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of Free and Accepted Masons
of Alaska**

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GRAND MASTER
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PRAYER OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

Opening Prayer

Most holy and Glorious Lord God, the giver of all good gifts and graces: thou hast promised that where two or three are gathered together in thy name, thou wilt be in the midst of them and bless them.

In thy name we assemble, most humbly beseeching thee to bless us in all our undertakings, that we may know and serve thee aright, and that all our actions may tend to thy glory, and to our advancement in knowledge and virtue.

We pray that the deliberations of this annual communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alaska will be fruitful to our craft and benefit our communities and mankind.

We ask that your grace and presence will be in our midst and that peace and harmony will prevail.

We reverently ask this in thy holy name.

Amen

ROLL CALL

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Master	MW Marvin B. Fitzpatrick
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deputy Grand Master	RW Samuel K. Medsker
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Warden	RW Jared S. Decker
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Warden	RW John R. "Bo" Cline
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Treasurer	RW James D. Grubbs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Secretary	RW Jerome P. Wesson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Chaplain	W Dale S. Cain
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Lecturer	W Glenn E. Josey
		W Douglas Teninty (pro tem)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Orator	VW Jim R. McMichael
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Historian	W James M LeFlore
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Marshal	W Jerry W. Pinion
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Deacon	W Roger A. Barnstead
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Deacon	W John K. Bishop
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grand Standard Bearer	W Harold L. Gray
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Sword Bearer	W Gerald B. Hughes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grand Bible Bearer	W Emil F. Lentz
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Steward	W Robert L. Cartmill
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Steward	W Walter B. Bonner
		Unidentified brother (pro tem)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Organist	W Dwight E. Morris
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Tyler	W Jack B. Coghill, Sr

CONSTITUENT LODGES

(Would the most Senior Representative please respond?)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	White Pass Lodge No. 1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tanana Lodge No. 3
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Valdez Lodge No. 4
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Seward Lodge No. 6
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Matanuska Lodge No. 7
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kodiak Lodge No. 9
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Glacier Lodge No. 10
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kenai Lodge No. 11
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fairbanks Lodge No. 12
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eagle River Lodge No. 13
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Aurora Lodge No. 15
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	North Pole Lodge No. 16
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anchorage Lodge No. 17
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ketchikan Lodge No. 19
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Iditarod Lodge No. 20
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sterling Lodge No. 22
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Petersburg Lodge No. 23

MW Grand Master, all Grand Lodge Officers with the exception of the Grand Standard Bearer and Grand Bible Bearer and 19 Lodges are represented and we, therefore, have a Constitutional quorum to open Grand Lodge.

RW Jerome P. "Jerry" Wasson
Grand Secretary

SOLEMN CEREMONIES

The public opening of the Twenty Sixth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was opened at 8:00 AM on February 1, 2007, by Worshipful Master James Herrington. The program for the public ceremonies included:

- Entrance of Grand Lodge Officers
- Presentation of American and Canadian Flag
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Flag presentation performed by the Heroes of '76
- U.S. and Canadian National Anthems
- The Alaska Flag Song
- Welcome to representatives of the Youth Groups
- Welcome by Mayor of Anchorage, Hon. Mark Begich
- Response by M.W. Harry J. Koenen PGM (7, 20, 22)
- Introduction of Representatives of Concordant Bodies

Representatives of Concordant Bodies present included:

Grand Council Allied Masonic Degrees of the USA

William R. Miller, Sovereign Grand Master

Al Aska Shrine Temple

Timothy J. Jellison, Potentate

Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction

Mitchell R. Miller, Sovereign Grand Inspector General

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alaska

Leonard C. Bibler, Grand High Priest

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Alaska

Mitchell R. Miller, Grand Illustrious Master

Order of Eastern Star

Claudine Jones, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Alaska

Order of DeMolay

Joseph M. Anderson, Executive Officer, State of Alaska

Nathan Nelson, Master Counselor

International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Ellen Gamel, Grand Deputy, Grand Assembly of Alaska

Katrina Nore, Grand Worthy Advisor
International Order of Job's Daughters, Bethel No. 1, Anchorage
Susan Anderson, Bethel Guardian
Britney Crosby-Moncrief, Junior Princess

The formal opening of the Twenty Sixth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was opened at 10:00 AM on February 1, 2007, by Most Worshipful Marvin B. Fitzpatrick, 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 Frederick Young (10)

Second Session

W Brian Bilkey (22)

Third Session

W David Worel (3)

Fourth Session

W Michael Starkey (12)

Distinguished Guests:

California, F. & A.M.

MW Howard D. Kirkpatrick, Past Grand Master

Nevada, F. & A.M.

RW Carl L. "Bud" Banks, Junior Grand Warden representing
Stanley E. Williams, Grand Master

Oregon, A.F. & A.M.

MW William A. Martin, Grand Master
RW Dennis D. Johnson, Deputy Grand Master
RW Robert Richmond, Senior Grand Warden
MW Herman C. Kuppler, Past Grand Master

Pennsylvania, F.&A.M.

MW Ronald A. Aungst Sr. Grand Master
RW Edward O. Weisser, Past Grand Master

Washington, F. & A.M.

RW Wayne I. Smith, Deputy Grand Master
MW William R. Miller, Past Grand Master
MW John D. McNab, Past Grand Master

Wyoming, A.F. & A.M.

MW Ronald E. Triggs, Past Grand Master

British Columbia & Yukon, A.F. & A.M

MW Robert McSween, Grand Master
RW Stephen Godfrey, Deputy Grand Master

TRIBUTE TO THE FLAG

Ragged Old Flag

I WALKED THROUGH A COUNTRY COURTHOUSE SQUARE
ON A PARK BENCH AN OLD MAN WAS SITTING THERE
I SAID "YOUR OLD COURT HOUSE IS KINDA RUN DOWN"
HE SAID "NO, IT WILL DO FOR OUR LITTLE TOWN"
I SAID "YOUR OLD FLAG POLE IS LEANING A LITTLE BIT
AND THAT'S A RAGGED OLD FLAG YOU'VE GOT HANGING FROM IT"
HE SAID "HAVE A SEAT, AND I SAT DOWN.
IS THIS THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE BEEN IN OUR LITTLE TOWN?"
I SAID "I THINK IT IS" "WELL" HE SAID "I DON'T LIKE TO BRAG
BUT WE'RE MIGHTY PROUD OF THAT RAGGED OLD FLAG
YOU SEE, WE GOT A LITTLE HOLE IN THAT FLAG THERE
WHEN WASHINGTON TOOK IT ACROSS THE DELAWARE
AND IT GOT POWDER BURNS, THE NIGHT FRANCIS SCOTT KEY
SAT WATCHING IT, WRITING "OH SAY CAN YOU SEE"
AND IT GOT A BAD RIP AT NEW ORLEANS
WHEN PACKINGHAM AND JACKSON TOOK IT ON THE SCENE.
AND IT ALMOST FELL AT THE ALAMO BESIDE THE TEXAS FLAG
BUT SHE WAVED ON THROUGH.
SHE GOT CUT WITH A SWORD AT CHANCELLORSVILLE,
AND SHE GOT CUT AGAIN AT SHILO HILL
THERE WAS ROBERT E. LEE, BOUREGARD AND BRAGG,
THE SOUTH WIND BLEW HARD ON THAT RAGGED OLD FLAG.
ON FLANDERS FIELD IN WORLD WAR ONE
SHE GOT A BIG HOLE FROM A BERTHA GUN,
SHE TURNED BLOOD RED IN WORLD WAR TWO
AND SHE HUNG LIMP AND LOW A TIME OR TWO,
SHE WAS IN KOREA AND VIETNAM,
SHE WENT WHERE SHE WAS SENT BY HER UNCLE SAM
SHE WAVE FROM OUR SHIPS ON THE BRINY FOAM,
NOW THEY'VE ABOUT QUIT WAVING HER BACK HERE AT HOME
IN OUR GOOD LAND HERE SHE'S BEEN ABUSED
SHE'S BEEN BURNED, DISHONORED, DENIED, REFUSED.
AND THE GOVERNMENT FOR WHICH SHE STANDS
IS SCANDALIZED THROUGHOUT THE LAND,
SHE'S GETTING THREADBARE AND SHE'S WEARING THIN

BUT SHE'S IN GOOD SHAPE FOR THE SHAPE SHE'S IN.
BECAUSE SHE'S BEEN THROUGH THE FIRE BEFORE
I BELIEVE SHE CAN TAKE A WHOLE LOT MORE
SO WE RAISE HER UP EVERY MORNING
AND TAKE HER DOWN EVERY NIGHT
WE DON'T LET HER TOUCH THE GROUND,
AND WE FOLD HER UP RIGHT
ON SECOND THOUGH, I DO LIKE TO BRAG
BECAUSE I'M MIGHTY PROUD OF THAT RAGGED OLD FLAG"

Recited by MW Lloyd Triggs PGM

MESSAGE OF THE GRAND MASTER

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

Good Morning and welcome to Twenty-Sixth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska.

It gives me great pleasure and courage to have such a great outpouring of Brothers from around the world. I wish to thank all our brothers in attendance at Grand Lodge and for accepting all elected and appointed positions.

I wish to thank all Masonic and affiliated bodies for their support. I wish to thank each of you for the privilege of being your 26th Grand Master.

I also wish to thank all the District Deputies for their hard work and the officers and brethren who accompanied me on my visitations. Also thanks to all Lodges for their outpouring of members and the courtesies at my official visits.

I wish to thank my Finance Committee and Chairman MW Harry Koenen for his leadership.

Special thanks also to the Long-Range Planning Committee and Chairman RW Bo Cline.

A special thanks to all my Grand Lodge team for their hard work and assistance this year.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

In this report I must state I am encouraged with most of our Lodges, they are working hard and progressing. The Grand Lodge has a Long-Range Plan and a working

committee, which consisted of MW Marvin Fitzpatrick, RW Sam Medsker, RW John “Bo” Cline, RW Jim Grubbs, RW Jerry Wasson, W Doug Teninty, and W John Bishop. This was chaired by RW John “Bo” Cline. Each Lodge received a detailed copy of this plan.

**Grand Lodge of F&AM of Alaska
Strategic Plan
2007 – 20XX**

Background

Realizing that the Grand Lodge of Alaska was suffering from the lack of a clear statement of its purpose and a clear vision of its future direction, Grand Master Marvin B. Fitzpatrick took, as one of his major initiatives, the establishment of a Strategic Plan for the Grand Lodge and charged his Long-Range Planning Committee with the development of that plan.

During the initial meeting of the Long-Range Planning Committee, the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Elected Officers developed a statement which clearly defined the purpose of the Grand Lodge of Alaska. The following “*Mission Statement*” is the result of their efforts.

“The Grand Lodge of Alaska is a Masonic fraternity of moral and honest men, promoting fellowship and providing leadership within our communities.”

The Grand Lodge office with the Grand Secretary has moved into a building on 14th & Fairbanks owned by the York Rite. We cannot thank them enough for the improvements and all to accommodate us. Many thanks for this go to Bro. David Hunt, RW Charles Ashcraft, along with MW Harry Koenen and the Grand Master who worked with them to accomplish this project. Also moving was Aurora No. 15 to the Masonic Center.

Brothers from out jurisdiction with their wives met with MW Bob McSween, Grand Master of British Columbia and Yukon, in Whitehorse for a 100th Anniversary of a Lodge and then on to Dawson City for official visit and then on to Skagway for my official visit of the Skagway Lodge, White Pass #1. While in Whitehorse a very memorable BBQ was held for all at MW Tom Mickey’s home.

This year the Western Conference was held before the Grand Masters of North America Conference in Nashville, Tenn. Gwen and I also visited my original Lodge, Colony #190, in McCrory, Arkansas with the Grand Master of Arkansas and eight other Grand Lodge Officers of that jurisdiction in celebration of 50 years of Masonry. We also attended Ft. Benning Lodge #579 in Columbus, Georgia where I met several Brothers I had been in service with 51 years ago.

