

**The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge  
of Free and Accepted Masons  
of Alaska**

# **Proceedings**

**Second  
Annual Communication  
February 3-4, 1983**







**BUCKLEY C. HAZEN**  
**GRAND MASTER**  
**February 5, 1982-June 24, 1982**





**JOHN C. INGRAM**  
**ACTING GRAND MASTER**  
**June 24, 1982- February 4, 1983**



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# ROLL CALL

## GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

<input type="checkbox"/>	Grand Master	MW Buckley C. Hazen (passed to Celestial Lodge while in office)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Acting Grand Master	RW John C. Ingram
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Acting Deputy Grand Master	MW Roy Foss
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Warden	RW H. B. "Jack" Bentley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Warden	RW Glen W. Pruett
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Secretary	RW Gunnar Flygenring
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Chaplain	W Rev. John W. Edgar
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Lecturer	W Alfred M. White
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Orator	W Leslie R. Little
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Historian	W Neil R. Bassett
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Marshal	VW Floyd Saltz, Jr.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Deacon	W John W. Casey
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Acting Junior Grand Deacon	VW Fred L. McGuire
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Acting Grand Standard Bearer	W Sidney W. Moore
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Acting Grand Sword Bearer	W Henry R. Ferguson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Bible Bearer	W Robert B. Cunningham
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Steward	W John L. Dolenc
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Steward	VW Ralph Kavorkian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Organist	W Richard H. Comer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Tyler	W R. S. "Red" Richart

## CONSTITUENT LODGES

(Would the most Senior Representative please respond?)

- White Pass Lodge No. 1
- Anvil Lodge No. 2
- Tanana Lodge No. 3
- Valdez Lodge No. 4
- Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5
- Seward Lodge No. 6
- Matanuska Lodge No. 7
- Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8
- Kodiak Lodge No. 9
- Glacier Lodge No. 10
- Kenai Lodge No. 11
- Fairbanks Lodge No. 12

MW Grand Master, all Grand Lodge Officers, and all lodges are represented and we, therefore, have a Constitutional quorum to open Grand Lodge.

Gunnar Flygenring  
Grand Secretary

# SOLEMN CEREMONIES

Organ music for the Second Annual Communication was provided by Brother Richard H. Comer of Tanana Lodge No. 3.

The Second Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska convened in the Fairbanks Masonic Temple on the 3rd Day of February, A.D. 1983, A.L. 5983. It was called to order by W Lloyd W. Triggs, Worshipful Master of Tanana No. 3, F. & A. M., at 9:00 AM, Alaska Standard Time.

Invocation by Grand Chaplain  
Presentation of United States and Canada Flags by VW Floyd Saltz, Jr. and W John W. Casey  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Singing of: United States and Canada National Anthems  
Welcome address by Honorable William B. Allen, Mayor, North Star Borough  
Roll Call of Officers and Lodges  
Opening of Grand Lodge by Right Worshipful John C. Ingram, Acting Grand Master, of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska in Ample Form

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

## **Second Session**

W Jerry C. Holly, Jr., (11)

## **Third Session**

W Dennis M. Bump (12)

## **Fourth Session**

W Cecil H. Clift (8)

## **Distinguished Guests in Attendance**

### **Alaska**

MW James A. Williams, Past Grand Master

### **California**

MW Robert O. West, Past Grand Master, representing MW Harry L. Maynard, Grand Master

### **Michigan**

MW Charles S. Moulthrop, Jr., Past Grand Master

### **Montana**

MW Ludvik H. Jun, Grand Master

MW Francis D. Hess, Past Grand Master

### **Nebraska**

MW Byron C. Jenkins, Past Grand Master

**Oregon**

MW James R. Belshe, Grand Master

**Washington**

MW George R. Bordewick, Grand Master

RW Donald Brons, Deputy Grand Master

RW Matt Martin Senior Grand Warden

MW Alden H. Jones, Past Grand Master

MW Fred S. Sandoz, Past Grand Master

MW Roy Foss, Past Grand Master

VW Marks L. Ewing, Grand Marshal

W John Ayers, Grand Standard Bearer

**Wyoming**

MW Frank M. Hartung, Grand Master

**British Columbia, Canada**

MW Alexander S. Mitchell, Past Grand Master, representing MW Douglas Philps,  
Grand Master

# **MESSAGE OF THE ACTING GRAND MASTER**

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

Welcome to the Second Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, here in the Golden North, Land of the Midnight Sun, Interior City of Fairbanks. I do hope the weather meets with your approval for this time of year. The Arrangements Committee, chaired by Very Worshipful Brother Ralph Kavorkian, has worked long and hard to make your visit with us an enjoyable experience.

I address you today as the Deputy Grand Master, the Office I was installed into last February 5 in Anchorage. Most Worshipful Brother Roy Foss, Past Grand Master and the Installing Officer, was very pronounced with the instructions - "for you are aware that, in case of his incapacity to act in contingencies mentioned in our Constitution, you succeed to his duties and prerogatives further treasure up, therefore, the suggestions made to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, for you know not how soon they may have a personal application to you." Those messages have been deeply imprinted upon my heart and mind at all times since I received them.

Our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Buckley Cecil Hazen, laid down his Working Tools of a very busy life on June 24, 1982, while in Bellevue, in the State of Washington, and his spirit is with us today.

It is my declaration that this Second Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska be dedicated to our Friend, Brother, and Grand Master, Buckley Cecil Hazen. Immediately upon the completion of this Report, our Worshipful Brother Grand Chaplain, the Reverend John Edgar, will offer a Memorial Prayer for Most Worshipful Brother 'Buck' and the other forty-seven dedicated Brethren that have traveled to that Heavenly Workshop.

We miss them all greatly, but we know that they are enjoying Immortal Life in that Higher Brotherhood. Each, in his own way, made a valuable contribution while on this Earth and our lives were enriched by having them as Brothers in our midst - albeit for such a short time. But they have left their mark. While the work is not yet completed, they are no longer here to help. To continue the work at once becomes our obligation and our privilege, and provides us with a challenging opportunity to contribute in the knowledge that we, too, someday will be called to that Celestial Lodge above, but also with the hope that we will leave this world a little better 'for our having been here' and been given the opportunity to 'work as Masons'.

## **Visits to Constituent Lodges**

Visits to all Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction were made by your Grand Lodge Officers and, although the traveling Brethren were not as large in number as hoped for, the lessons learned and experiences gained will be most helpful for your Grand Officers' next visits.

Your Grand Secretary and I were prepared to assist you at all visits. All meetings were beneficial and many courtesies were extended and appreciated. At all meetings I encouraged the Lodge Officers to offer more educational material to the Brethren at their Lodge meetings to alleviate the doldrums of the routine regular business. Especially, I recommended to put the *Short Talk Bulletins* to work. These are now being sent to all Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction by the Masonic Service Association of the United States, which organization we by vote of the membership at our First Annual Communication, elected to join and now much educational material is ours for the asking.

### **Fraternal Recognitions**

All the other forty-nine Grand Jurisdictions in the U.S. and all nine in the Provinces of Canada along with thirty-six others around the world have accepted the Grand Lodge of Alaska into their ranks.

What a warm feeling of Brotherly Love there is when we meet our Brethren at the various meetings we have attended and the pride they feel for us, within their respective Grand Jurisdictions, over the fraternal recognitions which the new Grand Lodge of Alaska has received.

### **Appointment and Acceptance of Grand Representatives**

As of this writing most of the Grand Representatives of and to Sister Grand Jurisdictions, with which we enjoy fraternal relations, have been appointed and/or confirmed; although a few are still pending. But, there are still a few others available for your consideration still awaiting your requests. Much pride has been in evidence as the Brethren receive their Commissions of Appointment an honor that was rarely offered to Alaskan Masons before we formed our own Grand Lodge.

A listing of all Jurisdictions with which we enjoy fraternal relations and the current status with respect to the exchange of Grand Representatives may be found in the Appendix to these Proceedings.

### **General Information**

Your Grand Secretary, Right Worshipful Brother Gunnar Flygenring, has, through his diligence and efficiency, achieved the Grand Lodge Office to where it is firmly established and functioning as he promised to do when first elected to that Office. A job well done Brother Gunnar. Those who will follow in years to come will appreciate your untiring efforts.

Most Worshipful Brother Buckley C. Hazen requested that we attend the Conference of Grand Masters in Washington, D.C., February 13-18, 1982. Right Worshipful Brother Flygenring and I spent many hours in discussions with the Brethren

and we attended many meetings and workshops during the Conference which have helped answer many of the questions posed by the Brethren in this Jurisdiction.

The next Conference of Grand Masters will be in Dallas during the period of February 19-23, 1983. Reservations have already been made for all your Grand Lodge officers to attend.

Most Worshipful Brother George R. Bordewick, Grand Master of Washington, was very instrumental in getting the 1984 Conference scheduled for the city of Seattle. Historically, the Conference has been held on the East Coast since its beginning except for one year in Colorado Springs and the one two years ago in Orlando, Florida. It was, however, decided at the last Conference that five Regions be established across North America in order to allow different Cities, States, and Grand Jurisdictions to have the opportunity to host this important annual event. There were, of course, pros and cons on the subject, but that was the decision reached by the attending Grand Masters.

### **Finances**

The financial status of our Grand Lodge has improved considerably by your passing Resolution No. 1-82 providing for a fee to the Grand Lodge General Fund from Petitioners for the Degrees and the very generous contribution of \$ 10,000 from the Alaska Masonic Research Association (AMRA) achieved as the result of a highly successful Gold Nugget Raffle.

My most sincere appreciation to all who supported those endeavors.

Full and complete details of the total financial position of the Grand Lodge may be found as part of the Grand Secretary's Report to Grand Lodge;

Thank You seems so inadequate to show my appreciation for the help and support received during this past year from so many Brothers, Friends, and Loved Ones especially Most Worshipful Brother James A. Williams, our first Grand Master, for being ready at all times with sound advice and good counsel;

Most Worshipful Sirs Roy Foss, Byron C. Jenkins, Francis D. Hess, and Charles S. Moulthrop Jr., for installing the Grand Lodge Officers again at their own expense and giving so freely of their time;

Most Worshipful Brother Herbert M. Edman, Past Grand Master, and Most Worshipful Brother George R. Bordewick, Grand Master, both of the Grand Lodge of Washington, for conducting the fine Research and Educational Seminars for the Grand Lodge of Alaska both last year and again this year;

Our Masonic Family from Washington State that again attended our Grand Lodge Session and in tribute to their support of our endeavors;

Right Worshipful Brother Gunnar Flygenring. Grand Secretary, for always being ready to fulfill his many duties, both in the office and while traveling, as a real companion, the many, many miles and hours we were together his expertise can never be exceeded;

Very Worshipful Brother Floyd Saltz., Jr., Grand Marshal, for providing air transportation to Nome and Kodiak;

Grand Lodge Officers and Deputies, your travels to the Lodges were beneficial to all the Brethren;

Very Worshipful Brother Ralph Kavorkian and his Arrangements Committee that worked so hard and diligently to set up this Session here in Fairbanks;

. . . and to my Gracious Lady Dottie, our understanding and love will never be fully repaid. Kindly be patient a little while longer, as the job is not yet finished.

Sincerely and fraternally,

John C Ingram  
Deputy and Acting Grand Master

## **APPENDIX**

This Appendix contains data on official acts of the Acting Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother John C. Ingram, during the period of June 24, 1982, through February 4, 1983 in the following matters:

1. Special Installations
2. Proclamations - Public Schools
3. Permission Granted for Temporary Change of Meeting Place
4. Lodge Bylaws
5. Irregularity Healed
6. Special Representatives to other Grand Jurisdictions
7. Visits to other Grand Jurisdictions
8. Visits, Addresses, and Meetings

### **Special Installations**

On September 1, 1982, at Valdez, I installed Worshipful Brother Daniel J. Lawn (4) as Grand Standard Bearer.

On September 2, 1982, at Cordova, I installed Worshipful Brother Robert E. Cunningham (5) as Grand Bible Bearer.

On September 23, 1982, at Anchorage, I installed Worshipful Brother Neil R. Bassett (10, 11) as Grand Historian.

On November 15, 1982, at Kodiak, I installed Worshipful Brother Lewis E. Garrett (9) as Grand Sword Bearer.

### **Proclamation - Public Schools**

On April 1, 1982, I proclaimed the week of April 12 to 17, 1982, to be Masonic Public Schools Week. In the Proclamation I urged the Symbolic Lodges to carry out a program of encouragement toward excellence in education.

### **Permission Granted for Temporary Change of Meeting Place**

On August 14, 1982, I granted permission to Kenai Lodge No. 11 to meet in Special Communication at Moose River in Sterling, Alaska, for the purpose of conferring the Master Mason Degree in an open air ceremony.

### **Lodge Bylaws**

Four Lodges submitted five (5) bylaw changes to me for approval during the year. These were Anvil Lodge No. 2, Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5, Glacier Lodge No. 10 (2), and Kenai Lodge No. 11.

I approved the bylaws change of Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5 without referring it to Committee because it merely proposed an increase in membership dues to the necessary level to insure the continued operation of the Lodge.

The other proposed changes to bylaws were referred to the Committee on Bylaws and their subsequent approval based on committee recommendations.

### **Irregularity Healed**

During the month of September 1982, Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8 violated Section 141 of the Alaska Masonic Code, Prerequisite to Initiation: Conditions and Proceedings Under, by knowingly receiving a petition for the Degrees from a Petitioner who was less than twenty-one (21) years of age.

However, in that the Petitioner was not elected to receive the degrees until approximately ten (10) weeks after having reached his twenty-first birthday, I found that no serious (or real) damage had been caused to either the Lodge or to the Grand Lodge.

I healed the error and admonished that greater care be exercised in the future and to insure that the officers of the Lodge study and become conversant with the contents of the Alaska Masonic Code.



## Special Representatives to Other Jurisdictions

August 27-29, 1982, RW Glen W. Pruett, Junior Grand Warden, to represent me and the Grand Lodge of Alaska at the rededication of cornerstone ceremony in Ketchikan Lodge No. 159 under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Washington.

October 10-14, 1982, RW Gunnar Flygenring, Grand Secretary, to represent me and the Grand Lodge of Alaska during the Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of California.

## Visits to Other Grand Jurisdictions

February 13-18, 1982, Attended, with the RW Grand Secretary, the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in Washington, D.C.

