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of Alaska**

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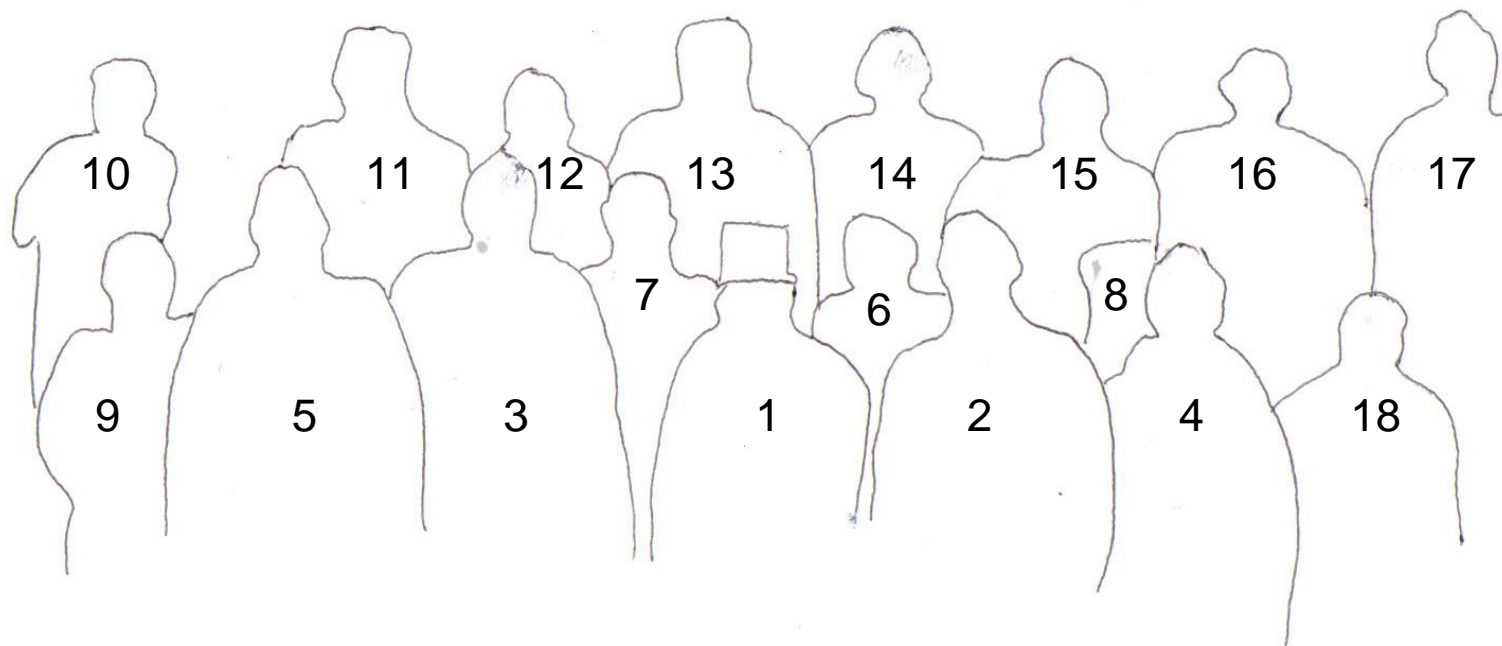


**FRANK W. ERIE**  
**GRAND MASTER**  
**1991**



## **1991 GRAND LODGE OFFICERS**





1: Frank W. Erie, Grand Master   2: Leslie R. Little, Deputy Grand Master   3: John H. Grainger, Senior Grand Warden  
4: Howard N. Hobbs, Junior Grand Warden   5: Richard d. Bender, Grand Secretary   6: Rev. John W. Edgar, Grand Chaplain  
7: Willie R. Josey, Grand Lecturer   8: Henry T. Dunbar, Grand Marshal   9: Robert L. Fulton, Grand Sword Bearer  
10: Monte R. Ervin, Senior Grand Steward   11: Gene R. Freeman, Senior Grand Deacon   12: Unknown  
13. Larry W. Sizemore, District Deputy No. 3   14: Lloyd W. Triggs District Deputy No. 1   15: Marvin A. Harned District  
Deputy No. 2   16: Phillip L. Draheim, Junior Grand Deacon   17: Bobby W. Alexander, Junior Grand Steward   18: Unknown





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# PRAYER OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

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

*Almighty and Everlasting God, we give you thanks that we are able to gather here today for this Grand Communication of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge. We pray Heavenly Father that thy spirit might be upon us and Thou would bless our endeavors if what we do might be pleasing in Thy sight. Be with us as we fellowship with the others and we pray Thou would be with our loved ones, wherever they may be. Keep us close to Thee and guide us in all that we do for we ask this in Thy Holy Name. Amen*

## ROLL CALL

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

### GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Master	MW Frank W. Erie
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deputy Grand Master	RW Leslie R. Little
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Warden	RW John H. Grainger
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Warden	RW Howard N. Hobbs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Secretary	RW Richard D. Bender
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Grand Standard Bearer	W John A. Knudsen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Sword Bearer	W Robert L. Fulton
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Bible Bearer	W Frank L. Dickinson
<input type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Steward	W Monte R. Ervin
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Steward	W Bobby W. Alexander
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Organist	W Lawrence W. Nelson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Tyler	VW John W. Underwood

**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
- Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18

MW Grand Master, all Grand Lodge Officers, except the Junior Grand Deacon, Grand Standard Bearer, and Senior Grand Steward and all lodges except Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5 and Seward Lodge No. 6 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 8:00 AM

The public opening of the Eleventh Annual Communication of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was opened at 8:15 AM on February 6, 1992 by W George Earp. The program for the public ceremonies included:

Entrance of Grand Lodge Officers for public opening  
Presentation of flag ceremony by Sojourners Heroes of '76, including Pledge of Allegiance  
Singing of: United States and Canada National Anthems, and Alaska Flag Song

Welcome by the Honorable Jim Sampson, Mayor of Fairbanks North Star Borough  
Response by RW Leslie R. Little (10, 15) – not given

Address by the Youth Groups  
International Order of Rainbow for Girls – Holly Morse  
DeMolay – Bobby Hines  
Response by Lloyd Triggs in place of MW David J. Thomas (6, 11)

The formal opening of the Twelfth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was opened at 9:00 AM on February 6, 1992 by Most Worshipful Frank W. Erie 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 Thomas J. Pratt (18)

**Second Session**

W Russell J. Hintz (3, 16)

**Third Session**

W Raymond W. Mac Armstrong (17, 18)

**Fourth Session**

W Walter B. Bonner (3, 11)

## **Distinguished Guests**

### **British Columbia**

RW Thomas O. Mickey, Past DDGM, representing W Edward B. Hearn, Grand Master  
RW Jacques G. Boily, Past DDGM

### **California**

RW John L. Cooper, Grand Secretary, representing MW Stanley M. Cazneaux, 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 Gerald V. Shay, Grand Master

### **Nebraska**

MW Byron C. Jenkins, Past Grand Master, representing MW James N. DeMoss, Grand Master

### **Nevada**

MW W. Ron Briggs, Past Grand Master, representing MW Franklin L. Coonley, Grand Master  
MW Roy A. Wilson, Past Grand Master

### **Oregon**

RW John S. Harvey, Junior Grand Warden, representing MW Ivan D. Rinck, Grand Master  
VW Marty Martinez, District Deputy

### **Washington**

MW James R. Vannice, Grand Master  
MW E. L. "Roy" Foss, Past Grand Master  
MW Alden H. Jones, Past Grand Master  
MW William R. Miller, Past Grand Master  
VW John Ayers, District Deputy  
VW Wendal H. Kuecker, Chairman, Public Relations Committee  
W Cleo K. Hathaway, Public Relations Committee  
VW H. J. "Barney" Conklin, Chairman, Arrangements Committee  
VW Warren Murphy, Past District Deputy  
VW Dean Quigley, Past District Deputy



## **Appendant Bodies**

### **Al Aska Shrine Temple**

Roland E. Redelings, Potentate

### **Grand Council of Alaska**

Alfred B. Cratty, Most Illustrious Master

### **Grand York Rite of Alaska**

Richard L. Holyoke, Grand High Priest

### **Supreme Council, A.A.S.R.**

Chester L. Proudfoot, Deputy for Alaska

# **MESSAGE OF THE MW GRAND MASTER**

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

Distinguished and honored guests, friends and Brothers all:

With warm affection and brotherly love I welcome each and every one of you to this Eleventh Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska.

To my Alaskan brothers, let me say that I am very happy that you have committed your time and energy to be here at your Grand Lodge Communication. We have labored together this past year for the good of Masonry. Mainly through luck and your generosity, I have been privileged to serve as your Grand Master this year and pray that in the years to come I will labor for the continued success of this great fraternity as faithfully as you have worked for me. Please make our guests welcome and take this opportunity to enjoy their company and Masonic experience.

To our guests, it is our hope that you enjoy our hospitality. We Alaskans tend to be an informal group. We are small in number but I pray that you find us large in heart. Should you need anything, please ask. If it is within our power to help you, we will.

This young Grand Lodge has many problems and most of them end up on the Grand Master's desk. Some beg for solutions but many are for information only. Some are easy to solve but most are not. It is the malicious unsubstantiated gossip and negative campaigning that hurts us the most. In this city lives a brother who is the most well liked man I have ever known. In Lodge or in public, I have never heard this most gentle man say one bad thing about anyone. I say to you all that this is a practice worthy of imitation.

Over the last four years, it has been my good fortune to sit in the presence of the Masonic leaders of North America. The subjects always discussed are: money, candidates, attendance, and leadership. All are important, of course, but most of our programs would be solved if we all were as well liked as my good friend. To project this depth of kindness and character in lodge and in public would, I think, attract good people to our Fraternity. Wouldn't it be great if the solution to most of our problems was to adjust the way we treat each other. We only need to do the things that each Master Mason has already been taught and our gentle craft would be vastly improved.

## **STATE OF THE CRAFT**

Each Lodge in this Jurisdiction was visited this year by the Grand Master. As in past years, the smaller Lodges have to struggle to continue operations but somehow they are holding their own. The larger Lodges continue to do great ritual, as is their habit, and it is always a pleasure to visit and see work that is so well done. But large or small, perfect or not, most Lodges were doing their best and should be complimented.

The Grand Secretary's Report will give the final numbers, however, I am pleased to report a gain in membership for the 1991 calendar year. Of course the addition of Anchorage Lodge No. 17 in January and Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18 in April swelled our ranks by about 450 members. I don't know for sure but it is likely no other Grand Jurisdiction in North America will report positive growth this year.

In general, the upkeep, maintenance, and appearance of the Lodges around the State is satisfactory.

The financial condition of the Grand Lodge is improving. However, we still need to maintain a lean posture. The Permanent Fund is benefiting from the generous yearly contribution of the Grand Lodge of Washington. The Calendar Project has earned us nearly \$8,800 to date. All net proceeds will be added to the Permanent Fund. The Grand Secretary's Report will contain a more precise accounting, however VW Brother Wendal Kuecker and RW Brother Rick Bender were the leaders in this effort and I wish my thanks to them to be a part of the permanent record of this Grand Lodge.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

I traveled to Oregon, North Dakota, California, and Nevada to attend those Grand Lodge Sessions. The following brothers traveled as my Personal Representative to other Grand Lodge Sessions: VW Lloyd W. Triggs to Minnesota, W Raymond R. Wagener to Wisconsin, VW William H. Lefferson to Alberta, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan, VW Marvin R. Harned to Illinois, RW John H. Grainger to Washington, MW David J. Thomas to Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming, W William B. Clucas to Massachusetts, and RW Richard D. Bender to Iowa.

I appointed four Grand Lodge Representatives this year. The Grand Representatives are: MW Frank W. Erie to Hawaii, RW John Grainger to New York, W V. Clifford Darnell to Prince Edward Island, and VW William H. Lefferson to Saskatchewan.

### **DISPENSATIONS**

A dispensation was granted to Glacier Lodge No. 10 to hold a Special Election to fill the vacancy in the office of their Junior Warden following his death in an auto accident.

A dispensation was granted to Matanuska Lodge No. 7 to hold an outdoor Third Degree.

A dispensation was granted to the Anchorage area Lodge to be clothed as Masons for the Municipality of Anchorage's Parks and Recreation Department Dedication Ceremony for David Green Park.

A dispensation was granted to Aurora Lodge No. 15 to hold a Stated Communication on February 12, 1992 at 8:00 p.m.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Recommend that each Lodge volunteer for community service projects so that Masons may become more visible.
2. Recommend that the Quarterly Bulletin be continued and hopefully become a truly quarterly publication.
3. Recommend that each Lodge make out a budget and file it with the Grand Lodge, along with the preceding Year End Report.

### **APPRECIATIONS**

1. To say thank you to every one whose help and council was timely and good. To name them all would not be possible. However, every successful Grand Master must surely know that most of the successes of his term were due to the help of others – and most of the failures are his own.
2. I also acknowledge the assistance of the Grand Secretary who, in his first year, has helped me beyond measure.
3. Thanks also to the Deputy Grand Master, RW Les Little, whose council was always timely and good and to the Senior Grand Warden, RW John Grainger for being my most stalwart traveling companion.
3. Thanks to the District Deputies for their work on the polling of members project with a special thanks to Brother Allan Rice for the computer preparation for the final results.

And, finally, to every Mason in this Jurisdiction for your kindness and support.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Frank W. Erie  
Grand Master

## APPENDIX

This appendix lists the official acts of the Grand Master during the period of February 7, 1992 through February 5, 1993.

### Proclamations

March 21, 1991 Proclaimed month of April as Public Schools Month.

### Dispensations Granted

March 18, 1991 Permission for Glacier Lodge No. 10 to hold a Special Election to fill the vacancy in the office of their Junior Warden, following his death in an auto accident.

June 14, 1991 Permission for Matanuska Lodge No. 7 to hold an outdoor Third Degree.

July 8, 1991 Permission for Anchorage Area Lodges to be clothed as Masons for the Municipality of Anchorage's Parks and Recreation Department Dedication Ceremony for David Green Park.

December 30, 1991 Permission for Aurora Lodge No. 15 to hold a Stated Communication on February 12, 1992 at 8:00 p.m. No change in time or place was requested.

### Lodge Visitations and Other Meetings

1991

February

17-18 Conference of Grand Masters, San Diego, CA  
20 Western Conference of Grand Lodges, San Diego, CA

March

5 Matanuska Lodge No. 7  
6 Aurora Lodge No. 15  
7 Anvil Lodge No. 2  
13 Anchorage Lodge No. 17  
16 District No. 1 Deputy's Meeting  
18 North Pole Lodge No. 16  
20 Tanana Lodge No. 3  
21 Fairbanks Lodge No. 12

April

1 Eagle River Lodge No. 13  
2 Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8  
3 Valdez Lodge No. 4

	11	Glacier Lodge No. 10
	15	Kodiak Lodge No. 9
	16	Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5
	18-20	Grand York Rite Session - Anchorage
May		
	7	Seward Lodge No. 6
	10	Kenai Lodge No. 11
	11	Shrine Ceremonial - Valdez
	17-19	International Days in Fairbanks with Whitehorse
	31	White Pass Lodge No. 1
June		
	6-7	Grand Lodge of Oregon, Seaside
	10-14	Grand Lodge of North Dakota, Fargo
August		
	10	Adak Lodge No. 14
October		
	12	Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18
	12-16	Grand Lodge of California, San Francisco
October		
	10-12	Grand Lodge of Nevada, Minden

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

April		
	12-13	Grand Lodge of Minnesota, by VW Lloyd W. Triggs
June		
	7-8	Grand Lodge of Alberta, by VW William H. Lefferson
	10-11	Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, by W Raymond R. Wagener
	14-15	Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, by VW William H. Lefferson
	17-19	Grand Lodge of Washington, by RW John H. Grainger
	28-29	Grand Lodge of Montana, by MW David J. Thomas
August		
	12-13	Grand Lodge of Wyoming, by MW David J. Thomas
September		
	19-20	Grand Lodge of Idaho, by MW David J. Thomas
	20-21	Grand Lodge of Iowa, by RW Richard D. Bender

October

4-5

Grand Lodge of Illinois, by VW Marvin R. Harned

December

11-12

Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, by W William B. Clucas

# 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.

This report completes my first full year as your Grand Secretary. I offer my extreme thanks to the brothers of this Jurisdiction for the honor that they have chosen to extend to me. I can honestly say that I truly enjoy my work as your Grand Secretary. My enjoyment of this job is due to the excellent group of Lodge Secretaries that are working in the Constituent Lodges. Without their attention to the record keeping, my job would be much harder. To those Secretaries, I offer my utmost thanks and appreciation on a job well done. Keep up the good work.