MY CALENDAR 2006 AND 2007

The year was very full with many very memorable visitations.

During March, April, & May all Lodges were visited with many of the Grand Lodge Officers with me.

I also attended the Grand Lodges of Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia/Yukon in June with some Grand Lodge Officers also there. In August I attended the Grand Court of Amaranth in Anchorage.

I also helped to attend to the Fair booth in Palmer at the Alaska State Fair with many other Brothers and ladies. On October 26-31 and November 1 & 2, I attended the Triennium of the Order of Eastern Star in Minneapolis, Minnesota. After which I went on to Seattle to attend Lafayette Lodge #241's International Night.

APPRECIATION

To my wife for all her help and endurance especially in maintaining my visitation schedules, also all phone calls and computer work and being with me on visitations.

To Grand Line Officers a special thanks for being with me on visitations.

A special thanks to all my District Deputies for all their hard work.

To all Committees I thank you, you all know what you have done.

To Grand Secretary RW Jerry Wasson and VW Tom Schram for all the hard work in maintaining the Grand Lodge office.

To PGM MW Harry Koenen, Thanks for being a sounding board for me and letting me take advantage of your knowledge. Love and hugs to you and Maggie for being my Brother and friends.

Thanks to RW Jim Grubbs, Grand Treasurer, and wife Tes for all the days and nights of hard work in maintaining accurate records of our funds.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION BY GRAND MASTER

Letter to Seward Lodge No. 6 regarding violation of Alaska Masonic Code, Section 21.02 in the sale of the Lodge building/property.

DISPENSATIONS

The following dispensations were granted:

- Glacier # 10, Feb. 12 Permission granted to change stated meeting from April 13 to April 20.
- Iditarod #20, Mar. 9 Change meeting time for Grand Master's visit.
- Aurora #15, May 11 Permission to go dark July through August.
- Aurora #15, May 11 Permission to change meeting place and time to Anchorage Masonic Center to 2nd Tuesday at 8:00 PM.
- North Pole #16, May 17 Permission to change stated meeting from June 19 to June 12.
- North Pole #16, June 8 Permission granted to conduct business July 17 in the absence of Master and Wardens. Special Deputy appointed.
- Eagle River #13, June 13 Permission granted to change stated meeting from July 3 to July 7.
- Matanuska #7, June 29 Permission granted to change stated meeting from July 4 to July 7.
- North Pole #16, Permission granted to conduct business July 17 in the absence of Master and Wardens, Special Deputy appointed.
- Glacier #10, July 14 Permission granted to change stated meeting from Aug 10 to Aug 3.
- Eagle River #13, Aug. 21 Permission granted to change stated meeting from Sept. 4 to Sept. 25.
- Eagle River #13, Aug. 24 Permission granted to change stated meeting to Anchorage Masonic Center for Special Communication for courtesy work with Kodiak #9 on Aug. 25 & 26.
- Eagle River #13, Nov. 27 Permission to waive time restriction from Fellowcraft to Master Mason.
- North Pole #16, Dec. 3 Permission granted to meeting location for Special Communication.
- Fairbanks #12, Dec. 15 Permission granted to hold Special Election to elect a Junior Warden

Thank you Alaska Masons for your honor, support and love.
 MW Marvin B. Fitzpatrick
 Grand Master 2006 – 2007
 GOD BLESS

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alaska, F. & A. M.

This report is submitted pursuant to Section 3.05 of the Alaska Masonic Code.

This year has been a learning experience for me as the new Grand Secretary. Although I have been a Lodge Secretary for many years, I still had many things to learn of the

operations of this office. There are many differences in the two jobs. We are very fortunate to have VW Tom Schram as our part-time office assistant. With Tom here, there is continuity in the office and the newbie does not have to reinvent the wheel every year.

The biggest task this year was moving the Grand Lodge office from its 41st and Arctic location to 544 E. 14th Street. Through the negotiations between MW Harry Koenen and the York Rite Foundation we are in a new home and with the generosity of the York Rite Foundation we are saving a considerable amount in our monthly rent. A heart felt thanks to the York Rite Foundation of Anchorage. We now have a much nicer facility and the parking is much better too.

Before going any further, I want to offer my thanks to some of the hardest working Masons in the State – the Secretaries of the constituent Lodges. Many of these brothers have very busy work schedules and family obligations but they still put in the extra hours each week to keep the record of their Lodges up to date and make timely inputs to this office. As required by Section 3.05 of the Alaska Masonic Code, I must report that 8 Lodges did not submit their End-of-Year Reports by the January 10th deadline. Also 4 Lodges are delinquent in filing one or more monthly returns.

The Lodges who HAVE submitted the required annual returns and all of their monthly returns include

Tanana #3	Aurora #15
Valdez #4	North Pole #16
Matanuska #7	Anchorage #17
Glacier #10	Iditarod #20
Fairbanks #12	Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux #21
Eagle River #13	

It has been a good year for Alaska Masonry and I am happy to inform you that the Grand Lodge of Alaska has a net gain of 33 members (1.6%) this year. This number comes from a loss of 65 members, balanced by an increase of 98 members. The lost group includes those lost through death (49), demit (12), and non-payment of dues (5). The increase in membership includes those gained through enrollment (65), affiliation (23), and reinstatement (10). From the table below you can see that 11 Lodges have a net gain in 2006. Very well done my Brothers!

Because not all Lodges made complete submissions this data may not be totally correct and current status of the condition of the Grand Lodge of Alaska may have errors.

It has been a pleasure working with this year's Grand Lodge officers and committeemen. The new Lodge Secretaries are learning their duties well and fast and the tenured ones are maintaining their proficiency. I hope that the brothers will recognize the key place of the Secretary on the Lodge Management team. I have enjoyed my experience this year as your Grand Secretary, and I offer my appreciation to the members of this Jurisdiction for the honor of serving them.

Respectfully Submitted,

RW Jerome P. Wasson
Grand Secretary

STATUS OF LODGES

	BEGINNING MEMBER	ENDING MEMBER	NET GAIN/LOSS	PERCENT GAIN/LOSS	NEW ELECTED	EA DEGREES	FC DEGREES	MM DEGREES	TOTAL DEGREES	ENROLLED	AFFILIATION/DUAL MEMB.	REINSTATED/R ESTORED	TOTAL GAIN	DIED	DEMIT	DEMIT	SUSPENDED/ EXPELLED	TOTAL LOSS
WHITE PASS LODGE NO. 1	60	57	(3)	-5.00%	1	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	3
TANANA LODGE NO. 3	250	240	(10)	-4.04%	5	5	1	0	6	0	1	2	3	10	0	3	0	13
VALDEZ LODGE NO. 4	77	80	3	3.90%	2	3	3	2	8	2	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
MT. MCKINLEY LODGE NO. 5	28	28	0	0.00%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SEWARD LODGE NO. 6	27	27	0	0.00%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MATANUSKA LODGE NO. 7	111	120	9	8.11%	9	9	11	12	32	12	1	0	13	3	0	1	0	4
KODIAK LODGE NO. 9	58	59	1	1.73%	3	2	3	3	8	3	0	1	4	2	1	0	0	3
GLACIER LODGE NO. 10	201	207	6	2.99%	3	3	7	9	19	9	2	0	11	5	0	0	0	5
KENAI LODGE NO. 11	122	132*	9	7.38%	6	5	5	3	13	3	5	2	10	1	0	0	0	1
FAIRBANKS LODGE NO. 12	112	113	1	0.89%	3	5	3	3	11	3	1	0	4	2	1	0	0	1
EAGLE RIVER LODGE NO. 13	86	95	9	10.47%	4	6	3	7	16	7	2	1	10	0	1	0	0	1
AURORA LODGE NO. 15	63	63	0	0.00%	4	5	3	5	13	5	1	0	6	1	5	0	0	6
NORTH POLE LODGE NO. 16	53	56	3	5.66%	3	2	0	0	2	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
ANCHORAGE LODGE NO. 17	376	380	4	1.06%	5	7	10	14	31	14	3	1	18	12	1	1	0	14
MT. VERSTOVIA LODGE NO. 18	61	60	(1)	-1.64%	1	1	1	1	3	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2
KETCHIKAN LODGE NO. 19	95	95	0	0.00%	3	3	3	1	7	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	2
IDITAROD LODGE No. 20	119	120	1	0.08%	0	1	0	1	2	1	2	0	3	2	0	0	0	2
MT. JUNEAU-GASTINEAUX LODGE No. 21	139	141	2	1.44%	5	4	2	4	10	4	1	0	5	3	0	0	0	3
STERLING LODGE No. 22	26	26	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	2
PETERSBURG LODGE No. 23	45	43	(2)	-0.49%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
TOTALS:	2109	2141	32	1.56%	57	62	56	65	183	65	23	10	98	49	12	5	0	66

***NOTE: KENAI LODGE NO. 11 INDICATED 122 BEGINNING MEMBERS AND 132 ENDING MEMBERS, BUT HAVING 10 TOTAL GAIN AND 1 TOTAL LOSS EQUALING ONLY A NET GAIN OF 9**

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

1st Report

Subject: 1st Report - Fraternal Relations Committee - February 1st, 2007
i.e.: Recognition of the Grand Lodge of Croatia

This Grand Lodge has received a request for recognition from the Grand Lodge of Croatia of Ancient, Free & Accepted Masons. The Grand Lodge of Croatia was founded on November 8, 1987, by the Grand Lodge of Austria. It has 8 lodges and approximately 250 members in its jurisdictions. During the past decade it has established fraternal relations with numerous other Grand Lodges throughout Europe, the Middle East, Asia, Australia, Canada, the USA, and South America.

The Grand Masters Conference of North America, at its February 2000 meeting, was of the opinion that the Grand Lodge of Croatia is Regular and entitled to Recognition.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I move this report be received for the record.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I move that full recognition be granted to the Grand Lodge of Croatia and that a Grand Representative be appointed.

Respectfully Submitted:

MW Henry T. Dunbar PGM Chairman
W Jimmie R. McGoldrick
W David C. Pratt

Note: This motion was unanimously approved.
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2nd Report

Subject: 2nd Report - Fraternal Relations Committee - February 1st, 2007
i.e.: Recognition of the Grand Lodge of Macedonia

This Grand Lodge has received a request for recognition from the Grand Lodge of Macedonia. The Grand Lodge of Croatia was consecrated on September 30th, 2005 by the United Grand Lodge of England, The Most Honorable Marquess of Northampton Presiding.

The Grand Masters Conference of North America, at its February 2006 meeting found the Grand Lodge of Macedonia to be Regular and entitled to Recognition.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I move this report be received for the record.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I move that full recognition be granted to the Grand Lodge of Macedonia.

Respectfully Submitted:

MW Henry T. Dunbar PGM Chairman
W Jimmie R. McGoldrick
W David C. Pratt

Note: This motion was unanimously approved.

3rd Report

Subject: 3rd Report- Fraternal Relations Committee - February 1st, 2007
i.e.: Recognition of the Grand Lodge of Mauritius

This Grand Lodge has received a request for recognition from the Grand Lodge of Mauritius including the exchange of Grand Representatives.. The Grand Lodge of Mauritius was consecrated on March 12th, 2005 by the Grande Loge National Francaise, aka (GLNF). It is comprised of 8 constituent lodges previously constituted by the 'GNLF'. It has been recognized by at least 21 other Grand Lodges in Europe, Africa, North America and the South Pacific area.

The Grand Masters Conference at its 2006 meeting, found that this Grand Lodge meets the standards of recognition.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I move this report be received for the record.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I move that full recognition be granted to the Grand Lodge of Mauritius and that Grand Representatives be exchanged.

Respectfully Submitted:

MW Henry T. Dunbar PGM Chairman
W Jimmie R. McGoldrick
W David C. Pratt

Note: This motion was unanimously approved.