May 13-19, 1982, Attended, with the RW Grand Secretary, the One Hundredth Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Arizona.

June 8-11, 1982, Attended, with the RW Grand Secretary, the Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Oregon.

June 14-17, 1982, Attended, with several other members of this Jurisdiction, the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Washington.

October 13-20, 1982, Attended the Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

October 23, 1982, Attended a Special Dedication Ceremony at the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

November 4-5, 1982, Attended Grand Masters International Night at Lafayette Lodge No. 241 in Seattle, Washington.

November 7-12, 1982, Attended the Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Nevada.

## Visitations, Addresses, and Meetings

### 1982

#### February

13-18 Conference of Grand Masters, Washington, D. C.

#### April

8 Kenai - Scottish Rite Maundy Thursday Service  
15 Kenai Lodge No. 11 - Annual School Awards Banquet  
16-17 York Rite Conclave - Anchorage  
22 Masonic Funeral Service - Anchorage Lodge No. 221  
30 Meeting with Arrangements Committee – Fairbanks

#### May

1-2 DeMolay Conclave in Fairbanks  
4 Stated Meeting at Matanuska Lodge No. 7  
5 Stated Meeting at Valdez Lodge No. 4  
6 Stated Meeting at Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5  
8-9 Al Aska Shrine Temple - Anchorage Ceremonial

	13-14	Masonic Fellowship Banquets in San Francisco and Lake Tahoe
	15-19	100th Annual Communication - Grand Lodge of Arizona
<b>June</b>		
	8-11	Annual Communication - Grand Lodge of Oregon
	12	Al Kader Shrine Ceremony, Albany, Oregon
	13	Met Shrine Hospital patient at Portland Airport and transported to Portland Shriner's Hospital
	14-18	Annual Communication - Grand Lodge of Washington
	17	Special Meeting with MW Buckley C. Hazen, MW James A. Williams, and RW Gunnar Flygenring at Bellevue, Washington
	17	Stated Communication - Maritime Lodge No. 239, Seattle
	22	Fellowship Dinner Meeting - Anchorage
<b>July</b>		
	4	Shrine Parade in Seward
	6-8	Masonic Memorial Service for MW Buckley C. Hazen,
	8	Meeting with Arrangements Committee - RW Pruett and RW Flygenring - in Fairbanks
	10	Executive Committee Meeting in Anchorage with Bros. Williams, Bentley, and Flygenring.
	11	Al Aska Shrine Rodeo
	24	Al Aska Shrine Parade - Soldotna Days Rodeo
<b>August</b>		
	7-9	Shrine All-Star Football Game - Portland, Oregon
	8	Cornerstone laying at Shrine Hospital – Grand Lodge of Oregon
	9	Board of Governors Meeting - Portland Shrine Hospital
	12	Grand Court of the Amaranth in Fairbanks by RW Pruett
	14	Open Air Master Mason Degree - Kenai Lodge No. 11
	18-19	Official Visit to Tanana Lodge No. 3 and Fairbanks Lodge No. 12
	20-23	Official Visit to White Pass Lodge No. 1 - (Master Mason Degree)
	27-29	Re-dedication of laying of Cornerstone, Ketchikan Lodge No. 159, represented by RW Pruett and RW Flygenring.
	31	Official Visit to Matanuska Lodge No. 7
<b>September</b>		
	1	Official Visit to Valdez Lodge No. 4 (install W Lawn)
	2-3	Official Visit to Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5 (install W Cunningham)
	7	Official Visit to Seward Lodge No. 6
	11	Dedication and Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony - Al Aska Mosque
	21	Official Visit to Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8
	23	Official Visit to Glacier Lodge No. 10 (install W Bassett)
	24	Executive Meeting in Anchorage with Bros. Williams, Pruett, Bentley, and Flygenring.
	30	Official Visit to Kenai Lodge No. 11
<b>October</b>		
	5	Official Visit to Seward Lodge No. 6
	7	Past Masters' Night at Kenai Lodge No. 11

- 8 York Rite Degree Conferrals - Kenai
- 9 Red Cross of Constantine Dinner, Anchorage
- 9 Al Aska Shrine Fellowship Meeting - at Mosque
- 10-14 Annual Communication – Grand Lodge of California by RW Flygenring
- 13-20 Annual Communication - Grand Lodge of Kentucky
- 23 Dedication of Calvin Prather Lodge by Grand Lodge of Indiana  
Also visited two other Lodges while in Indiana - Brownsburg and Lawrence (Mystic Circle)
- November**
- 4-5 International Night at Lafayette Lodge No. 241, Seattle
- 7-12 Annual Communication - Grand Lodge of Nevada
- 15 Official Visit to Kodiak Lodge No. 9 (install W Garrett)
- 17 Conducted Masonic Funeral Service in Seward Lodge No. 6 (Bro. Darling)
- 18 Official Visit to Anvil Lodge No. 2 (election/officers)
- 19-20 Al Aska Shrine Ceremonial with Nome Shrine Club
- 30 Executive Finance/Budget meeting with Bros. Williams, Bentley, and Flygenring in Anchorage
- December**
- 2 Attended Installation of Officers in Glacier Lodge No. 10
- 7 Installed Officers for 1983 in Seward Lodge No. 6
- 16 Installed Officers for 1983 in Kenai Lodge No. 11
- 21 Attended Installation of Officers in Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8
- 27-28 Attended Installation of Officers in Tanana Lodge No. 3
- 27 Special Meeting with Arrangements Committee in Fairbanks
- 1983**
- January**
- 2 Installation of Officers - O.E.S. - Chapter 17 in Kenai
- 5 Attended Installation of Officers - Anchorage Lodge No. 221

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

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

The following report is being submitted in compliance with Article 17, paragraphs 5, 6, and 111 of the Alaska Masonic Code.

- (1) Status of Lodges in the Jurisdiction
- (2) Statement of Income and Expense - Calendar Year 1982
- (3) Balance Sheet December 31, 1982
- (4) Operating Budget Statement - Actual vs. Budget - 1982
- (5) Comparison of Annual Budgets - Calendar Years 1982 and 1983
- (6) Pro-forma Statement of Available Funds, Anticipated Income, and Expense

As during our first year of operation, we again fared as well as, or better than, expected financially, but, again, membership wise we did not. An analysis of the report will indicate that we, overall, managed to stay abreast of the dimits and deaths experienced by our Lodges but, also, that we do suffer greatly as a result of the dropped due to NPD category. This, then, appears to be one area where our Lodges may be able to reduce the loss in membership by staying in touch with the members and keeping them informed of the goings-on in the Alaska Jurisdiction. Such a course of action, coupled with greater diligence and perseverance in seeing the degree work of our many Candidates through to completion, including the required proficiency in the Third Degree, I am confident will turn the tide so that in the future we will register annual growth, rather than decline, in membership. A little effort on the part of many rather than considerable effort on the part of but a few certainly makes the burden feel much lighter and easier to carry and is the Masonic way. Try it - it really does work.

During the past year I was again fortunate in being able to attend the Annual Conference of Grand Masters (and Grand Secretaries) as well as several Grand Jurisdictions during their Annual Grand Communications. The experience gained, the friendships made, and the working relationships established have been invaluable and the benefits will be with us for many years to come.

I also traveled with the Official Grand Lodge party on all visits to our Symbolic Lodges during this Masonic Year and again enjoyed doing so and consider the traveling and visiting most valuable and rewarding experiences.

As you all know, we were saddened in June by the loss of our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Buckley C. Hazen. While his time with us in this Jurisdiction was of rather short, far too short duration, his name will remain forever among the records, in the archives of the Grand Lodge and the memory of him in the hearts of his many friends, among whom I am proud to consider myself. His work was not done but the Grand Lodge will live on the work must and will continue. It has been ably carried on by RW John C. Ingram, Deputy Grand Master, with whom, as the Acting Grand Master of Masons of Alaska, I have been pleased and privileged to work for most of this year.

It has, indeed, been a very distinct honor and a great privilege to serve as the first Grand Secretary of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge. It is an honor I will always treasure. I hope I earned my wages and contributed in some small measure to the glorious future of this Grand Lodge and I thank you so very much for giving me the opportunity to serve.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Gunnar Flygenring  
Grand Secretary

## Status of Lodges

	Lodge No,	Elected Only	Initiated	On File EOY	Passed	On File EOY	Raised	On File EOY	Members 1-1-94	MM Proficiency	Affiliates	Dual Members	Reinstated	Consolidate	Other	Total Gain	Dimitts	Deaths	Suspensions	Expulsions	NPD	Other	Total Loss	Net Gain / (Loss)	Members 12-31-97
White Pass	1	6	1	6	4	6	2	2	58	1			1			2		1					1	1	59
Anvil	2	1	3	12	2	4	3	3	65	3	1	2				6		7					7	(1)	64
Tanana	3	12	26	104	11	30	11	19	544	6		3	2			11	6	12			33		51	(40)	504
Valdez	4	5	2	37		5		3	54								1	1					2	(2)	52
Mt. McKinley	5		1	14		1		1	76	2						2		2			4		6	(4)	76
Seward	6	2	2	9		7		3	109				2			2	1	3					4	(2)	107
Matanuska	7	2	2	22	2	5	4	2	108	3	2	2				7	1	6			4		1	(4)7	104
Mt. Susitna	8	5	12	74	5	16	6	21	274	6	1	2	2			11	4	10					14	(3)4	271
Kodiak	9	7	2	49	5	8	4	5	146	4			4			8	3	2			20		25	(17)	129
Glacier	10	6	3	94	18	19	14	18	280	13		4	2			19	3	3			2		8	11	291
Kenai	11	1	8	19	8		8	3	129	6		3				9	1	2			2		5	4	133
Fairbanks	12	1	9	16	5	3	4	1	59	3	1	1				5	4				2		6	(1)	58
Totals		48	101	446	60	104	56	81	1902	47	5	17	13			82	24	49			67		140	(58)	1844

# REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

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

	Total Number of Ballots
<b>White Pass Lodge No. 1</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Anvil Lodge No. 2</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Tanana Lodge No. 3</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Valdez Lodge No. 4</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Seward Lodge No. 6</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Matanuska Lodge No. 7</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Kodiak Lodge No. 9</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Glacier Lodge No. 10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Kenai Lodge No. 11</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Fairbanks Lodge No. 12</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>85</b>

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

We, the Committee on Credentials, report that all twelve Lodges holding Charters in the Grand Lodge of Alaska are represented at this Second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alaska.

We, further report that the following members of this Grand Lodge are present and entitled to seats and to vote in the Grand Lodge:

Grand Lodge Officers	14
Deputies of the Grand Master	4
Past Grand Masters	2
Worshipful Masters & Wardens	22
Past Masters	36
Proxies	7
Total Entitled to Vote	85

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerry C. Holly, Jr. (11) Chairman

Fred L. McGuire (3, 12)

Mitchell R. Miller (3, 12)

Jack C. Cornelius (3)

Billy W. Harris (11)

Grand Organist Richard H. Comer present, but not a voting member, and not counted in the above tally.

Report received for the record.



# APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

## **Jurisprudence**

MW James A. Williams PGM (3) Chairman  
VW Harry A. Lewis (2)  
W Frank W. Erie (3, 12)  
W Daniel J. Lawn (4)  
W Milton M. Routzahn (9)  
Bro. Richard N. Sutliff (9) Advisor

## **Grievance & Appeals**

MW Roy Foss PGM (11) Chairman  
W Denny R. Sheldon (7)  
W Gary E. Ackerson (1)  
W Edward L. Murdock (2)

## **Finance**

W Robert M. Parkins (8) Chairman  
VW John W. Underwood (3)  
W Orrin S. Felmley (8, 11)  
W Walter C. Church (11)

## **Fraternal Correspondence**

W George Steck (3)

## **Masonic Research & Education**

W Wayne G. Coleman (9) Chairman  
W Richard T. Coffin (10)  
W Henry R. Ferguson (7)  
W Sidney W. Moore (4)  
W James D. Hester (1)

## **Credentials**

Bro. Jerry C. Holly (11) Chairman  
VW Fred L. McGuire (3, 12)  
W Mitchell R. Miller (12)  
W Jack C. Cornelius (3)  
W Billy W. Harris (11)

### **Masonic Public Relations**

W Charles I. Gregg (10) Chairman  
W Frank R. Cornelius (7)  
W Philip Kepler (3)  
W Robert E. Cunningham (5)

### **DeMolay**

W Clifford E. Roberson (8) Chairman  
W William D. Little (5)  
W Jerry T. Sims (6, 11)  
W Clifford Darnell (8)  
Bro. Lloyd W. Triggs (3)

### **Bylaws**

W Gene R. Freeman (3, 12)  
VW Charles F. Lewis (2)  
W Ray G. Williams (9)  
Bro. Dennis M. Bump (12)

### **Public Schools**

Bro. Lyle E. Allison (12) Chairman  
W Ronald H. Moore (11) Advisor  
VW Robert E. Morse, Sr. (2)  
Bro. John Pierson (11)

### **Segregation & Reference**

W Fred V. Angleton (2, 11) Chairman  
W Henry D. Case (10)  
W Harold C. Dinkel (7)

### **Charters and Dispensations**

W Lloyd W. Ives (3)

### **Deputies of the Grand Master**

District 1 VW Robert E. Morse, Sr. (2)  
District 2 VW David J. Thomas (6, 11)  
District 3 VW William D. Athas (10)  
District 4 VW Wendell F. Long (1)

# REPORTS OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business was discussed.

## MOTIONS

No motions made.

## RESOLUTIONS

### Resolution No. 1-83

To Amend Article 10 of the A.M.C.

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to correct an error in the language of the Code pertaining to requirements for a Past Master of another Jurisdiction to be a member of this Jurisdiction.

#### **RESOLUTION:**

**WHEREAS**, a portion of Article 10 C of the Alaska Masonic Code reads as follows:

. . . Past Masters of any other Grand Jurisdiction which is in fraternal communication with the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alaska and which extends like recognition to Past Masters of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, while members of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge; . . ., and

**WHEREAS**, the intent was, and is, to require Past Masters of the other qualified Grand Jurisdictions to belong to Constituent Lodges of this Grand Lodge if they are to be members of this Grand Lodge

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the above-quoted portion of Article 10 C of the A.M.C. be amended to read as follows:

... Past Masters of any other Grand Jurisdiction which is in fraternal communication with the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alaska and which extends like recognition to Past Masters of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, while members of Constituent Lodges of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge; ...

