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PRAYER OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

Most Gracious and Glorious God giver of all good gifts and graces, we gather together in this 7th Annual Communication and pray that thy spirit might be with us in our deliberations, and that all that we do may be blessed by thee and by thy grace, and find favor in thy sight, in thy name we pray. Amen.

ROLL CALL

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

☒	Grand Master	MW Fred V. Angleton
☒	Deputy Grand Master	RW Ralph Kavorkian
☒	Senior Grand Warden	RW Charles I. Gregg
☒	Junior Grand Warden	RW David J. Thomas
☒	Grand Secretary	RW Neil R. Bassett
☒	Grand Chaplain	W Rev. John W. Edgar
☒	Grand Lecturer	VW Fred L. McGuire
☒	Grand Orator	W Peter E. Nilles
☒	Grand Historian	W John H. Grainger
☒	Grand Marshal	W Leslie R. Little
☒	Senior Grand Deacon	W Billy W. Harris VW Alfred White (acting)
☒	Junior Grand Deacon	VW Charles F. Lewis W Robert E. Bean (acting)
☒	Grand Standard Bearer	W Mitchell R. Miller
☒	Grand Sword Bearer	W Warren R. Little
☒	Grand Bible Bearer	W Henry T. Dunbar
☒	Senior Grand Steward	W Gary E. Ackerson W Edward Murdock (acting)
☒	Junior Grand Steward	W Russell A. Kendrick W Emmett Roetman (acting)
☒	Grand Organist	W Arnold Van Horn
☒	Grand Tyler	VW Harry A. Lewis W Cecil Johnson (acting)

CONSTITUENT LODGES

(Would the most Senior Representative please respond?)

- White Pass Lodge No. 1
- Anvil Lodge No. 2
- Tanana Lodge No. 3
- Valdez Lodge No. 4
- Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5
- Seward Lodge No. 6
- Matanuska Lodge No. 7
- Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8
- Kodiak Lodge No. 9
- Glacier Lodge No. 10
- Kenai Lodge No. 11
- Fairbanks Lodge No. 12
- Eagle River Lodge No. 13
- Adak Lodge No. 14

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

Neil R. Bassett
Grand Secretary

SOLEMN CEREMONIES

Organ music for the Seventh Annual Communication was provided by Worshipful Brother Arnold Van Horn of Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8.

The Seventh Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska convened at Nome, Alaska on the 4th Day of February, A.D. 1988, A.L. 5988. It was called to order by Worshipful Russell A. Burnett of Kenai Lodge No. 11 and Worshipful Frederick S. Brady of Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5 F. & A. M. at 8:30 am, Alaska Standard Time.

Entrance of Grand Lodge Officers
Presentation of Flags at the Altar
Posting of Flags
Pledge of Allegiance
Singing of: National Anthems, and “The Alaska Flag”
Introduction of Distinguished Guests and Wives
Introduction of Myrtle Johnson – Welcome
Welcome by Honorable John Hendeland, Mayor of Nome
Welcome address by MW James A. Williams, Grand Master
Response by RW David J. Thomas (6, 11)
Roll Call of Officers and Lodges

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

First Session

W Robert E. Morse (2)

Second Session

W Ian R. Ricker (10)

Third Session

W Jimmie H. Ross (7)

Fourth Session

W Phillip L. Draheim (6) and W Raymond F. Tidwell (4)

Distinguished Guests in Attendance

British Columbia, Canada

RW Jack G. Boily, Deputy in District 11, representing MW Dennis G. J. Marsh,
Grand Master

California

RW Stanley L. Channon, Deputy Grand Master, representing MW Leo B. Mark,
Grand Master

Michigan

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

Montana

MW Francis D. Hess, Past Grand Master, representing MW Kerry R. Keyser,
Grand Master

Nebraska

MW Byron C. Jenkins, Past Grand Master

Oregon

MW James R. Belshe, Past Grand Master

Nevada

RW W. Ronald Briggs, Deputy Grand Master, representing MW Roy A. Wilson,
Grand Master

North Dakota

W Harry A. Ohrt, Senior Grand Warden

Oregon

MW Glendon K. Jeffries, Grand Master
RW James M. Shillingburg, Grand Secretary
MW Vern R. Garvin, Past Grand Master
MW Herman C. Kuppler, Past Grand Master

Washington

MW Marks L. Ewing, Grand Master
RW Harold E. Tucker, Deputy Grand Master
RW Warren R. Miller, Senior Grand Warden
RW Walberg Tonstad, Grand Secretary
MW E. L. "Roy" Foss, Past Grand Master
MW Alden H. Jones, Past Grand Master
VW Lou Thompson, Grand Lecturer
W Glen V. Peck, Grand Orator
VW Robert O. Davidson, Deputy in District 3
VW Wendal H. Kuecker, Deputy in District 13
VW Benjamin H. Robertson, Finance Committee

Wyoming

W Paul S. Penny, representing MW LeRoy F. King, Grand Master

MESSAGE OF THE MW GRAND MASTER

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

We of Anvil Lodge No. 2 are very pleased to have you in our wonderful city for the Seventh Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge. During your stay in Nome please enjoy all the programs for you and your ladies, as it will be a time of your life. We are happy to have so many of our friends from all over the United States and Canada.

To our distinguished guests, we are happy you are with us. When you return home, please give our sincere fraternal greetings to the Brethren in your area and other points of the world. Also, please feel free to contact me or our Arrangements Committee if you need anything during your stay with us. We are pleased to have you honor us with your presence.

Necrology

Forty-four of our Brethren listed below, have joined the Supreme Architect of the Universe in that Celestial Lodge above during 1987. We mourn their passing and will miss them sharing with us this great Fraternal relationship. We share the loss of these brothers with their families. Worshipful Brother Rev. John Edgar, Chaplain, will conduct a Memorial Service later in the day.

State of the Craft

Brethren, having visited each of our Lodges in Alaska at least one time, and some more often, I can tell you that Masonry is growing in Alaska. We do have some Lodges in need of help, but I believe that with the new leadership of our Grand Lodge, and the new leadership of these few Lodges, they will prosper. This year, being the Year of Visibility and Education for our Grand Lodge, has lead to instructional programs in each Lodge visited this year by your Research and Education Committee. The Public Relations Committee made sure that each lodge member was sent a letter prior to each Grand Master's visit to the Alaska Lodges. This letter had a great benefit, as we had brothers attending the visits that had not been in Lodge for five to seven years. The Degree work has been excellent in the Lodges when we have attended during a Degree. The Masters were given a number of suggestions at the beginning of the year, including a cleanup of their Lodge building and becoming active in the community. I am happy to report many of the Masters did see that their Lodge building got a face lift, and became active in their communities. This year we had the opportunity to lay cornerstones for the Soldotna City Hall, Skyview High School on the Kenai Peninsula, just South of the Soldotna City Limits, and the Performing Arts Center in Anchorage. Various religious attacks on Freemasonry continued and these were discussed throughout the state. There is a very interesting video tape sponsored by the Anchorage Scottish Rite bodies featuring the Rev. Eugene Mockerman which each Lodge should obtain to show to the Brothers and guests.

My Brothers, this Grand Lodge is growing and again this year we continue to honor our commitment of no deficit spending.

The International Fellowship Week-end was a great success again this year. The City of Valdez was an excellent place to host this session.

There are many Grand Lodges in the United States, Canada, and other parts of the world that are considering change. To change I say, "If it is not broken don't try to fix it." We can, with your work and enthusiasm in our Fraternity, see that we continue to survive and prosper. Brethren I say to you, "all we have to do is live outside the Lodge, the Lodge precepts and teachings we received inside the Lodge, and this great Fraternity will be here much longer than any of us or those who follow us".

Recommendations

That the Grand Lodge Bulletin be continued.

That each Lodge of this Jurisdiction have its own visitation by the Grand Master (no dual visits).

1. Continue an educational program by the Research and Education Committee.
2. That each Lodge continue having at least one Friendship Night a year.
3. That the members of Grand Lodge adopt Resolution No. 88-11, to make it clear that candidates for the degrees may not buy or be given a cipher until they become proficient in the Third Degree Lecture.
4. That the members of Grand Lodge adopt Resolution No. 88-3, to adopt the reorganization of the Alaska Masonic Code.
5. That the members of the Grand Lodge adopt Resolution No. 88-5, to allow amendments to the Standard Work upon approval of Grand Lodge.
6. That each Lodge have more programs throughout the year which include their wives and families.

I wish to thank all the Brethren who bestowed this great honor upon me to be their Grand Master for 1987. I would also like to thank all the Brothers who have traveled with me this year, as well as those who traveled on their own. I thank all the Brothers who said "Yes" when asked to serve their Grand Lodge; and all Brother Masons for their support of Freemasonry and your Grand Lodge; this support has been very satisfying to me.

Sincere thanks also go to:

- Past Grand Masters who willingly gave of their time and advice.
Past Grand Master Jim Williams for ever relentless work and expedient responses to my questions.
- The Sessions and Arrangements Committee, Stanley Foulke, Chairman.
You all did a great job!
- All the committees that worked so hard this year, especially Education and Research, W Bro. Russell Burnett, Chairman; Public Relations, W Bro. Clifford Darnell, Chairman; and W Bro. Leslie Little and his committee on the reorganization of the Code.

- All the Lodge Masters who graciously welcomed us into their Lodges this year.
- RW Charles I. Gregg for his work on the News Bulletin.
- The Grand Master of Washington, Marks Ewing, and his Grand Lodge officers for another excellent training seminar.
- RW Neil Bassett, Grand Secretary, for his hard and never ending work on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Alaska. He has continued to show his dedication to our Grand Lodge; again a special thanks RW Neil.

And of course the "love of my life", my wife Vivien. She has spent many hours typing, running address labels, mailing letters, and giving other assistance in the performance of my duties. She has been a great help to me when I was out of state and unable to answer the phone. Thank you for traveling with me when you could make it and thank you for the many lonely hours you put in during this year. I especially want to thank you again for your support during all my years in Masonry, especially the last four.

I would also like to thank all of my children for all of their support.

In conclusion, and it is not printed in your message, I would like to leave you with this thought - an unknown author, some of you may already have seen it or heard it, it is **Winners vs Losers**

The Winner, is always a part of the answer;
 The loser is always a part of the problem;
 The Winner, always has a program;
 The loser always has an excuse;
 The Winner, says let me do it for you;
 The loser says, that is not my job;
 The Winner says he sees an answer for every problem;
 The loser sees a problem for every answer;
 The Winner sees a green near every sand-trap;
 The loser sees two or three sand-traps near every green;
 The Winner says, it may be difficult, but it is not impossible;
 The loser says, it may be possible, but it is too difficult;

My Brothers, let's be winners.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Fred V. Angleton
 Grand Master

APPENDIX

This appendix contains lists the official acts of the Grand Master, during the period of February 7, 1987 to February 6, 1988:

Proclamations

March 2, 1987 Proclaimed month of April as Public Schools Month.

Dispensations Granted

March 12, 1987 Permitted Brethren marching in February 21 Shrine Parade to be clothed as Masons.

March 12, 1987 Permission for Tanana Lodge No. 3 to open a Master Masons Lodge and confer the Third Degree at the Fifth Annual International Fellowship Day at Valdez on May 16, 1987.

April 6, 1987 Permission for Valdez Brethren to march in two church parades on May 17 and June 20, clothed as Masons.

May 22, 1987 Confirming verbal permission for Valdez Lodge to open on the Third Degree and confer the First Section in the Valdez Temple and to complete the work and close Lodge in the Valdez Civic Center, all in connection with the Fifth International Fellowship Day events.

Lodge Bylaws

A. Amendments Approved:

Valdez Lodge No. 4, July 23, 1987

Increase dues from \$24.00 to \$40.00 per year. Approved without referral to Bylaws Committee.

White Pass Lodge No. 1, December 7, 1987

1. Increase dues from \$20.00 to \$30.00 per year.
2. Change stated meetings from First and Third Tuesdays to Third Tuesday only.

Glacier Lodge No. 10, December 7, 1987

Establish an Audit Committee to report twice a year. Different members on each committee.

Anvil Lodge No. 2, January 18, 1988

Increase dues from \$25.00 to \$50.00 per year. Approved without referral to Bylaws Committee.

Fairbanks Lodge No. 12, January 18, 1988

Change stated meeting from the First to the Third Thursday.

Aurora Lodge UD, January 18, 1988

Approved Lodge Bylaws subject to correction of Article III, Section 3, to conform to the Code requiring a \$5.00 fee for affiliations.

B. Amendments Pending:

White Pass Lodge No. 1

Life membership plan—awaiting Finance Committee approval.

Eagle River Lodge No. 13

Life membership plan—awaiting Finance & Bylaws Committee approval.

Charters and Dispensations Granted.

February 25, 1987 Dispensation issued to 32 Masons in South Anchorage to form Aurora Lodge.

Edict

At its June 1987 Imperial Session, the Shrine adopted legislation allowing members suspended or expelled from the Craft or one of the Rites to appeal a suspension from the Shrine. On August 5, 1987, an Alaska edict was issued barring the Shrine from retaining suspended or expelled members on its rolls and making it a Masonic offense for a Mason to sit in a tiled Shrine meeting with such suspended or expelled persons. In all, 37 Grand Lodges issued similar edicts or demand letters that the subject legislation be repealed.

Special Committee Appointed

On April 7, 1987, a Code Reorganization Committee was appointed to reorganize the Alaska Masonic Code without writing any new law. Members were W Leslie R. Little, Chairman; VW Frank W. Erie, W Russell A. Burnett, W Dennis M. Bump, W Marvin B. Fitzpatrick, and MW James A. Williams (advisor)

Special Communication of Grand Lodge

Grand Lodge was opened in ample form preparatory to laying cornerstones on the following dates and at the listed places:

March 28	Soldotna City Hall, Soldotna
June 13	Skyview High School, Soldotna
December 19	Performing Arts Center, Anchorage

Installation of Officers

May 15, 1987	W Bro. Warren Little installed as Grand Sword Bearer by MW James A. Williams at Valdez.
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Lodge Visitations

The Grand Master visited all Lodges in this Jurisdiction at least once. Some were visited twice or three or more times.

Communications Attended by Others as Representatives of the Grand Master

April	
29 - 30	Grand Lodge of New Jersey by VW Gene R. Freeman
May	
26 - 28	Grand Lodge of Michigan by RW Ralph Kavorkian
June	
4-6	Grand Lodge of Nebraska by RW Charles I. Gregg
17 - 19	Grand Lodge of British Columbia by RW Ralph Kavorkian
25 - 27	Grand Lodge of Montana by RW Ralph Kavorkian with RW Charles Gregg, RW Dave Thomas, and RW Neil Bassett
September	
28 - 29	Grand Lodge of Missouri by RW Charles I. Gregg
October	
18 - 20	Grand Lodge of Kentucky by W Mitchell R. Miller
November	
17 - 18	Grand Lodge of Alabama by RW Ralph Kavorkian

Visits to Other Jurisdictions and Miscellaneous Conferences

February 1987

14 - 18,

Grand Masters Conference, Calgary, Alberta

March

6-8

Western Conference, San Francisco

June

4-6

Grand Lodge of Oregon, Eugene

16 - 18

Grand Lodge of Washington, Tacoma

22 - 27

Imperial Session, A.A.O.N.M.S., Las Vegas

August

9-11

Grand Lodge of Wyoming, Lander

September

17 - 19

Grand Lodge of Idaho, Moscow

October

12 - 14

Grand Lodge of California, San Francisco

November

9-10

Grand Lodge of Nevada, Reno

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

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

The following report is submitted pursuant to Article 17 of the Alaska Masonic Code.

There were a few significant accomplishments this year and a maintenance level of membership and finances. The office workload remained high with much correspondence with foreign and domestic jurisdictions as well as our own Lodges and individuals. New records were established for Aurora Lodge UD. Accounting and record keeping for the Nome plane tickets was extremely time consuming as was the quarterly address correction problem following each mailing of the news bulletin. Transfer of funds from the Nome Housing Committee to our interest bearing account in Anchorage and the resultant accounting for hotel reservations also occupied considerable time.

Most Lodge Secretaries outdid themselves this year by submitting their annual reports before the January 10 deadline. To them, I give my sincere thanks. I am, however, required by Code Article 17 to report that at this writing, White Pass Lodge No. 1 has failed to submit its End of Year report. Likewise, the November and December monthly reports and End of Year report have not arrived from Adak Lodge No. 14.

Recognitions by other Grand Lodges total 115 with four more requests for recognition having arrived and referred to the Fraternal Correspondence Committee for recommendation at this session.

The Proceedings of the Second, Third and Fourth Annual Communications, although a year later than promised, have been delivered. The delay was justified. Our printer purchased state-of-the-art computerized equipment which converts typewritten material into print as though it had been typeset. This is considerably less labor intensive and the cost per issue was less than we paid in 1982. The printer chose, to his regret, to use our proceedings as the documents to train operators of the new equipment and this delayed final printing considerably. We went through four proof-readings of each issue and we all learned what to do and not to do next time. Future issues should go more smoothly.

The Alaska Lodge Officers Handbook was also printed and delivered. Complementary copies were sent to the elected Lodge Officers in early December and the rest put on sale.

I traveled to the extent I could, visiting a number of our Lodges and attending the Grand Secretaries Conference in Calgary and the Western Conference, hosted by the Grand Lodge of California, in San Francisco.

I have been advised of only two length of service presentations this year. On November 20, 1987 Eagle River Lodge No. 13 presented a 50 Year pin to W Bro. George Bristow and a 25 Year pin to W Bro. Hazen Ricker.

Statistically we gained members but were "bailed out" in a couple of areas. The number of degrees conferred was down and we gained 11 fewer members than in 1986. Despite the fact that so many Tanana Lodge members passed away, those losses were surprisingly offset by a large number of dual memberships. Overall we gained 27 members because of the 32 Brothers who formed Aurora Lodge. Without those members our net loss would have been five as shown on the Status of Lodges chart.

Financially we held to our usual maintenance level of funding and expenditures. We stayed at or below budget except, of course, for insurance premiums. We have no way of guessing anymore how much to budget or when the escalation will stop. The proposed 1988 budget reflects our general financial stability; no changes are proposed except for insurance and adjusted funding levels for the proceedings.

During the year, upon recommendation, or with the consent, of the Finance Committee, our savings account was moved from the Alaska Mutual Bank to the National Bank of Alaska. All Permanent Fund monies were identified and placed in an interest bearing account, also at National Bank of Alaska, The Merrill Lynch account was closed and the money used for Time Certificates with staggered expiration dates.

As I conclude my fifth year as Grand Secretary I look back on some extremely frustrating and discouraging times as well as some highly rewarding ones. I thank the Lodge Secretaries, the Grand Lodge Officers and committeemen for their cooperation and support during the year.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Neil R. Bassett
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	Dimitis	Deaths	Suspensions	Expulsions	NPD	Other	Total Loss	Net Gain / (Loss)	Members 12-31-97
White Pass	1	4		9		3		1	55			5				5	1	2		1			4	1	56
Anvil	2			12		3		4	62			1				1		1					1	0	62
Tanana	3	9	6	104	8	34	10	21	485	10	1	2	2			15	4	26			9		39	(24)	461
Valdez	4	7	3	37	1	5	2	5	66	1		6				7	1				1		2	5	66
Mt. McKinley	5	1		12		2		1	54	1		1				2		1					1	1	55
Seward	6	2		11		6		3	96			1				1		3			9		12	(11)	85
Matanuska	7	2	4	34	3	9	3	3	116	2						2		1					1	1	117
Mt. Susitna	8	4	3	86	2	16	2	22	247	2			1			3	1	5					6	(3)	244
Kodiak	9	8	3	59	2	8	2	5	130	2		2	2			6	4	1	1		2		8	(2)	128
Glacier	10	5	6	117	2	17	2	23	296	5		3				8	2	1			2		5	3	299
Kenai	11	1	4	25	2	3	2	1	134	2		6	3			11	2	2					4	7	141
Fairbanks	12	1	8	25	3	3	5	5	75	4			1			5	2	1					3	2	77
Eagle River	13		3	5	2	1	2	3	61	2		3				5	1						1	4	65
Adak	14		6	21	7	5	7	5	102	6						6	5						5	1	103
Aurora	UD		11	6	5	1	4	2	(32)*	2		8				10							0	10	42
Totals		44	57	563	37	115	41	104	1979 **	39	1	38	9			87	23	44	1	1	23		92	(5)	2006 ***

- * At Date of Dispensation 2/25/87
- ** Excludes Aurora Lodge UD
- *** Include 32 new Aurora Lodge Members as of 2/25/87

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDANCE COMMITTEE

1st Report

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

The assignment of the Fraternal Relations Committee is to examine the printed or written proceedings, or other documents, emanating from other Grand Lodges and report at the Annual Communication whatever may seem of sufficient importance and interest to the Craft.

The Fraternal Relations Committee shall deliver a copy of his report to the Grand Secretary prior to the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

Also, the Fraternal Relations Committee shall review all requests for recognition from other Grand Jurisdictions, and, as appropriate, recommend recognition of the petitioner Grand Lodge or rejection of said petition or petitioners.

Having agreeably accepted the assignment, the Fraternal Relations Committee did examine all correspondence received and reports as follows:

New Lodges in different Jurisdictions

New Mexico -1; Oregon - 1; British Columbia - 2; (YORK) Grand Lodges of Mexico - 1; Quebec - 1; England -40; Philippines - 9; Victoria - 5; Queensland -1; Western Australia - 3 (Daylight); and New South Wales -13 (All Daylight).

Increase of Per Capita Tax

Mississippi - \$5.00 to \$7.00; New York - \$7.50 to \$12.50; California \$5.84 to \$8.20; Maine \$3.50 to \$4.50; Utah \$8.00 to \$11.00; Washington \$5.25 to \$7.25; Georgia \$.75 to \$1.50; Alberta \$10.00 to \$15.00; and for the second straight year British Columbia and Manitoba have increased \$.50 and \$1.80 respectively.