As is usually the case, the calendar proved the source of many problems in preparing for this Annual Communication. As required in Section 15.08 of the Alaska Masonic Code, I must report that four Lodges did not submit their End-of-Year Reports by the January 10<sup>th</sup> deadline. However, I did receive all of them in time to be included in the printed booklets and all data in this book reflects the data from all 18 Lodges.

I have more understanding of RW Neil Basset's problems with getting the printed Proceedings of these Annual Communications published. With no office staff to help with the day to day correspondence, it is hard to keep the publication of these Proceedings "on the front burner." The biggest problem I face is getting the biographical article from each Past Grand Master. I recently found biographies from two Past Grand Masters but I cannot publish any of the Proceedings until I have those biographies. Sister Elizabeth Nilles was an excellent help in getting the 1991 Proceedings from the taped transcript to a printed copy. I can only say I will proceed with them as fast as I am able.

I was fortunate to do as much traveling as my schedule allowed. I made nine of the Grand Master's Official Visitations and attended two Grand Lodge Sessions. I also attended the Conference of Grand Secretaries and the Western Conference last February.

The Status of Lodges Report needs a brief explanation. Our degree work continues at about the same rate from last year. Dimits were down slightly from last year but the deaths were up by almost 50%! On paper we show a net loss of 44 members for 1991. This is not totally correct because our membership went from 1877 on December 31, 1990 to 2251 on January 1, 1991 with the addition of Anchorage Lodge No. 17. The Status of Lodge Report only shows the membership as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. Adjusting the change for Anchorage Lodge No. 17 on January 1<sup>st</sup> and the addition of Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18 on April 1<sup>st</sup>, we actually had a net gain of 403. Six of the Lodges reported gains in membership. Three of them reported overall no change. Nine of the Lodges reported an overall loss. The largest loss in membership was due to the high number of N.P.D.'s. I would encourage each Lodge to take a closer look at the members they are carrying with dues-in-arrears. The Alaska Masonic Code is very specific about the



procedure for dropping N.P.D. We must ask ourselves if we are really helping these brothers by carrying them 2-3 years before dropping. By the time many of our brothers find out they are going to be dropped, they owe \$200.00 or more just to remain a current member of the Lodge. Speaking from past experience, the notice that the Secretary sends out regarding past due dues is usually forgotten. It is the personal contact that will keep that Brother current on his dues. I encourage all the Masters and Secretaries to examine Section 17.09-17.11 of the Code.

Our Permanent Fund had a very good year, thanks to the Grand Master's Calendar program and a number of Lodge Fund Raisers. As of December 31, 1991, our Net Profit from the Calendars was nearly \$8,800. This far surpasses what we had hoped to collect. The response from the Brothers was far above the National average for these campaigns. All of our expenses have been paid and any additional contributions received will go directly to the Permanent Fund. I would add my thanks to VW Wendal Kuecker for his assistance with this program.

As is indicated in our Financial Statements, the future of the Grand Lodge of Alaska is looking up but we still have to be fairly careful in our operations. Although we have the additional income from two new Lodges, our expenses continue to increase. Our rent is increased nearly \$500 and our interest income is suffering from extremely low annual rates. The Finance Committee is presently determining areas of investment that will give us a better return on our funds.

In closing, I would like to thank MW Frank Erie for his support and this year. It was my pleasure to work with all the Elected Officers and other members of the Grand Lodge. Thank you again for the privilege of serving Grand Lodge of Alaska as your Grand Secretary.

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	Dimits	Deaths	Suspensions	Expulsions	NPD	Other	Total Loss
1			3	3	2	1		63	1		3				4	1						1
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18		1	5	1	1			73		1					1		1					1
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# REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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

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

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 all other documents emanating from other grand lodges and report to the annual communication of the Grand Lodge. The Fraternal Relations Committee shall deliver his report to the Grand Secretary prior to the annual communications of the Grand Lodge. This I have done. Also, the Fraternal Relations Committee shall review all requests for recognition from other grand lodges and as appropriate recommend recognition or of the petitioner grand lodge or the rejection of said petition or petitioners.

Being agreeably to accept the assignment, the Fraternal Relations Committee did examine all correspondence received throughout the world and reports as follows:

During the past year several countries of Eastern Europe, steps were taken to rekindle Masonic Light. Requests for recognition were received from new grand lodges, Hungary, Yugoslavia, and Czechoslovakia. Romania and Portugal have shown an interest and actions underway to beginning rebuilding Freemasonry in Eastern Europe and that many countries will follow. When freedom is possible, Freemasonry is the first to return.

We have learned that several grand lodges are involved in the Solomon Too Program in an effort to increase the numbers of petitions for membership. To explain part what the Solomon Too Program consists of, the Grand Lodge of Ontario prepared a pamphlet titled "As Our Answer to the Perplexing Problems of the Questions of Proper and Improper Solicitation," a guideline on discussing membership in Masonry.

More and more grand lodges have enrolled in the National Masonic Alcohol Abuse Program. One grand lodge has a slogan entitled "WE are MAD," meaning Masons Against Drugs. Masons have established future planning committees to review their present positions in comparison to what is going to be requested before the year 2000. Public relations become involved in this area and it is important to us all. The Grand Lodge of Connecticut reports they have fifteen different programs in this area.

We find that many lodges are participating in civic parades, county and district fair booths, answering the phones on charity TV programs, and television promotion films on cable TV as an example. More and more grand lodges are realizing the great importance of education and leadership. Hey, I gotta put my glasses on!. Can't read without my glasses! Once again, more and more grand lodges are realizing the great importance of

education and leadership. Efforts in this area include training courses in ritual and code. Seminars are being held by most grand lodges. The Grand Master of New Jersey said our problem of membership decreases, floundering leadership, and sporadic attendance can be addressed with one word, EDUCATION!

Now we will run around to some of the different reports of the grand jurisdictions, briefly.

The District of Columbia: The theme of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia is Cooperation, Participation, and Positive Thinking.

The Grand Lodge of Ohio: They have stressed Friendships Nights. That was a grand lodge edict. Most lodges complied and programs were considered a success, 2,608 genuine prospects resulted in 429 petitions and 694 are expected. Ohio, my brothers is the largest of all the grand jurisdictions. Their membership of that grand jurisdiction, 191,368 Master Masons, but, their decline in membership was the smallest of all jurisdictions showing a decrease. They only had a 19 per cent decrease. Congratulations to the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Louisiana: Finally they have created a lodge of research. Louisiana also voted to place the Grand Lodge building for sale at five-million dollars or more.

Michigan: Michigan appointed a committee to study the advantages and implications to a two-year term for the grand master, deputy grand master, senior grand warden, and junior grand warden.

California: Despite opposition, California voted to allow the Order of the Golden Slipper, the wives and widows of Master Masons, to use the square and compass with its golden slipper emblem. It was stated for the past forty years, the Order of the Golden Slipper has had their emblem a golden slipper chained to a Masonic emblem.

Florida: Several lodges of Florida placed U.S. flags in their public schools and were surprised to learn that how many schools did not have a flag to pledge allegiance to.

Oklahoma: Oklahoma voted to allow plural membership, both within the states and in other grand jurisdictions. Oklahoma also voted to reduce the required age for petitioners from twenty-one to nineteen years old.

Arizona: It might be expected to receive twice as many requests to do courtesy work for sister jurisdictions as requested for them to do for Arizona.

Montana: The personal expenses for attending grand lodge will now come out of the pocket of the delegates rather than the grand lodge. The delegates voted to eliminate the mileage per diem to those attending which had been costing the Grand Lodge of Montana in excess of \$4,500 every year.

Rhode Island: Isn't this familiar? The Grand Lodge, there, learned forty-two per cent of the lodge offices are held by Past Masters. This sounds familiar doesn't it?

Nebraska: Grand Master was enthusiastic about the results of a change which allows a latitude to conduct alternate educational programs and omit the usual repeating of the question and answer proficiency. The Grand Master of Nebraska reported one lodge using this program had raised sixty Master Masons for their own lodge and had twenty candidates for courtesy for the other lodges.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Ingram

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

MW Grand Master: That report will be accepted.

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

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

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

We have received from the Grand Lodge of Yugoslavia for fraternal recognition and exchange of grand representatives. The Committee on Information for Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters for North America indicate that this grand lodge, according to information at their disposal is regular and entitled to be recognized.

Investigation by this committee reveals that the Grand Lodge of Yugoslavia was originally known as the Grand Lodge of Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes. It was organized in Belgrade in 1919. It was dissolved on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 1940. It seemed to be some form of Freemasonry in Yugoslavia since 1763. The original grand lodge was organized with the Grand Lodges of Hungary, Hamburg, and the Grand Orient of Italy. The investigation and invitation by the founding committee by the Grand Lodge du Yugoslavia, dated May 4, 1990 recites that the regulations of the Grand Lodge of Yugoslavia claim exclusive territorial jurisdiction within Yugoslavia and a requirement of Section 1.07 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 Yugoslavia and that our Grand Master, at his will and pleasure, arrange for an exchange of grand representatives.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Ingram

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

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

MW Grand Master and brethren, I move for the adoption of this report that the Grand Lodge of Yugoslavia be recognized.

MW Grand Master: Brethren, it has been regularly moved and seconded that we accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> Report of Committee in affect will recognize Yugoslavia. Motion carried unanimously,

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

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

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

We have received a request from the Grand Lodge of Czechoslovakia for fraternal recognition and exchange of grand representatives. The Committee on Information for Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America indicates that this grand lodge, according to its disposal, is regular. Investigation by this committee reveals that the Nationale Grand Lodge of Czechoslovakia was organized in June 1930 by the United Grand Lodge of England and also by the Grand Lodge of New York and a number of other grand lodges in the United States.

The Grand Lodge of Czechoslovakia was suppressed by the Hitler regime in 1939. It was revived in 1947 but the government again closed it in 1951. This Grand Lodge pronounced Velike Loze Czechoslovakia was re-established in a ceremony in Prague on November the 17<sup>th</sup>, 1990 under the auspicious of the Grand Lodge of Austria which is recognized by nearly all the grand lodges in the world. England granted recognition to the Grand Lodge of Czechoslovakia at its December 12<sup>th</sup>, 1990 meeting. We understand that the Grand Master is George Syllaba and the Grand Secretary is Christian Waeger (?) who was installed into office when the Grand Lodge of Czechoslovakia was reactivated. This grand lodge claims exclusive territorial jurisdiction within Czechoslovakia. The Grand Lodge of Czechoslovakia claims to:

1. adherence to the ancient landmarks of Freemasonry
2. a belief in God or a supreme being
3. the volume of the sacred law as it is an indispensable part of the furniture of the lodge
4. prohibition of the discussion of politics or any religion within its lodges

Investigation by this committee reveals that all requirements of Section 1.07 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 Czechoslovakia 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.

(Ed. Note: Tape recording ran out before vote was taken)

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

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

(Break in Tape)...America indicate that this Grand Lodge according to its information in its proposal is regular. The investigation by this committee reveals after the war due to interference by the Communist regime that the Grand Lodge of Hungary was compelled to temporarily suspend Masonic activities.

For decades the Masons were persecuted and exiled. Many Masons fell into Masonic duty to keep safe whatever grand lodge records and that of which they could obtain. The Symbolic Grand Lodge of Hungary was reactivated on September the 27<sup>th</sup>, 1989 in Budapest with the exclusive territorial jurisdiction with Hungary. The Grand Lodge of Hungary proclaims that adherence to:

1. the ancient landmarks of Freemasonry;
2. a belief in God or a Supreme Being;
3. the volume of the sacred law as that indispensable part of the furniture of the lodge;
4. prohibition of the discussions of politics and any religion within its lodges; and
5. the new Grand Master is Most Worshipful Brother Joseph Frentz (?) and the Grand Secretary is Right Worshipful Brother Lazio Felcacedrie(?).

Investigation by this committee reveals that all requirements of Section 1.07 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 Alaska accord recognition to the Grand Lodge of Hungary 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: Your report will be received.

MW Grand Master, I now move for the adoption of the report that the Grand Lodge of Hungary be accorded fraternal recognition.

MW Grand Master: It's been regularly moved and seconded that we recognize the Grand Lodge of Hungary. Motion carried.



# 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>28</b>
<b>White Pass Lodge No. 1</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Anvil Lodge No. 2</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Tanana Lodge No. 3</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Valdez Lodge No. 4</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5</b>	
<b>Seward Lodge No. 6</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Matanuska Lodge No. 7</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Kodiak Lodge No. 9</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Glacier Lodge No. 10</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Kenai Lodge No. 11</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Fairbanks Lodge No. 12</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Eagle River Lodge No. 13</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Adak Lodge No. 14</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Aurora Lodge No. 15</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>North Pole Lodge No. 16</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Anchorage Lodge No. 17</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>132</b>

Respectfully submitted,

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

All reports of the Credential Committee were adopted by Grand Lodge.

# APPOINTMENT OF REGULAR COMMITTEES

## Standing Committees

### Jurisprudence

MW Fred V. Angleton (2, 11) Chairman  
W Dennis M. Bump (12)  
W Russell A. Burnett (11)  
W V. Clifford Darnell (8, 13)  
W M. Burton Oien (3)

### Grievance & Appeals

MW Glenn W. Pruett (3, 12) Chairman  
W Lloyd W. Ives (3, 12)

### Finance

MW Ralph Kavorkian (3, 12, 16) Chairman  
W Thomas K. Black (15)  
W Orrin S. Felmley (8, 11)  
W Robert L. Van Huss (8, 11, 15)  
Bro. Leslie A. Wilkinson (3) Advisor

### Fraternal Relations

MW John C. Ingram (6, 11) Chairman

### Masonic Research & Education

W Gary E. Ackerson (1, 6) Chairman  
W Henry R. Ferguson (7)  
W Martin R. Samuelson (5)  
W Raymond R. Wagener (3, 16)

### Credentials

W G. Rex Plunkett (7) Chairman  
W William B. Clucas (3, 12, 16)  
VW Alfred B. Cratty (9)  
W William D. Kyle (17)  
VW Charles F. Lewis (2, 11)  
W Howard R. McElrath (4)

### **Masonic Public Relations**

W John L. Dolenc (7) Chairman  
W Marvin B. Fitzpatrick (10)

### **DeMolay**

MW David J. Thomas (6, 11) Chairman  
W Donald W. Winters (3)  
W John C. Peck (7, 13)

### **Bylaws**

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

### **Public Schools**

W Neal D. Cooper (8) Chairman  
W Wayne W. Baskett (7)  
W John J. Lincoln (3, 16)  
VW Paul J. Merkouris (2)  
W Allen B. Scouler (11)

## **Appointed Sub Committees**

### **Segregation and Reference**

MW David J. Thomas (6, 11) Chairman  
W Wendal Kuecker (11)  
MW E. L. "Roy" Foss (11)

### **Charters & Dispensations**

VW Fred L. McGuire (3, 12) Chairman  
W Charles H. Hembree (12)

### **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

RW John Grainger made motion that Grand Lodge be held in Sitka in the year 1994 in April. Motion made, seconded, and passed.

RW Leslie Little made motion that Grand Lodge have an open installation of officers of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge at 3:00 P.M. today. Motion moved, seconded, and passed.

## RESOLUTIONS

### Carryover 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 in to 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, 16)

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

As a Carryover Resolution proposing to amend a bylaw, it will require a simple majority vote for adoption.