Respectfully Submitted,

James A. Williams, PM (3)

Constitutional Amendment: Requires unanimous affirmative vote for passage.

Report by Jurisprudence committee: This Resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge.

**Note: This Resolution was adopted.**

## **Resolution No. 2-83**

To Amend Section 6 of A.M.C.

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to establish eligibility of Grand Lodge Officers.

### **RESOLUTION:**

**WHEREAS**, the Alaska Masonic Code does not clearly state eligibility for election or appointment to Grand Lodge office, and

**WHEREAS**, it has been the custom to elect and or appoint to Grand Lodge office those Brothers who are Past Masters and Members of the Grand Lodge, except in the position of Grand Chaplain, Grand Organist, or Grand Tyler, and

**WHEREAS**, Freemasonry has traditionally clearly stated eligibility for Grand Lodge Officers in the Masonic Code.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Section 6 of the Alaska Masonic Code - Elections and Appointments - be amended by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

**ELIGIBILITY.** No person shall be eligible to office in the Grand Lodge (except for Grand Chaplain, Grand Organist, or Grand Tyler) who has not been elected and installed Master of a Lodge of Masons and who is not a Member of a Lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction.

Respectfully Submitted,

Franklin W. Erie, PM (3, 12)

Bylaw Amendment: require  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority vote for passage.

Report by Jurisprudence Committee: this Resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Jurisprudence recommended the following amendment:

**ELIGIBILITY.** Past Masters who are members of this Grand Lodge as specified in Article 10 C 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.

**Note: Amendment adopted and Resolution 2-83 as amended was adopted.**

## **Resolution No. 3-83**

To Amend Section 6 of A.M.C.

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to delete the paragraph of Section 6 which deals with providing information to the Constituent Lodges regarding availability for elective office in Grand Lodge.

### **RESOLUTION:**

**WHEREAS,** it has been the custom to elect officers of Grand Lodge without nomination, and

**WHEREAS,** most members of our young and small jurisdiction are well acquainted with each other, and

**WHEREAS,** the quality and qualifications of each of the various offices of Grand Lodge are known to all, and

**WHEREAS,** it being desirous to maintain the long established customs of election.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE I T RESOLVED,** that the second paragraph of Section 6 of the bylaws titled "Elections and Appointments" be deleted in its entirety so as to maintain our long established and practiced customs of elections.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie R. Little, PM (10)

Peter E. Nilles. JW (10)

Bylaw Amendment: Requires  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority vote for passage.

Report by Jurisprudence Committee: this Resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge.

**Note: this Resolution was rejected.**

## **Resolution No. 4-83**

To Add a Section 40.5 to the A.M.C.

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to allow public display of certain Lodge information.

### **RESOLUTION:**

**WHEREAS**, Sojourners often are not aware of information concerning a local Lodge, and

**WHEREAS**, information on or directions to a local Lodge or Temple are sometimes difficult to obtain, and

**WHEREAS**, such information can be displayed publicly without violating the prohibition of the use of the Masonic name or emblem as set forth in Section 40 of the Alaska Masonic Code;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that a new section be added to the Alaska Masonic Code to read as follows:

Section 40.5 Signs and Notices. A Lodge may place or erect a welcoming sign, subject to the Grand Master's approval, at each entrance to its community and may place a notice in an appropriate section of one or more local newspapers. Such sign and such notice may include no more than the Masonic emblem, the Lodge name, the location of its meeting place, the time(s) of its meetings, and the Lodge Secretary's telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,

James A. Williams, PM (3)

Bylaw Amendment: Requires  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority vote for passage.

Report by Jurisprudence Committee: this Resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge.

**Note: This Resolution was adopted.**

# REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

## Jurisprudence

### 1<sup>st</sup> Report

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

We, the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred the section of the Acting Grand Master's message pertaining to Lodge Bylaws, have considered the same and report as follows:

The section is approved, but the committee states further that although Lodge Bylaw Amendments are customarily referred to the Committee on Bylaws for recommendation to the Grand Master, the Alaska Masonic Code does not absolutely require such action. Therefore, the action of the Acting Grand Master in approving the bylaw change of Mt. McKinley Lodge without reference to the Bylaw Committee is approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

James A. Williams PGM (3) Chairman  
Harry A. Lewis (2)  
Frank W. Erie (3, 12)  
Daniel J. Lawn (4)  
Milton M. Routzahn (9)  
Richard N. Sutliff (9) Advisor

Report received for the record and approved by unanimous vote.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Report

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

We, the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the section of the Acting Grand Master's message pertaining to an irregularity healed, have considered the same and report as follows:

The Alaska Masonic Code prohibits knowingly receiving a petition prior to the petitioner's 21st birthday. Having committed this error, Mt. Susitna Lodge should have then proceeded under Section 163 of the Code and returned the petition to the petitioner. Thus the Code was violated twice. No harm having been done to Masonry or the petitioner, the committee concurs with the action of the Acting Grand Master.



Respectfully Submitted,

James A. Williams PGM (3) Chairman  
Harry A. Lewis (2)  
Frank W. Erie (3, 12)  
Daniel J. Lawn (4)  
Milton M. Routzahn (9)  
Richard N. Sutliff (9) Advisor

Report received for the record.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Report**

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

We, the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution No. 1-83 have considered the same and report as follows:

The Committee has examined Resolution No. 1-83 and finds that it is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. It will require a unanimous affirmative vote for adoption.

Respectfully Submitted,

James A. Williams, PGM (3) Chairman  
Harry A. Lewis (2)  
Milton M. Routzahn (9)  
Franklin W. Erie (3, 12)  
Richard N. Sutliff (9) Advisor

Report received for the record.

Resolution received the required unanimous affirmative vote and was adopted.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Report**

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

We, the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution No. 2-83 have considered the same and report as follows:

The Committee has examined Resolution No. 2-83 and finds that it is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. It will require a  $\frac{3}{4}$  affirmative vote for adoption.

Respectfully Submitted,

James A. Williams, PGM (3) Chairman  
Harry A. Lewis (2))  
Milton M. Routzahn (9)  
Franklin W. Erie (3, 12)  
Richard N. Sutliff (9) Advisor

Report received for the record.

The Committee on Jurisprudence recommended the following amendment:

**ELIGIBILITY.** Past Masters who are members of this Grand Lodge as specified in Article 10 C 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.

Amendment adopted and Resolution 2-83 as amended was adopted.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Report**

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

We, the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution No. 3-83 have considered the same and report as follows:

The Committee has examined Resolution No. 3-83 and finds that it is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. It will require a  $\frac{3}{4}$  affirmative vote for adoption.

Respectfully Submitted,

James A. Williams, PGM (3) Chairman  
Harry A. Lewis (2))  
Milton M. Routzahn (9)  
Franklin W. Erie (3, 12)  
Richard N. Sutliff (9) Advisor

Report received for the record.

This Resolution was rejected.

## **6<sup>th</sup> Report**

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

We, the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution No. 4-83 have considered the same and report as follows:

The Committee has examined Resolution No. 4-83 and finds that it is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. It will require a  $\frac{3}{4}$  affirmative vote for adoption.

Respectfully Submitted,

James A. Williams, PGM (3) Chairman  
Harry A. Lewis (2)  
Milton M. Routzahn (9)  
Franklin W. Erie (3, 12)  
Richard N. Sutliff (9) Advisor

Report received for the record and was adopted.

## **Grievance and Appeals**

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

We, the members of the Committee on Grievance and Appeals, are happy to announce that we have had no requests for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roy Foss (11) Chairman  
Gary E. Ackerson (1)  
Denny R. Sheldon (7)

Report received for the record.

# Finance

## Report of the Finance Committee

Worshipful Sir, Distinguished East, Brethren All:

The Finance Committee has worked very closely with the Grand Secretary, and you have heard his detailed report; the report of what the Grand Officers have accomplished. It would be an anticlimactic for me to add to the labors and dedication that the Grand Officers and our Grand Secretary have carried out over this past year. Two years ago when it was voted in Soldotna that we go for Grand Lodge, they all pledged at that time, the Officers and potential officers, that we would start out with what cash we had on hand and that we would accomplish the things and buy the things that we had money to buy, but we would not spend any money that we didn't have to spend. That's a good way to start out life, to start it out from scratch. You have heard this-report. This has come to you now for two years. They have managed to finance with the donations that you have given freely and with the few dollars that have come in from the individual Lodges and from the members of the Grand Lodge. AMRA has been a big asset to this organization, and as we on the Finance Committee look to them, we look to all Masons; AMRA is an organization of individuals with a sole purpose. They are dedicated and their bylaws are such to work for the financing and support of the Grand Lodge in Alaska. This goes to each and every individual, whether they are members of the Lodges that are in this Grand Lodge, sojourners, friends, or relatives - whatever. The finances are in good order and we recommend that these be continued.

To these Grand Officers who have put many, many thousands of hours and dollars into seeing that this Grand Lodge is through its second year and showing a profit each year. The profit that we have here is at the sacrifice of your Grand Officers and the Grand Secretary. This will not go on forever, so it is our desire to pass on to you to build this permanent fund that we have set up in the Grand Lodge so that the profits can someday soon pay some of these costs the Officers are paying out of their own pockets today. And to further enhance Masonry in Alaska and with the dedication of AMRA, the dedication of your Grand Officers, and with the budget the Secretary and the Grand Lodge Officers have presented to you for next year, there is no doubt in our minds that the Alaska Grand Lodge is off and going, so I call upon all of you to get this Grand Lodge permanent fund up.

Your permanent fund in Alaska is getting kicked around by the politicians, but this isn't the permanent fund we are talking about. It is a permanent fund where we spend only the earnings of that, so if you could look to your wills you may have a Mason that has the wherewithal, has property, and so on, with no one to leave it to. When he passes on, you know where it goes the State Treasury. And I know that there have been many that have gone on. So I call upon all of you to do that.

To you, Right Worshipful Acting Grand Master, we thank you for the dedication and the carrying out of the wishes of this Grand Lodge and staying within your budget,

and to you Grand Secretary for what you have done. You have given us a foundation of footwork and investment of the few nickels that we do have to invest right on top.

So I think the best way to recommend the approval and acceptance of my verbal report to you is to give a standing ovation to the Grand Officers and our Grand Secretary.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert M. Parkins (8) Chairman

John W. Underwood (3)

Orrin S. Felmley (8, 11)

Walter C. Church (11)

Verbal report received for the record.

## BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1982

### ASSETS

#### CURRENT ASSETS:

Petty Cash - Cash on hand	\$ .29	
Cash in Bank - First Nat'l of Anchorage	2,511.27	
Short-term Investments - Ready Assets	<u>30,046.00</u>	
Total Operating Funds - available Cash		\$32,557.56
Cash in Bank - "Trust Savings"		3,965.62
Investments -100 Shares National Bancorp)		1,000.00
Accounts receivable - Constituent Lodges	\$ 15.75	
Per Capita & Fees Rec. - Constituent Lodges	<u>13,712.00</u>	
	<u>13,727.75</u>	
less: Allowance for uncollectibles	<u>-0</u>	
Total Receivables - net		13,727.75
Inventory - Masonic Materials - at cost	<u>1,552.50</u>	
Inventory and Deposits, etc		4,807.53
Total Current Assets		<u>\$56,058.46</u>

#### FIXED ASSETS

Office Furniture and Fixtures (donated)	\$ 0	
Office Equipment - Tel. Answering Device	299.95	
Office Equipment - Copying Machine	<u>5,000.00</u>	
Furniture and Equipment - at cost	\$ 5,299.95	
less: Allowance for Depreciation	<u>775.00</u>	
Furniture and Equipment - net		\$ 4,524.95
Grand Lodge Regalia - at cost	11,858.08	
less: Allowance for Depreciation	<u>1,119.40</u>	
Grand Lodge Regalia - net		<u>10,738.68</u>
Total Fixed Assets		15,263.63
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$71,322.09</u>

### LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

#### CURRENT LIABILITIES:

Accounts Payable - Trade	\$ 292.50	
Geo. Washington Masonic Nat'l Memor.. Fund	<u>397.00</u>	
Total Accounts Payable		\$ 689.50
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$ 689.50
Net Worth		
Net Worth - January 1, 1982	49,386.82	
Add'l Equity - from non-cash donations	<u>900.00</u>	
Net Worth - as adjusted		\$50,286.82
plus: Excess of 1982 Income over Expense	<u>20,345.77</u>	
TOTAL NET WORTH -as of 12/31/82		<u>70,632.59</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH		<u>\$71,322.09</u>

## STATEMENT OF INCOME CALENDAR YEAR 1982

### INCOME

Operating Income - Assessments/ Dues and Fees:		
Income-Per Capita Assessments	\$ 9,070.00	
Fees for Degree Conferrals	1,085.00	
Fees for Affiliations	110.00	
Fees from Petitioners/ Degrees	<u>3,050.00</u>	
Total Income - Assessments and Fees		<u>\$13,315.00</u>
Operating Income - Other		
Contributions/Donations - General Operating	\$ 4,857.80	
Contributions/Donations – Memorials	<u>2,653.00</u>	
Total Contributions and Donations		7,510.80
Fundraisers - General Operating (AMRA)		10,000.00
Sale of Medallions and AMRA Pins		210.00
Sale of Masonic Materials - net		<u>460.36</u>
Total Operating Income		\$31,496.16
Non-Operating Income		
Interest on Savings and Short-term Investments		<u>3,386.48</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME - CALENDAR 1982</b>		<b>\$34,864.64</b>

### EXPENSE

Operating Expenses		
Committee on Arrangements -G/L Communication	\$1,333.73	
Conference on Fraternal Recognition	15.00	
Entertainment of Visitors	1,000.00	
Grand Master's Allowance	1,000.00	
Grand Lodge Office Salaries and Stipends	980.00	
Grand Secretary's Allowance	2,943.66	
Past Grand Master's Gift (Regalia)	447.53	
Depreciation	1,526.15	
Masonic Service Association Dues	72.18	
Insurance - General Liability	1,990.00	
Office Supplies and Expense	1,011.47	
Postage	499.47	
Printing Expense - misc.	44.00	
Telephone	479.75	
Miscellaneous	<u>680.09</u>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES FOR YEAR</b>		<b><u>\$14,518.87</u></b>
<b>NET FOR YEAR - INCOME over EXPENSE</b>		<b>\$20,345.77</b>