New York

Presented the Grand Lodge Medal for Distinguished Achievement to Brother Gene Autry, Singer, Actor, and Entertainer.

British Columbia

Reported the untimely death October 1, 1987 from an auto accident of MW George Baldwin, PGM. 1986. He was a member of this Grand Jurisdiction who had attended the past four Grand Lodge Sessions in Alaska.

Colorado

Voted down a resolution which would have given Masonic Burial to Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts.

Oregon

Recognized and acknowledged a long list of organizations (27) as "Appendant and Concordant Bodies" permitted to operate in Oregon.

Nebraska

Moved its Grand Lodge Office from the city of Omaha to the city of Lincoln.

Pennsylvania

Adopted a resolution fixing the minimum fees for initiation and membership at \$175.00, of which \$25.00 must be placed in the Permanent Fund of the Lodge.

Indiana

Members of Cloverdale Lodge No. 132 started the New Year with a well deserved "thank you" to the faithful Secretary, Brother Truman L. Mannan, who on January 3rd attended his 500th consecutive meeting. Brother Mannan, a Past Master, is in his 50th year as Secretary. The Brethren expressed their appreciation by presenting the honored officer with a plaque.

Italy

A total of at least eight Grand Jurisdictions have withdrawn recognition from the Grand Orient of Italy, namely, Connecticut, Arizona, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Oregon, New Mexico, South Dakota, and West Virginia.

The Committee on Information of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America has received a great deal of attention since it reported in 1986 that they feel the Grand Orient of Italy is not worthy of recognition. During the 1987 Conference they listened to everyone who asked to be heard on the subject. It has received statements from, and engaged in conversation with a number of Masons who have special knowledge of Masonry in Italy, and in particular, the Grand Orient of Italy.

The concern is the elimination of the word "monotheism" and the reference to the Volume of the Sacred Law.

Grand Master Corona has stated that these concepts will be put back in the constitution, but this has not been done.

The Commission on Information affirms its previous action as set out in the report of 1986, namely that the Grand Orient of Italy is not entitled to recognition as a Regular Grand Lodge.

It is the recommendation of your Fraternal Relations Committee that the Grand Lodge of Alaska not get involved in the controversy at this time.

Greece

As reported at the Sixth Annual Communication, we had received a request for recognition from the National Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M. of Greece. It was recommended that we take no action pending information received from the Commission on Information of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America.

The Commission's 1987 report maintained the position that the Grand Lodge of Greece is entitled to continued recognition. It made no recommendation with respect to the National Grand Lodge of Greece. We wrote the National Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M. of Greece that we will defer any action on their request until such time as the Commission may recommend otherwise.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Ingram (6, 11) Chairman

Report received for the record and adopted.

2nd Report

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

We have received a request from the Grand Lodge of Rio Grande do Norte in Brazil for Fraternal Recognition and an exchange of Grand Representatives.

The Committee on Information for Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America indicates that this Grand Lodge, according to its information at its disposal, is regular.

Investigations by this Committee reveals that this Grand Lodge is one of the 25 Grand Lodges in Brazil considered regular, and at least 41 U. S. Grand Lodges have recognized the Grand Lodges of Brazil to date, and that the requirements of Section 45 - B. L. of the Alaska Masonic Code are complied with.

Your Committee on Fraternal Relations therefore recommends that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska accord recognition to the Grande Loja of Rio Grande do Norte of Brazil, and that our Grand Master, at his will and pleasure, arrange for an exchange of Grand Representatives.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Ingram (6, 11) Chairman

Report received for the record and adopted.

3rd Report

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

We have received a request from the Grand Lodge of Alagoas in Brazil for Fraternal Recognition and an exchange of Grand Representatives.

The Committee on Information for Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America indicates that this Grand Lodge according to its information at its disposal, is regular.

Investigations by the Committee reveals that this Grand Lodge is recognized by several of the Grand Lodges in the United States as are all 25 Grand Lodges in Brazil, and that the requirements of Section 45 - B. L. of the Alaska Masonic Code are complied with.

Your Committee on Fraternal Relations therefore recommends that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska accord recognition to the Grand Lodge of Alagoas, and that our Grand Master, at his will and pleasure, arrange for an exchange of Grand Representatives.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Ingram (6, 11) Chairman

Report received for the record and adopted.

4th Report

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

We have received a request from the Grand Lodge of Honduras for Fraternal Recognition and an exchange of Grand Representatives.

The Committee on Information for Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America indicates that this Grand Lodge, according to its information at its disposal, is regular.

Investigations by this Committee reveals that this Grand Lodge is recognized by all but a few of the Grand Lodges in the United States and it is also recognized by a number of the Canadian Grand Lodges, and that the requirements of Section 45 - B. L. of the Alaska Masonic Code are complied with.

Your Committee on Fraternal Relations therefore recommends that The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska accord recognition to

the Grand Lodge of Honduras, and that our Grand Master, at his will and pleasure, arrange for an exchange of Grand Representatives.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Ingram (6, 11) Chairman

Report received for the record and adopted.

5th Report

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

We have received a request from the Grand Lodge of Haiti for Fraternal Recognition and an exchange of Grand Representatives.

The Committee on Information for Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America indicates that this Grand Lodge, according to its information at its disposal, is regular.

Investigation by this Committee reveals that Haiti occupies one - half of the Island of Hispaniola. The other half is occupied by the Dominican Republic. Masonic Lodges were chartered in Haiti as early as 1749 by France, and in 1786 by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. In 1793 the Grand Lodge of New York granted a dispensation to a lodge to meet in Haiti, and subsequently granted a Regular Charter in 1797. On May 23, 1823, an English Provincial and Grand Lodge was transformed into an independent Grand Lodge of Haiti. Ultimately, the name was changed to the Grand Orient of Haiti. The Grand Lodge of New York has been the only U.S. Grand Lodge to recognize Haiti due to some internal confusion with Haiti recognizing the Grand Orient of France, which has been declared Irregular since 1877.

During 1972 the Commission on Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America were assured by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Orient of Haiti that Haiti did not recognize the Grand Orient of France as a regular Masonic obedience.

During 1986 the Grand Orient of Haiti asked for recognition from our Grand Lodge and in a letter attached to the request, the Grand Orient set out its guiding principles. Based on these principles, it is the opinion of the Committee on Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America, and your Fraternal Relations Committee that the Grand Orient of Haiti meets all the standards for recognition, and that the requirements of Section 45 - B. L. of the Alaska Masonic Code are complied with.

Your Committee on Fraternal Relations therefore recommends that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska accord recognition to the Grand Orient of Haiti, and that our Grand Master, at his will and pleasure, arrange for an exchange of Grand Representatives.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Ingram (6, 11) Chairman

Report received for the record and adopted.

6th Report

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

We have received a request from the Grand Lodge of Rondonia, in Brazil. I hope that is the way you pronounce it! I'm not so good on Spanish or Portuguese, I have a devil of a time with the English, but anyhow, here we go:

The Grand Lodge of Rondonia in Brazil requests Fraternal Relations and exchange of Grand Representatives. The Committee on Information for Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America, indicates that this Grand Lodge according to its information at its disposal is regular.

And from investigation by this committee, reveals that this Grand Lodge is relatively new, being formed April the 10th, 1985, and is one of the Grand Lodges of Brazil that are recognized by several Grand Lodges in the United States and Canada, and that the requirements of Section 45 of the Bylaws of the Alaska Masonic Code are complied with.

Your Committee therefore on Fraternal Relations, recommends that The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska, accord recognition to the Grand Lodge of Rondonia in Brazil, and that our Grand Master, at his will and pleasure, arrange for an exchange of Grand Representatives.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Ingram (6, 11) Chairman

Report received for the record and adopted.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The Credentials Committee did not list the total number of ballots per each constituent Lodge as indicated in the chart below.

	Total Number of Ballots
Grand Lodge	15
White Pass Lodge No. 1	
Anvil Lodge No. 2	
Tanana Lodge No. 3	
Valdez Lodge No. 4	
Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5	
Seward Lodge No. 6	
Matanuska Lodge No. 7	
Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8	
Kodiak Lodge No. 9	
Glacier Lodge No. 10	
Kenai Lodge No. 11	
Fairbanks Lodge No. 12	
Eagle River Lodge No. 13	
Adak Lodge No. 14	
Total	105

1st Report

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

We the Committee on Credentials, fraternally report that the following members of the Grand Lodge are present, and entitled to seats and to vote in the Grand Lodge to wits:

- 15 Grand Lodge Officers
- 3 Deputies to the Grand Master
- 10 Past Grand Masters
- 23 Masters and Wardens
- 36 Past Masters
- 18 Proxies

for a total of 105.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Ingram, Sr., PGM (6, 11) Chairman

Joseph D. Cline (8)

William B. Clucas (12)

Cecil C. Johnson (2)

George R. Plunkett (7)

The report was received for the record and adopted.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Jurisprudence

MW James A. Williams PGM (3) Chairman
W Richard T. Coffin (10)
W John L. Dolenc (7)
VW Charles F. Lewis (2)
W Ray G. Williams (9)
Bro. Richard N. Sutliff (9), Advisor

Grievance & Appeals

MW Glen W. Pruett PGM (3, 12)
MW Gunnar Flygenring PGM (10)
W Ronald H. Moore (11)

Finance

W Burton Oien (3) Chairman
W Donald H. Dinkel (7)
W Leonard R. Young (10)
Bro. Leslie A. Wilkinson (3) Advisor

Fraternal Correspondence

MW John C. Ingram PGM (6, 11) Chairman

Masonic Research & Education

W Russell A. Burnett (11) Chairman
W Jerald M. Pendergrass (7)
VW John W. Underwood (3)
W Robert L. Van Huss (8, UD)
VW Alfred M. White (8, 11)

Credentials

MW John C. Ingram, Sr., PGM (6, 11) Chairman
W Joseph D. Cline (8)
W William B. Clucas (12)
W Cecil C. Johnson (2)
W George R. Plunkett (7)

Masonic Public Relations

W V. Clifford Darnell (8, 13) Chairman
W Richard L Holyoke (9)
RW William R. Miller (10)

DeMolay

W Lloyd W. Triggs (3) Chairman
VW Robert M. Parkins (8, 13)
W Aves D. Thompson (10, 13)

Bylaws

MW H. B. Bentley PGM (10, 11) Chairman
W Marvin R. Harned (4)
VW Harry A. Lewis (2)

Public Schools

RW David J. Thomas (6, 11) Chairman
W Larry M. Sizemore (13)
W Raymond R. Wagener (3)

Segregation & Reference

MW Roy Foss (11)
WM Alden Jones (2)
W Dan Folwick (10)

Charters and Dispensations

W E. Mitchell Saunders (6, 11)

Arrangements

Bro. Stanley R. Foulke (2) Chairman
W Robert E. Bean (2)
W John W. Elmore (2)
W Billy W. Harris (11)
MW John C. Ingram, Sr., PGM (6, 11)
W Cecil C. Johnson (2)
VW Charles F. Lewis (2)
W Peter E. Nilles (10, UD)

Constitution Observance

W Will R. Josey (8) Chairman
W Russell A. Burnett (11)
W Keith E. Herve (3)
W Archie F. Lowe (1)
W Jeffrey S. Nelson (14)

Deputies of the Grand Master

District 1 VW Ralph Kavorkian (3, 12)
District 2 VW David J. Thomas (6, 12)
District 3 VW William D. Athas (10)
District 4 VW Wendell F. Long (1)

REPORTS OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business was discussed.

MOTIONS

1. The motion was made for the Grand Lodge to give permission to Anvil Lodge to hold a Communication during the Grand Lodge session. As you know, our Code does not allow that. But we as a Grand Lodge can vote to allow this and a motion has been made and seconded, that we give Anvil Lodge permission to hold a session this evening and put on a second degree.

Most Worshipful Grand Master indicated: It has been moved and seconded that we allow Anvil Lodge to put on a Second Degree this evening during the Seventh Annual Communications. The question has been called and the motion passed.

2. Dan Folwick, PM of Glacier Lodge No. 10 made motion, as to the report from the Charters and Dispensations Committee, received by this Grand Lodge, that the Grand Lodge of Alaska grant a charter to Aurora Lodge UD.

The question has been called and the motion passed.

3. Most Worshipful Grand Master asked if there was a carryover resolution from last year.

Most Worshipful James Williams said, "You're right, Worshipful Sir, I had nothing to do with the carryover. The report from last year still stands on that and 87-4 should be acted on first before this current resolution."

Ralph Kavorkian moved to adopt Carryover Resolution 87-4 and motion passed.

RESOLUTIONS

Carryover Resolution No. 87-4

To Add a New Section 172.5 to the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to terminate the candidacy of inactive petitioners for the degrees of Masonry.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, this Grand Lodge has petitions for the degrees from almost 800 candidates; and,

WHEREAS, about 600 of these petitions have been inactive for from three to 48 years; and,

WHEREAS, it is an administrative burden for the Lodge Secretaries and Grand Secretary to continually handle and account for these records;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a new Section 172.5 be added to the Alaska Masonic Code to read as follows:

SECTION 172.5. FAILURE TO RECEIVE DEGREES. If a Candidate fails to present himself to receive the First Degree within three years of his election to receive the degrees, or to receive the Second or Third Degree, or to be examined on his proficiency in the Lecture of the Third Degree, within three years after receiving the preceding degree, and cannot be located by any reasonable means, including Certified Mail, his Candidacy terminates and his fees are forfeited to the Lodge. A Candidacy so terminated may be restored at the written request of the Petitioner without payment of further fees, but a new investigation and ballot are required.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil R. Bassett PM (10)

As a Carryover Resolution of a Bylaw amendment it requires a simple majority vote for passage.

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

Note: This Resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 88-1

To Add A New Section 39.5 to the A.M.C.

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To allow a standard short form closing of Grand Lodge and constituent Lodges after the Public Installation of officers.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, it is now necessary to request family and friends to vacate the Lodge room following the installation of officers, while the closing ceremonies are done per the current ritual; and,

WHEREAS, this detracts from the fellowship and mingling of Masons and guests at refreshment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a new Section 39.5 be added to the Alaska Masonic Code to read as follows:

SECTION 39.5. SHORT FORM CLOSING. The Grand Master may, at his option, after a Public Installation of Officers of Grand Lodge, declare the Grand Lodge closed in Ample Form.

The Worshipful Master, may at his option, after a Public Installation of Officers of a constituent Lodge, declare his Lodge closed in Due Form. The closing prayer is given immediately preceding the declaration, after which the Grand Master or Master, as the case may be, instructs the Junior (Grand) Deacon to inform the Tyler and the Senior (Grand) Deacon to close the Great Lights.

The minutes of the constituent Lodge are read and approved at the next Stated Communication of the Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie R. Little PM (10, UD)
Ralph Kavorkian PM (3, 12)
John W. Underwood PM (3)
Peter E. Nilles PM (10, UD)

Bylaw Amendment Requires 3/4 majority vote for passage.

Report of Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge, ONLY if Resolution 88-5 is approved first. If not, this Resolution is in conflict with Code Article 27 and must be withdrawn.

Note: Since 88-5 did not pass, Resolutions 88-1 and 88-6 were eliminated because they are both in conflict with the Code.

Resolution No. 88-2

To Amend Section 52 of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to allow the use of the Alaska' Past Master's Apron as proposed by the Alaska Masonic Research Association.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, much interest has been expressed in the Past Master's Apron as presented by the Alaska Masonic Research Association; and,

WHEREAS, Section 52 does not allow anything except the Past Master's emblem to be displayed on the apron;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 52 of the Alaska Masonic Code, which now reads as follows:

SECTION 52. JEWELS AND APRONS. The Jewels of a Past Master and of the Officers of a Lodge are: Past Master - the Blazing Sun within the Compasses extended on a Quadrant, Master - the Square, Senior Warden - the Level, Junior Warden - the Plumb, Treasurer - the Crossed Keys, Secretary -the Crossed Pens, Chaplain - the Bible, Senior Deacon - the Square and Compasses united with a Sun, Junior Deacon - the Square and Compasses united with a Moon, Stewards - Cornucopia, Marshal - Crossed Batons, Organist - Lyre, Tyler - a Sword. The Deacons' rods are blue, and the Stewards' rods are white, each surmounted by its proper jewel in silver or white metal.

The color of their Aprons is white. The Aprons should be of lambskin, fourteen inches wide and twelve inches deep, and may have sky-blue lining and edging, with the respective emblems thereon.

Be Amended by adding the following paragraph:

A Past Master belonging to a lodge of this Jurisdiction may purchase and wear the Past Master's Apron as supplied by the Alaska Masonic Research Association. Said

Apron to show the outlined of the State of Alaska in blue, the 'Eight Stars of Gold' of the Alaska State Flag, and the Past Master's emblem.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie R. Little PM (10, UD)
John W. Edgar PM (12)
Peter E. Nilles PM (10, UD)

Bylaw amendment: Requires 3/4 majority vote for passage.

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

Note: This Resolution failed to receive the required majority vote but received a simple majority vote and is a carryover resolution until the next annual communication.

Resolution No. 88-3

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to adopt the reorganized Code of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska as presented by the special committee appointed by MW Fred V. Angleton, Grand Master.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, a special committee has been appointed by the MW Fred V. Angleton, Grand Master, to reorganize the Alaska Masonic Code into a more easily understood and logically arranged version; and,

WHEREAS, this reorganized version has been distributed to the Constituent Lodges for review by the officers and members;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the reorganized Alaska Masonic Code, together with the decisions and rulings of the Grand Masters, and an index of all Chapters and Sections, be adopted by this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie R. Little PM (10, UD)
James A. Williams PM (3, UD)

The Jurisprudence Committee ruled that this resolution requires only a simple majority for passage.

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

Note: This Resolution received the required simple majority vote and was adopted..

Resolution No. 88-4

To Amend Section 6 of the A. M. C. Bylaws

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to eliminate Statements of Availability, and to substitute a bylaw prohibiting politics relating to Grand Lodge Office.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, campaigning for office is contrary to the philosophy of Masonry; and,

WHEREAS, the Statement of Availability does, in fact, encourage campaigning for office in the Grand Lodge of Alaska, reading as follows:

Any person desiring to serve as Junior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge may on or before the first day of October preceding the Annual Grand Communication file with the Grand Secretary a Statement of Availability containing a resume of his service to his Symbolic Lodge and to the Grand Lodge. Prior to December 1, all such Statements shall be printed and forwarded by the Grand Secretary to all Constituent Lodges for study prior to the next Annual Grand Communication. This action does not preclude the right to the Grand Lodge to elect any eligible member without such Statement; and,

WHEREAS, campaigning for office in the Grand Lodge of Alaska has caused bad feelings among Masonic Brothers,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 6 of the Alaska Masonic Code Bylaws be amended by deleting the above quoted second paragraph and substituting the following:

Any communication, be it verbal, written, or visual, intended to promote or prevent a Brother's election to the office of Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, or Junior Grand Warden of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska is strictly forbidden.

The only exception to this section shall be that a Brother may decline to accept election to a Grand Lodge office, or may, between ballots, request his name not be considered for subsequent ballots at a Grand Lodge Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul A. Godwin PM (8)

Arnold L. Van Horn PM (8)

James A. Williams PM (3, UD)

Bylaw amendment: Requires 3/4 majority vote for passage.

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

Note: This Resolution failed to receive the required majority vote and was defeated.

Resolution No. 88-5

To Amend Section 19 of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to allow amendments to the standard work upon approval of the Grand Lodge.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the standard work of the order is now defined as approved by the Grand Lodge at its first communication; and,

WHEREAS, the members of this Grand Jurisdiction have expressed a desire to present approved alternate work that is believed to be more meaningful and more illustrative of the principles of Masonry; and,

WHEREAS, Article 27 presently reads as follows:

ARTICLE 27. 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 Work and no other. The Grand Secretary is the custodian of the Master Copy of the Esoteric work. He shall store it within a suitable safe within his office. The craft may examine the Master Copy under safeguards provided by the Grand Secretary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Article 27 of the Alaska Masonic Code be amended to read as follows:

Article 27. STANDARD WORK: The Esoteric Work, together with the Monitorial Work, as approved by a three-fourths vote of the Grand Lodge, is the Standard Work of this Grand Jurisdiction. Constituent Lodges shall practice this Standard Work and no other. The Grand Secretary is the custodian of the Master Copy of the Esoteric work. He shall store it within a suitable safe within his office. The craft may examine the Master Copy under safeguards provided by the Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell R. Miller PM (3, 12)
Ralph Kavorkian PM (3, 12)
Howard Hobbs PM (10)
Adam McDermott PM (3)
Frank Erie PM (3, 12)

Constitution amendment: Requires unanimous vote for approval.

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

Note: This Resolution did not receive a unanimous vote but received a majority vote and is a carryover resolution until the next annual communication.

Resolution No. 88-6

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to amend the Alaska Monitor by adding an optional apron lecture.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the members of the Grand Jurisdiction have expressed a desire to present approved alternate lectures that are believed to be more explanatory of the principles of Masonry; and,

WHEREAS, the following optional apron lecture does not replace the current lecture, but adds to the current apron lecture;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following optional apron lecture be adopted for use in this Grand Jurisdiction:

[And, from the time when the memory of man runneth not to the contrary, this emblem, plain and unadorned, has been the peculiar clothing worn by all Free and Accepted Masons, the peasant toiling in humble poverty, Princes commanding the resources of empires, have alike worn it in the consciousness that it lightened the burdens of one and added dignity to the power of the other.