4th Report

Subject: 4th Report - Fraternal Relations Committee - February 1st, 2007
i.e.: General Information

1. In the Philippines, two Masonic Districts, namely Masonic District RVIII-B and RVIII-A have declared their independence from the “Grand Lodge of F&AM of the Philippines” and subsequently constituted their own Grand Lodge called “The Most Worshipful United Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Philippines”, This new Grand Lodge and its constituent Lodges should be considered unrecognized and/or clandestine until further notice. The following named lodges are part of this group: Masonic District RVIII-B; Mukabugwas Lodge #47, Tacloban Lodge #221, Santiago Chua Lodge #336, Ormoc Lodge #234, Sogod Bay Lodge #337, and Biliran Lodge #338. In District RVIII-A: Mt. Huraw Lodge #98, Northern Samar Lodge #221, and East Gate Lodge #232.

Any of our brethren, traveling to the Philippines and any of our Lodges receiving visiting brethren from the Philippines should carefully determine which lodge they belong to prior to any Masonic intercourse.

2. From Brazil, word was received that, “the treaty of Mutual Recognition and Amity” signed 6 Oct. 2000, between the Grand Lodge of Brasilia and the Grand Orient of Brazil and its affiliated jurisdiction, the Federal District is considered broken, and without effect. Undoubtedly, further information concerning this development will be forthcoming in the near future.
3. One piece of correspondence from the Grand Lodge, “Cosmos” of the State of Chihuahua, Mexico is written in Spanish and appears to be a list of some lodges and lodge members. One paragraph of this letter also appears to be talking about the suspension of some members. Further info will be forthcoming after a translation can be obtained.
4. Word from several sources indicates that Yugoslavia may be divided into two governments - Serbia and Montenegro. If that happens, the Grand Lodge of Yugoslavia may also be divided into two separate Grand Lodges, namely the Grand Lodge of Serbia and the Grand Lodge of Montenegro. Further information will be forthcoming on this situation as it develops.
5. From the Grand Lodge of Russia, at its May 2006 communication, action was adopted to reduce the terms of Grand Lodge Officers and undertook measures to separate the Grand Lodge of Russia from the Supreme Council of Russia of Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite. M.W. Bro. Roman Gorodnitsky was elected and installed as their new Grand Master.
6. Correspondence was received from several other Grand Lodges, notifying us of their most recently elected Grand Lodge Officers and extending fraternal greetings

7. The Grand Lodge of Cyprus informs us that they were consecrated on 8 October 2006 and request recognition and exchange of representatives. This request will be held until next year, pending the findings of the Grand Masters Conference at its '2007' meeting.
8. The Conference of Grand Masters has received a letter from the Prince Hall Grand Masters Conference requesting that all Prince Hall lodges be declared regular. It is generally accepted that Prince Hall Freemasonry is regular in form and practice. The issue of Exclusive Territorial Jurisdiction is one of the standards for recognition that has been observed by the conference. It is held that only one legitimate Grand Lodge will be recognized in a particular state or country, unless by treaty or mutual consent two Grand Lodges agree to share the same jurisdiction. The terms of such an agreement are usually negotiated and ratified by the two Grand Lodges in question and no change in that process is recommended. The Grand Masters conference is of the opinion that establishment of Fraternal Relations with Prince Hall Grand Lodges remains the prerogative of each individual Grand Lodge.
9. Grand Lodges that do not meet the standards for recognition are being formed and promoted at an alarming rate. There are several of which you should be aware. The Regular Grand Lodge of England is creating lodges in many European and South American countries. There have been reports that plans are to create lodges in America as well. There is a movement called the United Grand Lodge of America of Accepted Free Masons that is also trying to gain a foothold in this country. Another group calling itself the Grand Lodge of All England is attempting to create lodges in England. The Grand Orient of France has also created several lodges in this country.

With the renewed interest in Masonry brought on by recent books and movies, it appears numerous clandestine groups are trying to capitalize on this situation. Beware!

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I move this report be received for the record.

Respectfully Submitted:

MW Henry T. Dunbar PGM Chairman
W Jimmie R. McGoldrick
W David C. Pratt

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
Grand Lodge	
White Pass Lodge No. 1	
Tanana Lodge No. 3	
Valdez Lodge No. 4	
Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5	
Seward Lodge No. 6	
Matanuska Lodge No. 7	
Kodiak Lodge No. 9	
Glacier Lodge No. 10	
Kenai Lodge No. 11	
Fairbanks Lodge No. 12	
Eagle River Lodge No. 13	
Aurora Lodge No. 15	
North Pole Lodge No. 16	
Anchorage Lodge No. 17	
Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18	
Ketchikan Lodge No. 19	
Iditarod Lodge No. 20	
Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21	
Sterling Lodge No. 22	
Petersburg Lodge No. 23	
Voided Ballots	
Total	

Respectfully submitted,
Howard McElrath, Chairman

No records were found from Credentials Committee to formalize report

APPOINTMENT OF REGULAR COMMITTEES

Standing Committees

Jurisprudence

MW Leslie R. Little PGM (10, 15, 22) Chairman

MW Charles E. Corbin PGM (7, 20)
VW Ken R. Creamer PDD (9, 18)
VW V. Clifford Darnell PDD (8, 13, 20)
VW Robert G. Homoleski PDD (3, 12, 16)
W Thomas S. Westall (20)
W John P. Johnson (3)
Bro. Philip N. Nash (11, 22) Advisor

Grievance & Appeals

MW Kenneth E. Stedman PGM (18, 23) Chairman
MW L.V. "Joe" Dees PGM (10, 13, 17)
MW Thomas O. Mickey HPGM (1, 3)
VW Mitchell R. Miller PDD (3, 12)

Finance

MW Harry J. Koenen PGM (7, 17,20, 22) Chairman
W Bert K. Stedman (18)
RW James D. Grubbs (7, 13, 20)
W John H. Freie (13)
VW Michael Swensen PDD (17)
RW Philip "Steve" Lee (15)
VW Douglas W. Ooms PDD (12)
RW Dennis Z. Morgan (8)
W Edward E. Sarff (23)
W James R. Griffith (13)
VW Robert R. Wiseman (11, 22)
Bro. Daniel O'Connell (13) Advisor
Bro. Donald E. Hale (21) Advisor

Fraternal Relations

MW Henry T. Dunbar PGM (10, 17) Chairman
W Jimmie R. McGoldrick (13)
W David C. Pratt (10)

Masonic Research & Education

W Kevin C. Tennant (3, 16) Chairman
W Clarence (Lee) Wright (8)
W Roger A. Barnstead (18)
W Jerry W. Pinion Jr. (10)
W Ronald L. Ackerman (1)

Credentials

W Howard McElrath (4) Chairman
W Darrel E. Windsor (18)
W Sean R. McGrane (17)
W D. Scott Thompson (10, 15,17)

W Lee O. Seagondollar (7)

Masonic Public Relations

W John H. Freie (13) Chairman

W Peter A. DiMaggio (8)

W Robert L. Cartmill (21)

Masonic Youth

VW William P. Kalbach (7, 13, 17, 20) Chairman

W Russell W. Sanders (7)

W Lee O. Seagondollar (7)

Bylaws

VW Johnnie L. Wallace (12, 17) Chairman

W David C. Pratt (10)

W Ronald L. Ackerman (1)

W John H. Freie (13)

W Richard R. Olsen (7, 20)

Public Schools

VW Robert R. Wiseman (11, 22) Chairman

W Peter A. DiMaggio (8)

W Glenn E. Josey (17, 22)

W Frank H. Bird (7, 20)

Sub Committees

Charters & Dispensations

MW Gene R. Freeman PGM (3, 12, 16) Chairman

W Shaw Culp (15)

W L.F. (Buck) Buxton (7, 10)

W Albert R. Schuerger (15)

Sessions & Arrangements

W Peter A. DiMaggio (17) Chairman

W Sean McGrane (17)

W Russell W. Sanders (7)

W Richard R. Olsen (7, 20)

W James R. Herrington (13)

W James M. LeFlore (16)

W Robert E. MacArthur (17)

W Rodney S. Young (15)

W Robert P. Hendrix (7, 13)

Leadership Training

MW Leslie R. Little PGM (10, 15, 22) Chairman
VW Thomas L. Schram (17)

Military Recognition

W Walter B. Bonner (11) Chairman
W Thomas Westall (20)
RW Charles O. Ashcraft (10)
W Roger A. Barnstead (18)
VW Rex C. Hasty (3, 16)

George Washington National Memorial

MW Lloyd W. Triggs PGM (3, 16) Chairman
MW Charles E. Corbin PGM (7, 20)

Russian Relations

W Jimmie R. McGoldrick (13)
MW Charles E. Corbin PGM (7, 20)
MW John Grainger PGM (1, 19)
RW Dennis Z. Morgan (17)
VW William H. Lefferson (3)
W Roger A. Barnstead (18)
W James R. Griffith (13)
W Donald A. Witsoe (17, 20)
W Larry D. Wright (7, 20)
W J. B. Carnahan (12)

Wills & Endowments

MW Kenneth E. Stedman PGM (18, 23) Chairman
VW Roger K. Hansen (7, 20, 23)
Bro. Jack B. Coghill (3)
Bro. Phillip N. Nash (11, 22)

Fund Raising

W Rodney S. Young (15) Chairman
W D. Scott Thompson (10, 15, 17)
RW Jerome P. Wasson (13)

Long-Range Planning

MW Marvin B. Fitzpatrick (10)
RW Samuel K. Medsker (3, 12, 16)
RW Jared S. Decker (9, 13)
RW John R. (Bo) Cline (7, 20)
RW James D. Grubbs (7, 13, 20)
RW Jerome P. Wasson (13)

MW Harry J. Koenen PGM (7, 17, 20, 22)
W John K. Bishop (15)

Awards

MW Gene R. Freeman PGM (3, 12, 16)
W L.F. (Buck) Buxton (7, 10)
RW Charles O. Ashcraft (10)

Internet & Publications

MW Don G. Chaffin PGM (3, 12, 16, 17)
VW William J. Goodwin Jr. PDD (7, 20)
MW Stephen L. Cox PGM (3, 12)
W D. Scott Thompson (10, 15, 17)

Grand Lodge Photographers

W Albert R. Schuerger (15)
W George Steck (3)
W Robert E. MacArthur (17)
W Claude H. Roberts (21)
W Gerald J. Lind (23)

Masonic Code Review

VW Rex C. Hasty (16)
VW Timothy M. Smith (22)
VW Thomas L. Schram (17)
VW Russell D. Shivers (21)
VW William P. Kalbach (7, 13, 17, 20)

Deputies of the Grand Master

DDGM #1 VW Rex C. Hasty (16)
DDGM #2 VW Timothy M. Smith (22)
DDGM #3 VW Thomas L. Schram (17)
DDGM #4 VW Russell D. Shivers (21)
DDGM #5 VW William P. Kalbach (7, 13, 17, 20)

Library & Museum Foundation

RW Gerald R. (Jerry) Fairley (10, 20)
W Douglas C. Teninty (17)

REPORT OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business was discussed.

MOTIONS

R.W. Sam Medsker made motion to adopt the Strategic Plan as indicated in the Long-Range Planning Committee report and seconded by R.W. John R. “Bo” Cline. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

The four resolutions listed here were received by the Grand Lodge of Alaska in writing on or before October 2006. These were presented before the membership present on February 1-2, 2007 for consideration. Disposition of each resolution listed is provided in a notes section after each resolution.

Carryover Resolution 2006-4

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To repeal the provisions of Carryover Resolution 2003-1 passed by majority vote at the 2004 Grand Lodge in Sitka. To reinstate the prior Alaska Masonic Code Bylaws requirements that all newly raised Master Masons demonstrate standard or alternate proficiency in the Third Degree before signing the Bylaws of the Lodge and paying dues for the current year. To repeal associated text amendments to Section 16.02, Section 16.03, Section 17.01, and Section 20.11 Bylaws.

