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of Free and Accepted Masons
of Alaska**

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ROLL CALL

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Master	MW Johnnie L. Wallace
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deputy Grand Master	RW Ronald L. Ackerman
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Warden	RW Jerry W. Pinion
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Warden	RW James R. Herrington
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Treasurer	RW James D. Grubbs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Secretary	RW Jerome P. Wasson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Chaplain	W Van O. Chaney
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Lecturer	VW Thomas L. Schram
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grand Orator	VW Rex C. Hasty
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Historian	W Roger A. Barnstead
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Marshal	W Jeffrey W. Defreest
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Deacon	W James S. Zuke
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Deacon	W Nicholas J. Choromanski
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Standard Bearer	W Carl J. Lindstrom
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Sword Bearer	W James Peasley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Bible Bearer	W Timothy Jackson
<input type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Steward	VW Paul S. Gabbert
<input type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Steward	W Michael S. Leroux
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Organist	W Dwight E. Morris
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Tyler	W Tim J. Jellison

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
- Kodiak Lodge No. 9
- Glacier Lodge No. 10
- Kenai Lodge No. 11
- Fairbanks Lodge No. 12
- Eagle River Lodge No. 13
- Aurora Lodge No. 15
- North Pole Lodge No. 16
- Anchorage Lodge No. 17
- Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18
- Ketchikan Lodge No. 19
- Iditarod Lodge No. 20
- Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21
- Sterling Lodge No. 22
- Petersburg Lodge No. 23

MW Grand Master, all Grand Lodge Officers, except the Grand Orator, Senior Grand Steward, and Junior Grand Steward, and all lodges are represented and we, therefore, have a Constitutional quorum to open Grand Lodge.

RW Jerome P “Jerry” Wasson
Grand Secretary

SOLEMN CEREMONIES

The public opening of the Thirtieth Annual Communication of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was opened at 8:00 AM on February 3, 2011, by Worshipful Brother Dennis Oakland. The program for the public ceremonies included:

Grand Lodge Officers seated in stations and places
Flag presentation performed by Anchorage Commandry #2 Knights Templar of Alaska
Pledge of Allegiance
U.S. and Canadian National Anthems
Alaska Flag Song
Welcome by Mayor of Anchorage, Dan Sullivan
Response by MW Charles Corbin PGM
Introduction of Representatives of Concordant Bodies and Appendant Bodies

The formal opening of the Thirtieth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was opened at 10:00 AM on February 3, 2011, by Most Worshipful Johnnie L. Wallace Grand Master of Masons in Alaska in Ample Form.

The first through fourth sessions of Grand Lodge were called to order by the following brethren respectively:

First Session
VW Thomas L, Schram
Second Session
W Steven W. Stewart
Third Session
W William R. Roberts
Fourth Session
W Edward C. Roberts

Distinguished Guests

Municipality of Anchorage
Honorable Dan Sullivan, Mayor

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

MW Timothy Mullins, Grand Master
RW Curtis Harris, Deputy Grand Master

RW George Joshua, Grand Senior Warden
RW Franklyn Dunbar, Grand Lecturer

Arizona, F. & A. M.

RW Brook Cunningham, Deputy Grand Master representing the Grand Master of Arizona

California, A. F. & A. M.

MW William J. Bray III, Grand Master
RW Frank Loui, Deputy Grand Master

Oregon, A. F. & A. M.

MW Ed Bousquet, Grand Master
MW John D. Levie, PGM

Pennsylvania, F. & A. M.

RW Edward O. Weisser, PGM

Michigan, F. & A. M.

MW Charles Moulthrop, PGM

Washington, F. & A. M.

MW Godofiedo S. Lascano, Grand Master
MW William R. Miller, PGM
VW Charles H. Tupper, DDGM

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

MW Alan Cross, Grand Master
RW Martin Allen, District Deputy to the Grand Master

Japan, F. & A. M.

MW Philip A. Ambrose, PGM
W Katsuyuki Kumano, WM Sagamihara Masonic Lodge #13

Representatives of Concordant Bodies

Al Aska Shrine Temple

V. J. "Nik" Nicholas, Potentate

Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction

Dale S. Cain, Deputy of the Supreme Council in Alaska

Grand Commandry, Knights Templar of Alaska

L. F. "Buck" Buxton, Right Eminent Grand Commander representing
Right Eminent Grand Commander Mitchell R. Miller

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Alaska

W Dennis N. Oakland, representing
Michael Pursey, Grand High Priest

Order of the Eastern Star

Sandy Polsky, Worthy Matron of Denali Chapter 16 representing
Claudia Johnson, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Alaska

Grand Court of Alaska, Amaranth

Virginia Pinion, Grand Royal Matron
RW Jerry W. Pinion, Grand Royal Patron
DeMolay International
Anthony Little, Alaska DeMolay
Cody Little, DeMolay Squire
International Order of the Rainbow for Girls
Gabrielle Hazelton, Supreme Deputy in Alaska
Sonja Stoces, Grand Mother Advisor
Miss Chloe Stoces, Grand Worthy Advisor
International Order of Job's Daughters
Wynn LaComte, Supreme Deputy to Alaska
Susan Anderson, Bethel Guardian
Miss Brynn Johnson, Past Honor Queen
Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America
Vicky McCall, Princess Waheed Court #81 representing Grand High
Priestess Heather Carlson

MESSAGE OF THE M.W. GRAND MASTER

Message

To the members of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F.&A.M. of Alaska, and all distinguished visitors:

Brothers all. We thank each and every one of you for being here this week to support your Grand Lodge, on this our Thirtieth Year, a pearl of a year. Over the past Thirty-some years I have considered a number of Brothers as a mentor, that helped me along the way in Masonry. The two of that helped me most in my early years were MW Glen W. Pruitt and VW Fred L. McGuire to whom I dedicate this Annual Communication.

Thank you to each and every Brother that has made this year special for the Grand Lodge Officers. Your courtesies and fellowship were appreciated. The fine dinners provided also added to our waist lines. The Grand Lodge Officers this year traveled to visit all 20 Lodges within the State and enjoyed your excellent work and fellowship. Keep up the excellent work you are all doing, your pride in doing good Masonic work shows.

The day after being installed as your Grand Master, on the 5th of February 2010, the District Deputies and elected Grand Lodge Officers along with their wives met for breakfast and discussed the year's program the morning of February 6th. That same afternoon many of the Grand Lodge Officers and members attended a memorial service for Mrs. Joan Flygenring, wife of PGM Gunnar Flygenring, both now reside with the Grand Architect of the Universe. That same day many of the Grand Lodge Officers attended the Al Aska Shrine Potentates Ball, where we were hosted by the Potentate,

Illustrious Sir David Worel, and his wife Kathy. We all enjoyed the evening. During the evening, under presentations, our Potentate allowed me to make a presentation to PGM Fred V. Angleton on behalf of the Grand Lodge of California. It was my honor to present him with his 50 year pin and certificate.

Several of the Grand Lodge elected officers attended the Western Conference of Grand Masters and the North America Conference of Grand Masters, February 20th – 23rd, in Alexandria, VA. Past Grand Master MW John R. “Bo” Cline hosted the Western Conference which was held at the George Washington Masonic Memorial, in the North Lodge Room on February 20th. The meeting was attended by members of all six Grand Lodges of the Western Conference. Many thanks to Bro. George D. Seghers, Executive Director of the facility, for making it available for our use and MW John R. “Bo” Cline for making it all happen.

On February 21st – 23rd, we had the pleasure of meeting Grand Masters & Grand Lodge Officers from all over this great universe. These two conferences gave us the opportunity to learn of concerns throughout the Fraternity. We also learned how some of those concerns have been resolved and how they may help our own Grand Lodge. What a great time to meet, share, and learn from each other. On February 22nd, George Washington’s birthday, we all returned to the George Washington Masonic Memorial to attend meetings and celebrate the 100th year anniversary of the Memorial. Photos were taken on the front steps of all the Grand Masters present.

Many special events were attended this year to honor the Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers. On February 12th, the Anchorage Scottish Rite Valley hosted a dinner at their stated meeting in honor of the Grand Master. On March 4th -5th, I attended the Grand York Rite Session held in Anchorage. On April 6th the Juneau Scottish Rite Valley hosted a dinner in honor of the Grand Master, prior to the official visit of Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21. On August 14th the Fairbanks Scottish Rite Valley hosted a dinner at their stated meeting to honor the Grand Master. Illustrious Brother JB and Roberta Carnahan gave Mary and I a tour of the Fairbanks Scottish Rite Building, which is scheduled for completion this year. The Scottish Rite Orient of Alaska hosted the Grand Master at their annual Leadership Training conference held in New Orleans April 16th – 18th, 2010. Al Aska Shrine International hosted the Grand Master at the Imperial Council Session held in Toronto, Canada July 4th -8th, 2010. December of this year, the Grand Lodge of Alaska was honored as the Grand Lodge of the Month at the George Washington Masonic Memorial. A nice display was arranged by WB Mark A. Tabbert with articles sent from our Grand Secretary’s office and the Alaska Masonic Library and Museum.

Visitations of the Alaska Masonic Lodges:

All Twenty Lodges of Alaska were visited by the Grand Lodge Officers this year. Joint meetings where held in Anchorage, Eagle River, Fairbanks, and Seward where three Lodges in each city were opened in due form by the Lodge Officers and closed in ample form by the Grand Master. All other Lodges where visited individually due to their

distance from each other. After the Lodges were closed, all ladies and visitors were invited to participate in open discussion and hear about the latest happenings within the Grand Lodge. At each of the Lodge visits, Illustrious Sir David Worel, Potentate of Alaska Shrine, spoke about Shrine and the Lodges need to support each other by working as a team. The information he shared with the group as to what Shrine does for the children here in Alaska was an eye opener to many and how we work together to support the betterment of humanity. We had a wonderful time with Dave and Kathy during our term together. I wish for the future leaders of the concordant bodies to have as good a relationship as we have had. Praise goes to all the Lodges for their outstanding work this year. A special praise to the members of Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5 and Kodiak Lodge No. 9 for the extra effort made to open their Lodges in due form. To all the Lodges in Alaska who have seen a renewed interest in Masonry, thank you for all the effort you have made to initiate new candidates and make them feel welcome to this great fraternity.

Visitations of Concordant Bodies and Grand Lodge Communications:

Mary and I attended many Concordant Body installations and meetings this past year wishing them all a successful year. We attended Washington's Grand Lodge Communication, BC/Yukon's Grand Lodge Communication, California's Grand Lodge Communication, and Nevada's Grand Lodge Communication, where we were treated like royalty. Attended the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alaska Communication held in Fairbanks where RW Ron Ackerman and I were treated royally. It was again a great pleasure to attend International Days, with Tanana Lodge No. 3 and Yukon Territory Lodges in Dawson City, at which Yukon Lodge No. 45 held their annual Installation of Officers. We participated in two parades this year with Shrine Clubs; the Farthest North Shrine Club in Fairbanks at the Golden Days Parade; and Valdez Shrine Club in Valdez at the Gold Rush Days Parade where the Shriners took the first place, over all Blue Ribbon. A good time was had by all. After each of these parades, we attended picnics where the fellowship was outstanding. In August, we had the honor of attending the Amaranth Grand Court session held in Seward by the Sea Session. After attending the Grand Lodge of Nevada Communication in November we traveled to Seattle to attend Lafayette Lodge No. 241, 82nd Annual International Dinner and Bible Signing ceremony. All of these events will be remembered for all of the wonderful fellowship.

Appointments:

MW Stanley R. Foulke PGM was appointed as representative to Florida.

RW James G. Kincheloe, Jr. was appointed as representative to Virginia.

During this year I have had many Brothers ask about being a representative to a state or country, but upon research we have found those positions to be filled, even though we have many that are not filled. I would encourage each of you to contact the Grand Secretary's office if you are interested in being a representative. The office can provide a quick answer for you as to what is available. MW John R "Bo" Cline was appointed to

work with our web master to change the web page look and make it easier for other designated individuals to make updates to the page.

RW Jerome P. Wasson was appointed to work with the State Department of Transportation commissioner on the design of Masonic license plates which our State Legislature has approved for fraternal organizations.

The following Brothers represented the Grand Master this year at functions, which he was unable to attend.

- RW Jerry W. Pinion represented the Grand Master at Waheed Court No. 81, Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America, at their installation of officers. He also represented the Grand Master at the Grand Lodge of Arizona Communication and at the Alaska International Order of Rainbow for Girls Grand Assembly.
- VW Robert Wiseman represented the Grand Master at the Grand Lodge of Idaho Communication.
- MW Stanley R. Foulke PGM represented the Grand Master at the Grand Lodge of Florida Communication.
- Brother Jerry Lewis represented the Grand Master at the Grand Lodge of Maine Communication.
- MW John R. "Bo" Cline represented the Grand Master at the Grand Lodge of Oregon and the Grand Lodge of Maryland Communications.

Necrology:

With sadness we report that since our last Communication thirty of our Brothers have laid down their working tools and answered the call of the Great Architect of the Universe. A memorial service will be conducted later today.

State of the Craft:

The Craft throughout the State is doing excellent work and almost all Lodges were opened in due form without the use of ciphers. Thank you Brothers for your dedication to your Lodges and performing good work for your members and candidates. Most Lodges are seeing a renewed interest in Masonry with many petitions being submitted. Those Lodges that have had little or no activity in the past are also becoming active in the degree work. As most know, the Grand Lodge Officers and many other members have volunteered to help with degree work when requested. An example was this year Valdez Lodge No. 4 needed help with a third degree. We also had a need to visit Valdez for other reasons. I needed to install the District Deputy for District No. 1, VW James Ujioka and PGM Bo Cline also needed to made a presentation to VW Marvin Harned as the Mason of the Year for 2009. The response was outstanding with four PGMs, MW Charles E. Corbin, MW L.V. "Joe" Dees, MW Harry J. Koenen, and MW John R. "Bo" Cline; VW

Cliff Darnell, W Richard Grant, and myself traveling to Valdez to help with the degree. Thank you to each Worshipful Master for providing training to your officers and members this year, it shows in the work being performed. A big Thank You to all Lodges for filing the IRS 990 forms before the deadline this year. It appears this requirement will not be going away so please plan on doing the reports on time and provide the Grand Treasurer with a copy so that he does not have to remind you.

Status of Law Suit:

At this writing, the Alaska Supreme Court on August 31, 2010, returned the case to the Judge for a ruling on one part of the case. We are waiting on a ruling from the Judge at this time.

Internet:

Our web page has not been updated the past six months and the re-design has been at a standstill since mid year.

Grand Lodge Data Base:

At our last communication in 2009 we voted to purchase a system named “ MORI ” as a data base for the Grand Lodge and the Lodges in Alaska. Since that session our Grand Secretary and several Grand Lodge Officers have previewed several other systems that work much the same. At this time the Grand Secretary and we feel the best system for use by our Grand Lodge is titled Grand Lodge Membership Management System, a system presently being used by Texas, Washington, and many other Grand Lodges. We request the approval of this Grand Lodge to use the money donated last year to purchase the system and start the education program, enabling Lodge Secretaries to use the data base system to maintain their membership records at the same time keeping the Grand Lodge data base up to date.

Prince Hall Recognition:

At this publication, of the twenty-eight requests for recognition by Prince Hall Grand Lodges that this Grand Lodge sent out this year, we have received recognition from the following Prince Hall Grand Lodges: Texas, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Colorado, Maryland, and the Province of Ontario.

Official Acts:

I authorized the use of the Square and Compasses on the Altar for Anchorage Chapter No. 8 Order of the Eastern Star in accordance with the approval and guidance of the MWGM of the Order of the Eastern Star.

At the request of Tanana Lodge No. 3, I met with Two Prince Hall Brothers that had demitted from their Prince Hall Lodge and petitioned for membership in Tanana Lodge.

I determined in individual meetings with these brothers that they met our proficiency requirements as Master Masons and allowed their membership without having to go through the degrees.

At the request of Masons in the Nenana, Alaska area to form a Masonic Club, I have granted their request and wish the Brothers success in meeting their goals.

Proclamation, Edicts and Rulings:

I sent a letter to all Lodges in Alaska regarding the use of the Alternate Proficiency Guide to be used in accordance with the Alaska Masonic Code, Section 20.11 Bylaw on July 21, 2010.

Bylaws Approved:

Bylaws for White Pass Lodge No. 1 were approved to increase the dues from \$30.00 to \$50.00 per year.

Bylaws for Seward Lodge No. 6 were approved for the Holding Corporation on April 22, 2010.

Bylaws for Kodiak Lodge No. 9 were approved to change their meeting dates to the first Wednesday in each quarter on June 8, 2010.

Bylaws for Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21 Holding Corporation were approved on September 13, 2010.

Dispensations Approved:

Dispensation for Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21 to change their meeting place was approved February 22, 2010.

Dispensation for Kenai Lodge No. 11 to ballot on a petition early was approved February 11, 2010.

Dispensation for Sterling Lodge No. 22 to change their meeting place was approved on May 14, June 16, and July 22.

Dispensation for Kenai Lodge No. 11 to change their meeting time to conduct a third degree was approved on June 7, 2010.

Dispensation for Kenai Lodge No. 11 to have courtesy work conducted on a candidate in Seward Lodge No. 6 was approved on October 22, 2010

Dispensation for Seward Lodge No. 6 to change their meeting time from 8:00 PM to 6:00 PM for the purpose of conducting two Entered Apprentice degrees was approved on October 22, 2010.

Recommendations:

It is my recommendation that a late filing fee of \$15.00 be added to the \$25.00 fee for registration for those registrations postmarked after the registration deadline. Late filings result in the Grand Secretary's office, and the Grand Master having to make many changes at the last minute, which in some cases can not be accommodated. Early registration is highly recommended.

I recommend that a committee be formed to procure a web page designer that will work with our present web page to improve and update it, making it simple to be updated by the Grand Secretary's office. The total price, plus hosting the site for one year is not to exceed \$1,000.00 dollars. The web page allows our membership and those having an interest in becoming a member to be informed. This is the best tool available presently to share information with all.

It gives me great pleasure to recommend that RW Donald Patrick Frizzell be made an Honorary PGM of this Grand Lodge and be presented with the Jewel and Apron of that office at this time. RW Frizzell has been a participating Brother of this Grand Lodge and many Lodges throughout this State for many years providing help in any capacity when requested.

Appreciation:

Words alone can not express my appreciation to those Grand Lodge Officers and Lodge members that took time out of their busy lives to travel to attend the Official Visits with the Grand Master. Thanks to the many Past Grand Masters that traveled throughout the State to visit and offer help when needed; we Thank You for your continuing support. Thanks to Illustrious Sir David Worel for traveling with us this year and sharing with everyone the importance of working together as a team. Thanks to the Lodges for all the courtesies and gifts afforded the Grand Master. To all the Concordant Bodies for their many courtesies, Thank You. To our Sessions and Arrangements Committee and all those that helped make this session a success, a Special Thank You. To VW Dennis R. Thayer, chairman of this session, I can never repay you for all the work you have done to make this a special event; with all the beautiful items made by you for door prizes; and those donated by friends for the Fellowship Banquet. A special Thank You to all that served as Officers and Committeemen for this Grand Lodge year, without your support we would not continue to grow as we have. To all Five District Deputies, Thanks for doing a great job this year, you have made my job so much easier doing what you do best. To the Grand Secretary, RW Jerry Wasson and VW Thomas Schram, Thanks for all your help this year, you make us look really good. Thank you, to the Finance Committee and the Grand Treasurer, for keeping us on track with the resources available. To RW Ronald Ackerman for traveling with me this year, I wish you and your officers a successful year. Brothers all, Thank You for your donations to the Grand Master's appeal this year, the four funds were greatly rewarded by your generosity. May your lives be so rewarded. To my wife Mary, Thank You, for being by my side every day giving me the support and guidance needed to do what is right and for taking me to the airport and picking me up many times at all hours. Your ideas and support has made this year special, helping with the design of the PGM's First Lady's pin will be remembered for all time.

Fraternally:

Johnnie L. Wallace
Grand Master

Report on Status of Lawsuit

In 2002, VW Bro. Robert Fulton and W Bro. Robert Summers as Plaintiff's, filed suit in Anchorage in case 3AN-02-04273CI against defendants PGM Steven L. Cox, PGM Leslie R. Little, and others concerning the suspension of several members of various Masonic Lodges in Alaska. Thereafter, that case was settled, however, several post-judgment actions in the nature of contempt were filed and proceedings were held. The Supreme Court noted that the final settlement was memorialized and dismissed on January 7, 2003

In 2004, Case No. 35W-04-85CI was filed in Seward. Plaintiffs were, PGM Fred V. Angleton, VWB Robert Fulton, and WB Robert Summers against Defendants PGM Steven L. Cox and PGM Leslie R. Little, asserting damages from breach of the settlement and other alleged torts. The case was not against the Grand Lodge of Alaska but instead named the Grand Lodge in a representative capacity as a plaintiff. However, the court ruled that Grand Lodge was not a proper party. The second case was dismissed by the court in September of 2007, and the Plaintiff's appealed to the Supreme Court in S-12896. In it's decision dated September 3, 2010, the Supreme Court reversed the Anchorage Superior Court and remanded the matter for further proceedings. The attorney for the Plaintiff's represented the Brothers without charge, taking this case because he thought it the right thing to do.