It may be that you are, or yet will be, so entrenched in the confidence of your fellows and so deserve their gratitude that they may elevate you to a position of the highest honor, trust, and emolument, upon your head may rest the laurel wreaths of victory, pendant from your breast may hang jewels fit to grace the diadem of an Eastern Potentate, nay, more than these, with light added to the coming life, your ambitious feet may tread round after round of that ladder that leads to fame in our mystic circle and even the purple of our beloved fraternity may rest upon your deserving shoulders. But, never again from mortal hands, never again while life shall last, never again until your enfranchised spirit shall have passed upward and inward through the pearly gates, shall an honor so distinguished, so emblematical of purity and all perfection be bestowed upon you, as that, which I, as representative of the Brethren here assembled and the Craft throughout the world, am now about to bestow upon you. This emblem that King Solomon wore when arrayed in all his glory and which has invested with additional dignity other Kings, Princes, and Rulers, and which has been eagerly sought and worthily worn by the best men of your generation. If you disgrace it, the disgrace will be augmented by the fact that you have in this Lodge and at this Alter been taught the principles of a correct and upright life. It is yours my Brother, yours to wear throughout an honorable life, and at your death be placed upon the coffin which shall contain your mortal remains, and then be laid beneath the silent clods of valley.

Let its pure and spotless surface be to you an ever present reminder of a purity of life and rectitude of conduct, a never ending inspiration for higher thoughts, for nobler deeds, and for greater achievements. And when at last your weary feet shall have come to the end of life's toilsome journey, and from your lifeless grasp shall forever fall the working tools of life, may the record of your life and actions be as pure and spotless as this fair emblem. And when your trembling soul shall stand naked and alone before that Great White Throne, there to receive judgment for deeds done while here on earth, may it be your portion to hear from Him who sitteth as the Supreme Judge, the welcome words, "Well done thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord].

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Kavorkian PM (3, 12)

Adam McDermott PM (3)

Mitchell R. Miller PM (3, 12)

Howard Hobbs PM (10, 13, UD)

Frank Erie PM (3, 12)

Bylaw amendment: Requires 3/4 majority vote for passage, provided Resolution 88-5 has first been approved.

Report by Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by the Grand Lodge ONLY if Resolution 88-5 is approved first. If not, this Resolution is in conflict with Code Article 27 and must be withdrawn.

Note: Since 88-5 did not pass, Resolutions 88-1 and 88-6 were eliminated because they are both in conflict with the Code.

Resolution No. 88-7

To Amend Sections 1, 10, 13, 15, 21, 27, 35, 73, 94, 114 118, 131, 143.5, 149, 164, 182, 218 and 220 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 make "housekeeping" changes in the Code for the elimination of outdated, obsolete or erroneous practices or the correction of inconsistencies.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the Alaska Masonic Code, written seven years ago, was compiled from the Washington Code without the benefit of any practical experience; and,

WHEREAS, the Washington Code itself contained numerous outdated, obsolete, erroneous, conflicting provisions which were innocently incorporated into the Alaska Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following listed sections be amended as stated:

- Section 1: Delete the phrase "after recommendation by the committee on Finance". (this has not been practiced in Alaska)
- Section 10: Change committee No. 4 from "Correspondence" to "Fraternal Relations".
- Section 13: Delete the semi-colon in subsection 2 and add "or Grand Master's Trial Committee;". (this change provides consistency with the disciplinary sections of the Code).

- Section 15: Change "Correspondence" in title and first sentence to "Fraternal Relations". Change "He" at beginning of last sentence to "The chairman".
- Section 21: Delete "and the Committee on Correspondence" from subsection No. 5, change "Correspondence to "Fraternal Relations", insert a new No. 6 reading "Report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations" and renumber the succeeding listed items.
- Section 27: Delete No. 5 on diplomas, (this is not used in Alaska).
- Section 35: Change "Warrants for" in title to "Payment". Delete "A warrant in" in the first line so that the sentence starts with "Payment for...". Change "issued" in line two to "made". (The Grand Lodge of Alaska does not use warrants).
- Section 73: Delete "15th" in first line and substitute therefor "10th". Delete "March" in last line of first paragraph and substitute "February". (There is not enough time between our annual communication and December 31 unless everything clicks perfectly. An extra five days are requested to help alleviate the problem).
- Section 94: Add to the end of subsection 5 the phrase "in which case his signature shall be provided by the Brother to the Lodge which he petitioned. (This is the only way to get a bylaws signature from out-of-town or out-of-state members).
- Section 114: Delete in its entirety. (This section has become obsolete because nearly all of our NPD's become so for inability of Lodge Secretaries to find these Brothers. It is pointless to require a certificate when we can't reach them by mail at all).
- Section 118: Add the following as the second sentence: "The incumbent of an elective office or any other Brother receiving votes may declare at any time during the election process that he is not available for the office for which a vote is being taken". The present second and third sentences then become the third and fourth sentences.
- Section 131: Delete subsections 5 and 6, and substitute the following:
5. To report monthly to the Grand Secretary, on forms provided by him all those who have been Initiated, Passed and Raised, with dates thereof; all affiliations and reinstatements; all losses,

including suspensions and expulsions and the causes therefor, those dropped for non-payment of dues, deaths, dimits and rejections; and such other matters as may be required by the Grand Secretary.

6. To make to the Grand Secretary an annual report on or before January 10 listing all Lodge members by name, those whose dues have been remitted by the Lodge, the number of members as of December 31, and such other information as may be required by the Grand Secretary on the forms or otherwise.

In subsection 7, delete "installation" and substitute "election" therefor.

Delete subsection 8 entirely. Its provisions are contained in the proposed new subsection 6.

(The provisions of the above subsection changes have never been followed in Alaska and have not been used in Washington for years. Our reporting system is patterned after the one used by Washington when our Grand Lodge was formed).

- Section 143.5: Add at the end of the sentence the phrase "except that such applications must be passed through the respective Grand Secretaries. (Protocol doesn't permit Lodge Secretaries to correspond directly with out-of-state Lodges on membership matters).
- Section 149: Delete "presentation" in second line and substitute therefor "first reading at a stated meeting".
- Section 164: Add to the end of the third sentence (lines 3 and 4): "none of whom can be the same members who recommended the petitioner".
- Section 182: Delete the words "each degree" in the second sentence (lines 3-5) and substitute therefor "the Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft degrees". (The present wording conflicts in that it first says all three degree proficiencies may be given before a committee or in open Lodge but then says the Master Mason degree must be given in open Lodge only).
- Sections 218 and 220 Delete the word "substantially" in first line of last paragraph of section 218 and in second line of section 220. (The word

"substantially" implies some latitude by the Lodges in using the form; disciplinary matters involving a Brother's future require the use of a uniform, legally sound, form).

Respectfully submitted,

Neil R. Bassett PM (10)

Bylaw amendment: Requires 3/4 majority vote for passage.

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

Note: This Resolution received a unanimous vote and was adopted.

Resolution No. 88-8

To Amend Article 35 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 conform the provisions of Article 35 to present practice.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, it has historically been the practice to transmit Lodge bylaws to the Grand Secretary for referral to the proper committee(s) before approval or disapproval by the Grand Master; and,

WHEREAS, a 2/3 vote of the Lodge members present is required for adopted bylaws, and this is so stated on the forms; and,

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the Code and present practice are in conformity as a guide to Lodge officers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the phrase "by a 2/3 majority of the members present" be inserted between the words "stated communication" and "after" in line four of Article 35, and,

that the last two sentences be deleted and the following substituted therefor:

"When adopted, the new bylaw or amendment is sent in duplicate to the Grand Secretary for referral to the proper committee(s) and then to the Grand Master, or directly to the

Grand Master, as appropriate. When approved or disapproved, one copy is returned to the Lodge and one copy retained in the Grand Lodge files".

Respectfully submitted,

Neil R. Bassett PM (10)

Constitution amendment: Requires unanimous vote for approval.

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

Note: This Resolution did not receive a unanimous vote but received a majority vote and is a carryover resolution until the next annual communication.

Resolution No. 88-9

Jurisprudence Committee recommended that this Resolution be withdrawn. This Resolution was withdrawn by the authors of the resolution.

Resolution No. 88-10

To Amend Sections 73, 94, 111, 141, and 159 of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to make "housekeeping" changes in the Code for the elimination of outdated, obsolete or erroneous practices or the correction of inconsistencies.

RESOLUTION:

HEREAS, the Alaska Masonic Code, written seven years ago, was compiled from the Washington Code without the benefit of any practical experience; and,

WHEREAS, the Washington Code itself contained numerous outdated, obsolete, erroneous or conflicting provisions which were innocently incorporated into the Alaska Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following listed sections be amended as stated:

- Section 73: Change the date in line one from the "15th" to the "10th" to be consistent with the change proposed in Section 131 in Resolution 88-7.
- Section 111: Delete this section entirely. (This subject matter is duplicated in Section 108 and it is difficult even to tell what Section 111 is trying to say).
- Section 141: Delete last sentence in paragraph 2. (No Lodge should proceed without adequate information on a potential member, no matter how long it takes to get that information).
- Section 159: Delete the third paragraph relating to transmittal of fees to the Grand Secretary. (This procedure has never been used in Alaska and not in Washington at the time the Alaska Code was written. Lodges are billed annually for these fees and this provision is covered under Lodge Secretary duties and discussion on annual returns).

Respectfully submitted,

Neil R. Bassett PM (10)

Bylaw amendment: Requires 3/4 majority vote for passage.

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

Note: This Resolution received the required majority vote and was adopted.

Resolution No. 88-11

To Amend Section 39 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 make it clear that candidates for the degrees may not buy or be given a Cipher until they become proficient in the Third Degree Lecture.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the present Code wording is not clear enough as to the conditions under which a candidate for the degrees may buy or be issued a Cipher:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that subsections 3, 4 and 5 of Section 39 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads as follows:

3. Such booklets are sold to the Lodges and members of this Grand Jurisdiction by the Grand Secretary at a price not more than 25% higher than the cost of printing.

4. Said ciphers may not bear writing, title page, or other identification indicating it to be the work of this Grand Jurisdiction.

5. 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, provided that the Grand Secretary is authorized to exchange copies with recognized foreign Grand Jurisdictions.

Be deleted and replaced with new subsections 3, 4 and 5 to read as follows:

3. Printed copies of the Standard Work Cipher authorized by this section may be sold by the Grand Secretary only to members or secretaries of constituent Lodges of this Jurisdiction for distribution to members. Cost to the Lodges shall be at a price not more than 25% above the cost of printing, provided that the Grand Secretary is authorized to exchange copies with other recognized Grand Jurisdictions.

4. Copies of the Standard Work Cipher for any degree may not be sold or given to any candidate for the degrees as his personal property until he has been declared proficient in the Lecture of the Third Degree.

5. Said ciphers may not bear writing, title page or other identification indicating it to be the work of this Grand Jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel A. Folwick WM (10)
Aves D. Thompson PM (10)
Howard N. Hobbs PM (10, 13, UD)
Orrin S. Felmley PM (8)

Bylaw amendment: Requires 3/4 majority vote for passage.

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

Note: This Resolution did not receive the required majority vote and was defeated.

Emergent Resolution 88-12

To provide for the publication of a Brand Lodge Bulletin

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To create a special committee, which will be responsible for arranging for the financing and publishing of a Grand Lodge News Bulletin.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the members of this Grand Lodge favor a continuation of the Grand Lodge News Bulletin, as published for the past two years, and:

WHEREAS, the Grand Lodge funds are not sufficient to cover the cost of continuing the News Bulletin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Grand Master appoint a special committee on publication of our Grand Lodge News Bulletin.

The duties of this committee will be as follows:

1. Find or arrange for sufficient funding to cover the cost of publishing a Grand Lodge News Bulletin.
2. When sufficient funding is assured, proceed with publishing the Bulletin.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams PGM (10)
Gunnar Flygenring PGM (10)

Report of the Jurisprudence Committee: Jim Williams PGM (10) indicated: Most Worshipful Grand Master, I have examined this resolution very closely and find it in proper order for consideration by this Grand Lodge. If we pass it, only a simple majority vote will be required.

Note: This Emergent Resolution 88-12 received the required majority vote and was adopted.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Jurisprudence

1st Report

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

We your Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Recommendation number 2 through 8, contained in the Grand Masters Message, have considered the same and report as follows:

The Grand Master's Recommendations numbers 2 through 8 are proper and are approved by the committee. Approval by the Grand Lodge is recommended.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams PGM (3) Chairman
Richard T. Coffin (10)
John L. Dolenc (7)
Charles F. Lewis (2)
Ray G. Williams (9)
Bro. Richard N. Sutliff (9) Advisor

Report received for the record and was adopted.

2nd Report

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

We your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the section on Lodge Bylaws of the Grand Masters Message, have considered the same and report as follows:

All actions taken by the Grand Master with regard to life, with regard to Lodge, Lodge Bylaws were proper and are hereby approved by the committee. Approval by the Grand Lodge is recommended.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams PGM (3) Chairman
Richard T. Coffin (10)
John L. Dolenc (7)
Charles F. Lewis (2)
Ray G. Williams (9)
Bro. Richard N. Sutliff (9) Advisor

Report received for the record and was adopted.

3rd Report

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

We your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the sections, Dispensations Granted, Amendments Pending, Edicts and Special Committee Appointments of the Grand Masters Message, have considered the same and report as follows:

All actions taken by the Grand Master under the headings, Dispensations Granted, Amendments Pending, Edicts, and Special Committee Appointments were proper and are hereby approved by the Committee. Approval by the Grand Lodge is recommended.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams PGM (3) Chairman
Richard T. Coffin (10)
John L. Dolenc (7)
Charles F. Lewis (2)
Ray G. Williams (9)
Bro. Richard N. Sutliff (9) Advisor

Report received for the record and was adopted.

4th Report

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

We, your Committeemen on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Resolution No. 88-5, have conferred the same and report as follows:

This Resolution is in proper form for consideration by the Grand Lodge. As a proposed amendment to the Constitution, this Resolution will require a unanimous vote for passage.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams PGM (3) Chairman
Richard T. Coffin (10)
John L. Dolenc (7)
Charles F. Lewis (2)
Ray G. Williams (9)
Bro. Richard N. Sutliff (9) Advisor

The report was received for the record and did not receive a unanimous vote but received a majority vote and is a carryover resolution until the next annual communication.

Grand Master asked, “By the failure of 88-5 that should eliminate two more resolutions, should it not?”

James Williams indicated Yes Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren, since 88-5 did not pass, we must eliminate 88-1 and 88-6, because they are both in conflict with the Code. If that resolution had passed, then we would consider that they were not in conflict with the Code and we could go ahead on them, but as it is, we will have to delete those

5th Report

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

We your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution No. 88-3 have considered the same and report as follows:

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

The Committee recognizes the need for a Reorganized Code, and notes that the Grand Master has requested it. The Committee Chairman assisted in its preparation, that’s me, and reports that the reorganization consists only of rewording and relocating the Sections. It contains **NO** change of any provision, requirement or restriction. **NO** new law was written, and nothing was omitted.

The Grand Lodge being sovereign unto itself, has the authority to adopt a new Code because there is no actual change of any provision. The Committee rules that this resolution requires only a simple majority for passage.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams PGM (3) Chairman
Richard T. Coffin (10)
John L. Dolenc (7)
Charles F. Lewis (2)
Ray G. Williams (9)
Bro. Richard N. Sutliff (9) Advisor

The report was received and was adopted.

6th Report

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

We your Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Resolution No. 88-2, have considered the same and report as follows:

This Resolution is in proper form for the consideration of the Grand Lodge. Since it proposes to amend a Bylaw; it will require a three-quarter vote for passage.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams PGM (3) Chairman
Richard T. Coffin (10)
John L. Dolenc (7)
Charles F. Lewis (2)
Ray G. Williams (9)
Bro. Richard N. Sutliff (9) Advisor

The report was received for the record and failed to receive the required majority vote but received a simple majority vote and is a carryover resolution until the next annual communication.

7th Report

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

We your Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Resolution No. 88-4 have considered the same and report as- follows:

This Resolution is in proper form for consideration by the Grand Lodge. As a proposed Bylaw Amendment, it will require a three-quarter vote for passage.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams PGM (3) Chairman
Richard T. Coffin (10)
John L. Dolenc (7)
Charles F. Lewis (2)
Ray G. Williams (9)
Bro. Richard N. Sutliff (9) Advisor

The report was received for the record and failed to receive simple majority vote and was defeated.

8th Report

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

We your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution number 88-7, have considered the same, and report as follows:

Although resolutions are customarily limited to one subject, the Grand Lodge is not bound by this custom.

The Committee rules that this resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. This resolution may be amended by deleting any disapproved part. Passage of this resolution, or any part, or parts of it will require a three fourths vote.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams PGM (3) Chairman
Richard T. Coffin (10)
John L. Dolenc (7)
Charles F. Lewis (2)
Ray G. Williams (9)
Bro. Richard N. Sutliff (9) Advisor

The report was received for the record and adopted by a unanimous vote.

9th Report

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

We your Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Resolution No. 88-8 have considered the same and report as follows:

This Resolution is in proper form for the consideration by the Grand Lodge. As a proposed Constitutional Amendment, it will require a unanimous affirmative vote for passage.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams PGM (3) Chairman
Richard T. Coffin (10)
John L. Dolenc (7)
Charles F. Lewis (2)
Ray G. Williams (9)
Bro. Richard N. Sutliff (9) Advisor

The report was received for the record and adopted by a unanimous vote.

10th Report

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

We your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution No. 88-10, have considered the same and report as follows.

Although resolutions are customarily limited to one subject, the Grand Lodge is not bound by this custom. The committee rules that this resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge.

Although the proposed amendments to Section 73, is the same as part of a proposed amendment to the same Section in Resolution 88-7, it will do no harm to consider it again, unless it was earlier defeated. Which of course, it was not.

The passage of this resolution will require a three quarter affirmative vote.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams PGM (3) Chairman
Richard T. Coffin (10)
John L. Dolenc (7)
Charles F. Lewis (2)
Ray G. Williams (9)
Bro. Richard N. Sutliff (9) Advisor

The report was received for the record and was adopted..

11th Report

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

We your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution No. 88-11, have considered the same, and report as follows:

This Resolution is in proper form for the consideration by the Grand Lodge. Approval will require a three quarter vote.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams PGM (3) Chairman
Richard T. Coffin (10)
John L. Dolenc (7)
Charles F. Lewis (2)
Ray G. Williams (9)
Bro. Richard N. Sutliff (9) Advisor

The report was received for the record and was defeated.

Grievance and Appeals

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

We, your Committee on Grievance and Appeals, beg leave to report that the give-and-take spirit, such a material, necessary part of true fraternity, is so universal throughout the Jurisdiction of Alaska that disputes arising in the subordinate Lodges are settled in their own households. And the conduct of this membership is so above reproach that there has been no necessity of taking any action which might result in a grievance or appeal. The committee deems it an honor to have had this opportunity to serve the Grand Lodge. Thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Respectfully submitted,

Glen W. Pruett (3, 12) Chairman
Gunnar Flygenring (10)
Ronald H. Moore (11)

Finance

Report of the Finance Committee

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

I am giving this report for the Committee on Finances consisting of Brother Oien as Chairman, W Bro. Donald H. Dinkel, and W Bro. Leonard R. Young.

This is the opinion of the Finance Committee that balanced the sheets as of December the 31st, 1987, and the comparison of the actual period budgeted expenditures for the year then ended as a fair representation of the financial status and the results of operation of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska. The liability expense, once again over what we budgeted. We however have no control over the .premium in changes.

The Finance Committee has approved all expenses in excess of what was budgeted for 1987. The committee has met and approved the budget for the operation of the Grand Lodge for 1988; however, we recommend that the Finance Committee next year give serious condition, consideration to the alternative that might be used for additional revenue.

Expenses of operation seem to keep creeping up, each year, and within the future outdistance revenue.

In conclusion, we believe that the Grand Lodge finances are in good condition as of year end. And this is submitted by the chairman of the committee. Thank you Worshipful.

Respectfully submitted,

Burton Oien (3) Chairman
Donald H. Dinkel (7)
Leonard R. Young (10)
Leslie A. Wilkinson (3) Advisor

Report received for the record and adopted.

1st Report

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

We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Recommendation Number 1, as contained in the Grand Master's Annual Report, 1987 Recommendations, have considered the same, and report as follows:

That it appears that the Quarterly Bulletins are desirable and worthwhile, and a good investment by Grand Lodge and that, they be continued for the ensuing year. However, once again with our proper funding allocated for same, by the budget process of Grand Lodge. It should be noted, however, that each year lately, the excess of Grand Lodge income versus Grand Lodge expenditures has grown steadily smaller, as may be seen by only a some \$682 dollars worth of growth for the year 1987. The Finance Committee therefore is concerned and wondering as to how the Bulletins will be financed during the ensuing year of the above referenced Grand Masters Recommendation is approved, if the above referenced Grand Masters Recommendation is approved. The anticipated cost being approximately \$3,000 for the year. Therefore without proper funding being made available, the Finance Committee cannot in good conscience recommend the approval of this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

Burton Oien (3) Chairman
Donald H. Dinkel (7)
Leonard R. Young (10)
Leslie A. Wilkinson (3) Advisor

Report received for the record and adopted.