**Note: This Carryover Resolution received a simple majority vote (69 for and 41 against) and was adopted. Loyd Williamson, Glacier 10, asked for a recount (56 for and 33 against) and Grand Master declared that was the last time Grand Lodge is voting on it.**

## Resolution 92-1

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 in 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 or by a committee of one or more members of the Lodge and if completed correctly the Brother is declared proficient by the Master and may progress to the next degree. The obligation of each degree must be given in accordance with the provisions in (1) above. The signs, tokens, and words must also be demonstrated at the same time.**

**After 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)

Richard D. Bender, PM (10)

Russell A. Burnett, PM (11)

Darryl McSpadden, WM (3)

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 received the required majority vote (83 for and 22 against) and was adopted**



## Resolution 92-2

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)  
Henry R. Ferguson, PM (7)  
Emmett V. Roetman, PM (7)  
William A. Folsom, WM (7)  
John L. Dolenc, PM (7)  
C. Paul Jones, PM (7)

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: Since Carryover Resolution 91-7 passed, Resolution 92-2 was withdrawn by the sponsors.**

## **Resolution of Acceptance for Mt. Verstovia Lodge**

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To accept Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 291 of Sitka, Alaska as a Constituent Lodge of this Grand Lodge.

### **RESOLUTION:**

**WHEREAS**, Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 291 voted on March 7, 1991 to transfer its affiliation from the Grand Lodge of Washington to the Grand Lodge of Alaska;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 291 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 Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 291 to the Grand Lodge of Alaska, it is therefore ordered that Mt. Verstovia 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. 18.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank W. Erie, Grand Master  
Richard D. Bender, Grand Secretary

# **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

## **Jurisprudence**

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

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

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

We the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Carryover Resolution 91-7 have considered the same and report as follows;

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

Respectfully submitted,

Fred V. Angleton (2, 11) Chairman  
Dennis M. Bump (12)  
Russell A. Burnett (11)  
V. Clifford Darnell (8, 13)  
M. Burton Oien (3)

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

MW Grand Master: It is received.

MW Grand Master, I now move for the adoption of this Resolution 91-7

MW Grand Master: It has been moved and seconded and motion passed (69 for and 41 against). Loyd Williamson, Glacier 10, asked for a recount (56 for and 41 against) and it still passed and MW Grand Master declared it was the last time Grand Lodge was voting on it.

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

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

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

We the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Resolution 92-1 have considered the same and report as follows:

This Resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. As this proposal to amend a Bylaw, the resolution requires a three-fourths vote of Grand Lodge for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred V. Angleton (2, 11) Chairman  
Dennis M. Bump (12)  
Russell A. Burnett (11)  
V. Clifford Darnell (8, 13)  
M. Burton Oien (3)

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

MW Grand Master: Your report will be received,

MW Grand Master, I move that this Resolution be adopted by Grand Lodge

MW Grand Master: Brethren, it has been regularly moved and seconded that this resolution be adopted. Motion passed (83 for and 22 against).

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

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

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

We the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Resolution 92-2 have considered the same and report as follows:

This resolution has been withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred V. Angleton (2, 11) Chairman  
Dennis M. Bump (12)  
Russell A. Burnett (11)  
V. Clifford Darnell (8, 13)  
M. Burton Oien (3)

MW Grand Master, we request that this report be received for the record.

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

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

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

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

We the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred to Dispensation Granted to Aurora Lodge 15 have considered the same and report as follows:

The Jurisprudence Committee finds that the action of the Grand Master to be in violation of Section 14.05 of the Alaska Masonic Code and accordingly do not approve of his action.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred V. Angleton (2, 11) Chairman  
Dennis M. Bump (12)  
Russell A. Burnett (11)  
V. Clifford Darnell (8, 13)  
M. Burton Oien (3)

MW Grand Master, The Jurisprudence Committee requests you receive this report for the record.

MW Grand Master: I receive that report.

MW Grand Master, I move that we adopt this report.

MW Grand Master: It has regularly moved and seconded that this report be adopted and motion carried.

## **Grievance and Appeals**

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

We the members of the Grievance and Appeals Committee are happy to report that we have not had any item for consideration for the year or since the Grand Lodge of Alaska has been formed.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn W. Pruett, Chairman  
Lloyd W. Ives

# Finance

## Report of the Finance Committee

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

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

For those of you that have copies of the Grand Master's Message, if you turn to page 18 of your book, we have an amendment that the Finance Committee made yesterday when it was brought to light that some money was donated for charity. Since there was no vehicle in the past for the Grand Lodge to dispense charity or no method for doing it or making a selection, we decided that we'll put that money in this year's operating budget. If the Grand Master has occasion to grant charity to some organization or to somebody, he can do so at his will and pleasure up to that amount that was donated. If he needs more, for charity, I'm sure that we will find it somewhere for him.

But, anyhow, you go to your bottom line on the first section of page 18 you'll see the charity line that's got a zero, zero, zero all the way across. For 1991 put a zero, for 1992 enter the figure \$100.00 and under the increase or decrease it should reflect \$100.00, and your Subtotal should read \$14,100.00 for your 1992 budget line. Okay, on your Grand Totals on page 18, under the column for 1992 you should enter the total of \$40,192.00.

Everybody understand what I said? Okay, on page 18 under the budget column of 1992, on the very bottom on page 18, where it says "Subtotals" in that middle figure, change that from \$40, 792.00, I 'm sorry. That's why they have auditors. Okay, if you will come across to page 19 under Subtotals, 1. Expenses and change that to \$14,100.00. And, then Total Operating Expenses \$40,792.00 and just below that Net Income For The Year enter the figure \$933.00 and coming down to the bottom line under Estimated Cash in Funds, December 31, 1992, it's \$113,446.58 and those are the changes in the Operating Budget for 1992.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Kavorkian (3, 12, 16) Chairman

Thomas K. Black (15)

Orrin S. Felmley (8, 11)

Robert L. Van Huss ((8, 11, 13)

Leslie A. Wilkinson (3) Advisor

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

MW Grand Master: It will be received.

MW Grand Master, I move that this Budget be adopted.

MW Grand Master: It has been regularly moved and seconded that the Budget Report be adopted. Motion adopted - nearly unanimous.

### **Recommendations of the Finance Committee**

From the Finance Committee: the following recommendation shall be submitted in resolution form to be considered by this Grand Lodge at the 1993 Session. Finance Committee recommendation is to establish the office of Grand Treasurer, admits this recommendation on the fact that currently in this Jurisdiction every constituent Lodge has an elected Lodge Treasurer and would normally handle and invest moneys, less moneys and property that the Grand Treasurer would.

The Grand Treasurer's term of office shall be for one year duration but re-electable for as many terms as he pleases the brethren and as his job performance and efficiency dictates and he chooses to accept the subject office.

He must meet the requirements to be elected to a Grand Lodge office and it goes on to say in accordance with Section 2.01 and meets the requirements of Section 2.02, Statement of Availability, etc., and his jewel shall be the same as the Lodge Treasurer only gold in color and comply with the rest of the Grand Lodge Officer's regalia and it will be an electable position. The reason we want it to be the status of electable position, that way he is not subjected to any kind of exterior pressures outside his office. In other words, he can be the Grand Treasurer as long as he does the things and keeps the money straight for the brothers, he is re-electable.

Anyhow that will be submitted in timely fashion prior to next October the 1<sup>st</sup> and I will make sure it is submitted ahead of time. I remember what happened in 1988

Second Recommendation is a resolution formed to be considered by the Grand Lodge in its 1993 Session to set up the Finance Committee with three, two, and one year terms of office where a brother is selected by a Grand Master to serve a term. It will be for three years and he progresses down until his term is expired and the next Grand Master picks the next member of the Finance Committee, and so on so that you always have continuity on the Finance Committee, but nobody is there forever and, that will be the other recommendation, Grand Master.

## BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1991

### ASSETS

#### CURRENT ASSETS

##### CASH IN GENERAL FUND

CHECKING - FNB	\$18,579.30
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT - FNB	21,931.38
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT -NBA	<u>72,002.50</u>

TOTAL GENERAL FUND CASH **\$112,513.58**

#### CASH IN PERMANENT FUND:

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT – NBA	41,641.75
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT – FNB	<u>21,725.57</u>

TOTAL PERMANENT FUND CASH **63,367.32**

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE –CONSTITUENT LODGES	38,389.69
INVESTMENT IN NBA – 166 SHARE OF STOCK	1,330.00
INVENTORIES – MASONIC SUPPLIES	8,372.20
PREPAID INSURANCE	2,730.98
PREPAID RENT	300.00
PREPAID EXPENSES	<u>232.10</u>

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS **227,235.87**

FIXED ASSETS	COST	NET OF DEPRECIATION	
	11,850.40	2,380.10	
	<u>12,106.95</u>	<u>3,654.58</u>	
	23,957.35	6,034.68	<b>6,034.68</b>
			<u><b>\$233,270.55</b></u>

### LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

#### CURRENT LIABILITES

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$2,532.00
COMMENORATIVE PRINTS - GRAINGER	4,181.49
GEORGE WASHINGTON NATIONAL MEM ASSN	261.00
ACCRUED PAYROLL TAXES	<u>582.96</u>

TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES **7,557.45**

#### NET WORTH

GENERAL FUND BALANCE	162,380.63
PERMANENT FUND BALANCE	<u>63,332.57</u>

TOTAL NET WORTH **225,713.10**

**\$233,270.55**



## STATEMENT OF INCOME CALENDAR YEAR 1991

	GENERAL FUND	PERMANENT FUND
<b>INCOME</b>		
OPERATING INCOME		
GRAND LODGE PER CAPITA	\$ 33,070.00	
FEES FOR DEGREE CONFERRALS	625.00	
FEES FOR AFFILIATIONS	930.00	
FEES FOR PETITIONERS FOR DEGREES	2,750.00	
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	37,375.00	
MEDALLIONS, COINS, & PINS	536.20	
SALE OF MASONIC MATERIALS – NET	82.27	
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	10.00	
CONTRIBUTIONS AND DONATIONS	206.25	\$ 18,421.88
FUND RAISERS - NET	314.18	8,783.69
INTEREST AND DIVIDEND INCOME	6,514.88	3,162.54
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 45,038.78	\$ 24,372.23
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
GRAND MASTER’S EXPENSE ALLOWANCE	1,000.00	
GRAND MASTER’S TRAVEL ALLOWANCE	1,000.00	
ARRANGEMENTS COMM – ANNUAL COMM	3,000.00	
PRINTING & BINDING – PROCEEDINGS	1,393.76	
TRANSCRIPT ANNUAL PROCEEDINGS	454.40	
INSURANCE	5,726.22	
PAST GRAND MASTER’S REGALIA	20.00	
GRAND SECRETARY’S EXPENSE ALLOWANCE	2,948.79	
GRAND SECRETARY’S TRAVEL ALLOWANCE	600.00	
OFFICE SALARIES	8,499.96	
PAYROLL TAXES	896.67	
FEES – LEGAL & AUDIT	1,000.00	
OFFICE RENT	4,432.50	
OFFICE SUPPLIES & EXPENSE	393.97	
POSTAGE	727.03	
TELEPHONE EXPENSE	645.60	
PRINTING EXPENSE	1,291.32	
COMM ON FRATERAL RECOGNITION	15.00	
MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION	300.00	
GRAND MASTERS & GRAND SECY CONF	46.00	
DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	1,058.00	
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	126.60	
TOTAL EXPENSES	37,537.83	

NET INCOME (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	\$ 9,462.96	\$ 24,372.23
FUNDS BALANCE BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>152,917.57</u>	<u>38,960.34</u>
FUNDS BALANCE END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 162,380.53</u>	<u>\$ 63,332.57</u>

**OPERATING BUDGET GENERAL FUND CALENDAR  
YEAR 1991**

	<b>ACTUAL BUDGET 1991</b>	<b>ACTUAL EXPENDED 1991</b>	<b>OVER (UNDER) BUDGET</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	
ARRANGEMENTS COMM – ANNUAL COMM	3,000.00	3,000.00	
PRINTING & BINDING – PROCEEDINGS	2,500.00	1,393.76	(1,106.24)
INSURANCE	5,000.00	5,726.22	726.22
RECEPTION OF VISITORS	1,000.00		(1,000.00)
PAST GRAND MASTER'S REGALIA	500.00	20	(480.00)
<b>SUB – TOTAL I</b>	<b>\$14,0100.00</b>	<b>\$12,139.98</b>	<b>\$ (1,860.02)</b>
GRAND SECRETARY'S EXPENSE ALLOWANCE	3,400.00	2,948.79	( 451.21)
GRAND SECRETARY'S TRAVEL ALLOWANCE	600.00	600.00	
GRAND LODGE EXPENSE			
OFFICE SALARIES	8,500.00	8,499.96	( 0.04)
PAYROLL TAXES	950.00	896.67	( 53.33)
FEES – LEGAL & AUDIT	1,000.00	1,000.00	
OFFICE RENT	4,375.00	4,432.50	57.50
OFFICE SUPPLIES & EXPENSE	400.00	393.97	( 6.03)
POSTAGE	600.00	727.03	127.03
TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS	750.00	454.40	( 295.60)
TELEPHONE EXPENSE	750.00	645.60	( 104.40)
PRINTING EXPENSE	2,000.00	1,291.32	( 708.68)
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	46.00	( 179.00)
DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	1,200.00	1,058.00	( 142.00)
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	200.00	126.60	( 73.40)
<b>SUB – TOTAL II</b>	<b>\$25,265.00</b>	<b>\$23,435.84</b>	<b>\$ (1,829.16)</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>\$39,265.00</b>	<b>\$35,575.82</b>	<b>\$ (3,689.18)</b>

**COMPARISON OF ANNUAL BUDGETS CALENDAR  
YEARS 1991 AND 1992**

	<b>ACTUAL BUDGET 1991</b>	<b>PROPOSED BUDGET 1992</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			
MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE			
ARRANGEMENTS COMM – ANNUAL COMM	3,000.00	3,000.00	
PRINTING & BINDING – PROCEEDINGS	2,500.00	2,500.00	
INSURANCE	5,000.00	5,000.00	
RECEPTION OF VISITORS	1,000.00	1,000.00	
PAST GRAND MASTER'S REGALIA	500.00	500.00	
CHARITY			
<b>SUB – TOTAL I</b>	<b>\$14, 100.00</b>	<b>\$14, 100.00</b>	
GRAND SECRETARY'S EXPENSE ALLOWANCE	3,400.00	3,400.00	
GRAND SECRETARY'S TRAVEL ALLOWANCE	600.00	600.00	
GRAND LODGE EXPENSE			
OFFICE SALARIES	8,500.00	9,000.00	500.00
PAYROLL TAXES	950.00	950.00	
FEES – LEGAL & AUDIT	1,000.00	1,000.00	
OFFICE RENT	4,375.00	4,902.00	527.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES & EXPENSE	400.00	600.00	200.00
TAXES		15.00	15.00
POSTAGE	600.00	800.00	200.00
TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS	750.00	935.00	185.00
TELEPHONE EXPENSE	750.00	750.00	
PRINTING EXPENSE	2,000.00	2,000.00	
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	1,200.00	1,000.00	(200.00)
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	200.00	200.00	
<b>SUB – TOTAL II</b>	<b>\$5,265.00</b>	<b>\$6,692.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,427.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>\$39,265.00</b>	<b>\$40,692.00</b>	<b>\$1,427.00</b>

## ESTIMATED CASH FUNDS AVAILABLE CALENDAR YEAR 1992

	GENERAL FUND	PERMANENT FUND
<b>INCOME</b>		
<b>OPERATING INCOME:</b>		
GRAND LODGE PER CAPITA	\$33,070.00	
FEEES FOR DEGREE CONFERRALS	625.00	
FEEES FOR AFFILIATIONS	930.00	
FEEES FOR PETITIONERS FOR DEGREES – NET	2,750.00	
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	37,375.00	
SALE OF MASONIC MATERIALS – NET	100.00	
CONTRIBUTIONS – PERMANENT FUND		\$ 10,000.00
INTEREST AND DIVIDEND INCOME	4,250.00	2,400.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$41,725.00</b>	<b>\$12,400.00</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>		
SUB TOTAL I EXPENSES	14,000.00	
SUB TOTAL II EXPENSES	26,692.00	
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 40,692.00</b>	
<b>NET INCOME FOR YEAR</b>	\$ 1,033.00	\$ 12,400.00
<b>CASH IN FUNDS JANUARY 1, 1992</b>	<b>112,513.58</b>	<b>63,367.32</b>
<b>ESTIMATED CASH IN FUNDS DECEMBER 31, 1992</b>	<b>\$113,546.58</b>	<b>\$75,767.32</b>

## **Masonic Research and Education**

No report from the Masonic Research and Education Committee was received at the time of publication.