Our attorney and the attorney for the Plaintiff's began discussions for final settlement and during a hearing held on January 12, 2011 informed the Judge that they believed settlement was at hand and requested that it be continued until March 10, 2011. The Judge agreed, with the intent that if the matter was fully settled in a manner satisfactory to the parties, that it would be dismissed.

The two lawyers and all parties thereafter continued their settlement discussions, and reached terms for settlement to be written up in proper form and filed with the court. The Plaintiff's will provide for dismissal of the pending action without any further cost or payment of damages by anyone and with each party to bear their own cost and attorney fees. The Plaintiffs and Defendants will execute mutual release of all claims against each other, their attorneys, and representatives. All parties will release the Grand Lodge of Alaska from any and all claims of any sort, with all parties to bear their own costs and attorney fees.

On behalf of PGM Steven L. Cox and PGM Leslie R. Little, I offer an apology to the Plaintiff's in this case for the pain and suffering endured in this case for the actions of the Past Grand Masters.

To the extent that any prior orders issued by the Grand Lodge of Alaska to Concordant and Appendant bodies in reference to this case, other than orders of reinstatement, have not already been rescinded, they are hereby rescinded and declared to be null and void retroactive to the date issued.

The defendants PGM Cox and PGM Little are in agreement and will reimburse the Grand Lodge of Alaska one dollar (\$1.00) each as reimbursement for the attorney fees the Grand Lodge of Alaska incurred in defending them.

It is the desire of PGM Fred Angleton, VW Bro. Robert Fulton, and W Bro. Robert Summers that peace and harmony prevail among all.

It is also the desire of the Members of this Grand Lodge that Brotherly Love cement us together for the good of this Fraternity.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

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

This report is submitted pursuant to Section 3.05 of the Alaska Masonic Code.

Grand Lodge time again! Wow, how time flies! Another year is over and I am still learning things about this job. I am sure that this process will continue. We are getting e-mails on a weekly basis asking "How can I become a Mason". We provide this information with immediate follow-up e-mails. Our first question to all prospects is "What night is the best for you to attend Lodge?", and then we refer them to the appropriate Lodge Secretary.

We are always willing to provide any assistance to you that you request, if it is not readily available we will find you the answer. Stop by if you are in the area. Coffee is nearly always available.

As required by Section 3.05 of the Alaska Masonic Code, I must report that six Lodges did not submit their End-of-Year Reports by the January 10th deadline.

The Lodges that have submitted the required annual returns and all of their monthly returns include:

Tanana #3	Valdez #4
Mt. McKinley #5	Matanuska #7
Kodiak #9	Glacier #10
Kenai #11	Eagle River #13
Aurora #15	Anchorage #17
Mt. Verstovia #18	Iditarod #20
Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux #21	Petersburg #23

The Lodges that are missing monthly reports are:

White Pass #1
Seward #6
Fairbanks #12
North Pole #16
Ketchikan #19
Sterling #22

At the time of publication, five of those Lodges that were reported late have been received at the office. Only White Pass Lodge No. 1 has not filed their reports. This is the least number of Lodges reporting since I have been Grand Secretary. I know your Lodge Secretaries probably get tired of me calling/e-mailing about timely reporting but without it our statistics are of no value. Secretaries you have done a wonderful job this year. Please keep it up!

Our membership numbers are down again this year but with the lack of complete reporting from the Lodges, a completely accurate number is unavailable. According to the data we have reported so far, we had a net loss of thirty.

The submittal of a Lodge roster continues to be a problem. A Lodge roster of members is required to be submitted *with* the End-of-Year Report (AMC 16.16, 6). This is often omitted from the report and requires phone calls, e-mails, or letters to obtain. We use this roster to verify the Grand Lodge membership roster with the Lodges in an attempt to keep the discrepancies to a minimum.

Even with only one Lodge not filing their reports, the data in the table below is not totally correct and does not reflect the current status of the Grand Lodge of Alaska. With the increased effort of the Lodge Secretaries, I hope to see one-hundred percent (100 %) reporting next year. I hope that the members of the Lodge recognize the key place of the Secretary of the Lodge Management Team and will give him any assistance and encouragement necessary to ensure current and accurate reporting of their Lodge.

You will notice again that the number of deaths in the table below and the Necrology report are different. This difference is due to some clean-up work that Tom and I did on our Members Lost records. With the help of the Social Security Death Index, we found a few Bothers on the list that were in fact deceased.

I am happy to report that there is a new Masonic Club in Alaska. They are meeting in Nenana and are submitting reports to my office as required.

One of my goals when I became your Grand Secretary was to get all of our publications that I am responsible for in digital format. I have almost all of them in digital format now. This will make producing them in the future much easier.

It has been a pleasure working with this year's Grand Lodge Team. I was able to travel with the Grand Lodge Team more this year. It was great to visit the Lodges especially the ones that I had never sat in. I have enjoyed my experience this year as your Grand Secretary, and I offer my appreciation to the members of this Grand Jurisdiction for the honor of serving them.

Again this year, I want to thank VW Roger Hansen for all the assistance he has provided to the office. Thank you Roger. I owe a huge Thank You to my wonderful wife Sandy. She continues to give me her complete support and is a very good proof reader.

Respectfully submitted,

RW Jerome P. "Jerry" Wasson
Grand Secretary

STATUS OF LODGES

Lodge	Memb. 1-1-09	MM Enrolled	Affiliate/Dual	Reinstated	Total Gain	Denits	Deaths	Suspended	NPD	Total Loss	Net Gain/Loss	Memb 12-31-09	Elected	Initiated	Passed	Raised
1	52	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	-1	51	0	0	0	0
3	232	1	6	3	10	1	4	0	9	14	-4	218	6	6	1	1
4	66	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	4	4	-2	64	2	3	1	1
5	23	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	3	-2	21	0	0	0	0
6	23	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	-1	22	1	1	0	0
7	115	0	2	0	2	5	4	0	6	15	-13	102	3	3	0	0
9	55	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	4	5	-4	51	2	0	0	0
10	187	0	1	2	3	2	3	0	2	7	-4	183	3	5	3	0
11	119	6	0	1	7	1	4	0	0	5	2	121	6	5	3	6
12	85	4	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	90	4	6	4	4
13	94	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	3	3	-1	93	5	6	0	0
15	73	7	1	0	8	0	0	0	7	7	1	74	3	5	8	7
16	52	2	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	56	2	3	3	2
17	319	4	1	0	5	0	8	1	1	10	-5	314	11	13	7	4
18	59	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	-1	58	2	3	4	1
19	87	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	2	0	87	1	1	1	1
20	108	1	1	1	3	1	1	0	0	2	1	109	6	4	2	1
21	144	2	2	0	4	1	4	0	0	5	-1	143	7	7	3	2
22	30	2	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	1	31	0	0	0	2
23	38	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	-5	33	0	0	0	0
Total	1955	32	21	10	63	12	43	1	37	93	-30	1925	64	71	40	32

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

1st Report

To: The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Alaska.
Subject: 1st Report – Fraternal Relations Committee – February 4, 2011
Re: Recognition of Prince Hall Grand Lodges

In 2009 we sent requests to several Prince Hall Grand Lodges in the United States and Canada that mutual Masonic recognition be established between our Grand Lodge and theirs.

Several years ago the Commission for Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons of North America investigated and reported that all Prince Hall Grand Lodges were regular and were entitled to recognition.

During the past year we received requests from the following Prince Hall Grand Lodges requesting mutual recognition; The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ontario, The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas, The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Colorado, and The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland.

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I move that this report be adopted and that full Masonic Recognition be granted to the afore-mentioned Prince Hall Grand Lodges.

Respectfully Submitted:

MW Henry T. Dunbar PGM, Chairman
W David Worel
W Paul Gabbert

Adopted.

2nd Report

To: The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Alaska.
Subject: 2nd Report – Fraternal Relations Committee – February 4, 2011
Re: Request for Recognition – Grand Lodge of Lithuania

We received a request for recognition from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Lithuania. The Grand Lodge of Lithuania was constituted on April 12, 2002 by the United Grand Lodge of Germany.

The Commission for Recognition of the Grand Masters Conference found in 2005 that the Grand Lodge of Lithuania practices regular Masonry and meets the standards for recognition.

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I move for the adoption of this report and that full Masonic Recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of Lithuania.

Respectfully Submitted:

MW Henry T. Dunbar PGM, Chairman
W David Worel
W Paul Gabbert

Adopted.

3rd Report

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

Subject: 3rd Report – Fraternal Relations Committee – February 4, 2011

Re: Request for Recognition – Grand Lodge of Slovakia

We received a request for recognition from the Grand Lodge of Slovakia which was constituted by the Grand Lodge of the Czech Republic, the United Grand Lodge of England, and the Grand Lodge of Austria on March 21, 2009. It is recognized by the United Grand Lodge of England.

The Commission for Recognition of the Grand Masters Conference is of the opinion that the Grand Lodge of Slovakia meets the standards for recognition.

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I move for the adoption of this report and that full Masonic Recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of Slovakia.

Respectfully Submitted:

MW Henry T. Dunbar PGM, Chairman
W David Worel
W Paul Gabbert

Adopted.

4th Report

To: The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Alaska.
Subject: 4th Report – Fraternal Relations Committee – February 4, 2011
Re: Request for Recognition – Grand Lodge of Azerbaijan

We received a request for recognition from the National Grand Lodge of Azerbaijan. This Grand Lodge was chartered and constituted on December 8, 2008 by the Grand Lodge of Washington, D.C. and the Grand Lodge of Russia. It first consisted of 3 lodges, one chartered by the Grand Lodge of Washington, D.C. in 2002, one chartered by the Grand Lodge of Turkey in 2003, and one chartered by the Grand Lodge of Russia in 2003. A fourth Lodge was chartered in 2007. The constitution and bylaws are patterned after those of the Grande Lodge Nationale Francaise and the United Grand Lodge of England. It is the opinion of the Commission for Recognition of the Grand Masters Conference that the National Grand Lodge of Azerbaijan meets the standards for recognition.

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I move for the adoption of this report and that full Masonic Recognition be extended to the National Grand Lodge of Azerbaijan.

Respectfully Submitted:

MW Henry T. Dunbar PGM, Chairman
W David Worel
W Paul Gabbert

Adopted.

5th Report

To: The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Alaska.
Subject: 5th Report – Fraternal Relations Committee – February 4, 2011
Re: Request for Recognition – Grand Lodge of Cyprus

Again this year we have a request from the Grand Lodge of Cyprus for Mutual Recognition. The Grand Lodge of Cyprus has requested recognition before but was turned down because of their unwillingness to accept and acknowledge the existence of a British District Grand Lodge which had been operating in their country for many years prior to the Grand Lodge of Cyprus being formed.

The Grand Lodge of Cyprus was originally consecrated by the Grand Lodge of Greece nearly one-hundred years ago and consisted of six lodges. It now has eleven lodges and

over 482 brethren. The British Lodges are composed mostly of British Military Masons from two nearby British bases plus a few other English speaking Masons residing in the surrounding area.

The Commission for Recognition of the Grand Masters Conference had previously reported that the Grand Lodge of Cyprus does indeed practice regular Freemasonry and would be entitled to recognition except for the dispute over territorial sovereignty.

This dispute over territorial sovereignty was apparently resolved last summer.

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I move this report be adopted and that full recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of Cyprus.

Respectfully Submitted:

MW Henry T. Dunbar PGM, Chairman
W David Worel
W Paul Gabbert

Adopted.

6th Report

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

Subject: 6th Report – Fraternal Relations Committee – February 4, 2011

Re: Miscellaneous correspondence

1. A schism has developed in the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Malta. Things have gotten so bad that three of the constituent Lodges have withdrawn their membership from the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Malta. These three Lodges are: “Loggia Mikiel Anton Vassalli,” “Abercorn Lodge” and “Loggia Feniei.” These three Lodges subsequently formed their own Grand Lodge called “The Grand Lodge of Malta.” The Commission on Recognition of the Grand Masters Conference stated that this new Grand Lodge of Malta was not regularly formed, does not have a treaty to share jurisdiction with the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Malta, and therefore, does not meet the standards for recognition.
2. A dispute has existed in the Grand Symbolic Lodge of Paraguay for the past few years between two Grand Masters over which one was the legal authority for the Grand Lodge. Several meetings have occurred between these two individuals and various mediators. An agreement called the “Arlington Agreement” was signed by both parties and each agreed to abide by the terms of that agreement.

The Commission stated that it is very encouraging that unification of Freemasonry in Paraguay has been restored.

3. A letter was received from the “Grand Oriente Paulista” of Sao Paulo, Brazil, wishing to establish fraternal relations with our Grand Lodge of Alaska. The Grand Masters Conference states that the Grande Oriente Paulista was created from dissident Lodges of the Grand Orient of Brazil. They claim to have mutual consent with the Grand Lodge of Sao Paulo and the Grand Orient of Brazil to share jurisdiction of Sao Paulo, but no documentation was presented to that effect. They do not have recognition from any member Grand Lodges of the Grand Masters Conference. Based on the data presented, it is the opinion of the Commission for Recognition that the Grande Oriente Paulista of Sao Paulo does not meet the standards for recognition.
4. Correspondence from the M.W. York Grand Lodge of Mexico, F.A.M., advises that: the self-proclaimed “M.W. Regular York Grand Lodge of Mexico” or “Muy Respectable Grand Logia Regular York de Mexico y Honorable Fraternidad do Libres Aceptados Masones” has been attempting to create confusion in the Craft. Said body is spurious. It was formed by Masons who were expelled from our jurisdiction due to serious Masonic offenses, including rebellion, sedition, and misappropriation of Grand Lodge funds. It has no legitimacy of origin whatsoever.
5. A “Petition for Recognition” was received from an organization called the “Ancient and Primitive Rite of Memphis Misrain” based in Bulgaria. Since this is not a Grand Lodge consisting of a number of Symbolic Lodges of Masons, it would not be appropriate for us to recognize them.
6. In conclusion, based on the variety of the previous reports, it is obvious that Masonry is alive and well in many parts of the world. In others, it is suffering. The Brethren would be well advised whenever traveling in foreign countries to do some investigating, in advance, to determine which Lodges are recognized and which ones should be avoided.

Respectfully Submitted:

MW Henry T. Dunbar PGM, Chairman
W David Worel
W Paul Gabbert

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

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

	Total Number of Ballots
Grand Lodge	35
White Pass Lodge No. 1	4
Tanana Lodge No. 3	9
Valdez Lodge No. 4	4
Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5	2
Seward Lodge No. 6	3
Matanuska Lodge No. 7	8
Kodiak Lodge No. 9	3
Glacier Lodge No. 10	8
Kenai Lodge No. 11	4
Fairbanks Lodge No. 12	2
Eagle River Lodge No. 13	6
Aurora Lodge No. 15	9
North Pole Lodge No. 16	5
Anchorage Lodge No. 17	8
Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18	2
Ketchikan Lodge No. 19	4
Iditarod Lodge No. 20	4
Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21	7
Sterling Lodge No. 22	5
Petersburg Lodge No. 23	4
Voided Ballots	8
Total	136

Respectfully submitted,

VW Darrell E. Winsor
Chairman

APPOINTMENT OF REGULAR COMMITTEES

Standing Committees

Jurisprudence

MW Samuel K. Medsker, Chairman
VW Timothy M. Smith PDD
VW Ken R. Creamer PDD
W Thomas S. Westall
Bro. Philip N. Nash, Advisor

Grievance & Appeals

MW Thomas O. Mickey HPGM, Chairman
MW L. V. "Joe" Dees PGM
VW Johnny Johnson PDD

Finance

MW Harry J. Koenen PGM, Chairman
VW Michael Swenson PDD
RW James D. Grubbs GT
W James R. Griffith
Bro. Daniel O'Connell, Advisor

Fraternal Relations

MW Henry T. Dunbar PGM, Chairman
W Paul Gabbert
W David Worel

Masonic Research & Education

MW John R. (Bo) Cline PGM, Chairman
VW Russell D. Shivers
VW Roger K. Hansen
W Montgomery Schefers
W John K. Bishop
W Michael A. Starkey

Credentials

VW Darrell E. Winsor PDD
RW Jacques Boiley PDD
VW Jim R. McMichael PDD
W Frank H. Bird

Masonic Public Relations

W W David Oaks
MW Samuel K. Medsker PGM
W Michael A. Starkey

Masonic Youth

VW Dale Gillian PDD, Chairman
VW Thomas L. Schram
W Robert Cartmill

Bylaws

W Douglas C. Teninty, Chairman
RW James R. Herrington
W David Pratt

Public Schools

W Kenneth C. Mayo III

Long Range Planning

RW Jerry W. Pinion, Chairman
MW Johnnie L. Wallace
RW Ronald L. Ackerman
RW James R. Herrington
RW James D. Grubbs
RW Jerome P. Wasson
MW John R. (Bo) Cline PGM

Leadership Training

Sitting Masters

Masonic Scholarship

Bro. Stephen E. Wright
Bro. Carroll G. Fader
VW Gerald Hughes PDD
RW Edward O. Weisser PGM

Appointed Sub Committees

Charters & Dispensations

Appointed on Demand

Sessions & Arrangements

VW Dennis R. Thayer, Chairman
W Masters of Anchorage Area Lodges
W James M. LeFlore
Sister Susan Anderson (Ladies Chair)
Sister Barbara Kennedy

Military Recognition

Bro. Mark Sledge

George Washington National Memorial

MW Samuel K. Medsker PGM

Russian Masonry - Special Correspondent

MW Charles E. Corbin PGM, Chairman
MW John Grainger PGM, Emeritus

Wills & Endowments

MW Jared Decker PGM, Chairman
W Edward E. Sarff

Fund Raising

(Sitting Lodge Masters)

Awards

VW (District Deputies)

Internet

W Theodore A. "Tad" Dean, Chairman

Trestle Board

MW Donald G. Chaffin PGM

Grand Lodge Photographers

W Albert R. Schuerger
W Claude H. Roberts
W Kevin W. Tennant

Masonic Code Review

VW Roger K. Hansen PDD, Chairman
RW James R. Herrington JGW
VW Monte Ervin PDD

Ritual

MW Charles E. Corbin, PGM

MW Lloyd Triggs PGM

VW V. Clifford Darnell PDD

Deputies of the Grand Master

District 1 VW James J. Ujioka

District 2 VW Billy W. Harris

District 3 VW Glenn E. Josey

District 4 VW Robert D. Alexander

District 5 VW Frank G. Weiss III

REPORTS OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No reports of unfinished business were received at time of publication.

MOTIONS

Grand Treasurer made motion to have two different scholarship funds one called the Ed Weisser Masonic Scholarship for Music and Visual Arts and another scholarship called the Alaska Masonic Foundation for Children Education Scholarship for students seeking other venues of study.

Motion passed

Grand Master MW Johnnie L. Wallace named RW Donald P. Frizzell Honorary Past Grand Master for the Grand Lodge of Alaska for 2010. After a motion and a second to the motion, the members of Grand Lodge unanimously approved the appointment and welcomed MW Donald P. Frizzell, Honorary Past Grand Master west of the altar, where he was presented his PGM jewel and apron by MW Johnnie Wallace assisted by BC/Yukon Grand Master MW Alan Cross.

RESOLUTIONS AND AMC HOUSEKEEPING CORRECTIONS

Resolutions

Carryover Resolution 2010-10

To amend Sections 16.02, 16.03, 17.01, 20.11, and 20.12 bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To require all newly raised Master Masons to pass an examination of proficiency before becoming members in good standing of the lodge. And to add proficiency requirement for candidates who receive their degrees in a “One-Day-Class.”

WHEREAS: The proficiency requirement for Master Masons was dropped at the 2004 Annual Communication in Sitka. But is required before election or appointment to office in a lodge of Senior Deacon or higher.

WHEREAS: No method has been established to identify Master Masons who have performed full proficiency and those who have demonstrated only minimal proficiency.

WHEREAS: Ineligible brothers have been appointed or elected to lodge offices and been forced to resign after installation due to lack of performed proficiency.

WHEREAS: A Master Mason may affiliate with a new lodge and it is assumed that he is eligible to be elected to the office of Warden or Master of the new lodge.

WHEREAS: The proficiency requirements of the current Alaska Masonic Code creates two classes of Master Masons, those who are fully proficient and those who are minimally proficient.

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

Section 20.11 Bylaw

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

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

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

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

After being raised as a Master Mason the Brother shall pay his dues for the current year as established in the Lodge Bylaws and sign the Bylaws. He then becomes an enrolled member of that Lodge. If at a later date he wishes to progress through the "Chairs" of his Lodge he must demonstrate proficiency in the Master Mason degree in accordance with Section 20.11 Bylaw paragraph 1 & 2 prior to being installed in the office of Senior Deacon, Junior Warden, Senior Warden, or Worshipful Master.

The Provisions of this paragraph may be waived by the Grand Master for the purpose of conducting a One-Day Ritual Class. (**Section revised 1988, 1990, 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004**)

Be amended to read:

Section 20.11 Bylaw

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

1. memorization and recital of the Standard Proficiency as detailed in the Standard Work Ciphher of this Jurisdiction; or,

2. by completion of a written Study Guide provided by the Grand Secretary as an education in Freemasonry and the memorizing and recital of the obligation of each degree as the Brother progresses through the degrees. The choice of proficiency method shall be made by the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, and can be changed as the situation may dictate.