2nd Report

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

We your Committee on Finance to whom was referred the Grand Secretaries Annual Report for year 1987; complete with all the various financial reports, have considered the same and report as follows:

That the various and sundry financial statements including;

- A. The Balance Sheet as of 31 December 1987, and
- B. The Statement of Income for the year ending 31 December 1987, and
- C. The Comparison of Annual Budgets for years 1987 and 1988, and
- D. The General Fund Operating Statement, actual vs budget for the calendar year 1987, and

- E. The Proforma Statement of Available Funds as well as anticipated Income and Expenses for fiscal and calendar year 1988 are found to be in proper order and are hereby approved by the Finance Committee, with the recommendation that such approval be affirmed by this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

Burton Oien (3) Chairman

Donald H. Dinkel (7)

Leonard R. Young (10)

Leslie A. Wilkinson (3) Advisor

Report received for the record and adopted.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1987

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS:

Cash in Bank – 1st Nat'l Bank of Anchorage	\$ 5,209.64
Cash in Bank – NBA Cash Management Fund	25,022.70
Cash in Bank – NBA Permanent Fund	11,303.32
Time Certificates – Nat'l Bank of Alaska	536,840.54
 Total Cash assets	 \$95,376.20

Investment – 166 Shares Nat'l Bank of Alaska	1,330.00
Accounts Receivable – Const. Lodges	24,064.42
Inventories – Masonic Materials and Supplies	11,188.82
Prepaid Expenses –Printing Grand Lodge Proceedings	<u>6,000.00</u>

Total Current Assets \$137,959.44

FIXED ASSETS

	Cost	Allow for Depreciation	
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 8,544.94	\$ (7,204.95)	
Grand Lodge Regalia	12,106.95	(5,316.75)	
 Total Fixed Assets	 \$20,651.89	 (12,521.70)	 8,130.19

TOTAL ASSETS \$146,089.63

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

CURRENT LIABILITIES:

Commemorative Prints - Grainger	\$ 3,981.49
Reserve for Newsletter Publication	1,284.61
Reserve for Grand Lodge Travel, Etc.	21,569.24
Due to George Washington Ntl Memorial Fund	295.00
Coin Funds Payable	250.00

Net Worth

Balance – January 1, 1987	\$118,026.42
Add: Net Income - 1987	682.87

Net Worth – December 31, 1987 \$118,709.29

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH \$46,089.63

STATEMENT OF INCOME
For the Twelve Months Ended December 31, 1987

INCOME

Operating Income – Dues, Fees, & Assessments:

Per Capita Assessments	\$ 19,676.00
Fees for Degree Conferrals	675.00
Fees for Affiliations	245.00
Fees from Petitioners for Degrees - Net	<u>2,905.00</u>

Total Dues, Fees & Assessments	\$ 23,546.00
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Contributions & Donations	3,948.85
Sale of Masonic Materials & Supplies	2,540.29
Committee on Masonic Research & Education	1,550.00
Interest & Dividend Income	4719.16
Miscellaneous Income	<u>756.64</u>

Total Income	\$37,060.94
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EXPENSES

Operating Expenses

Committee on Arrangements –Grand Lodge	\$ 1,722.86
Print & Bind Annual Proceedings	6,965.44
Transcript of Annual Proceedings	1,719.00
Entertainment of Visitors	619.00
Grand Master’s Allowance	1,000.00
Grand Master’s National Conference Trip	1,000.00
Grand Lodge Temporary Office Services	600.00
Grand Secretary’s Allowance	3,600.00
Past Grand Master’s Gift (Regalia)	508.75
Depreciation Expense	2,074.57
Masonic Service Association Dues	300.00
Insurance – General Liability	5,319.00
Office Supplies & Other Expenses	4,052.81
Postage Expense	588.41
Printing Expense	1,840.70
Telephone & Telegraph	651.98
Miscellaneous	606.38
Cost of Masonic Materials & Supplies	2,585.49
Committee on Masonic Research & Education	623.18

<u>Total Expenses</u>	\$36,378.07
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<u>Net Income - 1987</u>	\$ 682.87
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**COMPARISON OF ANNUAL BUDGETS
CALENDAR YEARS 1987 AND 1988**

	1987 BUDGET	PROPOSED 1988 BUDGET	+ INCREASE - DECREASE
Grand Master's Expense Allowance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$. 0.00
Grand Master's Travel Allowance	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Committee on Fraternal Correspondence	250.00	250.00	0.00
Committee on Masonic Research & Education	250.00	250.00	0.00
Committee on Arrangements – Annual Comm..	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
Representatives' Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Printing & Binding - Proceedings	12,000.00	7,500.00*	-4,500.00+
Comprehensive Liability Insurance	4,500.00	5,500.00	+1,000.00
Entertainment of Visitors	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Grand Master's Gift (Regalia)	500.00	500.00	0.00
Charity	0.00	0.00	0.00
<u>SUB – TOTALS I</u>	\$ 22,500.00	\$19,000.00	\$ -3,500.00
Grand Secretary's Expense Allowance	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00	\$. 0.00
Grand Secretary's Travel Allowance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grand Lodge Expenses			
Temporary Office Services	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
Payroll Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fees – Legal Audit	0.00	0.00	0.00
Office Supplies & Expenses	3,200.00	3,200.00	0.00
Postage	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Transcript of Proceedings	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Telephone Expense	750.00	750.00	0.00
Printing Expense	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
Dues Expense			
Committee. on Fraternal Recognition	25.00	25.00	0.00
Masonic Service Association	300.00	300.00	0.00
Masonic Relief Association	52.00	52.00	0.00
Depreciations Expense:	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Expense	500.00	500.00	0.00
<u>SUB – TOTALS II</u>	\$17,427.00	\$17,427.00	\$. 0.00
<u>GRAND TOTALS</u>	\$39,927.00	\$36,427.00	\$*3,500.00+

* Includes \$1,500.00 unexpended funds from prior years to complete the 1983, 1984, and 1985 Proceedings plus \$3,000.00 each to produce the 1986 and 1987 Proceedings.

**OPERATING BUDGET - GENERAL FUND STATEMENT –
ACTUAL vs. BUDGET Calendar Year - 1987**

	1987 BUDGET	1987 EXPENDED	Variance
Grand Master's Expense Allowance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.00
Grand Master's Travel Allowance	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Committee on Fraternal Correspondence	250.00	0.00	(250.00)
Committee on Masonic Research & Education	250.00	623.18	373.18
Committee on Arrangements – Annual Comm.	2,000.00	1,722.86	(277.17)
Representatives' Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Printing and Binding - Proceedings	12,000.00	6,965.44	(5,034.56)
Comprehensive Liability Insurance	4,500.00	5,319.00	819.00
Entertainment of Visitors	1,000.00	619.00	(381.00)
Past Grand Master's Gift (Regalia)	500.00	508.75	8.75
Charity	0.00	0.00	0.00
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SUB – TOTALS I	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 17,758.23	\$ (4,741.77)
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Grand Secretary's Expense Allowance	\$3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 0.00)
Grand Secretary's Travel Allowance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grand Lodge Expenses			
Temporary Office Services	2,000.00	600.00	(1,400.00)
Payroll Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fees – Legal Audit	0.00	0.00	0.00
Office Supplies & Expenses	3,200.00	4,052.81	852.81
Postage	1,000.00	588.41	(411.59)
Transcript of Proceedings	1,000.00	1,719.50	719.50
Telephone Expense	750.00	651.98	(98.02)
Dues Expense			
Committee. on Fraternal Recognition	25.00	0.00	(25.00)
Masonic Service Association	300.00	300.00	0.00
Masonic Relief Association	52.00	0.00	(52.00)
Depreciations Expense:	2,500.00	2,074.57	(425.43)
Miscellaneous Expense	500.00	606.38	106.38
Cost of Masonic Materials & Supplies	0.00	2,585.49	2,585.49
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SUB – TOTALS II	\$17,427.00	\$ 18,619.84	\$ 1,192.84
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GRAND TOTAL	\$39,927.00	\$36,378.07	\$(3,548.93)

**PRO-FORMA STATEMENT OF AVAILABLE FUNDS,
ANTICIPATED AND EXPENSES FISCAL/CALENDAR YEAR 1988**

ESTIMATED INCOME

Grand Lodge per capita Tax	\$20,000.00	
Fees or degrees conferred and dual/affiliate memberships	1,000.00	
Contribution to General fund from Petitioners for Degrees	6,000.00	
Sale of Masonic Materials and Supplies – Net of Cost of Sales	1,000.00	
Interest income on investments	<u>4,000.00</u>	
<u>Total Estimated Income</u>		\$32,000.00

ESTIMATED AVAILABLE FUNDS:

Estimated Funds on hand January 1, 1988 carried over from priors period	<u>95,376.20</u>	
<u>Total Estimated Available Funds</u>		127,376.20

ESTIMATED EXPENSES

Estimated expenditures as per the Proposed Budget for Fiscal/Calendar Year 1988	(36,427.00)	
Less: Prepaid Funds - Print Proceedings	<u>6,000.00</u>	
		<u>(30,427.00)</u>

<u>ESTIMATED EXCESS OF AVAILABLE FUNDS OVER PROPOSED EXPENDITURES</u>		<u>\$ 96,949.20</u>
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Masonic Research and Education

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

The Committee on Masonic Research and Education wishes to thank you for the privilege of serving this Grand Lodge this past year. We do feel that the committee performed as requested. We were willing to do much more had the questions been asked for our research.

During the year one or more of this committee attended most of the official visits by the Grand Lodge Team, and made some type of educational presentation. This was in talks and or seminars. During these visits many different books of Masonic literature were made available.

We had to raise the prices of most of the books considerably this year because of price increases by the publishers. The cost of these books that we have for sale is still quite a bargain, especially when we all need Masonic education.

We do believe that the Lodges in this jurisdiction should be able to ask many more questions for this committee questions to handle. We did notice that if questions were asked by the committee, that there were many more questions that came from the audience.

We of the committee would like to thank you again, Most Worshipful Sir, for the privilege of serving you this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell A. Burnett Chairman (11)

Jerald M. Pendergrass (7)

John W. Underwood (3)

Robert L. Van Huss (8)

Alfred M. White (8, 11)

Masonic Public Relations

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

Distinguished guests and brethren all:

The goals of the Public Relations Committee this year were to make the general public aware of the Masonic Lodges in the respective communities. We submitted appropriate articles to the local newspapers about Masonic events. We also notified each member by letter, in advance, of the Grand Lodge visit to his Lodge.

One other goal that was accomplished right after the annual communication last February, was sending an article announcing the election of our new Grand Master, Fred V. Angleton, to many of the state newspapers. We picked newspapers that have Masonic Lodges in or near their city. Those selected were: The Anchorage Daily News, Anchorage Times, Chugach-Eagle River Star, Cordova Times, Fairbanks Daily News Miner, Kodiak Times, Kodiak Daily Mirror, Lynn Canal News, Nome Nugget, The Frontiersman, Peninsula Clarion, Seward Phoenix Log, Valdez Vanguard, and The Valley Sun. To make each one of these articles appropriate, we listed all local members that were either elected or appointed to a Grand Lodge office or committee.

Our next goal was sending out a letter to each member with an Alaska address signed by the Grand Master of the official Grand Lodge visit to his Lodge. We sent out announcement letters of each visit to the following Lodges: White Pass No. 1 = 28 letters, Anvil No. 2 = 32 letters, Tanana No. 3 = 211 letters, Valdez No. 4 = 35 letters, Mt. McKinley No. 5 = 33 letters, Seward No. 6 = 43 letters, Matanuska No. 7 = 80 letters, Mt. Susitna No. 8 = 106 letters, Kodiak No. 9 = 35 letters, Glacier No. 10 = 153 letters, Kenai No. 11 = 106 letters, Fairbanks No. 12 = 53 letters, Eagle River No. 13 = 59 letters, and Adak No. 14 = 21 letters. We also sent a second letter to Mt. Susitna No. 8 and Glacier No. 10 members because of a second Grand Lodge visit. We therefore sent approximately 1,250 letters to members with an Alaska address for the Grand Master's visits. Before each official visit the committee submitted an article to each previously listed newspaper announcing the meeting.

The committee also submitted an article to the Peninsula Clarion, Anchorage Daily News, and Anchorage Times about the cornerstone laying of the Municipal building and school in the Soldotna area. A letter was also sent to the Valdez Vanguard, Fairbanks Daily News Miner, Anchorage Daily News, and The Anchorage Times concerning the International Masonic Day in Valdez in May.

Thank you Most Worshipful. Brother Angleton, for allowing us to serve on this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

V. Clifford Darnell Chairman (8, 13)
John C. Peck (7)
Richard L. Holyoke (9)
William R. Miller (10)

Public Schools

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

Each year the Grand Master issues a proclamation designating the month of April, or its third week, a time to recognize and uphold our Public Schools.

As stated in the Alaska Masonic Code, Section 20.5 entitled, Public Schools: "The committee on Public Schools shall maintain a continuous program throughout the year of educating our members in the importance of the American system of tax-supported Public Schools and the preservation in its inviolability."

Some of our Lodges have an ongoing program in support of our Public Schools, and others do not. Every Lodge in the Jurisdiction of Alaska is encouraged to have a program and display to the public our support, as Masons, of that great educational system of our country, the Public Schools. The type or kind of program promoted is the prerogative of each Lodge. The Grand Lodge does not intend to dictate or recommend any particular program, only that every Lodge is encouraged to do so.

It is the goal of this Grand Lodge that we have 100 percent participation from our Lodges in promoting to the public and demonstrating our support, the merits of our system of Public Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Thomas (6, 11) Chairman
Larry M. Sizemore (13)
Raymond R. Wagener (3)

DeMolay

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

To start this year out, all chapters of DeMolay were in a slump. Membership was way down. We had a conclave in Anchorage but the participation in ritual competition did not compare to prior years. There were replacements made in the advisory councils of both Anchorage and Kenai Chapters. Arctic Chapter has had its worst year since reinstatement. The only chapter to achieve its membership goal is Mat-Su, which has increased its members by 24.

We tried to get a degree team to go to Valdez in May, but because we lacked members to do the ritual, we had to cancel. A leadership training camp was planned at a fly-in lake near Fairbanks, and because of the few registrations submitted, it, too, was cancelled.

A meeting with the Executive Officer in early January of this year indicated a general turn around in Anchorage and Kenai. Both chapters have new advisors who are young and energetic. Both chapters have taken in new members and enthusiasm is much higher. So the future looks much brighter in these two locations. Arctic chapter in Fairbanks, however, shows no sign of improvement. The advisors of this chapter have given serious thought to closing it down. As of this report it has an average of five members in attendance at each meeting.

For those of you who have heard of the problems concerning the leadership camp in Wasilla, the Grand Master has kept abreast of this. This committee was assured as recently as January of this year that it was being handled by the Executive officer in the best manner possible.

My Brothers, I have stood before this Grand Body several times and reported on the need of our support for the Order of the DeMolay. Without you it cannot exist. The statutes require five Master Masons to sponsor a chapter of DeMolay, so it seems to me if we want DeMolay in Alaska, then we also assume the responsibility of helping it to survive. My Brothers, this is one time when you are not being asked for money. All we are asking for now is your support and help in selling our ideals to the parents of young boys from ages 13 to 21.

I could speak at great lengths on the Order of DeMolay. I have visited the Supreme Council sessions and made friends with young men throughout the United States. Watching these young men really improves your faith and hope in the future. Please brothers, join with me in securing our future and theirs by supporting Alaska DeMolay.

I would ask that it be accepted, however, I would ask you if I can add a little to it if it is alright with you MW Sir.

I met a young fellow, a senior DeMolay and now a Master Mason in the Anchorage Airport before I left, and he kind of gave me a little report on Anchorage DeMolay, which I would like to add to this, and I have also spoke with Brother Ian Ricker; and it seems that Anchorage DeMolay in the last two months has, really been flourishing which is really a great thing to see. They have initiated I think around 8 members and they have got four waiting to be done this week or next.

According to my report, in December the outlook wasn't very great. However, I would like to read just the last paragraph of that report; and I have spoken at great lengths before this Grand Body many times, and visited outside in many areas where DeMolay is functional and I have attended several of the Supreme Council Sessions. It is a great thing, and I hope that if any of you are in the area where the Supreme Council is having their meeting, that you would make every effort to visit and see how these young people conduct their meetings and how strictly they operate, and, it is a great thing to see all these things going on. And, the last sentence, I would add, please Brothers, join with me

in securing our future and I believe it is our future, and theirs by supporting these young men of Alaska DeMolay.

I have one more little poem that I didn't memorize but however, I would like to add to this, and it was published in a Masonic Bulletin which most of you received and it was given, by Brother Dan Morgan at the Supreme Council Sessions in 1982 I'm a little tender hearted on this poem, so I might not make it through very well, it says:

Walk a little plainer dad,
said a little boy so frail;
I'm following in your footsteps,
and I don't want to fail.

Sometimes your steps are very plain,
sometimes they are hard to see;
So walk a little plainer dad,
for you are leading me.

I know that once you walked this way,
many years ago;
And what you did along the way,
I'd really like to know.

For sometimes when I am tempted,
I don't know what to do;
So walk a little plainer dad,
for I must follow you.

Someday when I am grown up,
you are like I want to be;
Then I will have a little boy,
who will want to follow me.

And I would want to lead him right,
and help him to be true;
So walk a little plainer dad,
for we must follow you..

Respectfully submitted,

Lloyd W. Triggs Chairman (3)

Robert M. Parkins (8, 13)

Aves D. Thompson (10, 13)

Report received for record.

Bylaws

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished East and Brethren all, this is the first and I hope only report of Bylaws and is presented in condensed form. We had seven requests of changes and I will just go down, one at a time and give you the highlights.

- No. 1 We had a request by White Pass Lodge No. 1 for Life Membership. The Committee felt that the wording and (garbled) were in compliance with the Code. There was no sliding scale for cost according to age and for this reason, we recommended that it be referred to the Finance Committee.
- No. 2 Approved, White Pass Lodge No. 1 for a dues increase from \$20.00 to \$30.00 per year.
- No. 3 Approved, White Pass Lodge No. 1 for change of two Stated Meetings per month, to one Stated Meeting per month.
- No. 4 Approved a request by Glacier Lodge No. 10 to form an audit committee to make reports twice a year to the Lodge.
- No. 5 Approved the Bylaws of Aurora Lodge UD with the exception of Section 3, Article 3 - which conflicted with the Code. This has since been corrected.
- No. 6 Approved a change of Stated Meetings from the first Thursday of each month to the third Thursday of each month for Fairbanks No. 12.
- No. 7 Approved a request for Life Membership of Eagle River Lodge No. 13 to be referred to the Finance Committee for the approval of financial portions of the Bylaws.

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. Bentley PGM (10, 11) Chairman
Marvin R. Harned (4)
Harry A. Lewis (2)

Report received for record and approved.

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 1987

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

Vernon DeHaven,

April 17, 1985

George Walter Baldwin, PGM

October 1, 1987

Anvil Lodge No. 2

Will Moore Gillis, PM

February 1, 1987

Tanana Lodge No. 3

Ralph Strom

Unknown

John Albert Vogt

Unknown

Ignazio Canale

Unknown

John Raymond Pitman

Unknown

Leslie Lloyd Culp

Unknown

Harold Crandall Creighton

Unknown

Harry Emmet Quest,

Unknown

Henry Alien Greethurst

February 19, 1987

Russell Henry Putman

May 1987

Louis Arnold Anciaux

May 1987

Verdun Lester Andrus

May 1987

Kenneth Morris Campbell

May 1987

Charlie Kieth Lohr

June 15, 1987

John Leland Cothorn

July 1, 1987

Russell Sharon Orcutt

July 1, 1987

Earl Richard Pilgrim

August 26, 1987

Vincent Edward James

September 1, 1987

David James McCarter, Sr.

September 15, 1987

Robert George Gregg	September 26, 1987
John Holly Derrick	September 26, 1987
Everett White Patton	October 1, 1987
Jack E. Lane	October 29, 1987
Robert Maxwell Jewett	November 22, 1987
David Edwin Giesy	November 25, 1987
Edward Eugene Chamberline	November 30, 1987
George Edward Tremper	December 21, 1987
Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5	
Jay C. Bynum	May 30, 1987
Seward Lodge No. 6	
George Miller	January 20, 1987
Joe Alpheus Peek	May 4, 1987
James Cameron, PM	July 25, 1987
Matanuska Lodge No. 7	
Claire Landis Martin	August 1, 1987
Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8	
Dennis L. Terhune	1987
Michael Erwin Roberson	March 25, 1987
Donald Lyle St. Louis	June 19, 1987
Roy Alien Prestegard, PM	October 3, 1987
Iram Edward Money	December 11, 1987
Kodiak Lodge No. 9	
Norman Oscar Ramge	March 22, 1987
Glacier Lodge No. 10	
Myron Herbert Johnstone	November, 1987
Kenai Lodge No. 11	
George Miller	January 20, 1987
Joe Alpheus Peek	May 4, 1987
Fairbanks Lodge No. 12	
Howard Paul Brown	December 29, 1986

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

Dear God, our Heavenly Father, as we reflect upon the Brothers who have passed away - we thank thee for permitting us to know them and fellowship with them and be part of this great body of Masons throughout the world. We thank thee for their influence upon those of whom they came into contact and the way that they have influenced our lives as well. We would pray that thou would receive them and hold them close to thine heart and comfort them. We would ask a special blessing upon our, dear departed Brother who so recently passed away - Brother Harry Lewis. And for his loved ones, for the pain that ... Watch over his loved ones, and keep them in special care, and keep us all thy loving grace in thy comfortable arms. Until that day that we can once again all be with thee, eternal in the heavens. We ask it 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:

Thank you Most Worshipful Sir for the privilege and honor of serving as Grand Lecturer this past year. It is not only an honor for me, but it reflects honor on my Lodge as well. I am sorry I did not accomplish as much as I would have liked. I did attend meetings in Palmer and Valdez, and of course the two Lodges in Fairbanks which I attended regularly. I also was pleased to participate in three cornerstone layings. Two in Soldotna and one in Anchorage. I thank you for the privilege of acting as Grand Orator at one of the cornerstone layings in Soldotna.

Let me remind you, my brethren, that even in this allegedly - but often counterfeit - era of sophistication, appreciation of excellence is still responsive to stimulus.

Thus, careless, slipshod presentation of degrees and other ritual application not only cannot be condoned, but must be condemned.

Perfection has ever been the target of the craft. It lives in the impeccable language inherent in our prescribed ceremonies.

To deliver a lecture with halting, faulty delivery, inaccuracy and ineptitude is to invite rejection; to deliver them with rehearsed precision and studied comprehension is to inaugurate the insurance of both enhanced attendance and rekindled interest and pride in the fraternity. I urge all presiding Masters, whose primary obligation it is, steadfastly to press for strict observance of protocol; undeviating practice of our unique etiquette and insistence upon the highest level of performance.

