted by a hand vote of the members present on February 3, 2005.

Resolution 2005-1

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to amend Section 14:01 Constitution, Alaska Masonic Code. To remove authority and jurisdiction of the M. W. Grand Lodge of F.& A. M., Washington, to exist and operate within the boundaries of Alaska and within the Grand Jurisdiction of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Alaska.

WHEREAS, The M. W. Grand Lodge of Washington has transferred all authority within the Great State of Alaska to the M. W. Grand Lodge of Alaska (02.07.198 1).

WHEREAS, The M. W. Grand Lodge of Alaska F. & AM. was established February 7,1981 and all lodges in the Great State of Alaska are now under the jurisdiction of the M. W. Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Alaska.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That Section 14:01 Constitution of the Alaska Masonic Code, which now reads:

Section 14.01 Constitution

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

Be amended to read:

Section 14:01 Constitution

AUTHORITY FOR LODGES: All Lodges within the state of Alaska and boundaries of the Grand Jurisdiction of Alaska, they being the same, will by Dispensation or Charter issued solely by the M. W. Grand Lodge of Alaska F.&A.M., exist and operate by that authority alone.

Respectfully Submitted,

W William P. (Bill) Kalbach, (20, 17, 13, 7)

Report of 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

<p>Note: Adopted by a hand vote of the members present on February 3, 2005.</p>
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Resolution 2005-3

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 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 double 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 Bylaw

CIVIL OR LEGAL ACTION. 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, while he is an elective or appointed officer, or Master Mason appointed an advisor to a committee, without first pursuing due recourse through all provisions of the Alaska Masonic Code, will be immediately suspended for a time indefinite. Conformation of the suspension will be taken at the next Grand Lodge session and will

require a simple affirmative majority vote of the members present. If a two thirds majority of the members present cast an affirmative vote the penalty shall be Expulsion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken R. Creamer (9, 18)
Kenneth E. Stedman (18)

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

Note: Declared not in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge by the Jurisprudence Committee. See Jurisprudence Committee 3rd Report.

Resolution 2005-4

To Amend Sections or Repeal several Sections in Chapters 18 and 19 of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE To create a Statewide jurisdiction for petitioners.

RESOLUTION: WHEREAS, a Statewide jurisdiction would be less restrictive than Lodge jurisdictions on petitioners who move from one area within Alaska to another while accumulating residence time; and,

WHEREAS, a Statewide jurisdiction is desirable to attract petitioners who may wish to petition a Lodge other than the one near where they may live; and,

WHEREAS, the formation of a new District has changed some Lodges to make some Jurisdictional areas unrealistic for petitioners; and,

WHEREAS, most petitioners want to join a Lodge where their friends are members, regardless of any jurisdictional ruling;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the first sentence of Section 18.01 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

Section 18.01 Bylaw

PREREQUISITE TO INITIATION. CONDITIONS. AND PROCEEDINGS UNDER. A Lodge may not initiate a person except upon his petition and may not knowingly receive a petition from, or initiate a candidate who is less than eighteen years old, or who has not been an actual resident within the jurisdiction of the Lodge at least six months preceding the date of such petition.

Be amended and a succeeding sentence be added to read:

Section 18.01 By-law

PREREQUISITE TO INITIATION, CONDITIONS, AND PROCEEDINGS UNDER. A Lodge may not initiate a person except upon his petition and may not knowingly receive a petition from, or initiate a candidate who is less than eighteen years old, or who has not been an actual resident within ~~the jurisdiction of the Lodge~~ this Grand Jurisdiction at least six months preceding the date of such petition. A qualified petitioner residing anywhere within this Grand Jurisdiction may petition any Lodge within this Jurisdiction.

The remainder of the paragraph remains the same continuing with (See Section 8.05 through 8.0') regarding residency) If a petitioner so etc

And, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the first sentence of Section 18.05 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

Section 18.05 Bylaw

MEANING OF RESIDENCE. Masonic residence means the permanent or continuous abiding place and home of the petitioner for the six months next preceding the date of presentation of his petition to the Lodge.

Be amended to read:

Section 18.05 Bylaw

MEANING OF RESIDENCE. Masonic residence means the permanent or continuous abiding place and home of the petitioner for the Six months next preceding the date of ~~presentation of~~ his petition to a Lodge.

And, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 18.06 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

Section 18.06 Bylaw

LODGE MAY REQUIRE LONGER RESIDENCE. A Lodge may by its Bylaws require more than six months of residence within its jurisdiction.

Be amended to read:

Section 18.06 Bylaw

LODGE MAY REQUIRE LONGER RESIDENCE. A Lodge may by its Bylaws require more than six months of residence within ~~its jurisdiction~~ this Grand Jurisdiction

And, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 18.07(2) of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

Section 18.07 Bylaw

ARMED SERVICES.

2. A man in the Armed Services of the United States, who, while in such service, has maintained his continuous residence within this Jurisdiction for three months preceding the date of presentation of his petition, may petition a Lodge for the degrees of Masonry.

Be amended to read:

**Section 18.07 Bylaw
ARMED SERVICES.**

2. A man in the Armed Services of the United States, who, while in such service, has maintained his continuous residence within this Grand Jurisdiction for three months preceding the date of presentation of his petition, may petition a Lodge for the degrees of Masonry.

And, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the second sentence of Section 18.08 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

Section 18.08 By-law

SEAFARING, NAVAL, AND MILITARY MEN. The requirement of six months' residence within this Jurisdiction does not apply to a seafaring man whose home is on board ship, but said seafaring men must petition a Lodge situated in a regular port of call for his ship. A person who is, and for three months preceding the date of petitions has been in the United States Naval or Military service, may petition a Lodge having jurisdiction over the place at which he is stationed.

Be amended to read:

Section 18.08 By-law

SEAFARING, NAVAL, AND MILITARY MEN. ~~The requirement of six months' residence within this Jurisdiction does not apply to a seafaring man whose home is on board ship, but said seafaring men must petition a Lodge situated in a regular port of call for his ship. A person who is, and for three months preceding the date of petitions has been in the United States Naval or Military service, may petition a Lodge having jurisdiction over the place at which he is stationed.~~ A person who is, and for three months preceding the date of petition has been, in the united state naval or military service, may petition any lodge in this grand jurisdiction.

And, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Sections 18.10 and 18.11 of the Alaska Masonic Code both of which apply solely to procedures for waivers of Lodge jurisdictions over petitions, be repealed.

And, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 18.13 of the Alaska Masonic Code, which now reads:

Section 18.13 Bylaw

WAIVERS, PROCEDURE. A Lodge receiving an application for a waiver to allow a resident to petition another Lodge of this Jurisdiction or a Lodge of another Grand Jurisdiction shall process the application for waiver exactly as a petition for the degrees, as in Section 19.01 except that such application must be passed through the respective Grand Secretaries.

Be amended to read:

Section 18.13 Bylaw

WAIVERS, PROCEDURE. A Lodge receiving an application for a waiver to allow a resident to petition ~~another Lodge of this Jurisdiction or~~ a Lodge of another Grand Jurisdiction shall process the application for waiver exactly as a petition for the degrees, ~~as in Section 19.01 except that such application must be passed through the respective~~ Grand Secretaries.

And. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Sections 18.15, 18.16, 19.04, 19.05 and 19.14 of the Alaska Masonic Code, each of which apply solely to the measurement or workings of Lodge Jurisdictions, or to jurisdictional waivers, or to residential changes between Lodge jurisdictions, be repealed.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

<p>Note: Rejected by a hand vote of the members present on February 4, 2005.</p>

Resolution Concerning Recognition of Prince Hall Grand Lodges

February 4, 2005

Resolution Concerning Recognition of Prince Hall Grand Lodges

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

Whereas, several Prince Hall Masons visiting from out of state have requested to visit our Lodges, and;

Whereas, other Grand Jurisdictions have passed similar resolutions, and;

Whereas, this resolution would have a positive effect on our fraternal relations with the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alaska;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska grant recognition for the purpose of visitation to any Prince Hall Mason who is a member of a Prince Hall Grand Lodge that has been recognized by its concurrent "mainstream" Grand Lodge with which the Grand Lodge of Alaska has fraternal relations, provided that such recognition between said Prince Hall Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Alaska is mutual.

Respectfully submitted:

Stanley R. Foulke, PGM (11,17)

Note: Tabled at the recommendation of the Chairman for the Committee on Fraternal Relations, until after coordination with the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alaska.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Jurisprudence

Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence

1st Report

We, the Committee on Jurisprudence, to who was referred

CARRYOVER RESOLUTION NO 2004-1

Have considered the same and report as follows:

This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge.

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

As a carryover resolution which would amend the Constitution it requires a two-thirds majority vote for adoption

Respectfully Submitted,

MW Leslie R. Little PGM

M.W. Grand Master: I ask that this report be received.

I move for adoption of this resolution

2nd Report

We, the Committee on Jurisprudence, to who was referred

RESOLUTION NO 2005-1

Have considered the same and report as follows:

This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge.

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

As this resolution which would amend the constitution it requires a ninety percent majority vote for adoption

Respectfully Submitted,

M.W. Leslie R. Little PGM

M.W. Grand Master: I ask that this report be received.

I move for adoption of this resolution

3rd Report

We, the Committee on Jurisprudence, to who was referred

RESOLUTION NO 2005-3

Have considered the same and report as follows:

This resolution is not in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge as we feel that it contains both a Constitutional amendment and a Bylaw amendment, and these elements cannot be considered as one resolution.

The Committee therefore sends it back to the submitters for clarification.

Respectfully Submitted,

MW Leslie R. Little PGM

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

4th Report

TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE of F. & A. M. of ALASKA

We, the Committee on Jurisprudence, to who was referred

RESOLUTION NO 2005-4

Have considered the same and report as follows:

This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge.

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

As this resolution which would amend several Bylaws it requires a seventy five percent (three-fourths) majority vote for adoption

Respectfully Submitted,

M.W Leslie R. Little PGM

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

I move for adoption of this resolution

5th Report

We, the Committee on Jurisprudence, to who was referred

The portions of the Grand Master's Message, have considered the same and report as follows:

Recommendation #1 – Covered in the THIRD REPORT.

Recommendation #2 – This is in fact a RULING of the Grand Master. We recommend approval of this RULING, though the reference to Section 16.10 Bylaw does not apply to this ruling.

Respectfully Submitted,

MW Leslie R. Little PGM

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

First Reference – Grand Master's Ruling #13

Feb 4, 2005

This ruling rescinds Grand Master's ruling # 12.

L. V. (Joe) Dees
Grand Master

Second Reference – Grand Master's Ruling #12

York Rite & Scottish Rite Aprons

The various elected presiding officers of the grand York Rite bodies, and the Scottish Rite Orient of Alaska (SGIG or Deputy), are hereby authorized to wear the regalia and aprons of their office when requested to act as the official representative of their organization to a Lodge, or to the Grand Lodge.

Stephen L. Cox
Grand Master

Grievance and Appeals

Report of the Committee on Grievance and Appeals January 31, 2005

As of February 1, 2005 nothing has been brought before the Committee on Grievance and Appeals.

Should any matter pertaining to Grievance and Appeals be brought to our attention during the Annual Communication or subsequent to this date the Committee will meet and a revised report will be submitted.

Sincerely and Fraternaly:

Kenneth E. Stedman, PGM (18, 23)

Finance

Report of the Grand Treasurer

February 3, 2005

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished East, Alaska Brethren, and visiting Brethren:

The year 2004 when I took on the job as treasurer, brought many challenges. The first one was getting to the office and finding there was no standard operating procedure that list any task, daily task, monthly task, or quarterly task. So, along with the brother secretary and brother Tom we're trying to get together some standard operating procedures to make the office run a little smoother.

The second was taking on and learning about the Peach Tree accounting system, which, in my opinion is something that would run Wells Fargo itself. And, with all of its 263 line item accounts was a little bit gangly getting through, but I managed somehow.

Then we had to find and locate the missing NBA stocks, which we did do and made application to Wells Fargo to convert these over. We had to list one missing stock, and we're still waiting for them to convert those and give us new Wells Fargo certificates.

Then to find out that Jerry Fairley had written checks to the Department of Labor, which they had lost. Also, I had two checks in there and they misplaced them when I hand carried them in.

DOL tried to fine us by increasing our unemployment insurance rate for the Grand Lodge to 5%, when it's normally 1.56%. Well, we managed to find the checks, since, thank goodness, Jerry making sure they stamped the receipt. We now have the rate back down to 1.56%.

The hardest thing to do was to find time to work on the computer that's the only one in the Grand Lodge office that both myself, the Grand Secretary, and Tom (our office person) seems to want to get on at the same time, so that meant that I had to try find time in the early morning, evenings, and on weekends.

But overall it was pretty successful and I enjoyed it very much. Because, due to the resolution 2004-6, which was the special assessment to the GL members, fund raisers, and donations, we increased the funds in the Grand Lodge quite a bit, this will be reported later.

I want to take my time to thank the Most Worshipful Grand Master, it was an honor. I'm glad to have been working with you, and Brother Secretary, and Brother Tom. But due to personal problems, I have to withdraw my letter of availability. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Z. Morgan
Grand Treasurer.

Report of the Finance Committee

February 3, 2005

Most Worshipful Grand Master, if I may continue, and I will just use, if I could, the introductions from Right Worshipful, with most respect, Treasurer Dennis Morgan. As the Treasurer stated, the job is a very taxing job, time consuming, not easy, and it's challenging on a lot of brother's health and family time.

