

Alaska Grand Lodge Bulletin



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Our Trust being in God...

Grand Masters MESSAGE

If you volunteered for it, DO IT! Nothing, absolutely nothing will cause others to lose their respect for you faster than them knowing that they cannot count on your being an individual whose word is his bond! But, that's not the real problem, the real problem is that, *once it is gone - its gone!*

If you have taken an obligation, or simply agreed to serve in any capacity - no matter what - then let nothing deter you in your mission! It may seem to be pretty harsh words to say that one must preface (whatever) with an obligation; but if taking an obligation means nothing more than muttering a few words; why do it at all? The chances are that

the world will little know, or long remember you by anything other than, how well you could be trusted to keep your word. They may not say it, but you can bet that it greatly influences their opinion of you.

One of the less intelligent comments an individual can make is, "Well, how was I to know that things would happen this way?" If you are truly unable to control your life - you probably had better stop right where you are, and make some plans based on reality; not just how you would like things to be! Chances are, you will find that Lady Luck hasn't dealt you a bad hand, it is simply easier to make excuses than to produce!

Brethren, our future is up to us, *you and me! We must get back to the basics!* It is no trick to make excuses, anyone can do

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it, but; *never, ever*, in the ritual or anywhere else in your Lodge did you hear it said that it was acceptable to shirk ones duties. As a matter of fact, we all *promised* (aloud, so that *all* could hear) that we would do a great number of things.

If you are a Past Master, or a current Master, you promised, (with your hands on the Holy Bible - in front of witnesses, *probably including your family*) "A regular attendance on the committees and communications of Grand Lodge, on receipt of proper notification." Brethren - The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska will convene at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel at 9 a.m. on the first day of February, 1990.

I am excited about the forthcoming sessions! We have a number of things to get excited about - on Tuesday evening (January 30th) Glacier Lodge will receive its three "current Grand Masters". The Grand Masters of Alaska, Washington and Oregon are all members of Glacier Lodge, two are Life

Members! The Master tells me that the Brethren are planning a dinner prior to the meeting, with our famous chef Brother Joe Dennis doing the cooking! On Wednesday, the 31st, AMRA will meet in the morning, followed by a Past Masters Degree, and in the afternoon (2 p.m.) Brother Ken Robinson, a talented management and personnel specialist with Boeing Aircraft will be putting on a highly touted seminar entitled, "Your Trip to the East." Seating will be limited to 60 participants, and after reviewing the materials to be covered, I guarantee that if you apply what Ken has here, you will be a Mason who indeed will make a difference. A Master Masons Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday evening in the Hilton Ballroom for all Masons, their wives and friends. At the same hour, the Grand Master will be honoring the visiting dignitaries at the Grand Masters Banquet.

Thursday morning at the appointed hour, Grand Lodge will convene. Although we do not have an extensive number

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of resolutions to act on, we have a couple that will surely spark some lively conversation. We are going to do some things a little differently this year, giving more of the Brethren a chance to be heard.

I am sure that you will all enjoy spending time with the visiting dignitaries, and will likely form some pleasant and lasting friendships. They have much to offer, and we are quite pleased that they can be with us at this time.

On Thursday evening, we will have a Fellowship Dinner as we have done with great success in the past. We will have a guest speaker you won't want to miss and other entertainment, and we hope that we will once again fill the ballroom. All Masons, their wives and friends are invited to attend. The hotel requires that we inform them 48 hours in advance how many will be there for each dinner, *so it is imperative that you get your tickets in advance!* Hopefully, you will purchase *all* of the various tickets prior to arriving in Anchorage - as well as making

your hotel reservations. The Hilton has made a lot of concessions for us this year and we are sure that you will be pleased because it is saving everyone money.

The Resolutions, Statements of Availability and other information concerning this Grand Lodge session are to be found elsewhere in this publication.

For those from out of town, who will be in Anchorage without wheels, we will have a couple of vans and numerous other vehicles to take you where you want to go - all you have to do is ask! And, we will meet all airplanes to take members and guests from the airport to the hotel (and of course return to the airport on completion of Grand Lodge) BUT, we must know the day, flight and time you expect to arrive, as well as the day, flight and time you expect to depart.