## **Masonic Public Relations**

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

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

We, the Committee on Masonic Public Relations, are well aware of the importance of spreading Masonic Light and making us better known. True, but how to do this in an acceptable manner?

This committee wrote to the Worshipful Masters of each of the eighteen Lodges suggesting that they make known through the media, of anything newsworthy and complimentary to the Fraternity happening in their areas.

We submitted to the press, news of the installation of officers and arranged to have published, on a continual basis, the meeting times and places in our newspaper and hope all Lodges do the same.

Matanuska No. 7, through the efforts of William B. Folsom, has initiated a program of presenting honor-roll high school students with appropriate pins, on the back of which was inscribed a statement that it was from the Free. and Accepted. Masons. This could well be a statewide program.

As a result, most of the students and their parents heard of Masonry for the first time.

Finally, we need to portray an image that will prompt people to ask, "Who are the Masons and what do they do?" We know who are, but does everyone else?

Respectfully submitted,

John L. Dolenc, Chairman  
Marvin B. Fitzpatrick

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

MW Grand Master: Your report will be received.

## **Public Schools**

No report from the Public Schools Committee was received at the time of publication.

## **DeMolay**

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

## **Bylaws**

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

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

The Bylaws Committee received three requests for bylaws changes and their actions. All three were approved.

The first one was basically a formality. Anchorage Lodge No. 17 submitted their bylaws to be in compliance with our Code which states "All the Lodges will submit their bylaws for approval." There were no changes to their existing bylaws other than the change to the reference to Washington versus Alaska and for that reason the Bylaws Committee saw no reason to disapprove that.

The second one was a life membership request for Anvil Lodge No. 2 that was approved.

The third was a request from Matanuska Lodge No. 7 for changing their bylaws for their stated communication held on the first Tuesday of each month, except July and August and the requested change read, "Stated Communication of the Lodge shall be held on the first Tuesday of each month except June, July, and August." and that bylaw amendment was approved also by the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

MW Grand Master: Your report will be received.

# 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 1991

*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*

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

<b>Paul Robert Hoopes, PM</b>	<b>January 11, 1991</b>
<b>Kenneth Coale Baker</b>	<b>February 16, 1991</b>
<b>Charles Timothy LeFebre</b>	<b>February 24, 1991</b>
<b>Frederick Bonaparte Seltenreich</b>	<b>March 23, 1991</b>
<b>Dan Nelson, PM</b>	<b>April 7, 1991</b>
<b>Clovis Earl Thacker</b>	<b>April 27, 1991</b>
<b>Arlin Eugene Long</b>	<b>June 28, 1991</b>
<b>Carl Eugene Johnson</b>	<b>July 4, 1991</b>
<b>John Elmer Lampi</b>	<b>August 20, 1991</b>
<b>Vernon Wesley Morton</b>	<b>October 3, 1991</b>
<b>James Cameron Buchanan</b>	<b>October 11, 1991</b>
<b>Paul Ray Leach, PM</b>	<b>November 25, 1991</b>
<b>Harold Marion Snearly</b>	<b>December 2, 1991</b>
<b>Howard Theodore Anderson</b>	<b>December 18, 1991</b>

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

<b>Elmer Milton White, PM</b>	<b>February 11, 1991</b>
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### **Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5**

<b>Anthony N. Stankiewicz</b>	<b>December 22, 1990</b>
<b>Kelly Gordon Lape</b>	<b>June 1989</b>

### **Seward Lodge No. 6**

<b>Arnold Franklin Anderson</b>	<b>April 29, 1990</b>
<b>Jerry Thesus Sims, PM</b>	<b>May 13, 1991</b>



<b>Waldo Edmund Coyle</b>	<b>May 23, 1991</b>
<b>Matanuska Lodge No. 7</b>	
<b>John William Curtis</b>	<b>February 1, 1991</b>
<b>Harry James Wilkins</b>	<b>February 3, 1991</b>
<b>Donald Loren Aemisegger, PM</b>	<b>October 3, 1992</b>
<b>Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8</b>	
<b>Harvey William Beard</b>	<b>April 12, 1991</b>
<b>Kodiak Lodge No. 9</b>	
<b>James Milton Holtz</b>	<b>January 14, 1991</b>
<b>Earl Albert Rextrew</b>	<b>May 21, 1991</b>
<b>Hubert Leroy Rochelle, PM</b>	<b>August 20, 1991</b>
<b>Glacier Lodge No. 10</b>	
<b>Dennis John Mitchell</b>	<b>February 26, 1991</b>
<b>William Robert Wilson</b>	<b>March 12, 1991</b>
<b>George Robert Bordewick, PM</b>	<b>July 25, 1991</b>
<b>Lloyd Ivan Turner</b>	<b>November 15, 1991</b>
<b>Kenai Lodge No. 11</b>	
<b>Jerry Thesus Sims, PM</b>	<b>May 13, 1991</b>
<b>Fairbanks Lodge No. 12</b>	
<b>Adrian Jack Delaney</b>	<b>December 12, 1991</b>
<b>Adak Lodge No. 14</b>	
<b>Kenneth Earl Chalker</b>	<b>August 28, 1991</b>
<b>Anchorage Lodge No. 17</b>	
<b>John Lewis Becker</b>	<b>Unknown</b>
<b>Raymond Marcus Shelley</b>	<b>January 2, 1991</b>
<b>William Robert Wilson</b>	<b>March 12, 1991</b>
<b>Rex Emery Ehrhart</b>	<b>April 15, 1991</b>
<b>Andrew Snyder</b>	<b>May 16, 1991</b>
<b>William Emmett Campbell</b>	<b>June 17, 1991</b>
<b>Victor E. Vinal</b>	<b>June 20, 1991</b>
<b>Charo Calip Bermudez</b>	<b>August 25, 1991</b>
<b>Ralph Owen Salley</b>	<b>October 27, 1991</b>
<b>Jack Tate Timbes</b>	<b>December 22, 1991</b>
<b>George Martin Parkko</b>	<b>December 27, 1991</b>
<b>Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18</b>	
<b>Delbert Wayne Loree</b>	<b>June 26, 1991</b>

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

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

## **Memorial Service**

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

(Break in tape)... and they when we can join them Heavenly Father ever remain with him our loved ones and friends.

We are hurt because we have lost these friends, these brothers. Those of you who have traveled afar know what it is like to go into a strange lodge and immediately find brotherhood and friendship. But, you don't have to travel to strange lands and foreign lodges to know brotherhood right here at home.

Our brothers have passed away. They have passed a legacy on to us that we should preserve and keep a legacy of brotherhood one towards the other. If we do not have brotherhood in this Lodge, in Grand Lodge, or individual lodges in our lives, we are but a noisy gong and a tinkling cymbal.

While we fuss sometimes, brothers have a habit of doing that, but we never stop loving one another (garbled) brotherly love. These brothers have passed away and I am focusing on one brother who I knew quite well who is in this report today. He was filled with brotherly love. At his funeral, I doubt there was a dry eye in the house; he was missed that much. He never went through the chairs. He never memorized great volumes of ritual. He never memorized long and arduous lectures, but on three occasions that come to mind he was called by three respective Masters to stand up and be commended for his brotherly attitude that he shared and spread throughout his lodge.

All of us here have memorized great volumes of work in order to attend and participate in this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge. This man never voted here. He attended many times and all these brothers whose names have been read today were very much like my friend. We miss them all. Let us please, please keep the spirit of brotherly love that we have one to another one as brothers. That's what we're all about

Let us stand for silent prayer for our departed brothers and also let's remember our brother Dave. I know they're taking care of you.

(Moment of silent prayer)

*Dear God the Father and Son help us to bestow the spirit of brotherhood one to the other that when joy thee we will be acceptable to Thy sight. Bless our departed brothers we pray are commended to you. Keep them close to Thy heart until that day*

*when we too may join them and join Thee and rejoice in the spirit of brotherhood with them and Thee. Be with Dave in this hour and pray that you will bless the hands that tend to his needs. We pray that you will watch over him and his loved ones, though, we ask these things in Thy Holy Name. Amen*

## **Report of Grand Lecturer**

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

Upon the occasion of an appointment as the Grand Lecturer, I contacted the Grand Master and we discussed what he expected to accomplish for this Masonic year.

I have been very fortunate, and it has been my privilege as the Grand Lecturer this past year, to have attended our newest Lodge, Mt. Verstovia No. 18, in Sitka. It is a beautiful Lodge and it was a delight. The hospitality was wonderful and it was an evening, and a visit, that I will never forget.

Some of the Districts now have a Masters and Wardens Association and as I attended the meetings, I could readily see the good they are doing in their District. They are bringing about a closer working relationship between the Officers of the Lodges and many of the questions arising in the Lodges in the District can be discussed and answered at a meeting of these associations.

My travels have taken me to all corners of this State and I found that wherever I went, Masonry appeared to be in a healthy condition. The officers and brethren were continuously searching for Masonic knowledge and a better understanding of the floor work and ritual. When we realize that every three years there is a complete turn-over of the three principle officers in a Masonic Lodge, the duties of the Grand Lecturer are perennial. As these brethren progress through the chairs and as they progress in Masonry, questions will arise in their minds regarding the ritual and the floor work in the Lodge that require answers. Here, then, lies a real opportunity for the Grand Lecturer to be of service and to give needed instruction to the brethren. This, in all humility, I have endeavored to do. During the past year, I have traveled and attended meetings in this Jurisdiction in my official capacity as the Grand Lecturer. In all my visitations, I have tried to apply the Golden Rule and can say, without reservation, that I have received the same consideration.

I would not recommend any changes in the Standard Work, however, if any are contemplated, I recommend that they be presented to Grand Lodge in the form of a resolution.

I observed that most of the Lodges do present and retire the flag at their Stated Communications. This ceremony is optional but it is a beautiful ceremony.

Without question it is quite important that the Lodges set aside at least one meeting each year for the purpose of studying the Code, and another for studying the Ritual. The Deputy of the Grand Master should be invited and he could be called upon for assistance, as might be desired. Between the Deputy of the Grand Master and the Masters and Wardens Association of each District, these study nights could be conducted on a district-wide basis.

Attending Divine Services clothed as Masons is most commendable. I wish more Lodges would set aside a Sunday each year for that purpose. This is a golden opportunity of demonstrating to the general public that members of our Fraternity have close ties with places of worship and that our Institution is founded upon the highest of ideals. Permission from the Grand Master is required to attend church services, clothed as Masons, of course.

To afford better opportunities of participation, it is suggested the Senior Deacon open and close Lodge in the First Degree; the Junior Warden open and close Lodge in the Second Degree, and the Senior Warden open and close Lodge in the Third Degree, each making their own arrangements for the degree team for all Special Communications called for the purpose of conferring degrees. Such arrangement would permit the Worshipful Master to devote his time to the Stated Communications. In addition, the experience gained by having an opportunity of presiding prepares the subordinate officers for the time when perhaps they will preside in the East as Worshipful Master. A number of the Lodges do this and for those who do not, a trial of this procedure will demonstrate that it has much merit. There are some Lodges that have very few Special Communications and for them this suggestion would not apply.

The matter of introductions is an area which can stand some improvement. Realizing that it is not every day that we have an opportunity to introduce distinguished guests, it is suggested that, prior to introductions, the brethren doing the introducing devote some time in the study of the booklet on Masonic Courtesies.

I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to the Grand Lodge Officers, the Deputies of the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and the officers and brethren of the Constituent Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction for every courtesy extended to me during my visits with you this past year. Your genuine friendship and hospitality were unsurpassed. To you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, I want to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the appointment to this very important office. It is my hope that you have found my work to your satisfaction. It has been a pleasure and I have enjoyed being a member of your corps of Grand Lodge Officers. This opportunity of being of service to my brethren has been a rich experience and one I shall never forget. Again, I thank you Most Worshipful Sir.

I came across a verse the other day that seems very appropriate and in a sense, explains the feelings of a Grand Lecturer who is about to step down and make way for his successor. I would like to read it to you at this time:

And now among the fading embers,  
These in the main are my regrets:  
When I am right no one remembers,  
When I am wrong, no one forgets.

Respectfully submitted,

William H. Lefferson  
Grand Lecturer

## **Report of Grand Orator**

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

### **THE BILL OF RIGHTS** **A Short History with Comments**

#### The Bill of Rights

##### Amendment I

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

##### Amendment II

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

##### Amendment III

No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

##### Amendment IV

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath of Affirmation, and particularly

describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

#### Amendment V

No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment of indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject to the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb, nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation.

#### Amendment VI

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of Counsel for his defence.

#### Amendment VII

In suits of common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of common law.

#### Amendment VIII

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

#### Amendment IX

The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

#### Amendment X

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

The principle architect of the proposal from which our Bill of Rights was drawn was a Virginian named George Mason. Think about that! During the Constitution Convention the champion of an individual's right to be protected from an ever possible inclusive/oppressive government had the same surname as our Order. What an amazing coincidence!

In May 1776, George Mason drew up the Virginia Declaration of Rights. Historical researchers describe it as the most advanced statement of the rights of man up to that time. As one of Virginia's delegates to the Constitution Convention, Mason carried that document with him. As the convention was drawing to a close, he forced the delegates to face up to the issue of individual rights.

Up to that time, the convention had been tiptoeing between the interests of the large states vs. small states, industrial vs. agricultural, north vs. south. One side was pushing for a strong central government to promote a perfect union, have justice and liberty prevail, and promote the general welfare. The other side had the fear that such a strong central government would be capable of destroying the rights of both the separate states and individuals.

The discussions of these two points of view slowly crystallized into two political parties. The Federalists were for a strong central government which could be used to curb the passions of an unbridled majority. The Anti-Federalists were fearful of a strong national government and championed state's rights. Most of them were afraid that the Constitution would breed a home-grown monarch, similar to the one that spawned the recent revolution.

When George Mason proposed his bill of rights, the delegates decided not to go along. Some said that rights were already protected by state constitutions. Others said that Congress could do nothing it was not authorized to do. The Constitution was signed by the delegates on 17 September 1787 and transmitted to the individual states for ratification eleven days later.

During the signing process, when it became George Mason's turn, he refused to sign and said that he would rather chop off his right hand than use it to sign a Constitution strengthening central government while leaving the liberties of the people unprotected.

Ratification, however, proved to be a difficult and drawn out process. As time passed, sentiment for inclusion of individual rights was growing. It began to appear that this burning issue was imperiling ratification. Under the leadership of Federalist James Madison, whose own political popularity was waning, a compromise was drafted and offered to the states that were dragging their feet. That compromise promised the amendments to protect civil rights would be introduced into Congress as soon as it convened under the new Constitution. That promise proved to be what was needed and New Hampshire gave its approval on 21 June 1788.

When Congress met in 1789, the rights clamor had waned. Many Congressmen felt the

problem would be forgotten if they did nothing. However, Madison, an unusual politician, was true to his word and introduced and sponsored a rights bill into Congress. On 25 September 1789, the Senate and House reached an agreement on 12 amendments which were then sent to the states for ratification. The first two amendments, dealing with congressional pay and congressional representation, were eventually discarded during the ratification process and on 15 December 1791 Virginia gave final approval. The Constitution finally had its Bill of Rights.

So much for history.

The first amendment protects the rights to your freedoms of speech, religion, the press, assembly, and petitions to redress government grievances. That's only the first amendment. The tenth amendment says that any powers not delegated by the Constitution to the Federal government nor prohibited by it to the States, **ARE** reserved to the States or the individuals. A few of your rights protected by the other eight amendments are: the right to bear arms, to be secure in your house against unreasonable search and seizures, to a speedy and public trial, to be represented by counsel, and to be protected against double jeopardy.