I would like to go ahead and start by thanking the Finance Committee, and if you could please stand when I read your name. There's a few that aren't here; Right Worshipful Steve Lee, I don't think is here today; Very Worshipful Michael Swenson; Very Worshipful Doug Ooms in the back; Right Worshipful Dennis Morgan, Treasurer; Worshipful Ed Saarf. When we are done today, feel free to ask questions or bring up issues to the Finance Committee member, if you would like. I would also like to make a special thank you to Advisor Mike Johnston, who has been the advisor on the Morgan Stanley funds for years at Grand Lodge, although he's expressed that his time horizon is getting shorter every year. I'm sure we can draft him into another year of service. And, Gunnar and Jerry, Gunnar should be in here somewhere and Jerry Fairley. They are stand-by help in the office that come in. And then, also, a special thank you to the Grand Master who was involved with the Committee in various aspects throughout the year.

I want to just go ahead and give a general overview this year, that's a little different format, and the general direction. Clearly the overall direction of Grand Lodge is improved the last few years and it's definitely reflected this year.

The amount stated in cash in the report that's been handed out is overstated in that \$38,500 has already been drawn down. It takes care of Grand Lodge here and a few other items. So, that's not the amount of cash we have laying around today.

Overall the investment side of the portfolio is up roughly about 10% across the board. There's varying degrees within it, but that's the rough idea. The market value of our securities is higher than what is reflected on the balance sheet. The balance sheet is reflected at cost. Actually, you can't sell things at cost, you have to sell them at whatever the market bears. So, we have more assets showing than what's on the balance sheet. We are going to work over the next year or so to polish that presentation up to make it clearer to the body. At the end of the year we had roughly, in all of our portfolios minus a couple of the little ones, \$637,000. That includes the Wells Fargo stock, which used to be the NBA stock. Back in '99 it was \$463,000 and in 2000 it was \$448,000, and today, again, it's like right under \$640,000. So, a couple of years ago there were several of us who were concerned of the erosion of the financial condition of Grand Lodge, and we wanted to take steps to correct that. We're still pursuing that; the correction is underway. Most of it has to do with more favorable economic and market conditions, and those favorable market conditions, odds are, are going to be favorable to Grand Lodge over the next couple of years. So hopefully, three or four years from now, we are going to be in substantially better shape than we are today. It will be nice to stand before Grand Lodge some day and have the portfolios in six figures, excuse me seven figures. There's some more work to be done in allocating some of those portfolio dollar amounts into the proper equity positions on the balance sheet, and we are going to work on doing that.

This year, the revenues look like there up substantially, but there're a couple of special items in there. That \$144,000 in revenue we shouldn't really concentrate too much on that, because we really need to pay attention to our reoccurring revenue and our reoccurring expenses, from year to year. We had a special assessment of \$22,000, a little over that, and then we had some interest and dividends this year of \$38,000. So, roughly \$60,000 of it is non-reoccurring revenue. And, again we are trying to stay out of the portfolio as much as possible and build the financial position of Grand Lodge. So, overall we have roughly \$75 to 80,000 ongoing expenses, and we have roughly that in ongoing revenue. So, we're all going to be working on trying to, naturally, increase that reoccurring revenue so we can expand some of our expense lines. There're still some items in there that need to be addressed.

A couple of quick items on the budget, we the Finance Committee are recommending and we have put in this year's budget an additional \$5,000 for a bookkeeping service to aid the Treasurer. One of the major concerns the Finance department has is the continuity within the office from changes of Treasurer, cycling in and out of Grand Masters, or Finance Committee members. It's getting to the point that the Finance Committee is getting cautious on this, because of the advancing time that Gunnar's been involved in it and would like to be able to be not relied on as much, and Brother Mike Johnston. So, we need to put in steps that if something were to happen to a couple of brothers that we're not, as Grand Lodge, put into a position where we're at a disadvantage. So, we want to drive for continuity from year to year.

The budget has roughly an estimated surplus of about \$4,500. But, in that, there's a need, like as mentioned earlier by the Treasurer, for computers, and there's an also an even higher need for a

copy machine. So, we're going to have a few things like that in there. Also, when we look forward to the reoccurring expenses and revenue, particularly on the revenue side, one of the issues we've talked about the last couple of years, and I want to just bring it up again this year, that the cost of serving within the Grand Lodge line is, I think, an excessive burden put on whatever brother that happens to take that position. Hopefully Grand Lodge, over the next several years, can increase its reoccurring revenue so we can increase the travel allotment for the Grand Lodge line officers. Quite frankly, it's grossly out of whack. I think, also, serving in the Grand Lodge line should not be a financial burden on the member that chooses to do that. If we ever get to that, I don't know, but at least it's a better direction than having such a financial burden placed on the Grand Lodge line. We have a hardship in attracting brothers that would like to run for the line.

There is note on the bottom of those sheets, and again if you have any questions, just get with one of the Finance Committee members. We will try to be as transparent as we can make financial information. Some people think it's non-transparent no matter what we do. But, we'll be up front with you. We have some work to do and we want to go forward and try to accomplish some of these goals here this coming year and next year. With that, Grand Master I would like to thank you for the opportunity to give this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Bert K. Stedman, Chairman
Finance Committee

Balance Sheet

Grand Lodge, F&AM of Alaska

Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2004

	12/31/2004	12/31/2003	Change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
1110 - Checking - First National Bank*	65,983.98	21,845.97	44,138.01
1130 - Money Market -MSDW-0551149	1,173.14	1,194.75	(21.61)
1140 - Petty Cash	100.00	100.00	0.00
1150 - Clearing Account	0.00	200.00	(200.00)
1210 - MSDW - Global Growth - 064043**	129,574.61	119,956.57	9,618.04
1220 - MSDW - US Growth Acc. - 064042**	80,846.99	89,757.95	(8,910.96)
1230 - MSDW - Fixed Income - 057523**	276,279.59	246,477.22	29,802.37
1240 - MSDW - Life Mbrship - 015272**	115,089.17	104,851.34	10,237.83
1250 - Wells Fargo Stock - 1600 Share**	3,921.12	3,921.12	0.00
1295 - Unrealized Gains - All Investments		10,350.76	(10,350.76)
Total Checking & Savings	672,968.60	598,655.68	74,312.92
Accounts Receivable			
1401 - White Pass No. 1	814.26	3,515.15	
1402 - Anvil Lodge No. 2	(488.60)	236.00	
1405 - Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5	3.86	3.86	
1406 - Seward Lodge No. 6	669.68	89.68	
1407 - Matanuska Lodge No. 7	293.75		
1408 - Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8		3.20	
1409 - Kodial Lodge No. 9	1,509.66	2,050.72	
1410 - Glacier Lodge No. 10	(1.00)	12.60	
1411 - Kenai Lodge No. 11	61.57	(5.32)	
1412 - Fairbanks Lodge No. 12	2,163.96	6.04	
1415 - Aurora Lodge No. 15	59.45	(15.75)	
1418 - Mt. Merstovia Lodge No. 18	204.87	60.00	
1419 - Ketchikan Lodge No. 19	2,202.20		
1420 - Iditarod Lodge No. 20	10.00		
1421 - Mt. Juneau/Gastineaux No. 21	226.15		
1423 - Petersburg Lodge No. 23		52.70	
Total Accounts Receivable	7,729.81	6,008.88	1,720.93
Other Current Assets			
Masonic Supplies Inventory			
Total Masonic Supplies Inventory	11,028.23	10,339.63	688.60
Total Current Assets	691,726.64	615,004.19	76,722.45
Fixed Assets			
1810 - Office Furniture & Fixtures	5,281.00	5,281.00	0.00
1820 - Accum. Deprecitation F&F	(2,640.00)	(1,320.00)	(1,320.00)

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Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2004

	12/31/2004	12/31/2003	Change
1830 - Office Electronic/Computer Equ	3,719.94	3,719.94	0.00
1840 - Accum. Depreciation Elect.	(1,062.84)	(531.42)	(531.42)
Total Fixed Assets	5,298.10	7,149.52	(1,851.42)
Total Assets	697,024.74	622,153.71	74,871.03
LIABILITIES and EQUITY			
Current Liabilities			
2200 - Accounts Payable - Summary	(1,990.10)		
2210 - George Washington Mem.	(1,687.94)		
2220 - Accounts Payable - Other	(206.00)		
2241 - Medicare	268.48		
2242 - F.I.C.A.	1,147.72		
2243 - E.S.C. - State (S.U.I.)	202.94		
2245 - Fed. Income Tax Withheld	(68.00)		
2247 - F.U.T.A.	71.97		
2250 - Def. Income - Annual Comm.	9,983.50	3,695.50	6,288.00
2270 - Def. Income - Other	824.25	1,826.00	(1,001.75)
2295 - Unrealized Gain/Losses - Inv.		10,350.76	
Total Current Liabilities	8,546.82	15,872.26	5,286.25
EQUITY/RETAINED EARNINGS			
3000 - Equity/Retained Earnings	0.00		
3100 - Arts Scholarship	14,180.60	3,504.47	10,676.13
3110 - DeMolay Scholarship Fund	469.76	469.76	0.00
3120 - Charity Fund	3,261.59	3,331.99	(70.40)
3130 - Dedicated Travel Fund	27,422.85	28,042.42	(619.57)
3140 - Life Membership	102,513.88	97,953.93	4,559.95
3150 - Martinez Education fund	595.57	595.57	0.00
3160 - Office Equipment Fund	1,543.44	1,585.68	(42.24)
3170 - Proceedings - Transcript, P&B	39,315.49	40,202.59	(887.10)
3180 - Russian Relations Fund	1,729.27	1,771.51	(42.24)
3190 - General Fund	182,036.94	175,900.83	6,136.11
3195 - Permanent Fund	244,211.34	249,801.52	(5,590.18)
Total Equity and Retained Earnings	617,280.73	603,160.27	14,120.46
NET INCOME	71,230.21	3,121.18	68,109.03
TOTAL EQUITY	688,510.94	606,281.45	82,229.49
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	697,057.74	622,153.71	74,904.03

Budget – 2005

Grand Lodge, F&AM of Alaska

Budget for 2005

	Budgeted 2005	Budgeted 2004	Actual December 31, 2004	Bud. Vs Act.	Actual 2003	Actual 2002	
Revenue:							
4000	Grand Lodge Revenue						
4100	Grand Lodge Per Capita	\$37,000	\$38,000	\$38,102	\$102	\$38,269	\$36,458
	Assessment - Bulletin Per						
4110	Capita	3,300	3,700	3,397	(303)	3,773	3,595
4120	Assessment - Late Fee	50	150	30	(120)	150	50
4130	GM Dispensations	50		70	70		50
4145	George Washington Memorial*	1,500	1,200	1,585	385	30	1,237
4150	Assessment - Petition Rec.	1,500	1,500	1,660	160	2,050	2,100
	Assessment - Degree						
4160	Conferred	500	500	625	125	525	805
4170	Assessment - DM/Affiliation	600	600	570	(30)	3,270	840
4175	Reinstatement for NP			115	115	142	35
4180	General Contrib./Donations	3,000	1,500	3,029	1,529	300	2,526
	Commercial Marketing						
4200	Programs			5,722		190	8,988
4240	Medallions (Fund Raiser)					360	70
4250	Fund Raiser - Other			3,365		907	
4251	Fund Raiser - Hats (New 2004)	1,500		1,636			
4260	Special Orders			22,400			1,226
4300	R&E Book Sales			17			458
4400	Masonic Inventory	1,000	2,000	3,855	1,855	2,192	1,608
	Less Cost of Masonic Materials		(1,000)	(1,651)	(651)		
4810	Interest & Divident Income	20,000	7,000	29,802	22,802	17,837	31
4840	Interest - Life Membership	7,000	3,000	7,988	4,988	6,660	
4841	Gain - Sale of Sec. - LM Fund			3,486	3,486	(3,741)	
4900	Other Income - Miscellaneous		100	1,736	1,636	251	
4950	Annual Communication	12,000	12,000	10,744	(1,256)	14,078	11,381
4960	Wardens Charge	2,500		3,489	3,489	2,300	3,435
4999	Uncategorized Income/Divs/etc.			2,000	2,000	203	
	Total Revenue	\$91,500	\$70,250	\$143,772		\$89,746	\$74,893

Expenses:

Grand Lodge							
6000	Cost of Communication	12,000	12,000				
6005	Banquet Expenses			8,222		12,428	11,172
6010	Banquet Fees			1,024			
6015	Entertainment			184		500	
6020	Equipment Rental			452		100	175
6030	Printing			814		2,720	1,035
6040	Supplies			173			541
6045	Transportation			300		109	

6050	Other			1,001		1,829	99
	Total Annual Communication	12,000	12,000	12,171		17,686	

Grand Lodge, F&AM of Alaska
Budget for 2005

	Budgeted 2005	Budgeted 2004	Actual December 31, 2004	Bud. Vs Act.	Actual 2003	Actual 2002
6100	Wardens Charge:	2,500	2,300			
6125	Cost of Wardens Charge			1,896	1,520	4,505
	Total Warden's Charge	2,500	2,300	1,896	1,520	
6220	Awards Program	100	100		100	101
6225	Bank Service Charges	50		30	30	3
6230	Contributions/Donations	1,000	1,000	100	1,332	
6255	Internet Service	500	375	479	356	46
6260	Depreciation	1,320		1,320	1,320	
6265	Depreciation Exp. - E.ec./Computer			531	531	
6270	Dues & Subscriptions	250	200	250	200	250
6275	Equipment Rental					686
6277	Equipment Repair	500	500	25	639	100
6285	Legal Fees				5,968	
6300	Grand Master:					
6305	GM Regalia	1,500	2,000	2,267	995	1,803
6310	GM Expenses - Misc. Out of Pock	1,000	1,000	35	25	1,000
6315	GM Travel - Descretionary	1,000	1,000			1,225
6400	GL Officers Travel:*					
6405	Grand Master	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
6410	Deputy Grand Master	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600
6415	Senior Grand Warden	800	800	800	800	800
6420	Junior Grand Warden	800	800	800	800	800
6425	Grand Secretary	800	800		400	800
6500	Grand Secretary:					
6505	GM & GS Conference & Misc.	1,500	1,200	1,611	(411)	1,175
6510	GS Expense & Misc.	750	750	547	203	700
6610	Gain/Loss on Sale of Securities G. Washington Memorial				7,629	
6620	Assoc.	1,500		717	40	
6630	Insurance	12,500	14,000	12,105	1,895	13,470
6635	Workmans Comp. Ins.	200	160		157	150
6680	Recruiting					58
6690	MSA Dues	300	300	300	300	300
6700	Office Salaries*	10,000	10,000	8,993	1,007	9,175
6705	Office Accounting Salaries	5,000				
6710	Office Supplies	1,500	1,500	811	689	1,279
6730	Postage	2,000	1,750	2,173	(423)	1,621
6735	Grand Lodge Bulletin	1,600			624	
6743	Printing Dues Cards					680
6745	Printing General Forms	2,200	400	2,130	(1,730)	330