If you have any questions regarding reservations, meals, events, etc - please contact Mrs. Barbara Cline at 501 South Lane in Anchorage

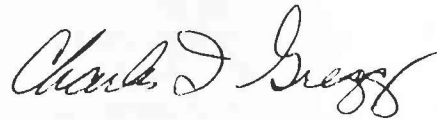
(99508) or the Grand Secretary. But don't wait, Grand Lodge is almost here! Your Lodge Secretary also has hotel reservation cards and registration forms. Barb's telephone number is (907) 337-1369, after 5 p.m..

Brethren, on my departure from office, I have many thoughts. I have learned much, I even have a few regrets, but I have made a concentrated effort to leave the position and the Grand Lodge just a little better than I found it. I have had, and will always have but one desire - the continued well being of the Craft, where-so-ever dispersed. There is sadness in leaving, there is gladness in knowing that I will be followed by individuals who will apply their efforts to continue building our Grand Lodge on the principals so long ago established.

By allowing me to serve, you have made me very proud and I pray for the continued success of this great jurisdiction. I thank you for your confidence in me.

Lastly, I want to give a special vote of thanks to Worshipful Brother Rex Plunkett for his continued efforts to produce our Quarterly Bulletin in a manner that has brought credit to himself and the Craft.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,



Charles I. Gregg
Grand Master



"To laugh often and love much; to win the respect of intelligent persons and the affection of children; to earn the approbation of honest critics and to endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to have played and laughed with enthusiasm and sung with exultation; to know that even one life has breathed easier because you have lived - this is to have succeeded."

Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)

Three Grand Masters to be Honored

It is always an honor when a Lodge can count one of its membership a reigning Grand Master. Glacier Lodge No. 10 has the distinction of having *three* reigning Grand Masters as members this year.

MW Brother Charles I. Gregg is Grand Master of Masons in Alaska, MW Brother Dalvin Hollaway is Grand Master of Masons in Oregon, and MW Brother William R. Miller is the Grand Master of Masons in Washington.

The three Grand Masters will be honored by a dinner and

Lodge meeting to be held on Tuesday, January the 30th at the Masonic Temple in Anchorage. The dinner will be an Alaskan style Banquet and is open to everyone.

Proceeds from this dinner will be given to the Alaska Grand Lodge Permanent Fund. Following the dinner, a Lodge of Master Masons will be opened to officially receive the three Grand Masters.

Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple at 15th and Eagle in Anchorage.

Kenai Lodge No. 11 News

Kenai Lodge No. 11 has had another busy quarter which is a wonderful way to end the year. One of our accomplishments was the raising of three Master Masons, Richard Brian, Sky Carver and James Anderson.

In October, we hosted a widows dinner at one of the local restaurants. This was one of the best activities the Lodge has had in a long time. Each

widow was escorted by a Mason and his wife and was presented a beautiful corsage. The ladies were all very pleased and appreciative - the Lodge is planning on making this an annual event.

The Lodge Officers have been having pancake breakfasts at least once a month. This type activity affords an excellent opportunity for families to meet and share fellowship.

Eagle River Lodge No.13 News

On December 12, Eagle River Lodge celebrates 6 years since we received our Dispensation. It doesn't seem that long, but we now have 5 Past Masters.

The Past Masters of the Lodge were again asked to put on the Installations. It is great when the P.M.'s of each Lodge are asked to install their successors.

We now have a Life Membership plan; there are ideas pro & con on it. I think it is a good deal for both members and Lodge, but especially for the Lodge if they realize it is a long term gain, because it may put the Lodge under a financial strain at the beginning. The Lodge will gain because the money for the Life Membership will pay dividends for the life of the Lodge, not the life of the member as regular dues do. The Lodge never loses dues and Life Members because of Demitting, non-payment of dues or death of the member.

Eagle River Lodge now has a School Award Program; W.Bro. Woodard appointed Brothers Hazen Ricker, Girard, Darnell and Westenfled to come up with a program as follows, with the faculty of Chugiak High School who picked the most dedicated teacher of the year.