As Americans, Alaskans, and Masons I charge you to become more aware and concerned with the increasing numbers of invasions being made on these rights. In the name of the common good, your government is nibbling at them. Just two examples, first the increasing clamor and demand for restriction on firearms, second, the regulation, under guise of drug enforcement, allows the police to enter, search, and seize any property without the benefit of any type of warrant.

(Ed. Note: The following paragraph is taken from transcription of the tape recording of the proceedings)

Since I made this speech up, I came across some more figures that weren't in the written speech. So let me depart a moment from the report I submitted. I came across these statistics: Firearms cause 1,800 accidental deaths in the United States each year. That's horrible, 1,800 deaths accidentally in the United States and that's the message you keep hearing from those who want to take your guns away or curb your possession of them. What they never tell you is this, during the calendar year 1990 citizens used hand guns to defend themselves against criminal attacks 645,000 times. That's 1,800 deaths against 645,000, about 350 good to 1 bad. You never hear that statistic. A look at those numbers makes it evident that hand gun tragedies are minuscule when compared to the lives they save. Don't let them pass laws that punish gun owners from protecting themselves!

If you are not concerned and aware of these and other incursions, I implore you to get informed. In the opinion of this Mason, the growing federal bureaucracy will, to perpetuate their existence, extort each of your rights until complete control is in their domain. Get informed; participate in governmental processes and **VOTE**.



Respectfully submitted,

Raymond R. Wagener  
Grand Orator

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

MW Grand Master: It will be received.

## **Report of Grand Historian**

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, Brethren all:

First, I express my appreciation to you, Most Worshipful Grand Master for the privilege as serving as your Grand Historian this year. It is a great honor and I am grateful.

Our Code dictates the duties of the Grand Historian as follows:

- prepare and write the history of the Grand Lodge of Alaska,
- collect, classify arrange, and file with the Grand Secretary all available data, documents, and materials touching on matter of interest to the Grand Lodge for the preparation of subsequent histories.

I report that most of the information required is currently on file with the Grand Secretary. There remains some information which needs to be gathered but this is of a later moment and also there remains a continuing, of course, need to compile it in the proper formation of a history.

The definition of the word history is:

1. a tale or story
2. it is a chronological record of significant events usually including causes

History may be dull but it need not be so, although the drudgery and memory of dates, names, and places comes to mind. Also a recollection of a more titillating experience is also there. One of the most interesting and entertaining historical treatises that I have ever read, fulfilled with footnotes of interesting human experiences and activities.

This brings to mind a conversation, with our late Right Worshipful Brother Neil Basset. He spoke of the wealth of information of interesting historically available in the memories of our brothers who have been active for many years. His idea ... (recording goes blank) ... but also pertinent to the individual lodges ... (recording goes blank).

Milton Routzahn  
Grand Historian

## **Charters and Dispensations**

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

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

We the Committee on Charters and Dispensations submit the following report:

- No requests were received for Dispensations to start new lodges nor were any Dispensations or Charters issued.
- Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 291 of the Grand Lodge of Washington came into the Grand Lodge of Alaska and their charter was renumbered by the Grand Lodge of Alaska as No. 18.

Thank you

Respectfully submitted,

Fred L. McGuire (3, 12) Chairman  
Charles H. Hembree (12)

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

MW Grand Master: Your report will be received.

## **Segregations and Reference**

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

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

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 Master's Message and have considered the same and make the following recommendations:

1. State of the Craft, Appointments, Appreciations, Necrology, Proclamations, Visitations, Communications Attended by Others be approved as printed.
2. Dispensations, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> items to be approved; 4<sup>th</sup> item to be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

David Thomas (6, 11)  
Wendal Kuecker (11)  
E. L. "Roy" Foss (11)

MW Grand Master, I would like to have the report be received and I move that the report be adopted.

MW Grand Master: Motion adopted.

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

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

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

We the Committee of Segregation and Finance (as on tape) (Ed. Note: supposed to be Segregation and Reference) to whom was referred the Secretary's Report have considered the same and make the following recommendations:

That the Report be accepted as printed with that portion of the report pertaining to the financial matters be referred to the Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

David Thomas (6, 11)  
Wendal Kuecker (11)  
E. L. "Roy" Foss (11)

MW Sir, I move for the adoption of this report

MW Grand Master: Motion has been made, seconded, and motion passed.

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

### **District 1**

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master Frank Erie, I would like to start this report by saying, "It was a great pleasure to have served as your Deputy this past year. I have had a very enjoyable year and I feel I could not have served a better Grand Master."

During the year, I have visited all the Lodges in District No. 1 at least once. The work in the Lodges may not have been done word for word as per the book, but the brotherhood was great and harmony seemed to prevail in all cases. I also did not feel that the ritual was being sacrificed in any case.

Anvil Lodge No. 2 is down in membership but they are holding on. Tanana No. 3 is not doing the number of degrees they used to but the attendance remains about the same. Fairbanks No. 12 is going good conferring degrees and doing good work. North Pole No. 16 has also done some degree work this year. I cannot say if there has been increases in overall membership, but degrees have been conferred in all cases and the fellowship is outstanding. Therefore, I feel that Masonry is doing well in District No. 1.

During the year, I also had the privilege of making the following visitations: with the Grand Master to White Pass No. 1 and Mt. Verstovia No. 18, and representing the Grand Master at the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

The report of the Grand Master's Survey will be under a separate report to be given at Grand Lodge.

Thank you again for the privilege of serving you and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

Lloyd W. Triggs  
Deputy of the Grand Master  
District No. 1

## **District 2**

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, distinguished guests, and brethren one and all.

Most Worshipful Franklin W. Erie, Sir, I thank you for the appointment as District Deputy of the Grand Master for District No. 2. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve you and District No. 2.

It was very enlightening to travel to all the Lodges in my district and present the questionnaire to the brethren. The comments and remarks were great, and they gave life to my visits. Going over them with the Grand Lodge Officers and District Deputies made the meetings outstanding. VW Lloyd W. Triggs did a very good job of presenting them.

I think it has been a very good year for Masonry. Everyone in the Craft was involved and the questionnaire gave them goals to focus upon. It is my hope we will continue in this vein.

I would like to close by saying thank you to the other District Deputies, the Grand Lodge Officers, and again, thank you Most Worshipful Sir.

Fraternally yours,

Marvin R. Harned  
Deputy of the Grand Master  
District No. 2

### **District 3**

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

During 1991, visits to Lodges within District No. 3 were conducted for the purpose of surveying the brethren and obtaining their sentiments as to where Masonry in Alaska was headed in the future. The brethren were very receptive and their responses were taken and combined with the responses of the other districts. All Lodges in District No. 3 were personally visited with the exception of Adak No. 14. A survey form was mailed to the Lodge, however, no responses were received.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank MW David Thomas and MW Frank Erie for allowing me to serve them in the capacity of Deputy of the Grand Master, District No. 3, and I hope that I was able to live up to their expectations.

Fraternally,

Larry M. Sizemore  
Deputy of the Grand Master  
District No. 3

### **District 4**

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

## Report of Grand Master's Survey

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

Report of the District Deputies

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

Subject: Report of the Grand Master's survey committee.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, and members of the Grand Lodge of Alaska;

In 1990 the then Deputy Grand Master, Frank Erie, asked me to meet with him and talk over ideas of conducting a survey including such topics as were most controversial among the grand jurisdictions in the Lower 48 States. You were given a list of these topics as you came into the Lodge this afternoon. The idea was not to get answers but to only to find out what topics the Craft deemed greatest importance for discussion and or change to be brought up in the Grand Jurisdiction of Alaska. Apparently there was that time and still exists some agreement among the Grand Line to carry on with this in whatever way deemed necessary by the future Grand Masters.

The topics we came up with were the twelve you see on the page you were given. Certainly there are more items than this but we had to stop some place. The District Deputies were asked in 1991 by Most Worshipful Frank Erie to conduct this survey at the district meetings and at this time I would like to thank the other deputies for their assistance and a job well done. Thank you Brother Marvin.

At the request of the Grand Master, a Deputies meeting was held in Anchorage and all Grand Lodge Officers and members were invited. We went into detail concerning all the topics which took the better part of the afternoon. So, at this time we will not repeat what was accomplished there. If you missed that meeting, I'm sorry for you brethren because it was very productive and all reports seemed to think it was also productive.

Results of that survey are in your hands and easy to note what the Craft in this Jurisdiction feels needs to be addressed. This has been an exciting task for me and the other deputies. The results so far have taken a lot of the guess work out of where to start and at least, in fact, we do want changes to be made. This survey was intended only to stimulate interest in what is going on in the Masonic family today and it is hoped that future Grand Lodge Officers will see fit to carry it to some reasonable conclusion.

Thank you Grand Master for the privilege of being able to serve you and this Grand Lodge. It has been one of the most enjoyable experiences in my Masonic life. I would also like to thank very much Brother Allan E. Rice who has been a very willing assistant and without him my task would have been almost impossible. Regardless of the time of the day, he has been willing to come to the aid of my assistance. Thank you Brother Al.

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

MW Grand Master: Report will be received.

If there are no questions then this will conclude my report, however, whatever the Grand Master told me that I would have a short period of time for question and answers. He said ten seconds ought to be long enough.

This respectfully submitted,

Lloyd Triggs  
Larry Sizemore  
Marvin Harned  
Wesley Davidson

The items listed at the top of the page are the numbers at the left. They're in the same order. The numbers are at the very right, so that you can keep track of what's going on. Where it says "Rank" are the numbers starting with the priority number one in the order that the survey pointed out. Number one being the one of most interest and again the topics were written out so that you could correlate them easy enough.

We took the survey from each Lodge and it's numbered across the top and I think at this point the most important to us and to what we tried to accomplish is under the heading of "Rank" and just for a moment, Memorization seemed to be one that they were most concerned with, Coaching was number two, that they needed some changes or needed to look into. Membership was number three. Number four was Investigating Committees and Number five is Solicitation and I am going to stop there. The rest of that is, as you read, I pointed out how you can do it and I was very happy to hear that the Grand Master was well pleased and what better honors can you get than that. Thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master.

## **Alaska Library and Museum Foundation**

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

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

The members of the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Masonic Library and Museum Foundation wish to view their annual report. This report is herewith submitted.

The Treasurer's report as of January 18, 1992 is as follows:

- the 1991 taxes on the Kenai property were paid - \$30.67
- in the George Ballum Memorial Fund have been received \$25.00
- in the Cecil H. Clift Memorial Fund - \$465.00

- Neil R. Basset Memorial Fund \$2,380.00 and I might add to this Neil R. Basset Memorial Fund, the Foundation has received a check for \$50.00 each month from the Right Worshipful Brother's lady Dorothy.
- We have in our checking account, Brothers, \$3,721.47
- Total cash worth with no outstanding debts, the Library Fund is now up to \$6,591.47

The 1991 Board of Trustees, President-John C. Ingram, Vice President-Leslie Little, Secretary-Peter E. Nilles, Treasurer-Robert L. Van Huss, also members: Fred V. Angleton, Richard D. Bender, Mitchell R. Miller, Robert M. Parkins, George R. Plunkett, and Glenn W. Pruett.

The Alaska Masonic Library and Masonic Museum Foundation, Brothers, has met as scheduled the past year in the Al Aska Shrine Mosque in Anchorage. We express appreciation to the Shrine for this generous contribution to use their fine facilities. The next scheduled meeting is Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup>, 1992. This will be the annual meeting and the election of officers. We encourage you to attend.

The Board of Trustees have been working with the Transnational Group to get a project started with them for return address labels and we feel this project will create more needed funds. Upon receipt of the labels, we urge you, my Brothers, to participate in our efforts.

Through the generosity of Brother Bob Parkins, the raffle of the 1950 Desoto, which was donated to the Foundation, is well underway. Representatives are needed throughout Alaska and all Lodge locations to assist in this worthwhile endeavor. Please come forward as a volunteer to help us on this project.

Right Worshipful Wendal H. Kuecker, though not a member of the Board of Trustees, still offers his expertise to us whenever needed. Thanks Wendy.

We're sure that next year, our annual report presented to you will be much more encouraging than whatever reported today. I know we will build up our funds. This statement is made based on several meetings that have been and continue to be held with respective contributors to the Foundation. We again encourage you Brothers to attend a meeting with your constructive ideas and volunteer to be a spokesman in your lodges and in the communities in which you live and help make this Foundation grow and prosper.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Ingram, Past Grand Master, President

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

MW Grand Master: Your report will be received.



## **Alaska Masonic Research Association**

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

Very little was accomplished by the association other than the contribution of two-thousand dollars to assist in the publication of a Grand Lodge Bulletin for the year. A number of extenuating circumstances contributed to this lack of activity.

Within weeks of his election, the president resigned his position, leaving only the vice presidents of the various districts to accomplish individual goals they may have set.

When the Grand Lodge Office announced that a major fund raising project was in the mill, many individuals felt that the protocol had been nullified and that fund raising activities should be left to AMRA, or the individual Lodges, or that the AMRA should cease to function as an organization.

There appears to be a definite lack of interest in the association by a great many involved in the Grand Lodge. The reasons are too numerous to mention, but all lean in the direction that every organization has their hand out and people are tired of others badgering and begging for money when there seems no end in sight and most certainly, no clear-cut goal since all monies collected by AMRA eventually end up in the hands of the Grand Lodge to be used for a myriad of purposes, unless specified for a specific purpose.

The gift certificate contribution (raffle) from David Green & Sons Furrier's in the latter part of 1990, netted the association \$1,953.50 Other contributions brought the total to \$2,848.50 for the year. One very generous individual contributed \$500.00. Checks were written for \$2,599.00 leaving a balance of \$940.49 in the checking account at the conclusion of the Grand Lodge year. The Buckley C. Hazen (Permanent Fund Account) at Alaska USA Credit Union continues to grow, but with interest rates declining, the interest accrued is not what had been expected.

A couple of money makers are in the mill for the coming year: a "silent auction" with a different twist than previously tried and the sale of plastic holders for the Grand Lodge Medallions which have been minted annually since the Grand Lodge's inception. If the association is to continue, three things must happen: a major effort must be made to clarify AMRA's role in conjunction with that of the Grand Lodge; tax exempt status must be obtained; and all members of the Grand Lodge of Alaska must be graphically informed of where we are, where we have been, and where we intend to go. To succeed, the membership needs to know and understand what we are all about.

Fraternally submitted,

Henry T. Dunbar  
Vice President

## **Awards**

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

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

The recipient of the James A. Williams Award for honoring the Alaska Lodge with the largest number of Master Masons raised was presented to Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8 for the year 1991.

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

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

The recipient of the Buckley C. Hazen Award for the largest percentage membership growth was presented to Aurora Lodge No. 15 for the year 1991.

# MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

## Grand Lodge of Alaska Corporation Annual Meeting

MW GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ALASKA

Annual Membership Meeting

February 8, 1991

The Annual Membership Meeting was called to order by President Frank W. Erie, pursuant to the corporation bylaws, at 4:30 p.m. at the Central Peninsula Sports Center in Soldotna, Alaska

All officers and several other members were present, thereby establishing a quorum.

There was no old business to conduct.

The membership approved the transactions made during the just-concluded Tenth Annual Communication. It was requested that such approval be made a matter of the record.

New business consisted only of installing the following 1991 officers:

President	Frank W. Erie
Vice President	Leslie R. Little
Secretary-Treasurer	Richard D. Bender
Director	John H. Grainer
Director	Howard N. Hobbs

There being to further business, motion to adjourn was made by John H. Grainger, seconded by Howard N. Hobbs. Meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

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President

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Vice President

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Director

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Director

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary-Treasurer

## Presentations

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

### Presentation of Certificate to Allen E. Rice

This is to certify that Allan E. Rice has been awarded this certificate of honor and recognition of outstanding service performed for The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska in the year 1991 and it is signed by me (MW Franklin W. Erie). Thank you.

