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# ROLL CALL

## GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Master	MW David J. Thomas
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deputy Grand Master	RW Franklin W. Erie
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Warden	RW Leslie R. Little
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Warden	RW John H. Grainger
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Secretary	RW Richard D. Bender
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Chaplain	W Walter D. Teeland
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Lecturer	W Henry T. Dunbar
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Orator	W Russell A. Burnett
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Historian	VW Milton R. Routzahn
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Marshal	VW Henry R. Ferguson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Deacon	VW William H. Lefferson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Deacon	W Frank L. Dickenson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Standard Bearer	W Peter E. Nilles
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grand Sword Bearer	W Billy W. Harris
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Bible Bearer	W William B. Clucas
<input type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Steward	VW Alfred M. White
<input type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Steward	VW Paul J. Merkouris
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Organist	W Lawrence W. Nelson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Tyler	W Warren Pruitt

## 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
- Aurora Lodge No. 15
- North Pole Lodge No. 16
- Anchorage Lodge No. 17

MW Grand Master, with the exception of the Grand Sword Bearer, Senior Grand Steward, and Junior Grand Steward, all officers and Lodges are represented and we therefore have a constitutional quorum to open Grand Lodge.

Richard D. Bender  
Grand Secretary

# SOLEMN CEREMONIES

Organ prelude was performed by Larry Nelson, Grand Organist at 7:45 AM

The public opening of the Tenth Annual Communication of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was opened at 8:00 AM on February 7, 1991 by W Darrell C. McSpadden. The program for the public ceremonies included:

Entrance of Grand Lodge Officers for public opening  
Flag presentation by National Sojourners, Heroes of '76  
Pledge of Allegiance  
National Anthems  
"The Alaska Flag"  
Welcome by Honorable Gary Davis, Mayor of Soldotna  
Response by RW Frank W. Erie (3, 12)

## **Introduction and Reception of Distinguished Guests**

### **Arizona**

MW Jimmie M. Johnson, Past Grand Master, representing MW David C. Porter, Grand Master

### **British Columbia**

RW Thomas O. Mickey, Past District Deputy to the Grand Master, representing MW Douglas R. Grant, Grand Master  
RW Jacques G. Boily, Past District Deputy to the Grand Master

### **California**

RW Stanley M. Cazneau, Deputy Grand Master, representing MW Ronald A. Sherod, Grand Master

### **Japan**

MW Arthur S. Thomas, Honorary Past Grand Master, representing MW Hideo Kobayashi, Grand Master

### **Michigan**

MW Charles S. Moulthrop, Past Grand Master

### **Montana**

MW Francis D. Hess, Past Grand Master, representing MW Donald E. Kimmel, Grand Master

### **Nevada**

MW Roy A. Wilson, Past Grand Master, representing MW William G. Roberts, Grand Master  
MW W. Ron Briggs, Past Grand Master

### **Oregon**

MW Kenneth A. Elliott, Grand Master  
RW James M. Shillingburg, Grand Secretary  
MW Herman C. Kuppler, Past Grand Master

**Washington**

MW Sidney Kase, Grand Master  
RW James R. Vannice, Deputy Grand Master  
RW Kenneth S. Robinson, Junior Grand Warden  
RW Walberg Tonstad, Grand Secretary  
MW E. L. "Roy" Foss, Past Grand Master  
MW Alden H. Jones, Past Grand Master  
MW William R. Miller, Past Grand Master  
VW Wendal H. Kuecker, Chairman, Fraternal Relations Committee  
VW Benjamin H. Robertson, Past District Deputy

**Wyoming**

MW Darwin D. Pace, Grand Master  
W Paul S. Penny, Grand Chaplain

**Masonic Service Association**

MW Thomas R. Dougherty, Past Grand Master and Director, Hospital Visitation

**Supreme Council, Scottish Rite**

MW H. Douglas Lemons, Past Grand Master and Sovereign Grand Inspector General in California  
Chester L. Proudfoot, Deputy for Alaska

The formal opening of the Tenth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was opened at 9:00 AM on February 7, 1991 by Most Worshipful David J. Thomas Grand Master of Masons in Alaska in Ample Form.

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

**First Session**

W Arthur A. Rindahl

**Second Session**

W L. V. "Joe" Dees

**Third Session**

W Raymond L. Beaver

**Fourth Session**

W W. Bruce Finke

# MESSAGE OF THE MW GRAND MASTER

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

My Brethren:

Welcome to the Tenth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska. At this time, I wish to extend a hearty welcome to our visitors and distinguished guests who have traveled from far and near to be with us during this session. I am deeply honored by your presence and glad that you came. I hope that your visit with us will be a memorable and enjoyable one. If there is anything that we can do to make your stay with us more comfortable or pleasant, don't hesitate to ask, and we will do all in our power to honor your request.

About a year ago, I was installed in this high and honorable position as your Grand Master, and now I must render an accounting of my actions, but first I would like to give a special recognition and thanks to the initial installing officers. These noble and distinguished Brothers installed the original officers of our Grand Lodge in 1981, and graciously accepted my invitation to install the officers in 1990, with the exception of MW John C. Ingram, Sr. who installed me as Grand Master. These dedicated Brothers are MW Brothers E. L. "Roy" Foss, Past Grand Master of Washington, MW Francis D. Hess, Past Grand Master of Montana, MW Charles S. Moulthrop, Past Grand Master of Michigan and MW Byron C. Jenkins, Past Grand Master of Nebraska. Thank you again Most Worshipful Sirs. You are greatly appreciated and will forever remain a distinct part of Alaska Masonry.

During this year, I visited every Lodge in the Jurisdiction of Alaska with the exception of Adak Lodge No. 14 which due to the conditions of the military at this time, a firm date could never be established for an official visitation. I also was ably represented in other Jurisdictions by the following officers: VW Alfred M. White to the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, VW William H. Lefferson to the Grand Lodge of Alberta and the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, MW E. L. "Roy" Foss to New Zealand, RW Frank Erie to the Grand Lodge of Washington, and MW Ronald Briggs to the Grand Lodge of Montana. I thank you, my Brethren, for representing me and carrying my greetings and good wishes from Alaska. I also visited four Foreign Jurisdictions, the Grand Lodges of Wyoming, Idaho, California, and Nevada. In each I was most graciously received and made most welcome.

## STATE OF THE CRAFT

Throughout my travels in Masonry, I have found the conditions of Masonry in Alaska no worse than in some of the other Jurisdictions, and a lot better than some. Of course conditions and situations could be better and there is always room for improvement, but we must face the fact that we are not filling our ranks as fast as the

grim reaper and non-payment of dues are emptying them. However, we seem to be holding our own.

In my opinion, complacency and apathy seem to be our two greatest enemies. If these can be overcome, only great things will happen in Masonry. It is only by the individual Mason, the dedicated Brother, the one who practices the Masonic precepts that Masonry will continue to grow and prosper. It was on this theme that I spoke at every Lodge Visitation and District Meeting within our state.

During this past year, 31 of our beloved Brothers passed away. They will be sorely missed. The Grand Chaplain will deliver a prayer and the Necrology Report will be given later on in this session.

## APPOINTMENTS

I appointed seven Grand Lodge Representatives, and several Committeemen this past year. The Grand Representatives are: W Henry T. Dunbar to North Carolina, MW Glen W. Pruett to the Philippines, VW William H. Lefferson to Alberta and Saskatchewan, W John C. Peck to Nevada, VW Lloyd W. Triggs to Minnesota, and MW David J. Thomas to Montana.

After the passing of our Grand Secretary RW Neil R. Bassett, I appointed W Richard D. Bender to fill that office with all the duties and responsibilities and the rights and privileges of that office.

W Robert L. Fulton was appointed Chairman of the Grievance and Appeals Committee after the appointed Chairman left the State and took a dimit from his Lodge.

MW John C. Ingram, Sr. was appointed Chairman of the Credentials Committee when the original appointee could no longer fill the duties of that office due to his health.

The MW Brothers E. L. "Roy" Foss and MW H. B. "Jack" Bentley were appointed as a Committee on Segregation and Reference.

## DISPENSATIONS

A dispensation was granted to North Pole Lodge No. 16 to hold a meeting at the hanger of Lakloey Airstrip.

White Pass Lodge No. 1 was given permission to open a Lodge in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, with the permission of the Grand Master of British Columbia for the purpose of receiving the Alaska Grand Lodge Officers and to confer a Third Degree.

Permission was given to Kenai Lodge No. 11 to open a Stated Meeting at 4:00 p.m. instead of the usual time of 8:00 p.m. as stated in their Bylaws.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Recommend that the Grand Lodge of Alaska join forces or consolidate with the organization of Alaskans for a Drug-Free Youth.
2. Recommend that new Grand Lodge Aprons and Jewels be designed and ready for use when those in present use are retired.
3. Recommend that Ballot boxes be placed in the Lodge Room during Grand Lodge Session, so the delegates can vote any time they desire. This would expedite the balloting and facilitate the counting of the ballots. This would not affect the proceedings of the Grand Lodge and the ballot would still be declared closed on Friday afternoon.
4. Recommend that any changes made or any amendments made to affect the original resolution, be carried over for consideration the following year.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

I presided at the Cornerstone Laying Ceremonies for the Soldotna Joyce Carver Memorial Library on the July 9, 1990.

I presided at two funerals for our departed brothers, Elmer "Shorty" Harris of Soldotna and Wayne Scoggins of Homer.

I was Installing Officer for the Installation of Kenai Lodge No. 11 on December 15th and I installed the Worshipful Master of Anchorage Lodge No. 17 on January 2, 1991.

A special thanks must go to the Arrangements Committee for their dedication and untiring efforts to make this Grand Lodge Session a success. They are: MW Fred V. Angleton, Bro. Walter B. Bonner, W Russell A. Burnett, W Arthur A. Rindahl, W Robert L. Fulton, and Bro. John P. Webb. Thanks again my Brothers. You are certainly appreciated by me.

During my term, I issued no edicts and only one memorandum regarding the secrecy of the ballot. Anything controversial was solved by the District Deputy or within the confines of the Lodge, as they should be solved.

## CONCLUSION

I will pass this way but once, and what I have done or attempted to do may have no profound effect on Masonry, but it has had a profound effect on me. I count my blessings every time I look upon my Brethren and the Craft and tell myself how lucky I am to have such beautiful steadfast friends. What a wonderful group.

All of this would not have been possible except for the one person who supported and encouraged me in every aspect of my Masonic career. Credit must be given for what I have done, and what I have accomplished to my dear wife of 43 years, Donna, who passed away this past July. When she went away, part of me went with her and I will never be the same. I must express my thanks and gratitude to the Grand Lodge Officers RW Frank W. Erie, Deputy Grand Master, RW Leslie R. Little, Senior Grand Warden, the late RW Neil R. Bassett, Grand Secretary: who continued with the Grand Lodge Program and it's official duties during this trying and heartbreaking time.

In all of my visitations, I have tried to portray and maintain the dignity of the Craft and be as gentle with it as it has been to me.

Thank you my Brethren, for allowing me to serve as your Grand Master. I was proud to represent you in all of my visitations to Foreign Jurisdictions. I now return to the ranks of a humble servant and wonder if what I have done will make a difference in the annuls of Masonry. Only time and history will tell.

So my Brethren, I leave you on the same theme that I began a year ago in my acceptance address. The 33rd verse of the 119th Psalm:

Teach me O Lord, the way of thy Statutes and I will keep it unto the end.

So Mote It Be,

David J. Thomas  
Grand Master

## APPENDIX

This Appendix lists the official acts of the Grand Master during the period of February 2, 1990 through February 8, 1991:

### Proclamations

March 1, 1990            Proclaimed month of April as Public Schools Month.

### Dispensations Granted

April 7, 1990            Permission for North Pole Lodge No. 16 to hold a Master Mason Degree at the hanger of Lakloey Airstrip.

April 9, 1990            Permission for Kenai Lodge No. 11 to open a Stated Meeting at 4:00 p.m. instead of the usual time of 8:00 p.m.



June 14, 1990           Permission for White Pass Lodge No. 1 to open a Lodge in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, with the permission of the Grand Master of British Columbia for the purpose of receiving the Alaska Grand Lodge Officers and to confer a Third Degree.

**Memorandum**

March 8, 1990           One memorandum was issued regarding the secrecy of the ballot.

**Lodge Visitations and Other Meetings**

1990

February

8                   Kenai Lodge No. 11, Reception  
9-10               York Rite Festival, Soldotna  
17-20              Conference of Grand Masters, Salt Lake City  
22                   El-Kalah Shrine Meeting, Salt Lake City

March.

3-4                Western Conference of Grand Lodges, San Francisco, CA  
14                 Tanana Lodge No. 3  
15                 Fairbanks Lodge No. 12  
17                 District 1 Meeting, Fairbanks  
22                 Glacier Lodge No. 10  
31                 Installation of Officers, Ladies Oriental Shrine

April

2                   Eagle River No. 13  
3                   Matanuska Lodge No. 7  
12                 Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Maundy Thursday Service, Soldotna  
19-21             York Rite Grand Session, Fairbanks  
26                 Valdez Lodge No. 4  
27                 Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5  
28                 District 2 Meeting, Valdez

May

1                   Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8  
2                   Aurora Lodge No. 15  
11                 Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Ladies Night and Essay Contest Winners Announced, Anchorage  
12                 District 3 Meeting, Anchorage  
20                 International Day, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory  
22                 White Pass Lodge No. 1

June  
5 Seward Lodge No. 6  
9 Cornerstone Laying Ceremonies, Joyce Carver Memorial Library,  
Soldotna

August  
4 Installation of Officers, Royal Order of Amaranth, Anchorage  
13-14 Grand Lodge of Wyoming, Newcastle

September  
6-7 Anvil Lodge No. 2  
13 Kenai Lodge No. 11  
18 Spokane Lodge No. 34, Spokane, Washington  
20-21 Grand Lodge of Idaho, Coeur d'Alene

October  
5 Kodiak Lodge No. 9  
8-10 Grand Lodge of California, San Francisco  
15 North Pole Lodge No. 16  
20 Grand Lodge Officers Meeting, Anchorage

November  
12-13 Grand Lodge of Nevada, Reno

December  
15 Installation of Officers, Kenai Lodge No. 11

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January  
2 Installation of Officers, Anchorage Lodge No. 17

**Communications Attended by Others as Representatives of the Grand Master**

March  
28 Grand Lodge of Tennessee, by VW Alfred M. White

June  
8-9 Grand Lodge of Alberta, by VW William H. Lefferson  
15-16 Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, by VW William H. Lefferson  
19-21 Grand Lodge of Washington, by RW Frank W. Erie  
21-23 Grand Lodge of Montana, by MW W. Ron Briggs

Nov. 28-Dec. 2 Grand Lodge of New Zealand, by MW E. L. "Roy" Foss

# **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 Section 3.05 of the Alaska Masonic Code.

I began working in the Grand Lodge office on May 1st as the Administrative Assistant to the Grand Secretary. Following the death of the Grand Secretary in October, the Grand Master appointed me Grand Secretary to serve until our next Annual Communication. To say that this was a tremendous learning experience would be an understatement. My initial duties involved processing the monthly reports and editing the transcribed copies of the Annual Proceedings. Following the Grand Secretary's hospitalization in June, I took on more duties at Neil's direction. With the many duties in preparing for Grand Lodge Annual Communication, the editing of the Proceedings has been put on hold. At this point, the Proceedings from 1986 and 1987 are ready to be proofread for the final printing. In discussing the printing with the Finance Committee, it was their suggestion that we strive to print two Proceedings a year for the next five years. By printing the current years Proceedings and the oldest Proceedings, we will be current on our printing by December 31, 1995. It seems this will provide a way to get caught up without always being 5 years behind in our publication.

Once again, the calendar provided the biggest problem with closing out the 1990 books and the preparations for printing the reports for this Annual Communication. I am pleased to report that all Lodges submitted their reports by the deadline, although two of them were initially transmitted by phone. This year we have 7 new Lodge Secretaries although a number of them have served as Secretary in prior years. I am extremely grateful to both the past and present Secretaries for the excellent job they are all doing. I remain very thankful for their good and timely work.

The computer in the Grand Lodge Office continues to be a very helpful asset. Although we are not sending out a Grand Lodge mailing, the Lodge Secretaries continue to keep me updated on address changes when the day comes that we continue these mailings. The Lodge Monthly Reports are computerized and made the tallying of the Year-End-Reports much easier. The next major project will be completing the computerization of the Membership Records which will be the prime goal following Grand Lodge. This will be very necessary with the transfer of Anchorage Lodge No. 17 to Alaska Jurisdiction.

Looking at the Status of Lodges report, we had a net loss of 20 which is better than 1989 but still a loss in total membership. The gains were about the same as last year as were dimits. Fortunately, deaths and N.P.D.'s were down from last year. Six Lodges reported net losses with 9 Lodges reporting slight gains and one Lodge "breaking even." You may notice a large change in the number of Candidates on the books. In keeping with Section 19.13 of the Alaska Masonic Code, the Grand Lodge moved a large number

of Candidates to the Inactive File. We still maintain their records but they are placed in an Inactive File.

Permanent Fund contributions came in for \$3,485.00. One note of explanation should be made regarding the Miller-Kuecker Permanent Fund. This is the second year we have received a contribution from the Grand Lodge of Washington. However, on the Balance Sheet, you may notice the Fund only contains \$10,736.46. The reason for this is the first contribution was received in January of 1990 but was recorded on the 1989 books. This year's contribution has not arrived as of this printing. The first deposit should have been credited to 1990 rather than 1989. We have received all money due to us but it does not show directly on the 1990 Financial Records. In looking at the Financial Reports for 1990, the Grand Lodge continues to operate on a meager but slowly growing budget. The Finance Committee prepared the 1991 Budget based on this years expenses and anticipated costs. Again, there are a number of areas that we have no control over, i.e. utilities, postage, and office rent. Although we gladly anticipate the addition of Anchorage Lodge No. 17, we will not collect any direct Per Capita Assessments and Fees until December 31, 1991.

One of Neil's recommendations in last year's Report was to reappoint Finance Committee Members for as long as they were willing to serve. I would certainly continue to recommend this practice for the continuity that it provides on this important Committee.

The past 9 months in the Grand Lodge Office has been a time of much change. I am certainly grateful for the cooperation of all the Lodge Secretaries for making the transition into the Grand Lodge Office as smooth as possible. I would definitely say thank you to all the Officers and Brothers who offered their help in any way following Neil's death. A special thanks to the Grand Master for his support and encouragement. I would like to pay a very short tribute to RW Neil Bassett for the continued excellent foundation he has laid in the operation of the Grand Secretary's Office. He was always helpful and encouraging when I "came on board" in May. Were it not for his precise and careful record keeping, my work following his death would have been very difficult indeed. I don't know what Neil knew that the rest of did not know but last May, he compiled a very detailed book on preparation for our Annual Communication. I am extremely indebted to him for this volume and would not have made it to this Communication, were it not for his foresight. It is for his guidance and encouragement that I am forever thankful.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Richard D. Bender  
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		1			66			4	1			5	1	1			3		5	0	66
Anvil	2		1	5	1		1	2	55	1						1		3					3	(2)	53
Tanana	3		2	6	5	4	2	4	396	2	2	1	2			7	3	7			6		16	(9)	387
Valdez	4		5	7	4	3	2		74	5			1			6	1	1			1		3	3	77
Mt. McKinley	5			2			1	1	51							0		2			1		3	(3)	48
Seward	6								60				1			0		1			8		9	(9)	51
Matanuska	7	1	14	14	10	5	6	2	128	4	5	3				9	5	3					8	1	129
Mt. Susitna	8		3	6	3		3	6	190	3	2	2	5			12	2	6			8		16	(4)	186
Kodiak	9		1	4		2		1	109			1				1		1			1		2	(1)	108
Glacier	10		4	10	2	1	4	4	262	4	1		1			5	3	36			1		7	(2)	260
Kenai	11		5	5	3	1	2	1	125	2		1	1			3					3		3	0	125
Fairbanks	12	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	92	2		1	2			5	1				3		4	1	93
Eagle River	13	3	4	7	6	3	5	1	73	5		2	1			6	2				2		5	3	76
Adak	14		5	16	3	6	3		70	3		2	1			6	2				2		4	2	72
Aurora	15		2	7	4	5	2	2	55	1						1	2						2	(1)	54
North Pole	16		2	1	2	1	2	1	39	3		2				5	3						3	2	41
Anchorage	17																								
Totals		6	55	107	52	36	41	27	2280	40	7	19	14	0	0	80	26	43	0	0	46	0	115	(35)	2245

# REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

## 1<sup>st</sup> 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 this 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 a particular Grand Jurisdiction or rejection of said petitioners. Having agreeably accepted the assignments, the Fraternal Relations Committee did examine all correspondence received and reports as follows:

My brothers, there is a lot of information around this year and I've picked out some that I'll call your attention to.

1. The Grand Lodge of Washington: On June 19, 1990, Most Worshipful William R. Miller, Grand Master, heled the reprimand to Most Worshipful Roy Foss for installing the last year Grand Lodge officers on February 7, 1981.
2. Texas: The Grand Master ruled that it would be improper to use the lodge room for a wedding.
3. Grand Lodge of China has waited 34 years and finally they received recognition from the Grand Lodge of Ireland. We got ours the first year.