**OPERATING BUDGET - GENERAL FUND CALENDAR  
STATEMENT – ACTUAL vs. BUDGET  
Calendar Year 1982**

	1982 BUDGET	EXPENDED	(UNDER)
Grand Master's Expense Allowance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0
Grand Master's Travel Allowance	1,000.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
Committee on Fraternal Correspondence	250.00	0	(250.00)
Committee on Masonic Research & Education	250.00	0	(250.00)
Committee on Arrangements – G/L Comm.	2,000.00	1,333.23	(666.71)
Representatives' Expenses	0	0	0
Printing and Binding Proceedings	3,000.00	0	(3,000.00)
Comprehensive Liability Insurance	2,000.00	1,990.00	(10.00)
Entertainment of Visitors	500.00	496.12	(3.88)
Grand Master's Regalia	750.00	447.75	(302.25)
Reserve for Grand Lodge Regalia	1,000.00	0	(1,000.00)
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<b>SUB – TOTAL I</b>	<b>\$ 11,750.00</b>	<b>\$6,267.10</b>	<b>\$ 5,485.90)</b>
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Gand Secretary's Expense Allowance	\$3,000.00	\$ 2,943.66	\$ (56.34)
Grand Secretary's Travel Allowance	0	0	0
Grand Lodge Office Salaries, Fees, Stipends	6,000.00	980.00	(5,020.00)
Grand Lodge Payroll Taxes-all	0	0	0)
Grand Lodge – Fees for audit of book	0	0	0
Grand Lodge - Office Supplies & Expenses	3,600.00	1,011.47	(2,588.53)
Grand Lodge - Postage	1,200.00	499.47	(700.53)
Grand Lodge - Transcript of Proceedings	0	15.00	15.000
Grand Lodge - Telephone	750.00	479.75	(270.25)
Grand Lodge – Printing Exp. – misc.	0	44.00	44.00
Grand Lodge – Dues - Conf. on Fraternal Recog.	0	15.00	15.00
Grand Lodge – Dues – Masonic Service Assoc.	100.00	72.18	(27.82)
Grand Lodge - Dues – Masonic Relief Assoc.	0	0	0)
Depreciations Expense:	750.00	1,526.15	776.15
Miscellaneous	600.00	680.09	80.09
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<b>SUB – TOTAL II</b>	<b>\$16,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,251.77</b>	<b>\$ 7,748.23)</b>
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<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$27,750.00</b>	<b>\$14,518.87</b>	<b>\$(13,231.13)</b>



**COMPARISON OF ANNUAL BUDGETS  
CALENDAR YEARS 1982 AND 1983**

	<b>1981 BUDGET</b>	<b>PROPOSED 1982 BUDGET</b>	<b>+ INCREASE - DECREASE</b>
Grand Master's Expense Allowance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$
Grand Master's Travel Allowance	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Committee on Fraternal Correspondence	250.00	250.00	
Committee on Masonic Research & Education	250.00	250.00	
Committee on Arrangements – G/L Comm.	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Representatives' Expenses		0	
Printing and Binding Proceedings	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Comprehensive Liability Insurance	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Entertainment of Visitors	500.00	1,000.00	+ 500.00
Grand Master's Regalia	750.00	750.00	
Fund for Acquisition of new G/L Regalia	1,000.00	500.00	- 500.00
<b>SUB – TOTAL I</b>	<b>\$ 11,750.00</b>	<b>\$11,750.00</b>	<b>\$</b>
Grand Secretary's Expense Allowance	3,000.00	3,000.00	\$
Grand Secretary's Travel Allowance			
Grand Lodge Office Salaries, Fees, Stip	6,000.00	6,000.00	
Grand Lodge Payroll Taxes-all	0	0	
Grand Lodge – Fees for audit of book	0	0	
Grand Lodge - Office Supplies & Expenses	3,600.00	3,600.00	
Grand Lodge - Postage	1,200.00	1,200.00	-
Grand Lodge - Transcript of Proceedings	0	500.00	+ 500.00
Grand Lodge - Telephone	750.00	750.00	
Grand Lodge – Printing & Exp. – misc.	0	0	
Grand Lodge – Dues - Conf. on Fraternal Recog.	0	25.00	+ 25.00
Grand Lodge – Dues – Masonic Service Assoc.	100.00	125.00	+ 25.00
Grand Lodge - Dues – Masonic Relief Assoc.	0	0	
Depreciations Expense:	750.00	1,500.00	+ 750.00
Miscellaneous	600.00	900.00	+ 300.00-
<b>SUB – TOTAL II</b>	<b>\$16,000.00</b>	<b>\$17,600.00</b>	<b>+ 1,600.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>\$27,750.00</b>	<b>\$29,350.00</b>	<b>+ 1,000.00</b>

**PRO-FORMA STATEMENT OF AVAILABLE FUNDS,  
ANTICIPATED AND EXPENSES FISCAL/CALENDAR YEAR 1982**

**ESTIMATED INCOME**

Grand Lodge per capita Tax	\$20,000.00
Fees or degrees conferred and dual/affiliate memberships	1,050.00
Contribution to General fund from Petitioners for Degrees	5,000.00
Sale of merchandise - excess	
Income over cost of sales	750.00
Interest income on investments	2,600.00
 Total estimated income	 \$29,350.00
 Estimate of funds on hand at the beginning of year-carried over from previous period	  35,000.00

<b>ESTIMATE OF TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR YEAR 1982</b>	<b>\$64,350.00</b>
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**EXPENSES**

As per the Proposed budget for Fiscal/Calendar Year 1982	29,350.00
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<b>ESTIMATE EXCESS OF AVAILABLE FUNDS OVER PROPOSED EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>\$35,000.00</u></b>
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## **Masonic Research and Education**

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

We, the Committee on Masonic Research and Education strongly encourage the dissemination of Masonic information throughout the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

We feel that, due to limited Grand Lodge funds, the best method of promoting Masonic education is at the local level of each constituent Lodge. We encourage the officers of the individual Lodges to pursue Masonic education to the Brethren. It is also important to educate the public to preclude prejudices and to enlighten people regarding the high moral principles to which we ascribe.

Additionally, public education is important to allay the sometimes adverse concerns of men who potentially could and would become productive members of this great fraternity. Extending educational information to the public can be accomplished in various ways and in a positive manner. It requires a certain degree of public visibility as well as gaining recognition through the various public communicating media functions.

At such future time as the funds of the Grand Lodge permit, we encourage a centralized approach to extend Masonic education within this jurisdiction.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wayne Coleman (9) Chairman  
Richard T. Coffin (10)  
Henry R. Ferguson (7)  
Sidney W. Moore (4)  
James D. Hester (1)

Report received for the record.

## **Masonic Public Relations**

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

RW Deputy Grand Master, we, the members of the Public Relations committee respectfully report that our efforts to bring Grand Lodge news and Masonry in general to the public in Alaska have met with frustration and indifference.

Following the last Annual Communication, an effort was made in Anchorage to have small Masonic emblems placed on the doors of the Masonic members in the Pioneers Home, that those members might be identified. The officer-in-charge who asked to remain anonymous suggested some members may not wish others to know of their affiliation, but that it might be okay if all other Fraternal Organizations would do the

same. On contact, two of the other organizations said that they would look into it; no reply has been received to date.

On the passing of our Grand Master on June 24, 1982, a situation which we felt should be duly noted in print to the public, no information was made available to the public relations committee until just prior to the funeral and that information coming from an Obituary in the Anchorage newspapers.

In July, the Chairman of the committee contacted the editor of the Alaska Milepost, inquiring as to the possibility of having a small Square and Compass emblem placed near the information section of cities along the highway which have a Masonic Lodge to let Masonic visitors know that they were in friendly territory. The editor felt that all other organizations should be recognized, and there would likely be a fee. Further checking revealed that any such action would require a Grand Lodge resolution to change the existing Alaska Masonic Code. MW Brother James A. Williams has submitted a resolution which would most likely clear the way for such advertisement.

On December 15, 1983, a news release concerning the Grand Lodge Communication in February was sent to 24 daily and weekly Alaskan publications, as well as the Washington Masonic Tribune. To date, it is reported that several of those publications informed the public, much to our delight. Only the Anchorage papers, which were personally contacted, have failed to respond. We made the front page of the Washington Masonic Tribune.

It seems that the news media generally feels that unless the general public can participate in its entirety, discrimination prevails and they want to be no part of it.

Copies of the Sunday Supplement on Masonry which appeared in California newspapers have met with a questionable response with Brothers in Alaska. Approximately 50 percent seem to feel that it is not appropriate for us to spend the time, effort, or money to inform the public in this manner. However, we are informed by Grand Lodge members in California that they have received an influx of petitions for the degrees, nothing overwhelming, but it has met with a degree of success. We were informed by the Grand Lodge of Washington that it will soon produce such a supplement and we might use it if we so desire.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

Many have suggested a newsletter, quarterly or semi-annually, on Grand Lodge activities. This would seem appropriate provided the cost could be held to no more than \$1,000 per year and could be handled in conjunction with the Grand Secretary's office. Most of the Brethren feel that the Grand Lodge activities are conducted behind closed doors and that they are left out. Simply stated, they want to know what is going on, and where they stand.

A public relations member should be appointed within each Lodge, that he can personally contact the news media of items of interest where the general public can be included.

RW Deputy Grand Master, the members of the Public Relations Committee recommend that this report be accepted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles I. Gregg (10) Chairman

Frank R. Cornelius (7)

Philip Kepler (3)

Robert E. Cunningham (5)

Report received for record.

## **Public Schools**

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

RW Deputy Grand Master (Acting Grand Master) and Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

We, the Committee on Public Schools reaffirm the belief of all Masons in the equal rights of every child to a free education in our Public School System. From our most intellectual to our most unprivileged, each child has this basic American Freedom and Right.

Each and every one of us is aware of the decay of our Public School System and of the problems facing us today and in the future. It is our duty to take whatever positive position that should be deemed necessary to meet this challenge.

It is in this spirit that this committee recommends all Constituent Lodges become involved. We realize the guidelines have not come forth, but we shall earnestly endeavor to do so during the coming year. We ask for input from each and every member as to the type of programs which could be utilized. We will also solicit information on what is being done in other Grand Jurisdictions.

We are proud to report a few of the Constituent Lodges currently are conducting school awards programs in their respective areas. Anvil Lodge No. 2 gave a \$500 scholarship and two citizenship awards. Valdez Lodge No. 4 gave two \$500 scholarships to a high-achieving senior boy and girl. Kenai Lodge No. 11, in a very extensive program, awarded 13 different outstanding student-of-the-year awards for 13 different schools ranging from elementary to high school. In addition, Glacier Lodge No. 10 has planned a \$1,000 scholarship program for 1983. These Lodges and their Brethren should be commended.

We realize the task of setting up programs in your areas will be a great one and the challenges many. And, for the Lodges not having the financial capabilities for a large program, we asked that they might consider even the smallest of programs monetarily while promoting the highest degree possible of recognition and honor. We cannot afford the luxury of standing by while there is work to be done. We must join together in the preservation of this most important element and foundation of the American success story.

It has been and will continue to be the intent of this Committee to represent Masonry's demand for a basic education of a quality unsurpassed by any nation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lyle E. Allison (12) Chairman  
Ronald H. Moore (11) Advisor  
Robert E. Morse, Sr. (2)  
John Pierson (11)

Report received for the record.

## **DeMolay**

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

We, the Committee on DeMolay respectfully submit this report:

DeMolay in Alaska has shown an increase in growth in the last year due in a great part to the generous contributions and personal participation of Masons such as you. From the top, the DeMolay Association thanks each and every one of you.

In March of this year, Alaska had two delegates attending the DeMolay Congress in Reno, Nevada. Four other members from Anchorage and Soldotna also attended. The DeMolay Congress is set up in much the same way as this Grand Lodge. The young men of DeMolay make their own rules that govern the DeMolay International.

In 1982, the State Conclave was held in Fairbanks. Ron Triggs was elected to serve as State Master Councilor. It was agreed that Soldotna would host the 1983 Conclave on March 3-5. It is open to all Master Masons.

Thanks to generous contributions of Masons around the state of Alaska, we were able to have our own leadership training conference camp at Kings Lake near Wasilla. This is a program set up by ISC to bring leadership to the forefront in DeMolay.

The most important thing to happen to DeMolay was the appointment of a new executive officer. We wish to thank W Brother Roy Prestegard for his many years of

service ... Brother Prestegard moved to the Bethel area and found it impossible to participate in DeMolay activities. Brother Stan Woodin was appointed to that position. We are all very pleased to have Brother Stan and wish to congratulate him. Already he has inspired the Masons in Palmer and Kodiak to consider starting Chapters in their areas. Thanks to Brother Stan, we know DeMolay is going to take off with his leadership.

Respectfully Submitted,

Clifford E. Roberson (8) Chairman

William D. Little (5)

Jerry T. Sims (6,11)

Lloyd W. Triggs (3)

Report received for record.

## Bylaws

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

We respectfully report that, with respect to the following changes, as requested by Lodges in this jurisdiction, we concur with the Grand Master's previous approvals:

1. Anvil Lodge No.

Article 3, Section 1:

From: The fees for the three degrees of Masonry shall be One hundred seventy-nine dollars (\$179). and shall in every instance accompany the petition.

To: The fees for the three degrees of Masonry shall be Two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) and shall in every instance accompany the petition.

2. Glacier Lodge No. 10:

Article 3, Section 4:

From: The annual dues of each member shall be Twenty dollars (\$20). payable in advance on the first day of January of each year.

To: The annual dues of each member shall be Thirty-five dollars (\$35). Payable in advance on the first day of January each year.

Article III, Section 5:

From: A member may apply for and receive a life membership in this Lodge after being a member in good standing for five (5) years immediately preceding application by paying \$160 plus seventy-five percent (75%) of the accumulated yearly dues from the year of application to and including the year the member becomes sixty-one (61) years of age, or a minimum of \$160, whichever is greater.

To: A member may apply for and receive a life membership in this Lodge immediately upon his request, provided he has been a Master Mason in good standing for five (5) years immediately preceding his application and pays the

sum of \$ 160.00 plus seventy-five percent (75%) of the accumulated yearly dues from the year of application to and including the year the member becomes sixty-one (61) years of age, or a minimum of \$160.00, whichever is greater.