6750	Rent	10,000	10,000	9,633	367	9,080	9,711
6755	Russian Relations		1,500				3,269
6760	Property Tax						65
6765	Telephone	1,100	1,000	1,099	(99)	983	1,071
6780	Web Site Fees	300	300			275	468

Grand Lodge, F&AM of Alaska
Budget for 2005

	Budgeted 2005	Budgeted 2004	Actual December 31, 2004	Bud. Vs Act.	Actual 2003	Actual 2002	
6790	Miscellaneous**	1,000	1,000	1,074	(74)	815	79
6820	Payroll Taxes	80		80		145	
6821	Medicare	400	140	403	(263)	133	145
6822	FICA	1,725	575	1,722	(1,147)	568	620
6823	State (SUI)	350	110	352	(242)	104	100
6830	Federal (F.U.T.A.)	80	60	72	(12)	56	
4900	Other Income - Misc						(50)
8010	Other Expenses	1,000	2,500	2,414			1,000
	Office Accounting Software***						
	George Washington Mem.* Ex.						
8011	IRS Penalty	2,000					
		<u>86,805</u>	<u>75,720</u>	<u>72,541</u>		<u>86,624</u>	<u>69,278</u>
Net Income		\$4,695	(\$5,470)	\$71,230		\$3,121	\$5,614

Budget Notes! 2005

2004 Net income of \$71,230 is comprised of Special Assessment & Portfolio Income not recurring Revenue & Expenses.

2005 Expenses does not include a copier that is required to replace current machine!

Account 6705 Office Bookkeeping service is for outside accounting services.

Masonic Research and Education

Report of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education

February 4, 2005

Dear Brothers:

During 2004, the Committee on Masonic Research and Education identified two projects that, it was thought, were of importance to the advancement of Masonry. One was of particular interest to new Masons and others who wanted a little more Light on Masonry. The other was addressed to Lodge Secretaries and others who are concerned with the administration of our several Lodges.

PROJECT ONE

The first project was the revision of the Candidates' booklets provided by the Grand Lodge and given to each candidate as he progresses through the degrees. The original booklets contained a great deal of good information. However, each one was in a format that easily caused confusion and was not conducive to study. Essentially, approximately the first quarter of each booklet was concerned with a detailed outline index of what was to come. This information often contained short phrases that would be expanded later in the booklet. However, most people start reading on page one, and therefore are confronted by a large amount of summary data the meaning of which is not apparent, and will not be explained at the time it is read. This causes some confusion, and reduces the likelihood that the reader will even continue reading.

In addition to revising the candidates' booklets, it was thought that a more meaningful document could be developed by incorporating the material now found in the Alternate Proficiency books. It appears that the alternate proficiency program is not being used by the majority of our Lodges. This means that a lot of good information is not being made available to new Brothers. When this information is incorporated with the candidates' booklets, the questions would be retained. Then the new booklet could be used as the Alternate Proficiency, or merely given to the new Brother for his information. The decision to use the books only for a candidate's information or as an alternate method for proficiency would remain at the discretion of the Lodge's Master.

PROJECT TWO

This project was to develop a Secretary's manual. Several Grand Lodges have such a manual, and it makes Lodge administration easier and improves communications between individual Lodges and the Grand Lodge. In Alaska, however, there seem to be several different ways of doing things, depending on the knowledge and conscientiousness of the individual Lodge Secretary. With no guide to show how reports are to be made (or other administrative duties), Secretaries have no guidance on proper procedure.

Information has been acquired from other Grand Lodges, and this is the basis for the development of our own Secretary's Manual. The Grand Secretary's input and approval would be sought during the development process.

CONCLUSION

Unfortunately, both of these projects was of such a size and complexity that neither was finished by the end of the calendar year, at which time this report was required to be submitted to the Grand Secretary.

Both of these projects are in the “rough draft” stage, but are not ready for a detailed review. The current Committee is quite interested in the completion of both of these projects, however. Therefore, we are available should the 2005 Chairman of the Committee decide to continue with these projects.

Respectfully submitted,

RW Gerald R. (Jerry) Fairley, Chairman

Masonic Public Relations

Report of the Committee on Public Relations

After contacting all the Lodges of Alaska, I received input back from several lodges stating how they interacted with the general public.

Mt. McKinley No.5, Anchorage No. 17 and Petersburg No. 23 donated money for school scholarships and Kenai No. 11 and Sterling No.22 give out monthly awards and pins. Mt. Susitna No.8 and Iditarod No. 20 donated supplies for school use in the classroom. Eagle River No. 13 gives a teacher of the year award.

Mt. Susitna No.8, Anchorage No. 17 and Eagle River No. 13 have a park clean up and Ketchikan No. 19, Sterling No. 22 cleans 1 mile of the state highway. Eagle River No. 13 participated in the Meadow Creek cleanup.

Glacier No. 10, Anchorage No. 17 and Sterling No. 22 offer a friendship dinner twice a year open to the general public. Ketchikan No. 19 has a monthly Saturday breakfast open to the general public. Eagle River No. 13 held a Fellowship dinner.

All lodges (Mt. Susitna No.8, Glacier No. 10, Aurora No. 15 and Anchorage No. 17) in district three held a garage sale with the proceeds going to Grand lodge. Sterling No.22 in district five also held a garage sale with half of the proceeds donated to the Sterling Senior Center.

Sterling No. 22 held two halibut dinners open to the commuQ.ity. Eagle River No. 13 held a fish fry open to the public.

Petersburg No. 23 rings the bell for the Salvation Army at Christmas time. One lodge Mt. Verstovia No. 18 held a Christmas party with 42 people in attendance.

Sterling No. 22 donated to and participated in hosting a children Halloween party for the

community in October approximately 150 in attendance.

Six lodges (Mt. Susitna No.8, Glacier No. 10, Fairbanks No. 12, and Aurora No. 15, Anchorage No.17 and Mt. Verstovia No. 18) hold an annual picnic open to the general public. Fairbanks No. 12 holds a wild game feed every year in the fall open to the public.

Glacier No. 10 and Sterling No.22 held Rusty Master Masons nights.

Sterling No. 22 participated in a building dedication with approximately 150 people in attendance.

Petersburg No. 23 donated a gazebo to the local cemetery.

Iditarod No. 20 donated cash and clothing to Department Family and Youth Services.

Fairbanks No. 12 sponsors a youth soccer team and has a banner that travels with the team to the fields.

Eagle River No. 13 operated a booth at Hobo Jim concert and the Highland games festival this summer with banner and flag displayed.

Conclusion:

All lodges that have an active lodge program are using all means available to them by promoting their lodge and Masonry in a good light to the general public.

Respectfully Submitted

Glen E. Josey

Masonic Youth

Report of the Committee on Masonic Youth

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

This past year the Masonic Youth Committee concentrated our efforts on contacting the various youth organizations sponsored and/or supported by Masons in Alaska. Those contacted included:

- Mrs. Theresa Thurston, Supreme Deputy, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Alaska
- Mrs. Susan Anderson, Bethel Guardian, International Order of Job's Daughters, Bethel No. 1, Anchorage, AK

- MW Don Chaffin, Executive Officer, DeMolay in Alaska
- Bill Haines, Scout Executive, Western Alaska Council, Boy Scouts of America

We asked these individuals to provide feedback on the following questions:

1. What is the status of your organization in Alaska? In the United States as a whole?
2. What expectations do you have from the Grand Lodge of Alaska to support your organization?

The following is a summary of the responses received:

International Order of Rainbow for Girls (Provided by Mrs. Theresa Thurston)

1. STATUS

In Alaska: Here in Alaska we are holding our own; however, Palmer Assembly really needs help. More difficult than recruiting girls is getting an adult board enrolled. There girls are out there, but letting them know what Rainbow is, could use the support of our adult Masonic Organization, especially from those whose own daughters, grand daughters and friend's daughters are of Rainbow age. Rainbow Girls don't have to have a Masonic affiliation as the Job Daughters do. This could be a good recruitment tool for adult Masonic Organizations, because Rainbow Girls' parents are exposed to both men and women Masonic Organizations. Also, a Rainbow Girl at Majority age (20 years) or younger can become an Eastern Star. Denali Chapter has four new members who were Rainbow Girls.

Nationally: Yearly reports from all jurisdictions throughout the world are due in our national headquarters in McAlister, Oklahoma by the end of January and national status is not currently available.

2. Grand Lodge support requested:

- Making your membership aware of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, our aims, and purposes.
- Masons to serve on Rainbow Boards. Each Board requires two Masons to serve as members and each Assembly requires a Mason to serve as Rainbow Dad.
- Help with recruitment as noted above.
- Better communication between Masonry and all appendent bodies.

We all need members. What Masonry has to offer youth, whether it is from our men's or women's organizations, has no match throughout the world. Think about that and know that our youth of today need us.

International Order of Job's Daughters (Provided by Mrs. Susan Anderson)

1. STATUS

In Alaska: Bethel #1, Anchorage is the only Job's Daughters Bethel in Alaska. Over the past 50 years there have been two other Alaska Bethels, but they have closed due to lack of interest and a drive to keep them open. Mrs. Anderson took over Bethel #1 as a dysfunctional Bethel while at

the same time there was an intent by the International Organization to close it forever. Five years later she is happy to say that," **this is a happy, thriving, and healthy Bethel.**" Bethel #1 has 21 members on the rolls and of the 21, 18 are active. However, the Bethel is not like it was in the 60's when there were over 65 girls in a single Bethel. As with the times, there is a general lack of involvement by the parents. They are of the opinion that their needs are more important than their involvement with their daughter's organization. That leaves 4 adults to manage 18 girls. It is quite difficult when the Job's Daughters by-laws state there must be one adult for each 5 girls. Mrs. Anderson is at the point where she will have to restrict membership, not because of a lack of girls wanting to join, but because of a lack of any adult involvement.

Additionally, there is a lack of involvement by the Masonic community. There appears to be a prevailing feeling that the Lodges think they have done their job by throwing dollars at our youth organizations instead of attending a meeting or helping chaperone an event. One need only look at Bethel #1's meeting minutes to see that perhaps on two or three occasions during the year has a Mason visited a meeting.

Nationally: Bethel #1 is not unusual in this respect. This is a problem all over the United States. Bethels in foreign countries have tremendous Masonic involvement. "Why is that?" For membership in Job's Daughters you must have a Masonic relation. Job's Daughters is the only Masonic youth organization that has this particular requirement. Every year an initiative is brought up for vote at Supreme Session to eliminate the Masonic relationship requirement to join Job's Daughters. Each year it has been voted down, but the vote has gotten tighter and tighter. Unfortunately, in 2005 this initiative may finally pass. The girls in Bethel #1 feel very strongly about their Masonic heritage and their relationship to the Masons. They have voiced their concern to the Supreme Guardian on this issue. However, the reality is that the girls only real involvement with any Mason is with the Associate Bethel Guardian. Mrs. Anderson states, "When I was a girl in Job's Daughters, many of the Masons were like surrogate Uncles or people you could call to help when your parents couldn't. The expectation was that when I got married my husband would be or would become a Mason. If you want these girls to help maintain Masonry, they have to have a real connection to the Masons and you have to help nurture that connection. A garden doesn't grow without diligence."

2. Grand Lodge support requested:

Mrs. Anderson requests that every member of the Grand Lodge of Alaska take a personal pledge to allocate 5 hours a year out of their busy schedule to assist one of the Masonic youth groups. She states, "For Job's Daughters, that would mean that we could hold more fun activities, fund raisers, more community service and let the organization grow beyond 18 members. If this sounds like a plea it is. As the Bethel Guardian I feel very strongly about Job's Daughters. They are the future of Masonry. This Alaska Bethel has been in the limelight internationally for the past three years. First, because we pulled ourselves out of a deplorable situation, secondly because we have put ourselves back into the community and made Job's Daughters known, and third because we have put the cornerstone of a 'Masonic Relationship' back into Job's Daughters. My expectation is, if the members of the Grand Lodge of Alaska feel their youth groups are important, they will step up to the plate and take that pledge. If the Lodge members feel as strongly as the girls, that a Masonic relationship is important to Job's Daughters, they will share their concerns with the Supreme Guardian Council of Job's Daughters. Apathy is a swift silent

death! You have all heard the Ceremony 'What Is A Mason'. This was written as a tribute to all Masons and it is performed by young Job's Daughters who in their hearts believe in the Masonic principles and what a Mason stands for."