Several papers were sent around the Grand Jurisdiction, brethren, I'll just point attention to some of them that this committee feels you should know.

1. *What Should Free Masonry's Role Be In The Public Schools?*
2. *What About Christianity in Free Masonry? Are they Compatible?*
3. *Should There Be A General Grand Lodge?*
4. *Degree Competition - The Pros and Cons*
5. *Why Should We Keep Masonry Alive?*
6. *Do We Spend Too Much Time In Masonry?*

Ponder these questions my brethren. They could be used in future discussions in your lodges.

The questionnaire survey was sent to several lodges in the southern part of our beloved U. S. and some of the results on some of these questions. They want to know:

1. More active participations by lodges in the community activities? - the brethren say "Yes, we need more."
2. How about instructions on visitations?-"Certainly we need more information on visitations."
3. Countrywide, countywide, borough wide jurisdictions? - "No"
4. Amending laws pertaining to alcohol? - "No."
5. More lenient proficiency examinations? - "No".
6. Selective solicitation - "No."

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Ingram, Chairman

MW Grand Master, I move for the acceptance of this report.

MW Grand Master: This report will be received.

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

MW Grand Master: It has been moved and seconded that the first report of the Fraternal Relations Committee be adopted. This report is adopted.

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

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

Your Fraternal Relations Committee on November 24, 1989 received a request for fraternal recognition from the Grand Lodge of Ivory Coast. In my report to you on February 2, 1990, it was recommended that more information be obtained prior to granting recognition. We now know the Commission on Information for Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America is of the opinion that the Grand Lodge of Ivory Coast is entitled to recognition as a regular Grand Lodge.

Investigation by this committee reveals that this Grand Lodge has operated since 1989 and several other Grand Lodges of the United States are in fraternal relations with it. That, the requirements of Section 45\* of the Bylaws of 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 Ivory Coast and that our Grand Master, at his will and pleasure, arrange for an exchange of grand representatives.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Ingram, Chairman

MW Grand Master, I move for the acceptance of this report.

MW Grand Master: This report will be accepted.

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

MW Grand Master: It has been moved and seconded that the second report of the Fraternal Relations Committee shall be adopted. The second report is adopted.

\* (Ed. Note: Section 45 is from the 1981 Alaska Masonic Code, Clarified in 1988, and should read Section 1.07 of the Bylaws of the Alaska Masonic Code.)

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

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

We have received a request from the Grand Lodge of Roraima in Brazil for fraternal recognition and exchange of grand representatives. The Committee on Information of Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America indicates that this Grand Lodge, according to its information at its disposal, is regular, as are all lodges in Brazil.

Brethren, I know that Most Worshipful Jim Williams, and the Most Worshipful Gunnar Flygenring, contacted all of these lodges in Brazil but it is such a tremendous problem on the translation of these requests, that they are dribbling in saying "Why don't you recognize us?" Rest assured my brethren these lodges that were operating when the Grand Lodge was in formation they were contacted by these very dependable brothers. It just takes a little more time for some of them to come in with that same question "Why are we not recognized by you?" With their necessary credentials, and sometimes it is a very heavy file they send in to let you know who all recognized them and what they stand for.

The investigation on this committee my brothers, reveals that this Grand Lodge has operated since August 20, 1981, about the same time we were and all the requirements of Section 45\* of the Bylaws of the Alaska Masonic Code are complied with. So 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 Roraima in Brazil and that the Grand Master, at his will and pleasure, arrange for an exchange of grand representatives.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Ingram, Chairman

MW Grand Master, I move for the acceptance of this report.



MW Grand Master: This report will be accepted.

MW Grand Master, I now move for the adoption of this report.

MW Grand Master It has been moved and seconded that the third report of the Committee of Fraternal Relations be adopted. This third report is adopted.

\* (Ed. Note: Section 45 is from the 1981 Alaska Masonic Code, Clarified in 1988, and should read Section 1.07 of the Bylaws of the Alaska Masonic Code.)

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

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

We have received a request from the Grand Lodge of Amazonas Brazil for fraternal recognition and an exchange of grand representatives. The Committee on Information of Recognition for the Conference of Grand Masters of North America indicates that this Grand Lodge, as are all Grand Lodges in Brazil, according to its information at its disposal, is regular. Investigation by this committee reveals that this Grand Lodge had operated since September 22, 1904 and at least 26 Grand Lodges are in fraternal relation with it in the United States and the requirements of Section 45\* of the Bylaws 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 Amazonas in Brazil and that our Grand Master at his will and pleasure arrange for an exchange of grand representatives.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Ingram, Chairman

MW Grand Master, I move for the acceptance of this report.

MW Grand Master: This report will be accepted.

MW Grand Master, I now move for the adoption of this report.

MW Grand Master It has been moved and seconded that the fourth report of the Committee of Fraternal Relations be adopted. This fourth report is adopted.

\* (Ed. Note: Section 45 is from the 1981 Alaska Masonic Code, Clarified in 1988, and should read Section 1.07 of the Bylaws of the Alaska Masonic Code.)

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

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

We have received a request from the Grand Lodge of Iran in Exile for a fraternal relations and exchange of grand representatives. Right Worshipful Robert L. Dillard, Jr., Past Grand Master of Texas and as Secretary/Treasurer of the Commission for Information for Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons of North America has been most helpful with the following information:

In 1980 before the revolution in Iran, the Grand Lodge there was recognized by all of the Grand Lodges in the United States with only three exceptions. It was also recognized by the three premier Grand Lodges - England, Ireland and Scotland and by all of the Grand Lodges in Canada with the exception of one. As we understand it the present Grand Lodge officers of the Grand Lodge in Exile consider that the present Grand Lodge is a continuation of the original Grand Lodge of Tehran, Iran and that the words "in Exile" refers only to the fact that the Grand Lodge can no longer meet in Iran.

With references to other Grand Lodges of the United States and their consideration of Iran I believe I am safe in saying that most of the Grand Lodges which heretofore recognized the Grand Lodge of Iran, have not taken any action to withdraw recognition and have not taken any action to recognize specifically the Grand Lodge of Iran in Exile. It is believed that all the Grand Lodge officers presently belong to constituent lodges of jurisdiction of which they reside. Information that your Fraternal Relations Committee has received indicates that the requirements of Section 45\* of the Bylaws of the Alaska Masonic Code are complied with.

Brethren, you heard the speaker last night talk about Masonry coming alive in Hungary, Czechoslovakia. These brothers certainly want to keep their Masonry alive in Iran in Exile. Your Committee on Fraternal Relations, therefore, recommends The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska accord recognition to the Grand Lodge of Iran in Exile and that our Grand Master at his will and pleasure arrange for an exchange of grand representatives.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Ingram, Chairman

MW Grand Master, I move for the acceptance of this report.

MW Grand Master: This report will be accepted.

MW Grand Master, I now move for the adoption of this report.

MW Grand Master It has been moved and seconded that the fifth report fn the Committee of Fraternal Relations be adopted. This fifth report is adopted.

\* (Ed. Note: Section 45 is from the 1981 Alaska Masonic Code, Clarified in 1988, and should read Section 1.07 of the Bylaws of the Alaska Masonic Code.)

# REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

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

	Total Number of Ballots
<b>Grand Lodge</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>White Pass Lodge No. 1</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Anvil Lodge No. 2</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Tanana Lodge No. 3</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Valdez Lodge No. 4</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Seward Lodge No. 6</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Matanuska Lodge No. 7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Kodiak Lodge No. 9</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Glacier Lodge No. 10</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Kenai Lodge No. 11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Fairbanks Lodge No. 12</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Eagle River Lodge No. 13</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Adak Lodge No. 14</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Aurora Lodge No. 15</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>North Pole Lodge No. 16</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Anchorage Lodge No. 17</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>127</b>

Respectfully submitted,

G. Rex Plunkett (7) Chairman  
 William D. Kyle (17)  
 Charles F. Lewis (2, 11)  
 Howard R. McElrath (4)  
 Bardie Scarbrough (10)

# GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

## **Jurisprudence**

MW James A. Williams (3, 15) Chairman  
W Dennis M. Bump (12)  
W V. Clifford Darnell (8, 13)  
VW Will R. Josey (6, 11)

## **Grievance & Appeals**

W Robert L. Fulton (10, 11) Chairman  
W Wayne G. Coleman (9)  
W Z. Edward Zeine (5)

## **Finance**

W Thomas K. Black (15) Chairman  
W Orin S. Felmley (8, 15)  
W Robert L. Van Huss (8, 11, 15)  
W Leonard R. Young (10)  
Bro. Leslie A. Wilkinson (3) Advisor

## **Masonic Research & Education**

W George Bristow (13) Chairman  
W Gary E. Ackerson (1, 6)  
W John L. Dolenc (7)  
W Paul A. Godwin (8, 13)

## **Credentials**

MW John C. Ingram (6, 11) Chairman  
VW Alfred B. Cratty (9)  
VW Gene R. Freeman (3, 12)  
VW Charles F. Lewis (2)  
W Howard R. McElrath (4)  
W G. Rex Plunkett (7)

## **Masonic Public Relations**

W Raymond F. Tidwell (4) Chairman

## **DeMolay**

W Donald W. Winters (3) Chairman  
W Phillip L. Draheim (6, 11)  
W John C. Peck (7, 13)

## **Bylaws**

W Donald H. Dinkel (7) Chairman  
W Phillip A. Ambrose (10, 15)  
W Elmer L. Fry (9)

## **Public Schools**

RW Richard D. Bender (10) Chairman  
W Wayne M. Baskett (7)  
W Harold H. Ervin (3)  
W Ian F. Ricker (10, 13)  
W Allen B. Scouler (11)

## **Fraternal Relations**

MW John C. Ingram (6, 11) Chairman

## **Charters & Dispensations**

VW Fred L. McGuire (3, 12) Chairman  
W Daniel A. Folwick (8, 10, 15)

## **Segregation & Reference**

MW H. B. "Jack" Bentley (10, 11)  
MW E. L. "Roy" Foss (11)

## **Arrangements**

MW Fred V. Angleton (2, 11) Chairman  
W Russell A. Burnett (11)  
W Lawrence A. Rindal (6, 8, 11)  
W Robert L. Fulton (10, 11)  
Bro. Phillip L. Draheim (6, 11)  
Bro. John P. Webb

## **Deputies of the Grand Master**

District 1 VW Lloyd W. Triggs (3, 16)  
District 2 VW Marvin A. Harned (4)  
District 3 VW Larry M. Sizemore (13)  
District 4 VW Wesley G. Davidson (1)

# REPORTS OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business was discussed.

## MOTIONS

MW Frank Erie made motion to have an open installation, Motion seconded and was passed.

## RESOLUTIONS

### Carryover Resolution 90-1

To Amend Section 3.02 of the Alaska Masonic Code:

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

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

#### RESOLUTION:

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

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams, PM (3, 15)

Neil R. Bassett, PM (10)

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

As a carryover resolution proposing to amend the Constitution, it will require a 2/3 majority vote for adoption.

**Note: This Carryover Resolution did not receive the required two-thirds majority vote and was defeated.**

## **Carryover Resolution 90-7**

To Amend Section 1.05 of the Alaska Masonic Code:

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To change the date of the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

### **RESOLUTION:**

**WHEREAS**, the Alaska Masonic Code requires the Grand Lodge to meet in Annual Communication on the first Thursday in February; and,

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

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

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

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

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



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the first sentence of Section 1.05 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code, which reads:

Grand Lodge meets annually on the first Thursday in February.

be amended to read:

Grand Lodge meets annually on the second Thursday in April.

The above change was amended by the delegates at the Ninth Annual Communication to read:

Grand Lodge meets annually on the first Thursday in April. In years when Maundy Thursday falls on the first Thursday in April, Grand Lodge will meet on the second Thursday in April.

Respectfully submitted,

Alden Jones, PM (2)  
Timothy Jackson, PM (8)  
Hazen R. Ricker, PM (10, 13)  
Robert L. Van Huss, PM (8, 11)  
George Bristow, PM (8, 13)  
Howard N. Hobbs, PM (10, 13, 15)  
Elmer L. Foss, PM (11)  
George R. Bordewick, PM (10)  
Peter E. Nilles, PM (10, 15)  
Benjamin H. Robertson, PM (10)  
Warren Pruitt, WM (6)  
Stanley E. Herman, PM (11)  
John H. Grainger, PM (1)  
David J. Thomas, PM (6, 11)  
Ronald H. Moore, PM (11)  
Alfred M. White, PM (8, 11)  
Will R. Josey, PM. (8)  
Jesse P. Moore, PM (11)

Billy W. Harris, PM (11)  
Arnold L. Van Horn, PM (8, 13)  
Glen W. Pruett, PM (3, 12)  
Robert O. Davidson, PM (1)  
M. Burton Oien, PM (3)  
John W. Casey, PM (3, 12)  
Fred L. McGuire, PM (3, 12)  
Lloyd W. Triggs, PM (3, 16)  
John J. Lincoln, SW (3)  
Darrell C. McSpadden, JW (3)  
Monte R. Ervin, WM (3)  
John W. Edgar PM (12)  
William E. Oldham, PM (12)  
Mitchell R. Miller, PM (3, 12)  
Lloyd W. Ives, PM (3, 12)  
William B. Clucas, PM (3, 12)  
William A. Hendricks, PM (12)

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

As an amended carryover resolution proposing to amend a Bylaw, it will require a simple majority vote for adoption.

**Note: This Carryover Resolution received the required majority vote and was adopted. It was amended by MW James William, PGM to be effective for the 1994 Proceedings and was passed.**

## **Resolution 91-1**

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To extend visitation rights to Prince Hall Masons.

**RESOLUTION:**

**WHEREAS**, racial discrimination is contrary to the beliefs of the populace of this country and repugnant to Freemasons and the youth from whom we must draw our new members; and,

**WHEREAS**, Freemasonry teaches that bigotry and discrimination violates our basic tenets that no man be judged solely by his color, creed or socioeconomic status; and,

**WHEREAS**, Freemasons are taught to exercise Brotherly Love, Relief and Friendship to the entire family of mankind,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska extend visitation rights to all Prince Hall Masons in good standing with their lodges.

Respectfully submitted,

Neal D. Cooper, WM (8)

Ian F. Ricker, PM (10, 13)

George Bristow, PM (8)

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

Report of Jurisprudence Committee: The Committee is split on whether this resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. There is insufficient time before this report is due to come to an agreement. It is hoped that a full agreement can be reached to present to Grand Lodge when it convenes.

If adopted, this resolution would give Prince Hall Masons the right to visit our Lodges, but not to affiliate or participate in our Work. It would not give us the right to visit their Lodges, since that right would have to be granted by them. The Committee notes that no request has been received from the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alaska for visitation rights, nor has there been a dialog or agreement between the two Grand Lodges regarding a mutual desire to establish such rights.

The Committee differs on whether it would be legal for our Grand Lodge to extend such rights to Prince Hall Masons. Granting visitation rights to Prince Hall would constitute an official recognition that Prince Hall is regular. Part of the Committee holds that it is regular, though unrecognized. The other opinion is that it is clandestine.

The Committee disagrees on whether such recognition, limited to extending them visitation rights, would alter our supreme jurisdiction as set forth in Section 1.03. There is also a difference of opinion regarding the effect, if any, on the American Doctrine of Exclusive Jurisdiction, and the importance of any such effect.

The Committee notes that no investigation has been made as to whether Prince Hall Masonry fulfills the requirements of recognition as set forth in Section 1.07. Part of the Committee is of the opinion that since four U.S. Grand Lodges have recently recognized Prince Hall Masonry, we can be confident without investigation that Prince Hall Masonry fulfills the Section 1.07 requirements for recognition. The other part believes that the Section 1.07 requirements must be investigated before such recognition could be granted.

The Committee further disagrees on the required vote for adoption if this resolution is considered by Grand Lodge. One opinion is that since it proposes no change to the Code, it may be adopted by a simple majority vote. The other opinion says it would alter the jurisdiction covered in Section 1.03 and would therefore require a unanimous vote.

**Note: MW Grand Master, declared Resolution 91-1 not in proper form to be considered at this communication.**

## **Resolution 91-2**

To Amend Section 2.02 of the Alaska Masonic Code:

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To require each aspirant for elective Grand Lodge Office to be nominated from the floor before he is eligible for election.

### **RESOLUTION:**

**WHEREAS**, the election of Grand Lodge Officers should be a true election rather than the present procedure wherein the Junior Grand Warden automatically progresses to the Office of Grand Master unless he dies or commits a felony; and,

**WHEREAS**, the present procedure is a progression, not a true election; and,

**WHEREAS**, having to be nominated for office would tend to ensure that each elected Grand Lodge Officer would be more receptive to the needs of Masonry during his term of office; and,

**WHEREAS**, this would encourage Grand Lodge Officers to be more active in Constituent Lodges and District Meetings; and,

**WHEREAS**, this would encourage more participation in Masonry and Grand Lodge activities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the first paragraph of Section 2.02 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code, which reads:

**ELECTION AND APPOINTMENTS.** The following Grand Lodge officers are elected by ballot at each Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge: A Grand Master, A Deputy Grand Master, A Senior Grand Warden, A Junior Grand Warden, and A Grand Secretary. A majority of the votes cast is necessary for election. All other Grand Officers and Deputies of the Grand Master must be appointed by the Grand Master-elect before his installation. Balloting on Grand Lodge Officers is the first order of Business on the afternoon of the second day. It takes precedence over all other matters that afternoon. The election must be concluded before the Grand Lodge can be recessed.

be amended to read:

**ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.** The following Grand Lodge officers are elected by ballot at each Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge: A Grand Master, A Deputy Grand Master, A Senior Grand Warden, A Junior Grand Warden, and A Grand Secretary. Each aspirant for elective office must first receive a nomination from the floor to be eligible for election. A majority of the votes cast is necessary for election. All other Grand Officers and Deputies of the Grand Master must be appointed by the Grand Master-elect before his installation. Nominating of and balloting on Grand Lodge Officers is the first order of Business on the afternoon of the second day. It takes precedence over all other matters that afternoon. The election must be concluded before the Grand Lodge can be recessed.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred M. White, PM (8, 11)  
Will R. Josey, PM (6, 8)

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

As it proposes to amend a Bylaw, it will require a 3/4 majority vote for adoption.

**Note: MW Grand Master indicated that Resolution 91-2 has been withdrawn by the brothers who submitted this resolution.**

## **Resolution 91-3**

To Amend Section 17.20 of the Alaska Masonic Code:

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To establish a minimum Life Membership fee which is consistent for all Lodges.

### **RESOLUTION:**

**WHEREAS**, the investment of the proceeds of a Life Membership should return annual income to the Lodge equal to the member's annual dues; and,

**WHEREAS**, the financial affairs of the Lodge can be placed in jeopardy if the Lodge does not receive adequate return on its Life Membership investments; and,

**WHEREAS**, there is currently a wide variety of methods for calculating Life Membership fees, many of which do not result in a fee high enough to produce the intended financial results;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 17.20 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code, which reads:

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP.** A Lodge may not establish a Life Membership plan without the written approval of the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Committee on Finance; provided, however, that any Lodge with an approved Life Membership plan prior to February 7, 1981, is permitted to retain its existing plan.

be amended to read:

### **LIFE MEMBERSHIP.**

1. A Lodge may not establish a Life Membership plan without the written approval of the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Committee on Finance; provided, however, that any Lodge with an approved Life Membership plan prior to February 7, 1981, is permitted to retain its existing plan.

2. The minimum fee for a Life Membership shall be equal to fifteen times the annual dues of the Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee on Finance

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

As it proposes to amend a Bylaw, it will require a three-fourths majority vote for adoption.

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

## **Resolution 91-4**

To Amend Section 12.04 of the Alaska Masonic Code:

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To allow limited use of liquor in Lodge buildings.

### **RESOLUTION:**

**WHEREAS**, to make better use of Lodge buildings and facilities, so such events as Christmas and retirement parties, business meetings, wedding receptions, dinner dances, and such other similar functions can be held;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Section 12.04 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code, which now reads:

**INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN THE LODGE ROOM.** Intoxicating liquors may not be introduced into a Lodge room or any room used in connection therewith.

be amended to read:

**INTOXICATING LIQUORS.** Limited use of intoxicating liquors may be permitted in buildings used by Lodges in areas designated as recreation or dining facilities subject to the following rules:

1. No Lodge will be permitted to have a State of Alaska Club License.
2. No permanent built-in bar will be permitted.
3. No liquor will be served to Masons or any affiliated group before or after any Scheduled or Special Meeting.
4. No liquor or drinks will be sold.
5. No Lodge funds will be used to purchase any liquor. Any rental funds will be used by the Holding Company or building committee.
6. No liquor will be stored in the Lodge building.
7. All laws and rules of the State of Alaska will be observed.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter T. Williams, PM (7)  
William A. Folsom, SW (7)  
John L. Dolenc, PM (7)  
Henry R. Ferguson, PM (7)  
Emmett V. Roetman, PM (7)  
Wayne M. Baskett, PM (7)  
Rodney L. Johnson, PM (7)

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

As it proposes to amend a Bylaw, it will require a 3/4 majority vote for adoption.

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

## **Resolution 91-5**

To Amend Section 20.11 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 provide for an alternative, written proficiency in the three degrees of Masonry.