3. Kenai Lodge No. 11

Article III, Section 1:

From: The fee for the three degrees shall be Two hundred dollars (\$200). and in addition any fees required by the Grand Lodge, which must accompany the petition.

To: The fee for the three degrees shall be Two hundred twenty dollars (\$220) and in addition any fees required by the Grand Lodge, which must accompany the petition.

4. Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5:

Article III, Section 1:

From: The annual dues for each member shall be Twenty dollars (\$20) payable in advance on the first day of January each year.

To: The annual dues for each member shall be Fifty dollars (\$50) payable in advance on the first day of January each year.

Fraternally Submitted,

Gene R. Freeman (3, 12) Chairman

Charles F. Lewis (2)

Ray G. Williams (9)

Dennis M. Bump (12)

Report received for the record.



# REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

## Report of Grand Chaplain (Necrology)

We remember these brethren who have laid down their working tools, as reported by the Constituent Lodges in their monthly reports for 1981

*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*

### **White Pass Lodge No. 1**

**Leonard Hugh King**

**January 30, 1982**

### **Anvil Lodge No. 2**

**Lee Edward Alteen**

**January 2, 1982**

**Thomas Noyes Martin**

**March 28, 1982**

**John Melvin Cooley, PM**

**July 26, 1982**

**Joe (Lewis) Linke**

**September 17, 1982**

**Carl Lewis Melton**

**September 20, 1982**

**Hardy Edward Loe**

**October 17, 1982**

**Dick Detlef Ortman**

**November 1, 1982**

### **Tanana Lodge No. 3**

**Joseph Alvin Strickland**

**March 7, 1982**

**Delison Reece**

**March 8, 1982**

**Robert Charles Clark**

**March 16, 1982**

**Harold Hobbs Leonard**

**March 27, 1982**

**James Franklin Borders**

**May 27, 1982**

**William John Carter**

**May 31, 1982**

**Buckley Cecil Hazen, MW Grand Master**

**\*June 24, 1982**

**Valle Benson**

**August 15, 1982**

**Albert Fuller Dorsh**

**August 26, 1982**

**Adlin Edward Beaumariage**

**September 16, 1982**

**Walter Milton Hysten**

**November 29, 1982**

**Lewis Kinda**

**December 27, 1982**

<b>Valdez Lodge No. 4</b>	
Henry Adler Tatro	December 1, 1982
<b>Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5</b>	
Michael White	February 28, 1982
Frank Leonard Hoover, PM	August 19, 1982
<b>Seward Lodge No. 6</b>	
Merrill Carl Coon	January 11, 1982
Arthur Robert Brooks	July 20, 1982
Oscar Edward Darling	November 13, 1982
<b>Matanuska Lodge No. 7</b>	
Fred Hubert Reynolds, Sr.	Unknown
Dorace Cealy Thatcher	Unknown
Clarence Ivan Branton, PM	March 20, 1982
Theodore Wesley Mommsen, PM	May 31, 1982
Ralph Ashton Goodrich	July 10, 1982
Alva Duane Saxton	August 21, 1982
<b>Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8</b>	
Fred Shinjiro Hokama	1981
James O'Brien McNew	1982
Michael Roy Churchwell	January 3, 1982
Paul Duncan Huske	March 19, 1982
Harold McClure Renerd	March 27, 1982
Robert Graham Baer	April 13, 1982
Eugene August Sallier	April 27, 1982
Homer William Moseley	May 9, 1982
Joe Wilhoit	August 30, 1982
James Leاون Holt, HPM	September 25, 1982
<b>Kodiak Lodge No. 9</b>	
Merrill Carl Coon	January 11, 1982
Dwight Page Little	February 1, 1982
<b>Glacier Lodge No. 10</b>	
Robert Duane Smith	January 25, 1982
Louis Richard Kaminski	April 17, 1982
Johnie Edward Carter	May 17, 1982
<b>Kenai Lodge No. 11</b>	
William George Cardwell	May 9, 1982
Paul Stephens DaMetz, PM	July 2, 1982

\* Originally listed as July 2, 1982

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

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

### **Memorial Prayer**

*God, our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for giving us these Brethren who have dwelt with us and touched our lives, who have taught us thy teachings and thy eternal truths. We pray in this moment, dear God that Thou will be with them that Thou will comfort their families and bless them in their respective Lodges. Here we commend them, dear God, to thy safe-keeping that in the days to come, when we lay down our working tools we will be reunited with them in thy House not made with hands which is eternal in the Heavens. Thank you for their lives. We bless You for their memory in thy Holy Name. Amen.*

W Rev. John W. Edgar  
Grand Chaplain

### **Report of Grand Lecturer**

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

I have deemed it an honor and a privilege to serve this Grand Lodge in its first two years. It has been my goal to serve each Grand Master when asked to travel and to carry out their directives to the best of my ability. When the Most Worshipful Brother Buckley C. Hazen asked me to serve in his tenure, I accepted it very humbly, but with pride because of my fraternal relations to him. Last spring, in his last visit with me in my home, we discussed the Grand Lodge at great length, and there were three points he wanted to correct.

Number 1 was to standardize the three lesser lights. It was his firm conviction there should be three burning tapers, not neon signs. Perhaps you will remember burning tapers were used for Hazen's installation. He brought them from his Lodge in Fairbanks. It was his conviction that the neon signs that are used in some of our Lodges detract attention from the Three Great Lights.

Number 2 is Article 27, on page 10, referring to standard work which reads: Standard Work. The Esoteric Work, together with the Monitorial Work, as approved by the Grand Lodge at its First Communication, is the Standard Work of this Grand Jurisdiction. Constituent Lodges shall practice this Standard Word and no other.

Number 3, Section 29, on page 26, which speaks of ciphers, reads: The printed copies of the Standard Work Cipher authorized by this section, may be sold only to Secretaries of Constituent Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction for distribution to members.

After our visit, he took these suggestions and changes to Fairbanks to be put in proper form for your consideration and information at this Communication, and I felt that it was my obligation to make you, the Grand Lodge, aware of this. In the last two years it has not been my intention to intimidate or aggravate Brothers, but to try to standardize our work whenever possible, in the most tender manner that it could have been done. It has been my pleasure to serve whenever asked in any capacity that I can.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alfred M. White (8, 11)  
Grand Lecturer

Report received for the record.

## **Report of Grand Orator**

RW Deputy Grand Master, distinguished Guests, and my Brothers:

During the course of the year, your Grand Orator was not called upon to make any speeches. He visited a couple of Lodges and was able to talk. However, somehow in the course of the year, I earned the nickname of the "Grand Talk-a-lot." I would like to say that I do not intend to talk a lot. I have something to offer to you this afternoon, short but sincere.

I come here today to ask your help in becoming a Better Person. With your help I can be a person who can succeed at any endeavor. When I speak an unkind or unthinking word to you, forgive me and help me to reform. Teach me to give of myself that I might be as great a person as you are. When I become a giver of myself then I will see that I can achieve any success I desire.

Praise me when I do well that I might learn to give praise in return. Please, though, don't give me false praise. Be specific and sincere. Make me believe I am doing well, and I will make every effort to do better. If my efforts were merely mediocre, please still find some segment of those efforts to praise. Remember, that may have been my first attempt. With your praise and my practice, I can do better.

This morning when I awoke. I was depressed. A bad dream left me drained emotionally. I am still depressed. Smile at me, say, "Good Morning" with your LARGEST smile. Help me out of my depression and my day will become lastingly better. I will smile instead of frown, laugh instead of cry, leap with joy instead of slump with dejection. Your smile is a Burst of Sunshine on a gloomy day. With it I can do whatever I wish. With your smile and understanding, I can be a better Teacher, Businessman, Housewife, Truck Driver, Fireman, Home Builder, Plumber, Salesman, Chaplain, Father, Grandmother, Secretary, Doctor, Stonemason, Manager, or Grand Master.

If you are feeling low. smile at me anyway. You'll feel better for having made my day better. Your smile will generate another from me. Mine will make you feel better. As we help each other feel better we can't help feeling better ourselves.

Each smile we give to another improves the world just a little. Be generous with those smiles. Turn to your Brother beside you. SMILE.

Please try to understand me when I do something which might anger or upset you. Consider this example: I am a salesman and you are a client. I have arranged for you to come to my office at 7:30 p.m. Instead of going home for dinner and having to come back to the office I decide to grab a cold sandwich at the corner and catch up on a little work. 7:30 arrives and passes. You do not show up. 8:30 and still you're not there. 9:00 p.m. and I give up and walk home in the rain. I am extremely angry to be treated like this without even a call from you to say why you're late.

The next morning my phone rings at 9:00 a.m. It is you calling to apologize. You explain your absence something like this. On the way to the appointment a car ran a red light and struck yours. You were injured and are calling me from the hospital. Only now are you able to have a phone brought to your bedside.

Am I still angry? Now perhaps I can reach some understanding. My understanding of your unintentional missing of the appointment will perhaps help me achieve what Solomon, in His wisdom, asked for:

"Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge people." A little understanding will help me be a better person.

All of these things and more will bring us to what  
I said in the opening

I need your help in becoming a better person.  
I'm sitting beside you. I am your Brother.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie R. Little (10)  
Grand Orator

Report received for record.

## Report of Grand Historian

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

A number of projects came to mind or were suggested this year relative to Masonic History. However, when I began to look at our Grand Lodge history, I generally found that much pertinent information was very widely scattered, from the details described in our first Grand Historian's report to narratives in several Lodge Cable Tows or Trestleboards. Significant information is contained in Washington Grand Lodge proceedings and AMRA reports. There is redundancy in many of these sources but many have good bits of information. None of them had the total story. I have, therefore, tried to pull together as much information as I could find coupled with personal knowledge. This material has been placed in a loose leaf notebook with the thought that each succeeding Grand Historian could add historical information for his year. At some future date, a printed version could be issued under the unimaginative title of "The First Ten Years" or "The First Twenty Years."

I do not claim that this narrative history is complete. Hindsight is still a very wonderful thing and some ideas for improving the narrative came too late to implement. I tried to include as many names, with Lodge identification, as possible of Brothers responsible for the existence of our Grand Lodge. Some of these names were never recorded. I also found some differences among authors as to what happened on what day in February 1981. In these cases I made a judgment call as to which I felt to be most authoritative.

I therefore recommend that:

1. The document I prepared be reviewed by two or three knowledgeable Masons for accuracy and suggestions for additions. This assumes anybody wants to continue a history in this format.
2. Succeeding Grand Historians make serious efforts to personally interview the participants in our history to fill in the gaps as to the events which I may have omitted and, more especially, to record the identity of those who worked so hard on Grand Lodge formation but whose names were not recorded, generally because they weren't on committees or because only their committee work was recognized.

I learned last month that there is a Masonic headstone temporarily stored in the Grand Secretary's office needing research and identification. I would recommend that the next Grand Historian begin that research.

Respectfully Submitted,

Neil R. Bassett  
Grand Historian

Report received for the record.

## **Charters and Dispensations**

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

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations reports that there have been no requests for Dispensations to form new Lodges, nor were any Charters issued.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lloyd W. Ives (3, 12) Chairman

Report received for the record.

## **Arrangements Committee**

The Acting Grand Master called on VW Ralph Kavorkian, Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements, to present and introduce the members of his Committee that they might be duly commended for the outstanding job that they had done and the services rendered in making the Second Annual Communication proceed so smoothly. Of all the members of the Committee, only the following five were present at this time:

W Gary E. Ackerson (1)  
W Gene R. Freeman (3, 12)  
W Lloyd W. Ives (3)  
W Wendell F. Long (1) and  
W Adam McDermott (3).

VW Kavorkian was requested to submit for the record the names of all who had participated on his Committee.

## **Report of Segregations and Reference Committee**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Report**

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

We, the Committee on Segregation and Reference, to whom was referred the report of the Deputy and Acting Grand Master, report as follows:

1. That the following Sections of the Deputy and Acting Grand Master's Report be approved:

Visits to Constituent Lodges  
Fraternal Recognitions  
Appointment and Acceptance of Grand Representatives  
General Information  
Finances  
Appreciation  
Special Installations  
Proclamation - Public Schools  
Permission Granted for Temporary Change of Meeting Place  
Special Representatives to Other Jurisdictions  
Visits to Other Grand Jurisdictions  
Visits, Addresses, and Meetings

2. That the following Sections be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

Lodge Bylaws  
Irregularity Healed

We recommend that the Grand Lodge commend our Deputy and Acting Grand Master for his dedicated and loyal administration and for his judicious, competent actions, and acceptance of the powers and duties as Acting Grand Master and his guardianship of the principles of the craft.

Right Worshipful Sir, Deputy and Acting Grand Master, we request this report be accepted.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fred V. Angleton (2, 11) Chairman  
Harry D. Case (10)  
Harold C. Dinkel (7)

Report received for record

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Report**

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

We the Committee on Segregation and Reference, to whom was referred the Report of the Grand Secretary, report as follows:

All of the Grand Secretary's Financial Report he referred to the Committee on Finance and that all other items in his report he approved.

Right Worshipful Sir Deputy and Acting Grand Master, we request this report by this committee be accepted.



Respectfully Submitted,

Fred V. Angleton (2, 11) Chairman

Harry D. Case (10)

Harold C. Dinkel (7)

Report received for record.

## **Awards**

### **James A. Williams Award**

The James A. Williams Award is awarded to the Lodge which raises the most Master Masons during each Masonic Year. This first year it was won by Glacier Lodge No. 10 and was accepted by Worshipful Master Harry D. Case.

### **Buckley C. Hazen Award**

The Buckley C. Hazen Award is awarded to the Lodge which increases its membership by the highest percentage during the Masonic Year. This award was also won by Glacier Lodge No. 10 and was accepted by Worshipful Brother Harry D. Case.

# MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

## Grand Master Biographical Sketch – Buckley C. Hazen

Our second Grand Master, MW Buckley C. Hazen, originally a Canadian, was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba on March 14, 1917, to Cecil Claude Hazen, a Master Mason, and Adelaide Palen Hazen. He had two sisters.

He spent his early years in Mayerthorpe, Alberta near the City of Edmonton and left Canada when he was 16 to live with maternal relatives in Spokane, Washington. He attended public schools in both Alberta and Spokane and began learning carpentry at the age of 16, to which he devoted his entire life.