International Order of DeMolay (Provided by Brothers Dale S. Cain and Dwane L. Anderson)

1. **STATUS**

Currently DeMolay has 3 Chapters in Alaska; Anchorage, Palmer and Fairbanks. Of the three, Fairbanks is the most active. Both Palmer and Anchorage need members. All of the Anchorage Chapter DeMolay have graduated or left the state and gone on to other concerns. They are in the middle of recruitment effort in order to re-establish the Chapter as a viable organization. The Advisory Boards could use additional adult Advisors. There has been an interest expressed in starting a DeMolay Chapter again in Juneau and Don Chaffin, our Executive Officer, had a Chapter Start-up Kit sent to Russell Shivers in Juneau towards the end of last year. Anchorage Chapter sold a piece of recreation property that was not being used and donated the proceeds to benefit youth.

Donations were given to Jobs Daughters Bethel, all four Rainbow Assemblies, Fairbanks Chapter Order of DeMolay, the Alaska State DeMolay Association and the Alaska Grand Lodge Scholarship Foundation. DeMolay is struggling for membership and trying to stay active in the state of Alaska.

2. **Grand Lodge support requested:**

Not specifically stated by Brother Cain, we the members of the committee infer that there is a significant need by DeMolay in Alaska for Lodges and individual Masons to involve themselves in our DeMolay chapters. It should be noted that of the Masonic Youth Organizations mentioned thus far, DeMolay is the only one directly sponsored by Masonic Lodges. As sponsors, we have the responsibility to support our DeMolay Chapters with

- recruitment,
- membership on DeMolay Boards and as Dad Advisors,
- chaperoning DeMolay activities and events, and
- being side-liners at DeMolay meetings

Finally, DeMolay advisors are Masons who should serve as role models, keep up with teenage activities, and are able to relate to the problems young men face in today's world. One man cannot do it himself.

Boy Scouts (Provided by Worshipful Brother Thomas L. Schram)

This last year the Grand Master of Masons of Alaska, M.W. LV (Joe) Dees, proclaimed the month of November 2004 as Masonic Scouting Month. The proclamation was made in order to encourage the Lodges in Alaska and Masons to support the Boy Scouts of America in their local areas. The Grand Master feels that Scouting teaches young men in our communities the right skills to become good citizens, and therefore, makes good sense to support them, as this is what Masonry is all about.

There is at least one Lodge in Alaska who is a Charter Organization for a Scouting unit. Other Lodges support Scouting by donations to their local Councils. Other appendant bodies also support Scouting by contributions. York Rite of Anchorage is paying for all Eagle packets for the Western Alaska Council. It is estimated that over 100 boys will achieve Eagle Scout in 2004 in the Western Alaska Council.

Respectfully submitted,

RW John R. "Bo" Cline, Chairman

Bylaws

Report of the Committee on Bylaws

During the Masonic Year 2004 the Committee on Bylaws received **only** the following three (3) proposed amendments to Lodge Bylaws for consideration - all from Mt. Verstovia Lodge 18 – and all in accordance with Section 15.02 – Constitution, Lodge Bylaws:

1. Proposed amendment to change the level and area of responsibility to the Worshipful Master of the Lodge - from a Finance Committee consisting of the three principal elected officers - for the preparation of the Annual Budget of the Lodge, its presentation to and subsequent disposition by the membership.
2. Proposed amendment to revise the Annual Dues for Lodge membership to be \$30.00 (no change) **above** the previous year's per capita assessment levied by Grand Lodge.
3. Proposed amendment to revise (update) the Life Membership fee structure - in effect 'doubling' the previous fee schedule.

We, the Committee on Bylaws, found that in each instance a sufficient number of votes were cast in favor of the said amendments and that the proper procedure with respect to timely notification of the membership had been followed.

Concluding that there was nothing contained in the various proposed amendments to the Bylaws of Mt. Verstovia Lodge 18 contrary to - or in violation of - the Alaska Masonic Code we, the members of the Committee on Bylaws, recommended to the M.: W.: Grand Master the approval of all three (3) proposed amendments, as presented.

All members of the Committee reviewed and signed each of the proposed amendments, the originals of which were previously submitted through the Grand Lodge office to the M.: W.: Grand Master, and copies of which are attached hereto for information only.

Sincerely and fraternally:

MW Gunnar Flygenring, PGM, Chairman

Public Schools

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

Long Range Planning

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

Leadership Training

Report of the Committee on Leadership Training January 29, 2005

A Leadership Training Seminar was held in Anchorage at the Masonic Family Center on the Weekend of October 29-31, 2004. There were approximately 31 Masons and 13 wives present. A completely new format was introduced for this seminar and it was widely acclaimed as the best ever. The format dealt with positive and negative about each individual Lodge and what possible courses of action might be taken to improve each Lodge, based on its own particular needs.

In the year 2005 the course will be a continuation of this theme, not a repeat of last year. It is therefore important that the Lodges plan now to send as many of the same officers as possible so as to continue promoting the health and prosperity of the Lodges.

Respectfully Submitted;
MW Leslie R. Little, PGM, Chairman
Roxie M. Little, Ladies Chair

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Report of Grand Chaplain (Necrology)

O God, who gave us birth,
you are ever more ready to hear
 than we are to pray.
You know our needs before we ask,
 and our ignorance in asking.
Give to us now your grace,
 that as we shrink before the mystery of death,
 we may see the light of eternity.
Speak to us once more
 your solemn message of life and of death.
Help us to live as those who are prepared to die.
And when our days here are accomplished,
 enable us to die as those who go forth to live,
 so that living or dying, our life may be in you,
 and that nothing in life or in death will be able to separate us
 from your great love in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Eternal God,
we praise you for the great company of all those
 who have finished their course in faith
 and now rest from their labor
We praise you for those dear to us
 whom we name in our hearts before you.
Especially we praise you for
 whom you have graciously received
 into your presence.

NECROLOGY

The following Brethren have laid down their working tools, as reported by the Constituent Lodges in their monthly reports for 2004.

White Pass Lodge No. 1	
Nels Aden Hansen.....	9/12/2003
Charles Lewis Hermens.....	11/5/2003
Anvil Lodge No. 2	
Werner Ernst Bohrer.....	Date UNK
Richard Hilton Hackford.....	Date UNK
Andrew Suther.....	Date UNK

Tanana Lodge No. 3	
Joseph Leonard Arsenault.....	5/30/2004
Leonard Matt Berlin.....	8/16/2004
Peter Blankensop.....	11/22/2004
George Alfred Cotette.....	10/26/2004
Major William Grotts.....	3/15/2004
Kenneth Wayne Holden.....	3/15/2004
Melvin LeRoy Kersey.....	7/2004
Damon Holley Thomas.....	7/17/2004
Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5	
Carl Rudolph Becker.....	Date UNK
Matanuska Lodge No. 7	
Floyd Franklin Marrs.....	11/20/2004
Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8	
Lionel Edgar Huppe.....	12/22/1997
Charles Edward Willingham.....	2/16/2004
Ralph William Neeve.....	5/31/2004
Clyde H. Justice.....	7/16/2004
Donald Lamont Brownlee.....	8/21/2004
Robert Sanders Jennings.....	Date UNK
Ralph Andrew Johnson.....	Date UNK
Roy Lee Knott, Jr.....	Date UNK
Ray Reed.....	Date UNK
Lafton Wells.....	Date UNK
Kodiak Lodge No. 9	
Jack R. Bresnahan.....	4/23/01
V.W. Alfred Bean Cratty.....	6/22/2004
Jerry Jean Varvel.....	5/1/2004
Glacier Lodge No. 10	
Francis Lawrence Bennie.....	Date UNK
George Edwin Maples.....	Date UNK
Larry E. Willner.....	1/19/2004
John Henry Coar.....	Date UNK
Robert Marvin Crothers.....	1/7/2005
James Leo Boyer.....	1/12/2004
Harold Eugene Emerich.....	Date UNK
John James Greenhaw.....	1999
Elmo Francis Hill Sr.....	4/9/2004
Raymond Arnold Lake.....	8/10/2004
Robert Aaron Mahar.....	9/5/2004
Jerry Dion Nease.....	12/19/2002

Earl Ray Ramsey.....	8/2/2004
Hazen Ray Ricker.....	1/12/2004
Elbert Clair Scott.....	4/11/2004
Charles Richard Short.....	5/30/2004
Gilbert Lee Gabbert.....	Date UNK
Robert Hanley Jones.....	12/24/2004
E.J. Sims.....	Date UNK
Vernon Dale Smith.....	Date UNK
James Howard Stueber.....	Date UNK
John S. Wright.....	Date UNK
Kenai Lodge No. 11	
James Edwin Dedrick Sr.....	10/28/2004
V.W. Novis Luther Eady.....	10/29/2003
W. Frank Hunsaker Jr.....	10/23/2004
Eagle River Lodge No. 13	
Gregory Scott Schooley.....	8/4/2004
Aurora Lodge No. 15	
Charles Kelley Hall.....	3/1/2004
North Pole Lodge No. 16	
Keneth Wayne Holden.....	5/15/2003
Anchorage Lodge No. 17	
Frank Edward Berry.....	7/19/2004
James William Gallaher.....	6/23/2002
W. Austin Rummage.....	2/18/2004
Milton Michail Seidenverg.....	10/12/2004
Donald James Schooley.....	3/26/2004
W. John Tomsic.....	3/14/2004
Willie F. Williams.....	1/3/1997
Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18	
Marion Lee Hickman.....	8/2/2004
Ketchikan Lodge No. 19	
V.W. Russell Arthur Burnett.....	11/10/2004
Howard Lewman Carte.....	10/15/2004
V.W. Thomas Adrie Leslie.....	4/18/2004
Robert Hugh Morrow.....	5/12/2003
Stanley Douglas Swanson.....	6/14/2004
Felix Berry Tissot.....	5/16/2004
David Orval Urquhart.....	6/20/2004
Edmond Wagner Williams.....	1/6/2004

Iditarod Lodge No. 20	
Allen Verdean Engle.....	3/23/1996
Terry A. Hines.....	3/7/2004
W. Herbert Gale Jenkins.....	10/25/2004
Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux No. 21	
William E. Hixon.....	1/8/2005
W. Arthur Harold Kassner.....	10/11/2004
Robert Grant Mitchell.....	2/8/2004
Richard Edward Wallace.....	8/18/2004

To all of these, grant your peace.
 Let perpetual light shine upon them;
 and help us so to believe where we have not seen,
 that your presence may lead us through our years,
 and bring us at last with them
 into the joy of your home
 not made with hands but eternal in the heavens;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

W Van O. Chaney
 Grand Chaplain

Report of Grand Lecturer

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished East, Brethren all. What a pleasure it has been to serve the Grand Lodge of Alaska this year as your Grand Lecture.

During several of the Official Visits of the Grand Master this year. I shared some thoughts with the Brother's, which. I hope will have on impact on this Grand Lodge in the future.

I encouraged the Brothers to pick a part in Lodge, learn it and asked the Master to take part in the Lodge proceedings on become comfortable in doing the part. I also encouraged all Brothers to pick a Lecture of a degree and learn it, for many of the Lodges are finding it difficult to find a Brother that can do the lecture with out aid of a cipher. Should one need help, it is not something to be afraid of to ask for. There are many sources of help, just ask. The District Deputies and the Grand Lecture have the written work and are always willing to answer questions.

I am seeing a renewed interest in doing the work, without the use of ciphers open in the Lodge, this is encouraging. I ask that we all continue to learn parts and take part in the Lodge, your help is valued and needed. Keep up the good work Brother's and your efforts will make the Fraternity proud.

Most Worshipful Grand Master L V. (Joe) Dees, thank you for the opportunity to serve this Grand Lodge. May we all grow to be better Men and Mason's.

Fraternally,

Johnnie L. Wallace
Grand Lecturer

Report of Grand Orator

What Do Masons Do? Report of the Grand Orator M.W. Grand Lodge of Alaska, F. & A.M. February 4, 2005

Grand Master, Distinguished Masons, and Brothers all:

Not long after Grand Lodge in Sitka last year, someone asked me what I was going to talk about for my "Grand Oration." I said I wanted to tackle the subject of "What do Masons do?". Well, here we are a year later at Grand Lodge and I have found that this is not an easy topic.

A Grand Orator is supposed to present his chosen topic in an eloquent manner, full of nice words and phrases. But I am not an eloquent individual, and I tend to deal in historically established facts. The subject at hand is historical because it has been asked for ages. However, it does not consist of established fact because there are many conflicting opinions as to what Masons do - or are supposed to do.

As for eloquence, please let me quote from the writings of a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge in Maine. M.:W.: Brother Wayne T. Adams had this to say:

"Here are some answers to a frequently asked question.

As Masons, we are often asked, "What do Masons do?" Often times we don't give very good answers to that question. We say, "We do degrees," or "We give scholarships," or "We're a fraternal organization."

Those answers are not really responsive, and they do the fraternity a disservice. The answer to that question is really so simple: We offer men the opportunity to make good friends, to help others, and to nourish their own value system. Let me explain.

We offer men opportunities to make good friends. We are a very democratic institution. We have both the high and the low, the rich and the poor. We regard no man for his worldly wealth or honors. We are taught to look for the internal indications of a man's character and not his external ornamentation. This habit of looking for a man's quality of character is - and we may wince at the word - a spiritual exercise because it calls again and again on the very best that is in us.

We offer men opportunities to help others. We do help each other. We help, encourage and support one another. Not only that, but we try to help our elder brothers and their widows, and not only that we look beyond the Lodge and try to be a positive force in our communities, especially with respect to young people. This habit of continually reaching out to help others is also a spiritual exercise, because it calls on the very best that is in us.