To my successor, may you have a very happy, harmonious and rewarding year. In

closing, I would like to say, take the initials of the word, "RITUAL".

READ IT
INTENSELY STUDY IT
THINK ABOUT IT
UNDERSTAND IT
AND THEN
LEARN YOUR PART

Again, thank you, Grand Master.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred L. McGuire (3, 12)
Grand Lecturer

Report received for the record.

Report of Grand Orator

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

During the last year this Grand Lodge has had the opportunity to lay three corner stones on as many buildings. Among these buildings were a city hall and a high school in Soldotna and the Performing Arts Center in Anchorage. These events were some of the highlights of the year for not only me but others as well.

In my travels with the Grand Master I was able to visit many lodges in the state and the Grand Lodges of Oregon and Washington.

Throughout the summer and fall, I have thought about a lot of subjects for this oration, even to the extent of preparing, discarding, rewriting, and discussing with different individuals several topics on which to speak. Even this speech today was put on hold a time or two.

Not being accustomed to public speaking on a variety of subjects, it was extremely difficult to settle on any one thing that was worthwhile listening to. But I finally decided on this one with a few modifications.

In this ever increasing world of turmoil, man is born with some very basic needs. Expressing himself is sometimes difficult, and when he does, he needs someone to listen. Ability to create is essentially necessary as men often help others as he helps himself. Love is also another fundamental need of every individual and he therefore needs the love of others. He needs a lot of hope, so he will never lose sight of the hope for success, and also hopes for reward for the endeavors he has undertaken during stressful times, and

lastly hope for acceptance, and along with hope, there must be faith in God, faith in himself, and faith in mankind.

There is a very obvious question you must ask. How does Freemasonry relate to the problems of our world? The answer is quite simple to say the least; Freemasonry is a great way of life and a guide for us to follow. While Masonic Lodges instruct their candidates one at a time, the fact remains that the global expansion of Masonic precepts throughout mankind will eventually build a Brotherhood of Man.

To have genuine Freemasonry it is necessary to have a Brotherhood of Men and some degree of worldwide peace. And if there must be peace in this world, then there must be some degree of stability in all parts of the world. Unfortunately, we don't seem to have that today.

Most of the time genuine Freemasonry displays quality, integrity, honesty, and stability, but if we classify Freemasonry as "genuine", then we must also get the impression that there should be some form of Masonry somewhere that is not genuine. We find that some Masons are concerned with their Lodge only when it is convenient, and these are the brethren who love large membership figures and large bank balances. Then there are those who learn to understand the history, philosophy, and purpose of our Fraternity, and they are the ones that demand the genuine product.

It is said that pure, genuine, Freemasonry teaches lasting values for the individual, and therefore, it has been, and will likely remain, relevant to all ages. Masonic precepts are like the law of gravity, and while we may travel beyond its influence and into space, the law of gravity remains constant. Even so, there have always been those who advocate the changing of Freemasonry under some kind of disguise of making it more amenable to the times of today. They claim that we must adapt to the demands of the outside world, and if we don't, they warn that Freemasonry will die on the vines in a few short years.

We have seen those who have tried to make radical changes to our Lodges and the fraternity and some who continually boast when they "get into higher places" they will straighten this and that out to make everything "all better". Fortunately, it is not the power of any man, or body of men, to make innovation in the body of Freemasonry; and we can be very thankful that our Ancient Landmarks and Charges provide reasonable and necessary control to sustain any deviation from our established customs.

While they are not always successful, people in every segment of society adopt laws, rules and regulations for government to use to eliminate turmoil, and provide some form of natural stability. The frivolous pressures and whims of some, can never be that form of stability like we see in a tree for example; for "they" are nothing more than a leaf that grows on the tree. And as time progresses and the seasons change, that little leaf takes on a new color and soon falls to our mother earth among those who have fallen before.

Freemasonry today needs Lodges that are willing, determined, and able to create knowledgeable and well-read Masons. This is one of the purposes for which new Lodges must be chartered, and our goal will never be realized unless it is done by the more professional type Masons of our respective Lodges. When we are able to develop a group of these type of Masons, who are able to provide a truly genuine service to the brothers, then and only then will they be an asset to all mankind.

You must therefore ask; how is our Fraternity to accomplish it's purpose? Well, as I see it, we have two choices. We can continue our search for gimmicks and the like, or, we can return to the dedicated practice of Freemasonry.

Since thought and action are a part of the rules of the world, our Masonic Precepts are logically arranged in three simple divisions of thought and action. We are taught faith, hope, and charity, which are our spiritual requirements. Masons are urged to display brotherly love, relief, and truth, which govern our association with all mankind. But, we are admonished to practice and protect the four cardinal virtues; temperance, fortitude, prudence, and justice which guide us daily through the days of our lives.

These precepts provide guidance to the individuals who become good Masons, and likewise become well-skilled in the arts and sciences of Freemasonry. We sometimes see that the candidate merely fails to pay adequate attention to gain the knowledge we had hoped for. And, for whatever reason, the basic, fundamental message of Freemasonry is too often missed. We all know that knowledgeable, well-informed Masons do not come about in a mere five or ten years; it comes after many years of fruitful searching for more knowledge of our beloved institution.

So, you ask, what action is appropriate in order to achieve some of these principals? Well, it is my belief and the belief of many others, that every candidate begins his Masonic endeavors with a conductor and in the first few minutes of his Entered Apprentice Initiation he receives a very simple, and also a very specific admonition: "Arise, follow your conductor, and fear no danger".

This leaves no doubt in my mind that we need a lot of the above and just a few leaders to follow. And to me, this says it all.

Finally, I would like to thank you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, for the opportunity to serve, and to each and everyone of you here today, thank you for your kind attention.

Fraternally submitted,

Peter E. Nilles (10, UD)
Grand Orator

Report received for the record.

Report of Grand Historian

Formation of Anvil Lodge at Nome, Alaska

This historical report covers events leading to the formation of Anvil Lodge at Nome, Alaska, and information about its early history. Unfortunately, records of Anvil Lodge #140 of F&AM of Washington were lost in the big fire which destroyed the town in 1934. In place of official records references for this report are from copies of two informative letters. One, from Hon. Chas D. Jones, a member of the Territorial Senate from Nome. Bro. Jones joined the Anvil Masonic Club in 1900. The second letter was from Bro. Frank B. Lazier, a trustee of the Anvil Masonic Club. We are indebted to RW Walberg Tonstad, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Washington for copies of these historical letters.¹

Additional information for this report was obtained from VW Harry A. Lewis, Secretary of the Anvil Lodge #2, and Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge of Alaska. The Washington Grand Lodge Proceedings of 1905 and 1906 also provided an informative source of information.

This report will shed light on the dedication of Masons in an remote, desolate and frontier country who met for the cultivation and enjoyment of Masonic principles and customs. It will show the compassion of Masons in Nome in their dispensation of assistance for those sick and/or destitute. It will show the progress and problems of forming a Masonic Lodge in this Northern District..

Reports (marked Exhibit C) to the Grand Master of Washington in September 1904 strongly endorsing a petition for a new Lodge, should shed further light on the background and activities of Anvil Masonic Club² This information was not available at the writing of this report.

Following is a general report on the formation of the Anvil Masonic Club, Anvil Lodge UD, and the formation of Anvil Lodge #140, of F. & A. M. of Washington.

ANVIL MASONIC CLUB OF NOME

The Anvil Masonic Club of Nome was the forerunner of Anvil Lodge #2, of F. & A. M, of Alaska. On August 26th, 1899, at 8 P.m., a meeting of Free Masons was held in what was then known as Anvil City (now Nome) Alaska. This meeting was for the purpose of forming an organization of Master Masons. Sixteen Masons were present and plans discussed. At a meeting held September 2, a committee was appointed to draft bylaws which resulted in a permanent organization being effected September 9, 1899. At this meeting bylaws were adopted and officers elected.

The name adopted was the ANVIL MASONIC CLUB, after Anvil Mountain, just to the north. Its duration was to be until a charter was obtained for forming a Masonic lodge. The preamble to the bylaws stated that "the undersigned hereby form themselves

into a social organization for the purpose of exemplifying the virtues and performing the duties imposed upon all Free and Accepted Masons. The objects of the club were also declared "to dispense charity to worthy Masons ... which scope, however, was afterward enlarged to include the entire northwestern portion of Alaska."

Bro. Frank B. Lazier went to Nome in the Gold Rush of 1900. "In the fall of 1901 he left Nome and spent the winter in Seattle." He returned to Nome in 1902, spent a year there, and then returned to the Seattle area. Here he spoke before many Lodges in several jurisdictions in connection with the relief work of the Nome Club. Bro. Lazier writes: "The Nome Masonic Club did a grand work, Masonically and charitably. To the number of five or six hundred, it gathered together Masons from all parts of the world. Admission required that a man prove himself to be a Master Mason, and conduct becoming such. *I never enjoyed any association more in my life.*"

"I remember well one of its creditable acts. At a business meeting in the winter of 1900 a man struggled into town, his strength almost gone. He was a Mason and reported that he had to leave his partner, also a Mason, many miles back on the trail. That was about eleven o'clock at night. By two o'clock, two Masons, with one of the swiftest dog teams, started out in the face of a terrible blizzard. They took their lives in their hands when they faced that storm. But they found their man and brought him safely into town. Although badly frozen he made a good recovery. I could cite many other instances of not only charitable but heroic acts on the part of the Anvil Masonic Club. I remember their spending \$600 to save the life of one of its members who was dangerously ill and without funds."

The splendid relief work of the Anvil Masonic Club cannot be overemphasized. Many prospectors became destitute and were in need of assistance. "In the summer of 1900 there were 30,000 people at Nome, but 16,000 left in 13 weeks."⁴ A Masonic cemetery association was incorporated by a Masonic committee.

A photograph of 200 members of the Anvil Masonic Club, identified by name, is enclosed as a part of this report.⁵ (Ed. Note; No photograph is enclosed)

During the Winter of 1900, the question of applying for a charter for a Blue Lodge was discussed at some of the meetings. The movement finally gained strength. Correspondence resulted in an application for a charter. St. John Lodge #9, of F. & A. M., of Washington, was the original sponsor of the Anvil Lodge in 1904. Their resolution of sponsorship was adopted at once and forwarded immediately to the Grand Master. An excerpt from the history of St. John Lodge #9, of F. & A. M., of Washington pertaining to sponsorship to form Anvil Lodge, furnished by VW Harry Lewis of Nome, is attached as a part of this report. (Ed. Note: No report attached to this report)

ANVIL LODGE U.D.

The dispensation was granted September 26, 1904. It was transmitted to Nome September 30th with a letter from the Grand Secretary. The dispensation was received October 22, 1904 at which time the Lodge started to function. The lodge room at the time

was on the second floor of a building owned by Joe Jourden. Additional background information regarding the decision by M.W. Grand Master Ralph McAllister to issue a dispensation for Anvil Lodge can be found in the 1905 Proceedings of the MW Grand Lodge of Washington under "New Lodges."⁷

The first Master was Alvin J. Bruner, a Nome attorney. Frank William Swanson was elected Senior Warden. Thomas Milburn Reed Jr., son of the first and for many years Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Washington, was elected Junior Warden. MW Thomas M. Reed Sr. was a Grand Officer in the Grand Lodge of Washington for 47 years. He was an Honorary Member of Anvil Masonic Club and an ardent supporter of the Anvil Club and Lodge.⁸

Nome was in a boom period and the Lodge grew rapidly and prospered. "From the time of organization under the dispensation to the following February 23, 1905 the lodge's report showed that it had raised thirty-seven Masons and affiliated seventeen. Brother Chas. D. Jones writes that "the first candidate initiated was Ira D. Orton. Many nights special meetings were held to do the work. I recall distinctly twice when the Lodge met at one o'clock, worked all afternoon, a dinner was held and we then went back and worked until midnight. "When the Anvil Club disbanded, there was quite a balance in the treasury which we voted to put into a building adjoining the lodge building, the rent of which, as I recall, was to be used for the aid of destitute or needy Masons, which had been one of the main objects in the Club work."⁹

ANVIL LODGE #140, of F. & A. M., of Washington

In 1905 a petition for a charter for a Lodge, sent over ice mail to the Grand Lodge, was received by our Grand Master, MW Ralph McAllister. Brother Frank B. Lazier writes: "WM McAllister was a personal friend of mine. Upon receipt of the petition he came at once to me, handed me the petition and said, You know a hundred times more about the situation there than I do. I want your advice. Whatever it is I will follow.

"I thought it over for a few moments and then replied, all the time I was in Nome it was no place for a Masonic Lodge. The Club, under the conditions that existed there at that time, was doing a far greater and better work than could a Lodge. If they had applied for this two or three years ago my answer would have been NO. The floating population, and likewise the general population has materially decreased. Business, generally, is on a much more substantial basis, and a form of city government has been established. Considering all these things, and knowing the high character of some of the Masons signing the petition, my advice to you is to grant the Charter." The charter was granted June 14, 1905.

On September 9, 1905, Most Worshipful John Arthur, Past Grand Master, of F. & A. M., of Washington, acting as the Grand Master's Deputy, constituted and installed the officers of Anvil Lodge, No. 140, at Nome Alaska. In his report to the Grand Master MW John Arthur wrote:

"I have no fear for the future of that Lodge, the long winters there, coupled with the absence of theatrical entertainments such as we have in the States, give the members ample opportunity to study Masonry, both as a system of philosophy and as a system of ritualism. Last winter they often met about 3 o'clock in the afternoon and kept the Lodge open until 11 or 12 o'clock, discussing every phase of Masonry and the esoteric work. The officers invariably appear in full dress, as do many of the members and visiting brethren. They have a very high opinion of their Lodge and they uphold its dignity in a manner that is very gratifying. I found them well versed in the standard work of Washington. I have little doubt that Anvil Lodge will shortly become, if it is not already, the best governed and best working Lodge within the Grand Jurisdiction of Washington. "I congratulate you on the constitution of this splendid young Lodge - the most northern and the most western Masonic Lodge in the United States - during your incumbency of the Grand Mastership."¹⁰

"In 1906 the lodge built a temple at Federal Way and Second Avenue, which with furnishings cost \$50,000. Bro. Frank Kiesele did the decorating of the Lodge room. The ceiling extended out about ten feet on each side from the wall, then an oval dome extended the full length of the room, with the EYE, just under the middle of it, over the Master's station. Kiesele had put his whole heart and soul into the painting of this dome; it shaded from a light blue over the center to a deep blue where it joined the ceiling from each side with gilt stars painted on it. It was a beautiful piece of work and was feelingly commented on by visiting brothers from all sections of the United States. A choir loft with the organ was over the station of the Senior Warden. In the 3rd degree work a choir chanted the lecture which the Master gives. The chant was composed by a member raised in the lodge, by the name of Thornquist. It added greatly to the impressiveness of the occasion and I have often wondered why it was not made a part of the ceremony so that Lodges with a big enough membership could use it. In the great conflagration of Nome on September 17, 1934, this temple and the lodge's records were destroyed, a total loss."

This report would not be complete without mention of a serious problem that faced Anvil Lodge #140, F. & A. M, of Washington. The difficulty was representation at Grand Lodge. Nome is icebound during the winter and spring months and the only transportation "outside" was to travel over 1,200 miles by dog team to Valdez and then board a ship for Seattle. Grand Lodge Code required delegates and/or proxies to be a member of the lodge they are representing. It was difficult if not impossible for Nome be represented. There was much discussion and veritable concern in Grand Lodge regarding this problem. It is interesting to note that the *1907 Proceedings* of the MW Grand Lodge of Washington expressed the idea that subordinate Lodges in Alaska be encouraged to form a Grand Lodge which they had confidence would be accomplished.¹¹

Anvil Lodge #2, of F. & A. M, of Alaska can well be proud of their heritage. They were fortunate to have outstanding leaders both in Nome and in the Grand Lodge of Washington. The challenges and needs were unique. Their response to distressed brothers was in the finest tradition of Masonic principles.

1 RW Walberg Tonstad, Grand Secretary of Washington

2 1905 Proceedings of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Washington, Pages 16-18

3 History of Anvil Club booklet

- 4 Richard, 1909, Pages. 308-337
- 5 Photo of 220 members of Anvil Masonic Club
- 6 Excerpt from the history of St. John Lodge #9 of F&AM, of Washington
- 7 1905 Proceedings of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Washington, Pages 16-18
- 8 1906 Proceedings of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Washington. Pages 77-79
- 9 1908 Proceedings of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Washington. Pages 22-23
- 10 1906 Proceedings of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Washington. Page 16
- 11 1906 Proceedings of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Washington. Pages 102-103

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Grainger
Grand Historian

Most Worshipful Grand Master indicated that our Grand Historian has been hard at work all year, in keeping him informed of his research, hopefully, we will all read his report, it is a lot of history about Nome in that report. In the last letter I received from the Grand Historian, Worshipful John Grainger sent a little story. "The gold-rush prospectors who, who, became Alaska Pioneers, were very hardy, to survive it was necessary to meet the adversities with strength, combined with a sense of humor." The letter goes on to say, "I would like to relate an account of an experience of one of the real old, timers, and experienced placer miner, and a member of the Nome Lodge." He found it necessary to go "outside" as we call it, going out to the lower forty-eight; for the thorough medical examination and a check-up.

This account of the ordeal exemplifies the spirit of Alaskan Pioneers. "When I reported to the clinic, I was instructed to return the next morning for my examination. Had I known what was in store for me, I would not have slept much that night. The first thing that they did was to give me a thorough ground sluicing, for this purpose, they used a sort of a two way hickey, the water going in at one end, and the tailings coming out the other. Then they took me into another room, they stretched me out on a table, then wired me like a felon in an electric chair. They hooked one wire into a cylinder with a roll of paper attached to it, just like they use at the weather bureau up in Nome. They then hooked another wire onto a small round mirror, with a light in it, this they put inside me and the doc came in and put on a muzzle and took a look to see in my inwards. And when he had finished, they unwired me, took me to another room and stood me up against a wall and shot me from head to foot. When all this was over, I had to wait around for an hour or more to get the report. Which, I am happy, very happy to say, was all good to the good. In fact, it gave me a clean bill of health. As I was leaving, someone asked me how I felt, and what I thought of the modern methods they use now-a-days. I replied, that I felt fine, but that I had to learn one new thing about myself; I realized that I had always been piped for water and gas, but this is the first time that I had been wired for electricity."

Charters and Dispensations

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

(W Les Little read report) Most Worshipful Grand Master, on behalf of W Bro. Mitch Saunders, Chairman of the Charters and Dispensations Committee, I am happy to report that for the one Lodge to whom a dispensation was issued during the year 1987. The records of that Lodge have been examined and found to be in proper form for consideration of a Charter for this Grand Lodge. I ask that this report be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

W Les Little for W E. Mitchell Saunders (6, 11) Chairman

Report received for record. and adopted.

Constitutional Observance

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

The Constitutional Observance and the Research and Education Committees developed an idea of making a videotape to present to the Grand Lodge and to each Lodge to use in a celebration of the 200th anniversary of our Constitution. After much discussion, we decided to have four or five Brothers do some research on some of the Masonic signers of the Constitution, give a brief summary of their findings and have VW Brother Al White act as Master of Ceremonies. We also asked W Bro. Pete Nilles to make the videotapes and the Grand Master, MW Fred Angleton, to furnish the tapes if this idea met with his approval. He did. We were finally ready for our debut on videotape.

W Bro. Pete Nilles made copies of the tape, one was sent to the Grand Lodge and one copy was sent to each of the Lodges. Two extra copies were made and sent to Brothers in Washington and Oregon.

We wish to especially thank W Bro. Pete Nilles for his many efforts in making the videotape and copies. He spent many long hours with his camera and equipment. Additionally, we wish to thank the Sojourners: Brothers Jim Tanner, Dr. Herbert James, Lou Campbell, Bill Coghill, Gene Platzek, Frank Rosendale, and Mike Jenne. Specific thanks are due to Brother Jim Tanner who coordinated the Sojourners. We also thank the Brothers that did the research on the signers of the Constitution: W Bro. Bob Van Huss, W Bro. Will Josey, W Bro. Jerry Pendergrass, Bro. Dick Green, and VW Bro. Al White, who made two trips to Anchorage; W Bro. Russ Burnett, who made the first trip to Anchorage but could not do the second one; and W Bro. Dan Folwick who filled in at the last minute.

We also planned to have a small celebration of the 200th anniversary on September 17, 1987, at the Egan Convention Center. We attempted to get speakers from the three branches of the government, but everyone was either out of town or otherwise committed. Finally, about the last of August, Dr. Richard Gay agreed to share his ideas on the separation of Church and State. Glacier Lodge No. 10 agreed to fund the refreshments and to forego Lodge activities on Thursday, September 17th. Approximately 30 people were present at the Masonic Temple for an outstanding presentation by a great speaker. And, as Dr. Gay said, "We had a quality discussion rather than a quantity presentation." A very special thanks to W Bro. Dan Folwick and Glacier Lodge No. 10 for all the support and cooperation in putting on this event.

Respectfully submitted,

Will Josey (8) Chairman?
Russell A. Burnett (11)
Keith E. Herve (3)
Archie F. Lowe (1)
Jeffrey S. Nelson (14)

Special Alaska Masonic Code Revision Committee

Most Worshipful Grand Master, this is the report of the special committee appointed by you to reorganize the Alaska Masonic Code.

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

The special Committee to which was assigned the task of reorganizing the Alaska Masonic Code is pleased to report that the task has been accomplished and a resolution to adopt the reorganized version is pending before this Grand Communication.

Respectfully submitted

Leslie R. Little Chairman
Marvin B. Fitzpatrick
Russell A. Burnett
Frank Erie
Dennis Bump
James A. Williams, Advisor.

The report is received for the record.

Report of Segregations and Reference Committee

1st 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 Grand Masters Message have considered the same and make the following recommendations:

Recommendation number one of the Grand Masters Message should be referred to the Finance Committee.