### Presentation of 50 year Masons

VW Robert F. "Daddy" Parkins

## Contributions to the Grand Lodge

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

<b>Contribution From:</b>	<b>To:</b>	<b>For:</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Tanana Lodge No. 3</b>	Grand Lodge	Didn't Stipulate	\$1,500.00
<b>Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8*</b>	Grand Lodge	Permanent Fund	\$4,728.88
<b>North Pole Lodge No. 16</b>	Grand Lodge	Permanent Fund	\$209.00
<b>Anchorage Lodge No. 17</b>	Grand Lodge	Didn't Stipulate	\$1,000.00
		<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$7,437.88</b>

\*From a brother's estate.

## **Speeches by Distinguished Guests**

### **Honorable Jim Sampson, Mayor of Fairbanks North Star Borough Welcome Address**

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master Erie, your brethren, and guests good morning:

On behalf of Mayor Wayne Nelson of the City of Fairbanks and Luke Cunningham, the Mayor of North Pole and all the citizens of North Star Borough I want to officially welcome you to Fairbanks and wish you a most productive and enjoyable stay.

You have the largest and oldest fraternal organization in the world. For Masons, the Holy Bible governs your conduct. Your meetings are opened and they are closed with prayer and you are, in today's world an organization who has not forgotten the words of the Pledge of Allegiance. I think this says a great deal about the fraternal order of Free and Accepted Masons and I am very pleased that you have chosen Fairbanks to hold your Eleventh Annual Communication.

While you're here please take your time to get out and see our community, what it offers, spend a little money in our stores and businesses, help our economy. I'm sure you will feel better.

You know, in the interior we have a lot to offer. It's a great place to live. We have mild winters and long and beautiful summers. We have good schools. We have great military neighbors at Eielson and Fort Wainwright the home of Alaska's 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Light. We have a great university with a nationally known research program and we have, as many of you may be aware of, the soon to be opened commercial rocket range at Poker Flats and perhaps within the next eighteen months a very large commercial gold mine, one of the largest in the world north of Gilmore Dome.

We want you to have a good time while you are here. We want you to come back again and if I or my office can be of any assistance while you are here, please feel free to contact me. Thank you very much and thank you for inviting me.

## **Remarks by Holly Morse, International Order of Rainbow for Girls**

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, and friends:

It is my distinct pleasure to bring you greetings from our Grand Worthy Advisor Dottie (?) the Grand Assembly of Alaska International Order of Rainbow for girls. I extend best wishes to you during your session and best of luck and hope you enjoy our weather during your time here. And we have a special hug and kiss for our uncle Frank. Thank you.

## **Remarks by Bobby Hines, DeMolay**

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

Good morning and I would like to thank you all for inviting me here on behalf of Alaska Order of DeMolay.

This year has been very prosperous. We have several boys initiated to our order. We have three current Chapters that are prospering, Anchorage has restarted and the future is looking good for this year. The Masons have sponsored us in all of our events and activities so far and we would like to thank you for patronizing us.

I have been Outside to the Lower 48 twice, once now to L.A. and going again to Detroit for International Spring Council. There we will be discussing what will be taking place within the region, the nation, within our state and hopefully things will go well there and DeMolay will pickup this year and be better than it has been before. Thank you very much.

## **VW Lloyd W. Triggs, Response to Youth Groups**

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

Thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master and Guests:

On short notice, I was asked to respond to our youth organizations in the State and what comes to mind is – I hope some of this youth rubs off on all of us people sitting around here. How can we help but be inspired by these young people. It's a great pleasure to have them with us today and it's just a fantastic pleasure of mine to be able to work with these young people and I thank them for coming and I hope you have a good day.

That enough, Grand Master? Grand Master: That's fine.

## **MW James R. Vannice, Grand Master of Washington**

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother Les Little, the Officers of this Grand Jurisdiction, visiting brethren, and dignitaries:

What a pleasure it is for me to be in Fairbanks on this particular occasion for the celebration of your Eleventh Annual Communication. I would question though somewhat the advertisement of the weather that you have here. It seems to be a short few years ago, that there were many of us attempting to come up here for grand lodge communication and we couldn't land anywhere in Alaska. If this is mild weather why I will accept it at that because I'm sure it is compared to what we experienced here a few years ago.

I'd like to commend the representation of the Lodges considering the distances necessary to travel and the difficulties to get from place to place in this great state. It shows a dedication and a devotion to Masonry that we all need to do and carry on a little bit farther.

I think it is interesting to note too the small net loss of membership; now I didn't figure it out in percentage basis, but there are very few jurisdictions that are not experiencing like losses, net losses in membership over the year. There are a few jurisdictions who by taking some new measures, new steps have overcome some of those losses and are now experiencing net gains and we could learn from that.

I think that we all need to bear in mind that the title we carry as Freemasons in our fraternity of Freemasons is maybe in this day and age a misnomer, because I think that we can all agree that nothing in Masonry is free except the fellowship that we enjoy. To sustain our great fraternity there are costs that we must bear that we must understand both in the area of human, I won't say sacrifices, but human endeavors that we must put forth to the betterment in the furtherance of our great society and our great organization.

And certainly with the fiscal difficulties that are being experienced not only in business but in our nation, it is also affecting the financial condition of lodges and our jurisdictions. As we lose membership, of course that impacts the per capita income that we get from each member. But I think of a greater importance, possibly at this time, is the reduced amount of revenue that we are receiving from investments. Those of us who may be fortunate enough to have a meager investment or investments portfolio of our own can well attest to the fact that of what a few years ago we could have counted on as being part of our retirement income or part of our day-to-day operating expenses as a family to budget for are greatly reduced from what they were. So that part of Freemasonry my brethren is not free any longer and it's going to cost more from the stand point of reaching in and digging deeper into our pockets to keep maintaining what we would like to do in the way of charities, in the way of foundations, in the way of

philanthropies in our lodges and our grand jurisdictions. To do this we all must sacrifice some more.

I think that it is necessary that we continue many of the programs, programs that you have similar to ours such as our school programs and certainly the charitable activities that we endeavor. These are our means of visibility by putting ourselves in front of the public where we can be known as men of good character that have a great concern for our fellow human being.

There are tough times ahead but I think we have the wherewithal and the ambition to meet that square on and to combat the problems that may face us. For many years I think we all have been guilty of listening to solutions and resolutions of what we may need to do to further and advance the spirit of Masonry. Many probably have been guilty of the same thing nodding ascent to those recommendations and suggestions.

I would bring to you my brethren the time for nodding is long past that we must stand up and take a stand and act and do something positive along those lines of those suggestions that have been made to us. Certainly over the last three or four years the observations that the concerns and recommendations of the Masonic Renewal Task Force have been before us for consideration and in some areas, some jurisdictions have taken those recommendations and put them into action and for the most part they are prospering by it. I speak of such things in the matter of education of our candidates for one very positive mean to stem some of the flow of those members who elect to become members of this fraternity and then for whatever reason have decided not to continue on and take their degrees as Fellowcraft or as a Master Mason.

Somewhere along the line we are not providing to the number of people that they sought and what they expected when they came into Masonry. By having a meaningful education program where we can go further than requiring the posting lectures for some mere form such as that. By spending a little more attention individually and collectively on those candidates as they pass through to explain the histories and the philosophies and the background of the purpose of Freemasonry, it seems to work in those areas where they have tried to reduce that flow of those who have elected not to continue on and take the degrees and become Master Masons.

You have such a program proposed before you. I haven't read it in detail. We're working on a similar program in Washington and I refer to the great Jurisdiction of Nebraska who, about four years ago, initiated such a program and I don't have the figures for their membership at this present time, but I talked to the Grand Master here just two weeks ago and he said it looked like they had reached a point where they had practically eliminated the negative membership factor to a point to where they are beginning to look very promising that they are going to have an increase in membership; not this year but very soon.

So there are means out there my brethren but it takes a little bit of effort. It takes some direction and it takes some dedication on some part of all of us to turn this thing around.



You have to look around and it's very evident that the ones of us that depart for that celestial lodge is increasing year by year and we are going to be faced with that for a number of years because of the simple fact of the demographics of our organization, our membership where the average membership is in the senior citizen or greater age.

We have to think also very positively of the fact, the sixties and seventies, it was not popular to join this organization or any other organization that we had a period of time when in our generations of non-joiners and non-participants. So even at the best we are going to continue to lose members through the simple fact of death and then we have that gap where we didn't receive many new members in for a couple, three years. So the only thing we can look at are to those who are out there now we would consider good members to this fraternity; would make good Masons to encourage them to join our fraternity and then once they have made that decision to take better care of them, to educate them, to enthuse them, and to instill in them a will and a desire to work to the aims that we are so proud.

I leave that thought with you my brethren. We are all in this together and I think we are all concerned Masons or we wouldn't be here today. There are many things that we can do. There are many of us, my age, and older and maybe a little younger that are ready to sit back and let the younger generation take over and run this thing on into the future. We're here to help you. We're here to guide you; probably to criticize you a little bit along the way but it would be constructive matter and I would hope you would take some of this that I have had to say to you today in the spirit it was intended. It is a suggestion, a recommendation of how we can all work together to bring Masonry back into the respected area that we would like to see it in our communities, in our country, and throughout the world.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I would like to thank you on behalf of my wife and the delegation from the State of Washington to be here today for your hospitality and your courtesies. We welcome you down to Wenatchee in June to sit with us and visit with us in our grand session that will be held on the 11th, 12th, and 13th of June. Not only you as a Grand Officer, but anyone in this jurisdiction, or any of the visitors that are here are more than welcome to come down and enjoy hospitality of the State of Washington and the good weather of Wenatchee, "Apple Capital of the World" they say and that is debatable when you get down into Yakima and certainly other parts of the country. Come down and join us anytime. You don't have to be there for the grand lodge session but you're welcome in our lodges anytime and any period. We would just love to see you down there. Again, I enjoy your nice mild weather here today. Thank you.

## **RW John L. Cooper, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of California**

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, on behalf of MW Stanley M. Cazneau Grand Master of Masons in California it's my pleasure to extend to you and to the brethren here his personal greetings on this your annual communication. It's certainly been a pleasure to also have the wonderful hospitality of Alaska. My first time to be in your wonderful state and it couldn't be a more pleasant experience for that. You have to know that we watch with a great deal of envy this last year as we watched the weather reports; saw all these Pacific storms carrying all that wonderful rain and precipitation north that California in its fifth year of drought would dearly had loved to have this year. I'm officially authorized to tell you on behalf of the State of California that should you not need all of it next year could you please send some of it down our way. We could use it.

The Grand Lodge of California is a large grand lodge but like many of them suffer from some of the same problems that others do in terms of finding membership and loss of lodges. We have now in the Grand Lodge of California 498 lodges and 139,000 Master Masons. Just five years ago we had almost a hundred more lodges in California. However, that news on one side is coupled with what we think is a rising interest in increased commitment in the lodges of California that is beginning to surface. For example, as we look to some of the statistics of some of the officers in the lodges that reported to the grand lodge we find that it appears a wave of renewed interest of those petitions coming in is beginning to change some of the demographics within the Grand Lodge of California.

Our Grand Master this year has adopted as his statement for the year, the acronym "Freemasonry on the Rise" and we think we are beginning to see some of that as we look at the statistics that come into the Grand Lodge office. The acronym for us stands for, the first two letters –to renew interest, the last two letters to seek excellence.

To renew interest in Freemasonry a commitment was made more than a year ago by the Grand Lodge of California to make a major statement of what Freemasonry was in a very public way through the well-known Rose Parade in Pasadena each year. And, if you have the opportunity to see it on television you may have noticed that float in that parade had on the side of it "The Family of Freemasonry." The float was paid for by the brethren in the Grand Lodge of California but we purposely did not put the name of California on the float nor of the Grand Lodge itself because we felt that was a way of contributing to Freemasonry in general wherever it was on this continent. So, that those people that saw that might, perhaps, have had renewed interest in what Freemasonry was all about. And, we think it was a success, at least those of us who had an opportunity to participate in that, felt that statement for the millions that watch that each year was a way of saying Freemasonry is here and we are about something. You have an interest in this, we can tell you more about what this is.

In addition to that, we have been promoting for the last four years an increased emphasis on seeking excellence in our lodges. We firmly believe that new members will be attracted to Freemasonry to the extent to the principles that we have are lived out in our lives as Masons in the community and we have encouraged our lodges to make their presence visible in their local communities. Some have participated in our adopt-a-highway programs. Some have participated now in other community sponsored activities.

But, above all, when men are attracted to the fraternity, our lodges are encouraged to make a commitment to teaching the principles of Freemasonry in a way that will make them Freemasons and will make them want to advance. Seeking excellence is a job that we have individually taken upon ourselves and our lodges have taken upon themselves to work out each day.

I really believe that I watched the kind of things that you are doing here in Alaska that what we're talking about; you are acting out in your daily activities. Very pleased with the growth that you have exhibited with the strength; with the fellowship; fraternalism that I have experienced in being up here just this short time. And, I firmly believe that Freemasonry on the Rise is obviously occurring in the Grand Lodge of Alaska. Thank you Sir.

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

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished Brethren, members of the Grand Lodge:

Thank you Most Worshipful Sir for your warm welcome to these assembled representatives of the Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of Alaska. We bring to you and the Eleventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alaska fraternal greetings, best wishes from the Grand Jurisdictions that we represent. Today, the light that is Freemasonry stands as a beacon to illuminate the path that will lead from darkness and despair to respect and admiration.

During the year 1991, we've seen the collapse of a huge system of government that was a symbol of darkness and despair and may God direct their attention in their newfound freedoms to the same beacon that has guided us as Masons for centuries.

We stand before our Grand Lodge as visible evidence that Freemasonry is universal instead. In some jurisdictions struggle to live must overcome superstition, fear, and oppression. Yet where the seed of freedom has been planted and men desire a better life, Freemasonry becomes a vital force of the development, the principles of conduct. A force which when accepted will overcome the barriers of bigotry and will give a lighted path to travel. They may see and enjoy the brotherhood that gives equality to all.

Short bit of poetry will serve to express our feelings, Most Worshipful Sir;

Brightly beams our Father's mercy from his lighthouse evermore  
but to us he gives the keeping of the lights along the shore.

Again, Most Worshipful Sir, I thank you and as I knew it would be your desire was not given nor (garbled).

## **VW Lloyd W. Triggs, Response to District Deputies Introduction**

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master; it has indeed been a pleasure this past year for the four of us working for you and the Grand Lodge of Alaska. We have enjoyed your company traveling with you and it's also been our pleasure to have worked for you on that survey and we thank you again.

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

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master Frank, I bring you personal greetings from Most Worshipful Brother Gerald Shay Grand Master of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Montana. I'm really sorry that Gerry couldn't come up but it was my gain and his loss.

It seems like I've been representing the Grand Master of Montana all but two times. I think maybe you rather get tired of seeing me, but I don't get tired of coming. I told the lodge senior warden about a month ago that I was going to be gone the eighth of February so he had better be prepared to conduct the lodge business and I was going to go to Fairbanks, Alaska. Well the radio down there in Montana, I don't know if they had young help come in and anyway he mentioned they can take two snow flakes and make it into a severe blizzard, and all we have been hearing about is the terrible weather you have been having in Alaska and I told them I wasn't really worried about it because when you are with brotherly love and friendship, it's warm, it's not cold.

But, I'm glad to know the last two years have proved to be that Alaska can have winter. I was really concerned for awhile that you were just pulling my arm on it. Ground hog day this year in Montana, the ground hog saw his shadow so we should have six more weeks of winter. What we are wondering, are we finally going to get winter or are we going to have six more weeks of 46 and 50 degrees above weather. We had snow in October. We had two inches of snow the weekend of Thanksgiving and maybe we had two or three other skiffs of snow but I killed a yellow jacket walking around my yard in my shirt sleeves. It is good to come up here to have some winter. Sometimes I came up here and you called me distinguished guest and I'm sometimes, I was wondering when I was

Master in my lodge back in 1963 and I thought I did a fairly good job but this year they put me in as Master again. I can't figure out why they took 28 years to figure out I didn't do a good job the first time.