### **RESOLUTION:**

**WHEREAS**, the proficiency now required by the Alaska Masonic Code is limited to the memorization of the ceremony of initiation, including the obligation of the degree but without regard to education in Masonic history and Customs; and,

**WHEREAS**, some of the loss of candidates can be traced to the requirement of memorization work and subsequent recital before a committee or an open Lodge; and,

**WHEREAS**, the practice of a written set of education lessons may in fact pique a further and deeper interest in Freemasonry and its lessons;

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

Proficiency in the Degrees. A candidate may not be passed to the degree of Fellowcraft, nor raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason without proof of proficiency in the preceding degree. Proficiency in each of the three Degrees is

ascertained either by examination in open Lodge or by a committee appointed by the Master of the Lodge to examine each Candidate.

After passing his examination for proficiency in the Master Mason Degree, the Brother must sign the Lodge Bylaws, then pay his dues for the current year, whereupon he becomes an enrolled members. This may be done:

1. immediately following the examination if the Brother was examined in open Lodge, or,
2. at the next Stated Communication of the Lodge if the Brother was examined by a committee.

be amended to read:

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

1. memorization and recital of the standard proficiency as detailed in the Standard Work Cipher of this Jurisdiction; or,
2. by completion of a written study guide provided by the Grand Secretary as an education in Freemasonry and the memorizing and recital of the obligation of each degree as the Brother progresses through the degrees.

The choice of proficiency method is at the option of the Candidate and may be changed at any time. If option (1) is selected, the standard proficiency may be done by examination in open Lodge or by a committee appointed by the Master of the Lodge to examine such Candidate. If option (2) is selected, the completed written study guide is reviewed by the Master of the Lodge and if completed correctly the Brother is declared proficient by the Master and may progress to the next degree. The obligation of each degree must be given in accordance with the provisions in (1) above. The signs, tokens, and words must also be demonstrated at the same time. After the Brother is declared proficient in the Degree of Master Mason by the Master of the Lodge he must then sign the Bylaws of the Lodge and pay his dues for the current year. This may be done:

1. immediately following the examination if the Brother was examined in open Lodge; or,
2. at the next Stated Communication of the Lodge if the Brother was examined by a committee or if he selected the written study method. He then becomes an enrolled member of that Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie R. Little, PM (10, 15)

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

As it proposes to amend a Bylaw, it will require a 3/4 majority vote for adoption.



**Note: This resolution failed 33 for and 40 against.**

## **Resolution 91-6**

To adopt a written study guide for proficiency in the degrees

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** The Purpose of this Resolution is to adopt a written study guide for use as an optional method of proficiency in this Jurisdiction.

### **RESOLUTION:**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached proficiency study guide be adopted for use in this Grand Jurisdiction as an optional Proficiency as provided for in Section 20.11 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code and be provided to the Constituent Lodges by the Grand Secretary at reasonable cost.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie R. Little, PM (10, 15)

Report of Jurisprudence Committee: **This resolution has been withdrawn.**

## **Resolution 91-7**

To Amend Section 12.04 of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To delete the prohibition of alcoholic beverages in refreshment and public areas of Masonic premises and to permit local option.

### **RESOLUTION:**

**WHEREAS,** In earlier times the usages and customs of Freemasonry included as an important part of their programs the arts of conviviality and fellowship at the banquet table; and,

**WHEREAS,** Lodges in Asia, Africa, Europe, Great Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and other important political subdivisions of the Masonic world, including some of the eastern United States, permit the use alcoholic beverages in the refreshment areas of their meeting places; and,

**WHEREAS**, the secular management of the affairs of the lodge ought to be, and has been delegated to the Master and Wardens in the Charges to those Officers in the Installation Ceremony of the Alaska Monitor and Freemasons Guide; and,

**WHEREAS**, Junior Wardens are explicitly charged to "see that none convert the means of refreshment into intemperance and excess," thereby providing assurance of the maintenance of a high standard of Masonic conduct on all occasions, formal or festive; and,

**WHEREAS**, our restriction of alcoholic beverages is a relic of an unsuccessful social experiment during the years of the "Prohibition Era" which, in the opinion of many students of our history, actually induced a regrettable lack of respect for the laws of the land that continues to trouble us even to the present day; and,

**WHEREAS**, Temple Corporations and Lodges complain that they must forego potential rental income that would assist them in balancing their Building Expense Budgets; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Annual Communications of this Grand Lodge are routinely held in hotels where there are beverage facilities and it is common knowledge that alcohol is consumed in various rooms during these Annual Communications; and,

**WHEREAS**, many social gatherings of the members of our craft are regularly held in facilities where the use of alcohol is permitted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 12.04 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code, which reads:

**INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN THE LODGE ROOM.** Intoxicating Liquors shall not be introduced into a Lodge room or any room used in connection therewith.

be amended to read:

**INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN THE LODGE ROOM.** Intoxicating Liquors shall not be introduced into a Lodge room. Lodges or Temple Corporations may, at their option by Standing Resolution, adopt and enforce such regulations relating to other areas than a Lodge room as they, in their wisdom, may deem appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

Lloyd Triggs, PM (3), WM (16)

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

As it proposes to amend a Bylaw, it will require a 3/4 majority vote for adoption.

**Note: The Resolution did not receive the required three-fourths majority vote (70 for and 25 against) but did receive a majority vote and is a carryover resolution.**

## **Resolution 91-8**

To Accept Anchorage Lodge No. 221

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To accept Anchorage Lodge No. 221 as a Constituent Lodge of this Grand Lodge.

### **RESOLUTION:**

**WHEREAS**, Anchorage Lodge No. 221 voted on June 13, 1990 to transfer its affiliation from the Grand Lodge of Washington to the Grand Lodge of Alaska; and,

**WHEREAS**, the date of change for administrative purposes was January 1, 1991.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Anchorage Lodge No. 221 be accepted into the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alaska and that its charter be endorsed with the following order:

This Charter having been submitted by Anchorage Lodge No. 221 to the Grand Lodge of Alaska, it is therefore ordered that Anchorage Lodge be recognized as regularly constituted under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, to hold its original name, and, according to the order in which this Lodge joined the Grand Lodge, be renumbered No. 17.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Thomas, Grand Master  
Richard D. Bender, PM (10)

This Resolution was submitted after the October 1st deadline but it has been approved by the Grand Master.

**Note: A special meeting on February 6, 1991 was held to vote on the acceptance of Anchorage 17 into the Grand Lodge of Alaska and the lodge was voted in.**

# **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

## **Jurisprudence**

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

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

We your Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Carryover Resolution No. 90-1, have considered the same and report as follows:

This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. As a Carryover Resolution proposing to amend the Constitution, it will require a two-thirds majority vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted by,

James A. Williams Chairman  
Dennis M. Bump  
V. Clifford Darnell  
Will R. Josey

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

MW Grand Master: This report will be received.

MW Grand Master, I move the adoption of Carryover Resolution No. 90-1.

MW Grand Master: It has move and seconded that this report be adopted. This Carryover Resolution did not receive the required two-thirds majority vote and was defeated.

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

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

We your Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Carryover Resolution 90-7, have considered the same and report as follows:

This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge as an amended Carryover Resolution proposing to amend the Bylaw. It will require a simple majority vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams Chairman  
Dennis M. Bump  
V. Clifford Darnell  
Will R. Josey

MW Grand Master I would move the acceptance of this report.

MW Grand Master: This report will be received.

MW Grand Master, I would move the adoption of the Carry-over Resolution No. 90-7.

MW Grand Master: It has been moved and seconded that Carryover Resolution No. 90-7 be adopted.

MW Jim Williams, I move that this resolution changing the date of the Grand Lodge be effective in 1994.

MW Grand Master: This resolution has passed and the amendment has the date in 1994 also passed.

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

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

We your Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Resolution No. 91-1, that is the one to invite Prince Hall Brothers to visit our lodges, have considered the same and report as follows:

The committee debated long and hard on this resolution, but was unable to break a tie vote on whether it is in proper form for consideration. We regret we cannot report the decision.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams Chairman  
Dennis M. Bump  
V. Clifford Darnell  
Will R. Josey

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

MW Grand Master: This report will be received.

MW Grand Master, I declare this report, this Resolution 91-1 be not be in proper form to be considered at this communication.

MW Grand Master also indicated that Resolution 91-2 has been withdrawn by the brothers who submitted this resolution.

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

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

We, your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution No. 91-3, have considered the same and report as follows:

This resolution is in proper form for consideration of the Grand Lodge. As a resolution proposing to amend a Bylaw it will require a three-fourths majority vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams Chairman  
Dennis M. Bump  
V. Clifford Darnell  
Will R. Josey

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

MW Grand Master: This report will be received.

MW Grand Master, I move for the consideration of this resolution.

MW Grand Master: It has been moved and seconded that Resolution 91-3 be adopted and was defeated, just barely.

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

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

We your Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Resolution No. 91-4, have considered the same and report as follows:

This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. As a resolution proposing to amend a Bylaw, it will require a three-fourth majority vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams Chairman  
Dennis M. Bump  
V. Clifford Darnell  
Will R. Josey

MW Grand Master, I ask that the Grand Lodge receive this fifth report.

MW Grand Master: This report will be received.

MW Grand Master, I would move the adoption of Resolution 91-4.

MW Grand Master: It has been moved and seconded that this report Resolution No. 91-4 be adopted and motion defeated.

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

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

We your committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution No. 91-5 have considered the same and report as follows:

This Resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. As a Resolution proposed to amend a Bylaw it will require a three-fourths majority vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams Chairman  
Dennis M. Bump  
V. Clifford Darnell  
Will R. Josey

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

MW Grand Master: This report will be received.

MW Grand Master, I move for consideration of this Resolution by Grand Lodge.

MW Grand Master: It has been moved and seconded that the Resolution No. 91-5 be adopted and motion failed 33 for and 40 against.

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

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

We your Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Resolution No. 91-7 have considered the same and report as follows:

This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge as a resolution proposing to amend a Bylaw. It will require a three-fourths majority vote for adoption.

Respectfully yours,

James A. Williams Chairman  
Dennis M. Bump  
V. Clifford Darnell  
Will R. Josey

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

MW Grand Master: This report will be received.

MW Grand Master, I move for adoption of this resolution by Grand Lodge.

MW Grand Master: It has been moved and seconded that Resolution 91-7 be adopted and did not receive the required three-fourths majority (70 for and 25 against) and is a carryover resolution.

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

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

We your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the third dispensation, as reported in the Grand Master's message on page 2, and that's the dispensation where the Grand Master gave dispensation to Kenai Lodge No. 11 to open their stated communication at 4:00 in the afternoon instead of 8:00 as required in the Bylaws, have considered the same and report as follows:

This dispensation is not approved. The Committee finds no specific authority for the Grand Master to give permission to change the time of a Stated Communication. We note that Code Section 14.05, part 2, allows for a change of location under certain conditions. And we suggest that section could be amended to provide for a change of time also. We encourage strict observation of lodge bylaws and the Master's compliance with his obligation to comply with, abide by, and enforce the same.



Respectfully submitted,

James A. Williams Chairman  
Dennis M. Bump  
V. Clifford Darnell  
Will R. Josey

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

MW Grand Master: This report will be received regretfully.

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

MW Grand Master: It has been moved and seconded that the report of the Jurisprudence Committee be adopted. This report is adopted.

## **Grievance and Appeals**

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

The Committee on Grievance and Appeals is very pleased to report no activities or actions taken in the Masonic year 1990.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Fulton Chairman  
Wayne G. Coleman  
Z. Edward Zeine

MW Grand Master, I move that this report be received for the record.

MW Grand Master: It will be received.

MW Grand Master, I move for adoption.

MW Grand Master: It has been moved, seconded and report is adopted.

# Finance

## 1<sup>st</sup> Report of the Finance Committee

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

The Finance Committee of the MW Grand Lodge of F&A Masons in Alaska was appointed by the Grand Master at the Ninth Annual Communication, February 1-2 of 1990 and they are myself, as Chairman; Robert L. Van Huss, member; L. R. "Bud" Young, member; Orrin S. Felmley, member; Leslie A. Wilkinson, member.

During the year the Committee met three times and handled ten meetings by mail. We have approved the following actions:

We recommended to the Grand Master that he disapprove Bylaw Amendments for Life Member plans for Matanuska Lodge No. 7 and Anvil Lodge No. 2. We approved Bylaw Amendments for Life Member plan for Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8. We prepared and submitted a resolution to amend Section 17.20 of the Alaska Masonic Code. We approved the Grand Secretary's request to adjust hourly rates and number of hours worked of the part-time office assistant as long as the budget is not exceeded. We directed the Grand Secretary to monitor the cash balances in each bank and transfer funds as required to limit total deposits in each bank to less than \$100,000. We approved the renewal of an insurance policy on the Grand Lodge Regalia and Lodge Paraphernalia as written with a \$25.00 deductible. We approved the Budget for submission of the Tenth Annual Communication, February 7, 1991. This covers the activities of the Finance Committee for the 1990 Masonic year.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas K. Black Chairman  
Orin S. Felmley  
Robert L. Van Huss  
Leonard R. Young  
Leslie A. Wilkinson Advisor

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

MW Grand Master The report will be received.

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

MW Grand Master, It has been moved, seconded, and report adopted.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Report of the Finance Committee**

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished East, Brethren and All:

The Finance Committee has met with the incoming Grand Master and we propose a budget which is printed in the blue book on pages 19 and 20, for the upcoming year of 1991.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas K. Black Chairman  
Orin S. Felmley  
Robert L. Van Huss  
Leonard R. Young  
Leslie A. Wilkinson Advisor

MW Grand Master, at this time I would like to move that this proposed budget be received.

MW Grand Master: The report will be received.

MW Grand Master, I would like to move that this budget be adopted.

MW Grand Master: It has been moved and seconded that the report of the Finance Committee be adopted. This report has been adopted

## BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1990

ASSETS			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
<b>CASH IN GENERAL FUND</b>			
CHECKING - FNB		\$18,353.64	
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT - FNB		20,758.34	
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT -NBA		66,663.56	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH		<u>105,775.74</u>	<b>\$105,775.74</b>
 <b>CASH IN PERMANENT FUND:</b>			
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT – NBA		28,223.88	
MILLER-KUECKER WASINGTON FUND – FNB		10,736.46	
TOTAL PERMANENT FUND CASH			<b>38,960.34</b>
ACCOUNT RECEIVABLE –CONST. LODGES		31,839.39	
INVESTMENT IN NBA – 166 SHARE OF STOCK		1,330.00	
INVENTORIES – MASONIC SUPPLIES		8,666.23	
PREPAID INSURANCE		2,819.20	
PREPAID RENT		300.00	
		<u>45,154.82</u>	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS			189,890.90
<b>FIXED ASSETS:</b>		<b>COST</b>	<b>NET OF</b>
			<b>DEPRECIATION</b>
FURNITURE	11,850.40		2,851.81
GRAND LODGE REGALIA	<u>12,106.95</u>		<u>4,240.87</u>
	<u>23,957.35</u>		<u>7,092.88</u>
			<b>\$ 7,092.68</b>
			<u>\$196,983.58</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH</b>			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITES</b>			
COMMENORATIVE PRINTS - GRAINGER		4,181.49	
COIN FUNDS PAYABLE - INGRAM		261.00	
ACCRUED PAYROLL TAXES		663.18	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES			<b>\$ 5,105.67</b>
 <b>NET WORTH</b>			
GENERAL FUND BALANCE		152,917.57	
PERMANENT FUND BALANCE		38,960.34	
TOTAL NET WORTH			<u>191,877.91</u>
			<b>\$ 196,983.58</b>

## STATEMENT OF INCOME CALENDAR YEAR 1990

	GENERAL FUND	PERMANENT FUND
<b>INCOME</b>		
OPERATING INCOME		
GRAND LODGE PER CAPITA	\$ 27,225.00	
FEES FOR DEGREE CONFERRALS	565.00	
FEES FOR AFFILIATIONS	955.00	
FEES FOR PETITIONERS FOR DEGREES	2,600.00	
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	31,345.00	
MEDALLIONS, COINS, & PINS	50.00	
SALE OF MASONIC MATERIALS – NET	(269.57)	
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	1,409.85	
CONTRIBUTIONS AND DONATIONS		\$ 3,485.00
INTEREST AND DIVIDEND INCOME	6,219.08	2,488.54
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 38,754.35	\$ 5,973.54
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
GRAND MASTER’S EXPENSE ALLOWANCE	1,000.00	
GRAND MASTER’S TRAVEL ALLOWANCE	1,000.00	
MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION COMM	(266.90)	
ARRANGEMENTS COMM – ANNUAL COMM	517.44	
PRINTING & BINDING – PROCEEDINGS	(2,500.00)	
INSURANCE	5,954.00	
PAST GRAND MASTER’S REGALIA	589.66	
GRAND SECRETARY’S EXPENSE ALLOWANCE	2,996.89	
GRAND SECRETARY’S TRAVEL ALLOWANCE	125.00	
OFFICE SALARIES	5,468.00	
PAYROLL TAXES	669.00	
FEES – LEGAL & AUDIT	1,075.00	
OFFICE RENT	3,937.00	
OFFICE SUPPLIES & EXPENSE	378.91	
TAXES - OTHER	15.00	
POSTAGE	427.40	
TELEPHONE EXPENSE	533.26	
PRINTING EXPENSE	1,888.80	
COMMITTEE ON FRATERAL RECOGNITION	15.00	
MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION	300.00	
GRAND MASTERS & GRAND SECY CONF	990.50	
DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	1,390.50	
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	201.75	
TOTAL EXPENSES	26,708.56	
NET INCOME (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	12,405.80	\$ 5,973.54
FUNDS BALANCE BEGINNING OF YEAR	140,871.77	32,986.80
FUNDS BALANCE END OF YEAR	\$152,917.57	\$ 38,960.34

## OPERATING BUDGET - GENERAL FUND CALENDAR YEAR 1990

	<b>1990</b>	<b>1990</b>	
	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>VARIANCE</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
GRAND MASTER'S EXPENSE ALLOWANCE	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
GRAND MASTER'S TRAVEL ALLOWANCE	1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
FREATERNAL RECOGNITION CONFERENCE	0.00		
MASONIC RESEARCH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE	0.00	(266.90)	(266.90)
ARRANGEMENTS COMM – ANNUAL COMM	3,000.00	517.64	(2,482.36)
PRINTING & BINDING – PROCEEDINGS	2,500.00	(2,500.00)	(5,000.00)
INSURANCE	5,200.00	5,954.80	754.80
RECEPTION OF VISITORS	1,000.00		(1,000.00)
PAST GRAND MASTER'S REGALIA	500.00	589.66	89.66
CHARITY	0.00		
<b>SUB – TOTAL I</b>	<b>\$14, 200.00</b>	<b>\$6,295.20</b>	<b>\$ (7,904.80)</b>
GRAND SECRETARY'S EXPENSE ALLOWANCE	4,000.00	2,996.89	(1,003.11)
GRAND SECRETARY'S TRAVEL ALLOWANCE	1,000.00	125.00	(875.00)
GRAND LODGE EXPENSE			
OFFICE SALARIES	5,000.00	5,468.00	468.00
PAYROLL TAXES	700.00	669.85	(30.15)
FEES – LEGAL & AUDIT	1,000.00	1,075.00	75.00
OFFICE RENT	4,100.00	3,937.50	(162.50)
OFFICE SUPPLIES & EXPENSE	600.00	378.91	(221.09)
TAXES - OTHER	0.00	15.00	15.00
POSTAGE	950.00	427.40	(522.60)
TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS	1,000.00		(1,000.00)
TELEPHONE EXPENSE	750.00	533.26	(216.34)
PRINTING EXPENSE	2,500.00	1,888.80	(611.20)
DUES EXPENSE:			
COMM ON FRATERNAL ERECOGNITION	15.00	15.00	
MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION	300.00	300.00	
GRAND MASTERS & GRAND SEC'Y CONFERENCE	225.00	990.50	765.50
DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	1,400.00	1,390.50	(9.50)
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	400.00	201.75	(198.25)
<b>SUB – TOTAL II</b>	<b>\$23,940.00</b>	<b>\$20,413.36</b>	<b>(\$3,526.64)</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>\$38,140.00</b>	<b>\$26,706.56</b>	<b>(\$11,431.44)</b>

## COMPARISON OF ANNUAL BUDGETS CALENDAR YEARS 1990 AND 1991

	<b>BUDGET 1990</b>	<b>BUDGET 1991</b>	<b>INCREASE DECREASE</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
GRAND MASTER'S EXPENSE ALLOWANCE	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
GRAND MASTER'S TRAVEL ALLOWANCE	1,000.00	1,000.00	
FRATERNAL RECOGNITION CONFERENCE	0.00		
MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE	0.00	0.00	
ARRANGEMENTS COMM – ANNUAL COMM	3,000.00	3,000.00	
PRINTING & BINDING – PROCEEDINGS	2,500.00	2,500.00	
INSURANCE	5,200.00	5,000.00	(\$200.00)
RECEPTION OF VISITORS	1,000.00	1,000.00	
PAST GRAND MASTER'S REGALIA	500.00	500.00	
CHARITY	0.00		
<b>SUB – TOTAL I</b>	<b>\$14, 2100.00</b>	<b>\$14,000.00</b>	<b>(\$200.00)</b>
GRAND SECRETARY'S EXPENSE ALLOWANCE	4,000.00	3,400.00	(600.00)
GRAND SECRETARY'S TRAVEL ALLOWANCE	1,000.00	600.00	(400.00)
GRAND LODGE EXPENSE			
OFFICE SALARIES	5,000.00	8,500.00	3,500.00
PAYROLL TAXES	700.00	950.00	250.00
FEES – LEGAL & AUDIT	1,000.00	1,000.00	
OFFICE RENT	4,100.00	4,375.00	275.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES & EXPENSE	600.00	400.00	(200.00)
POSTAGE	950.00	600.00	(350.00)
TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS	1,000.00	750.00	(250.00)
TELEPHONE EXPENSE	750.00	750.00	
PRINTING EXPENSE	2,500.00	2,000.00	(500.00)
DUES EXPENSE:			
COMM ON FRATERNAL ERECOGNITION	15.00	15.00	
MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION	300.00	300.00	
GRAND MASTERS & GRAND SEC'Y CONFERENCE	225.00	225.00	
DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	1,400.00	1,200.00	(200.00)
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	400.00	200.00	(200.00)
<b>SUB – TOTAL II</b>	<b>\$23,940.00</b>	<b>\$25,265.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,325.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>\$38,140.00</b>	<b>\$39,265.00</b>	<b>\$1,125.00</b>

## ESTIMATED CASH FUNDS AVAILABLE CALENDAR YEAR 1991

	GENERAL FUND	PERMANENT FUND
<b>INCOME</b>		
GRAND LODGE PER CAPITA	\$28,560.00	
FEES FOR DEGREE CONFERRALS	510.00	
FEES FOR AFFILIATIONS	660.00	
FEES FOR PETITIONERS FOR DEGREES – NET	2,400.00	
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	32,130.000	
MEDALLIONS, COINS, & PINS		
SALE OF MASONIC MATERIALS – NET	900.00	
CONTRIBUTIONS GRAND LODGE OF WASHINGTON		\$10,000.00
CONTRIBUTIONS AND DONATIONS		
INTEREST AND DIVIDEND INCOME	6,246.88	2,488.54
TOTAL INCOME	<b>\$39,276.88</b>	<b>\$12,488.54</b>
OPERATING EXPENSES		
SUB TOTAL I EXPENSES	14,00.00	
SUB TOTAL II EXPENSES	25,265.00	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<b>\$ 39,265.00</b>	
NET INCOME FOR YEAR	\$11.88	\$12,488.54
CASH IN FUNDS JANUARY 1, 1991	<b>105,775.74</b>	<b>38,960.34</b>
ESTIMATED CASH IN FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 1993	<b>\$105,787.62</b>	<b>\$51,448.88</b>



## **Masonic Research and Education**

No report of the Masonic Research and Education Committee was received prior to publication:

## **Masonic Public Relations**

No report of the Masonic Public Relations Committee was received prior to publication.