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

~~After being raised as a Master Mason the Brother shall pay his dues for the current year as established in the Lodge Bylaws and sign the Bylaws. He then becomes an enrolled member of that Lodge. If at a later date he wishes to progress through the "Chairs" of his Lodge he must demonstrate proficiency in the Master Mason degree in accordance with Section 20.11 Bylaw paragraph 1 & 2 prior to being installed in the office of Senior Deacon, Junior Warden, Senior Warden, or Worshipful Master.~~

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

(1) Immediately following the examination if the Brother was examined in open Lodge: or,

(2) At the next Stated Communication of the Lodge if the Brother was examined by a committee or if he selected the written Study Guide. He then becomes an enrolled member of that Lodge.

The **Those** Provisions of this **paragraph relating to proficiency in the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Degrees** may be waived by the Grand Master for the purpose of conducting a One-Day Ritual Class. (Section revised 1988, 1990, 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004, 2010)

And, be it further resolved that Section 20.12 bylaw which now reads:

Section 20.12 bylaw

One-Day Ritual Class. The Grand Master may, at his option, authorize a One-Day Ritual Class using the following guide lines:

1. All Candidates for the class must have petitioned and been elected by a lodge in this Jurisdiction as outlined in Chapter 19 of the Alaska Masonic Code.

2. One Blue Lodge will be selected, by the Grand Master, to act as Host Lodge for the One-Day Ritual Class. Candidates from lodges other than the Host Lodge will be handled as courtesy candidates;

3. All three degrees (E.A., F.C., & M.M.) will be presented in full form during the One-Day Class;

4. Proficiencies at the conclusion of the One-Day Class will consist, minimally, of the modes of recognition (step, due guard and sign, grip and word) of each Degree. A candidate who passes said minimal proficiency will be declared proficient by the Worshipful Master of his Lodge. The Candidate must sign the bylaws of his Lodge and pay the current year's dues. He then becomes an enrolled Member of that Lodge. (A Candidate who wishes to go beyond the minimum requirement and complete the entire Posting Lecture or alternate Proficiency per Section 20.11 should certainly be encouraged to do so.

5. Any Member who receives his degrees in a One-Day Class and opts for the minimal proficiency, and who, at a later date, wishes to progress through the "chairs" of his Lodge will demonstrate proficiency in each of the three degrees, in accordance with Section 20.11, prior to being installed in the Office of Senior Deacon, Junior Warden, Senior Warden or Worshipful Master. (Section Adopted 2000)

Be amended to read:

Section 20.12 bylaw

One-Day Ritual Class. The Grand Master may, at his option, authorize a One-Day Ritual Class using the following guide lines:

1. All Candidates for the class must have petitioned and been elected by a lodge in this Jurisdiction as outlined in Chapter 19 of the Alaska Masonic Code.

2. One Blue Lodge will be selected, by the Grand Master, to act as Host Lodge for the One-Day Ritual Class. Candidates from lodges other than the Host Lodge will be handled as courtesy candidates;

3. All three degrees (E.A., F.C., & M.M.) will be presented in full form during the One-Day Class;

4. Proficiency for Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft degrees ~~at the conclusion of the One-Day Class~~ will consist, minimally, of the modes of recognition (step, due guard and sign, grip and word) of each Degree. A candidate who passes said minimal proficiency will be declared proficient in the EA and FC degrees by the Worshipful Master of his Lodge. The Candidate must then return to his lodge and demonstrate proficiency in the MM degree as in accordance with Section 20.11, sign the bylaws of his Lodge and pay the current year's dues. He then becomes an enrolled Member of that Lodge. ~~(A Candidate who wishes to go beyond the minimum requirement and complete the entire Posting Lecture or alternate Proficiency per Section 20.11 should certainly be encouraged to do so:~~

~~————— 5. Any Member who receives his degrees in a One-Day Class and opts for the minimal proficiency, and who, at a later date, wishes to progress through the “chairs” of his Lodge will demonstrate proficiency in each of the three degrees, in accordance with Section 20.11, prior to being installed in the Office of Senior Deacon, Junior Warden, Senior Warden or Worshipful Master. (Section Adopted 2000)~~

And, be it further resolved that Section 16.02 bylaw which now reads:

Section 16.02 Bylaw

QUALIFICATION TO VOTE, ELIGIBILITY TO OFFICE. Each member in good standing of a Lodge is entitled to vote, and is eligible to hold any office therein, except as restricted in Section 20.11. **(Section revised 2004)**

Be amended to read:

Section 16.02 Bylaw

QUALIFICATION TO VOTE, ELIGIBILITY TO OFFICE. Each member in good standing of a Lodge is entitled to vote, and is eligible to hold any office therein, ~~except as restricted in Section 20.11.~~ **(Section revised 2004)**

And be it further resolved that Section 16.03 which now reads:

Section 16.03 Bylaw

OFFICER QUALIFICATION. Prior to election or appointment, officers of a Lodge must be voting members thereof except the Chaplain, Organist, and Tyler, who may also be voting members of the Lodge or they may be members of other regular Lodges, except as restricted in Section 20.11. **(Section revised 2004)**

Be amended to read:

Section 16.03 Bylaw

OFFICER QUALIFICATION. Prior to election or appointment, officers of a Lodge must be voting members thereof except the Chaplain, Organist, and Tyler, who may also be voting members of the Lodge or they may be members of other regular Lodges, ~~except as restricted in Section 20.11.~~ (Section revised 2004)

And, be it further resolved that Section 17.01 para. 2 Bylaw which now reads:

Section 17.01 Bylaw

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

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

Be amended to read:

Section 17.01 Bylaw

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

MW Samuel K Medsker (3,12,16)

VW Monte R Ervin (3,12,16)

Jason P. Mayrand SW (3)

Report of the Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. This committee does not offer an opinion as to whether it should or should not be adopted. This resolution requires a three-fourths majority to pass.

This resolution received a majority of the votes at the last Grand Lodge communications but did not receive the required three-fourths majority. In accordance with AMC 7.07 it requires a majority of the vote cast to be adopted.

Note: This resolution failed to receive a majority vote cast to be approved on February 3, 2011 and was rejected.

Carryover Resolution 2010-11

To amend Section 16.16 sub-paragraph 2 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code.

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To delete the requirement for the Secretary of the Lodges to read the minutes of the stated meeting at the next stated communication.

WHEREAS: At the beginning of each stated communication the secretary spends thirty to forty-five minutes reading the minutes of the last stated and the intervening special communications.

WHEREAS: Many members are bored or asleep at the end of these readings.

WHEREAS: We need to make lodge meetings interesting to improve attendance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 16.16 sub-paragraph 2 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

Section 16.16 Bylaw

SECRETARY. It is the duty of the Secretary:

2. To transcribe fairly, such proceedings from the minute book to the regular record book after they have been approved or corrected, read them from the record book at the next Stated Communication for information, and after signing them, present them to the Master for his approval and signature. The Master may dispense with reading the minutes of previous Special Communications when deemed expedient;

Be amended to read:

Section 16.16 Bylaw

SECRETARY. It is the duty of the Secretary:

2. To transcribe fairly, such proceedings from the minute book to the regular record book after they have been approved or corrected, ~~read them from the record book at the next Stated Communication for information, and~~ after signing them, present them to the Master for his approval and signature. ~~The Master may dispense with reading the minutes of previous Special Communications when deemed expedient.~~ **Have the record book available for reference at the stated communications. Have the record of the**

meeting minutes available to members of the lodge at convenient times should they request a review.

Respectfully submitted,

MW Samuel K. Medsker (3,12,16)

VW Monte R. Ervin (3,12,16)

Michael A. Starkey PM (3)

Report of the Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. This committee does not offer an opinion as to whether it should or should not be adopted. This resolution requires a three-fourths majority to pass.

This resolution received a majority of the votes at the last Grand Lodge communications but did not receive the required three-fourths majority. In accordance with AMC 7.07 it requires a majority of the vote cast to be adopted.

Note: This resolution passed by a majority hand vote of the members present on February 3, 2011 and was adopted.

Resolution 2011-1

To amend Bylaw Section 18.19 of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to ensure that a petitioner for the degrees, affiliation, or dual membership answers all the required items and that the petitioner's Social Security Number is not required.

WHEREAS: The second sentence of this section, states that the petitioner for affiliation only has to sign his name and supply his age, occupation, and place of residence, even though there are additional items to be completed on the form. However, the petitioner for the degrees has to answer all the required items on the petition, and

WHEREAS: There is no reference to a petition for dual membership in this section, and

WHEREAS: The petition form for affiliation/dual membership supplied by the Grand Secretary clearly indicates

- FOR AFFILLIATION
- FOR DUAL MEMBERSHIP

with several other items to be completed by the petitioner, and

WHEREAS: The Alaska Masonic Code should reflect what is asked on its forms, and

WHEREAS: Resolution 2006-7 was passed requiring that the question asking for the petitioner's Social Security Number not to be asked, and

WHEREAS: Resolution 2006-7 did not place the requirement to not ask for the Social Security Number in the Alaska Masonic Code, and.

WHEREAS: On petition forms for the degrees and for affiliation or dual membership, as supplied by the Grand Secretary, there is a space for indicating the Social Security Number of the petitioner, and

WHEREAS: Resolution 2006-7 only references Bylaw 18.19, and

WHEREAS: Many of the brethren are not aware of Resolution 2006-7, and

WHEREAS: Placing the non-requirement in the Bylaw text would make it more definite and visible to all brethren.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 18.19 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

Section 18.19 Bylaw

PETITION, FORM AND CONTENTS. A petition for the degrees or for affiliation is made in writing and signed by the petitioner with his full name. He states his age, occupation, and place of residence, and, in case of a petitioner for the degrees, he answers in writing all of the questions on the petition for the degrees. To be accepted by the Lodge, the petition must be recommended in writing by three members of the Lodge and be presented at a Stated Communication. If accepted, it is entered in substance upon the records of the Lodge.

Be amended to read;

Section 18.19 Bylaw

~~**PETITION, FORM AND CONTENTS.** A petition for the degrees or for affiliation is made in writing and signed by the petitioner with his full name. He states his age, occupation, and place of residence, and, in case of a petitioner for the degrees, he answers in writing all of the questions on the petition for the degrees. To be accepted by the Lodge, the petition must be recommended in writing by three members of the Lodge and be presented at a Stated Communication. If accepted, it is entered in substance upon the records of the Lodge.~~

A petition for the degrees, affiliation, or dual membership is made in writing on the appropriate form supplied by the Grand Secretary and signed by the petitioner with his full name and date. The petitioner for the degrees, affiliation, or dual membership shall answer in writing all of the required items on the petition except

the item indicating his Social Security Number. To be accepted by the Lodge, the petition for the degrees and the petition for affiliation or dual membership shall be recommended in writing by three members of the Lodge and presented at a Stated Communication with the appropriate fee in accordance with Section 18.20 for the degrees and Sections 9.04, 17.05, and 19.15 for affiliation or dual membership. If accepted, it is entered in substance upon the records of the Lodge.

Respectfully submitted

VW Roger K. Hansen (7, 20, 23)

Report of the Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. This committee does not offer an opinion as to whether it should or should not be adopted. This resolution requires a three-fourths majority to pass.

Note: This resolution passed by a hand vote of the members present on February 3, 2011 and was adopted.

Resolution 2011-2

To amend Section 18.02 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To be consistent between sections of the Alaska Masonic Code and be more definite as to what language the petitioner for the degrees must be capable of performing by revising items 3 and 4 of Section 18.02 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code.

WHEREAS, Under Section 1.07 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code that states “Fraternal recognition of a foreign Grand Lodge is based on fulfillment of the following requirements : ... **Fourth,** that each candidate for the degrees of Masonry expresses a belief in a Supreme Being.” and

WHEREAS, If the Grand Lodge of Alaska requires foreign Grand Lodge’s candidates to express a belief in a Supreme Being for fraternal recognition, the candidates in the Grand Lodge of Alaska should also be required to do so, and

WHEREAS, each religious faith has its own name for their Supreme Being, and

WHEREAS, Masonry being universal throughout the brothers of which have many faiths, the Grand Lodge of Alaska should not ask the name of one particular Supreme Being’s name, and

WHEREAS, on the form *Petition For the Degrees of Masonry* is the question “Do you believe in a Supreme Being?”, and

WHEREAS, the English language has traditionally been the predominant language of choice in this country, and,

WHEREAS, to prevent any future problems we need to be more definite as to what language the petitioner is capable of performing and,

WHEREAS, the Investigation Committee form, provided by the Grand Lodge of Alaska, so asks if the petitioner is capable of speaking, reading, and writing the English language, and,

WHEREAS, the Alaska Masonic Code should reflect what is asked on its forms.

NOW, THEREFORE , BE IT RESOLVED, that section 18.02 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

Section 18.02 Bylaw

QUALIFICATIONS. A petitioner is eligible for the degrees of Masonry if he:

1. Is at least eighteen years of age;
2. Has the senses of a man, especially those of hearing, seeing, and feeling;
3. Is a believer in God;
4. Is capable of reading and writing;
5. Has no maim or defect in his body that would render him incapable of conforming reasonably to what the degrees require of him.

No provision of this Section may be set aside, dispensed with, or suspended by the Grand Master or by the Grand Lodge. (**Section clarified 1988, revised 1998, 2010**)

Be amended to read:

Section 18.02 Bylaw

QUALIFICATIONS. A petitioner is eligible for the degrees of Masonry if he:

1. Is at least eighteen years of age;
2. Has the senses of a man, especially those of hearing, seeing, and feeling;
3. Is a believer in ~~God~~; **a Supreme Being**;
4. Is capable of ~~reading and writing~~; **speaking, reading, and writing the English language**;
5. Has no maim or defect in his body that would render him incapable of conforming reasonably to what the degrees require of him.

No provision of this Section may be set aside, dispensed with, or suspended by the Grand Master or by the Grand Lodge. (**Section clarified 1988, revised 1998, 2010**)

Respectfully submitted

Roger K. Hansen (7, 20, 23)

Report of the Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. This committee does not offer an opinion as to whether it should or should not be adopted. This resolution requires a three-fourths majority to pass.

Note: This resolution failed to receive a majority vote on February 3, 2011 and was rejected.

Resolution 2011-3

To amend Bylaw Sections 6.03, 27.07, and 33.09 of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To change the method of distribution of the annual proceedings in order to reduce costs.

WHEREAS: The existing bylaw was written before electronic means of distribution were developed, and,

WHEREAS: The cost of producing and distributing the printed annual proceedings of the Grand Lodge is becoming more and more costly each year. and,

WHEREAS: We are always trying to reduce costs and still provide a viable service to the Craft., and

WHEREAS: In Bylaw Sections 27.07 and 33.09 the word “proceedings” in the sentence containing the words “proceedings of the Grand Lodge” should be capitalized for consistency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 6.03 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

Section 6.03 Bylaw

DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDINGS. The Grand Secretary annually distributes the printed Proceedings of the Grand Lodge as follows:

1. Two copies to each recognized Alaska Lodge regardless of its jurisdiction;
2. One copy to each Grand Lodge Officer, District Deputy, and Standing Committee member;
3. One copy to each recognized Grand Lodge;
4. One copy to each Grand Representative upon request; and
5. One copy to each public Masonic Library upon request.

Surplus copies are held by the Grand Secretary and sold at not less than the cost of publication. Proceeds from such sales are deposited in the General Fund.

(Section revised 1987, clarified 1988)

Be amended to read;

Section 6.03 Bylaw

DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDINGS. The Grand Secretary ~~annually distributes the printed Proceedings of the Grand Lodge as follows:~~ **shall:**

- ~~1. Two copies to each recognized Alaska Lodge regardless of its jurisdiction;~~
- ~~2. One copy to each Grand Lodge Officer, District Deputy, and Standing Committee member;~~
- ~~3. One copy to each recognized Grand Lodge;~~
- ~~4. One copy to each Grand Representative upon request; and~~
- ~~5. One copy to each public Masonic Library upon request.~~

~~Surplus copies are held by the Grand Secretary and sold at not less than the cost of publication. Proceeds from such sales are deposited in the General Fund.~~

- 1. Distribute annually one copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, upon request, by either electronic or CD media means to the following:**
 - A. Each Lodge within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alaska.**
 - B. The Alaska Masonic Library and Museum.**
 - C. Each Grand Lodge Officer, District Deputy, and Standing Committee Member.**
 - D. Each recognized Grand Lodge.**
 - E. Each Grand Representative;**
- 2. Place the annual proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Alaska on the Grand Lodge of Alaska website.**
- 3. Maintain one printed copy of the annual proceedings in the Grand Lodge office. (Section revised 1987, clarified 1988)**

And, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 27.07 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads

Section 27.07 Bylaw

PENALTIES. The penalties which may be imposed under the provisions of Chapter 27 for a violation of Masonic Law are:

1. Reprimand or censure;
2. Suspension from all rights and privileges of Masonry, which are for a time definite or indefinite; or
3. Expulsion, provided that no judgment of expulsion may be rendered except upon a two-thirds vote of the Grand Lodge in favor thereof.

While under the judgment of suspension, definite or indefinite, the offending Brother is deprived of all Lodge and Grand Lodge privileges. The printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge are the official announcements of its judgments, of which the parties in interest have constructive notice. **(Section clarified 1988)**

Be amended to read:

Section 27.07 Bylaw

PENALTIES. The penalties which may be imposed under the provisions of Chapter 27 for a violation of Masonic Law are:

1. Reprimand or censure;
2. Suspension from all rights and privileges of Masonry, which are for a time definite or indefinite; or
3. Expulsion, provided that no judgment of expulsion may be rendered except upon a two-thirds vote of the Grand Lodge in favor thereof.

While under the judgment of suspension, definite or indefinite, the offending Brother is deprived of all Lodge and Grand Lodge privileges. The ~~printed~~ **electronic or CD media means of providing the proceedings Proceedings** of the Grand Lodge are the official announcements of its judgments, of which the parties in interest have constructive notice. **(Section clarified 1988)**

And, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 33.09 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads

Section 33.09 Bylaw

FINAL RECORD. The printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge are the official announcements of its judgments, of which the parties in interest have constructive notice, and except in case of remanding for a new trial, constitute the final record.

Be amended to read:

Section 33.09 Bylaw

FINAL RECORD. The ~~printed,~~ **electronic or CD media means of providing the proceedings Proceedings** of the Grand Lodge are the official announcements of its judgments, of which the parties in interest have constructive notice, and except in case of remanding for a new trial, constitute the final record.

Respectfully submitted

VW Roger K. Hansen (7, 20, 23)

RW Jerome P. Wasson (13, 20)

Report of the Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. This committee does not offer an opinion as to whether it should or should not be adopted. This resolution requires a three-fourths majority to pass.

Note: This resolution passed by a hand vote of the members present on February 3, 2011 and was adopted.

Resolution 2011-4

To amend Constitution Section 3.05, item 9 of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To change the method of distribution of the annual proceedings in order to reduce costs.

WHEREAS: The existing constitution section was written before electronic means of distribution were developed, and,

WHEREAS: The cost of producing and distributing the printed annual proceedings of the Grand Lodge is becoming more and more costly each year. and,

WHEREAS: We are always trying to reduce costs and still provide a viable service to the Craft., and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 3.05 Constitution, item 9 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

Section 3.05 Constitution

GRAND SECRETARY, DUTIES. The duties of the Grand Secretary are to:

9. Supervise all printing ordered during the Communications of the Grand Lodge, and, at its close, cause to be printed the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge and such reports and documents as may be required.

Be amended to read;

Section 3.05 Constitution

GRAND SECRETARY, DUTIES. The duties of the Grand Secretary are to:

9. Supervise all printing ordered during the Communications of the Grand Lodge, and, at its close, cause to ~~be printed~~ **provide electronic or CD media means of** the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge and such reports and documents as may be required.

Respectfully submitted

VW Roger K. Hansen (7, 20, 23)

RW Jerome P. Wasson (13, 20)

Report of the Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. This committee does not offer an opinion as to whether it should or should not be adopted. This resolution requires a ninety per cent (90%) majority to pass.

Note: This resolution passed by a hand vote of the members present on February 4, 2011 and was adopted.

Resolution 2011-5

To amend Constitution Section 15.04, item 2 of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To require that the precise wording of proposed Lodge bylaw changes be furnished to members of that Lodge who request such information for their study prior to the final vote and to limit the carriers of such Masonic legal and regulatory matters to e-mail and postal mail.

WHEREAS: The Alaska Masonic Code, Section 11.03, requires proposed changes to Grand Lodge legislation be written precisely as desired, be approved by the Jurisprudence Committee, and then be forwarded to the Constituent Lodges for study by the members at least 75 days in advance of the final vote, and

WHEREAS: For new or changed Lodge bylaws to be adopted, the Alaska Masonic Code, Section 15.02, requires only that written notice of the proposed action be mailed to each member of the Lodge 10 days in advance of the final vote with details of the wording or intent not required, and

WHEREAS: Facebook, twitter, and other Internet communication media are rapidly becoming national and international distributors of any information given to them by many millions of public and private customers, which information is available to anyone who wants it and who is looking for items to publish, often to the detriment of Masonry, and

WHEREAS: The word “etc.” as applied in item 2 will mean different electronic media to different Secretaries and leaves us even more exposed to electronic media about which we know little or nothing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 15.02, item 2 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

Section 15.02 Constitution LODGE BYLAWS.