We offer men opportunities to nourish their own value system. As we reflect on our degrees, especially our Entered Apprentice Degree, we note that it is filled, front to back, with a very definite philosophy. We hear about the tenets of our profession as a Mason: Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. We hear about the three theological virtues: Faith, Hope and Charity. We hear about the four cardinal virtues: Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice. When we participate in our degrees as a candidate, or as an officer, or as a sideliner, we discover that hearing those words and reflecting on their significance is also a spiritual exercise because it nourishes the best that is within us.

So, when someone asks you, as they will, "What do Masons do?" you will be able to tell them that Masonry offers men these opportunities to make good friends, it offers men opportunities to help others and it offers men the opportunities to nourish their own value system. Upon reflection, we can see that this is more than a simple answer to a straightforward question. It is a defining question because in answering it, we discover as we do, who we are."

Now, I agree with all that M.:W.: Brother Adams said. These are the things that Masons should do. But in repeating it I am like the Minister who turned his back on his congregation - I've been preaching to the choir.

The more important question should be "What do Masons really do?"

In doing research on this topic, I have asked the question of many Brothers, and the responses are usually along the line of the following:

When a Non-Mason asks a Mason "What do Masons do?" - the answer usually includes the following:

- We meet and have Brotherly Love and friendship.
- We have an annual picnic.
- We have a school awards program.
- We don't have secrets, but we have things we consider to be confidential.
- I'll try to find someone who can answer your question.

When a Mason asks the same question of another Mason - he typically responds with a little more honesty:

- Well, a few of us meet and have Brotherly Love and friendship.
- Some of us go to a picnic once a year.
- I think we have a school awards program.
- We can't talk about most of it.

I don't attend Lodge very often, so I've forgotten most of it.

Sounds really exciting, doesn't it? Would you want to pay for membership in any organization with such ill-defined activities and purpose?

One of my most interesting responses was:

I've forgotten all that stuff - I was raised in New York, so I can't attend my Lodge - but I do go to the Shrine Lunch about once a month..

This response, in slightly different form, was heard several times.

Having performed this "valuable" research, I guess I can just sit down now.

But I won't.

Because these responses merely tell me that many Masons know little or nothing about our Fraternity.

Today, I would like to speak to each of you individually. It doesn't matter whether you are a Grand Lodge officer, a Worshipful Master, or a Master Mason without title. Each of us are Master Masons, and each of us must consider the future of Masonry. From the responses in my unofficial survey, it appears that our Fraternity is in trouble because our own members don't know who we are or what we should be doing. Unless we change, future potential Masons may find our Lodge doors closed - and no one left to admit that the problem lies with each of us as individuals. Yet, we each have the potential to reverse this trend if only we will work toward that end.

It won't be easy - progress never is.

Look at your own Lodge - Does it do the things that Masons are (theoretically) supposed to do? Does it teach men to be Masons in the classical sense? Does it teach its members to live according to the basic Masonic precepts identified by the working tools of each degree?

I doubt that you can give an honest positive reply. Your Lodge may try, but, as a whole, our success rate leaves a lot to be desired. In fact, a recent electronic survey of Masons "ranked" each Jurisdiction in fifteen areas considered vital to Masonry's success. In that survey, Alaska got a "grade" of only C- and the overall grade was only B-. That's not a good example of striving for excellence.

Yes, the answers to the question as given by Masons are normally rather weak, and the Lodges are not doing enough to strengthen that weakness.

So - how, then, should we answer that key question? How do we go about strengthening the various weak replies that really don't start to answer the question "What Should Masons Do?"

The Start

The answer to the “What Should Masons do?” question starts with the men we accept into our Brotherhood. At the time we accept him, we take responsibility for the beginning of training him to become a knowledgeable, active Mason.

But first, we must get to know this individual - and give him an opportunity to know us as Brothers and Masons. We need to show him that we are Masons by attempting to follow our Masonic precepts. That way he will learn by example what is expected of him.

Then, we need to improve our candidate investigation techniques instead of accepting any man merely because he appears to be a nice guy. This asks a question about our goals - quantity vs. quality. Here, the question is moral and not material in nature, and we will make some mistakes. But we must try to accept only those to whom, in the future, we will be able to say that he lives his Masonry and strives to live up to Masonic ideals and precepts.

Basic Training

Now, let’s look at the classical definition of Freemasonry. It is often said that “Masonry makes good men better.” **That is not true.** I can’t make anyone better - and neither can Masonry. Improvement must come from within in order to be effective. Possibly a better definition would be: **“Masonry gives a man the tools by which he can make himself better.”**

But, what are those tools? The tools that we can give a new Mason are contained within the Masonic ritual. But the ritual is not enough by itself to help a man with his own self-improvement. The ritual of the Craft is important. Without it, there would be no Masonry as we know it. The ritual alone, however, is of little value if it remains a monument to stagnation. Rote memorization is the road leading directly to that stagnation. Each Mason should be trained in the MEANING of the ritual - not just the words, many of which are archaic.

How many coaches actually teach Masonry by providing material other than the cipher? How many find books or articles that will help a new initiate understand what it is that he has gotten himself in for. For that matter, how many coaches are really qualified to coach? Frequently they fall into one of two categories. Either he is a newly proficient Mason who may have the words down pat, but has not experienced the meaning of Masonry; or he is a Past Master who was not too great a ritualist when he was in office.

Lead him to other aids to his understanding, rather than just pushing the Posting Lecture down his throat. Take him to other Lodges so he can broaden his experience and learn from the methods and mistakes of others. Give him Masonic literature - even back copies of newsletters from other jurisdictions may be helpful. Show him the Lodge’s Masonic library or get him in touch with the Alaska Masonic Library and Museum. Lead him, rather than let him absorb without direction - there are too many things written that are inaccurate or negative toward Masonry. Let him get his feet on the ground before he starts down paths of dubious value.

Train the Trainer

Now, I'd like you to consider three precepts:

- **A Candidate that is not properly trained is only half a Mason, and can do little.**
- **A Lodge that does not properly train its candidates, officers and members can do nothing.**
- **To actually train its candidates and members a Lodge depends on Leadership.**

Few Lodges actually evaluate their officers to insure that they are competent and adequately trained in the duties of their current office and the office to which they wish to be promoted. Most will blindly advance an officer regardless of his interest, availability and ability. This, of course, soon becomes apparent even to the newest candidate who wonders what he has gotten himself into.

Now, how do we develop Leaders? The very first duty that an Entered Apprentice acknowledges is to improve himself in Masonry. How many truly and sincerely attempt to discharge this duty? Where would a successful lawyer be if he didn't read Law Books after his admission to the bar, or a Minister of the Gospel if he didn't continue to read the Bible after his ordination, or a Doctor who never read any Medical Books after he secured his sheepskin.

The same applies to the Master and members of the Lodge. They must continue to read Masonic information which will help increase their Masonic Education and improve the condition of their Lodge, as well as themselves. This duty is even spelled out to each Worshipful Master at his installation. But, this injunction is not often followed.

I can recommend several ways to improve an individual's Masonic education, and they vary little from educational improvement in other fields.

1. **READ** The ciphers, the Alaska Monitor and the Lodge Officers Handbook are excellent texts to help with the principles of Masonic practice.
2. **STUDY** The Volume of the Sacred Law provides moral guidance while the many thousands of books written on Freemasonry cover everything from history to Masonic philosophy and the meaning of Masonry's symbols.
3. **LEARN** Listen to the experiences of others, attend other Lodges and go to the Leadership Conferences that are designed for Lodge Managers.
4. **PRACTICE** Put into practice the things you have learned so that others may learn from your example.

Bringing It Together

Now you have selected the most qualified candidates, trained them to be actual Masons rather than mere names in a roster and have trained the officers and other members of the Lodge to be proficient in Masonry (outside the ritual). The next thing is to practice those things you have learned.

- Develop the goals you wish to accomplish during the year. They should be meaningful and measurable so you know whether or not you are on the right track.
- Effective officers will develop a coordinated plan whereby a series of activities will be scheduled throughout the entire year.
- The Master can't do everything himself. Even if he could, he would be cheating the other members out of the learning experience (and they may be able to do a better job). He must develop committees and delegate to them the authority to implement their assigned duties.

Each of these topics are a standard part of all leadership training practices, and many articles and books are written about them. Therefore, I will not attempt to cover them in this oral presentation.

Conclusion

So, we have gone in a complete circle. We can not ask the question: “What do Masons do?” because most Masons don't know the answer. All we can really ask is “What should Masons do?” But, to answer that second question, and to turn it into a reality, each Mason must become more knowledgeable about Masonry in general and about his Lodge in particular. Then, to educate Members in that knowledge, each Lodge must first educate its officers who, in turn, must then pass on that education to the membership at large. And, finally, the members must apply that knowledge and turn the “should do” question into what they actually are doing.

The problems and proposed solutions are not new. At least as far back as 1915, Frank A. Chase, Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Washington in his oration said:

“....none will own indifference to the welfare of all mankind, but are the plain teachings of Masonry being put into practice to a reasonable extent, or are we possibly content with the sentimental pleasures of a beautiful philosophy and the easy performance of such duties only as are found congenial and near at hand?....”

My Brothers, we all know what we should do as Masons, but we seem to be reluctant to admit our failings in developing our Brothers to actually do what they have been taught. Without that education, Masonry will loose more ground and eventually it could disappear.

We, as Masonic leaders, are faced with a never-ending cycle of accepting the best men, training them to know the principles of Masonry, selecting only the best to lead the Lodge in future periods, and educating them both how to lead the Lodge, and also how to develop informed Brothers to follow them into leadership positions.

In summary, then, Masons should do those things that they were taught in our three degrees. But we can not practice those things unless we understand them. This understanding must come

from learning more than just rote memorization of the Posting Lectures. It comes from being educated by knowledgeable Brothers who, in turn, have been educated in the leadership of the Lodge.

The key to what a Mason should do is summed up in one word - Education.

Education of self, Education of our Brothers, Education (by our actions) of our community.

Grand Master, I thank you for this opportunity to speak on a subject that is so important to the future of Masonry. Due to the length required to include specific recommendations, I have not included them here. However, this presentation, in expanded form, does include many specific suggestions, and is available through the Alaska Masonic Library and Museum and on the AMLAM table in the lobby.

Sincerely and fraternally,

RWGerald R. (Jerry) Fairley
Grand Orator
February 4, 2005

Report of Grand Historian

Grand Historian Report for the year 2004-2005

Brothers;

History is a complex subject, and keeping up with it is, at times, almost impossible. We do not have the means to record all things that happen though out the Grand Lodge and the individual lodges without some kind of access to all the records. Our Grand Secretary, and each of the lodge secretaries, are the true historians of Alaska Masonic Lodges. Without their continued input, it is quite impossible for your Grand Historian to write an accurate account as to what has happened this past or previous years.

Now I will cover the highlight events of the past year. The blanks can be filled in at a later date.

The Grand lodge session was held at Sitka, Alaska, February 4 - 6, 2004. We were honored with many distinguished visitors and speakers. Our dinners were well attended and the atmosphere very congenial. Fortunately, the weather was cooperative and sight seeing was enjoyed by all.

The following new resolutions were read and passed: 2004-4, 2004-5 plus a carry over resolution, 2003-1. Copies of all are at the Grand Lodge Offices and were sent to each individual lodge secretary.

The MW Grand Master Kenneth E. Stedman chose R W Bro. Gerald (Jerry) Fairley as the

Mason of the year, for his hard work and many contributions to the Grand Lodge this past year. Elections were held and the gavel past to the MW LV. (Joe) Dees as Grand Master. RW Harry J. Koenen was elected Deputy Grand Master; RW Marvin B. Fitzpatrick was elected Senior Grand Warden; RW Samuel K. Medsker was elected as Junior Grand Warden; R W Dennis Z. Morgan was elected as Grand Treasurer, and RW John R. (Bo) Cline was elected as Grand Secretary.

A list of additional appointed officers and committeeman is attached.

Grand Lodge was closed in ample form and all went to their respective cities to begin a new Masonic year.

Sadly, near the end of Grand Session, MW Bro. Ken Stedman had a mini stroke and suffered a temporary hearing loss. He was, as were we all, unaware of his stroke until later that evening. At last report, we informed that he has permanent loss of hearing in his right ear.

February 13 - 17, the Grand Lodge officers attended the Conference of Grand Masters, held in Washington D.C. MW Grand Master Carl J. Fitje, of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, presented us with an original foundation stone from the White House. It was salvaged from a remodeling project during the Truman administration. Each stone has a unique mark carved into it, supposedly by the Mason who crafted it. This stone was one of one hundred foundation stones that were saved. Each Grand Lodge in the United States is now in possession of one of these stones. Alaska and Hawaii were the last to receive theirs. Our stone now rests in the Alaska Masonic Library and Museum, for all to see when they visit.

February 18th, your Grand Lodge Officers opened Grand Lodge in Alexandria Lodge # 22 at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. Twenty-four Brothers were in attendance.

March 5 - 6 found most of the Grand Lodge Officers attending the Western conference of Grand Masters at Maui, Hawaii. The balance of March was taken up visiting lodges Eagle River #13, Matanuska #7, Valdez #4, Iditarod #20, Mt. McKinley #4, North Pole#16 and Tanana #3.

April was the month of Maundy Sunday and visitations made to lodges Fairbanks #12, Aurora #15, Glacier # 10, Mt. Susitna #8 and Anchorage # 17. Then, across the Pacific again for Grand Lodge of Hawaii visitation.

May found the Grand Master and officers visiting lodges Kodiak #9, Seward #6, Sterling #22 and Kenai #11.

June consisted of visitations to the Grand Lodges of Oregon, Washington and British Columbia.

July was quiet, with only a trip to Denver to attend the Imperial Shrine.