MW Brother Hazen, known as "Buck" to his friends, came north to Alaska in 1942, and worked as a construction crew foreman in Skagway and at the former Ladd Field at Fairbanks, and was a partner in Batchelder & Hazen Construction in Kodiak. Later, he was Carpenter Shop Foreman for what eventually became the Alaska Department of Highways and retired from that position in October 1980. After retirement he started Sword Construction Co. He also collected swords as a hobby.

On March 14, 1949, MW Brother Hazen was united in marriage to Barbara Louise Hackenberger. She, as well as her mother, was active in the Order of the Amaranth. Barbara and Buck had two sons, Lee and Craig, and a daughter, Claudia. Barbara passed away in December 1963, leaving MW Hazen to raise their children as a single parent. This he did in an exemplary manner, raising all three to be respected, hardworking citizens.

He was very active in several civic and other organizations including the Grange, Salvation Army Board of Directors, Shrine hospitals, Fairbanks Curling Club, and the Episcopal Church.

His own Masonic affiliations began when he was elected to receive the Degrees of Masonry in Tanana Lodge No. 162 (now No. 3) on August 9, 1944. He became a Life Member of the Lodge in September 1968. He occupied several stations and places in the Lodge and served as its Worshipful Master in 1975.

MW Brother Buck was a hard worker for and a strong believer in the aims of the Alaska Masonic Research Association, the organization created to work toward the formation of a Grand Lodge of Alaska. When this goal came to pass, his Brothers honored him by electing him Deputy Grand Master in February 1981. He was installed as our second Grand Master on February 5, 1982.

The Grand Lodge was his first love but he also sought higher education in Freemasonry. Brother Buck was a philosopher of the first order and a true Mason in life as well as in Lodge. He was a Life Member of Nile Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., in Seattle

and became as Associate Member of Al Aska Temple in 1974. He served the latter Temple as Ambassador at Large. He was also a 33rd Degree Mason of Scottish Rite.

MW Buckley Hazen laid down his Working Tools on June 24, 1982, in Bellevue, Washington.

## **Acting Master Biographical Sketch – John C. Ingram**

RW Brother John C. Ingram is a native of Indianapolis, Indiana, having been born there on March 14, 1929, to William and Grace Ingram. He received his schooling in Indianapolis, graduating from Arsenal Technical in 1946.

Intent on homesteading in Alaska, RW Brother John came north in the spring of 1949, returning to Indianapolis a year later to elope with his high school sweetheart, Dorothy Jean Branam, known to their friends as Dottie. They were blessed with a daughter, Candace, and two boys, John Jr., and Thomas.

RW Brother John served four years in the Marine Corps and began homesteading at Cooper Landing upon his discharge in 1954. Seasonal construction work as a heavy equipment mechanic/operator allowed time for family life and improving the homestead. In 1966 the family moved to Soldotna to be near the high school, and began a business with a garage and service station. When the business was destroyed by fire in 1981, John and Dottie moved back to Cooper Landing.

He was enrolled a Master Mason in Seward Lodge No. 219 (now No. 6) on May 2, 1961, and he became its Worshipful Master in 1965. Under the Grand Lodge of Washington, he served as Deputy of the Grand Master for District No. 2 (1967-1969), Grand Sword Bearer (1969-1970), and on several committees, including Chairmanship of the Committee on Credentials for several years. When Kenai Lodge No. 307 (now No. 11) received its dispensation in 1971, he was elected its first Master (1971-1972), having served as such in 1970 and continuing on through 1972. He was elected Senior Grand Warden when the Grand Lodge of Alaska was formed in 1981. Upon passing of MW Buckley C. Hazen in June 1982, RW Brother John assumed the duties of Acting Grand Master.

He is a member of both the York and Scottish Rites and is currently the Orator of the Soldotna Lodge of Perfection. He is a 33rd Degree Mason; was awarded the DeMolay Legion of Honor, and served as Potentate of the Al Aska Shrine Temple in 1977. Other memberships include: Order of the Amaranth; Red Cross of Constantine, Alaska Conclave; and Royal Order of Jesters. RW Brother John is also the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodges of Indiana, Ohio, and Washington near the Grand Lodge of Alaska.

## **Welcome to Grand Representatives of Other Grand Lodges and of this Grand Lodge and Response**

Acting Grand Master John C. Ingram called up and introduced numerous Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge who were in attendance and Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge near other Grand Lodges as follows:

Illinois - Bro. James A. Kenagy, Jr.  
Michigan - MW Charles S. Moulthrop, Jr.  
Nebraska - MW Byron C. Jenkins  
New York - RW Arthur Davies  
Washington - RW Matt Martin  
British Columbia - MW Alexander S. Mitchell

RW Ingram addressed the Grand Representatives as follows:

Brethren, you have each received your appointments, you have received the pamphlets showing your responsibilities as a Grand Representative representing Alaska to these jurisdictions. Your correspondence has produced examples of your labors with the Brothers who came from Illinois, New York, British Columbia, Michigan, Nebraska, and Washington. You can't do too much toward keeping the fraternal correspondence available between these jurisdictions. This is an important duty you have. I ask you each to reread the pamphlet of the important duties you have. I am so pleased, honored, and proud to have accepted some of your requests and appointed you as Grand Representatives to your respective Grand Jurisdictions. To our visiting Brothers from other jurisdictions that are here today, we ask you to take back to your Grand Masters and to your Brothers our fraternal regards. Tell them how much we appreciate their recognizing the young Grand Lodge of Alaska.

### **RESPONSE**

VW Russell C. Milligan (8, 10), Grand Representative of the Grand Lodges of Quebec and Wisconsin, made the following response:

Thank you RW Sir and Honored Guests. It is indeed a real pleasure and an honor for me to be able to make this response. It came as a little bit of dismay among some of the Brothers because they said, "They are going to let you talk, are they?" But I said, "Well, I'll promise to behave." I can't speak for all of you, but I know what this appointment has meant to me. First of all, my appointment came from MW James Williams and the one I asked for. I wanted to have the state of Washington because of many wonderful memories of 15 consecutive Grand Lodges in my tenure as District Deputy, Master of two Lodges, and the various trips that I made on my own. But that was taken, so since I came originally from the state of Wisconsin, I asked for Wisconsin. And with my appointment to the state of Wisconsin, came my appointment to the Province of Quebec. Now as you all know, that is the Bastion of French Castles, and I feel that Jim

thought that it should have somebody with the name of Milligan or McGuire or something of that nature. If I should ever perchance make a visit there and not get thrown out, I hope that was the reason. But this correspondence of my counterparts has been just wonderful, as to my notion, a wonderful way to keep the Masonry going the world around. These counterpart letters that I received were so informative and diminished anything that I did, because these fellows, especially the one from Wisconsin. That fellow has so many titles - he and his whole family were involved. It was just a wonderful, wholesome letter. I enjoyed it thoroughly. I am sure all of you enjoyed your correspondence with your counter parts, and I say, "Keep it up Brothers." It is the universality of Masonry, and it keeps the wheels going, so to speak. I thank all of you, Right Worshipful Sir, for the privilege of saying this. And I didn't say it too long, did I?

## **Reception of the Deputies of the Grand Master**

The four Deputies of the Grand Master were escorted to the Altar and introduced with praise for their work by the Acting Grand Master. They are as follows:

District 1	VW Robert E. Morse, Sr., (2)
District 2	VW David J. Thomas (6, 11)
District 3	VW William D. Athas (10)
District 4	VW Wendell F. Long (1)

They were given the Public Grand Honors. VW William D. Athas, District No. 3, responded for all the Deputies.

## **Speeches and Remarks by Distinguished Guests**

### **Address of Welcome, Honorable William B. Allen, Mayor North Star Borough and Response**

The Honorable William B. Alien, Mayor of the North Star Borough, was escorted to the East and introduced. He spoke as follows:

Indeed, I do welcome you to our fair community. I have some good news and some bad news for you. The bad news is that I have a few prepared remarks. The good news is that I developed laryngitis this morning. I understand you have been having a good time while you have been in our community. I want to put your minds at rest. I checked the hotels this morning and they do have insurance for all the fun you have had. It does give me a great deal of pleasure to welcome you Members of the Fraternal Society of Freemasonry. I am proud that you have come from all parts of our country to join us here in Fairbanks, and I understand that we also have some international visitors. We especially welcome those of you from Canada. As Mayor of the North Star Borough, I am delighted to have such a distinguished group as your group here in our community.

Not only do I enjoy the opportunity to show off our community to the newcomers that are visiting for the first time, but it is also rewarding to know that people visiting our community, you members of Masonry, have contributed so much to build the moral fibers of our social and political activities. The services you provide, the programs you support, give aid to those less fortunate, and at the same time instill those virtues in your members that so often, in our current society, easily set aside. Precepts of your organization and support provided by fellow members help each individual who come in contact with Freemasonry to grow and strengthen their character, and we have better people. Freemasonry reinforces man's needs to recognize God and to understand his relationship to the Supreme Being, for it is the key to the success of your organization, the success of its members and the individuals within your organization.

Recognizing the benefit of God, your members can better understand the concepts of the Brotherhood of Masonry. This Brotherhood of Man is a keystone which allows members to bridge the gap between oneness and community. To gain the support and encouragement of fellow Masons is morally sought. Without necessarily a common religion or political persuasion is each member's awareness of his responsibility to his creator, his neighbor, his country, and his family which is intensified by his membership in Freemasons.

As Masons, you have a strong sense of Brotherhood, and this is a sense of community which helps you and others in your fraternal organization to contribute so much to the community in which we live. So whether you live in Fairbanks or some other city, your involvements in this organization; the good that it does, and the promise it holds, contribute to make this world a better place for us all to live. Again, we are honored to have you here in Fairbanks. We hope you enjoy our community, enjoy the comradery of your fellow Masons, and come visit us again in the future. Thank you very much.

## RESPONSE

RW Glen W. Pruett, Junior Grand Warden responded as follows:

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Brethren, and Honorable William B. Alien, Borough Mayor:

We know that as Mayor of the North Star Borough, you have many responsibilities and duties to the citizens of Fairbanks and the Borough. We sincerely appreciate you taking the time to come this morning to welcome us to our session of Grand Lodge of Masons in Fairbanks. I know that our stay will be enjoyable because of all the preparations that have been made during the past year.

Our Masonic Code requires that we meet in Annual Communication in Anchorage unless the Grand Lodge members vote on an invitation to hold it in some other city. Our Grand Master, who is not with us, was a Fairbanks resident, therefore, what better reason to hold our Second Annual Communication in Fairbanks.

We have no keys to the city, but we have the old sign that always hung on the cabin door, "Welcome friends, enjoy your stay, please leave the cabin as you find it." We are happy to see that sign is still out.

Again, Honorable Mayor, I want to thank you for your warm welcome and the assurance that the "welcome sign" is still on the outside of the cabin door.

## **MW H. Wendell Patch, Grand Master of Oregon**

Right Worshipful Brother John, Acting Grand Master, Distinguished and Honored Guests of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alaska, Delegates and Brethren All:

Some of you have heard me say already since I have been here how pleased I am to be with you and share the hospitality extended by your Grand Lodge Officers and have the opportunity to visit my son, who is an attorney in Anchorage, and now owns property here and to again visit the site of my youth. Before World War II, when I graduated from flying school, my first duty station was Elmendorf Field, then a part of Fort Richardson. So each time when I come back here to visit or attend a wedding or hunt these beautiful mountains and valleys, there has always been a feeling of warmth. Sometimes I wonder why I didn't stay here, because I feel a kinship to the people of Alaska who are in fact, many times, as your Grand Lodge is, pioneers yet. I want to thank you, each and every one, through your Grand Master for this hospitality.

This morning the Mayor of the North Star Borough spoke to us. He had a good coach, I believe. He seemed to understand what we were all about because he mentioned our precepts and how we have at times dispensed charity, which is one of those precepts. Just a few moments ago our Grand Chaplain called our attention, in other words, as to how Masons live and exercise their lives in the furtherance of those precepts. The thought occurs to me, and it is not a new thought, that the menu in which we offer Freemasonry to our Brethren, to the World, and in which we use our own working tools, is far different now than when Masonry was in its zenith. What I refer to here is membership. The menu is far different than that which many of our Masonic Ancestors who founded this nation, for example, felt. To explain what I am talking about, in very simple words, to attempt to be brief, I find today that the effect of Fabian belief has so altered the manner in which we as citizens of this Great Republic dispense charity that the Masonic Lodges and the churches which were at one time the principal benefactors of the needy are no longer that principal benefactor. We now have the Lions, the Rotarians, and other organizations supporting much of the charitable endeavors that you and I as Masons, at one time supported.

Now, we as Masons belong to those organizations and are doing charitable things under other agents. Then, of course, we have the generous hand of big government which is providing for the needy in such an abundant manner. What this has done, as far as I see, is provide for a class of permanent needy. No longer does man consider need as a temporary condition, something to be overcome by industry, by application, or by a

change in the physical circumstances in which he lives and may have no control over. I use this not to try to sell you on political philosophy, but only to indicate that there has been a change in the ambience in which we live which affects one of our tenets or one of our principles or precepts, whichever label you apply to it. The reason I believe it is important for us to assess the change in the ambience of Freemasonry is so that we will know how to react. No, I would rather not use the word "react," some will know how to act positively in that changing atmosphere.

It seems to me, for example, that we have much to do to assure our viability. The precepts we don't argue with are those that were enunciated by our Mayor and by our Chaplain and which will further be enunciated later. It's only how we package those, how we export them, to profit Freemasonry that concerns me, and I urge then that each of us give sober and deep or concerted reflection to those things which affect how we operate as speculative Masons.

It seems to me; however, this is only a notion, that if you and I would concern ourselves with such concerns, as I have tried very briefly to describe, we will, in the end, strengthen our Craft and insure its availability, its viability for the future, and its availability for our sons, our grandsons, and those who follow after us 200 or 300 years from now and enjoy it as we have 300 years after it was given to us. I believe that this Fraternity means as much to me or you as it did to those early Masons who had the foresight to meet and establish ritual, custom, and precept, and I think this is the least we can do to assure its future.

Down in Oregon they sometimes say, "Wendell, you tell us that you are thinking so much that at times we don't have time to really experience the thing that we came here to experience." Brethren, I thought really I was doing that. I wouldn't read this poem I am going to read because I believe the one overriding concern that's going to enable us to insure viability in the future is the love inherent in Freemasonry under the Fatherhood of God or call it another thing: Brotherhood. It is that which binds us universally and that really is the purpose of what I tried to enunciate a little bit ago.