## **Public Schools**

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

We your Committee on Public Schools wish to report the following information:

It was determined that although it had been mentioned for several years there was no definite record of what was being done by the constituent lodges in regards to Public Schools activities, last year's committee is to be commended on their comprehensive study of what is done in other jurisdictions. Letters of inquiry were sent to all lodges within the jurisdiction. Unfortunately, there was response from barely half of the lodges. Of the lodges that did respond on their activities we report the following:

1. Valdez Lodge No. 4 presents an annual \$500 scholarship.
2. Matanuska Lodge No. 7 presents a pin to each student in the entire Mat-Su Valley who remain on the Honor Roll for the entire year. If they remain on the Honor Roll for a second year, they receive a second year bar which is added to that pin.
3. Glacier Lodge No. 10 gives an annual \$1,000 scholarship.
4. Kenai Lodge No. 11 has an annual schools program honoring the top students in twenty-four of the Kenai Borough Schools. A committee of teachers selects outstanding students for each school based on academic achievement, participation in school activities, and interaction with other teachers and fellow students. The student's home life, respect for parents, the law, and community service are also considered in this evaluation. At a public presentation in April each recognized student is presented with a plaque with the Masonic symbol, their name, school, and the year of the award. The school receives an engraved brass name plate that is added to a perpetual trophy. Finally, each student receives an inscribed certificate and a copy of our dynamic freedoms provided by the Scottish Rite office. The schools participating range from elementary through high school.
5. Eagle River Lodge No. 13 presents an annual award to an outstanding teacher at Chugiak High School.
6. Aurora Lodge No. 15 honors outstanding teachers in the two SAVE programs, which is Specialized Academic Vocational Education, schools in Anchorage. The

teachers selected are chosen by the teaching staff within the school to make the honor truly outstanding.

7. Anchorage Lodge No. 17 follows the suggested guidelines set forth in the manual for Public Schools Activities from the Grand Lodge of Washington. These activities include an annual essay contest and a scholarship of \$1,000.

These lodges are to be commended on their activities. We would hope to encourage the other lodges in the jurisdiction to consider beginning some program to emphasize the awareness of public schools. These programs don't necessarily have to be expensive to be effective.

Respectfully submitted.

Richard D. Bender Chairman  
Wayne M. Baskett  
Harold H. Ervin  
Ian F. Ricker  
Allen B. Scouler

MW Grand Master, I would move for the acceptance of this report.

MW Grand Master: The report will be accepted.

## **DeMolay**

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

The DeMolay Chapters in Alaska are not in very good condition. They, like all fraternal organizations, are suffering a decline in membership. The average age of its members is increasing. This for a youth organization is exceptionally bad due to the limited age group that is available for membership.

The last word that I received was Kenai Chapter meets sporadically, Anchorage Chapter, to my knowledge is not holding any meetings. Mat-Su Chapter still gets together and is starting to get things going again. Arctic Chapter is struggling to get along and has a few candidates lined up. I do not know what the answer is to the problem of obtaining more members for the Order of DeMolay but the great competition for the time available to the young men of this age group from school, sports, TV, and other activities. It is hard to interest them in anything requiring more time and effort.

If any brother present knows of the solution to this problem, I and the advisors of their local chapters would be very pleased to hear from them. We must remember that it is not only the DeMolay that will fail, but we as Masons will lose a great potential source of future membership.

Respectfully submitted by Lloyd Triggs,

Donald W. Winters Chairman

Phillip L. Draheim

John C. Peck

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

MW Grand Master: The report will be received.

## **Bylaws**

No report of the Bylaws Committee was received prior to publication.

# 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 1990

*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**

**Nelson Evald Nyberg**

**July 7, 1990**

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

**Edgar Allen Spruce, Jr. PM**

**September 1, 1990**

### **Tanana Lodge No.**

**John Claude Chilton**

**1984**

**Frank Joseph Grell 3**

**July 12, 1989**

**Vane Carlton Dempsey**

**December 24, 1989**

**Robert Willard Cameron**

**February 3, 1990**

**William Thomas Garber**

**May 18, 1990**

**Arthur Lawrence Peterson**

**June 5, 1990**

**John Gilbert Skipper**

**June 28, 1990**

**Robert Samuel Richart**

**September 12, 1990**

**Charles Bennett Hall**

**October 14, 1990**

**William Stanley Stedman**

**October 15, 1990**

**Thurman Clarence Smith**

**October 29, 1990**

**Jay Warren Ogden, PM**

**November 4, 1990**

**Oscar Steen Bredlie**

**December 7, 1990**

### **Valdez Lodge No. 4**

**Leonard Harold Parker, PM**

**December 25, 1990**

### **Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5**

**Charles Durant**

**April 18, 1990**

<b>George Allen Ballum, PM</b>	<b>December 13, 1990</b>
<b>Matanuska Lodge No. 7</b>	
<b>Tommie Alford Phillips</b>	<b>June 5, 1990</b>
<b>James William Deininger</b>	<b>November 20, 1990</b>
<b>Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8</b>	
<b>Milton Lee Donner</b>	<b>May 28, 1990</b>
<b>William Patrick Underwood</b>	<b>May 28, 1990</b>
<b>Carrol Ambrose Willey, PM</b>	<b>October 2, 1990</b>
<b>Charlie Cecil Peek</b>	<b>June 13, 1990</b>
<b>Peter Elmer Laroque</b>	<b>December 3, 1990</b>
<b>Kodiak Lodge No. 9</b>	
<b>Louis Valentino Long, PM</b>	<b>February 28, 1990</b>
<b>Harry Louis Lund</b>	<b>November 3, 1990</b>
<b>Glacier Lodge No. 10</b>	
<b>Damon Floyd Polk</b>	<b>November 25, 1988</b>
<b>Harry Lee Marken, Sr.</b>	<b>October 19, 1990</b>
<b>Neil Risser Bassett, PM</b>	<b>October 31, 1990</b>
<b>Kenai Lodge No. 11</b>	
<b>Kurt Alfred Biastoch</b>	<b>September 24, 1990</b>

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

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

### **Memorial Prayer**

*Most Holy and Glorious Lord God pour down thy blessing upon our present assembly. Grant us and strengthen our commitments of love and affection for these thirty-one brother Masons who have passed away during the past year to enter into that temple not made with hands eternal in the heavens. May this incident of mortality cause us to be reminded of our probable fate in the near future. May we look to thee for strength and support and may your great mercy diminish the spell of death when our departure in faith and continuity for that everlasting kingdom from whose born no traveler ever returns. May we have continued blessings upon all the relatives and friends of our departed brothers. All this we ask in reverence of thy Holy Name.*

## **Report of Grand Lecturer**

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished East, and Brethren, and All:

The Grand Lecturer attended and participated in all three District meetings this past year. Short talks were given encouraging Masters and Lodge Officers to put their best foot forward when doing ritual work and to strive for perfection. Ten constituent lodges were visited mostly in conjunction with the Grand Master's official visitations. It was noted that most lodges performed well when opening, closing, and during degree work. A few lodges and a few officers were in need of additional training and experience.

I believe that the key to proficiency is practice and repetition. Most lodges have a certain night of each week set aside for lodge work. I recommend that on those weeks when no candidates are available for degree work that the lodge meet and practice opening, closing, and conferring degrees. This will greatly enhance everyone's proficiency when the time comes to do the real thing.

One highlight of this year was the laying of the cornerstone here at the Soldotna Public Library. This ceremony was well performed and seemed to be well received by members of the community present. This type of community activity is very important to the public image of our institution. I believe we should take advantage of every opportunity we get to provide this type of service. I encourage all Grand Lodge officers and other members to be alert for such opportunities.

MW Grand Master, I move that this report be received for the record.

MW Grand Master: That report will be received.

## **Report of Grand Orator**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished East, Brethren, and All:

As our Deputy Grand Master told me, many, many times that I shouldn't read something, that I do more when I give it from the heart, this one I got to read. I have for years been packing around in my pockets some type of information from the Masonic Service Association. I belong to the Masonic Service Association probably for 30 years now and I've got some over 200 bulletins from them that I keep in my library for a reference. When I see one that looks good, why I just send for it. I've got some way back from 1923, '24, '26 and I use them all periodically. I do an awfully lot of research. Many of you have heard me speak before and I've always pulled something out of my pocket and our Right Worshipful Sir back here says that I ought to put it back away. This is my essay for today.

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

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Most Worshipful Grand Master, David J. Thomas, Distinguished East, Brethren, and All:

Thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master for the appointment of this office. It is indeed a pleasure to serve you. I'm going to talk about change. Change is inevitable in our institution. I say this as a matter of fact.

First, let us explore changes in our country in the past 300 years. We have had changes in our Constitution and the way our government is run. I don't want to say that all of this is for the better of society, but nevertheless we have to say it changed. Science has made great progress. We now have radios, television, VCR's, video cameras, automobiles, etc. The progress in medicine is outstanding, from a hammer and saw and bleeding, to microscopic surgery and antibiotics. I can remember as a young fellow, as an illustration before World War II, I worked in the Brush. We used crosscut saws to fall and buck timber. It was a time just before Pearl Harbor that power saws came out. Most all of us in the Brush at that time were saying they just aren't here to stay. When I got out of the Service, four years later, the first thing I did was buy a surplus saw to go back into the woods.

Now we can consider more about change. In our institution in the days of 300 years ago we had only two degrees - the Inner Apprentice and the Fellowcraft. Lodges were small. Most were limited to 50 or less. They met in taverns and had a large festive board at their meetings. The degrees were simple and to the point. Compare that to now, then you will see that we did have change and progress.

We are talking about change, human progress has come about through change. Humanities most valuable assets have been non-conformists. Were it not for the non-conformists, he who refuses to be satisfied to go along with the continuance of things and insists upon attempting to find new ways or bettering things, the world would have little progress known. We have at our hands the information gained from a study of adult males in four geographic regions of our country which was taken to determine the attitudes and opinions of...towards Masonry in particular.

As my grandmother would say "Now that we have all that education, what are we going to do with it?" Do we make advances toward necessary changes or do we hesitate because we might have to change something, or worse, do nothing. Now if we do make changes we must consider our thoughts in a positive manner so that we would not hurt our brethren or offend someone. We must consider that we do not change the landmarks of Masonry, the rules or regulations of our Craft. This jurisdiction does not recognize landmarks in any list of such. But we do refer to the Ancient Landmarks. So I suppose it would have to go back to the Period before 1717, to the manuscripts. But then I think perhaps that this would be a job for a Jurisprudence Committee to justify legislation of any change.

I do not advocate change for change sake but for the betterment of our fraternity. There is nothing in our Code, Bylaws, Regulations, or the Ritual that cannot be changed except the Ancient Landmarks. The Code, Bylaws, Regulations, and Ritual were all conceived and written by Masons over a period of years. And what man doeth, man can take it away. So mote it be!

MW Grand Master, I move this report be accepted for the record.

MW Grand Master: This report will be received.

## **Report of Grand Historian**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished East, Brethren, and All:

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

Our Constitution prescribes the duties of the Grand Historian. These are to prepare and write a history of the Grand Lodge of Alaska. Collect, classify, arrange, and file with the Grand Secretary all available data, documents, and material testing for the preparation of subsequent histories. This is a stern challenge and I am deeply appreciated to our Grand Master to have this assignment.

The study of history clearly shows that in order to write one, several elements are required: Communication, records, reports, and the histories of subordinate entities. Communication evolved with man from songs and gestures, symbols, emblems, and finally into formalized languages spoken and written. The use of communication is essential in understanding between people on any given subject. Many problems exist such as differences in languages, even differences in the meaning of expressions in any given language. However, by translation and lexicology these difficulties in meaning are overcome, especially when a language is written.

In the recommendation, my brothers, at this point is that any brother who may know of any item of historical significance even if he may have some doubts as to that should be freely communicated to his lodge historian. History to be preserved must be recorded. Items of interest must be set down in writing. A dedicated secretary accomplishes this in the manner by which they record all the proceedings of the lodge proper to be written. Not only the order of business must be written but also any item that may have historical interest that is discussed while going through that order. Reports of special and standing committees and topics pertaining to the good of the order often times provide excellent opportunities to transcribe matters of historical interest. This is not to imply that the all important task of recording names and dates should be neglected.

An unusual example of this occurred recently to our Most Worshipful Grand Master. In a most unlikely place called Unalaska. I'm sure that all of our Alaskan brethren know where Unalaska is. It is an island about 600 miles west of here, about one-half of the



distance to the end of our Aleutian Chain. During World War II it was heavily fortified as an operating base and those of you that have read "The Thousand Mile War" will remember its distinction during that conflict. In any case, a group of citizens there formed themselves under the name of Unalaska Pride. They were attempting to restore and renovate many of the weathered and broken down items in the city of Unalaska. And, one of their projects was a graveyard. A very old graveyard so weathered by the harsh Aleutian climate that many of the gravestones were missing and several had the names obliterated so that they could not be read. However, on several of these headstones was engraved an unmistakable emblem - you guessed it - the square and compass. One of these gravestones had the name that was legible. And this information was communicated to our Most Worshipful Grand Master who after much communication and research was able to obtain the election, the initiation, the passing and the raising, and finally the death of the brother.

Our brethren, this is an example of the assiduity of several very dedicated secretaries. The point of recommendation at this time is that all secretaries should realize and be as assiduous in the accomplishment of their duties as humanly possible.

Regarding the condensing of source material in the history, one very important appointment should be made by every Master of a lodge, specifically that of the Historian. Great care should be made in the selection of the brother so appointed as to capability and adaptability to do the job. Every lodge should have an up-to-date history. The Master and the Historian are encouraged to emphasize to every member the importance of contributing information which may have a historical significance. The Historian should actively seek beyond the lodge minutes and reports for any material which could have importance. When these items are added year after year that lodge will have a worthwhile history. Further, building such a history year after year is a great deal easier than trying to resurrect it after several years. And that is a recommendation at this point. That the Masters appoint a capable Historian and that the Historian seek out any information that can contribute to the history of that lodge.

The history of a Grand Lodge is in large part that of the subordinate lodges. Plus those matters which in particular relate to the formation and growth of the Grand Lodge. Soon after being appointed I checked with the Grand Secretary, and as I expected, I was informed that yes the material is on file in his office and further he said there is much work to be done. And Most Worshipful Grand Master great expectations occurred this year, however, as humans, not all of those expectations were realized. So there is still much work to be done and God willing together we will accomplish this and produce a history such as the Grand Lodge of Alaska should have.

Respectfully submitted,

Milton Routzahn  
Grand Historian

MW Grand Master, I recommend that this report be received and written into the proceedings.

MW Grand Master: The report will be received. Thank you.

MW Grand Master added the following history about Unalaska.

I would like to reiterate a little more about Unalaska. When they were attempting to clean up the cemetery they found six Masonic graves. There were three of them that had granite headstones; two of them all they had on them was the square and compasses engraved into the stone. No names, no dates. One other had a name and a date, 1898, that was it. But the one had the name, the date of death, date of birth, and his lodge which was in Brooklyn, New York. He was a Master Seaman on an old sailing ship and he died in Unalaska in 1896. Some of these other old wooden headstones, you could barely make out a square and compass on them but no name or no dates. So they were in a process of trying to decipher some of these but so far I have not received any other communications from the people of Unalaska Pride. We'll keep working at it.

## **Charters and Dispensations**

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

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations submits the following report:

No requests were received for dispensation to start new lodges or any charters issued. So this is a little out of date now where...we will just say that you renumbered a charter.

(Ed. Note: Anchorage Lodge 221 joined Grand Lodge of Alaska as Anchorage No. 17 on Feb. 4, 1991)

MW Grand Master, I move that this report be received and printed in the proceedings.

MW Grand Master: It will be received.

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

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

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

We the Committee on Segregation and References; to whom was referred the Grand Master's message, have considered the same and make the following recommendations:

1. The State of the Craft Appointments, Recommendations, Special Events, Conclusion, Grand Representatives, Necrology, Proclamations, Memorandums, Lodge Visitations and Other Meetings, Communications Attended by Others as Representatives of the Grand Master, be approved as printed.
2. Dispensations: The first and second items be approved.
3. The third item, referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Bentley (10)  
Roy Foss (11)

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

MW Grand Master: It will be received.

MW Grand Master, I move the adoption of this report.

MW Grand Master: Been moved and seconded by Deputy Grand Master.

MW Grand Master All those in favor of this report, please vote by the usual sign of a Mason. Report is adopted.

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

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

We the Committee on Segregation and Reference to whom was referred the Grand Secretary's report have considered the same and make the following recommendations: that the report be received as printed with that portion of the financial matters be referred to the Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Bentley (10)  
Roy Foss (11)

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

MW Grand Master: Most Worshipful Sir, this report will be received.

MW Grand Master, I would move the adoption of this report.

MW Grand Master: It has been moved and seconded that this report be adopted. Report was adopted.

## Alaska Masonic Research Foundation

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brethren;

This is the annual report of the Alaska Masonic Research Foundation, of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska.

Members of the Board of Trustees wish to submit the following report: Treasurers Report as of January 14, 1991 was as follows:

- 1990 Tax on Kenai property was appraised, \$22.88.
- C. H. Clift Memorial Fund, \$465.00.
- Neil R. Bassett Memorial Fund, \$1,812.00.
- We have CD's on deposit, \$2,550.00.
- We have \$385.11 in our checking account.
- Total in the bank, no outstanding debts - \$5,212.11.

1990 Board of Trustees are: President, John C. Ingram;  
Vice-President, Leslie A. Little;  
Secretary, Charles I. Gregg;  
Treasurer, Robert L. Van Huss.

Also Mitchell R. Miller, Fred V. Angleton, Peter E. Nilles Glen W. Pruett, Robert M. Parkins.

The Alaska Masonic Library and Museum Foundation has met per schedule the past year in the AL ALASKA Shrine Mosque in Anchorage. We express appreciation to the Shrine for this generous contribution. The next scheduled meeting is Saturday, March 23, 1991. This will be the annual meeting of the election of officers. We encourage you to attend. Brother Robert M. Parkins made a very generous donation to the Foundation this past year - the 1950 DeSoto automobile, original, valued approximately \$6,500. We plan to raffle it off with hopes of receiving \$10,000 for it. We need names for membership roster to obtain a State of Alaska raffle permit and we offer you membership for \$5.00. It is hoped the permit will be obtained before the March 23rd meeting.

Another project the Foundation is working on is a return address sticker program using the Trans-National plan as a fund raising arm. Estimates are encouraging of a possible \$10,000 profit. Some of you brothers received these return-address stickers from different organizations, perhaps from the Grand Lodge of Washington, Grand Lodge of Michigan, DeMolay, and others, but perhaps this is a way that the Alaska Masonic Research Foundation can get a little more money in its coffer so we can go for bigger plans.