Recommendation number two through eight, should be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

Dispensations Granted, Lodge Bylaw Amendments Approved and Amendments Pending, Edict, and Special Committee Appointments should be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee as well.

We recommend the remainder of the Grand Masters Message be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Folwick (11)
Roy Foss (11)
Alden Jones (2)

Report received for record and approved.

2nd 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 Grand Secretaries Report have considered the same and made the following recommendations.

That the financial section of the Grand Secretaries Report be referred to the Finance Committee. We recommend also that the remainder of the Grand Secretaries Report be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Folwick (11)

Roy Foss (11)

Alden Jones (2)

Report received for record and approved.

Alaska Masonic Library and Museum Foundations

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

The status of the economy in Alaska was very evident at most all board meetings of the Foundation for the year 1987. And there was not any noticeable contributions received. A memorial fund was established in the name of our late Brother Cecil H. Clifft. The total in this fund to date is \$465.00.

The taxes on the Kenai property for 1987 were paid, amount \$29.18

The Treasurers report for January 20, 1988 is \$2,302.12 with no outstanding debts.

The board members were increased from seven to ten members with the anticipation that new fund raising ideas would develop from new faces on the board.

The 1987 officers and board members as follows:

President, John C. Ingram

Vice President, Leslie A. Little

Secretary, Charles I. Gregg

Treasurer, Orrin S. Felmley, and

Members: Burton Oien, Robert M. Parkins, Mitchell Miller, Glen Pruett, Neil R. Bassett, and H.B. "Jack" Bentley.

The board received and considered a proposal from Brother Walter M. Woods of Valdez to sell some partial lands in the Chikotna area of the Wrangell Mountain Refuge. It was decided that for the present, we are not staffed to allow undertaking such a program on a volunteer basis.

We invite you to attend the board meetings which have been held in the Shrine Mosque in Anchorage, and give us your ideas, to get the Alaska Masonic Library and Museum Foundation on a more productive organization.

Grand Master and Brothers, we are stymied with our ideas for raising funds to get this Museum Foundation further along. We still anticipate the stamp program that we

would like to get mailed out to you Brethren, but we also know that we are getting stamp programs, we are getting Christmas cards and I don't know what all we are gonna get before this year is over. I guess how many more of these begging letters do you want? There were, we are right on the teeter, we don't know if we should invest the monies that we got, and have these stamps printed. We hope that a decision will be reached in 1988 to pursue this stamp program or drop it.

We hope that while we are here in Nome, the members of the board can meet with VW Wendy H. Kuecker, with his ideas and suggestions and explain to us the limitations to us on the contributions that we might receive.

Today we have a very lively prospect for a sizable piece of real estate, to be donated to this organization in the Anchorage area, if it develops, so be it, if not, we will pursue our goals the best that we can. At our Annual Meeting which will be in March, new officers will be elected. If any, of you Brethren can come forth and assist the Brethren on this committee, we appreciate it very much.

I stand ready to answer any questions that you Brothers might have, because among us we have MW James A. Williams, and VW Wendal H. Kuecker and we can answer any questions that you might have at this time. So I ask you my Brethren, if you have a question, let's hear it?

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Ingram President

Report received for the record.

Alaska Masonic Research Association (AMRA)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Brethren, being a kind of a new on-the-block, I opened my mouth a little bit and in the last *Quarterly Bulletin*, I put a little note in there, having to do with raising funds, and that I thought it was time that we got with the program. I got here Tuesday, and Wednesday morning, I suddenly found myself President of this thing. So, I do have some ideas and the other Brethren on the AMRA have some ideas and what I would like, is this year, I know a couple of the Lodges or two or three of the Lodges I'm not sure how many, have had little fund raising projects in the past and have done really well with them. I would like to challenge each Lodge this year to have some kind-of a little fund project, I don't care what it is, do something. If it works well, then do it again next year; if it doesn't work well, then try something different next year but let's do something. If each one of us will do something, on our own, as a Lodge, or as a Brother, said, once we pool it all together, we will have a substantial amount. But if we all sit back and wait for one big program, that everybody is going to get involved with, it works better sometimes to have several little groups doing a little bit, than to try to get everybody to try to agree on one big program.

We have, we do have a couple of, of, can't think of the right word. But anyway, we have gotta couple of programs right now, like a belt buckle program that's being run throughout the, Grand Jurisdiction. Worshipful Brother John Grainger has a, a program that he is developing, and it is going to be a silent auction type thing. And he has several things committed to him already, including some gold nuggets I understand; and some other things that have been committed to this program, that is gonna be auctioned off this year. And you will be getting more information about that as the year goes on.

In addition to myself, I'd like to let you know who are the other members of AMRA, the other officers of AMRA. Each one of our districts has someone, to head-up AMRA activities in them. District number 1, the Vice President of AMRA is Worshipful Brother Mitch Miller. District 2, down on the Kenai Peninsula and surrounding areas is Worshipful Brother Phil Draheim of Seward, District 3 in the Anchorage area, Brother Ray Beaver is our Vice President this year, and District number 4, down in southeastern Alaska is Worshipful Brother John Grainger. And, Worshipful Brother Hazen Ricker is our Secretary/Treasurer again this year.

So get with these Brothers if you have any ideas, we are looking for ideas, and also, any contributions that you might have. Taking over from last year, I wasn't-quite sure what had happened last year, but I was given a check this morning by our Secretary/Treasurer to present this year Most Worshipful Grand Master, I have here a check for one thousand dollars from AMRA as a donation to the Grand Lodge to use as the Grand Lodge sees fit.

And, with that, I look forward to working with all the Brethren this year and I hope we can have a successful year, and all pull together and each one do his little part and one other thing, we need a lot more members of AMRA. I forget what the membership is right now, but it is just only like a couple of hundred people out of nineteen hundred of this Grand Jurisdiction, that belong to AMRA. So we need to get our other Brothers to join.

It is time to pay your dues again for the upcoming year, so renew your old membership and if you know other Brothers that don't belong to AMRA, encourage them to join because we need everybody pulling together to generate the funds that this Grand Lodge needs.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, our previous President, Worshipful Brother Little has submitted a written report, and at this time, I would recommend that this report be received.

Respectfully Submitted

Hank Dunbar
President

Report of Deputies of the Grand Master

District 1

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

On October 14th I made my official visit to Tanana Lodge No. 3, and on November 5th I visited Fairbanks Lodge No. 12. I have now visited all the Lodges in District No. 1. Because of illness I was not able to join you on your visit to Nome in September. This is the only function that I have not attended during my two years as Deputy for District No. 1.

The two Fairbanks Lodges are in good financial condition and have over the last year had a steady number of new candidates. Anvil No. 2, which I visited in April, with its smaller area population, works at a slower pace, but I assure you that Masonry is alive and well in Nome.

It has been my pleasure to serve you this last year.

Fraternally submitted,

Frank W. Erie (3, 12)
Deputy for District No. 1

District 2

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

I have made at least one visit to each of the five Lodges in this district during the past year; and where convenient, at least twice. I regret that I was unable to travel more frequently because of a financial reverse on my own personal level which prompted me to take a more calculated approach; that is, to regard the cost involved in relation to the attendance response in maintaining a comfortable fiscal balance in case of unforeseen circumstances. That reserve was accordingly tapped on three separate occasions when the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge accepted invitations to lay the cornerstone at the Soldotna City Hall, the Soldotna Skyline High School, and the Performing Arts Center in Anchorage.

In my visitations, generally in the company of other Grand Lodge Officers, I chose not to assume a policing critical role, but being left pretty much to my own devices, I chose to make myself acquainted as best I knew how and to make it known and understood exactly what my function was as Deputy to the Most Worshipful Grand Master and that I was available at any time my services were required.

The reasoning behind this approach was twofold. First, I was too absorbed in my visitation to keep a log of my observations; and second, I preferred to work from the Lodge level upward instead of the other way around. In other words, the individual Lodges make it known to me what their needs are rather than me investigating the Lodges to find ways in which to make corrections. This may or may not be a slight dereliction of duty. It is the way it was.

I found all five Lodges doing the best they could do with what they had to go on. We all know what our situation is while we as the Grand Lodge of Alaska are still suffering growing pains. It would be just as easy to be too optimistic as it would be to despair over attendance records, which by the way, seems to be the number one general concern. Luckily for me, I was not consulted on the possible solution to this dilemma, because if I had been, I would not have been able to provide an answer. Having participated in Lodge activities for 40 years, I have seen attendance rise and fall and I take it all in my stride. I grant that the situation is more acute at present than any other time in those 40 years that I can recall. This is because there are too many more distractions today. Whether this situation can be reversed or not, remains to be seen. In the meantime, there will be innumerable Brethren who will be using this as an excuse for abandoning what Masonry has gained so far. Most of the five Lodges have financial troubles. Even my own Lodge, Kenai Lodge No. 11, which is often cited as a model Lodge, has its own problem in that respect. That struggle has to do with the times and is no reflection on the Lodges themselves. Kodiak has a very attractive building and seems to be comfortably out of the red. Valdez does not seem to be worrying too much either.

I journeyed to Valdez with RW David Thomas and W Russ Burnett and then joined the other Grand Lodge Members. We ferried to Cordova and back again to Valdez, where we joined with our Canadian Brothers from Whitehorse and Dawson, B. C., which afforded us a splendid opportunity to witness first-hand how work is done in at least one foreign Jurisdiction.

During the year we accepted the invitation to lay the cornerstones at the City Hall in Soldotna, the Skyline High School in Soldotna, and the Performing Arts Center in Anchorage; which was not in District No. 2. However, we did participate.

It does seem that the Deputies to the Most Worshipful Grand Master should have more to contribute in the way of admonition, advice, or just plain criticism, but so much depends on the Lodges themselves. Perhaps there should be more interest in proficiency, but there have been no certificates issued during the entire year. Proficiency certificates of course, being more or less extracurricular, should not reflect in any way on the small number of active members; but rather than lay extra burden on the Brethren who already are carrying the torch, I consider it best to give encouragement where perhaps a little prodding might be considered in order. I do not know how unique our Grand Lodge is in its struggle to get off the ground, but I recognize certain conditions which have arisen in my time which definitely never existed before. These conditions that have a tendency to impair the health of our Lodge activities, most notably among which have been the television and modern entertainment by that medium. However, this report is not the

place for a treatise on that subject and is only included now to fill in where the main body of my report may fall short.

I am sure that I, myself, have been chief beneficiary of my year as District No. 2 Deputy to the Most Worshipful Fred Angleton, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska. The year 1987 has been thoroughly rewarding, only qualified by conditions outlined above. Although I am gradually aging out of business, my prayers and my own best regards will be for the welfare and continued growth of the Grand Lodge of Alaska from here on out.

Respectfully submitted,

VW Stanley E. Herman (6, 11)
DDGM, District No. 2

District 3

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

District 4

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

Awards

James A. Williams Award

The recipient of the James A. Williams Award for honoring the Alaska Lodge with the largest number of Master Masons (13) raised was presented by MW James A. Williams to Tanana Lodge No. 3 for the year 1987.

Buckley C. Hazen Award

The recipient of the Buckley C. Hazen Award for the largest percentage membership growth was presented to Valdez Lodge No. 4 for the year 1987. They had an 11% increase in membership.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Contributions to Grand Lodge

Contribution From:	To:	For:	Amount
AMRA	Grand Lodge	Undesignated	\$1,000.00
Robert Parkins	Grand Lodge	AMLAM Found.	\$600.00
Fairbanks Lodge No. 12	Grand Lodge	Undesignated	\$250.00
Lodge of Perfection	Grand Lodge	Permanent Fund	\$1,600.00
		Total:	\$3,450.00

Presentations

By MW Charles Moulthrop, Past Grand Master of Michigan

Thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master, Worshipful Master it gives me a great deal, of pleasure again this year to present you with this little pin, a memento that you were this year Worshipful Master of your Lodge. I hope that you will all wear it with equal pride to yourself and honor to the fraternity. This something that you will only find in Alaska because these pins are only made for "the Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter of Michigan and the "Worshipful Masters in Michigan, you won't find ... (faded out - too far from microphone) ...Most Worshipful Grand Master, thank you again for the pleasure.

By RW Walberg Tonstad, Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of Washington

Most Worshipful Grand Master and my Brethren, it is a pleasant duty that I have today to bring something back to Nome that rightfully belongs here. This particular presentation is being made on behalf of VW Thomas E. Halletson who is a Past Deputy of District No. 7 and a Past Master of Falls City Lodge, and also the immediate Past Master of Saint Thomas Glenn Lodge in the Grand Jurisdiction of Washington. He had wished that he might be here to do this himself. This particular gavel came to VW Brother Halletson via Brother Bruce Gillespie, who is a member of Arcana Lodge No. 87 in Seattle. He purchased this gavel for five dollars in the '50's in a pawn shop down on First Avenue in Seattle; and when he started to look at it a little more closely, he found it had considerable, not only Masonic, but historic significance.

It has on the head of the gavel, the designation of Anvil Masonic Club, organized September the 9th, 1899, in Nome. And I think that if you will look through your folders you will note that a reproduction, if you will, a reprinting of the bylaws of the Anvil

Masonic Club are found in there. I am glad that they are, because it helped me to determine who had, had this particular gavel presented to them. But the name that is found on the handle, here on the band, is a Brother L.W. Souter - who was the president of the Anvil Masonic Club in the years 1902 and 1903. And I presume that it was presented to him at the conclusion of his term of office.

Looking further into those particular chart or those bylaws, I also noted that L.W. Souter belonged to Lodge 76. Lodge No. 14, which is kind of a tongue twister I believe, from Swanton, Vermont. And in 1901 when those particular bylaws were printed, he was the financial secretary of the club. As I indicated again MW Sir, there was a feeling of VW Brother Halletson and certainly it is my pleasure on his behalf to bring this back to Nome and present it to the Lodge here as part of the memorabilia of the Lodge.

To Aurora Lodge UD, a Charter

Most Worshipful Fred V. Angleton presented a charter to Aurora Lodge UD-soon to be Aurora Lodge No. 15 upon vote of acceptance of Grand Lodge on February 5, 1988.

Speeches and Remarks by Distinguished Guests

Robert M. Parkins Reading Speech for Lucille Wagener, Grand Deputy at Large, Rainbow for Girls

Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in Alaska. Dear Brethren on behalf of our Supreme Deputy and the adult volunteers, advisors, and all of Alaska's girls, represented as members of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls I wish to express our sincere thanks to you of the Alaska Masons for the support they have so unselfishly provided to our Rainbow Girls, these many years. Without the help, whatever we have accomplished is that time provided would not have been possible. I wish you well in your Grand Lodge session and pray that your forth-coming Grand Year under the leadership of those newly elected Grand Master and other officers be successful. We are always seeking new members, advice and assistance - if any of your members desire to assist in this, our quest, please request that they contact any of the following representatives. And listed below on that is all of the Grand Deputies and Grand Officers on it, and it is signed in Rainbow love,

Lucille Wagener
Grand Deputy at Large,

RW Gunnar Flygenring Reading Speech from Susie Brenner, Grand Worthy Advisor, Rainbow for Girls

Hi everyone. On behalf of myself and the Grand Assembly of Alaska International Order of Rainbow for Girls, I would like to extend my best wishes to all of you attending Grand Lodge. I would have liked to have been there, but it was not possible at this time. Thank you so much for all of the support given to the Rainbow Girls. All of

your efforts are greatly appreciated. Good luck at this Grand Lodge session. You are all invited to Grand Assembly in Juneau on August 18, 19, and 20, 1988. Please join us if at all possible. Hope to see you there, in Rainbow Love.

Susie Brenner
Grand Worthy Advisor

There is a post script - celebrate life throughout your Grand Lodge. Thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master.

RW Gunnar Flygenring, Response to Introduction of Past Grand Masters of Alaska

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Brethren all, it is indeed a great honor and it does give me great pleasure to respond on behalf of these Past Grand Master's of this Jurisdiction. We have all treasured greatly the opportunity and the great honor to serve this Grand Lodge as Grand Masters and stand ready to serve in which ever capacity future Grand Masters may deem proper. We greatly appreciate the welcome and the warm reception afforded us here in stark contrast to the climatic cold reception we received on our arrival in Nome. And, wish you every success during this communication and all the best for the Grand Lodge of Alaska in the years to come. Thank you so very much,

VW Russ Milligan, Response to Introduction of Fifty + year Masons

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Distinguished Brethren - Les said, aren't you a fifty year Mason and I said, well in a sense, I have been with Mt. Susitna Lodge over 25 years, and I have been Glacier Lodge over 25 years and that is the sum of fifty. I certainly feel as though I have been a Mason fifty years - I have had fifty years of Masonry in the time that I have been a Mason. And I am proud of it. Very proud of it. And I have known Robert Parkins for a good many years and it is just wonderful that you fellows can survive that long, I hope that all the rest of you make it, make the grade yourself. Thank you.

MW Francis D. Hess, Past Grand Master of Montana

Most Worshipful Grand Master, distinguished Visitors my Brothers all; I'm wondering how soon you are going to start saying oh no not again. I'm saying it because I'm saying oh no, not again because I am very disappointed that my Grand Master in Montana or one of his officers does not come up here to represent him. I think this is the fourth time I have been up here as the personal representative of my Grand Master in Montana. I would be here whether I was representing him or not.

Most Worshipful Brother Gary has two programs this year, he calls his GOD program, one is, he is asking each Mason in Montana to give one dime a day to our

Montana Masonic Foundation. If each of us will give that one dime a day, we will increase the investments in our foundation by better than a half a million dollars.

Be no problem for any one of us, we should be able to stand thirty six dollars an seventy five cents for the year. But you know, it is awful hard for Masons to do that because as one of our Past Grand Master's in Montana said, you can take the most astute business on main street, have him fill out a petition to join the Lodge and as soon as he is elected and initiated, he gets that fatal disease - his right pocket gets deeper and his right arm gets shorter and he can't come up with the money to finance Masonry. Gary's other project is also GOD - Give One Day a month for the service of our youth groups. And there again, we have problems for some reason; it is so much easier to say, "we will let George do it and we will let Tom do it" and as a result the youth groups suffer because we Masons don't do our share of the work for them.

Brethren, I am pleased to be here again. I wish to thank you Most Worshipful Sir for the courtesies extended to me. We had to come up a day early, so they had to kind of make a special trip out to the airport to pick us up; but I am glad that I got here one day ahead of the wind. I took a tour of Nome myself, on foot. I think I saw the whole town Tuesday and got some pictures and frankly, I am glad the wind came. I know that you are honest sometime or another, you do have a storm but you keep telling everybody that it is cold all the time up here, cause you don't want us from the "Lower Forty-eight" to come up. But my Brethren, yesterday and this morning made me home-sick for home, it was just like central Montana. Good to be here again, thanks.

Response to Introduction of Arrangements Committee

Brothers, without the help of this committee, especially the two very first ones, stepping in and helping out at the last minute was Very (garbled), WB Bob Bean came all the way from Maine just to help. He was the Master right behind me in Anvil Lodge and Brother Stan he is getting introduced to Masonry very fast. He is a very young Mason and I believe probably about a third or fourth year Mason and taking on the Chairmanship, my Brothers, you just can't believe the work that this Brother Mason has done here in Nome and the rest of the Brothers in Nome working day and night. They were cleaning up last night, cleaning the Lodge, cleaning the mini -convention center; while most of us were out doing other things. These Brothers were working in the background. We don't have very many of us in Nome, but there is enough of us that put on a show for you and I hope that you enjoy it for the next couple of days. Brother Stan, I know that you got two more days to go, with the rest of your crew, but we surely appreciate what you have been doing. Please join with me in giving them a hearty welcome in appreciation for their work here in Nome.

Cort Phelps, Illustrious Potentate Al Aska Shrine

Most Worshipful Grand Master, my Brothers, it is a great pleasure for me to be here in Nome, even if it is quite windy. I bring to you greetings from the Al Aska Temple and our best wishes for a successful Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alaska. Thank you.

W Paul S. Penny, Grand Lodge of Wyoming

Most Worshipful, Distinguished Guests, one and all.

This is truly a pleasure again for me to stand before this Grand Lodge of Alaska. I wouldn't trade places with anybody in ...(garbled)... You know the last time that I stood before this Grand Lodge, I said that it was pretty hard standing up here, being the bottom of the totem pole trying to speak to the one on top.

Brother King, asked me to say to you people that he regrets very much that I got the honor of coming in his place. He wants to extend his very best, to every one of you, the Grand Lodge Officers in the coming year. Brother Dave, he wishes the very best in anything that you do in this Grand Lodge. Also, Past Grand Master, Brother George Collette wanted me to say to Brother Ralph Kavorkian, he certainly, enjoyed the visit he had with him, in Nevada, he and his wife. No, he didn't tell me that I wasn't lost, and I wasn't lost either.

Brethren, its a real concern to me with most of the Grand Jurisdictions losing membership. Since I have been here, I have sat in Lodge and seen, in one night, five Fellowcraft degrees put on. I hear that there is going to be another one tonight. This is truly an inspiration to me, because I have a deep concern for Masonry. I have become very active in Masonry because I love it. We need to get active. I know that this Jurisdiction is active because there is some help being shown. We need to get active to combat some things that are happening in this country today that, the religious groups say that we are devil worshipers, or we are a cult, a religious cult. Showing of films with our degrees being put on, (words slurred) of Masonry, which we cannot do. We need to get active in our churches, because there, we can combat these charges that have come against us, as being Masons. If we are active in our church, it is gonna be a great ... (garbled)... to the people and these things cannot be said, that we are of a religious cult, which we are kidding ourselves. We need to get active with our young people's groups, get them active, get them to see our way of living, and our quality of life and what we really stand for. Where and what better place can we find Masons of quality than we can in our churches.