On August 14, MW Bro. Charles E. Corbin attended the Semi-annual Board Meeting of the George Washington Memorial Association. He presented Alaska's contributions for the Tree Dedications. The nine Alaskan donations were from the following: The Grand Lodge Officers, Anchorage # 17, Glacier #10, Alaska Lodges of District No.1, District No.2, District No. 4,

District No. 5, RW Bro. Gerald R. Fairley and Bro. John C. Liberty Jr.

The main happening in August-September was the Alaska State Fair. We started out very wet, chilly, understaffed and overworked. We ended up on a positive note with a gain for the Scottish RiteCare Foundation. Brothers and Sisters, please, if you can volunteer for this endeavor, don't wait to be asked. We are in desperate need of help for this most worthy cause.

In September, weather and mechanical problems caused a couple delays; however, the Grand Master was able to complete his visits in South East by attending White Pass # 1, Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux #21, Mt. Verstovia #18 and Ketchikan #19. The Petersburg Lodge #23's visitation was delayed until December 9, 2004.

I am happy to report that, in October, we resumed our leadership training program. This took place in Anchorage, at the Masonic Center, and was headed by MW Bro. Leslie Little, his Lady, Roxie, WBro. Thomas L. Schram and guest speaker MW Bro. Vern Wertz, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oregon. All Districts were represented, and 30 brothers attended with eight of their ladies. A lot of productive work was done and many subjects were covered. From all reports, it was a very successful endeavor. As a plus, we ended up in the black with seed money for next year's classes.

At this point, I might add that MW Bro. Ken Stedman has stated, "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." MW Grand Master Joe Dees and RW Bro Secretary Bo Cline agreed, and this position was offered to, and accepted by, WB Thomas L. Schram.

This one step has been one of the best decisions of the year. As we are now linked to the rest of the Masonic world, anyone in need of assistance has only to place a call to us. Every Lodge now has an immediate contact, so they can touch base with the Grand Lodge, get answers or help in doing their own work or updating their records without long delays. The monies saved from not having to go out of house to have books and pamphlets made, i.e., leadership training manuals, code books, etc., have more than paid for this position. The office now has someone there five (5) days a week from 10:00 A.M. till 2:00 P.M. I have been there at 3:00 P.M. and found Tom still working; he doesn't get any overtime pay, Brothers.

A note from the Necrology Report, we will miss our 1997 Mason of the year, Worshipful Bro. Hazen Ray Ricker. He was summoned to the Celestial Lodge on January 12, 2004. With this report, I have included a copy of his Memorial.

Those who regularly receive The Tanana Valley Masonic News are already aware of this, but for those who do not, MW Bro. Steve Cox and family have relocated to Edmond Oklahoma. They will be missed. Again, I include the farewell letter from the Tanana Valley News as part of this report.

MW Bro. Don G. Chaffin 11 and Lady Char have relocated to St. Johnsville New York. We wish these dear friends a lot of good luck and hope they will keep in touch.

November found our Grand Master traveling, first to Seattle to visit the International Night Lafayette Lodge # 241, next to Reno for the Grand Lodge of Nevada and then on to the Grand Lodge of Alabama in Montgomery.

December brings us to the end of the Masonic Year with election and installation of officers. Next comes the new year with more installations and preparations for the Grand Session in February.

I am informed that the final disposition of Anvil Lodge #2 is as follows:

The property has been sold with the monies being used to payoff existing debts to the Shriners club, Grand lodge and others, if owed.

Anvil #2 will merge with Kenai #11. January 5,2005

The furniture and other items will be donated to the Alaska Masonic Library and Museum and other lodges as Members see the need.

I would add, after some thought, to the beginning of this report, where I stated that the true Historians were the Secretaries of the lodges, each of us are historians and should keep a journal of our Masonic lives. When we are called, see that this journal is passed on to the Library or Museum. Each member passed, every member present and any member in the future is a part of the history of the Grand Lodge of Alaska. Someday, in the future, someone will ask, "Who was he? What did he do?" We all are of an importance and part of the whole. Record keeping is a necessity, and we all should be part of it. No matter what takes place, we learn from each other, the good and the bad. If mistakes are not logged, how do we learn to better ourselves?

I have enjoyed my part as historian and have learned much. I thank you for the experience.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas C. Teninty P.M
Grand Historian for 2003 and 2004

Memorial, WB Hazen Ray Ricker

Worshipful Brother Hazen Ray Ricker

Was born September 26, 1923
Detroit, Michigan.
He passed to the Celestial Lodge
On January 12, 2004
Anchorage, Alaska

He was Initiated as an Entered Apprentice Mason
on January 18, 1952,
Passed to the degree of a Fellowcraft Mason
on March 21, 1952
And Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master
Mason
On July 25, 1952
all in San Angelo Lodge No. 570, Texas.

In addition to his home Lodge in Texas,
Worshipful Brother Ricker was
An Active Member and Past Master of both
Eagle River Lodge No. 13 and Glacier Lodge
No. 10, And he was also an Honorary Member of
Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8, Aurora Lodge No. 15
And Anchorage Lodge No. 17.
All of the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of
Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska.

He was also a member and active participant in
The Order of the Eastern Star,
Scottish Rite and York Rite,
AAONMS (Shrine),
And was an ardent supporter of
Masonic Youth Groups.

His activities, honors and memberships
with many other
Masonic Affiliated Organizations
Are too numerous to record here.

Some Random Thoughts About Hazen Ricker

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said:
"A friend may well be reckoned the
Masterpiece of nature."

If this is true, Hazen Ricker was a true work of
art.

He knew that the only way to have a friend is
to be one. He was a friend to many.

I really believe that he never met a man he
didn't like.

He would (and did) give you the shirt off his
back - all you had to do was ask - and
sometimes even that was not necessary because
he would see a need or desire and respond with
no questions asked.

He was an Honorary Job's Daughter. It was a
Little difficult for him to wear the Jobie's
purple ribbon in his hair, but wear it, he did,
and proudly.

There are many Masons. Some of them are
really good Masons. But he stood out as one
who lived his Masonry in every thing he did -
not just on meeting nights, but all day, every
day.

He was the first "Mason of the Year" of the
Grand Lodge of Alaska. He deserved that
distinction. He was a Mason's Mason and an
inspiration to all.

Farewell letter – Tanana Valley Masonic News

A Fond Farewell from the Cox Family

This will be the last month the Coxes will be nestled in Fairbanks. After 14 years, we are departing this pleasant valley. I couldn't dream of having to leave so many dear friends, Brothers and Sisters without expressing our thoughts about our years in Fairbanks.

I have been a nomad all my life, never settling down long enough to spread my roots and be deeply involved in the community. The length I have been here in Fairbanks exceeds the length I have spent in any one state. To say I have a special place in my heart for our Masonic family here would be a gross understatement. I feel closer to many of you here than I do with most of my family in the lower 48.

So many have touched us here. In the summer of 1990, I called the lodge's number in the phone book, and was introduced to Harold Ervin. This gracious Brother welcomed me to attend Tanana #3 that night. WB John Lincoln was the Master and JW Underwood was the Secretary, and I had a wonderful time, once I passed the "test". MW Gene Freeman and WB Bull Gear Ives pulled and pulled until they could extract enough information to prove to them that I was truly a Mason. It had been several years since I had been to lodge, and I was more than rusty. I will always be grateful to them for their patience. The next night I attended Fairbanks #12 and was introduced to more wonderful Masons. That summer was spent in the company of W Darrell McSpadden and others as we painted and cleaned the lodge and prepared the monthly 3 Lodge Breakfast. I don't know when I've worked so hard, and had so much fun with such wonderful Brothers.

We came to Fairbanks just before our son Jonathan was born and he has grown up under the influence of arguably the best Masonic Aunts, Uncles and Grandparents in the world. When he began to walk, he tried to enter the lodge room by rapping on the door. He has always known he could come to any of you for assistance, and would never be refused. Last year he admitted that he was sad the Temple was being torn down. He said it had meant so much to him growing up. He has always felt at home there. He is now the Master Councilor of Arctic Chapter of the DeMolay, and expects to become a Mason as soon as he is old enough. You have given him a great foundation to build his future edifice.

Our daughter Stephanie lived out many of her dreams in the Masonic Temple. She counted the months until she was able to join the Rainbow Girls. When Jonathan was little, I got to attend the meetings with her, and truly enjoyed the young ladies doing their work. Stephanie was honored to not only be elected to the position of Worthy Advisor, but eventually to become the Grand Worthy Advisor in Alaska. The poise, self-assurance and leadership skills she learned in Rainbows have been assets to her as she has journeyed through her life. The Army noticed these attributes and selected her as Soldier of the Year for the Reserves in Alaska a few years ago. She still attends Assembly meetings in Oklahoma where she is in Nursing School. She is a member of the Eastern Star, Amaranth and Daughters of the Nile.

Gayle and I have felt so blessed to have been a small part of the Masonic Community here. The honors and positions of importance mean nothing without the love and affection of those you respect, and we love and respect so many of you. It was my honor to meet such luminaries as Bullgear Ives, Fred McGuire, Ralph Kavorkian, Glenn Pruett, Phil Jones, Fred Ruppert, Ken Holden and so many others who influenced me with their wisdom. We are saddened that these great people have passed on, but we know we'll see them later.

To try to list those we are going to miss here in Fairbanks would take the whole newsletter, so we'll try to cut it down to a few special friends (and hope we don't leave your name off the list.) The first person I met in Fairbanks, Vern and Perri Carlson, who has always kept me out of trouble. JB and Roberta Carnahan, a great friend and Mason I met while working with the Shrine. Mitch and Erin Miller, my confidant, mentor and father confessor (at times), thanks for believing in me and encouraging me when times were tough. John P. Johnson, for all the year working and encouraging each other. Rex and Robin Hasty, good friends and good times forever. Mike and Diane Vivlamore, Monte and Debby Ervin, Russ and Flo Hintz, Brad and JoAnn White, Cliff Benschopf, Don and Susan Sutton, Jim and Karen LeFlore, Ruth Jasper, Don and Char Chaffin, Gene and Hilary Freeman, the list goes on and on and on... There are just so many people to thank for being our friends; we will miss you all so much. This is not goodbye, just a heartfelt farewell. We will come up when we can to visit, and our doors are always open for you down in Oklahoma.

In Fraternal Love and Service, Steve, Gayle, Stephanie and Jonathan Cox

Charters and Dispensations

Report of Committee on Charters and Dispensations for year 2004
(dated Jan 10, 2005)

There were no requests for either Charters or Dispensations during the year 2005. We therefore are making a negative report.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene R. Freeman, PGM

Leadership Training

This is the report of the Leadership Training Committee for the year 2004.

A Leadership Training Seminar was held in Anchorage at the Masonic Family Center on the Weekend of October 29-31, 2004. There were approximately 31 Masons and 13 wives present. A completely new format was introduced for this seminar and it was widely acclaimed as the best ever. The format dealt with positive and negative about each individual Lodge and what possible courses of action might be taken to improve each Lodge, based on its own particular needs.

In the year 2005 the course will be a continuation of this theme, not a repeat of last year. It is therefore important that the Lodges plan now to send as many of the same officers as possible so as to continue promoting the health and prosperity of the Lodges.

Respectfully Submitted;

MW Leslie R. Little, PGM

Military Recognition

Report of Military Recognition Committee
February 4, 2005

The following individuals are recommended for the Grand Lodge of Alaska Military Recognition Award.

SSG Kent Connolly
Alaska Army National Guard

He is not available for the dinner as he is now deployed to Haiti for three weeks.

MSG Kathryn Gilding
Alaska Air National Guard

LT David Allen USNR
Alaska State Naval Militia

He is not available for the dinner as he is now being redeployed to IRAQ for a second time.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles O. Ashcraft

Russian Relations

Russian Relations Committee Report February 2005

This annual report covers the activities of the Russian relations committee during 2004. It also reports on future plans for this year.

Because of the distances involved Alaska is in a unique position to revive Freemasonry in Russia east of the Ural Mountains. Pacific Rim Lodge #12 in Vladivostok is located over 5,200 miles from Moscow. This is twice the distance from Seattle to New York. Anchorage, Alaska is approximately nine hours flying time to Vladivostok via South Korea.

Objectives of the Russian Relations Committee during 2004 have been to assist the two new lodges in Eastern Russia to become self-sustaining and to expand.

IF Freemasonry is to succeed in the Far East it must be through the labor of new Masons in Russia. Honorary Lifetime members and friends can only provide the opportunity and assistance necessary to start the new lodges.

Pacific R1M Lodge #12, Vladivostok

Pacific Rim Lodge #12 in Vladivostok has 14 members at the present time. Average age of the new members is 46

Last year, working together with lodge members, we assisted Pacific Rim Lodge to set up their new lodge room with a new altar and furniture.

Since it's founding in 1999 the Brethren of Vladivostok have been active not only Moronically but also publicly.

In 2003 they organized a philanthropic foundation named Nezabudka, "Forget Me Not", dedicated to helping orphans and homeless children, one of the most pressing social problems in the Russian Far East. The Lodge has taken a leading role in contacting

various governmental and private organizations (schools, churches, charitable groups) in the region to coordinate efforts toward alleviating the problem.

In 2005 the Lodge plans to sponsor a regional conference to organize formally these child welfare groups so that they can cooperate more effectively.

Additional information can be obtained about their charity program on their website: www.nezabudka.boxmasil.biz.

In addition to their organizational efforts, Pacific Rim Lodge Brethren take direct personal action 218 Masons. Brethren distributed New Year's gifts to the children of a local orphanage. During the same visit, the Lodge made a contribution, noted in the local press, to the orphanage Freemasonry, because of the Brethren of Pacific Rim Lodge, has gained substantial newspaper overage and public visibility throughout the Russian Far East.