Whereas, there appeared to be general confusion surrounding the vote at the 2004 Sitka Grand Lodge which resulted in passage of Carryover Resolution 2003-1, and

Whereas, a number of Past Masters at the 2004 Sitka Grand Lodge apparently were not in that instance aware of which resolution they were voting for or against, the vote appeared to be narrow, and the procedure for the resolution vote was protested by a number of Lodges to the Jurisprudence Committee, and

Whereas, there currently appears to be broad support across constituent Lodges statewide to repeal provisions of Carryover Resolution 2003-1, and

Whereas, the Most Worshipful Grand Master L.V. “Joe” Dees had intended to introduce a similar resolution to repeal the provisions of Carryover Resolution 2003-1 at the 2005 Anchorage Grand Lodge, and is co-sponsor of this resolution, now

Therefore, be it resolved, that Section 20.11 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

Section 20.11 Bylaw

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: memorization and recital of the Standard Proficiency as detailed in the Standard Work Cipher of this Jurisdiction; or, 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 shall be made by the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, and can be changed as the situation may dictate.

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 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 being raised as a Master Mason the Brother shall pay his dues for the current year as established in the Lodge Bylaws and sign the Bylaws. He then becomes an enrolled member of that Lodge. (Section revised 1988, 1998, and 1992)

If at a later date he wishes to progress through the "Chairs" of his Lodge he must demonstrate proficiency in the Master Mason degree in accordance with Section 20.11 Bylaw paragraph 1 & 2 prior to being installed in the office of Senior Deacon, Junior Warden, Senior Warden, or Worshipful Master.

The Provisions of this paragraph may be waived by the Grand Master for the purpose of conducting a One-Day Ritual Class. (See Section 20.12)

Be amended to read:

Section 20.11 Bylaw

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: memorization and recital of the Standard Proficiency as detailed in the Standard Work Cipher of this Jurisdiction; or, 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 shall be made by the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, and can be changed as the situation may dictate.

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 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 Master of the Lodge declares the Brother proficient in the Degree of a Master Mason, he must then sign the Bylaws of the Lodge and pay his dues for the current year. This may be done, immediately following the examination if the Brother was examined in open Lodge or, at the next Stated Communication of the Lodge if the Brother was examined by a committee or, if the Master of the Lodge selected the written Study Guide method.

~~After being raised as a Master Mason the Brother shall pay his dues for the current year as established in the Lodge Bylaws and sign the Bylaws. He then becomes an enrolled member of that Lodge.~~

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The Grand Master for the purpose of conducting a "One-Day Ritual Class" may waive the provisions of this paragraph. (See Section 20.12)

And, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Section 16.02 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

Section 16.02 Bylaw

QUALIFICATION TO VOTE, ELIGIBILITY TO OFFICE. Each member in good standing of the lodge is entitled to vote, and is eligible to hold any office therein, except as restricted in Section 20.11.

Be amended to read:

Section 16.02 Bylaw

QUALIFICATION TO VOTE, ELIGIBILITY TO OFFICE. Each member in good standing of the lodge is entitled to vote, and is eligible to hold any office. ~~therein, except as restricted in Section 20.11.~~

And, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Section 16.03 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

Section 16.03 Bylaw

OFFICER QUALIFICATION. Prior to election or appointment, officers of a Lodge must be voting members thereof except the Chaplain, Organist, and Tyler, who may also be voting members of the Lodge or they may be members of other regular Lodges, except as restricted in Section 20.11.

Be amended to read

Section 16.03 Bylaw

OFFICER QUALIFICATION. Prior to election or appointment, officers of a Lodge must be voting members thereof except the Chaplain, Organist, and Tyler, who may also be voting members of the Lodge or they may be members of other regular Lodges, ~~therein, except as restricted in Section 20.11.~~

And, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Section 17.01 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

Section 17.01 Bylaw

LODGE MEMBERSHIP, HOW ACQUIRED. Membership in a Lodge is acquired only in one of the following manners:

1. By being one of the Brethren to whom was granted the Dispensation or Charter under which the Lodge was constituted.
2. By being elected by the Lodge to receive the degrees, receiving the Third Degree therein, signing the Bylaws, and paying dues as provided for in Section 20.11.
3. By affiliation: A Master Mason may become a member of a Lodge other than that in which, or at the request of which, he received the Third Degree, if it appears that he is nonaffiliated and not indebted to any Lodge for dues or assessment, and that no charges of un-Masonic conduct are pending against him, or as provided in Sections 17.03, 17.05. Provided further that a Lodge may not receive or act upon a petition for affiliation from a person who was formerly a member of a Lodge under Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and has been dropped for any cause, until such former member is reinstated or restored to membership in the Lodge of which he was last a member in good standing.
4. By reinstatement: A Master Mason dropped for nonpayment of dues for a period in excess of 24 months, as is provided in Section 17.14 may submit a petition for reinstatement. Such petition must comply with the provisions of Section 17.14 as relates to dues in arrears and dues for the current year. The petition is processed in the manner prescribed in Section 19.01, as it applies to petitions for affiliations.
5. By restoration: A Mason deprived of membership under the penal sections of this Code may apply for restoration to membership as prescribed in Section 34.01 and subsequent Code sections using a form provided by the Grand Secretary.
6. An Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft made by a Lodge Under Dispensation which has ceased to exist may petition a Lodge within the Lodge jurisdiction where he

resides for the remaining degrees or degree. If he is elected therein, he becomes a member of such Lodge on receiving the Third Degree as provided in Section 20.11. Upon affiliating with or receiving the Third Degree in a Lodge, the Brother shall sign its Bylaws, as provided in subsection 2 of this Section, except when that degree is conferred upon him by courtesy for another Lodge, in which case his signature must be provided by the Brother to the Lodge which he petitioned. (Section revised 1988)

Be amended to read

Section 17.01 Bylaw

LODGE MEMBERSHIP, HOW ACQUIRED. Membership in a Lodge is acquired only in one of the following manners:

1. By being one of the Brethren to whom was granted the Dispensation or Charter under which the Lodge was constituted.

2. By being elected by the Lodge to receive the degrees, receiving the Third Degree therein, **and passing a satisfactory examination for proficiency in the Third Degree**, signing the Bylaws, and paying dues as provided for in Section 20.11.

3. By affiliation: A Master Mason may become a member of a Lodge other than that in which, or at the request of which, he received the Third Degree, if it appears that he is nonaffiliated and not indebted to any Lodge for dues or assessment, and that no charges of un-Masonic conduct are pending against him, or as provided in Sections 17.03, 17.05. Provided further that a Lodge may not receive or act upon a petition for affiliation from a person who was formerly a member of a Lodge under Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and has been dropped for any cause, until such former member is reinstated or restored to membership in the Lodge of which he was last a member in good standing.

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5. By restoration: A Mason deprived of membership under the penal sections of this Code may apply for restoration to membership as prescribed in Section 34.01 and subsequent Code sections using a form provided by the Grand Secretary.

6. An Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft made by a Lodge Under Dispensation which has ceased to exist may petition a Lodge within the Lodge jurisdiction where he resides for the remaining degrees or degree. If he is elected therein, he becomes a member of such Lodge on receiving the Third Degree as provided in Section 20.11.

Upon affiliating with or receiving the Third Degree in a Lodge, the Brother shall sign its Bylaws, as provided in subsection 2 of this Section, except when that degree is conferred upon him by courtesy for another Lodge, in which case his signature must be provided by the Brother to the Lodge which he petitioned. (Section revised 1988)

Respectfully Submitted

Stephen E. Wright (21)

MW L.V. "Joe" Dees (10, 13, 17)
W John C. Barnett (21)
W Gary J. Tennison (21)

Report of the Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution has previously been ruled as being in proper form.

Note: Rejected by a hand vote of the members present on February 1, 2007

Resolution 2007-1

To Amend Section 2.02, subsection 2, Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To expand the resume requirements for those who wish to present statements of availability for the position of Junior Warden, Grand Treasurer, or Grand Secretary.

RESOLUTION:

Whereas, information about the background, knowledge, and abilities of those seeking elected office in the Grand Lodge of Alaska is currently limited by personal contact with them; and

Whereas, personal contact with such candidates is restricted by the great distances and costs to travel throughout our jurisdiction: and

Whereas, in order to make a knowledgeable decision on who best can serve in an elected office within our Grand Lodge, more information about the candidates background is required; and

Whereas, the current format of Statements of Availability is very limiting with regards to the background of those seeking office;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 2.02, subsection 2, bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

Section 2.02 Bylaw

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

2. A person desiring to serve as Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, or Junior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge may, at least 120 days preceding the Annual Communication, file with the Grand Secretary a Statement of Availability containing a resume of his service to his Symbolic Lodge and to the Grand Lodge. All such Statements must be duplicated and forwarded by the Grand Secretary to all Constituent

Lodges for study at least 75 days prior to the next Annual Grand Communication. This action does not preclude the right of the Grand Lodge to elect an eligible member without such statement.

Be amended to read:

Section 2.02 Bylaw

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

2. A person desiring to serve as Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, or Junior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge may, at least 120 days preceding the Annual Communication, file with the Grand Secretary a Statement of Availability containing a resume **setting out in no more than one page his background, knowledge and abilities, not limited by format,** of his service to his Symbolic Lodge and to the Grand Lodge, **to his community, state, or nation.** All such Statements must be duplicated and forwarded by the Grand Secretary to all Constituent Lodges for study at least 75 days prior to the next Annual Grand Communication. This action does not preclude the right of the Grand Lodge to elect an eligible member without such statement.

Respectfully Submitted

RW John R. "Bo" Cline (7, 20)

MW James A. Williams (3, 21)

W John K. Bishop (15)

W Donald E. Hale (21)

W Lee O. Seagondollar (7)

Bro. Donald R. Ridge (7)

Report of the Jurisprudence Committee: This Resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. This committee does not offer an opinion as to whether it should or should not be adopted. This resolution requires a ¾ majority to pass.

Note: Rejected by a hand vote of the members present on February 1, 2007

Resolution 2007-2

To Amend Section 2.01 constitution and Section 7.02 constitution of the Alaska Masonic Code, subsection 2, Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To extend membership in the Grand Lodge of Alaska to include Lodge Senior Deacons.

RESOLUTION:

Whereas, the Grand Lodge would be positively impacted to have a larger number of future leaders and upcoming elected officers understand the operation and problems of the Grand Lodge and the Constituent Lodges and to be involved as voting members; and

Whereas, Lodge Senior Deacons, who potentially are future leaders within the Constituent Lodges, are strongly encouraged to participate in the Grand Lodge of Alaska's annual Leadership Training Seminar; and

Whereas, Lodge Senior Deacons have a greater probability of being elected to the office of Junior Warden than any other Lodge member; and

Whereas, greater participation by Lodge Members in the activities of the Grand Lodge, more specifically the Annual Communication, is highly desirable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 2.01, constitution of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

Section 2.01 Constitution

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS, The officers of the Grand Lodge are:

1. Elective:
 - Grand Master
 - Deputy Grand Master
 - Senior Grand Warden
 - Junior Grand Warden
 - Grand Treasurer
 - Grand Secretary
2. Appointive:
 - Grand Chaplain
 - Grand Lecturer
 - Grand Orator
 - Grand Historian
 - Grand Marshal
 - Senior Grand Deacon
 - Junior Grand Deacon
 - Grand Standard Bearer
 - Grand Sword Bearer
 - Grand Bible Bearer
 - Senior Grand Steward
 - Junior Grand Steward
 - Grand Organist
 - Grand Tyler

Titles of the Grand Officers are:

1. Grand Master: "Most Worshipful";
2. Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary: "Right Worshipful"; and

3. Appointive Officers: “Worshipful” or higher previous title.

Members of this Grand Lodge are:

1. Each Master and each Warden of each Chartered Lodge of this Jurisdiction or his duly appointed proxy
2. Each Past Master of a Chartered Lodge of this Jurisdiction while he is a Member of a Lodge of this Jurisdiction, and
3. Each Past Master of a Lodge of another Jurisdiction which is recognized by this jurisdiction while he is a member of a Lodge of this Jurisdiction.