2. Proposed Bylaws or amendments thereto are presented in writing at a Stated Communication. Bylaws can be adopted or amended only at a subsequent Stated Communication by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present after each member of that Lodge has been notified by mail or by use of the

Internet (e-mail, facebook, twitter, etc.) no less than ten days prior to the Stated Communication.

Be amended to read:

Section 15.02 Constitution
LODGE BYLAWS

2. Proposed Bylaws or amendments thereto are presented in writing at a Stated Communication. Bylaws can be adopted or amended only at a subsequent Stated Communication by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present after each member of that Lodge has been notified **of the proposed action** by **postal** mail or by e-mail ~~use of the Internet (e-mail, facebook, twitter, etc.)~~ no less than ten days prior to the Stated Communication. **Lodge members who timely respond to the notice and request the written changes must be furnished with the precise wording of the proposed changes. E-mail used for sending notices of the proposed action and sending the wording of the changes must be individual, personal e-mail, provided the member has on file with the Lodge Secretary a written notice by e-mail or postal mail that (1) he is willing to accept such notices by e-mail, and that (2) the e-mail method is valid until revoked in writing by the member. E-mail notices returned to the Secretary as Delivery Failure or a similar notation will be replaced by postal notification.**

Respectfully submitted,

MW James A. Williams, PGM (3, 21)
Bro. Stephen E. Wright (21)

Report of the Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. This committee does not offer an opinion as to whether it should or should not be adopted. This resolution requires a ninety per cent (90%) majority to pass

Note: This resolution failed to receive a majority vote on February 3, 2011 and was rejected.

AMC Housekeeping Corrections

In accordance with Recommendation #2 by MW John R. "Bo" Cline, PGM, the Alaska Masonic Code Review Committee has recommended the corrections that appear in the following sections. Through the oversight of the Jurisprudence Committee, these corrections having been made do not change the intent of the Code but only provide consistency and eliminate unnecessary or repetitive wording.

It is the intent of the Code Review Committee to indicate, in the revision notation at the end of each section, that the code has been revised by the Alaska Masonic Code Review Committee, by indicating **CRC(date)**. No revision notation is indicated for those corrected sections having punctuation or typographical errors. However, all corrections by the Alaska Masonic Code Review Committee to the Code will appear in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally,

Alaska Masonic Code Review Committee
VW Roger Hansen, Chairman
VW Monte R. Ervin
RW James R. Herrington

Due to cost constraints of replacing many of the printed pages in the small and large versions of the Alaska Masonic Code, only a couple of the following corrections by the Code Review Committee will appear in the Alaska Masonic Code, dated February 4, 2011. All of the remaining corrections by the Code Review Committee will appear in the 2012 update of the Alaska Masonic Code.

1. Section 1.04

Purpose: To be consistent with other sections in the Code by adding emphasis to certain words.

Section 1.04 which now reads:

Section 1.04 Constitution

POWERS. The powers of this Grand Lodge are legislative, executive and judicial. These powers are limited only by the Ancient Landmarks of Masonry and the Grand Lodge's own Constitution and Laws.

1. Legislative. Its legislative powers extend to every case of legislation not immemorially inherent in the Constituent Lodges. Its Constitution, Bylaws, and Regulations are binding upon all Lodges and Masons of this Jurisdiction.
2. Executive. Its executive powers include but are not limited to:
 - A. Granting Dispensations and Charters for Lodges within this Jurisdiction and in open territory where no other Grand Lodge has supreme jurisdiction.
 - B. Revoking or suspending Dispensations or Charters for cause.
 - C. Issuing special dispensations for all purposes embraced in the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws.
 - D. Exercising such authority as may be necessary to carry its own legislation into complete effect.
3. Judicial. Its judicial powers are of two kinds:

- A. Original. Including the resolution of controversies between Lodges, or between members of different Lodges; the enforcement of discipline upon its own members and upon the Lodges under its jurisdiction; and of charges preferred against the Master of a Lodge during his incumbency and of charges preferred against him subsequent to his incumbency for official misconduct during his term of office.
- B. Appellate. Embracing the review and determination of matters of controversy or discipline, proper for Masonic investigation, which may arise in a Lodge. **(Section clarified 1988)**

As Corrected:

Section 1.04 Constitution

POWERS. The powers of this Grand Lodge are legislative, executive and judicial. These powers are limited only by the Ancient Landmarks of Masonry and the Grand Lodge's own Constitution and Laws.

1. **Legislative.** Its legislative powers extend to every case of legislation not immemorially inherent in the Constituent Lodges. Its Constitution, Bylaws, and Regulations are binding upon all Lodges and Masons of this Jurisdiction.
2. **Executive.** Its executive powers include but are not limited to:
 - A. **Granting** Dispensations and Charters for Lodges within this Jurisdiction and in open territory where no other Grand Lodge has supreme jurisdiction.
 - B. **Revoking or suspending** Dispensations or Charters for cause.
 - C. **Issuing** special dispensations for all purposes embraced in the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws.
 - D. **Exercising** such authority as may be necessary to carry its own legislation into complete effect.
3. **Judicial.** Its judicial powers are of two kinds:
 - A. **Original.** Including the resolution of controversies between Lodges, or between members of different Lodges; the enforcement of discipline upon its own members and upon the Lodges under its jurisdiction; and of charges preferred against the Master of a Lodge during his incumbency and of charges preferred against him subsequent to his incumbency for official misconduct during his term of office.
 - B. **Appellate.** Embracing the review and determination of matters of controversy or discipline, proper for Masonic investigation, which may arise in a Lodge. **(Section clarified 1988, CRC 2011)**

2. Section 1.07

Purpose: In the **Fifth** paragraph, next to last line, the existing Code reads as follows: "...by our Mother Jurisdiction, the M.W. Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Washington..." the comma is replaced with a dash to read as follows: "...by our Mother Jurisdiction -

the M.W. Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Washington...” If it is left as a comma, it gives that appearance that four entities have done the modifying instead only three.

Section 1.07 which now reads:

Section 1.07 Bylaw

RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN GRAND LODGE, BASIS OF. Fraternal recognition of a foreign Grand Lodge is based on fulfillment of the following requirements:

First, that such Grand Lodge has been legally formed by at least three regularly constituted Lodges, or chartered by some legally authorized body of Masons to act as a Grand Lodge.

Second, that such Grand Body is self governing, responsible, and independent, with undisputed authority over the Symbolic Lodges conferring the first three degrees of Freemasonry, and not subject to, or holding divided jurisdiction with, a Supreme Council or any other Body claiming to have ritualistic or other control over the symbolic degrees.

Third, that the membership of the Symbolic Lodges under its jurisdiction is composed of men only.

Fourth, that each candidate for the degrees of Masonry expresses a belief in a Supreme Being.

Fifth, that such Grand Body requires of its constituent Lodges, a strict adherence to the Ancient Landmarks, Customs, and Usages of the Craft, as set forth in the Constitution adopted by the Grand Lodge of England in 1723, except insofar as they have been modified since that date by the United Grand Lodge of England, by our Mother Jurisdiction, the M.W. Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Washington, or by this Grand Body.

Sixth, that such Grand Body has no Masonic relation of any kind with a mixed Lodge or Body which admits women to its membership.

Seventh, that such Grand Body obligates its initiates on the Book of the Sacred Law.

Eighth, that such Grand Body prohibits the discussion of religious or sectarian doctrines or political subjects.

Ninth, that such Grand Body requires that when at work, in either Grand or Constituent Lodges, there are displayed the Three Great Lights of Freemasonry.

(Section clarified 1988)

As Corrected

Section 1.07 Bylaw

RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN GRAND LODGE, BASIS OF. Fraternal recognition of a foreign Grand Lodge is based on fulfillment of the following requirements:

First, that such Grand Lodge has been legally formed by at least three regularly constituted Lodges, or chartered by some legally authorized body of Masons to act as a Grand Lodge.

Second, that such Grand Body is self governing, responsible, and independent, with undisputed authority over the Symbolic Lodges conferring the first three

degrees of Freemasonry, and not subject to, or holding divided jurisdiction with, a Supreme Council or any other Body claiming to have ritualistic or other control over the symbolic degrees.

Third, that the membership of the Symbolic Lodges under its jurisdiction is composed of men only.

Fourth, that each candidate for the degrees of Masonry expresses a belief in a Supreme Being.

Fifth, that such Grand Body requires of its constituent Lodges, a strict adherence to the Ancient Landmarks, Customs, and Usages of the Craft, as set forth in the Constitution adopted by the Grand Lodge of England in 1723, except insofar as they have been modified since that date by the United Grand Lodge of England, by our Mother Jurisdiction - the M.W. Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Washington, or by this Grand Body.

Sixth, that such Grand Body has no Masonic relation of any kind with a mixed Lodge or Body which admits women to its membership.

Seventh, that such Grand Body obligates its initiates on the Book of the Sacred Law.

Eighth, that such Grand Body prohibits the discussion of religious or sectarian doctrines or political subjects.

Ninth, that such Grand Body requires that when at work, in either Grand or Constituent Lodges, there are displayed the Three Great Lights of Freemasonry.

(Section clarified 1988)

3. Section 2.02

Purpose: A comma placed after Grand Treasurer in first paragraph, fourth line for consistency.

Section 2.02 which now reads:

Section 2.02 Bylaw

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS. The following Grand Lodge Officers are elected by ballot at each Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge: a Grand Master, a Deputy Grand Master, a Senior Grand Warden, a Junior Grand Warden, a Grand Treasurer and a Grand Secretary. A majority of the votes cast is necessary for election. All other Grand Officers and Deputies of the Grand Master must be appointed by the Grand Master-elect before his installation. Ballot Boxes for balloting on the Grand Lodge Officers may be opened at any time after the Annual Communication is opened and may not be closed until any delegate who has not balloted is given an opportunity to ballot after the noon recess on the second day. The final opportunity to ballot takes precedence over all other matters that afternoon. The election must be concluded before the Grand Lodge can be recessed.

A person desiring to serve as Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, or Junior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge may, at least 120 days preceding the Annual Communication, file

with the Grand Secretary a Statement of Availability containing a resume of his service to his Symbolic Lodge and to the Grand Lodge. All such Statements must be duplicated and forwarded by the Grand Secretary to all Constituent Lodges for study at least 75 days prior to the next Annual Grand Communication. This action does not preclude the right of the Grand Lodge to elect an eligible member without such statement.

Past Masters who are members of this Grand Lodge as specified in Section 2.01 are eligible for Grand Office except that any Master Mason who is a member in good standing of a Lodge of this Jurisdiction may be appointed Grand Chaplain, Grand Organist, or Grand Tyler. **(Section revised 1982, 1983, 1985, 1986, 1994, 1999)**

As Corrected

Section 2.02 Bylaw

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS. The following Grand Lodge Officers are elected by ballot at each Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge: a Grand Master, a Deputy Grand Master, a Senior Grand Warden, a Junior Grand Warden, a Grand Treasurer, and a Grand Secretary. A majority of the votes cast is necessary for election. All other Grand Officers and Deputies of the Grand Master must be appointed by the Grand Master-elect before his installation. Ballot Boxes for balloting on the Grand Lodge Officers may be opened at any time after the Annual Communication is opened and may not be closed until any delegate who has not balloted is given an opportunity to ballot after the noon recess on the second day. The final opportunity to ballot takes precedence over all other matters that afternoon. The election must be concluded before the Grand Lodge can be recessed.

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

Past Masters who are members of this Grand Lodge as specified in Section 2.01 are eligible for Grand Office except that any Master Mason who is a member in good standing of a Lodge of this Jurisdiction may be appointed Grand Chaplain, Grand Organist, or Grand Tyler. **(Section revised 1982, 1983, 1985, 1986, 1994, 1999)**

3. Section 3.01

Purpose: There is no need to repeat the word “To” each time, but rather put it at the end of the first sentence and then just capitalize the first word in each item to be consistent with other sections of the Code. This eliminates repetitive and unnecessary wording.

Section 3.01 which now reads:

Section 3.01 Constitution

GRAND MASTER, POWERS. The Grand Master has power:

1. To convene any Lodge within this Jurisdiction, preside therein, inspect its proceedings, and require its conformity to Masonic rules.
2. To require the attendance of and information from any Grand Officer respecting his office.
3. To depose any officer of a Lodge from the functions of his office for just 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.
4. To grant a dispensation for an election to fill a vacancy in the office of Master or Warden of a Lodge.
5. To grant a dispensation to a Lodge to elect its officers when such Lodge fails to elect them at the proper time.
6. To grant a dispensation for a new Lodge under the restrictions of the Constitution and on the petition of at least fifteen Master Masons.
7. To grant such other dispensations as may be applied for in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws, or Regulations of the Grand Lodge.
8. To appoint such officers and committees as may be required under the Constitution and Bylaws of this Grand Lodge. He may act as ex-officio chairman of any committee so appointed.
9. To appoint Representatives of this Grand Lodge near other Grand Lodges, and to receive and accredit Representatives of other Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge.
10. To do such other things as are inherent in and pertaining to his office in accordance with Ancient Usages, and not in conflict with the Constitution.
(Section clarified 1988, revised 2005)

As Corrected

Section 3.01 Constitution

GRAND MASTER, POWERS. The Grand Master has power to:

1. ~~To convene~~ **Convene** any Lodge within this Jurisdiction, preside therein, inspect its proceedings, and require its conformity to Masonic rules.
2. ~~To require~~ **Require** the attendance of and information from any Grand Officer respecting his office.
3. ~~To depose~~ **Depose** any officer of a Lodge from the functions of his office for just 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.
4. ~~To grant~~ **Grant** a dispensation for an election to fill a vacancy in the office of Master or Warden of a Lodge.

5. ~~To grant~~ **Grant** a dispensation to a Lodge to elect its officers when such Lodge fails to elect them at the proper time.
6. ~~To grant~~ **Grant** a dispensation for a new Lodge under the restrictions of the Constitution and on the petition of at least fifteen Master Masons.
7. ~~To grant~~ **Grant** such other dispensations as may be applied for in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws, or Regulations of the Grand Lodge.
8. ~~To appoint~~ **Appoint** such officers and committees as may be required under the Constitution and Bylaws of this Grand Lodge. He may act as ex-officio chairman of any committee so appointed.
9. ~~To appoint~~ **Appoint** Representatives of this Grand Lodge near other Grand Lodges, and to receive and accredit Representatives of other Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge.
10. ~~To do~~ **Do** such other things as are inherent in and pertaining to his office in accordance with Ancient Usages, and not in conflict with the Constitution. **(Section clarified 1988, revised 2005, CRC 2010)**

4. Section 3.02

Purpose: There is no need to repeat the word “To” each time, but rather put it at the end of the first sentence and then just capitalize the first word in each item to be consistent with other sections of the Code. This eliminates repetitive and unnecessary wording.

Section 3.02 which now reads:

Section 3.02 Constitution

GRAND MASTER, DUTIES. It is the duty of the Grand Master:

1. To preside in Grand Lodge.
2. To present at each Annual Communication a written message, therein setting forth his official acts during the year, exhibiting the general condition of Masonry within the Jurisdiction, and recommending such legislation as he may deem necessary or expedient for the welfare of the Fraternity.
3. To constitute all Chartered Lodges, either in person or by a duly authorized representative who must be a Past Master of this Jurisdiction, in accordance with the Ancient Usages and regulations.
4. To exercise a strict supervision over the Craft and see that the Constitution, Bylaws, and Regulations of this Grand Lodge are strictly observed.
5. To discharge all the necessary functions of the Grand Lodge when it is not in session. **(Section clarified 1988)**

As Corrected

Section 3.02 Constitution

GRAND MASTER, DUTIES. It is the duty of the Grand Master **to**:

1. ~~To preside~~ **Preside** in Grand Lodge.

2. ~~To present~~ **Present** at each Annual Communication a written message, therein setting forth his official acts during the year, exhibiting the general condition of Masonry within the Jurisdiction, and recommending such legislation as he may deem necessary or expedient for the welfare of the Fraternity.
3. ~~To constitute~~ **Constitute** all Chartered Lodges, either in person or by a duly authorized representative who must be a Past Master of this Jurisdiction, in accordance with the Ancient Usages and regulations.
4. ~~To exercise~~ **Exercise** a strict supervision over the Craft and see that the Constitution, Bylaws, and Regulations of this Grand Lodge are strictly observed.
5. ~~To discharge~~ **Discharge** all the necessary functions of the Grand Lodge when it is not in session. **(Section clarified 1988, CRC 2011)**

5. Section 3.07

Purpose: To be consistent with other Grand Lodge Officer duties as indicated in the Code. Also the letter “s” is dropped from the words “opens” and “closes.”

Section 3.07 which now reads:

Section 3.07 Constitution

GRAND CHAPLAIN, DUTIES. The Grand Chaplain opens and closes the Communications of the Grand Lodge with appropriate prayer and performs like services on special occasions at the request of the Grand Master. **(Section revised 1994)**

As Corrected

Section 3.07 Constitution

GRAND CHAPLAIN, DUTIES. The Grand Chaplain ~~shall opens and closes~~ **open and close** the Communications of the Grand Lodge with appropriate prayer and ~~performs~~ **perform** like services on special occasions at the request of the Grand Master. **(Section revised 1994, CRC 2011)**

6. Section 3.08

Purpose: The word “will” is changed to the word “shall” to be consistent with other Grand Lodge Officers duties as indicated in the Code.

Section 3.08 which now reads:

Section 3.08 Constitution

GRAND LECTURER, DUTIES. The Grand Lecturer shall disseminate and impart the Standard Work and Lectures to members of each lodge, and give them such general

instructions as they may require concerning their duties, and perform like services on special occasions at the request of the Grand Master. **(Section clarified 1988, revised 1994, 2000)**

As Corrected

Section 3.08 Constitution

GRAND LECTURER, DUTIES. The Grand Lecturer ~~will~~ **shall** disseminate and impart the Standard Work and Lectures to members of each lodge, and give them such general instructions as they may require concerning their duties, and perform like services on special occasions at the request of the Grand Master. **(Section clarified 1988, revised 1994, 2000, CRC 2011)**

7. Section 3.11

Purpose: The word “shall” is added after “Grand Tyler” to be consistent with other Grand Lodge Officers duties as indicated in the Code.

Section 3.11 which now reads:

Section 3.11 Constitution

OTHER GRAND OFFICERS, DUTIES. The Grand Marshal, Grand Deacons, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Bible Bearer, Grand Stewards, Grand Organist, and Grand Tyler perform the duties incident and appropriate to their respective places and such as the traditions, usages, and customs of the Craft prescribe and as the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master may from time to time direct. **(Section revised 1994)**

As Corrected

Section 3.11 Constitution

OTHER GRAND OFFICERS, DUTIES. The Grand Marshal, Grand Deacons, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Bible Bearer, Grand Stewards, Grand Organist, and Grand Tyler **shall** perform the duties incident and appropriate to their respective places and such as the traditions, usages, and customs of the Craft prescribe and as the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master may from time to time direct. **(Section revised 1994, CRC 2011)**

8. Section 4.06

Purpose: There is no need to repeat the word “To” each time, but rather put it at the end of the first sentence and then just capitalize the first word in each item to be consistent with other sections of the Code. This eliminates repetitive and unnecessary wording.

Section 4.06 which now reads:

Section 4.06 Bylaw

DEPUTY OF THE GRAND MASTER, POWERS AND DUTIES. The powers and duties of a Deputy of the Grand Master are:

1. To visit every Lodge within his District officially at least once each year and at such other times as he may be requested to do so by the Worshipful Master of the Lodge.
2. To examine such books and records of each Lodge within his District as the Grand Master may direct.
3. To perform such other duties as the Grand Master may direct.
4. To report to the Grand Master after each visit any unusual conditions or events and his official acts in relation thereto. **(Section revised 2000)**

As Corrected

Section 4.06 Bylaw

DEPUTY OF THE GRAND MASTER, POWERS AND DUTIES. The powers and duties of a Deputy of the Grand Master are to:

1. ~~To visit~~ **Visit** every Lodge within his District officially at least once each year and at such other times as he may be requested to do so by the Worshipful Master of the Lodge.
2. ~~To examine~~ **Examine** such books and records of each Lodge within his District as the Grand Master may direct.
3. ~~To perform~~ **Perform** such other duties as the Grand Master may direct.
4. ~~To report~~ **Report** to the Grand Master after each visit any unusual conditions or events and his official acts in relation thereto. **(Section revised 2000, CRC 2011)**

9. Section 9.08

Purpose: To be consistent with other sections in the Code by adding emphasis to certain words. Also, in item 3, the word “will” is replaced with the word “shall” to be consistent with the Grand Lodge Officers duties as indicated in the Code.