Alpha & Omega Lodge. #23, Novosibirsk

Alpha & Omega Lodge in Novosibirsk is still having difficulty in securing a permanent place to meet. Last year we helped the lodge rent a room so new candidates could be initiated. This year our committee will assist WM Sergei Bogolepov to solve some of his organizational problems.

We are receiving publicity in a number of Masonic publications. There is continued interest among Masons in the activities of the Grand Lodge of Alaska's to revive Freemasonry in Eastern Russia.

Russian Far East cities with large populations present a unique opportunity to establish our fraternity in an area where Masonic precepts and tenets are virtually unknown.

Our goal this year is to continue to encourage and support the two new lodges in the Far East started by the Grand Lodge of Alaska. In 2005 our primary goal will be to start new lodges in Eastern Russia.

Non-Russian Masons can become Honorary Lifetime members of one of the Far Eastern Russian Lodges. A one-time membership fee of \$200 supports the work of introducing Freemasonry in the far East.

"Lifetime membership in one of the Russian Lodge, sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Alaska, is \$200. For further information contact one of the Russian Relations Committee members or MW John Grainger, Chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Grainger, PGM

Awards

Report of the Awards Committee

February 3-4, 2005

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 2004:

W. Wesley E. Carpenter	Tanana Lodge No.3
W. Anthony S. Balowski	Valdez Lodge No.4
W. Littleton F. Buxton	Matanuska Lodge No.7
W. Alvin S. Kelley	Mt. Susitna Lodge No.8
M.W. Henry T. :Qunbar	Glacier Lodge No. 10
W. Clifford Benshoof	Fairbanks Lodge No. 12
W. Jimmie R. McGoldrick	Eagle River Lodge No. 13
W. Kevin C. Tennant	North Pole Lodge No. 16
W. Stephen H. Christopher	Anchorage Lodge No. 17
W. Robert B. Molloy	Iditarod Lodge No. 20
W. Russell D. Shivers	Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21
W. Glen E. Josey	Sterling Lodge No. 22

It is a pleasure to announce this year's recipient of the Grand Lodge of Alaska Mason of the Year Award: W. Robert E. MacArthur, Anchorage Lodge No. 17.

Respectfully submitted,
Stanley R. Foulke, PGM, Chairman
Gene R. Freeman, PGM, Member
Charles O. Ashcraft, PGM, Member

Mason of the Year Nomination

December 13, 2004

L. V. "Joe" Dees
Grand Master
Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alaska Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska

M W L. V. "Joe" Dees:

On behalf of the Worshipful Master Stephen H. Christopher and Officers of Anchorage Lodge # 17 F &AM, we request that W. :. Robert Earl MacArthur be made the recipient of the Mason of the Year Award.

W.: MacArthur was born September 6, 1935 in Omak, Washington. He attended college at Western Washington University for two years. W.: MacArthur served in the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Army retiring after 23 years of Honorable Service. Among his many talents he was in broadcasting in the military and carried this skill into his civilian life. He worked both in radio and television serving as the anchor newsman on the weekends here in Anchorage, AK.

He has served on the board as a member and Chairman of the Anchorage Folk Festival and continues to do filming of their events. He is involved with the Hunter Creek and Irish Folk Festival as well. He is active with the Air Museum and, in fact, filmed the restoration of their P38 airplane.

He was initiated as an Entered Apprentice Mason on January 23, 1974; passed to the degree of a Fellow craft Mason on March 20, 1974; and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on April 3, 1974. W.: MacArthur has served Anchorage Lodge # 17 F&AM as Tiler, Senior Deacon, Junior Warden, Senior Warden, and Worshipful Master. He holds a dual membership with Bellingham Lodge #44 F & AM in the Grand Lodge of Washington Jurisdiction and is a Past Worthy Patron of the Order of Eastern Star in that same Jurisdiction.

W.: MacArthur was presented his Twenty-five Year Membership pin in 1999 in Anchorage Lodge # 17 F & AM and is a Past Master and Life Member of that Lodge.

W.: MacArthur served as the Grand Lecturer for the Grand Lodge of Alaska 1999 through 2003; he served as Grand Lodge Photographer from 2001 through the present time; and serves as one of the Grand Lodge of Alaska's Warden's Charge/Leadership Training Team Members from 1999 through the present time.

W.: MacArthur is always ready to provide whatever service is needed. He is proficient in every aspect of the ritual work of all three degrees and is frequently called upon by lodges all over the State to provide his most able assistance. He is a very valuable asset to District #3 and in fact the entire State. He often travels outside of this district at his own expense to assist other lodges in putting on their degree work. He does all three lectures, charges, and has conferred all three degrees in Nome, Valdez, Kenai Peninsula lodges, Matanuska Valley lodges and others.

W.: MacArthur's dedication and devotion to the fraternity is an excellent model for all Masons to appreciate and follow. While he frequently receives verbal appreciation for his service to Masonry, which is modestly received, his work and dedication deserves higher recognition.

It is my great honor and pleasure to most heartily endorse the recommendation of W.: Stephen Christopher and the officers of Anchorage Lodge #17 F&AM that W.: Robert E. MacArthur be recognized for his most able and unselfish work by being made the recipient of the Mason of the Year Award for 2004.

Please give this recommendation your most serious consideration. He has more than earned it.

Fraternally and respectfully yours,

Jim R. McMichael, PM
Deputy to the Grand Master
District #3

W Robert Earl MacArthur received the Mason of the Year Award for 2004

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 2004.

Buckley C. Hazen Award

The recipient of the Buckley C. Hazen Award for the largest percentage membership growth was presented to Sterling Lodge No. 22 for the year 2004.

Segregations and Reference

Report of the Segregations and Reference Committee

We the Committee met and discussed the Grand Master's Message and make the following recommendations:

We find all of the message to be within the Grand Master's authorized power with the exception of the two recommendations, which we recommend be sent to the Jurisprudence Committee for their consideration.

We thank the Grand Master for the privilege of serving this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

Lloyd Triggs, PGM

Reports of Deputies of the Grand Master

District 1

This will constitute the annual report of the Deputy of the Grand Master *for* District # 1 for the year 2004.

Following the Grand Lodge Sessions and the official visit of the Grand Master to our District, I visited Tanana # 3 on 14 April, Fairbanks #12 on 15 April, North Pole #16 on 19 April, and Valdez #4 on 5 May.

Tanana #3, North Pole #16, and Valdez #4 were found to be correct in their work and the Secretaries Reports and files current and correct. However, Fairbanks #12, also being correct in their work, was behind in their monthly reports. Consideration was given to the problems of changing secretaries and the training of the latest one. I was given assurances that the problem would be corrected. As time past, the secretary's plans changed and he made plans to move out of state. During this time I received a letter from the Grand Secretary stating that Fairbanks #12 was very far behind in their monthly reports. I contacted W.M. Cliff Benshoof and informed him of the situation. He assured me that he would take care of this 'problem immediately. A few days passed and he informed me that all the Monthly Reports had been sent to the Grand Secretary. Fairbanks #12 now has a new secretary, W.B. Doug Whorton, whom I believe, will make an excellent secretary.

The annual District meeting was held on 25 September. It was graciously hosted by Valdez #4. A total of 17 brothers traveled to Valdez, among who were the Masters of all 4 Lodges on this District. Those in attendance included:

Wes Carpenter	W.M. Tanana #3	Rex Hasty	S.W. North Pole #16
Tony Balowski	W.M. Valdez#4	Harold Gray	S.W. Valdez #4
Clifford Benshoof	W.M. Fairbanks # 12	Jim Ujioka	I.W. Valdez #4
Kevin Tennant	W.M. North Pole #16	Dave Worel	S.D. Tanana #3
		Paul Brodale	J.D. North Pole #16
Lloyd Triggs	P.G.M. North Pole #16	Dennis Allen	Sec. Valdez #4
Sam Medsker	J.G.W. Tanana #3	Harold Plaster	Chap. Valdez #4
Jeff Larsen	P.M. North Pole #16		
John Lincoln	.M. Tanana #3	Michael Harper	M.M. North Pole #16
Frank Dickensen	PP.M. Valdez #4		

Each W. Master was given an opportunity to speak on his Lodge and his views of our Craft. The attending Wardens and finally all other brothers were then asked to speak. This allowed the sharing of new' ideas and thoughts. The discussions that followed were quite enthusiastic.

The Lodges in this District are active, proficient and well attended. It has been a great honor and pleasure to serve the Grand Master and the Brothers of our District.

Fraternally;
Robert G. Homoleski

District 2

No report received

District 3

No report received .

District 4

No report received .

District 5

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

I am submitting my report for 2004 and I happy to report that for the most part I am pleased with the condition of Masonry in my District. We continue to have an opportunist outlook for the Craft as a whole.

We are not without problems however, as I made you aware of problems in Matanuska Lodge #7. I have to report that on one occasion a petitioner, his petition was read, investigated, voted on and even given his First Degree before his money was received. This was not the fault of the petitioner but the past Secretary. This was not discovered until I took over as Secretary. The Lodge has been operating without a Budget for several years, and I believe that expenditures have been made without the required voting. The past Secretary was not readings the minutes before the Lodge was closed and condoned by the Master, as you know this was discussed with the Master and Secretary and the problem was taken care of. There has not been an Audit for at least three years and the Secretary and Treasurer have not been exchanging Treasurers Receipts. These items have been corrected and I hope to keep things operating within the code. On the brighter side, Matanuska Lodge has had several new Entered Apprentices and another to vote on next week, with several petitions out and hopefully back real soon.

Eagle River Lodge #13 is in great shape. They should get the award for most Master Masons made in one year. They had a great year last year and should a great year in 2005. I will be submitting WB Jimmie McGoldrick for the Masters Award, he has earned it. I have his paperwork made out and will send it in. This Lodge has Brothers waiting to get in the Line, what a nice feeling.

Iditarod Lodge #20 is plugging along with a few dedicated Brothers keeping it together. The biggest problem for Iditarod is getting the Brothers to Lodge. All the chairs need to be filled with Brothers who want to proceed up the line. There are not that many new petitions coming in and, if things don't improve, there won't be any new people to join the line and a continuous cycle of Past Masters will ensue. Worshipful Brother Molloy has done a very good job as Master and I will be recommending him for the Masters Award. I have his paperwork filled out for your signature also.

Anvil Lodge #2 is still in the transferal stage to Kenai # 11 and when that will consummate I do not know. I have nothing else to report on Anvil lodge.

At this time I would like to personally thank you for selecting me as your District Deputy. It has been an honor indeed. I would love to continue in this position, but as the Code does not allow that I will have to relinquish my duties in February.

Respectfully submitted,

James D. Grubbs
District Deputy for District No. 5

Alaska Masonic Library and Museum

Annual report of the Alaska Masonic Library and Museum

January 11, 2005

This is the annual report of the Alaska Masonic Library and Museum (or AMLAM) to the Grand Lodge of Alaska. I am pleased to report that this has been a continuing period of growth and organization for the materials acquired by our facility.

I don't want to bore you with a lot of statistics. It should be sufficient to say that in the four years the Library has been in existence, the collection has grown from five books to around 4,600 cataloged items – a 900 percent increase. Don't you wish your investments had that rate of return?

Of course those statistics do not include the many newsletters, proceedings and miscellaneous papers that have been filed, nor do they include the many boxes of materials waiting to be reviewed, cataloged and filed. These work-in-progress materials will be properly organized as soon as time permits. Hopefully, however, the space made available when those boxes are emptied will be filled by other donations of materials in a never-ending cycle.

You have already read about the Library and Museum in the last issue of the Grand Lodge newsletter, and more information is available on the table in the lobby. Now, what I'd really like to tell you is something about just a few of the unusual materials we have and about some of the interesting people I get to meet.

First, AMLAM has joined several professional organizations that deal with libraries, museums and Masonry. We are members of the Alaska Historical Society, Museums Alaska and the national Masonic Library and Museums Association. The Secretary of that last organization is one of the people who are with us today (though not in this room) - Ms. Glenys Waldman. She is the head of the Library and Museum for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. If you ever get the chance to visit the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, do so, and plan to spend several hours. The building is beautiful and the several Lodge rooms are each decorated in a different style. (I like the Egyptian room that was decorated under the direction of Egyptologists to insure authenticity.) Their library is huge and well laid out. It makes our facility look like a closet.

Next I would like to acknowledge Mrs. Lee Scott, the widow of our Past Master Elbert C. Scott. After Scotty passed on, Lee made a \$1,000.00 contribution to the Library's Foundation. She just wanted to do something for us and that is the kind of thing Scotty would have done.

Then there's Vicki Wisenbaugh, the head of the Tenakee Springs Historical Collection. Vicki had some old pictures and she didn't really know what they were - but maybe I would like them. I phoned her to find out a little more and was told that she couldn't come to the phone because she was out on top of the water tank. It seems that heavy rains had washed debris into the tank and she was cleaning it out. We historians tend to be a hardy lot.

The pictures Vicki had were actually framed membership certificates, the likes of which I had never seen. Edward Snyder, founder of Snyder's Mercantile in Tenakee Springs, was a member of Gastineau Lodge and Juneau Scottish Rite. His Masonic Record from Gastineau is almost three feet square. It is a very beautifully colored certificate and has many scenes and symbols depicting the Masonic degrees. His Scottish Rite membership certificate is larger than those issued today (it is 20" x 26"), and it is signed by Ill. John H. Cowles who was the Southern Jurisdiction's Grand Secretary before he became the longest serving Sovereign Grand Commander of the Rite.