Be amended to read:

Section 2.01 Constitution

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS. The officers of this Grand Lodge are:

1. Elective:
Grand Master
Deputy Grand Master
Senior Grand Warden
Junior Grand Warden
Grand Treasurer
Grand Secretary
2. Appointive:
Grand Chaplain
Grand Lecturer
Grand Orator
Grand Historian
Grand Marshal
Senior Grand Deacon
Junior Grand Deacon
Grand Standard Bearer
Grand Sword Bearer
Grand Bible Bearer
Senior Grand Steward
Junior Grand Steward
Grand Organist
Grand Tyler

Titles of the Grand Officers are:

1. Grand Master: “Most Worshipful”;
2. Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary: “Right Worshipful”; and
3. Appointive Officers: “Worshipful” or higher previous title.

Members of this Grand Lodge are:

1. Each Master, each Warden, and each Senior Deacon of each Chartered Lodge of this Jurisdiction or his duly appointed proxy;

2. Each Past Master of a Chartered Lodge of this Jurisdiction while he is a Member of a Lodge of this Jurisdiction, and
3. Each Past Master of a Lodge of another Jurisdiction which is recognized by this Jurisdiction while he is a member of a Lodge of this Jurisdiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 7.02, constitution of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

Section 7.02 Constitution

VOTE OF LODGES. Each Chartered is entitled to three votes. Properly executed proxies of any of the three principal officers who are unable to attend may be carried by any Master Mason in good standing in the same Lodge.

Be amended to read:

Section 7.02 Constitution

VOTE OF LODGES. Each Chartered Lodge is entitled to four votes. Properly executed proxies of any of the three principal officers and Senior Deacon who are unable to attend may be carried by any Master Mason in good standing in the same Lodge.

Respectfully Submitted

RW John R. “Bo” Cline (7, 20)
 MW James A. Williams (3, 21)
 W John K. Bishop (15)
 Bro. Donald R. Ridge (7)
 W Lee O. Seagondollar (7)
 W Donald E. Hale (21)

Report of the Jurisprudence Committee: This Resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. This committee does not offer an opinion as to whether it should or should not be adopted. This resolution requires a 90% majority to pass.

Note: Rejected by a hand vote of the members present on February 1, 2007

Resolution 2007-3

To Amend Section 14.03 bylaw and Section 14.04 bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code,

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To permit Lodge business and balloting to be transacted when open on any degree.

RESOLUTION:

Whereas, during the Industrial Age in the early to mid part of the Nineteenth Century, men left the farm to pursue greater opportunities in the cities; and

Whereas, some of these itinerant men sought relief from poverty by falsely claiming to be fully initiated into many of the Mutual Aide Societies that were springing up at the time; and

Whereas, opening a Lodge on the Third Degree was a practice adopted by Freemasonry during that period, as a result of the 'Morgan Affair (1826 – 1845)', to ensure that no impostors gained admission to our ancient practices; and

Whereas, this practice is a remnant of a bygone age and is not consistent with our current environment, where Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Masons have energy and enthusiasm toward Masonry and are assets to a Lodge; and

Whereas, we generally lose a significant number of our initiates for failure to complete their degrees as their enthusiasm diminishes while they work in isolation on their proficiency toward the next degree; and

Whereas, it is very desirable to have new initiates attend Lodge meetings and to understand and get involved in the workings and programs of the Lodge; and

Whereas, if we always do what we have always done, we will always get what we have always got.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 14.03 bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

Section 14.03 Bylaw

BUSINESS ON THIRD DEGREE AT STATED COMMUNICATION. Business is transacted and balloting is done only when a Lodge is open on the Third Degree at a Stated Communication. Proceedings while open on the First and Second Degrees may only be such as appertain to the work and lectures of those degrees, or the taking of testimony upon charges preferred against an Entered Apprentice or a Fellowcraft.

Be amended to read:

Section 14.03 Bylaw

BUSINESS AT STATED COMMUNICATION. Lodge business may only be transacted and balloting may only be done at a Stated Communication. The Worshipful Master may, at his discretion, open the lodge and transact the business of the Lodge on any Degree. Master Masons who are enrolled members in good standing are the only members present who may vote on lodge business.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 14.04 bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

Section 14.04 Bylaw

VOTING BY ALL MEMBERS. All members present must ballot on the following questions:

1. A petition for the degrees or for affiliation;
2. The acceptance or rejection of charges for a Masonic trial; and
3. The expulsion or suspension of a member. A member, by unanimous consent, may be excused from balloting on No. 1. A vote of all members present is not required on other business matters.

Be amended to read:

Section 14.04 Bylaw

VOTING BY ALL MEMBERS. All Master Masons present who are enrolled members in good standing must ballot on the following questions:

1. A petition for the degrees or for affiliation;
2. The acceptance or rejection of charges for a Masonic trial; and
3. The expulsion or suspension of a member.

A member, by unanimous consent, may be excused from balloting on No. 1. A vote of all members present is not required on other business matters.

Respectfully Submitted

RW John R. "Bo" Cline (7, 20)

MW James A. Williams (3, 21)

W John K. Bishop (15)

Bro. Donald R. Ridge (7)

W Lee O. Seagondollar (7)

W Donald E. Hale (21)

Report of the Jurisprudence Committee: This Resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. This committee does not offer an opinion as to whether it should or should not be adopted. This resolution requires a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority to pass.

Note: Rejected by a hand vote of the members present on February 1, 2007

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Jurisprudence

1st Report

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Alaska.

We, the Committee on Jurisprudence, to who was referred

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-1

Have considered the same and report as follows:

The resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge.

The Committee does not express an opinion as to whether this Resolution should or should not be adopted.

As it proposes to change the Bylaws, it requires a three-fourths majority vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Little (10, 15, 22) Chairman
Charles E. Corbin (7,20)
Ken Creamer (9, 18)
V. Clifford Darnell (8, 13, 20)
Robert Homoleski (3, 12, 16)
Tom Westall (20)
John Johnson (3)
Phil Nash, Advisor (11, 22)

M.W. Grand Master: I ask that this report be received. I move for adoption of this resolution.

2nd Report

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Alaska.

We, the Committee on Jurisprudence, to who was referred

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-2

Have considered the same and report as follows:
The resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge.

The Committee does not express an opinion as to whether this Resolution should or should not be adopted.

As it proposes to change the Constitution, it requires a 90% majority vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Little (10, 15, 22) Chairman
Charles E. Corbin (7,20)
Ken Creamer (9, 18)
V. Clifford Darnell (8, 13, 20)
Robert Homoleski (3, 12, 16)
Tom Westall (20)
John Johnson (3)
Phil Nash, Advisor (11, 22)

M.W. Grand Master: I ask that this report be received. I move for adoption of this resolution.

3rd Report

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Alaska.

We, the Committee on Jurisprudence, to who was referred

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-3

Have considered the same and report as follows:

The resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge.

The Committee does not express an opinion as to whether this Resolution should or should not be adopted.

As it proposes to change the Bylaws, it requires a three-fourths majority vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Little (10, 15, 22) Chairman
Charles E. Corbin (7,20)
Ken Creamer (9, 18)
V. Clifford Darnell (8, 13, 20)

Robert Homoleski (3, 12, 16)
Tom Westall (20)
John Johnson (3)
Phil Nash, Advisor (11, 22)

M.W. Grand Master: I ask that this report be received. I move for adoption of this resolution.

4th Report

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Alaska.
We, the Committee on Jurisprudence, to who was referred

CARRYOVER RESOLUTION NO. 2006-4

Have considered the same and report as follows:

The resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge.

The Committee does not express an opinion as to whether this Resolution should or should not be adopted.

As it is a carryover resolution to change the Bylaws, it requires a simple majority vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Little (10, 15, 22) Chairman
Charles E. Corbin (7,20)
Ken Creamer (9, 18)
V. Clifford Darnell (8, 13, 20)
Robert Homoleski (3, 12, 16)
Tom Westall (20)
John Johnson (3)
Phil Nash, Advisor (11, 22)

M.W. Grand Master: I ask that this report be received. I move for adoption of this resolution

Grievance and Appeals

Report of the Committee on Grievance and Appeals

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Alaska.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipfuls, Worshipfuls, and Brethren all

In accordance with Section 33.05 of the Grand Lodge of Alaska Bylaws, this Committee consisting of:

MW Kenneth Stedman, Chairman
MW Thomas O. Mickey,
MW L.V. "Joe" Dees, and
Illustrious Mitch Miller

met at 2:00 PM on Wednesday preceding Grand Lodge Communication January 31, 2007 to hear any and all grievances and appeals pending before the Grand Lodge.

The Committee considered an appeal filed by the Master of Matanuska Lodge No. 7. This Lodge was appealing an assessment of \$25.00 levied on non-attendee's proxy votes. It was their contention that, since the invoice referenced, was an assessment against Matanuska Lodge No. 7 and not an actual fee for individual participation in the privileges of the Annual Communication, it constituted a special assessment.

A review of the invoice does not indicate that the unit price was an assessment. It states "Proxy Vote Fee".

It is the ruling of the Committee that the description of the charge was in reference to \$25.00 "Registration" fee and the Grand Master has the authority to issue such a charge.

The appeal of the \$25.00 charge for proxy votes was denied.

It is the recommendation of this Committee that future invoices indicate "Registration Fee" instead of the single word "Fee". This in our opinion will solve future problems of this type.

Respectfully Submitted

MW Kenneth E. Stedman , PGM, Chairman

Finance

Report of the Grand Treasurer

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Alaska.

I herewith submit my report on the Financial Status of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge.

This year has been a very goon one and one with a lot less stress than the previous year. We now have the IRS penalties and interest for 2003 & 2004 resolved, and best of all we were able to get a waiver for all that was originally due. This took a lot of research, creating and refilling of tax reports and letter writing to the IRS, and help from a Brother with connections, to finally get this action completed.

The Finance Committee has had four meetings this year to keep on top of our investments and pending litigation. We would have had a surplus of income this year, except for all of the legal fees during 2006, which were \$14,917.00. Unfortunately there is still at least one more hearing in January, 2007.

The Grand Lodge office moved from its 41st and Arctic location to 544 E. 14th Street. The York Rite Foundation made us a proposal we could not refuse. We were facing a rent increase at the old office space and by accepting the York Rite Foundation's offer were able to realize a savings of \$4,000.00 a year. A very special thanks to the York Rite Foundation of Anchorage.

Our Life Membership Per Capita fund made its payment to the Grand Lodge for two brothers who donated to that fund. This fund pays the Per Capita to the Grand Lodge so each lodge does not have to pay for them.

The Life Membership Fund had one additional Lodge join the Grand Lodge Investment Fund, and one Lodge requesting a withdrawal of interest earned to meet their debts.

Many, many thanks to my wife Tes, my right arm accountant, and guiding light who keeps me straight. To the Grand Master MW Marvin Fitzpatrick, the Grand Secretary RW Jerry Wasson, the Office Manager VW Tom Schram, and to all the Finance Committee for their support and quick decision making on pertinent issues.

Respectfully Submitted,

RW James D. Grubbs
Grand Treasurer

Report of the Finance Committee

April 7, 2006 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 12:25 PM by M.W. Harry Koenen Chairman

Members present at Investment Sub-Committee were MW Harry Koenen Chairman, RW Jim Grubbs Grand Treasurer, WB Jim Griffith, WB John Freie and Bro. Dan O'Connell Advisor. Prayer was given, then on with business

1. The Subcommittee talked about each account of Grand Lodge and about the accounts IPS (Investment Policy Statement).

2. The Subcommittee looked at the Quarterly Report. Nothing was required.
3. The Subcommittee would like to see the General Fund and the Permanent Fund be a little more aggressive in investments.
4. The Subcommittee was told by RW Jim Grubbs Grand Treasurer that the IRS penalties & interest for 2003 & 2004 are in the process of being waved.