One of our brothers, Brother Ray Gallant, approached us and said he wants to make a...kind of a proud donation...he donated 40 lbs of pennies...first to count and sort them. This has been done, we offer them to you my brothers if you care to purchase the pennies

before we take them to a collector. We counted them, some in buckets, some in boxes, some in bags, some in rolls...so if you collect pennies we'd be interested in talking to you. Make you a really good deal on them.

Brother Wendal H. Kuecker, though not an active member of the Board of Trustees, still offers his expertise whenever needed. Brother Wendal we appreciate very much your help. Some things we don't know how to handle, you've been very helpful to us.

We again encourage you to attend the meetings with your constructive ideas brethren. To volunteer to be spokesman in your lodges, in your community in which you live, and help the Foundation to grow and prosper.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Ingram, President, February 7, 1991

MW Grand Master I move for the acceptance of this report.

MW Grand Master: That report will be received.

## **Alaska Masonic Research Association**

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

I'm Charles Gregg of course and I was suddenly elected to the position of Secretary/Treasurer of AMRA so I will give a basic report of what happened.

We held our annual meeting at 9:00 on Wednesday morning. A number of issues were discussed and nothing really earth shaking. We want to make a couple of changes in our bylaws which are just very basic housekeeping changes. In the course of the meeting we talked about the monies that we had on hand from the gold pan and the monies that were given to the Grand Lodge last year by AMRA. That was the 1989 monies that were collected; I believe that was \$12,480.00 that were donated last year. This year we had a number of problems and did not come up with a large sum of money. However, we did have the raffle which last night the drawing was made and that raffle has netted us approximately \$1,850.00 which will be donated to the Grand Lodge. At our meeting this morning, which we had over at the restaurant, we decided that we would put an additional sum with that \$1,840 or \$50.00 whichever it was to bring that up to \$2,000.

We wish to give that to the Grand Lodge of Alaska for the publication of a Grand Lodge bulletin for the following year. We understand that there are some additional monies coming and with the additional monies why we should be able to put out a publication, quarterly publication, as we have in the past.

I think we have 4 or 5 raffles which will be coming up this year, 1991, so next year we are hoping to be able to contribute a sizeable amount to the Grand Lodge of Alaska.

I (Hazen Ricker) would like to add a little bit to that. I've already collected for this coming year unless they are going to take it now I'll be giving it to the Most Worshipful Brother Chuck here after Grand Lodge. I've already got approximately \$180.00 already and I'm going to give 20 memberships to Nome and they are going to fill everyone of those and send the money into Worshipful Brother Chuck when he comes back from when he goes back to Nome he's going to sell all of those also. So we already are collecting more money.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles I Gregg  
Hazen R. Ricker

MW Grand Master, I would request that this report be received.

MW Grand Master: The report will be received.

## **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 raised was presented to Fairbanks Lodge No. 12 for the year 1990.

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

The recipient of the Buckley C. Hazen Award for the largest percentage membership growth was presented to North Pole Lodge No. 16 for the year 1990.

# MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

## Presentations

### Presentation by MW Charles Moulthrop to Masters of Lodges

MW Past Grand Master Charles Moulthrop presented, from his Grand Lodge of Michigan, lapel pins to all the Masters of the lodges in Alaska.

## Contributions to the Grand Lodge

Contribution From:	To:	For:	Amount
Tanana Lodge No. 3	Grand Lodge	Didn't Specify	\$1,340.00
Fairbanks Lodge No. 12	Grand Lodge	Permanent Fund	\$500.00
Hazen Ricker	Grand Lodge	Grand Lodge Bulletin	\$100.00
		<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,940.00</b>

## Speeches by Distinguished Guests

### MW Arthur S. Thomas, Representing GM of Japan

Thank you Grand Master, Distinguished East, and my brethren all.

I feel right at home in the Grand Lodge of Japan because when you vote in the Grand Lodge of Alaska because it is just like the Grand Lodge of Japan because when you get to the Grand Lodge of Japan there is only 93 votes to be cast. It is a small Grand Lodge, it is intimate, everybody knows everybody else and the true spirit of friendship is exhibited in all things. I appreciate the courtesy shown to myself and my wife. It is a pleasure to be here and I have not missed many meetings of this Grand Lodge and assure you MW Grand Master and the brethren I shall return many times as long as God will allow me to do so. Thank you all, one and all. Thank you Sir.

### Additional Comments by MW Arthur Thomas

One thing I forgot to bring you was the greetings of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Japan. As I said yesterday we are the same size that you are and

struggles go on because the Masonic philosophy is rather strange to some of the Japanese. But the thing I would like to tell you about was something that MW Brother Sid and I experienced this year.

We got ourselves up and went down to New Zealand to help them celebrate their 100th anniversary. Very dignified. If you have never seen pomp and circumstance you should go to a lodge that comes out of the Grand Lodge of England. They really put it on. But the thing that was really surprising, we all know that the Grand Lodge of England is probably considered one of the most conservative Grand Lodges in the world. Where we wear pins and rings as such as this, they are not allowed to do this. If they have a ring that has a Masonic emblem on it when they are out in public they are supposed to turn it inside. They don't wear a square and compasses.

In visiting in England one year I had been in Amsterdam just previous to that and was standing in a store waiting for my wife to come back from the rest room and a little guy came around the corner of the counter and he grabbed me by the collar and he says "Hey brother, I'm from Los Angeles, where's the John?" My wife who takes up on things fairly fast, as those of you who know her knows she does, she came walking up with that sly smile on her face and she says, "Well, I've always wanted to know what that little pin was for and now I know - Hey Brother where's the John?"

I later visited a lodge in London and told them about that. I was the only guest there so I got called on, and I told them about it. And I had this bunch of Englishmen under the table laughing about this, they had never heard this before either. But England has been very conservative about things. Lodges are sometimes hard to locate in England. They don't advertise too much. But when we were down in New Zealand, Lord Cornwallis, who is the Program Master of the Grand Lodge of England, was there and he spoke at the Grand Lodge banquet. He said there are three things that Masons have got to learn to do. He says, you've got to get out and get involved with the public. He says if you've got bad apples in your barrel, get rid of them, nobody wants to associate with them. And when you get out and spend money as a lodge or a Grand Lodge, you spend it in your own name, don't let somebody else spend it for you.

Sid and I both thought this was very radical coming out of an English Grand Lodge but he is known to be that way. But when it comes to the point where England begins to think this thing you can be sure that changes are taking place. And without changes taking place in Masonry, we're not going to continue to exist. Thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master for allowing me to speak the second time in front of this Grand Lodge, and thank you my brethren and all.



## **Illustrious Sir Gary Preston, Potentate of AL ASKA Temple**

Thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished East, and Brothers:

On Behalf of Al Aska Shrine, I'd like you all to know that our program is off and is going very well. We are doing what we are out there to do and that is to take care of our crippled children. Just last month, January 12, we had an Outreach Clinic in Anchorage. Saturday morning we were able to take care of 50 children. We have another Outreach Clinic scheduled in here on June 22. It is going to be a bit of a first also. It seems that the Board of Directors of the Portland unit has never really seen an Outreach Clinic so the Board of Directors is coming to Anchorage to have their Board of Directors meeting and to observe our Outreach Clinic in action.

For all of you Brothers that want to see what it is we do, there is no better place to do it than to come down to our Outreach Clinic. It is a very enlightening experience and we will probably be looking at 50 to 60 children on the morning of June 22. I would like to personally invite all of you to come on down.

Also, we are very proud that on June 1 we will be dedicating a brand new hospital in Spokane to replace the old one. The hospital in Portland is being expanded by the addition of two more stories on it so that we are reaching out to help more and more crippled children in our area. And thank you very much.

## **RW Thomas O. Mickey, British Columbia**

Thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished East, Brethren, and All:

It is my distinct pleasure today to be here today representing the Most Worshipful Brother Douglas R. Grant, the Grand Master of Ancient and Free and Accepted Masons in British Columbia. I would have been here anyway but it is doubly pleasurable that Most Worshipful Brother Grant could not come because then he needed a representative and I was the chosen one.

As I have been here a number of years previously and belong to White Pass Lodge No. 1 in Skagway it is like coming home anyway. So like I said I would have been here anyway.

Certainly, on behalf of Most Worshipful Brother Grant we would wish to extend our sympathies in the loss of your wife this year and trust that the Most High will give you the strength to carry on. Freemasonry in our jurisdiction is probably not much different than here. We are losing members yet. We hope that one of these days it will bottom out. It seems like the cities are, the lodges right in the center of large cities are dying and new ones are springing up on the outskirts and this seems to be a trend now.

We do have one bright light in our jurisdiction and that is our Cancer-Car project where they have four cars now working out of Vancouver hauling cancer patients to and from the treatment center to their home or to the airport or wherever it may be. And they also put an additional one on Vancouver Island. So that is a very bright light. It's given very good exposure to Freemasonry in that area. So that part is looking good.

I would like to extend my thanks again to you for visiting when I had my York Rite session in Whitehorse in May. It was a very nice gesture to have you there. I feel a little guilty today because there were only four of us that came back here this year. Because I think there was probably 20 some, at least 20, that came to Whitehorse in May and so with only four of us reciprocating that is not too good but we do what we can and we're here. We are enjoying it and you're having a great session and we want to wish you all the best and once you are a has-been, I know what it is all about now. You are going to know about it tomorrow afternoon.

They once said that sometimes Grand Officers have problems letting go, well I didn't have any problem letting go. I haven't went south since I finished my year. I'm going to give them a year before they have to look at my face down south again and then I'll go down and see if they remember me, or if they will just say, well that's old what's-his-name. Thank you very much for all the courtesies extended to me Most Worshipful Grand Master and we are enjoying ourselves tremendously

## **Tom Dougherty, Masonic Service Association**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Distinguished members of other Grand Jurisdictions, and Brethren from the great State of Alaska:

I just want to thank you for your hospitality and your friendship. It's great to come all the way over from New Jersey and Washington, D.C., and be received like I am one of you. That's the nice thing about Masonry, no matter where you go in the world, when you meet another Mason, it's instant friendship. And, Most Worshipful Grand Master I just want to say how much I appreciate your hospitality. I admire you for your fine leadership.

You are certainly a down-to-earth guy and one that everybody respects and loves. You have had your heartaches this year but you have shown what Masonry is made of by your continuing on and doing what is best for the Craft here in Alaska. So, from here, from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, from the Masonic Service Association, and from your brethren, we say God Bless you for the example that you set this year, you have been a great Grand Master.

I'm a little bit leery. I came in on Northwest Airlines from Norton, New Jersey and when we left it was really overcast, miserable, down-in-the-mouth day. And we were taxiing out onto the runway and the pilot knew everybody had the blahs, and wished they hadn't gotten up that morning. He said "I know how you feel. Everybody wishes they had

stayed in bed today because it is such a miserable day, but I just want you to know in just a few minutes we are going to be okay and we are going to taxi down this runway and we are going to burst through this muck. We are going to climb to 35,000 feet. The sun is going to be shining. We are going to be on our way to Seattle where it is a beautiful day out there and you'll be on your way and everything will be fine. Sit back and relax and enjoy the flight."

Sure enough, it wasn't only a few minutes later we went through the muck, through the grey clouds, and the rain and all that feeling went away when we saw the sun burst through and we sat back and relaxed.

I went to sleep and I must have slept for a few hours because after awhile I woke up and I felt the plane shake a little bit and I saw the light come on saying fasten your seat belts. Then I felt it shake a little bit more and I saw the stewardess run to the back of the plane and sit down and buckle herself in. It shook a little more and all of a sudden the plane hit an air pocket and we dipped about a 1,000 feet in just a few minutes. Pandemonium broke loose. Everybody thought sure it was the end. And finally the pilot got things straightened out and we were on the straight and narrow. He wanted to say something funny to make everybody feel good. He came on the intercom and he said "Oops, did you see what I just did?" And the guy along side of me poked me in the ribs and said "Wished he would come back here and see what I just did!"

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I want to tell you something. Yesterday coming up here I had a delightful ride. Worshipful Brother Bob Alexander, the immediate Past Master of Eagle River Lodge No. 13 and Larry Sizemore, the District Deputy of the District down there and Cliff Darnell, made me feel really comfortable by driving me up here from the airport at Anchorage and I appreciate their hospitality.

I understand that you got a gift last year from Cliff. Is that right? It was an outhouse, wasn't it? How many of you have ever seen an outhouse? How many of you have never seen an outhouse?

Well I want to tell you about something that happened to me last Halloween. I had an opportunity to speak up in Keneke (?), New Jersey which is about 50 miles , 60 miles from my hometown. And it was Halloween night. And in New Jersey the Grand Master has an office that's called The Secretary to the Grand Master, who takes care of all of his arrangements, sees to it that he is on time, and that his schedule is situated. Back in 1971 and '72 when I was Grand Master the Secretary of the Grand Master for me was one Charlie Parker. And Charlie was a farmer that lived out in Crosswicks, New Jersey and he used to keep tabs on me and my schedule, and so forth. He knew that I had this speaking date on Halloween night last year and he called me up and said "I see that you are going up to Keneke (?) tonight," and I said "Yes I am Charlie. He said "What time are you leaving?" I said "I got to leave here about 6:30." He said "Well you know it's Halloween night" and he says "And a lot of things can happen on this kind of night. How about if I ride with you?" I said "That would be fine. I would like that." He said "Well if you will come out and pick me up I'll be ready at 6:30." I said "That would be fine."

I left my house about 6:00; it's about a 10 mile ride out to Crosswicks in the country. And it was a beautiful moonlit night. And as I'm driving out through the country, all the farm houses I could see them in the silhouette of the moonlight. And about 25, 30, or 40 feet on the other side of it would be the silhouette of an outhouse. Every one of the farms along the way as I went out to his house was the same way. Picked up Charlie, he gets in the car. As we are driving down through our countryside to get on the main highway I said "Charlie, look at all those farms there, well those outhouses. Well you know something, I'll bet when we come back tonight, they'll all be knocked over."

He said "You know, Tom, you're right. The kids today are really bad. I'll bet everyone of them are knocked over." So we went on our way and I spoke at Keneke(?) and were coming back later on that night, it must have been about 10:30 or 11:00 o'clock and the moon was still shining and we were coming through the countryside and as we were driving down the road we looked up on the hillside and everyone of those farmhouses was silhouetted and the outhouses were still standing. And I said, "Look at that Charlie, aren't you ashamed of yourself?" And he said "You bet, when we were kids we would have knocked them all over, they'd be flat on the ground. They are not as bad as we were, are they?" I said, "No sir, they're not. I am really ashamed of myself for talking about these kids." So we drove up into his driveway and I got up to near his house and I said "Charlie I've got to go to the bathroom." He said, "Well, Tom, we don't have any inside plumbing, you got to use the outhouse." I said, "Oh, fine, that's great." He said, "Down the path there about 25 feet." I walked down that path and I found out that today the kids don't knock the outhouses over anymore like they used to. They just move them 4 feet back. Right up to here you know!

Brethren, as a representative of the Masonic Service Association, I appreciate the opportunity that the Grand Master has allowed me to speak today and Grand Master when you are tired of hearing me, pull my shirttail or shoot me or something. But I do want to talk to you a little bit about the Masonic Service Association.

When I travel around the country and talk to Worshipful Masters and men coming up through the lines one of the things they always say to me is "Gee, you know, one of the biggest problems that's facing us coming through the line or as Worshipful Master is planning meetings that will be interesting to the brethren so that I can increase the attendance, make the meetings interesting and also short so that we can get in and out. Give the men in the lodge something good and wholesome as far as Masonic education is concerned and let them be on their way.

They'll say to me "Another thing that is difficult as far as I'm concerned is writing my Trestle Board and having a message that means something to the brethren." When I hear these things it almost makes me cry. When a Master tells me he doesn't know how to prepare his Trestle Board or doesn't know how to plan meetings that are interesting to the brethren, it really makes me feel very, very sad. Because, if every Master and every man coming up through the line would subscribe to the Short Talk Bulletin and the materials that are available through the Masonic Service Association your lodge could meet every night, four years in a row, consecutively, Monday through Friday, holding a lodge

meeting and use Masonic Service Association education material and never duplicate your program. That's what is available to you for the asking.

This morning I passed out over 100 packets with the Hospitality Visitor, with the Brother Ernie Borgnine's picture on the front of it and his letter to us telling us how much he supports our program and how much he thinks about the hospital visitation program. Inside of it was also an application for a Short Talk Bulletin subscription. There is also a catalog in there that lists everything that is available as far as digests are concerned, films, tapes, and charts.

The Short Talk Bulletins were started in 1923 by Most Worshipful Carl H. Claudy, the Past Grand Master of Washington D.C., and a prolific writer and a tremendous speaker. These Short Talk Bulletins cover every subject that you want on Masonry. I don't care what it is. Solicitations, famous Masons, the Rough Ashlar, the Perfect Ashlar, the jewels of the lodge, the lesser lights, anything you can think of in the way of Masonic subjects are available through those Short Talk Bulletins. And they are all listed, everyone of them, and they are available to you for the ridiculous price of 35 cents a copy plus postage.

My Brethren, there is no reason why any Master should have a dull meeting or say he doesn't know how to prepare a meeting for interest to his brother or also to write his Trestle Board because also Short Talk Bulletins that tell you and guide you in writing Trestle Boards, interesting Trestle Boards. Take advantage of it. I don't care what your office might be in this lodge or any lodge you belong to; whether you are a White Apron Mason; whether you are a Past Master coming through the lines or the serving Master; if you subscribe to that Short Talk Bulletin and use what's available to you through the Masonic Service Association.

Your Grand Lodge is a member of our organization you'll never want for good and wholesome information to give to the brethren. And you'll watch your lodge grow, you'll watch your meetings be better, you'll watch your year as a Worshipful Master, feel that you have done something worthwhile just by doing and subscribing to the Short Talk Bulletin and taking advantage of it. Brethren take my advice and use it.

Yesterday, my brethren, we lost one of the finest Masons that has ever petitioned a Masonic lodge. I'm speaking of none other than Brother Danny Thomas. He died at the age of 79. Danny Thomas was a great Mason. I have the letter at home that he wrote asking for membership on how to become a member in the Masonic fraternity. He was sincere. He never refused the request to help the Masons in any way that he could. You can see that by the letter that you got in that packet that you were given. Danny Thomas wrote that letter. It's probably the last Masonic letter that he ever wrote. And he was sincere in asking for the support of the hospital visitation program.

He's gone but he was a good friend of Masonry and to mankind because he did so many things for babies and children with his St. Jude's Hospital and his benevolent and

charitable nature through all of his life because he was grateful for the opportunity that God had given him to entertain people and to make a good living.

I understand there is an Army Hospital here in Anchorage. What's the name of the hospital? Elmendorf, it's an Air Force Hospital? There is no reason under the sun my brethren why here in Alaska we can't get a program started there, visiting those people and helping the men in the service and their families. All that we need is somebody that would be willing to act as our representative at that hospital and if you will write to me or see me after the meeting if you are interested in it and live in the Anchorage area, I'll write to the hospital and see if they will accept us as volunteers and you'll do something for Masonry, not only in Anchorage, but throughout the State of Alaska. Because, what you will be doing as volunteers over there, helping those patients, will become statewide and known throughout the nation. You can become a part of our hospital visitation program by just doing that my brethren. Any of you that are interested please see me afterwards and I will try to help you in anyway I can.

You know, my brethren, there are better than 2-1/2 million Masons in the United States of America and the Masonic Service Association has been in existence for over 73 years and the unfortunate part is that less than 1 percent even know that our program exists.

We have spent millions and millions of dollars helping areas throughout the world that have been hit by earthquakes, by hurricanes, by tidal waves, by famine, and flood. No matter where it strikes throughout the United States or throughout the world if something is needed in the way of Masonic assistance, the Masonic Service Association has come to the aid of those countries; through the Grand Lodges and the Masons throughout the United States we have contributed millions and millions of dollars to that stricken area time and time again. Every cent that is contributed to the relief area goes to the relief area. None of the administrative funds or anything that is charged that would be part of the solicitation is burden by the contributions that are made. Every cent that it takes to administer the program comes out of the Masonic Service Association operating budget. Every penny that you contribute goes to charity.

There are so many things that we have been able to do through the past 73 years that makes Masonry look good that you should know more about it. There is a pamphlet inside of each one of those packets that I gave out this morning that says "What is the Masonic Service Association?" Read it and be familiar with it. When somebody asks you "What do Masons Do?" be proud of the things that are happening in your grand jurisdiction, throughout the United States and all those grand jurisdictions that are represented here behind me and also by the Masonic Service Association.

Remember we have no power to legislate, the only thing we can do is to serve you in whichever way that you want. If you have a question that you want researched, you can write to us and we will do it for you. We'll find an answer if there is an answer. We are at your service... servant and that's all that matters.

Someone had asked me to write a paper, and its a brief paper and I'm going to read it to you tonight. It's for publication. It's called "Have We Been Here Before?"

Last week, Saturday night, in fact, in Gainesville, Florida, the 14th Masonic District sponsored a buffet and bingo party for any patient at the VA Medical Center that wanted to attend. The all-purpose room was packed with patients in wheelchairs, on crutches, gurneys, some assisted by Masonic volunteers, and others walking on their own.