Rudyard Kipling experienced that when he wrote this poem titled "The Mother Lodge" and many of you, I am sure, have heard it and read it. But I like it and I would like to close on this note because Kipling tells us in this poem how diverse was the membership of his Mother Lodge, for it embraced men of all different faiths and of all different callings. It embraced them in a warm atmosphere. It embraced Brethren of different coloring and; therefore, perhaps different ways of life and it tells us a great deal about the man himself. And the poem goes like this:

#### THE MOTHER-LODGE

There was Rundle, Station Master,  
An' Beazeley of the Rail,  
An' Ackman, Commissariat,  
An' Donkin' o' the Jail;



An' Blake, Conductor-Sargent,  
Our Master twice was 'e.  
With 'im that kept the Europe shop.  
Old Framjee Eduljee.

Outside-"Sargent! Sir! Salute! Salaam!"  
Inside-"Brother," an' it doesn't do no 'arm.  
We met upon the Level an' we parted on the Square,  
An' I was Junior Deacon in my Mother Lodge out there!

We'd Bola Nath, Accountant,  
An' Saul the Aden Jew,  
An' Din Mohammed, draughtsman  
Of the Survey Office too;  
There was Babu Chuckerbutty,  
An' Amir Singh the Sikh,  
An' Castro from the fittin'-sheds.  
The Roman Catholick!

We 'adn't good regalia.  
An' our Lodge was old an' bare.  
But we knew the Ancient Landmarks,  
An' we kep' 'em to a hair;  
An' lookin' on it backwards  
It often strikes me thus.  
There ain't such things as infidels,  
Excep', perhaps, it's us.  
For monthly, after Labour,  
We'd all sit down and smoke,  
(We dursn't give no banquits,  
Lest a Brother's caste were broke),  
An' man on man got talkin'  
Religion an' the rest.  
An' every man compann'  
Of the God 'e knew the best.

So man on man got talkin'  
An' not a Brother stirred  
Till mornin' waked the parrots  
An' that dam' brain-fever-bird;  
We'd say 'twas 'ighly curious,  
An' we'd all ride 'ome to bed.  
With Mo'ammed, God, an' Shiva  
Changin' pickets in our 'ead.

Full oft on Guv'ment service  
This rovin' foot 'ath pressed,  
An' bore fraternal greetin's  
To the Lodges east an' west,  
Accordin' as commanded  
From Kohat to Singapore,  
But I wish that I might see them  
In my Mother Lodge once more!  
I wish that I might see them,  
My Brethren black an' brown.  
With the trichies smellin' pleasant  
An' the hog-darn( I) passin' down;  
An' the old khansamah(2) snorin'  
On the bottle-khana(3) floor,  
Like a Master in good standing  
With my Mother Lodge once more!

Outside-"Sergeant! Sir! Salute! Salaam!"  
Inside-"Brother," an' it doesn't do no 'arm.  
We met upon the Level an' we parted on the Square,  
An' I was Junior Deacon in my Mother-Lodge out there!

(1)Cigar-lighter (2)Butler (3)Pantry

My Brethren, I would urge that we as Masons meet on the Level and part on the Square; that we, having good regalia or not, know the precepts of our Fraternity, know how to make them known to the uninitiated, but above all, that we exhibit in our lives that Brotherhood of which our esteemed poet predecessor spoke in this very eloquent poem. Thank you very much.

## **MW Ludvik H. Jun, Grand Master of Montana**

Right Worshipful Brother Deputy Grand Master and Distinguished Brethren All:

It is indeed a pleasure to come to the Grand Lodge of Alaska. As your RW Deputy Grand Master and Acting Grand Master indicated, we have attended several sessions. One that he didn't mention was in Tucson, Arizona, where they were celebrating their centennial observance. On that occasion the Grand Master there asked RW Brother John Ingram to represent the Northwest. You know, 100 years ago in Arizona, they had some doubts about whether the Grand Lodge could succeed down there, some of the Lodges that were in existence there, that I believe belonged to the Grand Jurisdiction of California, did not care to join, but they did succeed to celebrate their 100th Anniversary. RW Brother John informed them that Alaska had just held their First Annual Communication and that they would eventually, in 99 years, celebrate their centennial and we all know that you will.

I was most happy to reminisce a little and renew some acquaintances here. I was in Alaska in 1976 and I visited Kodiak Lodge No. 295, I believe it was then or 245, No. 9 now. I was reminiscing with Brother Kirk, and he will convey my greetings to the Brothers down there. We had a very nice session in that Lodge. It was the first time that I ever had to pass an examination to get into a Lodge. Usually someone is around to vouch for me, but I was a long way from home, five days to get up here by the Alcan Highway. I was sorry that we had ferry reservations and we had to leave for Homer the day that the then Grand Master, MW Brother Fred Sandoz, was making his official visitation that evening. We just missed each other by a little bit. I am also happy that the Brothers that have been in Montana are identifying themselves to me. A week from today I will be in Arden, Montana, and as a Brother here, I will tell them that I did talk to you, and I will convey your greetings to them down there in the Bighorn Country.

Upon my travels to the various jurisdictions, I have been making somewhat of a nuisance of myself by talking to some of the other visiting dignitaries - identifying some of the problems they have - but we all have problems. I don't call them problems, I call them challenges. But I am a retired educator in mathematics, specifically, and if you have a problem there is a solution, even though it is a partial solution. So if you have a problem there is a solution to it. One of them that I investigated a little bit is the Entered Apprentices. There is some comment on Entered Apprentices. It is the first time they are exposed to Masonry - first impressions are very important, I think. Now, in some of the jurisdictions, I am informed that it's as high as 30 percent of the Entered Apprentices that do not go on to take their Fellowcraft Degree. In Montana, there are many that do not and there is a reason for it, I guess, but I don't think our percentages are nearly that high. I tried to find out what the reason was. You know, in the Rocky Mountain Conference of the five Mountain States, we present papers and we discuss things. I have been honored to attend a Canadian conference of the four Western Provinces for the last four consecutive years. Why don't the Entered Apprentices go on to take their Fellowcraft Degree? I don't know whether you are going to agree with any of this or believe it - one of the many things mentioned was that they cannot memorize or do not want to memorize. They find out they have to do some memorizing and they do not go on. Can we do something about it? I am not for changes or against them, but if changes need to be made, sometimes they can. Some jurisdictions have made changes. I don't know what success they have had. Another one they object to is the penalty of the obligation. They think it is quite severe; they wonder what the next one will be but they never come back to find out. It is more severe as we know, and the third one and so on.

RW Brother John Ingram indicated that we visited the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in October. There were 31 jurisdictions present. I had the good fortune to converse with the Grand Master of Delaware. He sent me a Xerox copy of a page or two of their code, and they insert a word or two there about how symbolically the penalty will be severe - throat cut from ear to ear and so on. Another one, well I don't know what you will think of this one. When we go out of the preparation room some of them think that it is demeaning to be deprived of some of their clothing, invading the privacy of their body, and they are wondering what is going to happen the Second and Third Degree. Some of these ideas might be farfetched, but we are getting down to the nitty-gritty here. They

don't come back to find out. Can we do something about that? Possibly, possibly not. Here is one that I just picked up recently with some of my recent visitations. I suppose it would be up to the investigating committee to do something about this, but I don't see how they could arrive at that. These people thought that the Masonic Institution was a very wonderful fraternity, and that there were only the most upright and moral people joining it. They were merely curious and wanted to know if they could be accepted into the fraternity, and so when they were, that was enough. They really gave a somewhat flippant answer, "Well, I just wanted to know whether I could get in or not," and that was the end of that. These are some of the reasons, there are many more, also.

Well, you have much business to attend to and again RW Sir, it is indeed a pleasure. You know it is a long way up here to Fairbanks, but it isn't any farther to come up here than it is to come down to Great Falls June 24 and 25, to our 117th Annual Communication for the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Montana. We look forward to seeing you and your good wife, Dottie, on that occasion. Thank you.

## **MW George R. Bordewick, Grand Master of Washington**

RW Deputy Grand Master, Distinguished Brethren, Masters, Wardens, and My Brethren:

I was in this hall during the administration of MW Brother Roy Foss. We came up here and put on a District Meeting. I was the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Washington, and I would like it understood right now that I am not the guy who told you that you needed \$200,000 to get it going. However, we have had some interesting discussions ever since. There was a car alongside a cliff with a stunt driver in it. He dove out of the car into the surf 100 feet below. The lady turned to her guide and said, "How does he do it?." The guide said, "I don't know. They have a new one every time."

Up here you see the Standard of the Grand Lodge of Washington. We have a very efficient Standard Bearer this year. He has been delegating his duties. When the Grand Lodge is not in session, the Grand Master is the Grand Lodge, so he felt it his duty to follow me around as much as he could to bring the Standard in. Your Grand Master graciously gave us permission for it to stand there. Perhaps we could get the Grand Standard Bearer to do something about it. Perhaps this Grand Lodge should have a Standard. So I thought you would like to see what a Standard is and to hold it up before you and give you something to emulate.

We are going to publish a supplement in every newspaper that is published in the state of Washington and the state of Alaska on September 20. You have seen copies of it. We are indebted, as you know, to California for its format. I hope it does some good things for you. I knew of no way to separate our interest in the state of Alaska from yours, so after we kicked it around for a while. I said, "We'll distribute it throughout the length and breadth of Alaska, and let's hope we do our friends some good."

I was in a meeting a while back in Longview, and I was introduced to a Fellowcraft who was a radio officer on a tanker ship. Because we were doing a Third Degree, he couldn't be with us, but he was there for dinner. I am a frustrated sailor. I made a couple of half-hearted attempts to get on as deck boy on freighters in the old days. I took a wireless operator's job for awhile until other things came along that I was more interested in. That's why I enjoyed talking to this Brother. I asked him why he had become a Mason. He said, "Well, I am glad you asked me. You know ships are much more complicated than they used to be when you were interested in them. Twenty-five, thirty, forty thousand ton tankers are very critical. Traffic is crowded. The slightest error by the navigating officer can cause a catastrophe. I noticed the deck officer and the engineering officer were Masons. After long periods of duty, long periods of exasperation, when you would normally expect them to be irritable and have no time for anybody else, invariably they were gentlemen. People ashore in the office who were Masons seem to take a greater interest in their crew and personnel than other people did. So I thought I would become a Mason.

A while back, I was in a meeting sitting next to a young man, and he asked me what I did, and I told him. He was a truck driver in the construction industry - drives a dump truck. He said, "You know. I always wanted to be a Mason. The guys on the crew who were the good guys, the guys you could count on, the guys who would cover for you, put in an extra day when you needed a day off, they were always Masons. Nobody ever asked me." So I told him how to become a Mason. I joined the Grange a while back because I thought I might need some insurance that I might not be able to get the usual way. I went into a Grange Hall and I took the ceremonies. It was interesting to do because it is pretty evident where the ceremonies of the Grange come from. But I paid my dues. I went to this one meeting. I haven't had a bulletin from them since. My interest in it, I admit, is very casual. I wonder if it isn't true that people join our organization looking for something, and when they never hear from us, never get any communication, they end up with the same feeling about the Lodge as I have about the Grange.

I guess you could say that your Acting Grand Master and I are in the business of promoting enthusiasm. Enthusiasm is one of the hardest things in the world to find. If you have anything to do with managing men, you know that you can pick up lots of guys who will take a paycheck. The people who will make your cause theirs at heart, who will work for the success of the organization because they want to, are fewer and farther between. The Greeks had a word they called "enthayous." Strangely enough, it has come down to us almost unchanged for "enthusiasm." It means a Greek spirit of God within us. Some of us around here are wearing this old badge, and it is given to us in Washington the day we are elected Grand Master, the first of the four Hebrew characters which we use to designate and make the name of God. It implies enthusiasm, the spirit of God within us. If this organization of ours is to succeed and continue in the future, it will be necessary for each one of us to have enthusiasm, to feel the spirit of God within him, and to feel the necessity to reach out to his fellowman and devote all of his energy to promoting the good will of the good of this enterprise, this social fabric that we are all taking part in.

And so, RW Acting Grand Master, it is a privilege and a pleasure to come back after several years to this hall and sit in this Grand Lodge's Annual Communication and listen to your determination and to wonder where you will be ten years from now. It is my conviction that young people all over this land are looking for a more secure, and dedicated way of life. We have it now. All over the place I feel that there are people who are looking for what we have. If our supplement does us any good at all, as it seems to in California, I heard this idea a year ago, there will be people coming to you and saying what does that badge mean? What's that square and compass - how can I join it? It's like fishing for salmon, I guess. Poaching off Elliott Bay, if you jerk up too quick you take the bait and lose the catch entirely. So, we need enthusiasm, we need caution, and we need wisdom. I am sure you Brethren have it. Thank you very much.

## **Byron C. Jenkins, Past Grand Master of Nebraska**

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, Grand Lodge Officers, Brethren All:

Three years and I'll be back as long as the pocketbook and the health hold out. Before I say anything further, Grand Master, I do have a presentation. I brought a gavel. Brethren, when the Grand Lodge of Nebraska was formed in 1855, it was formed in Indian Territory. The residents of that area were Sioux, Arapahos, Cheyenne, and Pawnees; all nice, friendly people. On the western bank of the Missouri River were three towns: Bellevue, Nebraska City, and Omaha. A trading post was established in 1810 in Bellevue, and it brought to the community a few Indian agents, a few trappers, fur traders, and a couple of Presbyterian missionaries. This was the total community of Bellevue. Among those men were fifteen Brothers who petitioned the Grand Lodge of Illinois to form a Lodge. It was granted. They met on the second floor of the trading post. Now, the trading post is long gone, but this gavel is made of the wood from that trading post in Nebraska. This is an historic gavel. I don't know how I came to wind up with two of them. My own Lodge has one in its archives They don't need one. I thought that maybe this souvenir of the history of Nebraska might mean something to you Brothers, and I am going to present it to RW Brother John and ask him to use it to rap once or twice in this session and put it in your historical mementos as an item from Nebraska.

The Acting Grand Master accepted the gavel as the property of the Grand Lodge of Alaska.