May 13th. 2006 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by MW Harry Koenen Chairman

Members present: MW Harry Koenen Chairman, MW Marvin Fitzpatrick Grand Master, RW Jim Grubbs Grand Treasurer, WB Jim Griffith, VW Mike Swensen, and Bro. Dan O'Connell Advisor.

Call-in: RW Sam Medsker Deputy Grand Master, RW Jared Decker Senior Grand Warden.

Absent: WB John Freie and WB Bert Stedman.

Prayer was given, then on to business.

1. There was a discussion on Life Membership of Lodges held in Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge receives ½ of 1% of the accounts interests which resulted in earning of \$36.70 last year for Grand Lodge.
2. There was discussion on changing the 50/50 percentages established for investment of the General Fund and Permanent Fund. RW Sam Medsker Deputy Grand Master made a motion to change the ratio we have now from 50/50 to 75/25 to get more growth out of our General and Permanent Fund. A second was given by MW Harry Koenen Chairman and was passed for the General Fund and Permanent Fund only.
3. There was a discussion of setting a goal of 9% return on the General Fund and the Permanent Fund and a 5% to 7% on all Income Funds.
4. We discussed getting into convertibles and IPO's (Initial Public Offering) which were approved for the Permanent Fund. The General Fund was approved to be upgraded from Blue Chip to Moderate Growth.
5. The IPS (Investment Policy Statements) is to be finished before the next meeting for the following funds: Art-Scholarship, Charity, Travel, and Grand Lodge Per Capita Fund which is to read the same as the Grand Lodge Life Membership Fund IPS (Investment Policy Statement)

August 4th, 2006 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by MW Harry Koenen Chairman

Members present: MW Harry Koenen Chairman, MW Marvin Fitzpatrick Grand Master, RW Jim Grubbs Grand Treasurer, WB Jim Griffith, WB John Freie, and Bro. Dan O'Connell Advisor;

Call-in: RW Sam Medsker Deputy Grand Master,

Absent VW Mike Swensen and WB Bert Stedman

Prayer was given then on with business

1. A discussion on the new IPS (Investment Policy Statement) for the Travel, Charity, Art-Scholarship, Grand Lodge Per Capita and Permanent Funds. All of our Grand Lodge Investments have an IPS I(Investment Policy Statement) in place.
2. The pending lawsuit was discussed and MW Harry Koenen Chairman has talked with Brother Verne Rupright (our attorney) and he stated that there would be additional billing coming due, as the case is still in the court system. MW Marvin Fitzpatrick Grand Master made a motion to allocate \$11,000.00 to the Budget. Seconded by WB John Freie. Motion was passed.
3. The Long-Range Planning requirements were discussed and more to come up at the December meeting.
4. Dan O'Connell gave a presentation on the Grand Lodge investments and how they are doing. The investments look great as you see in RW Jim Grubbs Grand Treasurer's report.
5. A motion was made by MW Marvin Fitzpatrick Grand Master and seconded by WB John Freie to obtain a Costco Card for Grand Lodge, motion was passed.
6. The Cell Phone for use by the Grand Line (\$100.00 per month) will be put into the budget for 2007 – 2008. It was approved last year but was not used. It will be looked at by the Grand Master in 2007.
7. The Russian Relations Committee money was turned over to Grand Lodge to set up an account for the Funds.
8. The AMRA Fund account and names of all brothers who bought a gold pan were turned over to Grand Lodge.

December 21st, 2006 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 12:40 PM by MW Harry Koenen Chairman

Members present: MW Harry Koenen Chairman, MW Marvin Fitzpatrick Grand Master, RW Jim Grubbs Grand Treasurer, RW Sam Medsker Deputy Grand Master, WB John Freie, WB Jim Griffith, and Bro. Dan O'Connell Advisor.

We had no call-ins:

Absent: VW Mike Swensen and WB Bert Stedman.

Prayer was given and then on with business.

1. Bro. Dan O'Connell gave a report on our Grand Lodge investments and suggested some changes in portfolio management to increase our percentages of earnings. RW Jim Grubbs Grand Treasurer will make these changes to our investments as they become available.

2. MW Harry Koenen Chairman asked RW Sam Medsker Deputy Grand Master if he wanted to discuss the 2007 budget. The committee went through each investment in 2006 with RW Jim Grubbs Grand Treasurer to make a new budget for 2007. RW Jim Grubbs Grand Treasurer has the new 2007 budget in his report.
3. The cost of attorney fees that started in February 2005 (\$4,165.00 cost in 2005) to this December 23, 2006 (\$14,917.00 cost in 2006) is a total of \$19,182.00. Our attorney, Brother Vern Rupright, has hope that this case will be over by the time you brothers read this letter. We have a court date on Tuesday January 2, 1:00 PM at the Anchorage Courthouse. The members of the committee asked for a briefing of the lawsuit. A brief synopsis of the lawsuit was provided.
4. A motion was made by MW Marvin Fitzpatrick Grand Master to put \$10,000 in the 2007 budget for legal fees to cover more legal costs: it was seconded by RW Sam Medsker Deputy Grand Master, motion passed.
5. A motion was made by MW Harry Koenen Chairman to increase the travel alliance we give our Grand Line elected officers, seconded by MW Marvin Fitzpatrick Grand Master, motion was passed.
6. A motion was made to approve the budget by MW Marvin Fitzpatrick Grand Master and seconded by MW Harry Koenen Chairman, motion was passed.
7. MW Harry Koenen Chairman asked MW Marvin Fitzpatrick Grand Master to appoint an audit committee to perform a check and balance of the RW Jim Grubbs Grand Treasurer and RW Jerome Wasson Grand Secretary books before the 2007 Grand Lodge session in February. MW Marvin Fitzpatrick Grand Master said that he will appoint that committee in January 2007.

Prayer was given and the meeting was closed at 4:20 PM. I thank each and every brother on this Finance Committee for all their hard work and time spent this year.

MW Harry Koenan Chairman

January 31st, 2007 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 AM by M.W. Harry Koenen Chairman

Members present:

MW Marvin Fitzpatrick Grand Master, MW .Harry Koenen Chairman, RW Jim Grubbs Grand Treasurer, VW Mike Swensen, W John Freie, RW Jared Decker Senior Grand Warden, RW John Cline Junior Grand Warden, RW Sam Medsker Deputy Grand Master, W Ed Sarff, Bro. Dan O'Connell Advisor

Prayer was given and then on to business;

1. MW Marvin Fitzpatrick reported on the audit committee that was held on January 2007. The report was read and discussed.

2. MW Harry Koenen made a motion to have a plaque presented to Bro. Dan O'Connell and seconded by MW Marvin Fitzpatrick. Motion passed.

MW Harry Koenen thanked each and every brother for all the hard work that had taken place throughout the year. A special thanks to RW Jim Grubbs, Bro. Dan O'Connell and most especially to Tes Grubbs for the countless hours spent on the Grand Lodge Finance Thank You

MW Harry Koenen Chairman

Audit Committee Report for 2006

Checking Account only

MW Grand Master Marvin Fitzpatrick, RW James D. Grubbs, and RW Jerome P. Wasson.

The Audit Committee consisting of the following members: VW Michael B. Swensen, Bro. Don G. Fall and VW Johnnie L. Wallace met on January 15, 2007 at the Grand Lodge office at 1:00 PM to conduct an audit of the Checking Account held at The First National Bank and the Grand Secretary's receipt book.

The books were audited from December 30, 2005 to December 31, 2006. The beginning balance was \$37,498.02 on December 30, 2005. Deposits for the year totaled \$176,346.39 giving a balance of \$213, 844.41. Disbursements for the year totaled \$196,848.03 leaving a balance in the checking account on December 31, 2006 of \$16,996.38.

The Grand Secretary's receipt book listed each receipt for the year. The audit committee found no Monthly or Year-end balance for the year of 2006. The Audit Committee strongly recommends that these totals be included on the receipt book for the year 2007, which will make the job of auditing much easier for future audits.

The Treasurer's and Secretary's books were annotated as to the date the audit was completed, for future references of audit committees to have a place to start their audit. The Audit Committee would recommend that audits conducted in the future be conducted to include all accounts, so all accounts can be tracked each year.

Fraternally:

VW Johnnie L. Wallace, Chair
VW Michael B. Swensen
Bro. Don G. Fall

Grand Lodge, F&AM of Alaska

Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2006

ASSETS

Account No.	CHECKING & INVESTMENTS	AMOUNT	TOTALS
	Current Assets		
1110	Checking - First National Bank	7,957.88	
1130	Money Market - 0551149	2,969.74	
1140	Petty Cash	100.00	
1205	Arts - Scholarship Fund	18,139.04	
1210	Travel Fund Acct 8851-4125	43,672.11	
1215	General Charity Fund	3,932.90	
1220	General Fund - 6327-9979	296,315.36	
1230	Permanent Fund 1651-6357	295,470.09	
1240	Life Membership - 1211-0782	166,677.22	
1245	GL Per Capita Fund	2,020.82	
1280	Russian Relations Fund	1,467.74	
	Total Savings, Checking & Investments		838,722.90
	 ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		
1401	White Pass No. 1	144.09	
1403	Tanana Lodge No. 3	25.50	
1404	Valdez Lodge No. 4	79.35	
1405	Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5	9.80	
1406	Seward Lodge No. 6	221.06	
1407	Matanuska Lodge No. 7	54.80	
1408	Mt. Susitna Lodge No. 8	(5.00)	
1409	Kodiak Lodge No. 9	59.29	
1410	Glacier Lodge No. 10	9.00	
1411	Kenai Lodge No. 11	204.99	
1412	Fairbanks Lodge No. 12	32.64	
1413	Eagle River Lodge No. 13	(13.50)	
1415	Aurora Lodge No. 15	44.25	
1416	North Pole Lodge No. 16	78.30	
1418	Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18	4.71	
1420	Iditarod Lodge No. 20	136.70	
1421	Mt. Juneau/Gastineaux No. 21	212.35	
1423	Petersburg Lodge No. 23	(4.36)	
	Total Accounts Receivable		1,215.67
	 MASONIC SUPPLIES/INVENTORY		
1509	Ak Masonic Code w/Binder	161.00	
1511	AK Masonic Code w/o Binder	238.00	
1515	AK Monitor w/Binder	(8.25)	
1517	AK Monitor Binder w/o Text	843.00	
1520	Lodge Officer Hand Book w/Binder	410.40	

1530	List of Lodges Masonic	223.71	
1540	Entered Apprentice Cipher	703.00	
1541	Entered Apprentice Booklet	347.40	
1542	GM Nickel Tokens 2007	3,600.00	
1550	Fellowcraft Cipher	766.04	
1551	Fellowcraft Booklet	529.59	
1560	Master Mason Cipher	807.03	
1561	Master Mason Booklet	437.58	
1570	Pamphlet - On The Threshold	18.92	
1571	Pamphlet - What I'd Like My Fr	206.64	
1575	Claudy Books – VOL I	328.00	
1576	Claudy Books – VOL II	72.00	
1577	Claudy Books – VOL III	7.00	
1580	Pins - 25 Year	41.25	
1581	Pins - 50 Year	50.40	
1582	Pins - 75 Year	99.20	
1590	Commemorative Coins	2,420.50	
1591	Bolo Ties	1,802.00	
1592	Belt & Belt Buckle	295.00	
	Total Inventory		17,079.41

Total Current Assets **857,017.98**

Property and Equipment

1810	Office Furniture & Fixtures	5,134.53	
1820	Accumulative. Depreciation - F & F	(3,960.00)	
1830	Office Electronic/Computer Equity	12,827.74	
1840	Accumulative. Depreciation - Elect.	(4,304.84)	
	Total Property and Equipment		9,707.43