I noticed that your things that you are discussing and thinking about seems to be a lot about the same as we have down home. The Grand Lodge of Montana this year is going to be deciding whether we are going to be interested in continuing to have proficiency or whether we are going to substitute education for proficiency. I don't know how it is going to turn out. I've heard a lot of pros and cons but one thing that I am going to pass on to you brethren, the first time they talked about it in our lodge our two newest members came up to me after the meeting and said, "Francis, why would they want to do away with the proficiency? That was fun to learn." And they did learn it really quick.

We are also going to discuss whether we recognize Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Oregon, Idaho, and Montana and I don't know why we have to spend time in grand lodge deciding whether we are going to recognize one lodge, and that's all we have of Prince Hall lodge in Montana and that's at Malmstrom Air Force Base. It's creating a lot of discussion. Probably have a good turn out at grand lodge.

I hope Grand Master to-be, that your wife will convince you that you should come to Grand Lodge of Montana so that she can see her family. And, he's going to have problems keeping from that. That being that, I understand Roxie has a lot of relatives in Billings. I am sure we are going to see the Grand Master of Alaska at this coming session.

Most Worshipful Sir, I would like to thank you for the courtesies that have been extended to my wife Lela and I. We always have a great time up here. It's great to come up and get my batteries recharged and then I have to go home and put up with all the guff with brother Masons down there that give me. But, thank you very much.

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

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Distinguished Guests, and Brethren all:

Most Worshipful on behalf of my wife and myself, I want to thank you for the many courtesies extended to us and I hope that if you ever get down in Nebraska we can do the same for you.

You know, I spoke yesterday and I've talked to a lot of people about what I said or didn't say and some brethren said I didn't say anything and others said I said too much. I thought it was the greatest political talk I ever gave in my life. Of course it is the first time I ever came down on both sides of the razor and never got cut.

We've had so many changes in Nebraska brethren. Please don't ask me what they are or how many there are, or what's the results been because nobody knows. They're all done in good heart whether it's going to help. There is no way of knowing whether they helped or not. You got a good idea and you think it's going to help Masonry, why if you put it to work, I guess, hope that it does the best. Like I said yesterday, don't be the first to give up to accept the new or the last to get rid of the old.

Most Worshipful, would you come up here? Please brethren, this is a very dignified ceremony and must go through it here, so behave yourselves. Are there any more Admirals of the Great State of Nebraska in the room? Come on up here Jim. On behalf of Most Worshipful Brother James N. DeMoss Grand Master of Nebraska, been told to do this. I have a commission to read to you.

Says on the top: Admiral E. Benjamin Nelson, Governor and Theodore W. Metcalf Chief Admiral, the Great Navy of the State of Nebraska. To all who shall see these presents, greetings. Know ye that we pose a special trust and confidence in the patriotism, valor, fidelity, and abilities of Frank W. Erie and knowing you to be a good person and loyal friend and counselor, I have nominated and do appoint you an Admiral in the Great Navy of the State of Nebraska. You are therefore called diligently to discharge the duties of Admiral by doing and performing all manner things thereto belonging and I do strictly charge and require all officers, seamen, Admirals, and goldfish under your command to be obedient to your orders as Admiral and you are to observe and follow time to time such directions you shall receive according to the rules and discipline of the Great Navy of the State of Nebraska. This commission is to continue in force during the period of your GOOD behavior and the pleasure of the Chief Admiral of the Great Navy of the State of Nebraska.

Given under my hand and the city of Lincoln and the State of Nebraska the 7<sup>th</sup> day of February 1992 in the year of our Lord and its signed by E. Benjamin Nelson, Governor of the State of Nebraska.

Grand Master said, "I think they forgot the part about bringing your own water. Isn't that supposed to be in there somewhere?"

Most Worshipful Brother Frank, I am happy to be able to induct you into this great Order of Admirals in the Great State of Nebraska. Thank you Grand Master.

## **MW Ronald Briggs, Past Grand Master of Nevada**

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

Thank you Most Worshipful,

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Honored Distinguished East, Grand Lodge Officers, and Brethren all:

Most Worshipful Grand Master Frank, I bring you personal greetings and best wishes from Most Worshipful Franklin L. Coonley, Grand Master of Masons in Nevada and his wishes for a most happy, harmonious, and successful session. And, as your business is almost concluded, you've already reached that goal.

I feel a little like Francis in that I've been here so many times you're probably tired of seeing me, but I certainly enjoy coming back and now I can honestly say that I am coming home because I'm also an Alaskan Mason. Certainly may know or have noticed that I have been able to shed a few pounds and you're used to having such a large delegate from the State of Nevada. This year my mentor that I followed through the Grand Lodge line accompanied me to make up the difference. Brother Roy, it is really good to see you up here with it. You know that I followed Brother Roy through the line and you might say we were the Laurel and Hardy of Nevada.

I won't take a lot of your time trying to talk about the ills and problems and etc., etc., and them that we hear at all the sessions concerning our membership problems, declining membership, etc. However, there is one point that is sort of close to my heart and I always, when I get a chance, to get on my soapbox and talk about it and that's our youth my brethren.

You know, we think we have a lot of problems but you stop and think about it, how would you like to be eighteen years old today, going into a world facing today the political, economical, and social problems that our youth are facing. And, I urge and encourage each of you to take every opportunity that you have to support our Masonically supported, affiliated youth groups wherever they are. They are always seeking the support of the Masonic fraternity and it makes a great deal of difference in their lives to have men who are Masons and live the principles as a role model. They need those types of role models, my brethren. They have too many of the wrong kind in the public attention all the time. And, that's why I like to get on my soapbox and say to my brethren, please take an hour and a half or two hours maybe to go to a youth meeting. You won't be called on to do anything but just to be there. That means a great deal to them. I tried to emphasize that during my year as Grand Master. I didn't get the response that I truly wanted but that hasn't deterred me from at least talking about it.

Enough of the seriousness, you know I have heard some pretty good stories since I've been here in Alaska. So, I thought this year I might share with you a story from Nevada

about one of our old Nevada cowboys. We still have some old-fashion cowboys in Nevada.

Back in the old days in the late 1800's they were still pretty wild and wooly out there and we still had a few Indian problems. One day, while he was out on the range all by himself and he was set upon by a band of Indians. The Indians captured him and took him to their camp. Thereupon he was informed that he was to be put to death, however, the chief said that their tribe believed in being humane about it and that they would grant him three wishes over a period of three days before he was put to death.

So the chief called on him and said, "What would you like for your first wish?" He says, I would like to have my horse. The chief said we can't give you your horse, you'll ride away. He said, "No, you can hold the horse, I just want to talk to him." So they brought the horse around, the cowboy steps up to his horse, whispers in his ear. The horse took off lickety-split over the hill, left the chief and the rest of them standing around wondering what he said. Later that afternoon, here comes the horse back and had a beautiful blonde lady on his back. Well the chief then thought he understood, that this was the man's first request and so they provided him with a tepee for privacy and he and the lady retired.

The next morning they got up and again the chief asked him what's your wish today? He said I want to talk to my horse again. Well, alright, so they granted him the wish. Again he whispered in the horse's ear, he gallops off, returns that afternoon, he's got a beautiful brunette on his back. Well, the chief thought that this was strange but it's the man's last wishes, so what am I to interfere. Again, they retired. The third morning the chief asked him what is your third and final wish. He said I would like to talk to my horse again. The chief thought that this was a strange way to go but we'll let you do it.

This time he takes the horse aside of the earshot of the chief, and grabs him by each ear and looked him straight in the eye. He said, listen you lop-eared, knock-kneed, old bag of oats you, read my lips, bring me a POSSE. Thank you Grand Master.

## **MW Arthur S. Thomas, Honorary Past Grand Master, Representing MW Hideo Kobayashi Grand Master of Japan**

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

Grand Master, thank you for this opportunity to convey the congratulations and good wishes of Most Worshipful Brother Hideo Kobayashi to you and the Masons of the Most Excellent Grand Lodge of Alaska:

You know this day and age the winds of change are blowing over the face of Freemasonry. We see many changes coming about. You've seen some here, the discussion of whether you have proficiency by standing in front of the altar and reciting or doing the educational exercise. If you go back in the history of Masonry and read the



proceedings of other grand lodges over the century you find waves of changes coming through Masonry. One time it was almost a Masonic offense if you were a sojourner and living in the area of another lodge, than your own, if you didn't join that lodge and support it. To what an era, when there was a great commotion going through the whole of the fraternity, about whether that we should issue dues cards.

Later in the present age we've seen great discussions about ciphers and monitors in lodge. I was raised in a Louisiana lodge and if you walked in the door of the lodge with a cipher of any kind, you were liable to find yourself sitting on the floor outside the door. They didn't tolerate it and they still don't.

In spite of all these changes, Masonry still persists in following its own true course and I think as long as we conform to those solemn obligations we've undertaken in keeping the eye on the principle and don't worry about these little swells that come and go and pass and go, we won't have any trouble.

We see new grand lodges coming on the face of the earth. Some of them being revived, some of them starting up like Portugal is trying to start a grand lodge. I think it is time that we all getting closer in communication with one another, exchange of ideas. You take one grand lodge here that does something is beneficial and a lot of people don't know about this thing and I think these things need to be spread to let all know what's going on and can look and see what would benefit us.

Grand Master, I wish to thank you and the members of your Grand Lodge for the hospitality that's been shown my wife Rosemary and I. Brother Briggs, I would like to leave you with a short story.

About three weeks ago Time Magazine had a whole article generated about the differences between male and female and just before I left home this week, to come up here, I got my current copy and the letters to the editor had to put this whole thing in place - these changes and minor things going on.

One man said it didn't take any big magazine to tell him what the difference between male and female was. He found out at five years old when he could write his name in the snow and his companion Marilyn, she couldn't do it. Thank you Grand Master.

## **RW John S. Harvey, Junior Grand Warden of Oregon**

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I bring you the greetings of Most Worshipful Brother Ivan Rinck, Grand Master of Masons in Oregon and he also extends to you his best wishes for a harmonious and fruitful session.

I can't stand here and say this is my thirteenth time or my fifth time to your Grand Lodge. This is my first time to your Grand Lodge and I am pleased to be here. It's not my first

time to Alaska, however, I came the first time in 1950 and during the fifties I flew over a great deal of Alaska and formed a great love for the State, almost you have for a woman.

During a grand session, I believe in about 1981 or 2 in Oregon, we had the Senior Grand Warden of Pennsylvania, Bill Carpenter, come and speak to us. He spoke to our banquet when we were, our banquet was lined up here and his wife was seated directly to the right of the podium or the lectern rather and he began his speech he started out with "There are three things in this world I love, Masonry, Havana cigars, and my wife, in that order" and promptly sustained an injury to his foot. Now I don't smoke, so Havana cigars don't enter into it, but I almost could say the same thing but I would not be brave enough, it would be my wife. I would have to include my wife as first and then Masonry and then Alaska could easily come next. I've lived in a number of states but I've never lived in one that I felt quite the way I do about this and a variety of reasons but I think all those powers in the air over the state have a great deal to do with, that slide presentation last night brought back most vibrantly.

I want to talk for just a second on what I consider to be our basic strengths. In order for our fraternity to flourish we have to have qualified viable leadership. We have to have good ritual in our lodges and that is in terms of opening and closing as well as in our ritual. That's what we are going to impress our members with our ability and our interest and we are going to impress our new members with the same thing. We also have to have some good refreshments. We also have to have something happening in those meetings. It's not too conducive to come back when you go to a meeting and hear the minutes, go to refreshment, and go home. Something has to happen of interest.

But, the very thing that ties us together is our love for one another and it is commonly called comradery, love, friendship, fellowship, esprit de corps, or any number of things. But, when that exists on a high level and when we want to go to lodge to see our brethren and we leave with a feeling, "Boy I'm glad I went there," we're going to have a lot of people there. We are going to have a lot of people want to join us and this fraternity.

There was a Father Flannigan home that had an advertisement and on the front of it, it showed, I particularly liked this one, on the front of it, it showed about a twelve year old boy with a little boy on his back and the little boy is draped over his shoulder asleep and underneath it says "He ain't heavy Father, he's my Brother." Now this exemplifies what I am speaking of pretty clearly. There's another instance that happened in Vietnam, that's a little more far out maybe, but still exemplifies the feeling of one human for another. They had a bunch of refugees of mostly Vietnamese and they typed them all for blood and one of them came in later that was in dire need of a certain rare blood and they announced after a second time, there was no response, there was this child was going to die if she didn't get some blood. Pretty soon a hand went up in the back of the room and then went down and then went up again and down. So the nurse went back there discovered this other child did have that type of blood. So they came up and started to draw the blood from the child, the amount that was needed and that could be safely taken without endangering her life and she started to cry. They couldn't get her to stop crying and they couldn't understand why she was so upset. This was a group of people who

spoke Vietnamese, some spoke French, a few spoke English and it turned out they had a child that spoke French but not Vietnamese. She understood enough what was needed but didn't understand the whole context of it and they finally got a nurse over there who spoke French and inquired why she was crying and she said I don't want to die and the nurse said you're not going to die. She said why did you come up here if you were going to give all of your blood? And, she said I didn't want my friend to die. These things can be reiterated, stories of heroics in all of the wars as well.

There is one other story that I found to be really interesting that was an actual happening as this was supposed to have been. Happened in Central Oregon, in Long Creek, Oregon. There's a lodge there. They were going to confer a degree about 8:00 at night and this was back in the horse and wagon days. They had a long stint of rain and some of the brothers were coming from Kimberly and Monument, which is about twenty-five or thirty miles away and they were coming by wagon and horseback, about ten of them and without them they couldn't confer this degree. So eight o'clock came, so did nine, ten, eleven, and twelve these people hadn't showed up but they kept the vigil and stayed there with their candidate. What they didn't know was that these people, when they were coming some were on horseback and some had a wagon, and the paraphernalia that they needed was in the wagon. The gumbo mud had built up on the wheels until there was about six or eight inches of mud on top of the wheels and the weight of that combined with going through the mud continued to break the single trees. They had to stop periodically and get fence posts or cut trees to replace those single trees and they eventually got there about two o'clock in the morning. Instead of calling it a day and a bad effort, they went ahead and conferred the degree. That's really dedication and this is the bottom line of it. It slices through all our ceremonies and all our Bodies, York Rite, Scottish Rite, Blue Lodge all of it.

Senior Warden says it's the strength and support, but that harmony could be substituted for brotherly love. When we go out of our way to help a brother, if he doesn't come to a meeting, we find out why he didn't come. When we know a brother is down and out, such as we have here today and yesterday, we keep tabs on him on a regular basis. When we visit our widows, the widows of our brethren. When these things happen on a regular and frequently occurring basis, then we will indeed be strong.

Another side effect that I have noted when this exists to a high degree, you can disagree on subjects and important matters and leave the meeting friends and sometimes I have been in places where this has not been the case. This element of brotherly love isn't such a high existence and this is a most desirable trait. Also, this is the most intangible thing. You can't wave a magic wand and say you will love you and vice versa. It can be practiced and I believe the best way to do it, those who have it, exemplify it. Albert Switzer said an example is not the most important thing in influencing others, it is the only thing and I think those of you who have this to a high degree don't hide it, show it.

Before I close, I would like to compliment the flag presentation in the opening. I've seen some very nice presentations of the flag, but I've never seen one as dramatic as that and

that was outstanding and I compliment your Grand Lodge and those Masons who performed that.

I'd like to thank you for your courtesies and considerations to me and Right Worshipful Brother Marty Martinez who is a district deputy for the Grand Master of Oregon. Thank you Sir.

## **RW Thomas O. Mickey Grand Lodge of British Columbia**

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I thought that I was doing pretty good and I was sitting there and the flag was between you and me and I don't know who moved it but all of a sudden I had a clicker.

It's a great pleasure to be here Most Worshipful Brother Erie. Again, I am fortunate that our grand master chose not to come and delegated his responsibility to me, who is Most Worshipful Brother Edward B. Hearn. This has happened for a number of years and with the exception of Most Worshipful Brother Lee(?) and Most Worshipful Brother Baldwin none of our grand masters have come here and I don't know what it is about Alaska they don't like. Whether it is the cold weather they're afraid of but by they're staying home is to my gain so I'm very pleased to represent them.