The wives of the Masons baked homemade pies, cakes, and cookies and the aroma of fresh coffee was delightful. The counter was loaded with sandwiches, salads, deviled eggs, and some hot dishes. It wasn't long before it looked as if it had been attacked by vultures, just about everything had been eaten. Then the entertainment began and bingo seemed to be the most popular game with prizes for everyone.

As I looked around the room I could see the patients were forgetting their personal problems. Their mental anguish and bitter memories were put aside for just a little while. They were grateful to the 14th District Masons and their wives for their thoughtfulness to those forgotten heroes.

Little things? Yes! But little things mean a lot to someone who is sick or lonely. I could visualize these older men and women fifty years ago. They were healthy and young or they would have never been accepted in the military. Now they were old battle-worn veterans, forgotten by most of us. Their faces showed lines of pain, strain, and worry. There is not much left in life for them and many of them had very little of the good life in the past. Yet they could say with pride I've served my country in time of need; I've paid the price for freedom; and I've sacrificed everything in life but itself for my country.

When I returned home after the war I was hailed and greeted as a hero. For a brief time it was a great experience. Time passed, six months, a year, maybe even a little longer, but not much longer. My how times change and how we were soon forgotten. Yes the heroes were not heroes for long. The country soon forgot. It took a back-seat to hustle and bustle of making a living. A dog-eat-dog world, no time for patriotism or battle-scarred veterans, and yes, they were young veterans at the time. They were committed to Veterans Administration hospitals and forgotten. Now they are old and in many cases helpless without family or friends.

Let's just wait a minute. Look what's happening today! We see young men and women serving in the Middle East. All enlisted personnel, no one has been drafted. They are dug in the sands in the desert of Saudi Arabia, wearing gas masks and clothing that they hope will protect them from the horrors of chemical warfare and germ warfare. For many of them these days their days will be numbered when the ground fighting begins. It could be a bloody battle scene with casualties like we have never seen before.

Almost overnight these young men and women will become old battle-scarred veterans, fighting for their lives in a future world that will be at peace. A genuine peace paid for by the blood and sacrifices of these young patriotic Americans and our allies. There will be

psychological wounds as well as physical ones that cannot be avoided. Watching their comrades next to them here a moment ago and then gone. Gone forever. If they escape without personal injury, they will have to live with mental nightmares that just don't seem to go away.

They will come home and they will come home victorious - you can count on that. Leaving behind many of their buddies who made the supreme sacrifices. Others will spend the rest of their lives in Veterans Administration medical centers. And while they will receive the best possible care, it's not a very pleasant experience for a future. We will greet them as heroes as we have done in the past but for how long - six months, a year, maybe a little bit longer but not much longer.

Unless we change our habits and I hope to pray to God we will change our habits of the past. Have we been here before? Please don't let it happen again! Masonic volunteers have never forgotten.

Ask anyone of our Masonic Service Association volunteers who have in the past and will continue to help in so many little ways to make life just a little bit more pleasant for those confined to Veterans Administration medical centers, extended care facilities, and state veteran homes across the nation. The Masonic Service Association National Hospital Visitation Program has come to the aid and assistance of countless thousands of brave men and women over the past 50 years.

With world conditions what they are today the demands for our charitable work is greater than ever. Volunteers and contributions to this great national Masonic charity are critical. We need you and your contributions of volunteering or monetary help as well. If you would like to help us, my brethren, inside of those packets is a little green envelope. If you make a contribution, I don't care how small or how large, you will get a personal letter from me thanking you for what you have done. Many of you here today have given contributions to the green envelope appeal and you know you have received a letter from me or if you haven't you will in the very near future.

Yes, the demands are more than ever before. I was at a meeting with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs just recently and the Veterans Administration hospitals throughout the United States, at the request of the President of the United States, have committed 25,000 beds for the wounded if ground warfare starts. Forty-five thousand body bags have been ordered by the government. My brethren, that's not a very bright future for some of these men and women that are over there in that country.

The Masonic Service Association has never forgotten. We've been there. We've helped those men, we haven't forgotten them. We make them feel like they're somebody. Ask the Grand Masters behind me. Ask Bill Miller who visited last year when he was Grand Master, ask Sid Kase, the Grand Master of Washington, all of them behind me, they've all been to the hospitals.



They've seen what our volunteers are doing, my brethren. We're away from that scene and we don't see it but these men and women when they come back are going to need us. They are going to need somebody to strengthen them because they are not going to be very nice to look at. Families will desert them, it's happened before. Wives will divorce them. It's happened before, and they will be left alone. What a price to pay for the liberty so that we can meet as Masons today throughout the United States or throughout the world. As I said before, they will come back and they will come back victorious. But the price is awesome. It's awesome and I see it every day and I have for the last twelve years that I have been involved with the Masonic Service Association.

Sometimes when I see people taking a complacent attitude towards the Hospital Visitation Program it makes me cry inside because I want to get the message across to Masons that aren't there. That don't rub shoulders with these things. I want you to know that you are being represented in the finest possible way by men and women that are not looking for pats on the back or credit. They're there because Masons care, because brotherly love, relief, and truth are part of our makeup and they are not just words to those who represent us in the Veterans Administration medical centers all across the country.

Yes, last year and for many years prior to that we contributed better than 500,000 hours of voluntary service. Millions of dollars have been committed to the hospitals for equipment and for comfort items and we are not going to stop. It's going to be greater than ever. How we get by on the money that is given to the Masonic Service Association God only knows. It's a Masonic miracle how we do it, but it happens year after year.

In the Book of Matthew we read in the 25th Chapter, "I was hungry and you fed me. I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was sick and you ministered to me. I was naked and you clothed me. I was a stranger and you took me in. I was in prison and you visited me." "Lord! when did I see thee hungry and feed thee? When were you thirsty and I gave you a drink? When were you sick and I ministered to thee? When were you a stranger and I took you in? When were you in prison and I visited thee?" And the Master answers, "When you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it also unto Me."

My brethren, that is the commission of everyone of us here and every Master Mason that has ever knelt at the Altar as a Master Mason to take the three degrees; to make this world a better place in which to live; and to show God that we just don't just give lip service to brotherly love, relief, and truth. That we practice the principles and tenets of our institution and we always will. Not for pats on the back, because it is a Masonic duty of every Mason. Brethren, wear your Masonic apron with pride and when you leave a meeting like this don't let the world identify you by a ring or pin. Let them identify you by your words, your actions, and your deeds. And you will watch Masonry grow in your state, in your lodge, and in the world because Masons care and we'll always be there.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, thank you so much for this opportunity. God bless you and God bless Masons everywhere and especially here in the Grand Lodge of Alaska. I love you all.

## **MW Fred V. Angleton, PGM, Response to Past Grand Master's of Alaska**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, it gives me a great deal of pleasure and I'm very proud to be able to respond for these eight living Past Grand Masters, including myself, of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and accepted Masons of Alaska.

You have been an honor to the fraternity and to the State of Alaska. Throughout the year you have asked for our advice and we gave you advice. We also gave you advice when you didn't ask for it. There are those among us here that are very eloquent speakers; those that speak with distinction; and those that have a command of the English language, but us poor Southern boys we speak from the heart, Southern California, that is. Most Worshipful Sir you have had a long but short year.

You have traveled over some rough rugged roads. You have had some small bumps, and some big bumps. You have had a very disappointing loss and we sympathize with you with that. I doubt that ten years ago in your wildest dreams that you ever thought that you would be sitting there before us in the East to be our Tenth Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska. You have done us proud and we wish you success in the remaining of the session of the Tenth Annual Communication.

## **MW Francis D. Hess, Past Grand Master of Montana**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Visitors, and my Brothers all:

I bring you greetings Most Worshipful Sir from my second Grand Master, I guess you would say my primary Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Don Kimmel, the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Montana. Most Worshipful Brother Don was planning on coming when I was talking to him in November. In fact we were even talking about coming early and doing a little driving around in Alaska but he has over-scheduled himself and he had conflicts and about ten days ago he called me and asked me if I would represent him up here, which I was happy to do. I was already coming.

But Most Worshipful Dave, it is sort of a pleasure to be able to represent our Grand Master this year when you are presiding. We have many ties. I have stayed at your house with my wife and you and your wife have stayed at our house and a year ago we sort of had a conspiracy whereby you would become the representative of Alaska to Montana and I was most happy when my Grand Master decided to agree with us. So it is pleasure to be here again brethren. It is like coming home to me.

But you know I've noticed in my home state and I'm noticing it probably more so this year, I happen to be president of the board of trustees for the Montana Masonic Home. And the trustees in the past 75 years have seen fit to leave the building as it was when it was built and we think it is time that we modernize it. When it was built people were

used to going down the hall, in fact they were pretty pleased to find the bathroom down the hall. They were used to going out to this outhouse that Most Worshipful Brother Tom was talking about.

But we decided if we were to going to put in bathrooms that we should probably try and bring the whole muck close to nursing home standards as we could. It is going to cost us a pile of money, I find out, about a million and a half minimum. Of course, part of this the government regulations we've got some asbestos on our steam pipes. We've been crawling around them for 75 years and we don't know of anybody dying from cancer but we hear we're going to be dead overnight if we don't get rid of it, but it's going to cost us \$45,000. A few other things like that.

But what I'm coming to brethren is, I go to Eastern Star meetings and I hear the Worthy Grand Patron bragging about the amount of money Masons give every day to charitable purposes. I go to York Rite meetings and I hear the same thing. I go to Scottish Rite and I hear the same thing. I go to my Shrine Temple and I hear the same thing. But I'm finding that what the Past Grand Master two years before said. He told me one day when we were visiting. He said, "You know Francis, I found out that all Masons, all men when they petition for Masonry get a fatal disease." And I said, "What's that?" Most Worshipful Brother Bob said, "Well you know we can take the most astute businessman, the most successful businessman off of main street and make him a Mason and immediately his right arm starts growing shorter and his right pocket gets deeper and he can never reach that pocket book."

Brethren, I think sometime we take advantage of everything that everybody is doing for charity Masonically in the United States and sort of forget that for that million dollars a day or whatever it is we are giving as Masons now, that requires some reaching into our own pockets. Masons in Montana tell me they can't afford to remodel our Masonic Home. We could rob our portfolio and pay for it in cash but those Masons that are bragging about giving a million dollars or better a day to charity in this country. Do you know how much a year they're giving to the Masonic Home in Montana? It's heartbreaking - it's \$3.00 a year. We are surviving on our generous brethren who have given us sizeable estates.

The one thing that is saving us now, and I didn't realize it when I first went on the board, I knew that we had received about a million dollar estate from the Sandoz Drug Company in Helena when it went out of business. I was working on our history for my lodge and found some old letters that had been written to our lodge over some problems that we were having back in the early days trying to get a brother into the home.

I got to looking at the Board of Trustees and I found out that this brother who had donated his entire estate to us when he died, had been one of the original members of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home and when they closed his firm they turned everything, the books, everything, over to the Masonic Home. The State of Montana wanted their old business records for the museum and we checked with some of the family and they requested that we keep all their records and the Masonic Home Board of

Trustees keep control of all their old records. The brother who gave the money wanted everything to go to us.

But, brethren I think we should seriously think are we doing our share towards our charities? It is awfully easy to ride on our reputation, but I think we should consider seriously. And I might make one comment on your action this morning - on this prepaid life membership. I'm neither speaking for or against what the brethren of my Alaska Grand Lodge did but we do have prepaid life memberships in the York Rite and prepaid life memberships in Grand Lodge and the Eastern Star in Montana. I was Recorder of the Commandery in Lewistown when the York Rite adopted their prepaid life membership and you know who the first prepaid life membership was? It was a brother of our lodge of the Commandery Sir Knight. He was the Past Grand Commandery of Montana. He was on oxygen and he bought the first prepaid life membership in the Lewistown York Rite Body. I asked him why? And he told me. He said, "I can't work, I'm not going to be here much longer, but I'm going to make certain that you know that Ed Skivey is supporting your Commandery." He has been dead for 14 years now but we are getting \$15.00 a year prepaid life membership from him. We'll always remember him.

Now the younger members are coming in, but a lot of our members when they buy it, their prepaid life membership, they are just figuring it is going to be a memorial that they are providing for themselves for the future generations. My lodge gave me an honorary life membership when I was Grand Master, that was about eleven years ago. And I got to figuring it up this summer that the honorary life membership I'd had that had saved me about \$210 and I decided it was about time I started paying my way in Western Star Lodge No. 104 and I do have a prepaid life membership. The lodge doesn't know it yet because I sent it in, I was secretary of the lodge. I sent it in but the new secretary is going to find out about it when he comes back.

Most Worshipful Sir, I thank you for all the hospitality. I'm sorry my wife isn't here to share it but we will look forward to seeing you in June. And you know where the hotel you have between the P & SA and the Grand Lodge of Montana, you know where it is at, it is out at Denton, Montana. Thank you Sir.

## **MW Jimmie M. Johnson, Past Grand Master of Arizona**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Visitors, and my Brethren of Alaska:

It is indeed a privilege and a pleasure for me to be up here in the great State of Alaska representing my Grand Master Most Worshipful Brother David C. Porter and bring you the best wishes and greetings from the Masons of Arizona. But I would have been here anyhow even if Dave had been here because I wanted to be here when Brother David Thomas presided over this Grand Lodge in what is sure a very momentous occasion for him.

I've known Dave for quite a few years and I think I first ran into him when he was the Junior Grand Warden visiting Wyoming Grand Lodge. I've seen him various places and times since that. I would have been up here before but I just didn't have enough nerve to brave the rigors of the season up here but I must say that although the air temperature is probably colder than I have ever experienced, I've never experienced more warmth and fellowship and hospitality and I want to thank you for that Most Worshipful Sir and the brethren of Alaska. If I'd known it would have been so warm in that regard, I probably would have endeavored to come here before.

I have a little story maybe some of you have not heard about - the hunting dog that was spoiled. It seems that these two fellows had made an engagement with this other fellow to go hunting and they came to pick him up and he and they started off and they said "Aren't you going to take old Master there hunting? He's one of the best hunting dogs in the state." And he said, "No, you wouldn't want him along. He's no good at all anymore. He's absolutely spoiled." They couldn't understand that because he had been this hunting dog and had been the pride of the whole state insofar as prowess in hunting was. So they demanded an explanation. So he told them, "Well, I loaned him out to some Masons, and they took him out and they just spoiled him. They had a heated blanket for him to sleep on. They had a pup tent for him to sleep in. They fed him steak, and they just spoiled him rotten, and now he thinks he is a Past Master and all he'll do is sit on his tail and growl."

I want to thank you Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren again for the hospitality and the fellowship that I have found here in this frozen climate. It's warmed me up and I feel very warm inside. Thank you all.

## **VW Larry Sizemore, Response to District Deputies**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished East, Brethren, and All:

It is a personal honor for me to have been asked to give this response to the introduction of the District Deputies for the Grand Lodge of Alaska. I wonder why sometimes I was chosen when I look around and I see that these other Deputies probably have a lot more distinguished Masonic career than I have. So that the only thing I can figure on is I'm either the youngest or the best looking.

Most Worshipful Brother Dave, we would like to extend our appreciation to you for the opportunity you gave us to serve you as District Deputies in our respective Districts in 1990 and wish to salute you on your outstanding year as Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska.

## **William H. Lefferson, Response to Grand Representatives**

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren of the Tenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska:

It is with great pleasure and a sense of high honor that we as representatives of 99 Grand Lodges in the Grand Lodge of Alaska accept your fraternal welcome before this sacred Altar. When we remember that the Grand Lodges here represented, 45 serve our beloved institution under the Stars and Stripes and 54 serve our same institution under foreign flags; the Far North to the southern extremity of the globe. Then we realize, Most Worshipful Sir, that your welcome is indeed the basis of every country. That the spirit, the heart of Free Masonry, permeates the souls of honest men where ever dispersed over the face of the earth and permits them to dwell together in peace.

We are reminded as we study the history of mankind and of nations that there has been from time immemorial a system of morality determining human action leading man to a high path of duty and guiding his attitude towards his fellowmen. Throughout the old mysteries of Egypt the Ancient Society of the Acquiescence, and many other societies has this spirit been manifested and always have symbols and allegories in the means of teaching its truths to its votaries.

We of today of all lands and under various flags but all under the one all covering twinkling blue heavens dome and beneath the watchful eye of the Universal Father must keep our hearts attuned to the sensitive, curative divine truth to correctly, interrupt and carry on to those who shall follow us that which we are permitted to enjoy in the true light. Thus shall this circle of brother grand lodges with the same aims and general purposes in view holding fast to the ancient landmarks and traditions of Masonry increase in friendship, in love, and in harmony and often meet around this sacred altar.

Most Worshipful Sir, on behalf of all of our grand jurisdictions here represented, we thank you for this honor and extend to you our greeting and best wishes for a most happy and successful session of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge.

## **MW Herman C. Kuppler, Past Grand Master of Oregon**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished East, and my Distinguished Brethren, and All:

It is my privilege today to represent the Most Worshipful Brother Kenneth A. Elliott, Grand Master of Masons in Oregon. Our Most Worshipful Brother Ken had looked forward because I have been with him here several days last week and he looked forward greatly to being with you but this last Sunday, our Grand Lodge lost its Grand Marshal, Worshipful Brother Loren Havery, who passed to the Celestial Lodge. So both our Grand Master and our Grand Secretary elected to stay in Oregon so as to attend the services for our Grand Marshal, Worshipful Brother Loren Havery.

Brethren, I can report a little bit about the Grand Lodge of Oregon and what we are doing. I think we are beginning to stir ourselves and we are starting to really look at ourselves. Our Grand Master is holding occasional communications in every corner of Oregon. His Grand Lodge Officers are visiting the lodges and carrying the Grand Lodge messages to each lodge in Oregon so that each lodge, and there are 160 of them in Oregon, each have had or will have a Grand Lodge Officer attend their lodge.

For too many years in Oregon we have seen our membership decline really since 1959. Well, membership is not going to turn around in a whirlwind, I'm sure we all realize that. But you know for the first time in many years the number of petitioners for the degrees of Freemasonry increased. Now by my calculations only by 20, but my brethren, an increase! Since last September I've been Secretary of Unity Lodge, my own lodge, and I'm beginning to just understand now what I've gotten into. I would like to express my respects to all lodge secretaries who are here today and of course to all of those that have for so many years contributed to our lodges.

At last Thursday's meeting of the Masonic Officers Association of Portland and vicinity, among others, the lodge secretaries were recognized. And upon seeing me stand up as a lodge secretary, someone in a rather muted quiet voice said, "Well, perhaps we found something that Past Grand Masters are good for! And I think it was the Deputy Grand Master who said that. But, Grand Master David, I remember your story at the banquet the other evening and like those other two Past Grand Masters in your story, I wasn't offered the job of the gorilla or the lion in the zoo, so I became a secretary, I guess.

Brethren, there is one thing on a little more serious note that I came across here recently and only a few days ago I received a written note on the back of a dues notice, one that was sent out, and it simply said, "I resign from Unity Lodge." Well, I called this brother, he lived in Portland, and I guess I understood now why he resigned after paying dues for 40 years, at the age of 81. In our Unity officers meeting I advised the officers so they would know. Well, brethren, our lodge is only about 150 and none of the officers or myself knew this brother personally. I don't know when the last time we might have had contact with him via a telephone committee. But isn't it rather sad that we lose track of members. That we are not alert to each other's needs, that we forget.

Well, in a few days we are going to be calling on this brother, we are going to meet him face to face. We have some alternatives to his resignation, or withdrawal, if you will. We can I think, though it's belatedly offered, we can offer brotherly love. We can offer that love and affection that Masons are supposed to exhibit. Brethren, I'm sure the officers feel as I do, we are sad that this has happened to a brother of our lodge. It's something we are going to be alert to from now on.

Well, brethren, thank you for your great hospitality. My wife and I always look forward to coming to the Grand Lodge of Alaska to returning here to renew our friendships and to experience what is always to us that great adventure of Alaska. Thank you brethren, thank you Grand Master.

## **RW Stanley M. Cazneaux, Deputy Grand Master of California**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished East, Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Alaska:

I appreciate this opportunity to speak to the brethren and Les don't feel too bad about losing that vote, change comes slowly to any Grand Lodge. I put in a resolution this last year and it went down to defeat by about 1,600 votes; so the agony of defeat. Don't give up though!

I bring you greetings from our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Ronald A. Sherod, Grand Master of Masons in California, and the 145,000 Masons in the state. Now 145,000 Masons sounds like a lot of people and we really should have an exciting and dynamic Grand Lodge. But if we look at the surveys that came out that tell us that 87% of our membership is not active, that means that in the State of California with 145,000 Masons we may have 20,000 that are active in our state. Now that's a pretty discouraging number. I look and try and figure out why that is. Why do we have so many members who are inactive? And I believe if I least look at California and some of this may be appropriate for Alaska too, I believe that, and I tell my membership that when we come to lodge that our lodges are boring. We don't have interesting things to bring people into our lodges. Probably a better way of putting it is there's nothing really of interest in a lodge to draw the people there and that is really a shame. There are things I believe that we can do to make our lodges more interesting.

There's another thing, too, that we are not active in our community. Young people are looking for something that they can be active in their communities and so we need to look at that.