Section 9.08 which now reads:

Section 9.08 Bylaw

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

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

- the principal of the Grand Lodge Life Membership Fund and the earnings therefrom are accounted for separately.
2. **Distribution of Earnings.** The earnings from the investment of the principal of this fund, less the cost of management as provided in Section 9.02, subsection 5 shall be disbursed as soon as possible after the end of each calendar year to the constituent Lodges, prorated according to the amount of money each Lodge shall have to its credit in the fund. A Lodge may elect to have the earnings added to the principal amount credited to that Lodge.
 3. **Record Keeping.** The Grand Secretary shall keep a record of each life member by Lodge and the amount paid for each Life Membership. The Grand Treasurer will keep strict account of the fund by Lodge and will issue earnings to each Lodge as provided for in subsection 2 above. If a Lodge elects to have the earnings added to the principal amount credited to that Lodge, the earnings will be posted to the Lodge account on a separate entry as "earnings added to principal."
 4. **Transfer of Life Membership.** Life membership may be transferred only when a Lodge voluntarily surrenders its Charter or when two or more Lodges consolidate.
 - A. **Voluntary Surrender of Charter.** When a Lodge voluntarily surrenders its Charter, a member holding a Life Membership in that Lodge may transfer that Life Membership to another Lodge that participates in the Grand Lodge Life Membership Fund, after the member has petitioned to and been accepted for membership in the Lodge, in accordance with the provisions of Section 17.04, except that the effective date of the transfer will be the final date approved for the surrender of Charter by Grand Lodge per Section 25.02.
 - B. **Consolidation of Lodges.** When two or more Lodges consolidate, all Life Memberships will be transferred to the new consolidated Lodge.
(Section adopted 1996)

As Corrected

Section 9.08 Bylaw

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

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

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

3. **Record Keeping.** The Grand Secretary shall keep a record of each life member by Lodge and the amount paid for each Life Membership. The Grand Treasurer ~~will~~ **shall** keep strict account of the fund by Lodge and will issue earnings to each Lodge as provided for in subsection 2 above. If a Lodge elects to have the earnings added to the principal amount credited to that Lodge, the earnings will be posted to the Lodge account on a separate entry as "earnings added to principal."
4. **Transfer of Life Membership.** Life membership may be transferred only when a Lodge voluntarily surrenders its Charter or when two or more Lodges consolidate.
 - A. **Voluntary Surrender of Charter.** When a Lodge voluntarily surrenders its Charter, a member holding a Life Membership in that Lodge may transfer that Life Membership to another Lodge that participates in the Grand Lodge Life Membership Fund, after the member has petitioned to and been accepted for membership in the Lodge, in accordance with the provisions of Section 17.04, except that the effective date of the transfer will be the final date approved for the surrender of Charter by Grand Lodge per Section 25.02.
 - B. **Consolidation of Lodges.** When two or more Lodges consolidate, all Life Memberships will be transferred to the new consolidated Lodge. **(Section adopted 1996, CRC 2011)**

10. Section 13.01

Purpose: In the last sentence of the section, a comma is placed before and after the words "... in session..."

Section 13.01 which now reads:

Section 13.01 Bylaw

LODGES, HOW FORMED, DURATION, CONDITION. The Grand Master may, upon the petition of fifteen or more Master Masons, properly recommended by the nearest or most convenient Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons working under Charter, grant a dispensation to form a new Lodge within the limits of this Jurisdiction or in foreign territory where no Grand Lodge has Supreme Jurisdiction. Such Dispensation, together with the Bylaws, books of records and returns of the Lodge Under Dispensation must be returned to the Grand Secretary on or before the 31st day of December preceding the next annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge in session may annul the Dispensation, order a perpetual Charter, or continue the Dispensation until the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. **(Section clarified 1988)**

As Corrected

Section 13.01 Bylaw

LODGES, HOW FORMED, DURATION, CONDITION. The Grand Master may, upon the petition of fifteen or more Master Masons, properly recommended by the nearest or most convenient Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons working under Charter, grant a dispensation to form a new Lodge within the limits of this Jurisdiction or in foreign territory where no Grand Lodge has Supreme Jurisdiction. Such Dispensation, together with the Bylaws, books of records and returns of the Lodge Under Dispensation must be returned to the Grand Secretary on or before the 31st day of December preceding the next annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge, in session, may annul the Dispensation, order a perpetual Charter, or continue the Dispensation until the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. **(Section clarified 1988)**

11. Section 14.04

Purpose: The word “shall” is more imperative than the word “must” and therefore the word “must” is changed to the word “shall.” The last two sentences of item 3 are separated from this items, as the two sentences applies to the whole section and not just item 3.

Section 14.04 which now reads:

Section 14.04 Bylaw

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

1. A petition for the degrees or for affiliation;
2. The acceptance or rejection of charges for a Masonic trial; and
3. The expulsion or suspension of a member. A member, by unanimous consent, may be excused from balloting on No. 1. A vote of all members present is not required on other business matters. **(Section clarified 1988)**

As Corrected

Section 14.04 Bylaw

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

1. A petition for the degrees or for affiliation;
2. The acceptance or rejection of charges for a Masonic trial; and
- ~~3. The expulsion or suspension of a member. A member, by unanimous consent, may be excused from balloting on No. 1. A vote of all members present is not required on other business matters.~~

A member, by unanimous consent, may be excused from balloting on No. 1. A vote of all members present is not required on other business matters. (Section clarified 1988, CRC 2011)

12. Section 16.11

Purpose: There is no need to repeat the word “To” each time, but rather put it at the end of the first sentence and then just capitalize the first word in each item to be consistent with other sections of the Code. This eliminates repetitive and unnecessary wording.

Section 16.11 which now reads:

Section 16.11 Bylaw

POWERS OF MASTER. The Master of a Lodge has power:

1. To congregate the members of his Lodge upon an emergency;
2. To discharge the executive functions of the Lodge; and
3. To remove an appointed officer for just cause.

As Corrected

Section 16.11 Bylaw

POWERS OF MASTER. The Master of a Lodge has power **to**:

1. ~~To congregate~~ **Congregate** the members of his Lodge upon an emergency;
2. ~~To discharge~~ **Discharge** the executive functions of the Lodge; and
3. ~~To remove~~ **Remove** an appointed officer for just cause.

(CRC 2011)

13. Section 16.15

Purpose: There is no need to repeat the word “To” each time, but rather put it at the end of the first sentence and then just capitalize the first word in each item to be consistent with other sections of the Code. This eliminates repetitive and unnecessary wording.

Section 16.15 which now reads:

Section 16.15 Bylaw

TREASURER. It is the duty of the Treasurer:

1. To receive from the Secretary all monies paid into the Lodge;
2. To keep a just and regular account thereof;
3. To pay them out by order of the Master and the consent of the Lodge;
4. To submit a financial report annually to the Lodge, and transmit a copy of same to the Grand Lodge when requested and on such forms and in such manner as prescribed by the Grand Secretary; and
5. To perform the duty as indicated in Section 21.07 of the Alaska Masonic Code. (Section revised 2010)

As Corrected

Section 16.15 Bylaw

TREASURER. It is the duty of the Treasurer **to**:

1. ~~To receive~~ **Receive** from the Secretary all monies paid into the Lodge;
2. ~~To keep~~ **Keep** a just and regular account thereof;
3. ~~To pay~~ **Pay** them out by order of the Master and the consent of the Lodge;
4. ~~To submit~~ **Submit** a financial report annually to the Lodge, and transmit a copy of same to the Grand Lodge when requested and on such forms and in such manner as prescribed by the Grand Secretary; and
5. ~~To perform~~ **Perform** the duty as indicated in Section 21.07 of the Alaska Masonic Code. (Section revised 2010, CRC 2011)

14. Section 16.16

Purpose: There is no need to repeat the word “To” each time, but rather put it at the end of the first sentence and then just capitalize the first word in each item to be consistent with other sections of the Code. This eliminates repetitive and unnecessary wording.

Section 16.16 which now reads:

Section 16.16 Bylaw

SECRETARY. It is the duty of the Secretary:

1. To record in a minute book at each communication, under the direction of the Master, all of the proceedings proper to be written, and to submit the same to the Lodge for approval or correction before the Lodge closes;
2. To transcribe fairly, such proceedings from the minute book to the regular record book after they have been approved or corrected, read them from the record book at the next Stated Communication for information, and after signing them, present them to the Master for his approval and signature. The Master may dispense with reading the minutes of previous Special Communications when deemed expedient;
3. To receive all monies paid into the Lodge and promptly pay the same to the Treasurer;
4. To attest the official signature of the Master to Masonic documents when necessary;
5. To report monthly to the Grand Secretary, on forms provided by him all those who have been Initiated, Passed, and Raised, with the dates thereof; all losses, including suspensions and expulsions and the causes therefor, those dropped for nonpayment of dues, deaths, dimits, and rejections; and such other matters as may be required by the Grand Secretary;
6. To make to the Grand Secretary an annual report on or before January 10 listing all Lodge members by name, those whose dues have been forgiven by the Lodge, the number of members as of December 31, and such other information as may be required by the Grand Secretary on the forms or otherwise;
7. To transmit to the Grand Secretary immediately after every election a certificate of the names and residences of the officers installed;
8. To certify and affix the Seal of the Lodge to all returns and certificates of

- election made to the Grand Lodge;
9. To keep such account books as may be necessary to present clearly the account of each member with the Lodge, the receipts of the Secretary and his payments to the Treasurer, and preserve the Constitution, Bylaws, and Regulations of the Grand Lodge, which may from time to time be published, together with all the printed proceedings thereof as promulgated by its order; and
 10. To perform all required duties as specified in Sections 17.10, 17.11, and 21.07 of the Alaska Masonic Code. (**Section revised 1988, 2010**)

As Corrected

Section 16.16 Bylaw

SECRETARY. It is the duty of the Secretary to:

1. ~~To record~~ **Record** in a minute book at each communication, under the direction of the Master, all of the proceedings proper to be written, and to submit the same to the Lodge for approval or correction before the Lodge closes;
2. ~~To transcribe~~ **Transcribe** fairly, such proceedings from the minute book to the regular record book after they have been approved or corrected, read them from the record book at the next Stated Communication for information, and after signing them, present them to the Master for his approval and signature. The Master may dispense with reading the minutes of previous Special Communications when deemed expedient;
3. ~~To receive~~ **Receive** all monies paid into the Lodge and promptly pay the same to the Treasurer;
4. ~~To attest~~ **Attest** the official signature of the Master to Masonic documents when necessary;
5. ~~To report~~ **Report** monthly to the Grand Secretary, on forms provided by him all those who have been Initiated, Passed, and Raised, with the dates thereof; all losses, including suspensions and expulsions and the causes therefor, those dropped for nonpayment of dues, deaths, dimits, and rejections; and such other matters as may be required by the Grand Secretary;
6. ~~To make~~ **Make** to the Grand Secretary an annual report on or before January 10 listing all Lodge members by name, those whose dues have been forgiven by the Lodge, the number of members as of December 31, and such other information as may be required by the Grand Secretary on the forms or otherwise;
7. ~~To transmit~~ **Transmit** to the Grand Secretary immediately after every election a certificate of the names and residences of the officers installed;
8. ~~To certify~~ **Certify** and affix the Seal of the Lodge to all returns and certificates of election made to the Grand Lodge;
9. ~~To keep~~ **Keep** such account books as may be necessary to present clearly the account of each member with the Lodge, the receipts of the Secretary and his payments to the Treasurer, and preserve the Constitution, Bylaws, and Regulations of the Grand Lodge, which may from time to time be published,

together with all the printed proceedings thereof as promulgated by its order;
and

10. ~~To perform~~ **Perform** all required duties as specified in Sections 17.10, 17.11, and 21.07 of the Alaska Masonic Code. **(Section revised 1988, 2010, CRC 2011)**

15. Section 16.17

Purpose: To be consistent with other sections in the Code and for emphasis. In the first item, the word “preceding” is dropped and replaced with the appropriate section number.

Section 16.17 which now reads:

Section 16.17 Bylaw

BOOKS TO KEEP. The Secretary shall keep the following books:

1. Minute and Record Books, as provided in the preceding Section;
2. A Membership Register, containing the Bylaws in which each member, in the order of his admittance, signs his full name, and in which the Secretary records upon pages alphabetically arranged, the full name or names, present post office address, and the birthplace of each member of the Lodge, the date of his initiation, passing, raising or affiliation, the name, number and location of the Lodge, respectively, of which each affiliated was last a member, the age of each when received, the name, number, and location of any other Lodge or Lodges in which a member may also hold membership, the date of his withdrawal, dropping from the roll, expulsion, suspension, death, or restoration, and the full names of those expelled, suspended, or restored;
3. A Register, to be kept in the Tyler’s Room, in which each member records his name and in which each visitor records his name and the name, number, and location of his Lodge before entering the Lodge. **(Section clarified 1988)**

As Corrected

Section 16.17 Bylaw

BOOKS TO KEEP. The Secretary shall keep the following books:

1. **Minute and Record Books**, as provided in ~~the preceding~~ Section **16.16**.
2. **A Membership Register**, containing the Bylaws in which each member, in the order of his admittance, signs his full name, and in which the Secretary records upon pages alphabetically arranged, the full name or names, present post office address, and the birthplace of each member of the Lodge, the date of his initiation, passing, raising or affiliation, the name, number and location of the Lodge, respectively, of which each affiliated was last a member, the age of each when received, the name, number, and location of any other Lodge or Lodges in which a member may also hold membership, the date of his withdrawal, dropping from the roll, expulsion, suspension, death, or restoration, and the full names of those expelled, suspended, or restored;
3. **A Register**, to be kept in the Tyler’s Room, in which each member records

his name and in which each visitor records his name and the name, number, and location of his Lodge before entering the Lodge. (**Section clarified 1988, CRC 2011**)

16. Section 16.18

Purpose: To be consistent with other Grand Lodge Officer duties as indicated in the Code. Also the letter “s” is dropped from the words “perform.”

Section 16.18 which now reads:

Section 16.18 Bylaw

OTHER OFFICERS. Each appointive officer of a Lodge performs such duties as may be directed by the Master and Wardens, not conflicting with the Bylaws of the Lodge, the Constitution, Bylaws, and Regulations of the Grand Lodge and the Usages and General Regulations of Masonry. In all things relating to his official duties, each officer is subject to the direction of the Master or acting Master. (**Section clarified 1988**)

As Corrected

Section 16.18 Bylaw

OTHER OFFICERS. Each appointive officer of a Lodge ~~shall perform~~ **perform** such duties as ~~may be~~ directed by the Master and Wardens, not conflicting with the Bylaws of the Lodge, the Constitution, Bylaws, and Regulations of the Grand Lodge and the Usages and General Regulations of Masonry. In all things relating to his official duties, each officer is subject to the direction of the Master or acting Master. (**Section clarified 1988, CRC 2011**)

17. Section 16.21

Purpose: There is no need to repeat the word “By” each time, but rather put it at the end of the first sentence and then just capitalize the first word in each item to be consistent with other sections of the Code. This eliminates repetitive and unnecessary wording.

Section 16.21 which now reads:

Section 16.21 Bylaw

VACANCIES. A vacancy in office in a Lodge can occur:

1. By death;
2. By resignation of an officer other than Master;
3. By election and installation of the holder of an office, other than that of Master, to fill another office in the Lodge; or
4. By expulsion, by suspension for a time extending beyond the next annual election, or by removal from office. (**Section clarified 1988, revised 1998**)

As Corrected

Section 16.21 Bylaw

VACANCIES. A vacancy in office in a Lodge can occur **by**:

1. ~~By death~~ **Death**;
2. ~~By resignation~~ **Resignation** of an officer other than Master;
3. ~~By election~~ **Election** and installation of the holder of an office, other than that of Master, to fill another office in the Lodge; or
4. ~~By expulsion~~, **Expulsion** by suspension for a time extending beyond the next annual election, or by removal from office. (**Section clarified 1988, revised 1998, CRC 2011**)

18. Section 25.01

Purpose: There is no need to repeat the words “By the” each time. The word “by” is added at the end of the first sentence and the word “the” is eliminated. The first word in each item is capitalized to be consistent with other sections of the Code. This eliminates repetitive and unnecessary wording.

Section 25.01 which now reads:

Section 25.01 Bylaw

HOW DISSOLVED. A Lodge may be dissolved:

1. By the voluntary surrender of its Charter, when such surrender has been accepted by the Grand Lodge; or
2. By the revocation of its Charter by the Grand Lodge.

As Corrected

Section 25.01 Bylaw

HOW DISSOLVED. A Lodge may be dissolved **by**:

1. ~~By the voluntary~~ **Voluntary** surrender of its Charter, when such surrender has been accepted by the Grand Lodge; or
2. ~~By the revocation~~ **Revocation** of its Charter by the Grand Lodge.

(CRC 2011)

19. Section 25.03

Purpose: There is no need to repeat the word “By” in item 6 as it is stated at the end of the lead in sentence and the word “willful” is capitalized.

Section 25.03 which now reads:

Section 25.03 Bylaw

FORFEITURE OF CHARTER. A Lodge's Charter may be forfeited by:

1. Contempt of the authority of the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge;
2. Departure from the original plan of Masonry and the Ancient Landmarks;

3. Disobedience to the Constitution or Bylaws;
4. Ceasing to meet for six months;
5. Neglecting for two years to make returns and pay dues; or
6. By willful and inexcusable neglect to be represented in the Grand Lodge.

(Section clarified 1988)

As Corrected

Section 25.03 Bylaw

FORFEITURE OF CHARTER. A Lodge's Charter may be forfeited by:

1. Contempt of the authority of the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge;
2. Departure from the original plan of Masonry and the Ancient Landmarks;
3. Disobedience to the Constitution or Bylaws;
4. Ceasing to meet for six months;
5. Neglecting for two years to make returns and pay dues; or
6. ~~By willful~~ **Willful** and inexcusable neglect to be represented in the Grand Lodge.

(Section clarified 1988, CRC 2011)

20. Section 29.05

Purpose: To be consistent with other sections in the Code and for emphasis.

Section 29.05 which now reads:

Section 29.05 Bylaw

SERVICE. Service of the citation with accompanying copy of charges is deemed complete when made as follows:

1. Personal service. By delivering a copy of the same personally to the accused, or by leaving a copy of the same at the usual place of abode of the accused with some person of suitable age and discretion then resident therein, in a sealed envelope addressed to the accused; or
2. Constructive service. When the whereabouts of the accused and his usual place of abode are unknown, by depositing a copy of the same in a sealed envelope, postage prepaid, in a United States Post Office within the territorial jurisdiction, addressed to the accused at his last known post office address.

(Section clarified 1988)

As Corrected

Section 29.05 Bylaw

SERVICE. Service of the citation with accompanying copy of charges is deemed complete when made as follows:

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2. **Constructive service.** When the whereabouts of the accused and his usual place of abode are unknown, by depositing a copy of the same in a sealed envelope, postage prepaid, in a United States Post Office within the territorial jurisdiction, addressed to the accused at his last known post office address.

(Section clarified 1988, CRC 2011)

21. Section 30.02

Purpose: There is no need to repeat the word “By” each time. The word “by” is added at the end of the first sentence. The first word in each item is capitalized to be consistent with other sections of the Code. This eliminates repetitive and unnecessary wording.

Section 30.02 which now reads:

Section 30.02 Bylaw

APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED. In proceedings on charges of un-Masonic conduct, the accused can appear or be represented as follows:

1. By his personal appearance at the time and place fixed for the trial of which he is notified; or
2. By the authorized appearance for him by any Master Mason in good standing, as counsel, at such time and place; or
3. By his written communication, or that of his counsel in his behalf, filed with the Secretary of the Lodge or of the Grand Master's Trial Committee, as the case may be, at or before such time, in which he may state his objections to the charges or plead guilty or not guilty or set forth any matter in extenuation of the offense charged.

(Section clarified 1988)

As Corrected

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(Section clarified 1988, CRC 2011)

22. Ruling #11

Purpose: A note is added at the end of this ruling as Section 12.08 Bylaw, MASONIC CLUBS, of the Code takes care of this ruling. The ruling is therefore no longer in effect.

Ruling #11 which now reads:

Ruling #11

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1. Permission to start a Masonic Club must be obtained from the Grand Master, in writing, and submitted through the Grand Secretary.
2. All members must be Master Masons in Good Standing of a Constituent Lodge of this Jurisdiction, or of another Jurisdiction recognized by this Grand Lodge.
3. Masonic Clubs may not confer degrees.
4. Each Masonic Club shall submit an Annual Report to the Grand Secretary by January 10th. This report shall contain the names and addresses of it's officers and a brief synopsis of activities conducted the previous year.
5. It is desirable, but not mandatory, that each Masonic Club be sponsored by the Blue Lodge nearest to their locality.
6. Nothing in this policy is meant to discourage the formation of Masonic Clubs. On the contrary, brethren residing in a community where no Masonic Lodge exists should be encouraged to form Clubs, thus promoting Masonic activities throughout this Grand Jurisdiction.

Henry T. Dunbar
Grand Master
October 18, 1995

As Corrected

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(This ruling is no longer in effect as Resolution 97-3 (February 1997) passed and defined Masonic Clubs) and Resolution 2010-1 revised Section 12.08 Bylaw Masonic Clubs (February 2010)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Jurisprudence Committee

1st Report

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Alaska.
We the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Carryover Resolution No. 2010-10, have considered the same and report as follows:

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

As it is a carryover resolution and proposes to amend a Bylaw, it requires a simple majority vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

MW Sam Medsker (3, 12, 16), Chairman
VW Ken Creamer (9, 18)
VW Tim Smith (22)
W Tom Westall (20)

Bro. Phil Nash (11, 22), Advisor

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

MW Grand Master, for the purpose of placing this resolution on the floor, I request the report be adopted.