Now Brethren, I said there were three communities, Nebraska City and Omaha being the other two. They formed a Grand Lodge of Nebraska with a total membership of the three Lodges of 78 Brethren. Nebraska City lies 40 miles south of Omaha and at that time there were two ways of moving around the countryside. You walked or rode a riverboat. The convention to form the Grand Lodge was held in Omaha. There were no riverboats available for Brethren from Nebraska City. They walked those 40 miles over the prairie to get to Omaha to form the Grand Lodge. This is dedication. These were real Masons.

Now they reach down in their own communities to get their members. The Grand Lodge grew and grew rapidly. Most of our Grand Lodges now are having problems with losing members. There is only one way, Brethren, you can't seek in another man's backyard for your members. You have to do it in your own community. We have quite a program in Nebraska, guest nights, and they work tremendously well where the Lodges use them. We have those Lodges, as you no doubt in your jurisdictions have them, which say, "We didn't do that when I was Master of my Lodge, we are not going to do it now, that's not right." Brethren, the country has changed, and in some respects Masonry must change. We must reach out. We must let the community know what you are and what you proclaim. The only way to inform nonmembers is to speak to them about Masonry.

You know, back in the days of sailing ships there was a Captain sailing down the coast of Brazil. The wind died out, and he had been becalmed for several days. He was running out of fresh water and couldn't see land. After several days of this he saw a small boat coming along with two men paddling. He hailed them and said, "We are running out of fresh water." One of the men yelled back. "Put your buckets down where you are." The Captain thought he must not understand, so he hailed again, "We are out of fresh water." Came back the voice, "Put your bucket down where you are." The third time the Captain said, "We are out of fresh water," and the voice came back, "Put your bucket down where you are." So he finally got a bucket, tied a rope to it, and let it down. It came up with fresh water. He didn't know he was becalmed in the mouth of the mighty Amazon River that carries fresh water two hundred miles out to sea. Put your bucket down where you are. This we must do in Masonry. Put that bucket down and draw up the fresh water. Talk in your community. Draw in new Brothers. You will grow. I have all the confidence in the world that this Grand Lodge of Alaska will be one of the finest in the world. Thank you Brethren.

## **MW Frank M. Hartung, Grand Master of Wyoming**

Right Worshipful John, Distinguished Guests of the Grand Lodge of Alaska:

You can see how easily John is impressed. He was impressed by me at the meeting in Seattle. I feel kind of like Liz Taylor's fifth husband. You know what you are supposed to do, but after all these other speakers you don't know how you are going to make it interesting. We have heard about problems or opportunities or whatever you want to call them. I have had a million things going through my mind. They have got to go single track because I don't have that much mind. But in thinking about them and some of the things that we have been trying to do the last few years in our Lodges and in our state of Wyoming - I was interested in one thing that was said to me because I thought it might be useful to me. That was a statement made from the Grand Lodge of England when they felt they must reply to all the questions about solicitation. They came out with this statement on proper solicitation. I read it and put it where you usually put a lot of your mail that comes. We have been doing this for about five years in Wyoming. It finally caught up with us I guess. My Lodge has tried it. Of course, you always like to think your Lodge is the best in the state. I am no different from anybody else. I think our Lodge is.

It's more progressive, and it has helped us. Several years ago you had to practically beg somebody to take the appointments in the line. We have people now asking, "Why wasn't I appointed this year'." That is a healthy situation.

We call them History Nights and you call them Laymen's Nights. Last year our Grand Master, Bill Ryder, had a professional public relations organization prepare packets for us to put out to the Lodges. They were wonderful packets. Sometimes it does not hurt to have somebody from the outside look at your organization. Some of our terminology we think nothing about, but when you are talking to somebody who is not a Mason sometimes you might offend them. For example, in our literature we talk about the profane. Boy, I went right to my dictionary. I didn't like that word. Nasty word to me it sounded like, and all you mean was he was uninitiated, a non-Mason. "Call him a non-Mason or uninitiated," he said. "When you talk about your building, I think you would be better off if you didn't call it a temple, because that gives you the connotation that it is religious, tied in with a sect or a religion. Call it a Masonic Building." We manifested a lot of ideas and terminology from him that would probably help us. In all of the visits I made as Deputy Grand Master and Senior Grand Warden, I told them, "This packet will help you if you really use it." But the local Lodges have to use it and put it into effect, and it can help improve attendance and membership and everything all the way around. Get people involved.

One of the opportunities that we are talking about is losing Entered Apprentices. Part of our solution to try to help this is that the total fee for all three degrees must accompany the petition. Before we have had a percentage payment. Sometimes after they take the First Degree, maybe because of the memory work, they do not come back. It is hard to pinpoint why they don't. We have picked up some, kind of put the heat on them and got them to finish. Then, in addition to that, in Wyoming we have been selling Masonry too cheap. For years and years we have had resolutions, they are always defeated. Our smaller Lodges, a lot of them, say we don't need anybody to tell us how to run our business, and you look at their financial conditions and they are broke. My Dad in 1915 paid \$50. That's all I paid in 1945 to join the Masons. Our minimum in our code says \$50, and we cannot get it raised through our resolutions in Grand Lodge. It is ridiculous. Our Lodge recently upped it to \$ 150, and that is the highest of any of them in the state. If you sell something cheap, people expect something cheap. You could probably put a Cadillac right out here on this parking lot and put a \$5,000 sales sign on it and nobody would take it. You up that to \$15,500 and they'll be out there with a checkbook wanting to buy-that sucker. But for \$5,000, they will say, "Man, there is something wrong if that is all you are selling it for. I don't want anything to do with it." A Country Club has maybe a \$3,000 to \$5,000 initiation fee and they have a waiting list. You have any waiting lists to get in any of your Lodges up here? Boy, we don't. And we probably never will.

History Nights have helped us; believe me I know because we have been trying it - it takes a little while. You are not going to see a big surge in one year. Another thing along the same line, if you lose Entered Apprentices. I believe a lot of it is their treatment. We always think of the Third Degree as the big night. Isn't that what most



people think about it? That's your big night in Masonry. Actually your Entered Apprentice night is your big night in Masonry. You are bringing a person in there, this is his first exposure. If you ever want to make a good impression, give him that night. Get him included, talk to him, don't let him sit out there alone and wait for someone to come out and say okay, you're next. You take him in there, and the guy is half scared, he doesn't know what is going to happen to him. Then you undress him and that doesn't help him any. Then you wonder why in the name of Heavens he doesn't come back and see what you are going to do to him next. We tell them in our lectures in our Entered Apprentice Degree. Man, when I took it, that paragraph wasn't in there and I thought about it. Oh boy, am I getting into something. The next paragraph says the only penalty that Masonry can give is reprimand, suspension, or expulsion from the Order. And that would normally put a person at ease. Of course, this is after he has been through this, but this is in the lecture. And you tell him you are not going to cut his throat, things like that.

We haven't gotten around to doing all these things yet, even in my own Lodge. We have talked about them, but talk is cheap. It takes work. Anything worth having has to be worked for. That's what this amounts to, and these things will undoubtedly help, and you will see it growing. If you thought when you started the Grand Lodge of Alaska you didn't have many Lodges, why the Brethren of Nebraska had three Lodges and a lot of us thought you had to have four; we did in Wyoming. We had a membership of 200 when they started that. And like you say, you're rich up here, your membership and the growing Lodges that you have, Grand Lodge Officers line and everything. You are on your way. No way are they going to stop you. And all of you people in here are interested in Masonry or you wouldn't be here.

Think of the one Man, the one Man that made the biggest change in everything that had happened 2000 years ago. He had twelve Disciples. How many have you got here? Over 100, so you should really be able to get out and spread some enthusiasm. Spread the word about your Fraternity and you ought to grow without any problem at all. I would imagine the people coming in up here, some of them I know, one of them from our Lodge in Glenn Rock, our Master, is working in Valdez. I talked to the Master here about him and he knows him and is going to move his family up here. He is really excited about Masonry, all of it, and he belongs to all of it. But these disciples that you have each do a little bit. You can't help but come out ahead on it.

I would like to thank you, Brother John, for all the courtesies. I enjoyed myself, and I am glad I came. I tried to talk my wife into coming, but she said, "I'm not going up there and freezing to death." It's probably colder in Casper than it is here. She said, "I'll take the same amount of money you spend going up there and spend it on something I want." Boy, are you lucky I can afford you! But I have enjoyed it, and sometimes in the future I will be back up here, probably in the summertime when she won't freeze and spend some time. Thank you again.

## **MW Alexander S. Mitchell, Past Grand Master of British Columbia**

Thank you. Brother John, Brethren All:

I have just been sitting here today listening to knowledgeable Freemasons and the ideas they have conferred to you and me. Brethren, I am not going to delineate any further by getting you mixed up in any way we might promote Masonry in British Columbia. I think today that you have had many ideas, knowledgeable and profitable, suggested to you and far be it for me, Brethren, to suggest some of our ways to get you a little mixed up. I, myself and I know a few Canadian friends that are with me, RW Brother Morehouse and RW Brother Douglas, if you will please stand. These two Brothers came up with me, Brethren, and I assure you that between the three of us, we will be able to take back many, many ideas that have been put forth today. Thank you very much.

As I said, I am not going to discuss Masonry at all. But I am, in the absence of the Grand Master of British Columbia, MW Brother Douglas Philps, bringing you the greetings, RW Sir, of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. All the Grand Lodge Officers and Members send you heartfelt greetings for a wonderful session that you are carrying on today, and a really good future for you. I don't see any difficulty ahead for the success of the Grand Lodge of Alaska. I think. Brethren, if we can visualize the Grand Lodge of Alaska working as a football team, and at this time I would like the Grand Secretary to stand up. I ask you, brethren, to take a good look at the physique of this man, and the Grand Master's staff sitting around here. I'm sure they are envious of you, RW Brother Ingram, because in your Grand Secretary we have a terrific man there who I am sure can tackle any problems that you may come up with. And he can block any discourse you may not desire and he also may run interference for you so that you, yourself, may not be thrown for a loss. I hope, Brethren that this illustration of teamwork will be of use to the officers of the Grand Lodge of Alaska working as a team promoting your Grand Lodge, and you will have no difficulty making yourself known.

Baseball, you know was mentioned today, somehow or other, I think from RW Brother Ingram. It reminded me of a story maybe many of you have heard about the little Mexican boy who saved his cards to try and get up to Chicago for a World Series. This little boy, as we say in Canada, his name was Jose, but we were instructed that it was actually Jose. So anyway, this little boy sold his papers, saved his money, hitch-hiked, and bummed rides until he finally got to Chicago. There were no seats left in the stadium, so he tried to climb a fence. One of the guards picked him up and stopped him, and the little boy started to cry and told him what he was doing. The guard said, "Well, I think I can fix you up. We have an open chair that sticks to a flag pole, and I am going to put you in that and raise you up where you can look down at the whole field and all these spectators." So he was really up there and he really enjoyed himself looking around seeing all the people. When he got back home people asked him, "Well, what did you enjoy most in the stadium of Chicago? He said, "You know the American people in Chicago are really wonderful. At the beginning of the game, all the thousands of people

stood up and looked up at me on top of the flag pole, and they all sang Jose can you see?" He really enjoyed himself and I feel like that little Mexican today seeing a lot of things and enjoying a lot of things, and I assure you that I would like to come back. Thank you very much.

## **RECORDING EQUIPMENT FAILURE**

From this point forward, the tape recording equipment failed completely. We apologize to the Distinguished Guests, listed below, who addressed the Grand Lodge and to all the Brethren for this loss of valuable Masonic wisdom, thoughts, and advice.

MW Charles S. Moulthrop, Jr., Past Grand Master of Michigan

MW Robert O. West, Past Grand Master of California, representing MW Harry Maynard, Grand Master

MW Fred S. Sandoz, Past Grand Master of Washington

MW Alden H. Jones, Past Grand Master of Washington

MW Francis D. Hess, Past Grand Master of Montana

MW Roy Foss, Past Grand Master of Washington

# **ELECTION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS**

The election of Grand Officers for 1983-1984 was conducted and the ballots counted. The results were announced by Brother Jerry C. Holly, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, as follows:

**Grand Master**

**John C. Ingram**

**Deputy Grand Master**

**H. B. "Jack" Bentley**

**Senior Grand Warden:**

**Glen W. Pruett**

**Junior Grand Warden**

**Gunnar Flygenring**

**Grand Secretary**

**Neil R. Bassett**

# INSTALLATION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

An open installation for the 1983-1984 officers for the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was conducted in Fairbanks, Alaska on February 4, 1983

At the request of the Grand Master-elect, the following Most Worshipful Brothers of various Grand Lodges, as indicated, installed the Grand Officers for 1983, except that MW John C. Ingram was Installing Master for the remainder of the ceremony after he was installed as Grand Master by MW Roy Foss:

## OPENING CEREMONIES

### INSTALLING OFFICERS

Installing Master	MW E. L. "Roy" Foss
Installing Master	MW John C. Ingram
Installing Marshall	MW Byron C. Jenkins
Installing Chaplain	MW Francis D. Hess
Installing Secretary	MW Charles S Moulthrop

### ELECTED OFFICERS

Grand Master	MW John C. Ingram
Deputy Grand Master	RW H. B. "Jack" Bentley
Senior Grand Warden	RW Glen W. Pruett
Junior Grand Warden	RW Gunnar Flygenring
Grand Secretary	RW Neil R. Bassett

### APPOINTED OFFICERS

Grand Chaplain	W Rev. Patrick J. Donadio
Grand Lecturer	VW David J. Thomas
Grand Orator	VW Fred L. McGuire
Grand Historian	W VW William H. Lefferson
Grand Marshal	W Charles I. Gregg
Senior Grand Deacon	VW Floyd Saltz, Jr.
Junior Grand Deacon	VW William D. Athas

Grand Standard Bearer	W Sidney W. Moore
Grand Sword Bearer	W Henry R. Ferguson
Grand Bible Bearer	W Marvin A. Harned
Senior Grand Steward	VW Charles F. Lewis
Junior Grand Steward	VW Harry A. Lewis
Grand Organist	W Lawrence W. Nelson
Grand Tyler	W Jesse P. Moore

**DEPUTIES TO THE GRAND MASTER**

District 1	VW Robert E. Morse, Sr.
District 2	VW Milton M. Routzahn
District 3	VW Robert M. Parkins
District 4	VW James D. Hester