The other thing I think probably the most important thing that I see in the Grand Lodge of California is the fact that we have lost brotherly love. I do not see it in the lodges. Just to give you an example, we had a beautiful cornerstone in San Jose, California a while back and that evening we had a banquet dinner; very, very well attended. There was no room at the head table for my wife and I and that was just fine so we looked around the crowd and off in the corner was this young man and his wife all by themselves. And so I went over there and Gloria and I introduced ourselves and we found out that he was a new entered apprentice Mason in that Lodge. The very first event that he had gone to. The very first event that he had brought his wife to. We talked a little bit and found out that he knew no one in that lodge, that no one in that lodge had come up and talked to them during the day, or said anything to his wife. And so I took it upon myself to talk to one of the officers of the lodge and tell him what was happening there and to make sure that man got involved. I watched the rest of the evening and nobody approached that brother. The last people to say goodnight to that brother were Gloria and myself and as I said goodnight to that brother I couldn't help but believe I was saying goodbye to an entered apprentice Mason. Now you might say that can't happen in my lodge, but I'll tell you in the Grand Lodge of California, lodge after lodge after lodge I see the same thing



happening. And until we can get back to basics this fraternity is not going to move ahead.

We are very, very fortunate in California in that we have started in what we call Management Retreats for our Junior Wardens, and then again for our Senior Wardens. And last year Gloria and I had the opportunity to getting together with a hundred of our Junior Wardens and their wives for a weekend retreat and we talked about these key issues - what we wanted to do as a team in 1992 to help solve some of these problems. We are getting together again with 200 Senior Wardens in April of this year and their wives and lay down some concrete plans to move ahead and see what we can do to bring brotherly love and activity back into our lodges. And I believe that we need to be able to do that and interest our existing members in the fraternity before we can expect to draw too many new people.

Let me just tell you of one other thing that we have going on in the State of California and I would hope that each one of you and every brother in the State of Alaska would look at television on January 1, 1992 for the Rose Parade. The Grand Lodge of California is sponsoring a Masonic float in that parade. And that parade is viewed by about 150 million people around the world and we are endeavoring to bring the story of Freemasonry to everyone. It ties in very, very nicely with Masonry because the theme of the 1992 parade is "Voyages of Discovery" celebrating the 500th Anniversary of Columbus discovering America. So voyages of discovery. You can think of the many voyages that Masons have been on of discovery and so we think we are going to have an outstanding float.

I'm going to be able to share some of the ideas, I hope, with the Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Masters at the Grand Masters Conference in San Diego about the middle of the month. Hopefully give them an idea of what the float will look like. Along the side of the float going along with the theme is going to be "Discover Masonry" and that is the story that we are going to try and deliver. I'd also like to tell you that it is not a California Grand Lodge Masonic float. We are going to make this a float for Masonry so that we spread the word. I would hope that each one of you would look to that.

Most Worshipful, I thank you for this opportunity to speak to your Grand Lodge. I appreciate the hospitality that you and all the members have shown both my wife and I and we look forward to seeing you again very, very soon. Thank you very much.

## **MW Sydney Kase, Grand Master of Washington**

Thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master, and My Distinguished Brethren All. First, I bring you greetings from the 33,000 Free and Accepted Masons of Washington. And on behalf of the Washington delegation, I want to express our thanks for the courtesies and hospitality extended to us. We always enjoy coming up to Alaska. We have a special relationship with Alaska as everyone here well knows.

Last September I had occasion to visit some of the lodges in Southeast Alaska and we allowed some extra days in Petersburg, three days to be exact, because my wife had some relatives there with whom she had never been in contact before. Long lost relatives and these were descendants of the original pioneers and settlers of Petersburg, her cousins, and so we did look them up and we spent considerable time with them along with visiting the lodge in Petersburg.

We were due in Ketchikan for a lodge meeting and dinner on Tuesday night and the weather on Monday had been so nice that we had planned to go fishing Tuesday morning. We packed all of our good clothing in the bags and checked them into the airline for the trip from Petersburg to Ketchikan and were all set to go fishing Tuesday morning. The fog was so thick we could not do that. But there we were walking around Petersburg in our grubbies and sneakers and in that fashion we went to the airport and were told "Well, we're not sure that your plane will come in or fly out because Petersburg and Wrangell, as you know, are two places that planes land and take off only visually. They don't have the appropriate instruments to do it in thick fog."

So I was sweating it out, not only because of the meeting that I was due at in Ketchikan that night but I was also due back at work the next morning in Tacoma, Washington. So I was really sweating it out and I was praying, and lo and behold the fog started to lift later than the plane was due to come in and it was a couple of hours late but it did come in and it did take off and we arrived in Ketchikan where we were met by Right Worshipful Brother John Grainger and I do thank you Right Worshipful Brother Grainger for the courtesies of meeting us and taking us to the lodge.

I'll also admit that Lorie and I were a little bit embarrassed to be appearing in the lodge in our grubbies and sneakers when everyone was so well dressed and by the way the only piece of luggage that I kept, and I didn't dare check it in, was my apron case. So I had my collar and apron. And there I was presiding in the East and giving a talk in my grubbies, sneakers, and brass collar. I think it's brass, maybe gold.

Well, they gave me an ulu knife and that was a very fine present, I appreciated that and the next morning the first plane out of Ketchikan we checked...we went through the security checkpoint and the lady operating it said "Is that a ulu knife in that bag?", and I said "Yes, it is" and she said, "You'll have to put that in your luggage". I said "I would like to do that, where is it?"

Well, to make a long story short, our luggage arrived two days later, they did deliver it right to our home and inside my luggage was the ulu knife they had confiscated. So apparently the ulu knife caught up with our luggage or something. But we also found a note inside the luggage saying "The owner of this knife is sure mad." I was, I admit it.

Well that was an embarrassing experience although no fault of the brethren in Ketchikan. They treated us very well and the meeting itself was a very fine meeting but that was nothing compared to the embarrassment that I sustained another time when I was asked if I could address a mixed group of men and women. I said, "Oh, yes, I have no problem

with that." So I followed the directions given me and when I arrived there, lo and behold it was a nudist camp. Everyone was walking around stark naked, men and women, and I was so embarrassed I didn't know what to do, whether to turn and run, but they had me in tow and before I could do or say anything about it, they said "You only have about 15 minutes to change and get ready and we'll have you speak at the banquet which is starting in 15 minutes. I went to the room and I said "Well, I could sneak out the back and make a get-a-way." But I said, "Well, when in Rome, you know, do as the Romans do. So I bit the bullet, grit my teeth, got completely undressed, took my notes, went down to the banquet and there out of deference to their speaker everyone was formally dressed. What an embarrassing situation. Well, this is just a prelude to the remarks I do want to make.

I want to talk about three topics very briefly. I want to talk about membership, leadership, and the future. Now in membership, this has been my priority this year. Membership is my priority. My theme is "Have Fun in 90-91" but my priority project is to increase our membership. We have been working very hard at it and I charge the Masons in Washington to bring in, by means of proper solicitation, two candidates, each one bring in two candidates. Not just at random, but to pick out the two best people that they knew, that they were acquainted with, and it was my hope that Masons are not so socially sterile that the only people they know are other Masons. I would hope that is not the case. Because they are your relatives, your friends, the people you work with, go to church with, other service clubs you may belong to, whatever.

I heard some negative vibrations about solicitation. Well, Washington has voted for proper solicitation. And there is a proper solicitation, just as there is an improper solicitation. The Grand Lodge of England allows proper solicitation. We didn't do that because they voted for it, or they have it. It isn't because we agree with England. It's that England happens to agree with us and that's the way we like it. We do protect our sovereignty.

But, I charged each of these Masons in the State of Washington to bring in two such people by educating them and making them aware about what Masonry is, what we stand for, etc. and most importantly, how one goes about becoming a Mason because I'm sure everyone of you has at sometime had, and I've had it happen to me multiple times, that people will say "Oh, I've always wanted to be a Mason, nobody ever asked me!" How do they know that they are supposed to ask us unless we tell them? How are they supposed to know? How are they supposed to know they'd be interested in Masonry unless we educate them about Masonry?

People are not going to accept things on blind faith nowadays as they might have done in the past. They are all from Missouri, and they want to know the facts and they all say "Show Me". And that's fine. Those are the kind of people we want. We want intelligent, free thinking people. So that was my thrust for membership. The good news is that I see signs in our state that it is starting to work. I think it showed signs last year that it was starting to work but I have been to several district meetings and at three of them in recent months and weeks the district deputy reported in his district a net gain in membership and I want to underline that word net, a net gain in membership.

I've read in the literature that in the 89-90 reports three Grand Lodges reported a net gain in membership. I want to underline the word net and this net gain averaged 7 percent and if my memory serves me right, and it doesn't always do that, I know, but I believe the three lodges that showed this net gain of 7 percent were Massachusetts, Wisconsin, and Vermont, and don't hold me to those but there were three Grand Lodges. So things are happening, things are changing.

But what is the most crying need? We all think it is membership, and it is. It's membership, recruitment, and it's membership retention, but it can't happen without leadership. Leadership is the... is one of the most crying needs that is tied in with membership. We all know the Star Spangled Banner. It starts "Oh, say can you see..." It's talking about vision. You know the Bible says "Without a vision the people perish". There are three kinds of visions - there is hindsight, and everyone has 20/20 hindsight. We all know what has happened in the past, or should, if we don't we are bound to repeat it and learn all over again. There is myopic vision, nearsightedness. We can see what's happening right here, right now in the present, but the most needed vision is presbyopia. You may not know what that word means but it is just a fancy name for farsightedness. You see the optician can charge you a lot more for glasses to correct presbyopia than he can for glasses to correct for farsightedness.

But we do need farsighted vision - vision for the future. Not for the needs of now, or next year. We need vision, men of vision who can see five years, ten years, twenty years down the road. It's going to be up to you and I whether there is Masonry to worry about twenty years down the road. I believe there is but it is going to take vision; it is going to take innovation; and it is going to take turtles.

I call Bill Miller a turtle because you see a turtle doesn't get anywhere unless he sticks his neck out. We need leaders who will get out of the cow path, and that's another thing that Bill Miller will recall because he has a very good poem about the cow path, where people get in a rut and they just follow the same direction because we've always done it that way and if someone sounds the alarm and says "Hey, change your direction because you're heading right off the cliff", well, people say "But those people that went before us went that way." Well, maybe that was the way to go at one time but now it's leading over the cliff, change direction. We do need leaders who are willing to take the risk, sometimes saying unpopular things to preserve the fraternity and we are all concerned with doing that.

And the third thing I want to talk about is the future. And the future has to do with change. You see change is the most constant thing in nature. If you don't think that is a true statement, get out your old family pictures when you were in elementary school or high school and compare it with yourself looking in the mirror and you'll see that I speak the truth. Change is the most constant thing in nature. And it is inexorably entwined with time.

We always ask the Junior Warden "What is the time?" He's only got two times, it is either high twelve, or one hour past high twelve. He needs to get that watch fixed. But time is

very important. We talk about dividing the twenty-four inch gage. We talk about the hour glass in the Third Degree. The Bible states there is a time and a season for every purpose under heaven. And true enough there is. This is a time when we are at war in the Persian Gulf. This is the time that tries men's souls. And this is when the Masons have to stand up for our country, be counted, and luckily and happily, the majority of our citizens are doing exactly that - they are standing up. Masons have got to stand up and this is the time for them to do so.

Masons must stand up and be counted on a number of issues. We've got to stand up and be counted for what we stand for and we've got to be willing to stand for something. Who's interested in an organization that stands for nothing? I don't think too many people now days are. We do have our principles that we stand for. Let's tell people about it. Masonry is good, let's tell them about it. We talk about the four cardinal virtues - temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice. Do we mean what we say? Do we mean justice just for Masons? I think not. Do we mean justice for some people and not for others? I think not. We say justice for all and we mean that. In the parting charge we say "Your kind officers extend to all people not just Masons". And we've got to take cognizance of that. Those are the basics of Masonry that Right Worshipful Brother Cazneaux is referring to. We need to reflect. The time has come for reflection in the past, in the present, and also reflecting upon the future.

And finally, the time has come to use the Common Gavel. In the First Degree we were taught that the Common Gavel was used to break off the corners of rough stones the better to fit them for the builder's use. It was taught to remove the superfluities and vices of this life. To get rid of those prejudices and that bigotry that drags us down. You see, my brethren, prejudice is a vagrant opinion without any visible means of support and a vagrant you know is a bum, a vagrant is another word for bum. It's a bum idea. It has no visible means of support. That is prejudice. We've got to get rid of that.

This is the time when nations are talking about intercontinental ballistic missiles. We are known as the peaceful Craft, the gentle Craft. We need to talk about a different kind of missile. We need to talk about BB's. I don't mean those little round pellets that you use in an air gun. I mean the BB question - which will it be - bigotry or brotherhood. We can't have both. We can't stand for both. We have to take a stand one way or the other and I know which way I stand, I stand for brotherhood not for bigotry. The public is watching us and you can proclaim all the finest platitudes and philosophies that you can dream up, but they say we don't care what you say - show us what you do. We are going to judge you by your actions, not by your words. I think that we should never lose sight of that.

Finally, I think I'll close with a little poem that has to do about King Solomon and King David.

You know King Solomon and King David led merry, merry lives  
with many, many lady friends and many, many wives.  
But when their years had multiplied with many, many qualms,  
King Solomon wrote the Proverbs and Kind David wrote the Psalms."

Thank you my brethren.

## **MW Darwin Pace, Grand Master of Wyoming**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Alaska:

Good morning, I want to first express my thanks to all of you and especially your Grand Master, Brother Dave, for all of the tremendous hospitality and friendship that you have extended to my wife, Susie, and I in our short visit with you here in Alaska. It is our first trip. We have been looking forward to it ever since we knew we were going to be able to come and we haven't been disappointed a bit. It's been just great. It is also great to have another current Wyoming Mason here in our presence in Gorman Finley from Rocksprings Lodge No. 12 and resident of Big Piney. Gorman and I are both...we are used to this kind of weather. And we don't mind it at all. We think the weather up here is beautiful. You know, just before the Grand Master called the break, I was in a position where I needed to answer a call of nature, as I am sure that a lot of you were, and I...reminded me of a story that I heard awhile back about a lady who went into a bar. And she went up the bartender and asked for a Scotch and water. She said "I want the drink with three drops of water." And she drank it and ordered another one but this time she said "I want two drops of water." And she drank that. And she ordered the third drink and she said "This time I want just one drop of water." The bartender couldn't withhold himself anymore and he said "I want to know why you went from three to two to one?" She said "Well, young man, you need to know that I can hold my Scotch a lot better than I can hold my water."

Tell you about some of the things that are going on in Wyoming. I heard a lot...when you are one of the last speakers to be called on as Wyoming typically is with our name, a lot of the concerns, and comments, and suggestions that are going on around the different jurisdictions, we are also trying in Wyoming. My theme this year is to "Make Masonry Visible." We are encouraging lodges to do that in several different ways. One of which is to pick out a community member in their area, Mason or non-Mason and recognize them for their contributions to that community by awarding them a plaque, having a ceremony, preferably public, getting some public relations in the paper, letting them know that the Masonic lodge in that community is alive and well. We have had good success with this and probably one of the most notable ones that I have heard about recently was up in Powell, Wyoming, up in the northeast corner of the state, not far from Yellowstone National Park, where during halftime of a basketball game they recognized the Superintendent of Schools who was retiring after many, many years of being Superintendent of Schools in that area. We feel that this type of activity is good and gets our name out in the public.

Another thing that we are encouraging is to participate in some type of community event outside the lodge. We've done that around the state, helping with town celebrations, that type of thing and that's also received some good success and some good public relations.

We are continuing to encourage as a lot of jurisdictions are Laymen's Night, or Friendship Night and we are starting to see some good results in that in Wyoming. And we are having good attendance for non-Masons and we are starting to get some petitions. We are encouraged by the activity that we receive by those lodges in the state who are trying to get potential Masons, men in the community that they would like to see as members to come out for a meeting. Attending church, cornerstone laying, all of these types of activities we're continuing to encourage. We are seeing some improvement.

One of the things that we have seen this year, at least at this point, in our year, we are about half way through our administrative year, is the fact that our suspensions for non-payment of dues are lower then they have been for several years and we are encouraged by that. Possibly some of the curiosity seekers, people who are joining Masonry for reasons other than what most of us join for are dropping out and maybe those we are getting in now are those who want to be Masons in their heart, which is what we want to attract to this fraternity. But we are encouraged by the activities that are going on in Wyoming.

Several years ago, your now Past Grand Master, Glen Pruett, visited Wyoming and he was invited to speak to us and I think that's the first time I heard the term that we don't have any problems in Masonry, we have some challenges. I remember Glen saying that. I think that is a good way to look at what we are trying to address these days. One of our challenges in Wyoming is, and we are finally beginning to realize this, is that we need to develop some leadership qualities in our lodges. We are really trying to concentrate on that. Certainly the Master of a lodge needs to know his ritual, how to open and close lodge, how to receive his guests, that type of activity. But he also needs to manage a lodge because that is what he is, a manager, and we need that in these times now more than ever before.

So, we are encouraging lodges as they select their officers to try to find leaders and people who will be leaders in our organization. We are encouraging new ideas. We are telling Masters, or I am telling Masters as their Grand Master, that if they have an idea on some way to promote the fraternity in their area and in their lodge to go ahead and try it and not worry about the repercussions. Because Masonry is like a lot of other organizations, it is a lot easier if you do something wrong, it's a lot easier to apologize sometimes than it is to seek permission. So we are encouraging them to do that.

I'll tell you another incident that happened. My wife got up with me and I took a shower and about five after the hour I walked outside to go to breakfast and there was nobody there. Restaurant was closed, there's no other Masons walking around so went back into my room and told my wife she could take things easy for awhile that it was about ten minutes after five. That really doesn't have any significance to Alaska Masonry or

anything. I think what's still on my mind is some of the comments my wife had for me when she realized what I had done.

Again brothers, it's been a great pleasure to be with you. I hope that some day I can come back again to Alaska. I certainly want to. It's a beautiful state, you are beautiful people, and God bless you all. Thank you Worshipful Master

## **MW Roy Wilson, Past Grand Master of Nevada**

Thank you Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren. First of all I would like to thank you and the Masons of Alaska for your fine hospitality. My wife and I have been enjoying ourselves very much and we are very grateful to you. I would like to bring you the greetings of Most Worshipful Grand Master Bill Roberts of Nevada. He was unable to be with you this year and allowed me the privilege of coming and for this I am grateful.

Yesterday when Past Grand Master Johnson from Arizona commented on his first meeting of you in Wyoming, it occurred to me that that was the same time that I first met you. But I've been trying to recollect what in the world it was that you were doing at that time that drew so much attention to you and I. Our association has been pleasant and enjoyed meeting you in various places about the country.

My brethren, I would like to talk a little bit just on some of the resolutions that have been presented here, your life membership program. I'm hoping that you can resolve this. I think it will be very beneficial to each of the lodges in this jurisdiction. We have, I think, a pretty good membership program in Nevada and it is working quite well, it builds continually. When this was first established, we were all very regretful that it hadn't been put into place 50 years earlier, because all of our lodges at this time would certainly be in a much better financial condition.

Another resolution that has been presented is your liquor resolution. I know you are all looking for a means of supporting your lodges. This is something I am sure that each of you has to justify in your own heart. I've been in lodges where liquor is permitted, not in the lodge room itself, but of course in the dining area. I have yet to see a problem with it. I'm quite confident with the members of our fraternity and I really doubt that they are going to be abusive of the privilege. I notice too that yesterday you were presented with an automobile which will be raffled off. You're very fortunate in this jurisdiction in the that you can hold raffles. That's a form of gambling. And raffles are illegal in Nevada. We offer nothing but a sure thing, when you pull that slot machine handle you know what you're going to get.

This year the voting population in Nevada did allow for raffles for non-profit organizations but we still have to wait for the legislature to work on it and see what they come up with for our allowances. I felt bad a few years ago - the Shrine club of Las Vegas, or the Shrine Temple - was presented with a saddle, a silver mounted saddle, that they felt that they could possibly raffle and they had hoped to make about \$10,000 off of



it and I had to say no, you can't do that. So hopefully raffles there will change and we can make some money on it too. But again thank you for your hospitality and hope to see you guys in Nevada sometime.

## **Trevor D. Munger, Junior Past State Master Councilor DeMolay of Alaska**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Brethren and Guests:

I've been asked to speak before you on behalf of the Alaska DeMolay Association. I myself was the last three State Master Councilors, of the DeMolay Association and currently am not active in DeMolay. Yet as I tried this year to look back upon the lessons that I've learned, one that stands most prevalent in my thoughts is the lesson that I learned of Brotherhood. Now to let you understand of the steps that I took to come to my definition of Brotherhood I want to briefly explain some scenarios.

Two years ago I was a member of the ISC Congress, International Supreme Council of DeMolay that met in Kansas City, and the main issue that I kept in mind throughout the whole thing was the amazing size and strength of DeMolay on the nationwide basis. I would sit in session, and look at hundreds if not thousands of DeMolays with the same purpose that I had. And the question in the back of my mind was "What drew all of these brethren here? What was the main purpose that they were here for?"