These certificates will have a place of honor on the Museum's walls, and will be displayed with the more modern certificate of Bro. Trygve Hansen. Our Brother, W. Roger Hansen, had his father's Scottish Rite certificate

framed and Roger donated it (with other items) to the Museum. The Hansen certificate is smaller than the one from Bro. Snyder. However, it is also signed by Ill. Bro. Cowles – but this time he had ascended to the position of Sovereign Grand Commander.

And, there is Mr. Rolfe Buzzell. He is with the State Archaeology Department and answered my call for help in locating the grave of a Mason whose grave marker has been in the Grand Lodge office for about 20 years. (You might remember two articles on this stone which were printed in the Grand Lodge newsletter several years ago.) Rolfe called me and said “I know all about that stone.” With his help, and that of the Hope / Sunrise Historical Society, we hope to return the stone to its original site this spring and celebrate with a picnic. And, if the Grand Master will approve, possibly we could have a Masonic Funeral Service over the grave of a Mason who undoubtedly did not get a similar service when he died in 1895.

Finally I would like to acknowledge the support of Anchorage Lodge No. 17 for the use of the space for the facility, and both W.: Brother Doug Teninty and M.:W.: Brother Henry Dunbar for their physical support in building bookcases and other work of that nature.

These are just a few of the things that I hope are of interest as far as the Museum is concerned. Now, just a few words about the Library, and no, I'm not going to give book reports. Instead, I would like to issue a warning. Many of our new members (and the general public) are getting the wrong impression of Freemasonry and need to get correct information. Several younger members are going to book stores and “new age” stores, and they are avidly reading anything that claims to say anything about Masonry - even material that is anti-Masonic. Often they come back to Lodge thoroughly confused because of something they have read. It is easy to get confused because there is so much “trash” and negativity that is available.

Take one of the more popular current books – Dan Brown's “The DaVinci Code”. It implies that the ancient Knights Templar existed in order to guard the secret of the “Holy Grail” which the author said was actually individuals who had a blood relationship to Jesus. Now just what does this have to do with Masonry? According to several authors, Freemasonry came into existence as a result of the suppression of the Knights Templar. Therefore, we – all of us Masons – are involved with protecting the secret of the Holy Grail. Now, I do not know whether or not Jesus and Mary Magdalene had children or if they are the “Holy Grail” as was implied in this book. But, if so, I have never knowingly met any of their survivors, nor am I aware of being a part of a conspiracy to keep their identity a secret.

Another book either states or strongly implies that, after they were suppressed, the Knights Templar took their fleet of ships and became both Masons and pirates. Supposedly, these Masonic pirates traveled to the Americas long before Columbus, that he was a Templar and so were the leaders of the American Revolution. One sentence states: "Of all the Templar-Masonic pirates, perhaps none has garnered more interest than Captain Kidd." Kidd lived more than 400 years after the Templars were disbanded, and those Templar ships must have been awfully strong to last that long. Numerous allegations are made about Masonic pirate flags and similar subjects that tend to be anti-Masonic. Poorly researched, and based upon a preconceived idea, this and several similar new books were rushed into print to take advantage of *The DaVinci Code*'s popularity. Frequently, a group of these "Masonic conspiracy" authors refer to each others' works as "proof" of their own ideas.

These and other books that are more openly anti-Masonic are some of the ways in which our members (and the general public) can be led into misunderstanding and misinterpreting Freemasonry. When confusion of this nature arises, it is up to each Mason to correct the false record through knowledge of the true meaning, history and practice of Freemasonry. Learn more about our Fraternity for yourself and also to help you correct the misunderstandings of others. Learn what is being said by those who are less than friendly to our institution. It is important to know what is being said about us no matter whether it is right, wrong or just confused.

One of the best local places to learn more is at the Alaska Masonic Library and Museum. And I'll try to help in any way possible.

Having said that, I urge you to visit the Alaska Masonic Library and Museum. I think you will like what you see. We will be open for your inspection this Friday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. . I hope to see you there. If you can't make a visit now, we are also available by phone or email, and my business cards are on the table in the lobby.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Gerald R. (Jerry) Fairley, Curator
Alaska Masonic Library and Museum

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS, REGULATIONS, AND RULES

No amendments were presented, other than the resolutions previously stated, above.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Request for Reinstatement

January 11, 2005

Most Worshipful Grand Lodge
Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska
P. O. Box 190668
Anchorage, Alaska 99519-1477

RE: Reinstatement

I, Edwin Saltz, request the Grand Lodge to reinstate me to my full rights as a Mason.

Also, please notify all corresponding lodges and bodies.

Respectfully yours
Edwin Saltz

Grand Lodge Response to Request for Reinstatement

On February 4, 2005, at the Twenty Fourth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska, M.:W.:L.V. (Joe) Dees declared Brother Edwin Saltz, member of Seward Lodge No. 6 and Kenai Lodge No. 11, reinstated from suspension with all the rights and benefits of a Master Mason. This was M.:W.: Dees' final act before relinquishing the gavel as Grand Master of Masons in Alaska.

Contributions to Grand Lodge

On February 4, 2005, M.W. L. V. (Joe) Dees asked members present if anyone had any special presentations to make to Grand Lodge. The following is a list of contributions made by the Brethren at that time, either individually or in the name of their Lodge:

Contribution to the Grand Lodge of Alaska 2005 Annual Communication

LODGE	No.	Contribution	Description	Totals
Anvil	2	\$1,000	Arts Scholarship (Previously Donated)	\$1,000
Tanana	3	\$300	Permanent Fund (Check)	\$300
Seward	6	\$200	Arts Scholarship (Check)	\$200
Matanuska	7	\$200	Permanent Fund (Flag Raffle) (IOU)	\$200
Glacier	10	\$10,000	Permanent Fund (Check)	\$10,000
Fairbanks	12	\$500	Permanent Fund (IOU) Donated by Don Chafin	\$500
Eagle River	13	\$450	Permanent Fund (Cash)	\$700
Refreshments for Grand Lodge		\$250		
Anchorage	17	\$5,000	Permanent Fund (Check)	\$5,000
Donation of Computer for GL office			In kind donation	
Iditarod	20	\$425	Permanent Fund (Bible Raffle) (Check)	\$425
Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux	21	\$1,235	Travel Fund (Check)	\$1,235
Sterling	22	\$200	Permanent Fund (Check)	\$200
Individuals				\$2,800
Ed Weisser		\$300	Arts Scholarship (previously donated)	
Chuck Corbin		\$2,500	Permanent Fund (Bolo Ties raffle) (previously donated)	
Other Groups				\$12,736
Anchorage Chap Order of DeMolay		\$10,000	Arts Scholarship (previously donated)	
District No. 3		\$736	Permanent Fund (not verified)	
AMRA		\$2,000	Permanent Fund (Check)	
		\$35,296	+ a computer for the Grand Lodge office	\$35,296

50 Year Recognition (Presentation by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania)

The following special Fifty Year member presentation was conducted by:

RW Edward O. Weisser, PGM Pennsylvania (*Representative of the Grand Master*)
W Martin H. Bayer, PM Herman Humbolt Lodge No. 125 (*Worshipful Master*)

The presentation was made to Brother Henry K. Staiger at the will and pleasure of MW L. V. (Joe) Dees. Brother Staiger is a 30 resident of Alaska and a member of Herman Humbolt Lodge No. 125 of Philadelphia, PA.

Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania

SUGGESTED CEREMONY FOR PRESENTATION OF FIFTY YEAR EMBLEM

Worshipful Master:

Brethren, we pause in our deliberations for the purpose of paying a tribute of respect to Brethren who have served in the ranks of the Masonic Fraternity for a period of two score and ten years.

The Years of Man are readily divisible by the symbolic number '3' –

YOUTH: The springtime of life, when with vision and energy, the attainment of useful knowledge is planned.

MANHOOD: Bring to fruition, the visions of Youth by performing our duties to God, our Country, our neighbor and ourselves.

MATURITY: The time for relaxation, contemplation and retrospection; the period of time, that from the experience of the past, - we are able to give counsel, advice and guidance for the building or every good and laudable service for the perpetuity of Freemasonry. It is the recognizing of this phase of life – Maturity – to which we are now directing our attention.

Brothers _____, _____, _____,
_____, having attained this distinction, I congratulate you. That the Brethren may know of your Masonic affiliation, the Secretary will read from our records.

(The Secretary reads the records)

Worshipful Master:

The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, recognizing this Masonic Maturity, presents a Fifty Year Service Emblem of Gold. Brother _____, Representative of the Grand Master will, on his behalf, present this Emblem of Service.

Representative of the Grand Master

Brother Steward, you wilt present Brothers _____, _____,
_____, _____, at the Altar of Freemasonry.

(The Brethren having been presented, the Representative of the Grand Master continues)

Brethren, fifty years ago, you stood, as you do now, before the Altar of Freemasonry, where you obligated yourselves. to be true and faithful Brethren of the Craft; to observe with diligence your duties to God. your Country, your neighbor and yourselves. For Fifty Years, you have labored to spread Masonic Light and Knowledge, and have reached this Maturity that is especially recognized by the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Before engaging further, let us invoke a Divine blessing upon this our present undertaking – Brother Chaplain –

Chaplain: (From his place in the East)

Most Holy and Glorious Lord God, thou Great Architect of heaven and earth, who art the giver of all good gifts and graces, vouchsafe to us Thy guidance and grace. Look down with favor upon these our Brethren who have been endued with the Spirit of Masonry during the length of days. Give them grace to continue this service in health, strength and abiding faith. May the Light of Thy Countenance shine upon them that they may dwell In Thy love all the days of their lives. This we ask to the glory and honor of Thy Name, world without end. Amen.

Representative of the Grand Master:

Brother Steward, conduct the Brethren to the East:

Brethren, we have heard read the Masonic records of the Brethren we are honoring at this time. Each has attained the Fiftieth Milestone of the pilgrimage of Symbolic Masonry. Brethren, in recognition of your Fifty Year membership in the Masonic Fraternity, The, Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has seen fit to prepare and bestow upon you an Emblem of Gold. By virtue of the authority in me vested by the Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, I do present to you the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge Award of Gold as a visible token of its Fraternal love and grateful appreciation. (Invest with Emblem) May you wear this Emblem with pleasure to yourself and with honor to the Fraternity where so ever dispersed. I congratulate you upon this distinctive recognition.

ELECTION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

The following is the results of the election of officers for the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska. As reported by the Chairman for the Committee Credentials, there were 139 votes cast with 70 votes required to capture a majority.

Grand Master:

Harry J. Koenen – 139 votes (position accepted)

Deputy Grand Master:

Lloyd W. Triggs – 1 vote

Dennis R. Thayer – 1 vote

Marvin Fitzpatrick – 137 votes (position accepted)

Senior Grand Warden

Ken R. Creamer - 1

J. B. Carnahan – 1 vote

Douglas C. Teninty – 1 vote

Jared S. Decker – 2 votes

Samuel K. Medsker – 134 votes (position accepted)

Junior Grand Warden

John C. Harvey – 1 vote

Russell D. Shivers – 1 vote

Dennis Z. Morgan – 1 vote

Douglas C. Teninty – 58 votes

Jared S. Decker – 76 votes (position accepted)

Grand Treasurer

Gunnar Flygenring – 1 vote

John R. “Bo” Cline – 1 vote

Charles E. Corbin – 1 vote

Jim Grubbs – 3 vote

Dennis Gruley – 3 votes

Dennis Z. Morgan – 13 votes

James D. Grubbs, Sr. – 120 votes (position accepted)

Grand Secretary

Thomas Schram – 3 votes

James D. Grubbs, Sr. – 1 vote

John Johnson – 1 vote

John R. “Bo” Cline – 134 votes (position accepted)

INSTALLATION OF GRAND LODGE OFFIERS

An open installation for the 2005 - 2006 officers for the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was conducted at the Sheraton Anchorage Hotel on February 4, 2005.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Welcome and Introduction

By M.W. L. V. Joe Dees, Grand Master Masons of Alaska

INSTALLING OFFICERS

Installing Master	M.W. Leslie R. Little, P.G.M
Installing Marshal	M.W. Charles E. Corbin, P.G.M
Installing Marshal	M.W. Gunnar Flygenring, P.G.M
Installing Marshal	M.W. Lloyd W. Triggs, P.G.M
Installing Chaplain	M.W. Henry T. Dunbar, P.G.M
Installing Secretary	M.W. Kenneth E. Stedman, P.G.M
Installing Organist	Alice Chaney, P.H.P.

ELECTED OFFICERS

Grand Master	M.W. Harry J. Koenen (Maggie)
Deputy Grand Master	R.W. Marvin B. Fitzpatrick (Gwyn)
Senior Grand Warden	R.W. Samuel K Medsker (Michelle)
Junior Grand Warden	R.W. Jared S. Decker (Suni)
Grand Treasurer	R. W. James D. Grubbs (Tes)
Grand Secretary	R.W. John R. "Bo" Cline (Beth)

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Grand Chaplain	W. Eugene M. Mockerman (Alice)
Grand Lecturer	W. Jerome P. Wasson (Sandra)
Grand Orator	V.W. V. Clifford Darnell
Grand Historian	W. Roger A. Barnstead (Sheryl)
Grand Marshal	W. James E. Howard
Senior Grand Deacon	W. Glen E. Josey (Elaine)
Junior Grand Deacon	W. William P. Kalbach (Ginny)

Grand Standard Bearer	W. E. Fred Lentz (Joanie)
Grand Sword Bearer	W. James M. LeFlore (Karen)
Grand Bible Bearer	W. Gerald B. Hughes (Sheila)
Senior Grand Steward	W. Russell D. Shivers (Caroline)
Junior Grand Steward	R.W. Donald P. Frizzell (Muriel)
Grand Organist	W. Dwight E. Morris (Deanna)