This carryover resolution failed to receive a majority vote.

2nd Report

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Alaska.
We the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Carryover Resolution No. 2010-11, have considered the same and report as follows:

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

As it is a carryover resolution and proposes to amend a Bylaw, it requires a simple majority vote for adoption.

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VW Ken Creamer (9, 18)

VW Tim Smith (22)

W Tom Westall (20)

Bro. Phil Nash (11, 22), Advisor

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

MW Grand Master, for the purpose of placing this resolution on the floor, I request the report be adopted.

This carryover resolution received a majority vote and adopted.

3rd Report

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Alaska.
We the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution No. 2011-1, have considered the same and report as follows:

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

As this resolution proposes to amend a Bylaw, it requires a three-fourths majority vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

MW Sam Medsker (3, 12, 16), Chairman
VW Ken Creamer (9, 18)
VW Tim Smith (22)
W Tom Westall (20)
Bro. Phil Nash (11, 22), Advisor

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

MW Grand Master, for the purpose of placing this resolution on the floor, I request the report be adopted.

This resolution was adopted.

4th Report

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Alaska.
We the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution No. 2011-2, have considered the same and report as follows:

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

As this resolution proposes to amend a Bylaw, it requires a three-fourths majority vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

MW Sam Medsker (3, 12, 16), Chairman
VW Ken Creamer (9, 18)
VW Tim Smith (22)
W Tom Westall (20)
Bro. Phil Nash (11, 22), Advisor

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

MW Grand Master, for the purpose of placing this resolution on the floor, I request the report be adopted.

This resolution failed to receive a majority vote and was not adopted.

5th Report

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Alaska.
We the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution No. 2011-3, have considered the same and report as follows:

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

As this resolution proposes to amend a Bylaw, it requires a three-fourths majority vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

MW Sam Medsker (3, 12, 16), Chairman
VW Ken Creamer (9, 18)
VW Tim Smith (22)
W Tom Westall (20)
Bro. Phil Nash (11, 22), Advisor

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

MW Grand Master, for the purpose of placing this resolution on the floor, I request the report be adopted.

This resolution was adopted.

6th Report

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Alaska.
We the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution No. 2011-4, have considered the same and report as follows:

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

As this resolution proposes to amend a Constitution, it requires a ninety per cent (90%) majority vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

MW Sam Medsker (3, 12, 16), Chairman
VW Ken Creamer (9, 18)
VW Tim Smith (22)
W Tom Westall (20)
Bro. Phil Nash (11, 22), Advisor

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

MW Grand Master, for the purpose of placing this resolution on the floor, I request the report be adopted.

This resolution was adopted.

7th Report

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Alaska.
We the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred portions of the Grand Master's Message, have considered the same and report as follows:

This report deals with the recommendation of the Grand Master in his message that was referred to us by the Segregations and Reference Committee. The Grand Master had recommended that those people filing for or registering for Grand Lodge after the deadline date would be assessed or charged a \$15.00 late fee. This report was delayed to be a little on the late side here on purpose and I would like to tell you that if the Grand Master has the authority to charge a fee for registration, therefore, he has the authority to charge a late fee if you are late. So, Jurisprudence does not recommend that this be passed, or otherwise, and that we have no opinion on that, but we do find it well within the Grand Master's authority to assess that fee.

Respectfully submitted,

MW Sam Medsker (3, 12, 16), Chairman
VW Ken Creamer (9, 18)
VW Tim Smith (22)
W Tom Westall (20)
Bro. Phil Nash (11, 22), Advisor

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

8th Report

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Alaska.
We the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution No. 2011-5, have considered the same and report as follows:

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

As this resolution proposes to amend a Constitution, it requires a ninety percent (90%) vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

MW Sam Medsker (3, 12, 16), Chairman
VW Ken Creamer (9, 18)
VW Tim Smith (22)
W Tom Westall (20)
Bro. Phil Nash (11, 22), Advisor

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

MW Grand Master, for the purpose of placing this resolution on the floor, I request the report be adopted.

This resolution failed to receive a majority vote and was rejected

Grievance and Appeals

To The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge
Free & Accepted Masons of Alaska
February 3, 2011

Most Worshipful Grand Master your Grievances & Appeals Committee for 2010 is very pleased to report that we did not receive any grievances or appeals this year.

Fraternally Submitted

MW Thomas O. Mickey HPGM
MW L. V. "Joe" Dees PGM
VW Johnny Johnson PDD

Finance

Report of the Grand Treasurer

Greetings from the Grand Treasurer. I hereby submit my report for 2010, which was a better year for our investments. I would like to thank everyone who contributed during our donation drive.

The Finance Committee met four times during the year with Bro. Dan O'Connell and the Grand Lodge Officers. We agreed to make some changes to our Investment Policy Statement for our General, Travel, and Life Membership Funds that will allow for increased flexibility for investments.

I would like to remind all Lodge Treasurer's to file your Federal Tax Returns and send a filing contribution report to the Grand Lodge by e-mail or snail mail. This is an Annual IRS requirement for all lodges regardless of amount of income.

As of December 31st, the Grand Treasurer received donations to the Grand Lodge as follows: Alaska Masonic Library and Museum - \$540.00; Alaska Masonic Foundation for Children - \$1,585.00; Travel Fund - \$550.00; General Fund - \$4,095.00. Thanks to all for their generosity.

The Junior Grand Warden has been selected to steward fundraising campaigns for the Grand Lodge.

No firm decisions on a "MORI" type system or configuring a Web site update were made this year

There are six Lodges in the Grand Lodge Life Membership Fund and the average interest earned by these lodges on their investments was a 6.28 per cent return for 2010.

The Travel Fund has now reached the \$100,000.00 benchmark we set for it years ago. We now will be taking one-half (1/2) of the interest earned to help pay for travel costs for the Grand Lodge Officers thereby reducing some expenditures of our operational funds. Eventually this fund's interest may be able to fund all Grand Lodge Officers travel.

I would like to express my appreciation to MW Johnnie Wallace, RW Jerry Wasson, VW Tom Schram, Bro. Dan O'Connell, and the Finance Committee for a great year. I would especially like to thank my wife Tes for all she does for me and the behind-the-scenes work she does for the Grand Lodge of Alaska.

Respectfully submitted,

RW James D. Grubbs
Grand Treasurer

Report of the Finance Committee

Grand Lodge of Alaska Finance Committee Meeting
February 2, 2011

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, MW Harry Koenen at 2:05 PM. MW Harry Koenen gave an opening prayer.

Members Present were: MW Harry Koenen, RW Jim Grubbs, WB Jim Griffith and Bro. Dan O'Connell, Advisor.

Also present were: RW Ron Ackerman, RW Jerry Pinion, RW Jim Harrington, MW Johnnie Wallace, VW Roger Hansen, and WB John Bishop.

MW Johnnie Wallace brought us up to date on the MORI system and other management systems. Grand Secretary RW Jerry Wasson has found a system he prefers over the MORI system. Since money was dedicated at last year's session. We will ask the brothers to agree to re-designate the money. RW Jerry Wasson will bring it up on the floor at the next Grand Lodge Session.

MW Johnnie discussed the Web Site update. However, nothing has progressed to date.

Bro Dan O'Connell gave a report on our financial status and outlook. We made changes to our Investment Policy Statements on Several Accounts. We discussed what to do with the Legal Fund and decided to leave it intact until all the legal bills are paid.

RW Jim Herrington gave a report on Fund Raising and suggested that the Junior Grand Warden take items for sale to the official visits.

We have Alaska Airlines Air Miles available for official Grand Lodge Travel and one Companion Ticket earned.

RW Jim Grubbs brought up that we need new computers for the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and a new monitor for VW Tom Schram's computer. A motion was made by RW Jim Grubbs and seconded by MW Harry Koenen to purchase the computers and monitor. As no cost estimates had been generated, it was determined to use discretion on the amount spent for the purchases. Motion passed.

RW Jim Grubbs reported that he and RW Jerry Wasson have decided to round up meal costs for the next Grand Lodge Session held in 2012.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 PM

Fraternally

RW Jim Grubbs
Grand Treasurer

Grand Lodge Finance Report

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

The Finance Committee has met and reviewed that portion of the Grand Master's message that was referred by the Segregations & Reference Committee. On the reference to purchasing the Grand Lodge Membership Management System instead of the "MORI" system, we concur with this and with the concurrence with those who donated the \$1358.00 last year, and we ask that this be approved.

The Finance Committee has reviewed the late filing fee and approved this recommendation and that it be put on the registration form for subsequent years.

The Finance Committee has reviewed the Web page recommendation and approved this request.

Respectfully submitted,

MW Harry J. Koenen PGM
W Jim Griffith PM
RW James D. Grubbs GT

Audit Committee Report

MW Grand Master Johnnie L. Wallace, RW James D. Grubbs - Grand Treasurer, and RW Jerome P. Wasson – Grand Secretary.

The Audit Committee consisting of the following two members W Douglas Teninty and VW Roger Hansen on, February 1, 2011, conducted the audit of the Checking Account deposit records of the Grand Secretary's cash book and the First National Bank monthly statements

The audit was conducted from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010. The beginning balance as of December 31, 2009 was \$63,605.94. Deposits for the year as recorded in the Secretary's receipt book totaled \$135,009.02. Deposits as recorded on the First National Bank deposit statements totaled \$134,958.35 with a difference between the two records equaling \$50.67.

We found that a couple of checks listed in the First National Bank deposit records were not listed in the Grand Secretary's cash book. We also found that it was extremely difficult to compare cash deposits between the Grand Secretary's cash book and the First National Bank deposit statements..

In order to eliminate future problems we recommend the following:

- Suggest that the audit be done at an earlier date.
- In the Grand Secretary's cash book, if the month's receipts appear to continue to another sheet, leave at least two lines at the bottom of the sheet for addition of the funds and for checking by audit committee.
- All cash should be logged into the Grand Secretary's cash book.
- The Grand Secretary's cash book, listing all received money (cash and checks), should be reconciled with each deposit made by the Grand Treasurer. The bank statement and Grand Secretary's cash book should also be reconciled each month. This will greatly simplify the audit process and ensure that the Grand Secretary has a complete listing of all funds received.

Respectfully submitted,

W Douglas Teninty (11, 17)
 VW Roger K. Hansen (7, 20, 23)

Balance Sheet
(As of December 31, 2010)

ASSETS			
ACCOUNT NO	CHECKING & INVESTMENTS	AMOUNT	TOTALS
1110	Checking - First National Bank	17,166.43	
1130	Money Market - 0551149	0.02	
1140	Petty Cash	100.00	
1150	Special Assessment-Legal Fees	19,740.92	
1210	Travel Fund Acct 8851-4125	103,256.80	
1215	General Charity Fund	4,260.79	
1220	General Fund - 6327-9979	215,267.65	
1230	Permanent Fund 1651-6357	281,684.62	
1240	Life Membership - 1211-0782	174,587.50	
1245	GL Per Capita Fund	2,193.23	
			818,257.96
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE			
1401	White Pass No. 1	4.59	
1403	Tanana Lodge No. 3	54.55	

1404	Valdez Lodge No. 4	108.70
1406	Seward Lodge No. 6	56.85
1407	Matanuska Lodge No. 7	18.53
1409	Kodiak Lodge No. 9	4.59
1410	Glacier Lodge No. 10	50.00
1411	Kenai Lodge No. 11	232.05
1412	Fairbanks Lodge No. 12	7.16
1413	Eagle River Lodge No. 13	(12.70)
1415	Aurora Lodge No. 15	15.60
1416	North Pole Lodge No. 16	4.99
1417	Anchorage Lodge No. 17	66.40
1418	Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18	69.75
1420	Iditarod Lodge No. 20	25.50
	Total Accounts Receivable	<hr/> 706.56

**MASONIC
SUPPLIES/INVENTORY**

1509	Ak Masonic Code w/Binder	1,647.25
1511	AK Masonic Code w/o Binder	387.92
1512	AK Masonic Code w/o Bndr Large	253.23
1515	AK Monitor w/Binder	12.75
1516	AK Monitor Text w/o Binder	987.50
1520	Lodge Officer H'Book w/Binder	80.41
1521	Lodge Officer H'Book w/oBinder	140.00
1522	Further Light in Masonry	34.00
1530	List of Lodges Masonic	312.49
1540	Entered Apprentice Cipher	79.80
1541	Entered Apprentice Booklet	111.60
1542	Grand Master Coins 2010	1,785.00
1543	GM Nickle Tokens 2007-08	5,218.20
1544	Tee Shirts	303.30
1550	Fellowcraft Cipher	327.67
1551	Fellowcraft Booklet	411.48
1560	Master Mason Cipher	128.52
1561	Master Mason Booklet	339.57
1570	Pamphlet - On The Threshold	198.90
1571	Pamphlet - What I'd Like My Fr	147.24
1575	Claudy Books - VOL I	454.50
1576	Claudy Books VOL II	297.00
1577	Claudy Books - VOL III	346.50
1579	Polo Shirts	829.40
1580	Pins - 25 Year	326.43
1581	Pins - 50 Year	431.70
1582	Pins - 75 Year	99.20
1585	Pins - Widow	400.20
1590	GL Custom Bronze Medallions	3,376.00
1591	Square & Comp Ties	1,112.48
1592	Belt & Belt Buckle	1,833.00
	Total Masonic Supplies/Inventory	<hr/> 22,413.24

Property and Equipment		
1810	Office Furniture & Fixtures	5,596.52
1820	Accum. Depreciation - F & F	(5,125.56)
1830	Office Electronic/Computer Equ	15,533.65
1840	Accum. Depreciation - Elect.	(8,871.53)
Total Property and Equipment		7,133.08
Total Assets		848,510.84

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Current Liabilities		
2225	AK Children's Foundation	920.00
2230	Bank of America	1,136.31
2250	Def. Income - Annual Comm.	3,073.75
2270	Def. Income - Other	140.00
Total Current Liabilities		5,270.06
Capital		
3000	Equity/Retained Earnings	0.00
3050	Grand Lodge Equity	32,481.88
3120	General Charity Fund	4,260.79
3130	Travel Fund	103,256.80
3140	Life Membership	174,587.50
3145	GL Per Capita Life Membership	2,193.23
3160	Office Equipment Fund	1,776.46
3170	Proceedings - Transcript, P&B	23,636.85
3190	General Fund	219,362.65
3195	Permanent Fund	281,684.62
	Net Income	0.00
Total Capital		843,240.78
Total Liabilities & Capital		848,510.84

Grand Lodge of Alaska

Budget for 2011

Acct #		2011 Budget	2010 Budget	Jan - Dec 2010 Actual	2010 Budget VS Actual	2009 Budget	December 31, 2009 Actual	2009 Budget - VS Actual
Revenues								
4100	Assessment - Per Capita	42,450.00	38,750.00	44,055.00	5,325.00	37,000.00	38,729.75	1,729.75
4110	Assessment - Bulletin	3,432.00	3,432.00	3,115.00	-317.00	3,300.00	3,431.75	131.75
4120	Assessment- Late Fee	50.00	50.00	0.00	-50.00	50.00	0.00	-50.00
4125	Special Assessment- Legal Fees	19,716.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	19,820.00	-180.00

Grand Lodge of Alaska

Budget for 2011

4130	GM Dispensations GWMNM Fund	100.00	100.00	80.00	-20.00	100.00	50.00	-50.00
4145	Contribution Assessment - Petition	1,950.00	2,306.00	2,080.00	-266.00	2,260.00	2,306.00	46.00
4150	Received Assessment - Degrees	3,500.00	4,000.00	3,000.00	-1,000.00	4,000.00	4,050.00	50.00
4160	Conferred Assessment - Affil's /	800.00	800.00	550.00	-250.00	750.00	835.00	85.00
4170	Degrees	600.00	600.00	300.00	-300.00	600.00	600.00	0.00
4175	Reinstatement for NPD General Contrib. /	250.00	250.00	266.50	16.50	150.00	307.50	157.50
4180	Donations	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,558.00	558.00	3,000.00	100.00	-2,900.00
4250	Fund Raisers - Other	3,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	-4,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	-5,000.00
4252	Fundraiser- 2006 hats	0.00	0.00	170.00	170.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4253	Fundraiser- Jackets	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4254	Fundraiser-Clocks	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4262	Fundraiser-Tee Shirts Sale of Masonic	0.00	0.00	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4400	Inventory Interest - Special	4,000.00	3,000.00	9,849.08	6,849.08	3,500.00	4,799.25	1,299.25
4800	Assessment Acct	0.00	0.00	49.29	49.29	10.00	10.92	0.92
4810	Interest - Money Market Div -Interest - Charity	100.00	100.00	6.82	-93.18	100.00	8.94	-91.06
4815	Fund Div & Interest - Travel	10.00	10.00	9.13	-0.87	140.00	11.84	-128.16
4820	Fund Div-Interest-Permanent	1,500.00	2,500.00	2,581.89	81.89	2,500.00	2,371.83	-128.17
4825	Fund Div-Interest - General	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,528.46	28.46	12,500.00	4,958.73	-7,541.27
4830	Fund Div-Interest- Arts	3,000.00	4,500.00	3,718.52	-781.68	4,785.00	3,186.74	-1,598.26
4835	Scholarship Fund Div-Interest - Life	0.00	650.00	789.13	139.13	850.00	1,059.56	209.56
4840	Membership Investment Income	6,500.00	8,500.00	9,429.07	749.07	7,000.00	10,629.17	3,629.17
4841	Gains/Losses LM Div-Interest - Per	0.00	0.00	17,689.68	17,689.68	0.00	20,820.86	20,820.86
4845	Capita Acct Div-Interest Russian	3.00	3.00	0.47	-2.53	60.00	1.80	-58.20
4846	Relations Investment Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4850	Gains/Losses	60,000.00	60,000.00	65,803.60	5,803.60	0.00	97,540.01	97,540.01
4900	Other Income-Misc Reimbursed Expense -	100.00	100.00	25.00	-75.00	100.00	0.00	-100.00
4950	Ann. Comm Reimbursed Expense-	21,950.00	21,950.00	30,579.80	8,629.80	22,000.00	13,306.00	-8,694.00
4960	Leadership Tr'ng Reimbursed Expense-	500.00	500.00	0.00	-500.00	1,000.00	386.00	-614.00
4970	West Conf.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	-250.00

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Budget for 2011

Total Budget/ Gross Profit/Deviation Annual Communication Expense	181,011.00	163,581.00	202,074.24	38,493.24	131,005.00	229,321.65	98,316.65
6005 Ann. Comm. - Banquet Expenses	20,000.00	22,000.00	26,939.88	4,939.88	18,350.00	12,914.72	-5,435.88
6015 Ann. Comm. - Entertainment	500.00	500.00	1,370.00	870.00	800.00	0.00	-800.00
6025 Ann-Comm - Hotel Expenses	200.00	0.00	159.60	159.60	0.00	258.61	258.61
6030 Ann. Comm. - Printing	1,400.00	1,400.00	2,829.42	1,429.42	1,400.00	981.34	-418.66
6040 Ann Comm - Supplies	200.00	550.00	133.78	-416.22	550.00	54.78	-495.22
6045 Ann. Comm. - Transportation	500.00	500.00	456.56	-43.44	1,000.00	0.00	-1,000.00
6050 Ann. Comm. - Misc. Exp./Other	2,800.00	2,847.00	0.00	-2,847.00	100.00	41.75	-58.25
Total Annual Communication	25,600.00	27,797.00	31,889.04	4,092.04	22,200.00	14,250.00	-7,949.40
6100 Leadership Training Advertising / Public Relations	500.00	800.00	0.00	-800.00	800.00	245.55	-554.45
6205 Awards Program	3,000.00	3,000.00	659.25	-2,340.75	1,000.00	332.75	-667.25
6220 Bank Service Charges	200.00	200.00	255.54	55.54	200.00	0.00	-200.00
6225 Bank Service Charges	100.00	100.00	47.03	-52.97	100.00	0.00	-100.00
6230 Contributions/Donations Inventory Cost of Goods	0.00	1,000.00	15.00	-985.00	1,000.00	0.00	-1,000.00
4401 Broker Commission/Foreign Tax	3,000.00	3,000.00	11,418.26	8,418.26	3,000.00	2,329.06	-670.94
6227 Internet Service Exp	6,000.00	6,000.00	9,264.25	3,264.25	6,000.00	7,876.43	1,876.43
6255 Depreciation	800.00	800.00	968.35	168.35	800.00	972.50	172.50
6260 Dues & Subscriptions	1,200.00	2,891.00	1,223.25	-1,667.75	2,891.00	1,106.00	-1,785.00
6270 Equipment Rental	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,478.95	478.95	1,000.00	983.94	-16.06
6275 Equipment Repair	50.00	50.00	0.00	-50.00	50.00	0.00	-50.00
6277 Fees - Legal / Audit	575.00	575.00	540.00	-35.00	575.00	540.00	-35.00
6285 GL Replacement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	665.00	665.00
6301 Regalia	1,000.00	1,000.00	450.00	-550.00	1,000.00	1,965.20	965.20
6305 Gr. Master. - Regalia GM Expenses-Misc Out of Pocket	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	-3000.00	3,000.00	2,123.50	-876.50
6310 GM Discretionary	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
6315 Travel - Grand Master	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
6405 Travel - Deputy Grand Master	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
6410 Travel - Senior Grand Warden	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
6415 Travel - Junior Grand	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
6420	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00