Last year at Soldotna, I made it to the last day of the convocation and I got sick. This year I made to the first day and I got sick. I don't know what's going on here. I don't know whether I dare come next year. I think I'm recovered and that's kind of why I was sitting down there in case I had to leave in a hurry. I phoned home yesterday and checked with my wife and she had the flu so I felt a little better that it wasn't something that I caught here. I probably brought it and probably am going to have a whole bunch of people mad at me in a day or two.

Another thing that was different this year than last three years, the last three years we've hit sixty below driving to Alaska and this year it was a very pleasant minus twenty-nine Celsius which I think about sixteen or eighteen below Fahrenheit and it was a much more pleasant drive and we could make it a little faster as RW Boily will attest.

Last year when I went to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia I asked myself a question, why am I going to this? I know what's going to happen and I know when it comes time to vote I'm one case in about nine-hundred and I really don't count. Why am I doing this? I had an occasion to speak to our Grand Secretary, Most Worshipful William Sterling and I said, "you know Bill, I wonder why sometimes I come and I finally figured it out last night and it's because I don't see you people for a year. It's that one time in the year that we get together and renew old friendships and make new ones and I find that it's the same thing coming to the Grand Lodge of Alaska. I don't see a lot of Alaskans

for that year and our distinguished visitors either. They've been coming for a lot of years and so have I. It's a real pleasure to come and renew those acquaintances.

I would like to thank you for the courtesies extended to myself and Right Worshipful Brother Boily. He's kind of disappeared this morning and I think he put in a heavy shift last night. So, anyway, it's been a great pleasure and thank you for all the courtesies extended to us.

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

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, my title is the General Grand Master of the Second Veil and my job is the Deputy Grand High Priest, Royal Arch Masons International for the Northwest Region and that's seven states and one province. Province of Alberta, Alaska Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, and Colorado and that keeps me traveling.

I must visit each of those jurisdictions at least twice in the triennium. So there is a lot of driving and flying involved.

The Royal Arch Masons go back a long ways. In Alaska we organized a Grand Chapter in 1955. We have a philanthropy and it's called Royal Arch Research Assistance and we sponsor a research program at the Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado. Joan Burley(?) is the head person for this project and it has to do with auditory receptive problems in not only children but adults also.

Auditory perception is very similar to dyslexia. They don't hear properly the spoken word and can't understand it and so therefore they react in various ways. They can't understand what a teacher is saying to them and in a lot of them they've found in researching the young adults in the penal system they have this auditory perception problem. That is the direct cause of their ending up in the penal system and youth correction facilities because they don't understand what's being said and then they got to draw attention and then the next thing you know they are labeled as disruptive students and they aren't really.

This program has got to the stage now whether it has limited clinical help for them. They really haven't found the cause or the cure but they are finding ways to compensate for it and help the students become good productive students instead of disruptive and we are really thrilled with this progress.

We have reached one of our goals in the fund. We have over two million dollars. We have reached that stage of collecting money.

In Alaska we have a program similar to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. We sell thirty dollar life memberships. The money stays in Alaska and the interest goes to the General Grand Chapter for Royal Arch Assistance Program and you're probably going to be hearing from me in the near future if you haven't already contributed thirty dollars to the life membership program in Alaska. Thank you very much.

## **VW Robert F. Parkins Report on Panama**

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, may I make an informal report on Panama?

I have been in touch this summer with our representative in Panama and for your information, for all intents and purposes, all Masonic lodges and anybody connected with it are underground in Panama. But, the two connections we have through another organization, I talked to this party this summer and they are still active on the quiet and keeping things together as much as possible. But until things are straightened out, why, they are wearing the forget-me-not in the Panama area. But, they are active and will back with us they think as soon as things get settled in the Panama area.

## **MW Charles S. Moulthrop, Past Grand Master of Michigan**

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I would like to start out my remarks by giving you a little bit of friendly or venerable advice. In order to do so, I would have to address you in the context of the title Admiral. Admiral Sir being a lowly chief, captain on my own vessel only, most of you knew I enjoy sailing. I'm a "rag hauler" from the time I was six years old and I wish to give you a little friendly advice in the manner in which you make sure you give your commands or orders very clearly and distinctly. In order to do so I will give you an example of what my lowly station transpired or what happened to me.

In the middle of Lake Huron, one time on a sailboat, for many of you may know I had a keel center board, namely I had a keel that you couldn't do anything about except make sure you had enough water to run it that drew four feet. But, I had a center board that you raised and lowered with small winch and that made the draft of the boat go to eight foot – six. We were sailing out there, the one time in the Port Huron/Mackinaw race and we were closing on the shore at approximately 3 A.M. in the morning or for some of you "land lubbers" that would be six bells.

But, I mentioned to my very, very close friend, Don, to go below and bring up the center boards. So Don disappeared very obediently down below and about five minutes later, which would be about the most normal time to crank the board from its full down to full up position, came back on deck. Just about the time he got to the top of the companion

way ladder, we had a jolt and a jar and we stopped from doing eight knots to zero in a matter of a boat length. We buried twenty feet of the bow under water and then came up and did a 180 degree spin.

Now, for some of you that doesn't sound like much but let me tell you when you are on a boat that is only 44 feet long and you stop in the matter of twenty feet doing eight knots with over a ton of sailboat, THAT IS A JAR! By the time I got things scrambled around, myself and my own brain and everything else I realized of course we had hit the bottom because at this point we are listing approximately 25 degrees to starboard and I said to Don, who again was there again emerging a second time up the companion way there because when we hit he was sent all the way to the forepeak up through the stern of the cabin, below decks. And, the only thing that saved him was he landed in a bunch of sail bags. I landed against the doghouse bulkhead. But, Don was again coming up the ladder the second time and he still brought the checker board under his arms.

(Garbled) Most Worshipful, make sure that those commands are very distinct and clearly stated because Don swears to this day I said bring the checker board up

Brothers, I would like to say thank you again for the very warm hospitality shown to myself and to my wife Nancy. Every time we come back, well, again we have the pleasure of renewing our old acquaintances and meeting some new and I want to tell you brothers that your chamber of commerce has a message out or a television commercial, shall we say, on the State of Alaska and at the end of it they always say that once you've been there you never quite go home. Believe it.

I thoroughly enjoy this country up here. Someday I know I've been threatening for ten years to come back when it's green but by gosh the good Lord willing and the creek don't rise too far, one of these years I'm going to do that because the doctor told me that I'm no longer able to go out and race the sail boats up and down Lake Huron and Lake Michigan during the summer time so I haven't got that for any good excuse anymore. So one of these years, why you won't see me just in February, I'll be back sometime in the warmer part of the year in order to see what things look like when they are green.

Those were the only words of wisdom that I might have for you my brothers today. Again, thank you Most Worshipful, I thoroughly enjoyed being here every year. Thank you.

## **MW E. L. "Roy" Foss, Past Grand Master of Washington**

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

Thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master, I didn't think I was going to have the opportunity of telling this little story, so I told it at the Grand Master's lunch but I think that it is worth hearing because it was important to me. This past July, some of us by the name of Foss went to Norway. "Foss" means waterfall in Norwegian and we had a Foss

family reunion in Bergen. We landed in Oslo, traveled by private cars with relatives. We called all of them cousins I guess eighth, ninth, tenth cousins, but they were all cousins to us and we had a wonderful time.

As I always wanted to attend a lodge function wherever I go, I tried to get hold of somebody at the Masonic temple and they informed me that July, they are closed, nothing going on in July. I got hold of the grand representative of Washington. His name is Tor Poster (?) and I told him that I would at least like to see the building. He said well, yes I could let you see that and I also said, well my cousin is going to bring me down to the temple, can he come in? Is he a Mason? No, he's not a Mason. Is he a Norwegian? Yes, I said, he's Norwegian. Well, I'm sorry he can't come into the building, but I did have him take me down there and he went off on some errands and picked me up later in the afternoon and this grand representative of Washington and the Grand Secretary took me on a complete tour of the Masonic temple in Oslo. It's about twice as large as the one in Spokane and each of the degrees has a separate room for that particular degree. They take candidates, if they are going for a second degree they go into the second degree room, or the third degree, or whatever it is and so, I was impressed.

Mostly, it's the York Rite Masonry and they gave me a brochure of the lodges, a list of the lodges that meet in Norway and it's a Christian Masonic function. Only Christians can be made Masons in Norway. I said that is odd, in America we accept Jews, Moslems, Hindus, or any other religion as long as they believe in the divine being. He says, well don't forget we were occupied by the Germans for a good many years and that's all we have is Christians who are Masons in Norway.

I got down to some of the dungeons. Those of you who are in the York Rite Bodies to see some of the dungeons and the rooms down in the sub, sub, sub basement and it was really impressive, dark, eerie, Frank Erie, but it was completely impressive and I plan on going back over there and I'm not going in the month of July cause I want to attend the lodge. Thank you

## **Chester Proudfoot, Scottish Rite of Alaska**

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful Sirs, Worshipful Sirs, Distinguished Guests, Brethren all:

I would like to thank you very much Most Worshipful Grand Master for inviting me to represent the Scottish Rite at this grand communication. I know you, as a Scottish Rite member so that makes us a little more acquainted.

I would like to say to the new Grand Master that as a deputy in Alaska for the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, I extend to him my services at any time that we can be of help in the Scottish Rite to this Grand Jurisdiction and as you know the Scottish Rite



operates under the grand jurisdiction which it is situated. So we're in Alaska and we operate under the Grand Jurisdiction of Alaska so we would be most happy to cooperate with the Grand Lodge of this jurisdiction and I am sure that all of the Scottish Rite Masons will cooperate also. At least I shall advise them as such.

We, as the Scottish Rite in Alaska are trying to get with the program of the Supreme Council in the childhood learning disabilities business and in Anchorage I have reestablished a clinic for the treatment of children with childhood language disabilities and so far it's sort of come unto the attention of the public and that's our desire to bring Freemasonry to the attention of the general public. We're not so much interested in people who already belong to the fraternity, for most of them are already acquainted with the policies and the programs of the jurisdiction of which they reside.

Up to this point, I have had an opportunity to go out and speak to different groups and show them the film that is developed by the Scottish Rite on childhood disabilities and language disabilities and it has been well received. It gives me an opportunity to inform those people that the Scottish Rite is a Freemason's organization and all the members belong to the fraternity are Freemasons and we don't try to sell anything, we're not soliciting members for the Scottish Rite for in order to become a Scottish Rite Mason you have to be a Master Mason in a blue lodge. And so that is kind of getting the people's attention as to what we are and how we are organized. I think over the long haul we will be able to do more for Freemasonry in Alaska by informing people just what we stand for and how we operate.

So, I hope in the future we can be of service to this Grand Jurisdiction and get them a little bit of publicity and for that Grand Master, I thank you very much for this opportunity to speak. Thank you.

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

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

Thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master, you kind of caught me off guard, sitting back here and enjoying, I hadn't planned to get up here to speak (Grand Master said it was intentional).

Brother Briggs from Nevada told you this morning a little joke. It reminded me of an incident that happened to Bobbie and I last fall when we were down in Arizona. We had gone down to Sierra Vista for a York Rite conference so one day we decided to go to Nogales. We caught the stage at Sierra Vista to Nogales, about time we were ready to leave Nogales to come back the word was out that the Indians were out on the warpath. So they put a shotgun guard on the stage and we headed out.

The driver kept asking the shotgun guard if he sees any Indians. Finally he did and the driver said, how far away are they? Well, I can't tell. Well, how big are they? Oh,

they're about this big. Oh, they are a long way away so he whipped the horses and away we went and pretty soon he asked again how close the Indians were. Well, they're this big and this happened two, three times and finally there is Indians all around the stage coach. Well the driver said shoot 'em, shoot 'em. The guard said I can't I've known them since they were that big.

Most Worshipful I've enjoyed my visits to Alaska. Your hospitality is most appreciated. Bobbie and I have thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. I'm sorry that we didn't start coming sooner. Last year, of course, was our first visit to this Great Jurisdiction and we hope to get up here again. Thank you.

## **MW Frank W. Erie, Grand Master of Alaska – Story about MW Roy A. Wilson**

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

There is a story about Brother Roy that forever tickles me and I guess that I have a morbid sense of humor but I'd like to tell them that story.

Our Brother, Most Worshipful Brother Fred Angleton was visiting outside and he was in the company of Roy and his wife and they went out and had a party and Roy apparently got tired and wanted to go home and go to bed. Well, they were, Bobbie his wife and Fred were not quite finished partying and so I guess for purposes I ought to explain I think they were dressed in Tuxedos or fancy clothes and Roy owns a pair of patent leather cowboy boots that are the most spectacular things you ever saw, but they're just a little bit small and so he went home to bed and our Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Angleton took his wife out and they continued to dancing until the late hours of the morning and when they came home they found Roy sleeping with his tuxedo pants down around his ankles because he couldn't get his cowboy boots off.

# 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:**

Pete Nilles	1 vote
Aves Thompson	1 vote
Lloyd Triggs	1 vote
William Folsom	1 vote
Frank Erie	2 votes
John Dolenc	2 votes
Howard Hobbs	4 votes
John Grainger	8 votes
<b>Les Little</b>	<b>109 votes (Position Accepted)</b>

## **Deputy Grand Master:**

Howard Hobbs	6 votes
<b>John Grainger</b>	<b>124 votes (Position Accepted)</b>

## **Senior Grand Warden:**

James Morton	1 vote
Gene Freeman	1 vote
Fred McGuire	1 vote
Hank Dunbar	4 votes
<b>Hoard Hobbs</b>	<b>124 votes (Position Accepted)</b>

## **Grand Secretary:**

I do have a request for a hand writing sample for the current seated Grand Secretary.

Grand Master: If I was the current Grand Secretary, I would demand a recount.

Gunnar Flygenring	1 vote
<b>Richard Bender</b>	<b>129 votes (Position Accepted)</b>

**Junior Grand Warden:** 129 votes were cast, 65 votes are required for a majority

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

Blank or damaged	1 vote
Fred McGuire	1 vote
Mitch Miller	1 vote
Jacques Boily	3 votes
Lloyd Triggs	3 votes
James Morton	5 votes
Bill Lefferson	57 votes
Hank Dunbar	58 votes

**Junior Grand Warden:** 114 votes were cast, 58 votes are required for a majority

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

Frank McGuire 1 vote

Lloyd Triggs 1 vote

William Lefferson 49 votes

**Hank Dunbar 63 votes (Position Accepted)**

# INSTALLATION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

An open installation for the 1992-1993 officers for the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was conducted in Fairbanks, Alaska on February 7, 1992

## OPENING CEREMONIES

Welcome and Introduction

By MW Frank W. Erie

## INSTALLING OFFICERS

Installing Master	Name not recorded
Installing Marshall	Name not recorded
Installing Chaplain	Name not recorded
Installing Secretary	Name not recorded
Installing Musician	Name not recorded

## ELECTED OFFICERS

Grand Master	MW Leslie R. Little
Deputy Grand Master	RW John H. Grainger
Senior Grand Warden	RW Howard N. Hobbs
Junior Grand Warden	RW Henry T. Dunbar
Grand Secretary	RW Richard D. Bender

## APPOINTED OFFICERS

Grand Chaplain	W Eugene M. Mockerman
Grand Lecturer	VW Larry M. Sizemore
Grand Orator	W Bobby W. Alexander
Grand Historian	W Joe H. Ashby
Grand Marshal	W Philip A. Ambrose
Senior Grand Deacon	W Emmett V. Roetman
Junior Grand Deacon	VW Paul J. Merkouris
Grand Standard Bearer	W Darrell C. McSpadden

Grand Sword Bearer	W Marvin B. Fitzpatrick
Grand Bible Bearer	W Harry J. Koenen
Senior Grand Steward	W William B. Clucas
Junior Grand Steward	VW Marvin R. Harned
Grand Organist	W Lawrence W. Nelson
Grand Tyler	W Allen B. Scouler

**DEPUTIES TO THE GRAND MASTER**

District 1	VW Stanley R. Foulke
District 2	VW Robert L. Fulton
District 3	VW Robert L. Van Huss
District 4	VW James O. Burris