The Lodge furnishes a plaque for the teacher, and one for the school which has a place for each year's teacher. The program is small but it was appreciated by the school and faculty. The Lodge was invited to present the award at Awards Day, and W.Bro. Hazen Ricker who has pushed for a school program for years presented the award in behalf of the Lodge. The program is small, but it is better to start off small and then expand; we may be able to include the Junior High later.

We invite all visitors to Eagle River Lodge No. 13.

Kodiak Lodge No. 9 News

It is that time of year when we wish all the best of holiday seasons. It seems as though this year has gone by rather quickly.

The by-law change to increase the annual dues from \$40 to \$55 was approved by the Grand Lodge. We wish to thank those Brothers who sent in the \$55 amount for their dues last year. It was the only way the budget was balanced.

To give you some idea where your dues money goes, the following is the bills for the for the Lodge this past year: Rent, \$4,000 - Grand Lodge per-capita, \$1,435 - Masonic Service Bureau, \$43 - Secretaries supplies, \$200 and Lodge supplies \$200 for a total of \$5,878. Our income from your dues at \$40 is \$4,840.

The Lodge held a closed Installation of Officers on December 11th, 1989.

Please keep the Lodge Secretary advised of any change in your address. This is the only way he has of contact-

ing the members who don't live in Kodiak.

The past year saw the Lodge officers and Brethren conduct the following degree work: three first degrees, one second degree and two third degrees. Brethren proved proficient in the degrees as follows: one first degree, one second degree and three third degrees.

Kodiak Lodge No. 9 now has a membership of 122 of which 20 reside in Kodiak. The 122 members is an increase of two from last year, but the number living in Kodiak has fallen by one.

Very Worshipful Brother Al Cratty was Deputy to the Grand Master again this past year for District 2. The District Deputy's meeting was held in Soldotna this year. There again was a good turn out of the brethren for this meeting. Soldotna's Lodge held a catfish dinner after the meeting.

STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY Junior Grand Warden

Name: John H. Grainger
Date Enrolled: May 28, 1954
Member of: White Pass Lodge No. 1
Ketchikan Lodge No. 159
Bent Lodge No. 42, Taos, NM

Service to Symbolic Lodge:

Junior Steward
Senior Steward
Marshal
Chaplain
Junior Deacon
Senior Deacon
Junior Warden
Senior Warden
Worshipful Master
Tyler

Service to Grand Lodge:

Public Relations Committee - 1986
Grand Historian - 1987 & 88
DDGM, Dist. No. 4 1988 & 89

STATEMENT OF AVAILABILITY Junior Grand Warden

Name: Howard N. Hobbs
Date Enrolled: April 8, 1971
Member of: Glacier Lodge No. 10
Eagle River Lodge No. 13
Aurora Lodge No. 15

Service to the Symbolic Lodge:

Held most Lodge Offices
Worshipful Master - 1975

Service to the Grand Lodge:

Grand Lecturer - 1986
DDGM, Dist. No. 3 - 1987
Grand Lecturer - 1988
Chairman, Grand Lodge Degree Team, 1988 & 89

Editor's Note on Resolutions:

The following pages contain the resolutions to come before Grand Lodge during this Ninth Annual Communication.

The Alaska Grand Lodge Bulletin takes no stand on any of these resolutions. Any errors or omissions are not intended, and we apologize in advance for any which may appear.

Please give these resolutions your consideration and inform your lodge officers of your opinions on these matters.

CARRYOVER RESOLUTION No. 89-16

To add Section 2.06 to the A.M.C.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To provide for retention of titles by elected Grand Lodge Officers.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor elected Grand Lodge Officers during and after their terms in office, and,

WHEREAS, it is the custom and practice for elected officers of Grand Lodges to retain their titles pertaining to their highest offices to which they have been elected;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a new section be added to Chapter 2 of the A.M.C. which will read as follows:

Section 2.06 Bylaw

RETENTION OF TITLE. An elected Grand Lodge Officer retains for life the title appropriate to the highest office to which he has been elected.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee on Jurisprudence

for MWGM Ralph Kavorkian

Report of Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by the Grand Lodge.