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Warden								
6425	Travel - Grand Secretary	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
6430	Travel - Grand Treasurer	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
6505	G. Master & G. Sec'y Conference	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
6510	Gr. Secretary - Misc. Expenses	750.00	750.00	169.00	-581.00	750.00	0.00	-750.00
6620	George Washington Memorial Assoc.	1,950.00	2,260.00	2,080.00	-180.00	2,260.00	2,306.00	46.00
6630	Liability Insurance Workers Comp.	7,000.00	8,000.00	6,650.00	-1,350.00	8,000.00	7,210.00	-790.00
6635	Insurance Masonic Service Assoc.	575.00	620.00	547.00	-73.00	620.00	592.00	-28.00
6690	Dues	300.00	300.00	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00
6700	Office Salary	12,600.00	12,600.00	12,604.80	4.80	12,600.00	12,604.80	4.80
6705	Office Accounting Fees	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
6710	Office Supplies & Exp.	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,302.53	-197.47	1,500.00	1,351.55	-148.45
6735	Grand Lodge Bulletin	1,600.00	1,600.00	0.00	-1,600.00	1,600.00	0.00	-1,600.00
6730	Postage & Delivery Printing - General	2,000.00	2,000.00	824.26	-1,175.74	2,000.00	804.90	-1,195.10
6745	Forms	1,000.00	200.00	2.00	-198.00	1,000.00	511.99	-488.01
6750	Rent	5,400.00	5,400.00	5,400.00	0.00	5,400.00	5,400.00	0.00
6765	Telephone	600.00	600.00	611.32	11.32	600.00	497.91	-102.09
6780	Web Site Fee	500.00	500.00	177.00	-323.00	500.00	69.45	-430.55
6785	Western Conference	0.00	250.00	497.73	247.73	250.00	0.00	-250.00
6790	Miscellaneous	1,000.00	1,000.00	339.26	-660.74	1,000.00	0.00	-1,000.00
6820	Corporate Taxes	50.00	50.00	0.00	-50.00	50.00	0.00	-50.00
6821	Medicare	200.00	200.00	182.76	-17.24	200.00	182.76	-17.24
6822	F.I.C.A.	800.00	800.00	781.44	-18.56	800.00	781.44	-18.56
6823	State (S.U.I.)	200.00	300.00	126.00	-174.00	380.00	126.00	-254.00
6830	Federal (F.U.T.A.)	100.00	100.00	55.98	-44.02	100.00	55.98	-44.02
8010	Other Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8011	IRS Penalty	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Budget							
	Exp/Actual							
	Exp/Deviation	110,850.00	117,443.00	118,060.00	617.00	107,926.00	90,585.31	-17,340.69
	*Distribution of Life Member Interest	6,500.00	8,500.00	9,249.07	749.07	7,000.00	10,629.17	3,629.17
	Net Income	63,661.00	37,638.00	74,765.17	37,127.17	16,079.00	128,107.17	112,028.17

**BUDGET & EXPENSE
FOOTNOTES:**

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The amount of income shown for the George Washington National Monument is a "Pass Through" once the annual collection is complete the funds are forwarded to the George Washington National Monument.

Designated Donations are Reflected in the appropriate Equity Account and do not appear in account 4180 (General Donations)

Designated accounts: Alaska Masonic Library and Museum - \$540.00; Alaska Masonic Foundation for Children - \$1,585.00; Travel Fund - \$550.00; General Fund - \$4,095.00.

Masonic Research and Education

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

During 2010, the Committee on Masonic Research and Education identified two projects that, it was thought, were of importance to the advancement of Alaska Masonry. One was of particular interest to candidates for Masonry and their coaches. The other was directed to Deputies of the Grand Master and concerned their specific duties and responsibilities.

PROJECT ONE

The first project was the establishment of an alternative "Candidate Coaching Checklist". The committee recognized that many Alaskan Lodges have adopted standard procedures for guiding their candidates in Masonry and developing an esprit de corps within their Lodge. The Candidate Coaching Checklist developed by the committee is not intended to replace those standard procedures, but to assist those Lodges that do not have a clear written guide, by giving them a basic procedure for documenting the progress of their candidates. The "Candidate Coaching Checklist" was distributed to the constituent Alaska Lodges earlier in 2010.

PROJECT TWO

This project was to develop a written Handbook for Deputies of the Grand Master. Additionally, the committee took on the challenge of creating a supplemental "Lodge Officer Proficiency" exam to be administered by the Deputies in the performance of their duties.

DEPUTY HANDBOOK

Section 4.06 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code (AMC) sets forth the duties and powers of the Deputy of the Grand Master as follows:

1. To visit every Lodge within his District officially at least once each year and at such other times as he may be requested to do so by the Worshipful Master of the lodge.
2. To examine such books and records of each Lodge within his District as the Grand Master may direct.
3. To perform such other duties as the Grand Master may direct.
4. To report to the Grand Master after each visit any unusual conditions or events and his official acts in relation thereto.

Item three (3) in this list has always been rather vague and troubling to the Deputies of the Grand Master. To address the perceived deficiency in the duties as defined in the AMC and to meet his Deputies request for a clearer definition of their responsibilities, in 2007, the Grand Master defined a list of seven additional duties and responsibilities. Following that lead and by the order of the Grand Master, the committee has expanded on that list and developed a District Deputies Handbook, which is consistent with the historic practices and principles of Alaska Masonry.

The District Deputies Handbook is divided into five sections and two appendixes. Section One defines the objectives of the Handbook and in, addition to an introduction, contains descriptions of the Deputy's authorization and eligibility, powers and duties, decorum and relationship with his Lodges, specific responsibilities, adherence to the standard work, and his appointment. Section Two provides timelines for a Deputy's first and second years and a recommended format for a Lodge assessment. Section Three stresses the importance of ritual proficiency and Masonic education and promotes an awareness of the training needs of the Deputy's Lodges and District. Section Four reiterates the importance of Masonic ritual and addresses aspects of certain ceremonies. Finally, Section Five provides guidance on Lodge visits and the conduct of District meetings. Additionally, the Handbook contains two appendixes, one which describe the Lodge Officer Proficiency exam and the other which provides a guide for facilitating Lodge Officer Training.

LODGE OFFICER PROFICIENCY

The continued success and growth of each Lodge is determined in large part by the skill with which its affairs are managed by those elected to leadership roles. The purpose of the Lodge Officer Proficiency (LOP) exam is to encourage a study of the necessary details of The Standard Work (TSW), Alaska Masonic Code (AMC), and Lodge Officers Handbook (LOH). It may also challenge any Mason to stay current with our Work—and be a better Mentor, Leader, and Mason.

CONCLUSION

The committee wishes to express our appreciation to the Grand Master for allowing us the opportunity to pursue these two projects, which we hope will have benefit to future generations of Alaska Masons.

Respectfully submitted,

MW John R. "Bo" Cline (7, 20), Chairman
VW Roger K. Hansen (7, 20, 23)
VW Russell G. Shivers (21)
W John K. Bishop (15)
W Montgomery J. Schefers (10)
W Michael A. Starkey (3)

Masonic Public Relations

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

Masonic Youth

Report of Jobs Daughters Bethel No. 1 for 2010

Bethel No. 1 Jobs Daughters is alive and kicking. This year they initiated two new girls into the Bethel. They have 18 very active girls participating and only dropped one girl this last year.

This last summer the girls participated at International Supreme Session in Colorado where all Bethels across the United States attended and competed in different categories. Bethel No. 1 received three second place and two third place awards in the Performing Arts Competition. In addition to the Performing Arts Competition, the girls took one first place and two second places in the Ritual Competition, the first place, being a perfect score. In the Arts and Crafts Competition, the girls took five first place awards and two second place awards.

In addition to the above awards, the girls received special recognition from the Supreme Guardian. They were selected to be the only Bethel to perform the Bible Ceremony. They also participated in the Flag Ceremony.

Four girls were selected as Supreme officers, which are Supreme Chaplain and Supreme Representatives to Missouri, Brazil and Wyoming.

The girls have participated in several functions such as providing dinners for Anchorage Lodge No. 17 at Stated Meetings, performing the flag ceremony, and escorting officers at installations.

This next year 2011 looks bright for the girls of Bethel No.1. They have already received petitions for membership and expect to do the first two initiations in March.

Respectfully submitted,

VW Tom Schram
Bethel No. 1 Representative

Report of Youth Committee

The 2010 Rainbow Grand Assembly was held at Anchorage, Alaska in June of 2010. They had a good attendance and are looking forward for the 2011 Grand Assembly which will be in Juneau, Alaska in June 2011.

Juneau Assembly has been working on membership and has initiated four girls this last year. They have had an installation of officers in the middle of January and Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge had a large attendance at their installation, which was very much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

W Robert L. Cartmill
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Bylaws

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

Public Schools

No report from the Public Schools Committee was received at the time of publication
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REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Report of Grand Chaplain (Necrology)

Eternal God

We praise you for the great company of all those Masonic Brothers 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

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 ears, into the joy of your home not made with
hands, but eternal in the heavens.*

Amen

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

White Pass Lodge No. 1
David C. Seaford

5-14-2010

Tanana Lodge No. 3

VW William H. Lefferson

7-10-2010

Robert F. Duncan

6-16-2010

Virgil Del Toro

11-29-2010

Albert H. Wilson

7-28-2010

Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5

Charles L. Buck

1-14-2010

W Martin J. Samueleson

3-31-2010

Seward Lodge No. 6

T. A. Alredge

12-1-2009

W Troy D. Hughes Sr.

2-28-2010

Matanuska Lodge No. 7

Bruce E. Cannon

10-16-2010

George A. Williams

10-20-2007

W Walter T. Williams

1-8-2010

Kodiak Lodge No. 9

George W. Nelson

3-28-2010

Glacier Lodge No. 10

Robert H. Byrne

2-19-2010

Alvin L. Jones

12-1-2010

Harold W. Hancock Jr.

11-25-2010

Kenai Lodge No. 11

VW Michael A. Eady

10-1-2010

Earl T. Jones

12-1-2010

John N. Marvik

12-7-2009

W Jesse P. Moore

Unknown

Fairbanks Lodge No. 12 W George O. Darby	10-30-2009
Aurora Lodge No. 15 W Earl E. Frank	9-2-2009
Anchorage Lodge No. 17 Carl H. Engdall Lee C. Houston Dewey H. McBrayer Richard A. K. Paquette Henry E, Minnier Sr. Robert O. Coleman John T. Roberson W Clifford E. Roberson Ahmad Amer Charles K. Balhiser Marlow E. Clark Richard C. Morrison W Robert E. MacArthur Lorne C. Simpson Arnold L. Van Horn James S. Scarborough III Horatio W. McKinney	9-23-2004 7-17-2007 4-20-2008 5-11-2008 8-20-2008 10-26-2008 12-31-2008 12-31-2008 3-9-2009 9-20-2009 1-9-2010 2-14-2010 4-14-2010 4-27-2010 9-23-2010 11-2-2010 Unknown
Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18 W Walter Moy	1-4-2010
Ketchikan Lodge No. 19 Robert E. Walthall	10-14-2010
Iditarod Lodge No. 20 Wilber D. McBride	2-26-2010
Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21 W Elmer Sorenson Jr. Arnold E. Collins Philip Martin	5-5-2010 8-11-2010 9-24-2010
Sterling Lodge No. 22 Leslie R. Davies	10-25-2010
Petersburg Lodge No. 23 Harold R. Halldarson Perry V. Grimes Steward Miller	3-11-2003 5-20-2003 9-27-2005

Donald E. Sylvester
W Edward E. Sarff
John W. Enge

9-19-2006
3-20-2010
5-7-2010

*When the door of life closes, another door opens;
but often we look so long at the closed door
that we do not see the one that has been opened.*

*May his life beyond that door
be even more fruitful and rewarding
than the life he led while on this side.*

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

W Van O. Chaney
Grand Chaplain

Report of Grand Lecturer

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers and Brethren all.

This is the report of the Grand Lecturer for 2010.

I have been unable to travel a great deal this year to visit all the lodges because of the lack of time and finances. However, I have received information from the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers of the work being performed in those lodges I was not able to attend and for the most part the reports have been fairly positive. This was good news. I have always been a phone call or e-mail away and since only a few brothers took advantage of the book in the Grand Lodge office I can only assume that all the Lodges are performing the work word perfect. Who am I trying to kid?

Brothers, we all know there is always room for improvement. I still see books open during the opening of lodges and degree work. Brothers, officers should be prepared to do their work before they step foot into the lodge room. The only person that should have a book open is the person designated to prompt. I think candidates are more impressed by officers who can recite the work from memory than those who have to read it. We are bringing many young candidates into the fraternity and these brothers are going to keep our lodges going after we are gone. It becomes our duty as Past Masters and Lodge officers to teach them the correct way to do the ritual work. I have some suggestions as to how we can do this.

1. If you are coaching a candidate, don't stop after the Third Degree Proficiency. Continue to coach them on the ritual. Teach them a part in a degree.

2. Get our new Master Masons active in the lodge. Don't let them sit on the sidelines. Assign them a part in a degree.
3. Encourage new members to attend lodge whenever they can. If you are doing the ritual and floor work the way it should be done, this becomes a learning tool for them. Just remember one thing, if we aren't doing the work correctly, those new members will learn the ritual the wrong way.
4. Continue to study the ciphers. Even though you may be a long time member, that doesn't mean you can do it all from memory without going back to the book for a refresher. We all make mistakes and continual study will only improve our own knowledge and help us to correct those mistakes.

In conclusion, I want to thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master for allowing me to be a part of your officer line this last year. It has been a pleasure to serve you.

Respectfully submitted,

VW Tom Schram
Grand Lecturer

Report of Grand Orator

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska
This report is submitted pursuant to Section 3.09 of the Alaska Masonic Code.

At a recent Masonic meeting I was attending, I noticed that a veteran Master Mason continually interrupted brothers while they were trying to talk. This got me reviewing my Masonic history and training since I didn't remember a lot of my formal Masonic training or guidance in Masonic etiquette. I know this Grand Lodge has taken it upon itself to enter into lodge management, membership, and ritual training for its members. I have never before seen this type of training or guidance.

I know mom and dad tried to teach me manners and etiquette and I suppose most of you received this type of education as well. Well, either this brother has not taken to heart those lessons and/or he doesn't remember them. It may be he just doesn't respect the brothers he kept cutting off during their conversation.

While communicating with some brethren from other grand jurisdictions, the conversation came to Masonic etiquette training. Apparently this training is a part of lodge officers training in some jurisdictions.

I propose that this Grand Lodge of Alaska look into a program for Alaska Masonic Etiquette training. This could be in great depth or as I recommend, a pamphlet as a guide

for both new and old Masons alike. This should be drafted by what I call the “Masonic Anchors.” We have some great “Masonic Anchors” in Alaska lodges. These Brethren, are those lodge members who are greatly respected for their memories, guidance, direction, advice, and training.

Respectfully submitted,

VW Rex C. Hasty
Grand Orator

Report of Grand Historian

The report of the Grand Historian was a power point presentation of all of the Grand Masters of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska from the first Grand Master - MW James A. Williams to the present Grand Master - MW Johnnie L. Wallace. No written report was given.

Charters and Dispensations

No report from the Charters and Dispensations Committee was received at the time of publication.

Leadership Training

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

Military Recognition

Two military personnel were recognized by the Grand Lodge of Alaska in 2010, Master Sergeant John Pruitt and Staff Sergeant Jeremy Canady.

George Washington National Memorial

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

Russian Masonry

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

Wills and Endowments

No report from the Wills and Endowments Committee was received at the time of publication

Long-Range Planning

RW Jerry W. Pinion reported that he would have the Long-Range Plan by May 2011

Internet

Report of the Internet Committee

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

Trestle Board

Report of the Publications Committee

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

Segregations and Reference Committee

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

We the Committee of Segregations & Reference to whom was referred the Grand Master's Message have reviewed the same and report the following:

1. Grand Lodge Membership Management System: We recommend this section of the Grand Master's Message be referred to the Finance Committee.
2. Late filing fee: We recommend this section of the Grand Master's Message be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.
3. Web page: We recommend this section of the Grand Master's Message be referred to the Finance Committee.
4. All other sections of the Grand Master's Message should stand as written.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee on Segregations & Reference
MW L. V. "Joe" Dees PGM
MW Henry T. Dunbar PGM
MW Jared Decker PGM

Ritual

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

Alaska Masonic Code Review Committee

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

During 2010, in accordance with Recommendation #2, the Masonic Code Review Committee (with oversight by the Committee on Jurisprudence) identified and corrected twenty - two sections of the Alaska Masonic Code to ensure consistency with other sections of the Code. No new code was made in correcting these sections. One Ruling (Ruling #11) was given a notation indicating that it was no longer in effect as two former passed resolutions took care of it.

These corrected sections along with noted Ruling #11 will not appear in the Alaska Masonic Code until the passed resolutions at the 2011 Grand Lodge session have been added. It is also our intent to indicate in the revision notation at the end of each corrected sections, by the Code Review Committee, that the notation **CRC(date)** be added.

Finally, the Code Review Committee is constantly trying to identify any missed information, typographical errors, as well as inconsistencies within the Code and is asking for any input by the brethren

Respectfully submitted,

Alaska Masonic Code Review Committee
VW Roger K. Hansen, Chairman
VW Monte R. Ervin
RW James R. Herrington

Reports of the District Deputies of the Grand Master

Response to the Grand Masters Welcoming of the District Deputy's to Grand Lodge

MW Grand Master
Honored Brothers
Distinguished Guests

I am proud and honored to be here today as one of five representatives of the Grand Master. I know that when the Grand Master asked me to be the District Deputy of District No. 3 that I had no idea what a District Deputy job encompassed. I soon found out when I was attending lodge one night and the Master of that lodge asked if I would give a short talk concerning a section of the Masonic code, as the lodge would soon be dealing with that section. I am happy to say that everything turned out ok and was accomplished according to code.

Representing the Grand Master is indeed a great pleasure and honor. It also gives one the insight to what a big job and responsibility that is placed upon the Grand Master and to serve as his representative has truly been our honor and pleasure. MW Grand Master we wish you the best in your Grand Lodge Session.

Respectfully submitted,

VW Glen Josey
Deputy District No 3
Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alaska

District 1

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

District 2

Grand Master MW Bro. Johnnie L. Wallace

Here is my yearly report for District No. 2.

There were four dispensations issued for 2010.

The only Lodge training that I could confirm was the officer training at Kenai Lodg No. 11 on Mondays and Wednesdays.

We did accomplish one thing that hasn't been done before in this District and that was your official visit to Kenai, Seward, and Sterling Lodges at Seward Lodge No. 6. We had the Masters and members from all three Lodges.

I have checked with Seward and Sterling Lodges on the Grand Master's Award for Excellence and did not get a response. I did, however, put W Bro. Nik Nikolas, Master of Kenai Lodge No. 11 in for it. I won't be able to get the forms by the December 31. I will get in touch with the Grand Secretary and get the forms and turn them in on a delayed basis.

Overall, I will say this for the three Lodges – Kenai No. 11, Seward No. 6, and Sterling No. 22, we are seeing a great deal of cooperation and I think we are on our way up which make out district stronger.

Again, thank you for your understanding.

Respectfully submitted,

VW Bill Harris
Deputy of the Grand Master District No. 2

District 3

Masonry is alive and well in District No. 3. All lodges have been busy and interactive with each other as well as other Masonic organizations. Each Master has received and filled out the Grand Master's Award for Excellence form and completed enough items to be awarded the medals. Some have even gone further in their endeavors and earned even more. All lodges are doing good work even as some officers are struggling with personal proficiencies, with some work needing to improve. Not all lodges have held Lodge Officer training, however, the overall rating is good as there seems to be a balance of peace and harmony prevailing in all lodges. Every Lodge in District No. 3 has had several family and public functions.

I have visited every Lodge in District No. 3 officially as your representative and promoted your message of unity and peace and goodwill to all. I did not hold a district meeting as you had stated that each Lodge Master would be responsible for the training of their officers. I did let each Lodge Master know that I was available to assist in any training that they would like to accomplish.

Serving as your representative has indeed been a pleasure and honor and I thank you for the privilege.

Respectfully submitted,

VW Glen Josey
Deputy of the Grand Master District No. 3

District 4

Grand Master MW Bro. Johnnie L. Wallace

Here is my yearly report for District No. 4 report of Lodge training 2010.

1. White Pass No. 1
Training is done once or twice a month with the required ciphers.
2. Mount Verstovia No. 18
Training done on Saturday mornings and practice is done the day before degree conferrals. There is cipher help for candidates by assigned coaches.
3. Ketchikan No. 10
No training
4. Mount Juneau-Gastineaux No. 21
Before each lodge meeting, training is called by the Master, which sometimes includes power point presentations.;
4. Petersburg No.23
I am unable to contact the Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

VW Robert D. Alexander
Deputy of the Grand Master District No. 4

District 5

I am pleased to report that the Lodges in District 5 have all had a great year. I was able to attend all three lodges during their stated meetings and also attended most of their degrees. Each lodge held stated meetings on their prescribed dates and conducted lodge business promptly and proficiently, handling issues requiring attention. Matanuska Lodge #7 submitted a request for dispensation to move its February 1st Stated Communication to the following Tuesday, February 8th, to better accommodate members attending the 2011 Grand Lodge Annual Communication. The dispensation was granted.