Total Assets **866,815.41**

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Current Liabilities

2220	Accounts Payable – Other	20.00	
2230	Bank of America	375.57	
2250	Def. Income - Annual Comm.	5,765.00	
2270	Def. Income – Other	80.00	
	Total Current Liabilities		6,240.57

Capital

3050	Equity/Retained Earnings	(34,954.82)	
3100	Arts - Scholarships	18,139.04	
3120	General Charity Fund	3,932.92	
3130	Travel Fund	43,672.11	
3140	Life Membership	166,677.22	
3145	GL PER Capita Life Membership	2,020.82	

3160	Office Equipment Fund	1,776.46	
3170	Proceedings - Transcript, P&B	31,103.08	
3180	Russian Relations Fund	1,467.74	
3190	General Fund	296,315.36	
3195	Investment Fund	295,470.09	
	Net Income	34,954.82	
	Total Capital		860,574.84
	Total Liabilities & Capital		866,815.41

Budget – 2007

Grand Lodge, F&AM of Alaska

Acct #		2007 Budget	2006 Budget	2006 Dec Actual	2006 Budget Vs Actual
Revenues					
4100	Assessment - Per Capita	37,000.00	37,000.00	35,856.50	-1,143.50
4110	Assessment - Bulletin	3,300.00	3,300.00	3,521.00	221.00
4120	Assessment- Late Fee	50.00	50.00	0.00	-50.00
4130	GM Dispensations	100.00	50.00	120.00	70.00
4145	GWMNM Fund Contribution	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	-1,500.00
4150	Assessment - Petition Received	4,000.00	1,500.00	4,150.00	2,650.00
4160	Assessment - Degrees Conferred	750.00	500.00	765.00	265.00
4170	Assessment - Affils / Degrees	600.00	600.00	600.00	0.00
4175	Reinstatement for NPD	75.00	0.00	61.50	61.50
4180	General Contrib. / Donations	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,773.00	1,227.00
4250	Fund Raisers - Other	3,500.00	0.00	35.50	35.50
4251	Fundraiser- 2005 Hats	0.00	0.00	640.00	1,500.00
4252	Fundraiser- 2006 hats	0.00	1,500.00	110.00	-1,390.00
4253	Fundraiser- Jackets	500.00	0.00	88.00	88.00
4254	Fundraiser-Clocks	0.00	0.00	65.00	65.00
4255	Fundraiser-Thermometers	0.00	0.00	60.00	60.00
4400	Sale of Masonic Inventory	3,500.00	1,000.00	4,995.49	3,995.49
4810	Interest – Money Market	100.00	0.00	126.89	126.89
4815	Div -Interest - Charity Fund	140.00	0.00	148.10	148.10
4820	Div & Interest - Travel Fund	2,000.00	0.00	2,013.50	2,013.50
4825	Div-Interest- Permanent Fund	12,500.00	8,000.00	14,539.02	6,539.02
4830	Div-Interest – General Fund	4,785.00	8,000.00	6,098.58	-1,901.42
4835	Div-Interest- Arts Scholarship Fund	850.0	0.00	861.84	861.84
4840	Div-Interest - Life Membership	7,000.00	7,000.00	8,113.78	1,113.78
4845	Div-Interest – Per Capita Acct	60.00	0.00	67.82	67.82

	Div-Interest Russian Relations	20.00	0.00	4.87	4.87
4850	Investment Income Gains/Losses	22,000.00	20,000.00	39,844.57	39,844.57
4900	Other Income-Misc.	100.00	0.00	61.51	61.51
4950	Reimbursed Expense - Ann. Comm	22,000.00	12,000.00	18,981.65	6,981.65
4960	Reimbursed Expense- Leadership Tng	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	-3,000.00
4970	Reimbursed Expense- West Conf.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Budget/ Gross Profit/Deviation		132,430.00	108,000.00	143,703.12	55,703.12

EXPENSES

	Annual Communication Expense		12,000.00		
6005	Ann. Comm. - Banquet Expenses	18,350.00		22,741.21	
6015	Ann. Comm. - Entertainment	500.00		1,530.00	
6030	Ann. Comm. - Printing	1,400.00		1,435.82	
6040	Ann. Comm. - Supplies	550.00		548.04	
6045	Ann. Comm. - Transportation	100.00		6036	
6050	Ann. Comm. - Misc. Exp./Other	100.00		105.00	
	Total Annual Communication	21,000.00	12,000.00	26,420.43	14,420.43
6100	Leadership Training	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,200.00	-1,300.00
6205	Advertising / Public Relations	300.00	0.00	314.85	314.85
6220	Awards Program	200.00	100.00	396.90	296.90
6225	Bank Service Charges	200.00	50.00	211.64	161.64
6230	Contributions/Donations	1,000.00	1,000.00	15.00	-985.00

Acct #	Expenses	2006 Budget	2005 Budget	Year to Date	Budget Actual	Vs
4401	Inventory Cost of Goods	3,000.00	0.00	3,332.13	3,332.13	
6227	Broker Commission/Foreign Tax	3,000.00	0.00	3,376.02	3,376.02	
6255	Internet Service Expense	600.00	500.00	627.63	127.63	
6260	Depreciation	2,891.00	1,320.00	2,891.00	1,571.00	
6270	Dues & Subscriptions	1,200.00	250.00	1,232.86	1,232.86	
6275	Equipment Rental	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6277	Equipment Repair	575.00	500.00	540.00	40.00	
6285	Fees - Legal / Audit	10,000.00	4,000.00	14,932.00	10,932.00	
6305	Gr. Master-Regalia	1,500.00	3,500.00	477.00	-3,023.00	
6310	GM Expenses-Misc Out of Pocket	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	
6315	GM Travel-Discretionary	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	
6405	Travel - Grand Master	6,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	

6410	Travel - Deputy Grand Master	3,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
6415	Travel - Senior Grand Warden	1,500.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
6420	Travel - Junior Grand Warden	1,500.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
6425	Travel - Grand Secretary	1,200.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
6430	Travel - Grand Treasurer	1,200.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
6505	G. Master & G. Sec'y Conference	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,900.00	400.00
6510	Gr. Secretary - Misc. Expenses	750.00	750.00	19.99	-730.01
6620	G. Washington Memorial Assoc.	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	-1,500.00
6630	Liability Insurance	10,000.00	12,500.00	8,561.00	-3,939.00
6635	Workers Comp. Insurance	350.00	200.00	311.00	111.00
6690	Masonic Service Assoc. Dues	300.00	300.00	300.00	0.00
6700	Office Salary	12,000.00	12,000.00	11,745.00	-255.00
6705	Office Accounting Salaries	6,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
6710	Office Supplies & Exp.	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,523.44	23.44
6735	Grand Lodge Bulletin	1,600.00	1,600.00	0.00	-1,600.00
6730	Postage & Delivery	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,003.67	-996.63
6745	Printing - General Forms	1,000.00	2,200.00	431.65	-1,768.35
6750	Rent	6,000.00	10,000.00	6,285.55	-3,714.45
6760	Property Taxes	0.00	100.00	0.00	-100.00
6765	Telephone	1,400.00	2,420.00	1,067.02	-1,352.98
6780	Web Site Fee	500.00	300.00	134.91	-165.09
6785	Western Conference	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6790	Miscellaneous	1,000.00	1,000.00	145.04	-854.96
6820	Payroll Taxes	50.00	80.00	0.00	-80.00
6821	Medicare	200.00	400.00	170.30	-229.70
6822	F.I.C.A.	800.00	745.00	669.81	-75.19
6823	State (S.U.I.)	380.00	380.00	367.61	-12.39
6830	Federal (F.U.T.A.)	100.00	80.00	56.00	-24.00
8010	Other Expenses	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,337.00	337.00
8011	IRS Penalty	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	-2,000.00

Total	Budget	Exp/Actual		
Exp/Deviation	114,346.00	98,275.00	108,748.30	10,473.30

Net Income	18,084.00	9,725.00	34,954.82	
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BUDGET & EXPENSE FOOTNOTES:

The Legal fees in the Amount of \$14,932.00 are attributed to the continuing litigation regarding the lawsuit.

Masonic Research and Education

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

Masonic Public Relations

Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska

Masonic Public Relations Report.

During the year of 2006, several meetings were held between Bro. Dan O'Connell and W Bro. John Freie.

During the year the performing arts had a big change in personnel. This lead to difficulties getting the program dates for 2006.

Bro. Dan has contact with the present personnel, so more information will be forth coming.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

W John H. Freie
Public Relations Chairman

Masonic Youth

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F&AM of Alaska.

The Youth Committee contacted the State of Alaska DeMolay Executive Officer, Chapter Advisory Council members, the Acting Supreme Deputy of the Rainbow Girls and the Bethel Guardian of Bethel No. 1 Job's Daughters, for information concerning the state of the Masonic youth in Alaska.

During 2006, Bethel No. 1 Job's Daughters initiated eight girls. The Bethel had a decrease of four girls due to family moves out-of-state and one demit due to lack of interest. The annual report to Supreme will reflect an active membership of twenty girls. Membership efforts concentrated on the recruitment of girls into the Jobie-to-Bee program. There are currently nine girls in this program who will be eligible to join the Bethel upon reaching the age of ten.

The Bethel supported several soldiers in Iraq in 2006. Currently, one of the Council members is stationed in Afghanistan and has the ability to forward care packages directly

to the troops. At Halloween, the Bethel held a Trick-or-Treat for the Troops out in the community in conjunction with Anchorage DeMolay, and forwarded more than thirty-five boxes weighing over 300 lbs. to troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

During the summer months, the Job's Daughters kept one of Anchorage's local parks clean.

Job's Daughters held a Formal Gown drive in April. These formals were sent to Mississippi and Louisiana for distribution to Rainbow and Eastern Star members. The Bethel also solicited funds for their International HIKE Fund (Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment Fund). Funds have come from the annual penny drive plus donations from individuals in the Anchorage community. In 2006, Anchorage Bethel No. 1 awarded five HIKE grants, totaling \$20,000 to Alaskan children.

The Bethel actively raised funds, most of which was done outside the Masonic family. This not only allowed interaction with the community but provided publicity for the Masonic organizations. Major fund-raising activities have been annual Christmas wreath sales, doll donation raffle, candy sales, mega-yard sale, auction, bake sales and the annual baked potato dinner. The majority of the monies raised were earmarked for the travel fund.

Besides fundraising and community service, the Jobies have hosted an Official Masonic Night recognized at an Anchorage Aces hockey game. The girls also attended several other hockey games, one of which was designated by the Aces as Job's Daughters' night. They hosted a dinner for Glacier Lodge No. 10 in conjunction with the Supreme Guardian's official visit. The Jobies participated in various installations for the Masonic organizations and were honored to participate in the Scottish Rite Maundy Thursday service. An article about the Jobies' participation in the service appeared in the Scottish Rite Journal. The Bethel traveled to Fairbanks to participate in the installation of David Worel as Worshipful Master, and to Sterling for the installation of Brian Bilkey as Worshipful Master.

Ten members and seven chaperones of Bethel No. 1 attended Supreme Session in Vancouver, B.C., this year. The Senior Princess was selected to narrate the Necrology Ceremony during formal opening and all Bethel members were selected to participate in the Flag ceremony, plus the Bethel Marshall was selected to escort in all of the jurisdictional flags presented during the formal opening. The Bethel Chaplain, whose mother is from the Philippines, was selected to escort the Philippine flag when the Philippine Jobies were denied entry visas into Canada. Three members of Bethel No. 1 were selected as Supreme Representatives.

Six of the ten Alaska Jobies entered the Performing Arts Competition. The Honor Queen placed 2nd in the Piano competition and our Marshall placed 1st in the Solo Vocal competition. The Marshall also sang at the All-Job's Daughters' Luncheon.