As a carryover proposed amendment to a bylaw, it will require a majority vote for adoption.

RESOLUTION No. 90-1

To Amend Section 3.02 of the A.M.C.

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To provide for early distribution of the Grand Master's recommendations for study prior to the Grand Lodge Communication.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, at the 1989 Annual Communication, five resolutions were suddenly generated as a result of recommendations by the Grand Master in his message, and

WHEREAS, this caused confusion and errors because of insufficient notice to the Brethren and insufficient time for careful drafting of the new resolutions, and

WHEREAS, this problem can be avoided if the Grand Master will submit his recommendations for distribution to the Lodges for study along with the resolutions which are distributed to the Lodges prior to November 20 as required by Code Section 11.03;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 3.02, which enumerates the duties of the Grand Master, be amended by adding the following new Paragraph 6:

6. To submit his recommendations which will appear in his Message at Grand Lodge to the Grand Secretary prior to November 20 for distribution to the Lodges for study.

RESOLUTION No. 90-1 -- Continued

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams, PM (3, 15)

Neil R. Bassett, PM (10)

Report of Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge.

As a proposed constitutional amendment, it will require a unanimous vote for adoption.

RESOLUTION No. 90-2

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To allow for proving the Master Mason proficiency before a committee.

RESOLUTION: WHEREAS, it has long been known that many people are very reluctant, some to the point of being terrified, to speak before an audience, and

WHEREAS, this Grand Lodge has a record of over 100 Candidates who have never demonstrated their proficiencies in the Master Mason Degree, and

WHEREAS, there is ample reason to believe that many of these Candidates have foregone advancement because of unwillingness to recite unfamiliar verbiage from memory before a group of men, albeit Brothers, many of whom are unknown to the Candidate, and

RESOLUTION No. 90-2 -- Continued

WHEREAS, the argument that "we've always done it this way" is not now and never was valid if we are to modernize and bring good men into Freemasonry as full members;

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

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. Proficiency in the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft degrees is ascertained either by examination in open Lodge or by examination by a committee appointed by the Master of the Lodge to examine such candidates.

After the Third Degree has been conferred on a Brother, he must pass an examination for proficiency in the Third Degree in open Lodge and sign the Lodge Bylaws, then pay his dues for the current year, whereupon he becomes an enrolled member.

be amended to read:

PROFICIENCY IN THE DEGREES. A Candidate may not be passed to the Degree of a Fellowcraft nor raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason without proof of proficiency in the preceding Degree. Proficiency in each of the three Degrees is ascertained either by examination in open Lodge or by a committee appointed by the Master of the Lodge to examine such Candidate.

After passing his examination for proficiency in the Master Mason Degree, the Brother must sign the Lodge Bylaws, then pay his dues for the current year, whereupon he becomes an enrolled member. This may be done (1) immediately following the examination if the Brother was examined in open Lodge, or (2) at

RESOLUTION No. 90-2 -- Continued

the next Stated Communication of the Lodge if the Brother was examined by a committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil R. Bassett, PM (10)

Peter E. Nilles, PM (10, 15)

Russell C. Milligan, PM (8, 10)

Report of Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge.

As a proposed bylaw amendment, it will require a three-fourths vote for adoption.

RESOLUTION No. 90-3

To Amend Ritual in All Degrees

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To redefine penalties of obligations.

RESOLUTION: WHEREAS, to bring ritual into contemporary terms;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the accepted ritual concerning the penalties of obligations of the three Degrees which reads:

".....under no less penalty than that of having...."

RESOLUTION No. 90-3 -- Continued

be amended to read:

"..... under no less symbolic penalty than that of having....."

Respectfully submitted,

Neal D. Cooper, SW (8)

George Bristow PM (8, 13)

Arnold VanHorn, PM (8)

Hazen Ricker, PM (10, 13)

Ian Ricker, PM (10, 13)

Howard N. Hobbs, PM (10, 13, 15)

Earl E. Frank, WM (8)

Report of the Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge.

As a proposed amendment to the Standard Work, it will require a three-fourths vote for adoption.