Our civic groups, the Boy Scouts, our girls groups, Jobs Daughters, Rainbow Girls are where we need to be. I have visited in many places with the Jobbies, and it is hard to find enough Masons to even come, for them to open Lodge in a lot of places, or to open Chapter, they need our support. I am trying now to reorganize DeMolay again in our town. This is such a small thing that I am doing for Masonry, but it is such a great thing for those kids. When you lose them, ...(garbled)... all of you people here today, get active with our kids.

The good Lord willing, by the end of the year, I'll be holding down seven chairs in Masonry. Driving over 3,000 miles a month and I'm loving every minute. I believe the more active that we can get, the more fun we are going to have in this great organization. I don't know of two organizations that can come close to matching what we have. And we should let the world see it in us, and the type of people we really are.

I am really thankful that I can be here in Nome. It reminds me a little bit of home I think I found a place here that the snow can wear out before it melts. It is really a pleasure to stand up here before, this Lodge, and I want to thank all of you.

Jack G. Boily, Grand Lodge of British Columbia

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I thought I would get to sit down for awhile because I didn't think you were describing me. Thank you for those kind words. You are welcome, anytime you are ever our way and it is a pleasure to be with any Grand Lodge Officer of Alaska wherever they travel, if it is possible for us to travel with them.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, it is indeed a great pleasure for me to stand here today, in the place of what I suppose would have been MW Bro. George Baldwin representing my Grand Master, MW Bro. Dennis Marsh. I bring you his sincere greetings and best wishes for a rewarding and progressive Grand Lodge Communication.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, the message that I would like to leave behind, is a message which I am sure MW Bro. Baldwin would leave here, if he was here in my stead. I spoke with his wife shortly after his passing, and expressed my sincere sorrow for his passing. We talked about it for a few minutes and she said; Jack, she said, I'm sure that when you go on your trip to Alaska with the other Brethren from Whitehorse that you will think of George and bring remind him to all his good friends in Alaska. So I thought that the best way to do this was to present this little thing here that has a great message for all of us and especially being as, that when we go to these Grand Lodge Communications, we sit in various rooms, we discuss various problems that we have in different Lodges in different areas, and in particular, the other night, I was speaking with the Grand Secretary, I think with the Grand Lodge of Oregon, and I said to him, you know, I'm sure that this little article that George had in mind, is going to answer some of your problems, and some of the problems that others have. So the little article starts off, and it is gonna sound like I'm preaching a sermon, which is what George did, a lot of.

In the first book of Kings, there is an account of an incident which occurred within one hundred years after the passing of King Solomon. Solomon was succeeded by his son, Rehoboam, but because of his inability to rule wisely, ten of the twelve tribes of Israel revolted; and set up a separate kingdom under Jeroboam. The story of this northern kingdom for the next one hundred years is one of misrule, palace revolts, idolatry, and generally a degenerate society, culminating, for my purpose, in the rule of King Ahab and his wife Jezebel. It was into this society that Elijah the Tishbite entered. Through his conduct and inspiration over 400 of the prophets of Baal were destroyed, and he himself was threatened with death by Jezebel. He thereupon fled to a cave in the holy Mount Horeb, where he sought safety. The Bible tells us that the word of God came to him there and asked him, "What doest thou here, Elijah?" He gave a classic answer, in which he boasted of all that he had done to overcome the forces of evil, and to promote good, but notwithstanding his efforts he was the only God-fearing man left alive, and for that, he feared that he would be killed if he was found, so he sought refuge in a cave.

However, a "still small voice" came to him, and ordered him to go and return to the turbulent world below, in the valley and to continue to serve his God in a way for all to see.

For us, I think it is reasonable to ask how many of us have made our lodge rooms into Elijah's cave?

Let me turn for a moment to another book, just published this summer. It is written by a professor of sociology at the University of Lethbridge, and is entitled "*Fragmented Sods*". While it deals primarily with religion in Canada, it makes a number of points which are equally valid for fraternal organizations and service clubs in today's society, both in Canada and the United States. The author, Doctor Reginald Bibby, points out that forty years ago, over 60% of the population attended divine service weekly. Now the figure is about 35%. One of his findings is that society and mass culture are now shaping and molding religion, rather than the other way around. He also found that most regular church-goers are remarkably ill-informed about Christianity, although they do not seem to realize it.

Let me now apply the story of Elijah, and the findings of Doctor Bibby, to Freemasonry by analogy. I asked earlier if our lodge rooms weren't becoming caves or havens, where we gather, repeat our rituals, extol the virtues of morality, and then close minds to those lessons when we close lodge at the end of the evening. Are we letting mass culture and societal pressures shape and mould our ritual and our purpose? Witness the recent debates on the contents of our Masonic obligations. How many Freemasons are reasonably well-informed about our fraternity? And for those who aren't, are they aware of their ignorance?

These are matters for you and me to ponder upon. We are the present and future leaders of our Craft. Our response to these questions will govern our activities in the years ahead. Let me suggest what some of those responses might be, and for this purpose, I will reverse the order of the questions I have just posed.

How many Masons are reasonably well informed about our fraternity? Or are aware of their own ignorance? I am sure that many of us have encountered Masons who had belonged to the fraternity for years, and yet who, when pressed, conceded that they really didn't understand what it was all about. All too often, the only vehicle used to teach the principles of our Craft is the ritual, repeated over and over so that it is letter-perfect, often in language studded with archaic words, or usages that are not common in everyday speech. But seldom, if even, is an experienced person called upon to expand upon the ritual texts, to point out, what the underlying purpose for meaning is for some of our activities. I fear that our general ignorance of the teachings of Freemasonry stems from our reluctance to be the one who voluntarily comes forward to enlighten the others, particularly on some point which he has finally come to understand himself.

The next question is whether we are letting mass culture and societal pressures shape and mold our ritual and our purpose. With out a doubt, that is what is happening. And none of us have really stood up, to try to prevent it. In Grand Lodges every where, there has been serious discussions over the past few years about some very archaic material found in our obligations. I find frequently the culminating argument offered is one of concern about how others view us, rather than a discussion of the moral and

philosophical principles involved. A few years ago, on this continent, there was a general movement to reduce the age of majority. Several Grand Lodges were moved by this, and reduced the age for admission to the Craft. Again, the arguments were often based on the pressures of society at large, and not necessarily upon our own traditional moral principles. Not, judging by recent developments in the service clubs of this continent such as Rotary and Kiwanis, we may be asked to consider admitting women as Freemasons, and to consider whether we are acting unconstitutionally in restricting our membership on the basis of sex discrimination. The question, which we as leaders, must address is whether they are done for the sake of expediency because of what society or mass culture appears to require of us.

I don't believe that any of us, have ever grappled squarely with these problems. We are like Elijah in his cave. We feel, some what smugly, that is well with us, especially when we are in our Lodge rooms, and wonder why the rest of .the world doesn't realize this, and come rushing to join with us. Perhaps the world out side our Lodge rooms is not unlike the world of Ahab and Jezebel. When God spoke to Elijah, he didn't advise him just to stand firm by his principles, in the hope that others would flock to join him. No, instead, he was directed under no uncertain terms to get back down into the community and become a part of the active world about him.

We often say, with regret, that so few of our leaders of today ever join Freemasonry. To me, this is putting matters the wrong way about. Instead, we should be asking why more Freemasons haven't become leaders in their communities, in their churches, in their political and social activities. Doesn't that " still small voice" ever urge you to go out of your Lodge rooms, and become active in your communities? If it does, and we do respond in accordance with the moral principles and teachings of our Craft, not only will we as individuals be better, but the examples we set may do some good for our beloved Craft as well.

Now, to revert to Dr. Biddy's book once more, he has concluded that the Christian Churches would again reach their people if they could succeed in teaching and getting in balance, three basic elements - namely: God, self, and society. George says, that the same comments apply to our Freemasonry at this time. It is up to each one of us to try to show, through the moral teachings of Freemasonry, how every member of every Lodge can; get those same three elements into balance.

Let us therefore, as leaders of the Craft, seek to overcome the "Elijah's Cave" syndrome that seems to have paralyzed so many of our Lodges. In concluding, you may recall Brother Baldwin entitled his article, and I was remiss in mentioning what it was, because it was very important - he called his article "Who, Me" with a question mark behind each one of them.

And he ended his article with saying, let us therefore as leaders of the Craft seek to overcome the "Elijah's Cave" syndrome that seems to have paralyzed so many of our Lodges.

You may recall that that I have titled this paper, "Who? Me?" and the answer to those questions are quite obvious and simply, "Yes, You."

Thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master.

W Harry A. Ohrt, Grand Lodge of North Dakota

Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Distinguished East and Brothers all; it is a real privilege for my wife Phyllis and I to visit the Grand Lodge of Alaska in Nome. We, thank you very much for all the courtesies extended to us, and I would like to tell you why we arrived here. We visited the Grand Lodge of Montana last year and three of your Grand Lodge Officers were there to twist the arms; and they twisted my wife's arm, she didn't know where Nome was, but she said she would come.

I bring you greetings from my Grand Master, Gail Hodgins, who is Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota. And also from Larry Holm who is the Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Alaska near North Dakota. Larry is a member of my Lodge, and Larry incidentally is trying to negotiate a position as a teacher in Alaska; so you may be seeing more of him. Now, I am also admitting to the Senior Grand Deacon, I am also, the Chairman of the Centennial Committee, and I would like to address that for just a moment.

The Grand Lodge of North Dakota was formed on June 13th, 1889. That was .. (sounded like 'dotter') Grand Lodge which came before the Territorial Grand Lodge. Now, the Dakota Territory Grand Lodge was formed in 1875, and when they divided, we had thirty Lodges in the northeast of North Dakota and one under dispensation, and the southern part of Dakota, I should say, had over sixty; so they retained the privilege of retaining the original charter and they base their Grand Lodge on 1875.

Now, incidentally, as most of you are aware, in 1989, I think 6 states have been celebrating a centennial. And North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Idaho, I believe Wyoming, is that correct? And, Washington?

So, there will be lots of things going on down there, and if any of you can break loose and come to North Dakota on June the 14th, 15th and 16th in Bismarck, we would like to have you come. Now, we have got something very unique for us occurring that year, I don't know if it has ever occurred anywhere else even, but on Saturday, June the 17th, El Zagal Shrine Temple is also celebrating its 100th Anniversary, and we are having a combined Grand Lodge, Shrine Ceremonial Parade, Saturday afternoon, and we think this is great.

We have had very, very close, association with El Zagal Shrine Temple and the Grand Lodge of North Dakota. I happen to be the Membership Chairman of El Zagal, and I took the job because I feel that was the most .. (words slurred) and the Potentate figures boasted, that is what we want, so there you are. I am going to say one thing that maybe, I

hope I am not stepping out of bounds, but I have been listening to all of your financial problems, and I think every Grand Lodge has them.

About four years ago, our per capita in North Dakota was \$9.00 and after a lot of soul searching, we raised it to \$14.00. Now, everybody said, the small Lodges are gonna die, or dry-up. The only thing that stays is the usual, the good Lodges are getting better, and the small Lodges are unfortunately are getting worse. And the per capita increase has nothing what-so-ever to do with it so far as I am concerned. There is some grumbling, but they have got it and none of the people that travel grumbled, we paid, and the Grand Master gets a stipend, as he always gets, the Grand Lecturer gets a stipend, and the Grand Secretary. But no body else gets a cent out of it. Some of the money goes into a fund to help to defray costs to the future, but we are able to do some of the things that we think have to be done - new duplicators, new computers and all that. The members are on a computer list, we are able to support our North Dakota Masons, and getting out to everybody, and do all the things that the Lodges need so desperately and, I am convinced that it hasn't hurt any Lodge. You have got to face reality Brothers, a dollar today I read is worth, was worth about fifty cents - as recently as seven years ago.

So if you are fighting an increase, very specifically in the seven years of your existence you are not facing the reality of your wages. Thank you.

Thank you again for the hospitality. One more thing, I would like to approach the East if I may. I have got a belt buckle here for our centennial, it is a limited edition. It is a picture of the old Father Masonic Temple, a beautiful building, the best in the Mid-west. It was torn down a few years ago and was the home of the Grand Lodge for over 70 years. I also have two cups that have the same thing, I'd like to present the belt buckle to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, one of the cups to the Grand Secretary, and one to the Deputy Grand Master to always remind you that we have got a centennial. Thank you.

MW Alden H. Jones, Past Grand Master of Washington

Thank you Grand Master, I kind of hate to clear the fervencies, unless otherwise. It has been a pleasant Grand Communication here. But since hearing Brother Neil Bassett yesterday afternoon, give his report and hearing some remarks by Most Worshipful Brother Gunnar Flygenring this morning, although I can't prove it, I have been thinking. I would like to say something about what I been thinking. Brother Neil was talking about the, the sloppy work that they do down in Washington and I agree with it.

Those fellows down there are a bunch of scoundrels, and I know them better than Brother Neil does. But the fellows, no one rose to defend their character and their honor; I am going to sacrifice myself and defend their honor. And unless Brother Neil is willing to put on record that he didn't mean everything that he said yesterday I challenge him to a duel at snowballs at five paces, at high noon, in front of the convention center, and

because of my age, I demand that I be permitted to take the up-wind .. (laughter blocked out speech for several seconds) So, be it!

Most Worshipful Grand Master asked “VW Bob, well, I did have a question, do you accept the challenge?”

RW Neil Bassett replied, “you bet.”

Most Worshipful Grand Master replied “Your challenge has been accepted.

RW W. Ronald Briggs, Grand Lodge of Nevada

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Honored and Distinguished East, my Brethren all, I am truly delighted to be with you here in Nome; for your Seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alaska. And to bring to MW Bro. Fred, the fraternal greetings and best wishes of MW Roy A. Wilson Grand Master of Masons in Nevada, and to all of the Brethren of Alaska from all of the 7,500 Masons of the State of Nevada,

I have enjoyed every moment here, and I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for all of your courtesies and the kindnesses, the warm hospitality of your reception here. Last year, when I attended your Grand Lodge and spoke, I spoke on one of my favorite subjects, that of the youth groups. I encouraged all of you to support the youth groups and this year on my return, I find that your youth groups are doing extremely well here. New groups forming, the older groups doing well and growing and it's really a great pleasure to see that to me. I hope that you will continue the good work.

Also, it is very good and encouraging to see the health and the growth of the Grand Lodge, Most Worshipful. And if the Grand Architect sees fit, I will look forward with extreme pleasure to sharing many more of your Communications with you. Thank you very much

RW Stanley L. Channon, Grand Lodge of California

Most Worshipful, Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Alaska, Distinguished Guests, it is a pleasure for me to represent our Grand Master, the Most Worshipful Leo Marks and to join you at this auspicious occasion here. In spite of the weather, I appreciate very much the very warm welcome we have received since we have been in Nome. And I never expected to be in Nome other than many, many years ago, and I hope I get a chance to come back again in the summer one of these days. It has been a very interesting experience and a very interesting Grand Lodge, and I have enjoyed it very much.

Before going further, I would like to thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master on behalf of myself and my wife for the many courtesies extended to us by not only you and

your wife, but all of the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Alaska. We have really appreciated that very much. I thought I might pass on a couple of thoughts about the activities of the Grand Lodge of California. We are very concerned of course as you are, with respect to our membership in California. We had reached a peak of about 245,000 members in the early '60's and we have lost some. 80,000 of those in the last 30 years. We are now down to about 160,000 and our losses unfortunately are roughly 5,000 a year. We are concerned about it naturally, because the Grand Lodge activities operation of the Grand Lodge has been gradually pointed where it could support the 245,000 membership and now we find ourselves diminishing but still with the same or even higher overhead. This is of concern because it means that the per-capita naturally has to increase each year to maintain that same level of operation. That can only go on so long. So, we are concerned to the point that we feel that we have to do something to change the attitude of our own members as well as attract new members.

Now, at present we are looking at several fronts, one of those is, Masonic education. We feel very strongly that our members are not adequately informed about our fraternity, so that they can in, in turn tell others about it. So we have initiated a counselor program along the lines of the program started some time ago at Wisconsin and in other Grand Lodges. The purpose of this program is to help shepherd the new applicant as he takes his first and second and third degrees, to make sure that he is kept in contact during that period and that he learns something about the degree of which he has just received. This will be a one-on-one type of relationship. It will be more that that, it will hopefully be a four-on-one, where several counselors are reading portions of the interpretation of the degrees to the applicant and to the candidate as he goes along. This program is just getting under way and we hope that it will be somewhat helpful.

We also have concerns about our public image. We feel that we are not reaching out to the public and letting them know what we are, and what we stand for, and so we are going to devise means of improving that at a reasonable cost.

The other concern that we have is that even among our present members, we feel that there has been a loss in some respects of fraternalism. I am referring to the many occasions when a visitor visits another Lodge and is left standing or sitting by himself during the evening, without anybody paying attention to him. This shouldn't happen, this is a fraternity and that sort of thing should never occur; but it does. We are finding the same attitude perhaps has decreased the interest in our candidates too in advancing further. We are suffering a loss of some 12 to 15 hundred candidates per year through non-advancement, and we believe that from the survey we recently took, that some of the answers to this problem have been expressed by people who have written in and said, the impression we get is that nobody cares. Well, we do care, but we haven't been showing it. So we feel that we have to do something about increasing the fraternalism. There are a lot of small things that can be done, and I'm sure they are obvious to all of us, but we have got to concentrate on that a little bit more.

The other point I wanted to bring out at this time is the fact that we do need to increase our membership, not for the sake of making more members, but making more

Masons. And in so doing, I think that we have to pay attention to the kind of programs that we put on, they must be attractive to, to the younger generation who are going to take over from those of us who are moving on in years. In California, our average age is about 64, between 64 and 65. So we are trying to look for members who will be in the lower age brackets to seek them out and try to organize our programs so to make them attractive to them.

The other aspect of California Freemasonry which is quite a concern to us of course is the operation of our Masonic Homes. We are facing the very awkward situation where many of our members are living longer and therefore finding the need for a Masonic Home, more-so than we have had in years past. We have undertaken recently to add to our homes, we are adding a 120 bed skilled nursing facility at Union City, and we are also adding 56 apartments, part of the first phase of the 112 apartment complex at our home in Covina, which is where our children are located at present. So we are providing for another hundred and thirty five or so Masons and their widows in the future.

This of course comes at a time when the membership is also decreasing and surprisingly enough, our contributions to our Masonic Homes endowment fund had been increasing, in spite of the fact that our membership has gone down. So, you can see that at least fifty percent of the Brethren who are contributing, and that is the percentage, who do contribute. At least fifty percent of our members do see their obligation to provide relief for the distressed. And, so we are proceeding with that program and we expect to have that finished at, at the end of this year.

Those are some of the highlights of what is happening in California Most Worshipful, and I thank you for the opportunity to, to join with you at this Communication and I wish to your successor and his officers a very successful new year.

MW Fred (unknown speaker)

Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Guests in the East, and Brethren all, have probably had deals with me, and visited with me throughout this Grand Lodge. I have expressed some of my experiences in Nome. I feel it only fair at this time to come forward and state for the record that those of you that I have talked to and have asked confidentially about, have backed me wholeheartedly in this, that I want to offer my personal thanks to the members of Anvil Lodge and those responsible for making our stay here as enjoyable as it ever possibly could have been.

The amount of work that it took to line up the transportation, the entertainment, the logistics involved for a town the size of Nome is unbelievable. And then have handed to you the short period of time before Grand Lodge the hardship that was placed upon you, I find it almost unbelievable that it came off as well as it did. It is absolutely fantastic, so I want to offer my personal and sincere thanks to members of Anvil Lodge for their work and their effort in putting on the ability for the Grand Lodge to meet and have such a successful Grand Lodge. I thank you.

MWGM Fred V. Angleton, Thanks to Anvil Lodge and Lewis Brothers

The Nome Brothers have worked very hard, and I was hoping that one of the Lewis boys was going to show up today, I have not neglected to thank the Lewis's for all their work, of course, Harry did in fact have the Transportation Committee when we first started. Chuck, his twin brother was in charge of the housing, and Bobby, the younger brother was in charge of this building and the set-up and in fact will be in charge of the tear down, and I was hoping that Bobby would show up so we could give him this personal recognition, as we did the other part of the committee the other day. But I will say for the record, that I want to thank them very much, they worked very hard, probably some of the hardest workers that you have ever seen, are the Lewis brothers.

This Bible that you see on the Altar, was a Bible that was presented, I believe in 1963, by many of the Past Masters and they asked that we use this Bible because there are several Lewis's listed on that sheet of paper. If you happen to stop by and read it, in the presentation, and almost every Lewis from the time that the boys and they are, by the way are, 68, will be 69 this year. The twins explained to me that almost all the Lewis's coming through Nome at one time or another were a Master and a Master Mason. Their father was a Master of Anvil Lodge, both twins were Masters of Anvil Lodge, Bobby was a Master of Anvil Lodge, I don't know if the other brother Norman was or not. But, I see his name in a lot of the writings over there in some of the old history, or in the minutes, so he very well could have been. I never did find out whether he had been Master of Anvil Lodge or not. But, Masonry meant an awful lot to those Lewis boys, and it still does.

But under the circumstances, you can see why they have not been here, it would have been too many memories for them, and I just want the Nome Brothers to take back to Bobby, and his brother Chuck, we know that Chuck caught the airplane this morning, and went to Anchorage. But to take back our hearty thanks for all their hard work. And I will mention now, in case somebody else forgets to mention it after while, that immediately upon closing Grand Lodge today, we would like to have those individuals that would help us, take all of this furniture and put it in their pickup and they are going to drive it across the street immediately after the close of Grand Lodge and then if some of you will help us, we have to pick up all of the chairs and put on carts. And we have to be out of this building, because we don't want to have to pay another days price for it. We're paying for the whole building and we don't want to have to do that, so immediately after Lodge, we will tear down, we will move the furniture, pick up the chairs and put them in the cart. And then, the other crews will tear down the rest, but, I don't think it will hurt us even in troops to carry the furniture and put up the chairs. So if we can get some help from some of you, we certainly will appreciate it.