After that, I along with State Warden Loyd Triggs, and Frank Burg, went to Philadelphia for the same purpose. I sat in the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia which is an amazing building in a room called the Egyptian Room. It is a lodge room with Ancient Egyptian architecture, it was mind boggling to observe. I sat there and looked at the two doors to the left of me and I tried to picture all the Masons, DeMolays, Jobies, and all the other affiliated bodies that have gone through that door and that question was still in the back of my mind "What drew these people to this one place?"

A couple of months after that I went along with my Grandfather, John Ingram, to the Grand Lodge of Washington in Wenatchee, I created some great memories there, some good memories, memories full of friends. And two friends come to mind - that of Roy Foss of Spokane and Wendal Kuecker of Federal Way.

I remember two events that seem like it (garbled). First of which my grandfather Wendy and I were in a restaurant just outside of Wendy's establishment and we were discussing over breakfast some stuff and you also have to realize that if you have seen either of these two men eat breakfast I was thinking rather quickly of these events. As I was sitting across watching these biscuits and gravy just disappear from my sight, this question came back to me. And then along the same line I was sitting in Roy Foss's establishment, his house, and I was in his living room watching TV, playing with his sheepherder's whistle, some infamous devise that he has had me intrigued with but meanwhile I overheard the two speaking in the kitchen. And the day after that I thought to myself, "What drew these

two adults together like that" and the answer came really clear - and that was Brotherhood. Brotherhood is what brought these people together and I sat there and thought about it.

The Brotherhood that is expressed by these three individuals was strong and powerful. The unity that was displayed by these people was so strong that it swept me up into their friendship. I will remain there forever. It is kind of hard for me to explain that. I feel that that's what brought all of those DeMolays together in those events. That's what brought all of you here together was Brotherhood.

Now I sat and thought about what I had learned on the plane trip home and me being a little scientific minded that I am I tried to analyze this and tried to figure out what it was so I could explain it before people what I learned so I took Brotherhood. From the root word, which is Brother, and broke it down into an acronym into syllables. And this is somewhat what I found.

I found that being a Brother is "B - Bound to You." Rituals and ceremonies and thoughts they dictate someone being bound to you in thought but to understand what that means you have to experience Brotherhood. You have to experience these 50, 60, 100 men around you to understand what it is. That will follow you through life. That is something that cannot be taken away from you. These people are bound to you.

A Brother is "R – Rewarding." This bond that is developed is rewarding. The basic purpose through life is to go through with this mental image of success. And when you get people of high caliber to relate to you and to correspond with your thoughts than that is rewarding.

A Brother is also "O – Optimistic." Optimism is the prime basis of thought that will make you succeed throughout life. In a large group even the slightest amount of pessimism will bring down the actions and lower the success of the body.

A Brother is "T – Teamwork." I, myself, am involved in many things - DeMolays, Student Council, member of the School Board, sports, football, track, wrestling, and always there is a team unity. In each one of these instances I found that without a unity the team will fail. Teamwork is essential, once again for success.

A Brother is "H – Helpful." This summarizes all the previous terms, Bound to You, Rewarding, Outstanding, Thoughtful, that's Helpful. That's the main reason for having a Brother.

In "E – Everlasting," when you declare being a Brother, it's for life. Now many of you may have taken that in stride but when I was a 15 year old and I sat in an International Supreme Council session and looked out and saw these brethren of mine for life that was kind of mind boggling. Where that would be 75 years, 60 years, 20 years or what have you, a life time is a long time. And wherever you go that Everlasting spirit can be found very easily.

And the last one, "R - a Real Friend." Isn't that which this is all about; developing real values of great principle and great friendship? I would like to ask everybody just nonchalantly to look to their left and to the right and see how many friends they actually see around here. The majority is friendship. That's what causes this to be such a prosperous event. Because, people work better when they are with friends, their values are intermixed; their thoughts, the one wants to help the other, you understand the other's thoughts. That in my belief is the true definition of Brotherhood. You take all the acronyms - Bound to You, Rewarding, Optimistic, Teamwork, Helpful, Everlasting, a Real Friend - that's what it is all about.

And after having learned that through DeMolay I want to thank the Grand Lodge of Alaska for inviting me with the possibility to experience DeMolay and for the other young men my age that have been able to do this throughout the world. I feel that the lessons I learned from DeMolay will follow me whether that be in business, whether that be in future affiliations, or in marriage, and all aspects of life. The lessons I learned (garbled) Brotherhood in the unity of the brethren is the most essential. So, once again, I thank you for letting me speak before you today. Thank you very much.

### **MW Alden Jones, Past Grand Master of Washington**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Guests of the Grand Lodge of Alaska:

It has been my very great pleasure to have visited here many times. I was in Alaska on a business trip, checking some timber, for which I worked at the time on a day that the Astronauts landed first on the moon, Neal Armstrong and the other Astronaut and that night I found out that the Grand Master of Washington was making his annual visitation to the lodges in Alaska and I decided that I would take off my work clothes and my cork boots and put on my other suit and attend a lodge, and I did. And that was the start of my visitations here in Alaska.

Everyone has been so special, every meeting has been special for some reason. I'm proud to have visited the lodge so many times and as you know now I belong to the Alaska Lodge and I'm proud of that, No. 2 at Nome. I don't get to visit there very often but I hope that I will be able in the future to visit occasionally. I feel throughout my system that Masonry is a great organization and I'm proud to belong to it. I regret to see some problems and it isn't because there's anything wrong with Masonry, it's because we have forgotten or haven't found out to work Masonry or to work at Masonry in a way that keeps it alive and vigorous, growing, and expanding. But we'll find out. We're working continually.

You remember in the First Degree the question is asked "What came you here to do? Learn to subdue my passions and to improve myself in Masonry." I sometimes wonder if we're working very hard at improving ourselves in Masonry. Are we perchance feeling that we have learned how to live and we aren't demonstrating Masonry by our personal contact, including all of the good things, and all of the not so good things that we have

learned in our life? Are we making mistakes? Are we not as kind to our brothers, our neighbors, and our acquaintances?

Four years ago we met at Nome, wasn't it four years ago? I believe it was. I made a Masonic mistake and I want to relate that to you to illustrate what I'm talking about, about not being 100% Masons. It was stormy out there. It was arctic weather. And you may recall that we had winds and we couldn't hardly see across the street. There was a resolution passed by our late and good brother, good friend, Neil Bassett, and in his whereas he made some critical remarks of how the Washington Code from which the Alaska Code was copied had been not very carefully composed. And he didn't mean it in an unfriendly way, he was just stating a fact that they had to work hard to clean up the Code when they transferred it from the Washington language into the Alaska language.

Afterwards, I asked permission from the Grand Master to make remarks and you recall that I said facetiously that if no one else from Washington will rise to defend the character their ability to write a Code in the right way, I would do it and that I was challenging Brother Neil to a snowball fight at High Noon outside the meeting place and because I was his elder, I demanded the downwind position. Everybody laughed. It was funny. We meant it to be. But it was unkind and Brother Neil was hurt by it and I afterwards apologized to him. We continued to be friends.

I give you that as an example of how we can momentarily be careless and do an un-Masonic thing to a friend and not mean it. Not knowing that there were two ways to take it. And so let us be careful. We came here to do certain things to improve ourselves in Masonry. Let us work harder on that and perhaps it won't be quite as necessary at some point in the future to change things around. Maybe they are all right the way they are if we use them as they were originally intended to be.

Thank you Grand Master; thank you for the privilege of speaking here.

## **Anthony Carpine, Royal Arch Masons**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, you sure are getting down to the bottom of the barrel here!

I am the General Grand Master of the Second Veil of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International and the Deputy General Grand Master of the Royal Arch Masons International for the Northwest District.

That's enough. Thank you for recognizing the York Rite. And I know that this is going to be a very successful. It has been a very successful communication. We are going to have a York Rite Convocation in April in Anchorage, third weekend in April. And I know I'm going to see a lot of people that are here, there, I hope. You caught me unawares so I am not prepared to speak and if I was prepared to speak the next thing that would come here would be Wednesday, so I think with that I'll quit.

## **Robert Parkins, Supreme Outer Observer of the Supreme Assembly of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls**

Brethren and All:

I asked to give the report that I give as Supreme Outer Observer of the Supreme Assembly of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls. As many of you have heard by the rumor that we had many, many changes made this last year in Supreme Assembly policies, actions, and operations. To go back very briefly, the things that we accomplished this last year in Supreme Assembly are things that were started to be changed twenty-five years ago to the year. Now that's how long it took to go through the red tape, the steps that were necessary to get the changes made in rituals which were patented and all the handicaps that there was about it.

But, this last year, year before last, there was a committee formed to study and report back at this last Supreme Assembly and it was emphasized and a lot of work was done and the committees that were appointed really did their homework well. They came into Supreme Assembly last summer and they had their reports to be made. They were made in a fashion in a way that they accepted them. We had slow going the first one or two where changes were too involved but when we found out it was really what was good for all they went swiftly through the whole thing.

First, I want to say this, (garbled) really was the one that was outstanding to all of Masonry and all the affiliated bodies and is now in effect and is going to take some time to get it out to the assemblies and down. But I just got my copy of the (garbled) of the religion that put it into effect but that's got to simmer down to the states and out to the assemblies and it is going to take some time to do it. But the essence is this, that every lodge of any affiliation (garbled) that includes all subordinate bodies, Shrine, Amaranth, Ladies White Shrine, and any of those organizations that are affiliated under Masonry are automatically eligible to come to any Rainbow Assembly. All they have to do to visit an Assembly is to come to the Assembly and show their dues card of the organization that they are privileged to come in and visit at that assembly.

Any of those organizations are eligible to sponsor Rainbow Girls or to sponsor Rainbow Assemblies and have it as their assembly. An Amaranth group can apply and sponsor a Rainbow group. White Shrine, anybody, York Rite, any of the rest of them can, it is open to all. The great part about that is that all of those people are privileged again to work in the assemblies. By doing this we have eliminated all these things that many times have been a handicap, "Oh, you don't belong to this because you can't do that", now it is virtually that any girl has ways to do it; that any girl or parent can get their girl and get in and join Rainbow through one channel or another. My mouth is so dry, excuse me for just a minute, get something for my mouth.

Another thing that this opened up and I have worked on this for years but now the parents and legal guardians can come in and work in the Assembly. They do not have to be Masons, Eastern Star, daughters or sons, or cousins, or what-nots but their families can

come to Rainbow and to work in the Assembly rooms. The parents will be issued cards and so on, and get their instructions and there is work that they can do in the Assembly room including many of the offices that they can fill. And we feel, in that way, that the parents are certainly the ones that are interested in their girls and that we shouldn't question the matter of them being in Rainbow because there aren't enough secrets, as they call it, and that word has been removed and that there is no longer secret words, it is just the words. And along that same line that the girls, we encourage them to come at 9 years old now so that they can get into Rainbow and serve for a year or two before they get into high school. And when they hit high school their schedules are really heavy in their school activities and that they will reserve some time there for the girls for Rainbow when they go onto that.

By the other hand of it, that it will open up so that we can go out into the assemblies and get them. For instance, and we have already tried this and it works, if any one of you know of some girl or family that you feel that they have a daughter that is good Rainbow or they'd like to get into Rainbow, you can ask for a petition from somebody that has one, take that petition out and get it all filled out and bring the petition in with the proper signatures of whomever the Masons or anybody that the person that is bringing it in whether Mason or Eastern Star or what, and bring it into the assembly and present that to the assembly and then they will take it from there and do the necessary book work, shall I say the routine work, of getting in touch with that family and the girls and get that into the assembly. And it does work. We have had one in particular where two Masons, they were coming into a lodge every Tuesday into Anchorage and two girls out in the Wasilla area, they saw these girls and knew the families and they went through that process. They got those petitions, went out and talked to the girls and their families and got the money for it and brought it into the assembly, into the Anchorage assembly, presented it to them, they took it from there and went out and those girls come in now to Rainbow with these people from Wasilla and they take them back afterwards, they come in the same night. And we've got two girls that are doing very fine for us and any Mason or Eastern Star can do the same thing. So we have opened it up so that we as Masons or affiliated bodies can take and go out and support your assembly in your particular areas.

There are so many things going on there and I didn't make the notes to do it but the action of Supreme Assembly is working very fine from the Supreme angle too. And one thing again is that we established age groups and you have heard of this and all of your organization and that is the old people, there are too many old senile people that are running this organization and that are carrying all the weight. We put age limits onto when any person of high authority in Supreme Assembly can be named. In other words, if they are over 65 years of age they cannot be appointed to one of the high positions into the International Order of Rainbow for Girls because we feel and I know that after you get into those years age you are not what you used to be and you can't do the things that you used to do. And we have locked them out of being reappointed and it's forcing and we have had to force this to come about in order to, should I say, turn their work and activities of the younger people over to younger and more active people. And it is coming out in that way right here in Soldotna. I've been talking to a couple and that the people that are interested in these and have the daughters are the ones that there is that

wide gap between when they used to be and now. And their girls are already up in high school now. Now if that had happened a couple of years ago, or so, they could have been working at it, but now it is opened it up and they can (garbled) positions so that they can go in and work in Rainbow now. We feel that we have opened it up so that they can get out into that age groups for them. And the international scope of it has been accepted all through the states. To every jurisdiction doesn't have to put all of these things in but it leaves it open so that any of the organizations can, if they want to; I'll be glad to go into some of the other things with you.

I wanted to bring this to you in a short form and not take up too much time but I want you to know that the fundamental and the foundation is there and now what we need to do is get out and put it to work and get it so that you can. And there will be work and there will be more information coming out. As I say, I just got mine this last month, about a month ago, and that will be filtering down and it takes time to change because some of those things, as you well know are patented, and we can't change them so we had to go around the barn and coming in through the back door in order to make it work.

If there are any specific questions, I'll be glad to try and answer them but I'll leave this within the short form and I'm sorry Most Worshipful Grand Master that I didn't have it in real (garbled) but to get it out so that they can know it and they can take it from there.

(GM) Thank you Bob. I'm sure all these youth groups need all the help that we can give them. So carry this back to your various lodges and jurisdictions. Give them all the help you possibly can.

### **MW Ralph Kavorkian Concerning the Grand Lodge Permanent Fund**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I would like to say a few words about the Grand Lodge Permanent Fund. Five years ago when I got elected Junior Grand Warden I was going around the Grand Jurisdiction telling everybody "Hey brothers, we've got to start working together in our respective lodges and raise money to put into our Grand Lodge Permanent Fund because some day, some how there is going to be a young Master Mason come along that is so good that we actually need him in the line - we need him. We are not allowing him to go in the line, we need him. We are going to have to help that Brother pay his way through that position that he is in."

How many of you remember me saying that? None of you! Oh, okay! Well, the Lord works in mysterious ways and he took Neil Bassett away from us this year, or this past year. We've got a young brother, Rick Bender, that's been doing an outstanding job as Grand Secretary. Now if each lodge would have paid attention to what I was saying and one day a year put on a little fund raiser, I don't care if you raise \$50 or \$5,000, we would have had enough money in the Grand Lodge Permanent Fund right now to pay the Grand Secretary so he could take care of his family; so that there wouldn't be any hardship on the Grand Lodge Permanent Fund, there wouldn't be no threat to dissipating that fund.

I'm glad to say that the three Fairbanks lodges have continued to do that and if we have to we'll continue to do it but it sure would be nice if some of you other lodges helped us. Thank you Grand Master.



# ELECTION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

(Taken from transcription of the tape recording of the proceedings.)

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

## **Grand Master:**

Bad, invalid, or blank	1 vote
David Thomas	1 vote
Charles Gregg	1 vote
<b>Frank Erie</b>	<b>112 votes (Position Accepted)</b>

## **Deputy Grand Master:**

Bad, invalid, or blank	1 vote
Gunnar Flygenring	1 vote
Henry Ferguson	1 vote
Howard Hobbs	1 vote
Elmer L. Foss	1 vote
James Morton	1 vote
Lloyd Triggs	8 votes
John Grainger	9 votes
<b>Leslie Little</b>	<b>93 votes (Position Accepted)</b>

## **Senior Grand Warden:**

Bad, invalid, or blank	2 votes
Jacques Boily	1 vote
William Lefferson	1 vote
Alfred White	1 vote
Henry Ferguson	3 votes
Lloyd Triggs	9 votes
Howard Hobbs	13 votes
<b>John Grainger</b>	<b>86 votes (Position Accepted)</b>

## **Grand Secretary:**

Bad, invalid, or blank	1 vote
Walter Teeland	1 vote
Mitchell Miller	1 vote
Charles Gregg	1 vote
Gunnar Flygenring	1 vote
Peter Nilles	2 votes
<b>Richard Bender</b>	<b>108 votes (Position Accepted)</b>

**Junior Grand Warden:** 115 ballots cast, 58 is required for a majority vote.

**1<sup>st</sup> Ballot**

Bad, invalid, or blank	1 vote
Fred McGuire	1 vote
Henry Dunbar	1 vote
Richard Bender	2 votes
Gene Freeman	2 votes
Mitchell Miller	3 votes
Henry Ferguson	11 votes
Lloyd Triggs	14 votes
William Lefferson	25 votes
Howard Hobbs	55 votes

**Junior Grand Warden:** 114 ballots cast, 58 is required for a majority vote.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Ballot**

John Edgar	1 vote
Fred McGuire	1 vote
Gene Freeman	2 votes
Lloyd Triggs	2 votes
Henry Ferguson	9 votes
Bill Lefferson	29 votes
<b>Howard Hobbs</b>	<b>70 votes (Position Accepted)</b>

# INSTALLATION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

An open installation for the 1991-1992 officers for the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was conducted in Soldotna, Alaska on February 8, 1991

## OPENING CEREMONIES

Welcome and Introduction

By MW David J. Thomas

## INSTALLING OFFICERS

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

## ELECTED OFFICERS

Grand Master	MW Franklin W. Erie
Deputy Grand Master	RW Leslie R. Little
Senior Grand Warden	RW John R. Grainger
Junior Grand Warden	RW Howard N. Hobbs
Grand Secretary	RW Richard D. Bender

## APPOINTED OFFICERS

Grand Chaplain	W Rev. John D. Edgar
Grand Lecturer	W Will R. Jose
Grand Orator	W Alfred M. White
Grand Historian	VW Milton M. Routzahn
Grand Marshal	W Henry T. Dunbar
Senior Grand Deacon	VW Gene R. Freeman
Junior Grand Deacon	W Philip L. Draheim
Grand Standard Bearer	W John A. Knudson
Grand Sword Bearer	W Robert L. Fulton

Grand Bible Bearer	W Frank L. Dickinson
Senior Grand Steward	W Monty R. Erwin
Junior Grand Steward	W Bobby W. Alexander
Grand Organist	W Lawrence W. Nelson
Grand Tyler	VW John Underwood

**DEPUTIES TO THE GRAND MASTER**

District 1	VW Lloyd W. Triggs
District 2	VW Marvin A. Harned
District 3	VW Larry W. Sizemore
District 4	VW Wesley G. Davidson

# SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS

A Special Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was opened on the Third Degree of Masonry in Ample Form Saturday, June 9, 1990 at 12:10 p.m. in the Kenai Masonic Temple. The Grand Officer's stations and places were occupied as follows:

MW David J. Thomas (6,11)	Grand Master
RW Frank W. Erie (3,12)	Deputy Grand Master
RW Leslie R. Little (10,15)	Senior Grand Warden
RW Henry T. Dunbar (10)	as Junior Grand Warden
RW Neil R. Bassett (10)	Grand Secretary
W Walter D. Teeland (7)	Grand Chaplain
MW Fred V. Angleton, PGM (2,11)	as Grand Orator
VW Henry R. Ferguson (7)	Grand Marshal
VW Lloyd W. Triggs (3,16)	as Senior Grand Deacon
VW Milton M Routzahn (9)	as Junior Grand Deacon
VW Marvin R. Harned (4)	as Grand Sword Bearer
W William B. Clucas (3,12)	as Grand Bible Bearer
W Richard Dunbar (11)	as Senior Grand Steward
W Marvin B. Fitzpatrick (10)	as Junior Grand Steward
W Hazen R. Ricker (10,13)	as Grand Tyler
Mr. Burton Carver	Principal Architect

The Grand Master announced that this Special Communication had been called for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of the Joyce K. Carver Memorial Library in Soldotna, commencing at 2:00 p.m.

The Officer's and members then repaired to the library where, under direction of the Grand Marshal, they were formed in Grand Procession and marched to the library entrance.

The cornerstone was laid according to the ancient ceremonies and the Grand Oration was given by Most Worshipful Brother Fred V. Angleton, PGM. A sealed container was placed within the cornerstone containing the following memorabilia:

1. Current edition of Kenai Peninsula and Kodiak Island telephone directories.
2. Publications of the Alaska Oil Industry and the Alaska Journal of Commerce.
3. Current copies of the Peninsula Clarion, the Anchorage Daily News, and the Anchorage Times newspapers.
4. Fishing section of a brochure of the Kenai Peninsula.
5. Names of the Officers and Council Members for the city of Soldotna along with a list of city employees.
6. Roster of Officers and members present of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska.

7. Pictures of the Library.
8. A sealed envelope from the Library Board.

At the conclusion, the audience and participants moved inside the library for appropriate remarks by Soldotna Mayor Dolly Farnsworth and Library Officials.

The Grand Lodge Officers later returned to the Kenai Masonic Temple and the Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form at 3:15 p.m.

Neil R. Bassett  
Grand Secretary