RESOLUTION No. 90-4

To Amend the Alaska Monitor Apron Specifications.

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To clarify ambiguities concerning Masons' Aprons.

RESOLUTION No. 90-4 -- Continued

RESOLUTION: WHEREAS, the Alaska Monitor and Freemason's Guide contains ambiguous language concerning the parameters and requirements concerning Masons' Aprons;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monitorial section pertaining to the Apron on page 169 which reads:

The Apron of a Master Mason should be a plain white lambskin, fourteen inches wide by twelve inches deep, and may have sky-blue lining and edging. No other color is allowable. Officers and Past Masters may have the emblems of their rank, in silver, on their aprons.

At the initiation of every candidate, he should be presented, as his own property, with a white lambskin apron. No substitute should be used.

be amended to read:

The Apron of a Master Mason under the Jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska shall be plain white lambskin which measures fourteen inches wide by twelve inches deep. The Aprons may have a sky-blue lining and edging so that the visible section of white lambskin conforms with the aforementioned dimensions. No other color shall be allowable. Officers and Past Masters shall have the emblems of their rank, in silver thread or bullion, on their aprons. Visiting or sojourning brothers may wear their own jurisdictional aprons without impunity while in this jurisdiction. Master Masons of this jurisdiction may wear aprons from other jurisdictions for educational purposes and with the prior permission of the presiding Master of the particular Lodge at that time.

At the initiation of every candidate, he shall be presented, as his own property, with an approved white lambskin apron. No substitute shall be used.

RESOLUTION No. 90-4 -- Continued

Aprons of Lodge officers and Past Masters which do not conform with the aforementioned descriptions shall be worn until such time as their replacement warrants. New or replacement aprons shall conform with the aforementioned descriptions.

Respectfully submitted:

Neal D. Cooper, SW (8)

George Bristow, PM (8,13)

Arnold VanHorn, PM (8)

Hazen Ricker, PM (10,13)

Howard N. Hobbs, PM (10,13,15)

Daniel A. Folwick, PM (8,10,15)

Earl E. Frank, WM (8)

Report of Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution would create uncertainties with regard to the size and wearing of Aprons. The intent of some of its language is questionable and would lead to different interpretations and controversy. It would conflict with the Apron provided for in Part 3 of Section 16.10

Therefore, this resolution is not proper for consideration by Grand Lodge.

RESOLUTION No. 90-5

To Amend Section 16.10 of the A.M.C.

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To redefine the emblem of a Past Master.

RESOLUTION No. 90-5 -- Continued

RESOLUTION: WHEREAS, to permit the use of additional Past Masters emblems;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 16.10, paragraph 1, subparagraph A, which reads:

A. Past Master - the Blazing Sun within the Compasses extending on a quadrant.

be amended to read:

A. Past Master - the Blazing Sun within the Compasses extending on a Quadrant or the Blazing Sun resting upon a square within the Compasses extending on a Quadrant.

Respectfully submitted,

Neal D. Cooper, SW (8)

George Bristow, PM (8, 13)

Arnold VanHorn, PM (8)

Hazen Ricker, PM (10, 13)

Howard N. Hobbs, PM (10, 13, 15)

Daniel A. Folwick, PM (8, 10, 15)

Will R. Josey, PM (8)

Earl E. Frank, WM (8)

Report of Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. However, the proposed additional Past Master's emblem is an emblem that is worn in this jurisdiction only by the Grand Master, certain other Grand Lodge Officers, and Past Grand Masters. It would not be appropriate for a Past Master to wear this emblem. Therefore, the Committee recommends rejection of this resolution.

As a proposed bylaw amendment, it will require a three-fourths vote for adoption.

RESOLUTION No. 90-6

To Amend Section 16.10 of the A.M.C.

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To clarify ambiguities concerning Aprons of Master Masons, Lodge Officers and Past Masters.