MW Marks Ewing, Grand Master of Washington

Most Worshipful Grand Master, the officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Alaska, and to all the Distinguished visiting Brethren, such a pleasure to be among you. Before I start to speak, I would like to say some thing Most Worshipful Sir, I want to extend to you my sincerest appreciation and that of my wife Skipper, for the determination that you have made that our stay be comfortable and enjoyable and convenient, and we appreciate that so very much and I am sure that everyone one of us that visited here in Nome, Alaska feels the same way that you couldn't have extended yourself any further. And we appreciate that.

I want to congratulate Aurora Lodge No. 15, in receiving your Charter. I think that is a momentous occasion for the Grand Lodge of Alaska and a source of personal pride for each one of the Charter Members of Aurora No. 15 and we certainly wish you all the luck and success in the world, and the enjoyment that you so, so richly deserve.

I have been handed a slip of paper that delineates the meeting Saturday morning that makes it possible for Alaska to have a Goose and Gridiron Nest. Isn't that marvelous? I am sure had you had a hat on, you'd be throwing it in the air. We are going to initiate a nest of Goose and Gridiron members tomorrow morning at the Pines Cafe at 9 o'clock and the Pines is located I'm advised at Tudor Road and Lake Otis Parkway. And, I am further advised that it is the IN, in Anchorage. So all those who would like to become a member of the Goose and Gridiron Club, be there tomorrow morning, and you will find it most enjoyable and I am prompted to inquire how many here are members actually of the Goose and Gridiron Club? Raise your hands, see there, these are marvelous people.

(Hazen Ricker Most Worshipful Sir, that is on Sunday morning! Sunday morning, day after tomorrow.)

I'm glad you corrected me. Had you not done that, my wife would have. I enjoyed immensely the Grand Oration by Worshipful Brother Peter Nilles He brought forth some points in which we all agree. I am sure that we put our Masonry into practice, in all the philosophy and the landmarks and the constitution, that we enjoy, remain inviolate. But however, aren't you admonished to practice out of the Lodge, that which we are taught in it. We cannot remain in a shell any longer.

MW would be so kind as to join me here, while I thrash around on the floor.

(Grand Master: As long as I don't have to get us down on the floor.)

I would like to present you with a little pin that I have been giving out all year and, and it epitomizes the slogan that I have been using and the pin is an M with a 3, immediately after it in the corner, and it stands for the: 3 M's. The three M's are "Masonry Means More". So when somebody asks you what this little pin means, you advise them that it means "Masonry Means More" and I shall pin it on you, I won't put it,

on your suit, I'll put it right there and you can transfer it to your pajama's later on. There you are my friend,

Glad to do that, Masonry Means More my friends. To a Lodge, it means more than just being an existing entity in the community. It means being a part of the community, letting the community know that you indeed exist and you care about your community. To the individual Mason, Masonry Means More than just paying your dues. Masonry means participating in your Lodge, participating in your Masonry, understanding and working with the community as a committeeman, being a part of the committee as asked and to be an appointive officer, or an elective officer of your Lodge, Being the leader of your Lodge.

Masonry Means More than just wearing a pin, Masonry means pondering on your Masonry. Understanding what your Masonry means to you and what it has done for you - you have a responsibility. Masonry has given you much and I know that you realize that, but it is also important to realize that we have to give back to Masonry, we have that responsibility. My friends, I mentioned earlier, didn't I, that you were determined to show us your hospitality. I have another example of determination. You have a climatological extremes up here, don't you? Well, we have climatological idiosyncrasies down where I live too. We have floods. That is on the western side of the Cascade Mountains, on the Eastern side of the Cascade Mountains, they have dust. But we have floods, and I have to tell you, about the salesman that was going down the Snoqualmie Valley and he heard on the radio about the flood danger, so, he realized that because he saw the water rising. And, he knocked at a farm house door and asked if he could spend the evening that night there because of the danger of the flood and they said well certainly you can sleep in the attic we have a place up there.

He woke up in the morning, water halfway up the house. He could look out the window and see chicken coops floating by, and parts of fences, a farmers straw hat bobbed by, it wasn't too long, the hat came back up against the stream went back a bobbing again, back up against the stream, and he called to the farmers daughter, he said, "come up here I want you to see this. Now, watch that hat." And, she looked down there and said "oh, that's just grandpa, he said he was going to mow the lawn today, come hell or high water." Now, that's determination isn't it?

We appreciate the determination that you have to see that we enjoy ourselves. I noticed that you found out today that Masons can disagree without being disagreeable, isn't that true? Here you are, in Communication and deliberation and you can, understand the meaning of that. And in meetings like this you, you communicate and you deliberate and you have changed your Code in some instances and in other instances you put it off till next year so that you could deliberate on the subject.

A Code is a living document, it is a viable and changeable document and it should be changed to keep up with the way that you think as a community of individuals. I have an example of a Code that was changed. In a four star hotel in Cairo, very early in the morning, there was a scream in the hallway, and those that looked out, saw a beautiful

young lady running down the hall with nothing on but a negligee. Pursuing her was a gentleman that one would have to describe as nude. Well, they arrested him and they, they found out that he was indeed a major of the English army. Immediately, they held a court martial for him. The lawyer that was defending him, at the courts martial, had him exonerated immediately because he read to the court, out of the manual, that part where it describes the dress code, that it is not necessary for an officer in the English Army to always wear the uniform. It is perfectly proper, for him to be clothed appropriate to the sport in which he is thus engaged. So, you see, Codes can be changed, and you have done that today.

I have enjoyed so very, very much being here, and I know that you have too, and I wish the new officers a year of wonderful memories, and I know that they shall have them And thank you so very much Brethren, thank you Grand Master!

MW Glendon K. Jeffries, Grand Master of Oregon

Most Worshipful Grand Master, my Brethren, it is a real thrill for me to be here today, bringing you the greetings from the 25,000 Masons in the Grand Jurisdiction of Oregon. Many of whom tend to complain about infamous weather, but most of whom do not really understand the situation because they have never been at Nome on a windy day, in February!

I particularly appreciate being up here because I have got material that I can talk about for years to come, and Most Worshipful Grand Master, you stated last night that we would probably exaggerate about the weather here, and we probably will. But never the less, we are anxious to get home, so we can start telling our Brethren about the adventure that we had and in Nome.

Yesterday, the Grand Secretary and two of the Past Grand Masters from Oregon were introduced but there are other members of that Grand Jurisdiction here, and with your permission I would like to introduce them at this time and my Brethren, as your names are called, would you please stand and first is Worshipful Brother Ron Hornbeck, who belongs to Burns Lodge number 97 and Worshipful Brother. Leslie Little, your own Grand Marshal, and Most Worshipful Brother Jefferson Ensworth, and Worshipful Brother Frank Little from Mt. Hood Lodge number 157. My Brethren I'm really proud to have you here with me today and sort of backing me up in this situation. Now you may be seated.

Brother Hornbeck is a member of Burns Lodge number 97, and they are famous for the Malheur Cave Degree which they confer the last of August each year. This Malheur Cave is a big lava tube that extends about a quarter of a mile underground at least. And it is as roomy as this hall that we are standing in here now. And, this year, in August, they will do this degree for the fiftieth time and it is going to be a special year down there.

We are quite proud of Worshipful Brother Leslie Little because of the work that he is doing up here, and you're fortunate to have a Mason like him. And, Worshipful Brother Jefferson Ensworth belongs to our Vernonia Lodge but early in his Masonic year, he went across the river and just recently served a term as Grand Master in the Grand Lodge of Washington.

I want to thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master and all of you Brethren for the courtesies that you extended to Jane and me while we were here and they became apparent before we even got here and when we landed at Anchorage on Tuesday evening, Most Worshipful Gunnar took over and saw that we, all of our cares were taken care of, and we, we do appreciate that Most Worshipful Brother Gunnar.

This year Oregon's 138th Annual Communication will take place in Eugene at the Valley River Inn, on the banks of the Willamette River and the dates are, June 2, 3, 4th, and I'm not too adept at describing things Brothers, but I want to tell you just a little bit about the temperature. I am sure will be in the neighborhood of 75 degrees and the sun will be shining and your rooms will open out upon the banks of the Willamette River and between your rooms and the banks there will be a bike path and all day long, the co-eds from the University of Oregon and other ladies either jog or ride their bicycles by, and across the river. There will be a magnificent rose garden in full bloom and you're all invited to come to Oregon at that time.

I would like to congratulate the Alaska Masons for some of the things that they have been doing in the past few years. And one of the things that they seem to have accomplished is to take care of the membership challenge that is plaguing so many of our Grand Jurisdictions throughout the United States, and they are being a leader in this. I think that the other Grand Jurisdictions are beginning to follow, and I understand that perhaps a few of them like the Grand Jurisdiction of Colorado will show a surplus of members for the first year. For the first time in many years the other Grand Jurisdictions are doing the same and perhaps it is because of the lead that the Masons of Alaska are taking.

I want to then, congratulate the Alaska Officers who are going out of office now, for doing a splendid job. But also want to congratulate you Right Worshipful Brother Ralph Kavorkian and all of your officers, and if you, I hope that you have a successful year, just as those who are going out at this time.

Well, thank you very much my Brethren, I hope to come back to the Grand Lodge of Alaska many, many times in the future, and I will, if I am ,the same as the Past Grand Masters that are with me here today who have been up here three four and five times. Thank you all very, very much.

MW Byron C. Jenkins, Past Grand Master of Nebraska

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand East, Brethren all, everywhere I have been, the last several days, it has been windy. Wind, everybody you spoke to was talking about the wind. Brethren, you haven't had any wind. We get wind back in Nebraska, we don't need a hook to hang a hat on, you just place the hat against the wall, and the wind holds it there. Cold, you don't have cold. Back in the pioneer days, when we didn't have electricity, and they all used candles, some of those cold spells would be so cold it would freeze the fire on the candles. Every spring they burned a lot of houses down when the thaw came

So Brethren, I felt like I'm home, fact is, I did come home Brethren. Back in '81 when I first came up here, I told you that I'd return. Last June in the wisdom of the Brethren of the great state of Nebraska, they changed their Grand Lodge dates, they are in session right now. I objected heartily but they didn't pay any attention to Jenkins, go ahead I said, I won't be there. Why not? I said cause you took the same day the Grand Lodge of Alaska meets. I'm a voting member up there, I have an obligation to Alaska, I will not be at your Grand Lodge sessions

Brethren, I will return. Until the money gives out that is. I looked at our problems in Masonry like all the rest of us have, I have come to one major conclusion, we have conferred far too many degrees and too few Masons. We are not giving our candidates what they paid for. Until such time as we do that, we will continue to lose members. When we finally begin to give the candidate what he is deserving of receiving, all the information we can give him on Masonry, the ritual and all those other wonderful things that we find in our fraternity, until that time comes, we are going to continue to lose Masons.

I have been the eternal optimist that told the Grand Master of Missouri in his own meeting, that he was the one to have the fraternity dying in 1984, and Brethren we got past that date. I told him that I was the eternal optimist, I was also a statistician and that no straight line curve going anywhere was alive. The Masonic Fraternity has never held a steady membership anywhere. It rises and falls like those waves out in the Bering Sea. Sometimes those waves are very high, and they pile the doggone ice up on your shores. Sometimes in Freemasonry the waves are very high and pile the candidates up on your shore. At other times, those waves beat lighter on the beach. We cannot stop that. That is the history of man. Let's not cry about our losses, lets try to work them out as we can, and you are able to do it here in Alaska. Colorado has been able to do it, I see the turning point in Nebraska.

Lets go to work Brothers and do the job in the proper way. Most Worshipful Grand Master, I thank you for the many courtesies my wife and I have received, and Brethren, it is good to be home.

ELECTION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

The 2nd Report of the Credentials Committee consisted of the election results for the Grand Officers. The election of Grand Officers for 1988-1989 was conducted and the ballots counted. The results were announced by MW John C. Ingram, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, as follows:

Grand Master, 103 votes cast, 52 votes required for a majority.

Fred McGuire	1 vote
Les Little	2 votes
Neil Bassett	4 votes
Ralph Kavorkian	95 votes (Position accepted)

Deputy Grand Master, 100 votes cast, 51 votes required for a majority.

Dave Thomas	2 votes
Emmett Roetman	3 votes
Howard Hobbs	3 votes
Chuck Gregg	92 votes (Position accepted)

Senior Grand Warden, 99 votes cast, 50 votes required for a majority

RW Chuck Gregg	1 vote
RW Dave Thomas	98 votes (Position accepted)

Grand Secretary, 101 votes cast, 51 votes required for a majority

Gunnar Flygenring	4 votes
Les Little	4 votes
RW Neil Bassett	93 votes (Position accepted)

Junior Grand Warden, 99 votes cast, 50 votes required for a majority

1st Ballot

Frank K	1 vote
Howard Hobbs	2 votes
Cliff Darnell	3 votes
Fred McGuire	11 votes
Mitch Miller	12 votes
Les Little	26 votes
Frank Erie	44 votes

2nd Ballot (3rd Report of the Credentials Committee) 103 ballots cast, 52 votes required for a majority

Mitch Miller	4 votes
Howard Hobbs	6 votes
Fred McGuire	8 votes
Les Little	25 votes
Frank Erie	60 votes (position accepted)

INSTALLATION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

An open installation for the 1988-1989 officers for the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was conducted in Nome, Alaska on February 5, 1988

OPENING CEREMONIES

INSTALLING OFFICERS

Installing Master	Not noted
Installing Marshall	Not noted
Installing Chaplain	Not noted
Installing Secretary	Not noted

ELECTED OFFICERS

Grand Master	MW Ralph Kavorkian
Deputy Grand Master	RW Charles I. Gregg
Senior Grand Warden	RW David J. Thomas
Junior Grand Warden	RW Franklin W. Erie
Grand Secretary	RW Neil R. Bassett

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Grand Chaplain	W Rev. John W. Edgar
Grand Lecturer	VW Howard N. Hobbs
Grand Orator	VW Alfred M. White
Grand Historian	W John H. Grainger
Grand Marshal	W Russell A. Burnett
Senior Grand Deacon	W Larry M. Sizemore
Junior Grand Deacon	W Henry T. Dunbar
Grand Standard Bearer	W Billy W. Harris
Grand Sword Bearer	VW John W. Underwood
Grand Bible Bearer	W Daniel A. Folwick, Jr.
Senior Grand Steward	W Howard R. McElrath
Junior Grand Steward	W Paul J. Merkouris

Grand Organist W Richard D. Bender
Grand Tyler W Keith E. Herve

DEPUTIES TO THE GRAND MASTER

District 1 VW John W. Casey
District 2 VW Alfred B. Cratty
District 3 VW Will R. Josey
District 4 VW John Grainger

SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS

Saturday, March 28, 1987

A Special Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was opened in the Kenai Masonic Temple in Ample Form by the Grand Master at 9:10 a.m. for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of the Soldotna City Hall. The ceremony took place on the steps of the City Hall at 11:00 a.m. The Grand Officer's stations and places were occupied as follows:

MW Fred V. Angleton (2, 11)	Grand Master
RW Ralph Kavorkian(3, 12)	Deputy Grand Master
RW Charles I. Gregg (10, 13)	Senior Grand Warden
RW David J. Thomas (6, 11)	Junior Grand Warden
RW Neil R. Bassett (10, 11)	Grand Secretary
W Rev. John W. Edgar (12)	Grand Chaplain
VW Fred L. McGuire (3, 12)	Grand Lecturer
W Peter E. Nilles (10)	Grand Orator
W Leslie R. Little (10)	Grand Marshal
W Billy W. Harris (11)	Senior Grand Deacon
VW Frank W. Erie (3, 12)	as Junior Grand Deacon
W Henry Dunbar (10)	Grand Bible Bearer
MW Glen W. Pruett (3, 12)	as Senior Grand Steward
W Mitchell R. Miller (3, 12)	as Junior Grand Steward
VW Gene R. Freeman (3, 12)	as Grand Tyler
MW John C. Ingram PGM (6, 11)	Principal Architect

The Officers and members then proceeded to the City Hall where the cornerstone was symbolically laid (pending receipt of additional articles to be placed in the sealed metal box) under rather adverse weather conditions but in a manner which later resulted in many complements and much interest).

The cornerstone laying was preceded by a flag raising conducted by Kalgin Neighborhood Girl Scout Troop 151 and Boy Scout Troop 575. The National Anthem and Alaska Flag Song were sung and remarks given by Soldotna Mayor Dolly Farnsworth.

The Grand Oration was given by Worshipful Brother Peter E. Nilles (10), Grand Orator.

The Officers returned to the Kenai Masonic Temple where the Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form at 1:03 p.m.

Neil R. Bassett
Grand Secretary

Saturday, June 13, 1987

A Special Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was opened on the Third Degree in Ample Form at 9:00 a.m. in the Kenai Masonic Temple. The Grand Officers stations and places were occupied as follows:

MW Fred V. Angleton (2, 11)	Grand Master
RW Ralph Kavorkian(3, 12)	Deputy Grand Master
MW Glen W. Pruett (3, 12)	as Senior Grand Warden
W Leslie R. Little (10)	as Junior Grand Warden
MW John C. Ingram PGM (6, 11)	as Grand Secretary
VW Stanley E. Herman (11)	as Grand Chaplain
W Allan B. Scouler (11)	as Grand Lecturer
VW Fred L. McGuire (3, 12)	as Grand Orator
W J.P. "Cotton" Moore (11)	as Grand Historian
W Royal G. Clack (11)	as Grand Marshal
VW Frank W. Erie (3, 12))	as Senior Grand Deacon
W George A. Ballum (5)	as Junior Grand Deacon
W Lloyd W. Ives (3, 12)	as Grand Standard Bearer
Bro. W. Orrin Farr	as Grand Sword Bearer
W John T. Tinker	as Grand Bible Bearer
VW Howard N. Hobbs (10, 13)	as Senior Grand Steward
Bro. Clyde Saltz (6, 11))	as Junior Grand Steward
Bro. Phillip L. Draheim (6, 11)	as Grand Tyler
VW Alfred M. White (8, 11)	Principal Architect

The Grand Master announced that this Special Communication had been called for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of the Skyview High School at Soldotna.

The Officers and members repaired to the school where, under the direction of the Grand Marshal, they were formed in Grand Procession and marched to the cornerstone site for the ceremony commencing at 11:00 a.m.

The cornerstone was duly laid according to the ancient usages and customs. The Grand Oration was given by Very Worshipful Brother Fred L. McGuire (3,12) Grand Orator. A sealed container was placed within the cornerstone which contained the following memorabilia:

- June 11, 1987 copy of the Peninsula Clarion Newspaper.
- 1987 Peninsula Telephone Directory.
- Roster of Grand Lodge Officers.
- Grand Lodge Medallions for 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th Annual Communications.
- A copy of the Grand Oration.
- Kenai Public School Directory.
- Construction Activity Report of Morrison-Knudsen Contractors.
- List of Kenai Peninsula School Board Members.
- List of Kenai Borough Assembly Members.
- Roster of Officers and Members of Kenai Lodge No. 11.

Visiting Brethren for this cornerstone laying included: Worshipful Brother John T. Tinker, Past Master of Red Ford Lodge No. 505, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Brother Orrin Farr, Eureka Lodge No. 93, Eureka, Montana; Brother John H. Hoelter of Stephenville Lodge #267, Stephenville, Texas; and Brother Ron A. Jackson of Pacific Lodge No. 509, Melbourne, Australia.

At the conclusion, the officers returned to the Masonic Temple and the Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form at 1:00 p.m.

Neil R. Bassett
Grand Secretary

Saturday, December 19, 1987

A Special Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was opened on the Third Degree in Ample Form at 9:30 a.m. in the Anchorage Masonic Temple. The Grand Officer's stations and places were occupied as follows:

MW Fred V. Angleton (2, 11)	Grand Master
MW John C. Ingram PGM (6, 11)	as Deputy Grand Master
RW Charles I. Gregg (10, 13)	Senior Grand Warden
RW David J. Thomas (6, 11)	Junior Grand Warden
RW Neil R. Bassett (10, 11)	Grand Secretary
VW Stanley E. Herman (11)	as Grand Chaplain
VW Fred L. McGuire (3, 12)	Grand Lecturer
W Peter E. Nilles (10)	Grand Orator
W Leslie R. Little (10)	Grand Marshal
MW Glen W. Pruett (3, 12)	as Senior Grand Deacon
W Mitchell R. Miller (3, 12)	as Junior Grand Deacon
W Henry Dunbar (10)	Grand Bible Bearer
W Arnold Van Horn (8, 12)	as Grand Organist
W Hazen R. Ricker (10, 13)	as Grand Tyler
VW Howard N. Hobbs (10, 13)	Principal Architect

The Grand Master announced that this Special Communication had been called for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts.

The Officers and Members then repaired to the City Offices where, under the direction of the Grand Marshal, they were formed in Grand Procession and marched to the site of the ceremony.

Commencing at 11:00 a.m., with extremely cold temperatures, the cornerstone laying was preceded by a flag raising ceremony by Junior Girl Scout Troop No. 100 and remarks by Anchorage Mayor Tony Knowles.

The cornerstone was laid according to the ancient usages and customs. The Grand Oration was given by Worshipful Brother Peter E. Nilles (10), Grand Orator. A sealed container was placed within the cornerstone and contained the following memorabilia:

- December 14, 1987 editions of Anchorage Daily News and Anchorage Times.
- Lists of Municipal, Contractor, and Sub-contractor key personnel.
- Current cost reports on the ACP.
- Invitation to the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony.
- Bird-Indian, Girdwood, and Hope Telephone Directories.
- Anchorage Telephone Directory.
- Roster of Officers and Committeemen for the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska.
- Roster of Subordinate Lodges in Alaska.

Commemorative coin issued for Annual Communications 1981-1987.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Officers returned to the Masonic Temple and closed Grand Lodge in Ample Form at 1:30 p.m.

Neil R. Bassett
Grand Secretary