Each lodge is working hard to shorten stated meeting durations allowing for more brotherly love and friendship following the meeting.

All three lodges conferred degrees during the year and they were accomplished in due form. I was not present during all of the degree work for each lodge; however, for those degrees where I was in attendance the lodges can be proud of their work.

Matanuska Lodge #7, Eagle River Lodge #13, and Iditarod Lodge #20 participated in several community events that promoted Masonry in a very positive manner. All three lodges are active in their communities, contributing money in the form of scholarships and school supplies. They also participated in the annual 4th of July parade in Palmer and the Bear Paw Festival parade in Eagle River.

Elections were held and installation of new officers accomplished in a professional yet humorous manner. Matanuska Lodge #7 and Eagle River Lodge #13 held open installations while Iditarod Lodge #20's installation was closed to the public. The newly elected and appointed officers are looking forward to 2011 and performing the required duties of their new positions.

Respectfully submitted,

VW Frank G. Weiss III
Deputy of the Grand Master District 5

Alaska Masonic Library and Museum

We had a very productive year receiving several high quality donations and requests for assistance with establishing and enhancing Masonic education programs. We also had the pleasure of accommodating visitors from around the country and the world.

We presented the following programs for Masonic education:

- Each Thursday evening we have coaching and mentoring for all three Masonic degrees which is open to all Lodges to include brothers from outside the Anchorage and State of Alaska areas.
- We facilitated a study group on the first and third Thursday's of each month for the Scottish Right Master Craftsman program.

There were several donations of Masonic items from brothers bequeathing them to the Library and Museum to be placed on display in their honor.

Dan Moss, representing the Grand Lodge of Washington's Masonic Library committee, provided outstanding support to the Alaska Masonic Library with a donation of books from the Grand Lodge of Washington's Masonic Library collection.

We presented a certificate of appreciation to the Grand Lodge of Washington for their support and donations. MW Godofiedo S. Lascano, Grand Master of Washington, received the certificate on behalf of Dan Moss of the Grand Lodge of Washington Library.

We presented a certificate of appreciation to RW Edward O. Weisser for the several donations he has made to the Alaska Masonic Library and Museum over the years, which included a historical stone from the Valley Forge archway reconstructed by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in 1996.

We are seeking volunteers to staff the Library and Museum during hours that we are now closed in order to provide more opportunities for research and self-improvement.

We are planning a project to capture and publish the wisdom of our Past Grand Masters in a written format along with a history of each of them.

Finally we are planning a fundraising event, at the request of Deputy Grandmaster Ronald L. Ackerman, which will take place on the Tuesday preceding the next Grand Lodge of Alaska Annual Communication.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Dahl
Executive Director
Alaska Masonic Library and Museum

Awards

James A. Williams Award

The recipient of the James A. Williams Award for honoring the Alaska Lodge with the largest member of Master Masons raised was presented to Aurora Lodge No.15 for the year 2010.

Buckley C. Hazen Award

The recipient of the Buckley C. Hazen Award for the largest percentage membership growth was presented to North Pole Lodge No. 16 for the year 2010.

Military Recognition Award

The two recipients of the military recognition award of honor are presented to:

US Air Force Staff Sergeant. Jeremy Canady
Aerospace Medical Service Journeyman
673 Inpatient Squadron,
673 Air Base Wing, and

US Air Force Master Sergeant. John Pruitt
Engineering Assistant
673 Civil Engineer Squadron,
673 Air Base Wing

Grand Lodge Scholarship Recipient

I am pleased to report that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alaska Music and Visual Arts Scholarship Committee met via teleconference on January 23, 2011 to discuss and evaluate nine (9) student applications received statewide in response to the solicitation for this year's scholarship availability. Following careful review and rating of each application by the committee members and subsequent discussion, it was the committee's consensus to make one \$2,000.00 award from available funds to applicant Anne Frances Schuerger of 621 Pine Street, Ketchikan, AK 99901. I presume you may wish me to make a committee report to the Grand Lodge Communication. I will be arriving in Anchorage, Wednesday afternoon, and look forward to seeing you at the banquet Wednesday evening.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to Scholarship Committee members; MW Bro. Edward Weisser, VW Bro. Jerry Hughes, and Bro. Carroll Fader for their outstanding work and cooperative dedication to this committee. I have found each of these brothers a sincere pleasure to work with and am very thankful for the time and effort they put into establishing a viable process for the scholarship program two years ago and for jointly evaluating student applications during the last two award cycles.

Please let me know if I can answer any of your questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen E. Wright, Chairman
Music & Visual Arts Scholarship Committee
Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alaska

Grand Master's Award for Excellence

The Grand Master's Award for Excellence was earned by the following Masters in 2010:

W Richard Ackerman	White Pass Lodge No. 1
W Jason P. Mayrand	Tanana Lodge No. 3
W Clarence E. Keto	Glacier Lodge No.10
W Dennis Oakland	Eagle River Lodge No. 13
W Dave Oaks	Aurora Lodge No. 15
W Larry Hoevelman	North Pole Lodge No. 16
W James S. Zuke	Anchorage Lodge No. 17
W Thomas Brown	Mt Verstovia Lodge No. 18
W Jeffrey J. Polizzotto	Mt. Juneau – Gastineaux Lodge No. 21

Mason of the Year

It is a pleasure to announce this year's recipient of the Grand Lodge of Alaska Mason of the Year Award: W Van O. Chaney, Glacier Lodge No. 10.

W Bro. Van's journey in Masonry began in Kodiak Lodge No. 9 on April 25, 1975 when he was initiated as an Entered Apprentice. He was passed to the Fellowcraft degree on March 27, 1976 and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on December 3, 1976. He passed his proficiency on January 2, 1977. All this time he was employed on Adak Island. Later he petitioned Adak Lodge No. 14 continuing his work in Masonry. After retiring from Adak, he and his wife Alice moved to Anchorage where they both became active in many of the Masonic bodies. W Bro. Van petitioned Glacier Lodge No. 10 and affiliated on February 14, 1985. After becoming a member, he has continued to be active in many different positions. For many years he has served as Almoner, taking care of those in need. He also serves the same position in the Anchorage Scottish Rite bodies. He works tirelessly in his community church and Masonic bodies: Lodge; Scottish Rite; Shrine; and Eastern Star; helping those in need and making certain that they are always remembered whether they are sick or in sorrow; and sending out many cards each week. In 2008, Glacier Lodge No. 10 presented W Bro. Van with the title of Honorary Past Master, which was well deserved. W Bro. Van has served the Grand Lodge of Alaska many times as the Grand Chaplain. W Bro. Van Oren Chaney was born on October 10, 1931 in Bloomville, Ohio. W Bro. Van never seems to sit idle as he continues to help others in need.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Walter Soboleff Tribute Speech

Thank you Grand Master; Good Morning; Brothers

This morning I would like to take a few moments to pay tribute and honor to a distinguished brother; Very Worshipful Walter Soboleff. Brother Walter is 102 years old and still is an active Mason, Shriner, and teacher of Masonry to new Scottish Rite Masons in Juneau at our reunions. Walter has slowed down some but he still actively seeks you out to pass on a life lesson to you. When Brother Walter speaks, whether at Lodge or a Shrine lunch, a certain calm envelopes the room and you just know deep inside you that this man, this brother is imparting knowledge upon you, and you had better sit up and take notice.

The year was 1908, November 14th to be exact, and in the small Alaskan village of Killisnoo was born Walter Alexander Soboleff. Walter's mother was Tlingit and his father was of Russian and German ancestry. His home was but a few short steps from the

local school house built by the government. It was the classic schoolhouse, red in color with steeple and bell. Brother Walter describes his early education of being within two worlds, that of the Tlingit and English with Russian and German thrown in. He has stated that many native children became lost during that time and he knew he needed to somehow bridge the gap.

After graduating from high school in Sitka in 1928, which he can recall using a canoe to travel between home in Killisnoo and Sitka, a young Walter worked at the Cold Storage plant in Sitka before earning a scholarship to Dubuque University in 1937. He tells of hitchhiking to the Oregon Agricultural College, now Oregon State University. The Great Depression limited him to just a semester of science at Oregon Agricultural College and he hitchhiked to Seattle via freight train, staying at a YMCA. He received a scholarship in 1933 to the University of Dubuque in Iowa, earning a bachelor's degree in education in 1937 and graduate degree in divinity in 1940. Numerous other degrees afforded him the title of Doctor in divinity and in humanities.

Upon returning to Alaska, Brother Walter began to form bonds within the community in becoming one of the most respected statesman, church leader, scholar, teacher, elder, and a Master Mason in 1958. Determination is the word to describe his arrival into Masonry. He wanted to join our brotherhood because of what we stand for, dedication to God, freedom, and country. He was denied access 3 times to join our fraternity and his never-give-up stance and our ability to see beyond our own naïveté, he was afforded entrance. “Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.”

In 1993 Brother Walter became an Honorary Past Master of Juneau Lodge #147 and in 2007 he was honored with the title of Very Worshipful at the Grand Lodge at that time. His honors are extensive and would take too much time to list, but this man, this brother has dedicated his life to teach others about building the bonds of brotherly love, relief, and truth. Without his dedication and spirit to move away those obstacles that encumbered him, if he just gave up, if he followed along like everyone else he, we would not have had the pleasure to know him or receive the honor of his instruction about life and what we hold so dear.

Brother Walter continues to be an integral part of Masonry in Juneau. His teachings during the Scottish Rite communications are a once-in-a-life-time treat, I know that I will never forget listening to him during my entrance into Scottish Rite, I know that the brothers who were with me and those who have heard him speak will never forget it either.

His prayers are inspiring and always have a message of coming together, do unto others as you would have them do unto you, love thy neighbor, freedom, and truth. His most famous and meaningful quote that sunk into my very being is this “Take care of the old person you are going to become”.

Brothers I leave you with this:

**"There is a destiny that makes all of us Brothers;
No one walks the path of life alone.
All that we put into the lives of others;
Comes into our own"**

I know of no one who has better exemplified, practiced, and taught "this philosophy of life" than Very Worshipful Brother, Walter Soboleff.

It is an honor to share this tribute with you today. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

W Steven Stewart

Grand Lodge of Alaska Corporation Annual Meeting

Call to order by Chairman MW Grand Master Johnnie L. Wallace

Roll call of officers

Chair	Johnnie L. Wallace
Vice Chair	Ronald L. Ackerman
Treasurer	James Grubbs
Secretary	Jerome P. Wasson
Member	Jerry Pinion
Member	Bo Cline
Member	

Reading of minutes from previous meeting.

Grand Treasurer

- Presented the budget and indicated that we did better financially this year compared to last year and hope to do better next year.
- Waiting for the attorney fees to be presented from the plaintiffs and will hang onto all of the money in the legal fund until everything has been presented for payment.
- The excess funds collected from the assessments will be put into a fund for future legal fees or will be prorated for reimbursement to the lodges.
- Tom Mickey is ok with using money for a different system other than MORI and has money for Grand Lodge

Bo Cline

- Dennis Oakland has opened a flicker account for putting in pictures for the web site.
- Dennis Oakland has the ability to access/change web site and advises that only one person should be able to access the web site.
- Hire a web designer
- Grand Lodge should have the ability to pay for items over the internet and cost of using PayPal and electronic transfer of funds and not to use checks or snail mail.
- Reported on the Biennial Report to the State of Alaska and will put in all the changes of the new officers when report is filed after Grand Lodge.

Grand Secretary

- Best secretary reporting year.
- Has all of the end-of-the year reports

Adjourn

Alaska Masonic Foundation for Children Annual Meeting

Call to order by MW Grand Master Johnnie L. Wallace

Roll call of officers:

Chair	Marin Harned (not present) MW Johnnie L. Wallace opened meeting
Vice Chair	Bo Cline
Treasurer	James Grubbs
Secretary	Jerry Wesson
Member	Jered Decker

Business conducted:

- Bo Cline indicated that the State of Alaska Biennial Report due every odd numbered year since the foundation was created on an odd numbered year and that he is the registered agent .
- Bo Cline reported about an online organization – Tech Soup- for purchasing software.
- Conversation with Jerry Hughes concerning the lateness of the scholarship application.
- MW Grand Master talked with Steven Wright concerning not getting the message to all the schools about the scholarship application.
- MW Grand Master thought that the applications should be sent out earlier and that the Scholarship Committee is doing a fantastic job since they have only been in existence for two years.
- Bo Cline nominated Ron Ackerman and Jerry Pinion to be on the board.
- James Grubbs reported on donations to the different Grand Lodge funds.

- A recommendation was made to rename one of the funds after RW Edward Weisser.

Adjourn

Contributions Grand Lodge of Alaska - 2011 Annual Communication

Contribution From:	To:	For:	Amount
White Pass Lodge No. 1	Grand Lodge	Travel Fund	\$100.00
Valdez Lodge No. 4	Grand Lodge	Travel Fund	\$100.00
Seward Lodge No. 6	Grand Lodge	General Fund	\$200.00
Glacier Lodge No. 10	Grand Lodge	Travel Fund	\$1,000.00
Kenai Lodge No. 11	Grand Lodge	General Fund	\$200.00
Anchorage Lodge No. 17	Grand Lodge	General Fund	\$900.00
Sterling Lodge No. 22	Grand Lodge	General Fund	\$250.00
Matanuska Lodge No.7	Grand Lodge	General Fund	\$500.00
Eagle River Lodge No. 13	Grand Lodge	General Fund	\$500.00 (I.O.U.)
Jared Decker	Grand Lodge	A.M.F.C.	\$500.00
	Grand Lodge	GLMMS	\$500.00
Ed Weisser	Grand Lodge	AMFC	\$1,000.00
Tom Mickey Donations from letter	Grand Lodge	Permanent Fund	\$1,000.00
	Grand Lodge	AMFC	\$5,130.00
	Grand Lodge	AMLAM	\$1,565.00
	Grand Lodge	Travel	\$600.00
	Grand Lodge	General	\$4,720.00
		TOTAL	\$18,765.00 with I.O.U.

Speeches by Distinguished Guests

Remarks of Brynn Johnson, International Order of Jobs Daughters

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Members of the Grand Lodge of Alaska, Distinguished guests and Ladies,

Good Evening,

My name is Brynn Johnson and I am the most recent Past Honored Queen of Bethel #1, Anchorage, Alaska International Order of Job's Daughters.

It is my very great pleasure and honor to welcome all Master Masons, ladies and guests assembled here to the Grand Lodge of 2011. It is a great honor to have been asked to be one of the representatives of the Masonic youth groups invited here this evening.

Every Job's Daughter has gained their heritage from a Mason and our heritage is a legacy that cannot be broken or taken away. This is the tie that binds regardless of where we are on our journey through life or in times of trouble. A Master Mason is only a phone call away and he is that cornerstone which provides the Job's Daughter's strength.

This has been a spectacular year for the one and only little Bethel in Alaska. We increased our membership, and now have 8 girls that have committed to join the Bethel when they turn 10 during 2011.

Fourteen Anchorage Jobies attended the International Supreme Session and not to toot our own horn everyone knew we came to conquer and to come home with lots of awards. One of our girls took 1st place in ritual competition with a perfect score. Another took 2nd place with a score of 99.5 and another with a 3rd place score of 97. Nine of the fourteen girls had scores above 90 with most above 97. Every girl attending had to enter at least one item in the Arts and Crafts Competition and we brought home nine awards, five of them being 1st place. Seven of the girls entered the Performing Arts competition and we had five that won 2nd and 3rd place awards.

We were recognized by the Supreme Guardian as the outstanding Bethel during Opening Ceremonies and, in which, only our Bethel was selected to do the Bible Ceremony.

Your continuing support of the Masonic Youth organizations is greatly appreciated. Your support doesn't have to always be monetary. It can be helping us learn our ritual, lending a helping hand at fund raising, or making a commitment to mentor one of our members. Your active involvement lets us learn about you and allows you to teach us the principles which govern the Masonic organizations. You do make a difference in our lives. No matter how insignificant you think your influence will be, you reached out and had a hand in building our character, morals, and shaping our values so that we can mature into adults ready to face life squarely, to make sound decisions, and be leaders of this country.

I hear many times the members complain about learning the ritual or ask why does it have to be perfect. The ritual is what gives the organization structure. When you change the ritual you change the organization. But most importantly the ritual is the common thread that ties the adult organizations to the youth organizations. The symbolism and the never changing ritual is the basis of what has allowed Masonry to endure for centuries and allows us to go anywhere in the world and have a common ground for friendship. We may not speak the same language but we are joined.

As you go about the business of the Grand Lodge of 2011, give pause and remember how important the Masonic heritage is to the youth and that your legacy is what gives the youth the goals to be the future of the Masonic organizations.

Thank you.

Remarks of Chloe Stoces, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Thank you for inviting us here tonight to attend your Grand Court. I bring greetings and best wishes for a successful session from Alaska's Grand Assembly and our Supreme Deputy, Mrs. Gabrielle Hazelton.

This past year, the State service project was to raise money for cancer research and support those stricken with the disease. All of our State assemblies helped with the Relay for Life and we were able to donate care packages and stuffed animals to the cancer centers at Providence Hospital. This upcoming year we are working with the ASPCA and helping with animal rescue. This is in addition to the local assembly's regular dedication to the needs of their community.

Youth groups owe their existence to the adult leaders who support them. Alaska's Rainbow Girls have amazing leaders who come from the Masons, Order of the Eastern Star, Majority members, and Amaranth. We are grateful for the lessons of building character through service to others that we learn at your feet. I sincerely thank you for your generosity in time, talents, and financial support towards making Alaska Rainbow a continued success. We have maintained steady membership the last two years and hope this means our membership will be growing as we share the Masonic Rainbow with our friends.

For this next Grand Term, I hope to further strengthen the bond between our sponsoring orders, such as Amaranth, and the girls of our assemblies to help re-instill our old Rainbow values. Almost every tradition that was brought into our organization was instilled by outstanding organizations like yourselves.

I extend an invitation to join me at the 49th "With Rainbow love, from Paris" Grand Session in Juneau, June 14-16, 2011. We wish you roaring success for the years to come and thank you.

ELECTION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

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

Grand Master:

Ronald L. Ackerman – 132 votes (station accepted)

Deputy Grand Master:

Jerry W. Pinion – 131 votes (station accepted)

Roger Hansen – 1 vote

Senior Grand Warden:

James R. Herrington – 131 votes (station accepted)

James Grubbs - 1 vote

Junior Grand Warden:

First Ballot

John Bishop – 55 votes

Dave Worrell – 54 votes

Billy Harris – 21 votes

Les Little – 2 votes

James Grubbs – 1 vote

Second Ballot

Dave Worrell – 63 votes (station accepted)

John Bishop – 29 votes

Billy Harris – 8 votes

Grand Treasurer:

James D. Grubbs – 131 votes (station accepted)

Jerome P. Wasson – 1 vote

Grand Secretary

Jerome P. Wasson – 130 votes (station accepted)

Tom Schram – 1 vote

INSTALLATION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

An open installation for the 2011 - 2012 officers for The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was conducted at the Sheraton Anchorage Hotel on February 4, 2011.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Welcome and Introduction of Installing Officers by MW Johnnie L. Wallace.

INSTALLING OFFICERS

Installing Officer	MW Thomas O. Mickey
Installing Officer	MW L. V. "Joe" Dees
Installing Marshal	MW Charles E. Corbin
Installing Marshal	MW Leslie R. Little
Installing Chaplain	MW Gene R. Freeman
Installing Secretary	MW Donald P. Frizzell

ELECTED OFFICERS

Grand Master	RW Ronald L. Ackerman (Debbie)
Deputy Grand Master	RW Jerry W. Pinion (Ginger)
Senior Grand Warden	RW James R. Herrington (Chia)
Junior Grand Warden	R.W. David Worel (Kathy)
Grand Treasurer	RW James D. Grubbs (Tes)
Grand Secretary	RW Jerome P. Wasson (Sandra)

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Grand Chaplain	W Van O. Chaney (Alice)
Grand Lecturer	VW Monte R. Ervin (Debbie)
Grand Orator	W Jeffrey W. Defreest (Martha)
Grand Historian	W Roger A. Barnstead (Sheryl)
Grand Marshal	VW Johnny P. Johnson
Senior Grand Deacon	W Nicholas J. Choromanski (Tammy)
Junior Grand Deacon	W Robert L. Cartmill (Peggy)
Grand Standard Bearer	W Jay L. Burnham
Grand Sword Bearer	W Jerry W. Pinion Jr. (Heidi)
Grand Bible Bearer	W Douglas C. Teninty (Linda)
Senior Grand Steward	W Richard R. Ackerman (Kay)
Junior Grand Steward	W Ronald K. Bowen (Kathleen)

Grand Organist

W Dwight E. Morris (Deanna)

Grand Tyler

W Steven W. Stewart Lisa)