RESOLUTION: WHEREAS, to clarify the following;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that section 16.10, paragraph 2, which reads:

2. The Aprons of a Past Master and of the Officers of a Lodge are white and should be of lambskin, fourteen inches wide and twelve inches deep, and may have a sky-blue lining or edging, with the respective emblems thereon.

be amended to read:

2. The Apron of a Master Mason of this jurisdiction shall be plain white lambskin which measures fourteen inches wide by twelve inches deep. The Aprons may have a sky-blue lining and edging so that the visible section of white lambskin conforms with the aforementioned dimensions. No other color shall be allowable. Officers and Past Masters shall have the emblems of their rank, in silver thread or bullion, on their aprons. Visiting or sojourn-

RESOLUTION No. 90-7

To Amend Section 1.05 of the A.M.C.

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: WHEREAS, the Alaska Masonic Code requires the Grand Lodge to meet in Annual Communication on the first Thursday in February, and

WHEREAS, at this early date the weather is frequently quite severe, and

WHEREAS, in 1989, the severe weather prevented some of our Washington and S.E. Alaska Brethren from attending our Grand Lodge, and

WHEREAS, the weather is almost sure to be better later in the year, and

WHEREAS, a later date would fit better into many of the Brother's travel and vacation schedules, so that more Brothers would attend, and

WHEREAS, no other U.S. or Canadian Grand Lodge meets in the second week of April;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the first sentence of Section 1.05 of the A.M.C. which reads:

Grand Lodge meets annually on the first Thursday in February.

be amended to read:

Grand Lodge meets annually on the second Thursday in April.

RESOLUTION No. 90-7 -- Continued

Respectfully submitted,

Alden Jones, PM (2) and 34 other PM's

Report of the Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge.

As a proposed bylaw amendment, it will require a three-fourths vote for adoption.

RESOLUTION No. 90-8

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To convene all Annual Communications in Anchorage in order to save time and money and to allow long term planning and scheduling.

RESOLUTION: WHEREAS, the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge has traditionally been held in the hometown of the Grand Master, and

WHEREAS, this requires transporting the sound, recording, and record-keeping equipment and paraphernalia with the possibility of damages and/or losses of this very expensive equipment, and

WHEREAS, everyone traveling to or in Alaska usually must come through Anchorage, and

WHEREAS, costs for travel, not only for Grand Lodge members, but visitors and guests as well are of much concern, and

WHEREAS, the facility and travel reservations with accompanying cost savings can be made years in advance, and

RESOLUTION No. 90-8 -- Continued

WHEREAS, the majority of the Grand Lodges in the United States are held in one specific location;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 1.05 Bylaw, which reads:

COMMUNICATIONS. Grand Lodge meets annually on the first Thursday in February. It meets in the city of Anchorage unless an invitation to meet in another city is accepted by membership vote. A special Communication may be called by the Grand Master. Business at a Special Communication is restricted to matters announced in the call.

be amended to read:

COMMUNICATIONS. Grand Lodge meets annually on the first Thursday in February in the Municipality of Anchorage. A Special Communication may be called by the Grand Master. Business at a Special Communication is restricted to the matters announced in the call.

Respectfully submitted,

Will R. Josey, PM (8)
Alfred M. White, PM (8, 11)
Neil R. Bassett, PM (10)

Report of the Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge

As a proposed bylaw amendment, it will require a three-fourths vote for adoption.

RESOLUTION No. 90-9

To Amend Section 14.01 of the A.M.C.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To delete from the Alaska Masonic Code permission for Lodges under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Washington to exist in Alaska.

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

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

WHEREAS, after nine years, six "holdout" Lodges are still under the Washington authority and seem determined to remain this way, and

WHEREAS, ample time has passed for the holdout Lodges to at least signify their intent to join this Grand Lodge, and

WHEREAS, three dissenting Hawaiian Lodges have been required to join the new Grand Lodge of Hawaii, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 14.01 Constitution of the A.M.C., which now reads:

RESOLUTION No. 90-9 -- Continued

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

be amended to read:

AUTHORITY FOR LODGES. Each Lodge in this Jurisdiction is held by virtue of a Charter or Dispensation issued by this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank W. Erie, PM (3, 12) and 45 other eligible signers

Report of Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge.

As a proposed constitutional amendment, it will require a unanimous vote for adoption.