Eight of the ten Alaska Jobies entered the Arts and Crafts Competition, with one girl placing 2nd in the Quilts Division and one placing 1st in the Acrylic Painting Division. Bethel No. 1 Messenger's Ritual Competition Team placed 8th out of the twenty-nine competing international teams. To put this accomplishment into perspective; each jurisdiction (State/Province) is only allowed one Ritual Team. The State of Utah had 100 girls try out for the five slots on the Utah Ritual Team. Alaska has only one Bethel with thirteen active members, and only ten girls were eligible for Supreme. The Alaska Ritual Team was comprised of five of the ten girls attending the Supreme Session.

Two of the greatest honors for the Alaska Bethel at the Supreme Session were the presentation of the "What is a Mason" ceremony for the Supreme Guardian Council with over three hundred Supreme Council members in attendance, and an award presented to Mrs. Susan Anderson. A standing ovation was given before the "What is a Mason" ceremony was completed, and another standing ovation upon completion.

This ceremony, which was written by our Bethel Guardian expressly for Bethel No. 1 Anchorage, Alaska, is now being performed world-wide by Job's Daughters. In last year's State of the Youth Report, I mentioned that Mrs. Susan Anderson had been chosen to receive the PURPLE AWARD. This is the highest award that can be given in Job's Daughters. Mrs. Anderson, Bethel Guardian of Bethel No.1, had this impressive honor bestowed on her during this year's Supreme Session. I was privileged to witness this special presentation, as I was in attendance representing our Grand Master, Marvin B. Fitzpatrick.

In 2006, the Supreme Assembly of the International Order of Rainbow Girls located in McAlester, Oklahoma, appointed Mrs. Gabrielle Hazelton as the Supreme Deputy for Alaska. Her appointment was announced at Grand assembly held in Fairbanks in July. Very Worshipful Brother Rex Hastey, District Deputy of the Grand Master, was pleased to attend this Grand Assembly for our Grand Master, Marvin B. Fitzpatrick, on this special occasion. Mrs. Hazelton is a Majority Rainbow Girl with many Grand Offices, a former Mother Advisor, Advisory board member, and member of the Eastern Star in Juneau.

In January 2006, Alaska had seventy-five girls in four assemblies; Fairbanks No. 1, Juneau No. 3, Palmer No. 7, and Nugget No. 13 in Anchorage.

The 44th "Rockin at the Diner" Grand Assembly was held in Fairbanks July 12-13 of this year at the Civic Center, which was transformed into a 1950's soda shop with decorations of zebras, music notes, and orchids.

Grand Worthy Advisor Brandon Wigfield had Habitat for Humanity collecting Box Tops for Education as her service projects. These service projects touched Alaska girls' everyday lives as several families from the Hurricane Katrina-hit areas have moved to

Alaska. The girls raised over \$1,300 in cash and in-kind services for Habitat for Humanity.

In addition, the Rainbow Girls gave over \$200 to various public schools around the state by collecting General Mills Box Tops for Education, which are worth \$.10 each. In other words, almost 2,000 box tops were collected. The girls in Alaska's smallest assembly, Palmer No. 7, did an incredible job by collecting 1,000 box tops all by themselves.

Grand Worthy Advisor Brandon also had the Grand Love and Hope project; Love of the members of the past, Hope for the members of the future. Around the state, Majority teas and honor nights were held, as well as a variety of prospective member parties to bring girls, young and old, together. Grand Worthy Advisor Brandon's theme of "Building Tomorrow's Memories," within and without, was touching every Rainbow life.

Katrina Nore was elected as Grand Worthy Advisor. Her term theme "Making Waves with Rainbow" aims for girls to be highly involved in the community and get new members. She is continuing the important work of Habitat for Humanity and has challenged the girls to double their donations from last year. Close to her heart is the National Diabetes Association, and Grand Worthy Advisor Katrina is working with Amaranth to support this cause.

In 2005, this committee had reported that the DeMolay State Executive Officer Brother Joe Anderson had been transferred to Iraq in service to our country. We are pleased to report that he has returned to Alaska in good health and are hopeful that he will be able to remain with us.

Arctic Chapter of DeMolay in Fairbanks is still working within the community and is doing well with eight to ten young men at each meeting.

Anchorage Chapter of DeMolay is starting to gain new members and is becoming active again. This year, they helped the Job's Daughters send care packages to Iraq and Afghanistan. Brothers Dale Cain and Dwane Anderson are doing a great job of seeing that the Chapter is heading in the right direction.

The Mat-Su Chapter of the DeMolay is starting to rebuild and is doing well. Worshipful Brother and DeMolay Dad Buck Buxton has worked consistently to find new dad advisors and keep the chapter from having to surrender its Charter. Because of Brother Buck's efforts, the Mat-Su Chapter welcomes Brother John Erickson as the new Chapter Dad advisor. Brother John will be taking over the position of Senior Advisor of the Chapter.

In finalizing this report, it is still evident that the state of the youth could be in better shape. The lack of adult participation is not encouraging. The DeMolay, Rainbow Girls, and Job's Daughters need the participation of adults as well. None of these youth groups can hold a meeting unless a Master Mason is present at the meeting. We encourage each

of you to attend a youth group meeting at least once. We know you will be warmly received and your attendance will be appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,

VW William (Bill) P. Kalbach (7, 13, 17, 20) Chairman

W Russell Sanders (7)

W Lee Seagondollar (7)

Bylaws

MW GM Marvin B. Fitzpatrick, Distinguished East, Brothers All:

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Grand Lodge this year as Chairman of the Bylaws Committee.

I want to say a special Thank You to the Brother's that served on this committee this year; W Bro. Ronald L. Ackerman of Skagway Lodge No. 1, W Bro. Richard R. Olsen of Matanuska Lodge No. 7 & Iditarod Lodge 20, W Bro. David C. Pratt of Glacier Lodge No. 10, W Bro. John H. Freie of Eagle Lodge No. 13 for all their support.

The committee received Bylaw changes from Eagle River Lodge No. 13, Aurora Lodge No. 15, Valdez Lodge No. 4, Glacier Lodge No. 10, Matanuska Lodge No. 7, and Juneau-Gastineaux Lode No. 21. These Bylaw changes were processed in an expeditious manner, considering the distance and mail service within the State of Alaska.

For the benefit of future Bylaw committees, I would strongly suggest that if a Lodge desires to make a bylaw change, that they would hope to institute within a certain time frame, that it be acted on with zeal, considering the time it takes to mail the copies around the State.

From all of on the committee, Thank You for allowing us to participate in the business of this Grand Lodge.

Fraternally;

VW Johnnie L. Wallace Chairman

Public Schools

In a past report we reported how M.W Bro. De Witt Clinton Past Grand Master of New York while he was Mayor of New York City in 1805 was the principal founder of the first Public School District, and chaired it for many years. As Governor of New York State he also was a very strong supporter and fostered establishing other public schools. We also reported on how Bro. Francis Bellamy a Boston minister and the Editor of Youth Companion magazine authored the Pledge of Allegiance and fathered getting it recited on

September 8, 1892, the four hundredth anniversary of Columbus discovering America. It was a great success with an estimated 12 million students participating. That's correct brothers. An estimated 12 million public school students stood up and recited The Pledge of Allegiance the first time it was done in public. We have also reported on the Masons of Bannock, Montana and how they supported the public school. When they built their lodge building in 1872, they made the ground floor the public school classroom and the second floor with an outside stairway the lodge room. The Masons of the area maintained this classroom for over seventy years. This building has been declared a Historic Monument by the State of Montana and with help from the Grand Lodge of Montana has been restored to it's original condition and the Grand Lodge of Montana holds an annual meeting there in September each year.

With this in mind, we thought that it might make a good report to see what other Masons or Masonic Lodges had done for Public Schools. I'm sorry to report that we were not able to find a great deal of information, but what we did is interesting.

We found that Bro. Benjamin Franklin was a very strong and outspoken advocate of a quality education being available to all, even though he was mostly self-educated or taught. He wanted a quality secondary and post-secondary education for all. With his influence, a school of higher learning was established in Philadelphia in 1754. This school later became the University of Pennsylvania.

We also found that Bro. George Washington was also an outspoken advocate of a quality education open to all. He said on several occasions that a quality education open to all and this education open to any subject that anyone wanted to learn, and also go as high as anyone wanted to go. He was a very strong believer that a quality education open to all would be the salvation of our freedom and our country. For it was well known throughout the world, that if you controlled the education, you had complete control of the people.

We found that Bro. Stephen Girard, who made his home in Philadelphia, a very strong supporter of George Washington and the Revolutionary Cause, became a wealthy man and even gave a lot of financial support for the War of 1812. Upon his death in 1831, having no children of his own and his wife preceding him, he left his fortune to establish a boarding school in Philadelphia for poor, orphaned, white males to get an education. This was to be a boarding school with all students on a one-hundred percent scholarship. It was opened in 1834. It operated in that manor until 1968 when it started accepting boys of all races. In 1980 it also started to accept girls. This school is still in operation for grades 1 through 12 and still has all students on a full scholarship. It's annual budget is in excess of 550 million dollars a year. A very large amount of which still comes from the original trust. Since it's opening in 1834, it has provided an education to over twenty-one thousand students, grades 1 through 12.

We also learned that Bro. Thomas Patten founded the Thomas Patten School in Elizabeth Town, Pennsylvania in 1925. This was a boarding school for your male orphans or poor with a Masonic affiliation. Again, all students were on a full scholarship. In the years to

come, it took in all poor or orphaned boys. It operated until 1980, when it was merged in the public school system. The original campus has been completely restored by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and is now used as a conference center.

We also found that as early as 1823, Bro. Stephen Austin made a request to the government of Mexico to establish a public school in his Texas Colony. When Texas declared its independence in 1836, it was stated that one of the biggest reasons was that Mexico, even though they had plenty of resources, had failed to establish any type of school system. When they wrote their constitution, it was to include the statement that the government was responsible for a quality public school system. It was soon learned that the government did not have the necessary funds to create the public school system that most wanted. Around 1840, Masons and Masonic Lodges started to step up. When Texas was admitted to the Union, their public school system was held up as an example for all to look at and use it as an inspiration for all states to emulate. It is shown that between 1840 and 1860, Masons and Masonic Lodges had established at least 23 public schools. In some cases, the classroom was in the Lodge building and even in some cases the teachers salary was paid by the Masons in the area. A Texas historian and a non-Mason, Frederic Eby, wrote, "That education in Texas is indebted to the courageous assistance of the Masonic Brotherhood for their labors in championing the establishment of its public school system at the most critical moment in its history."

I will leave you with this bit of trivia.

The first public school in Europe was founded by a Mason.

It was in Prussia in 1763 by Bro. Frederic The Great

Fraternally Submitted by the Grand Lodge Public Schools Committee

VW Bro. Robert Wiseman, Chairman

W Bro. Peter DiMaggio

W Bro. Glenn Josey

W Bro. Frank Bird

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Report of Grand Chaplain (Necrology)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brethren, and Distinguished guests:

We take this time to remember our brethren who have passed to that celestial lodge not made with hands. We have initiated, passed, raised and labored with these brethren who we shall follow. They shared their knowledge and wisdom with us. They worked with us in Lodge, enjoyed meals with us, and toiled with us to improve our lodges and Masonry. Memories of our departed brethren will remain with us always. These

brethren enriched our lives manifold. The fellowship and fraternalism we shared is to be savored and will not be forgotten.

Let this not be the last time that we acknowledge these brothers, but a time to remember the warm handshake, the pat on the back, and the kind word received and given to our brothers, who now forge the pathway ahead for us. Let this be a time to remember their good works, their generosity, and their friendship. Each of us will leave a legacy as those who have gone before us. As with our departed brethren, let the legacy we will leave be true to the vows we have all taken and assumed at the Altar of our Lodge.

As I read the names of our departed brethren who have who are walking that path to the temple not made with hands, let each of us reflect not just on these who have passed on this past year, but also on those who have passed on in previous years. To our departed brethren, we honor your memory and to the families and loved ones you left behind we extend our thoughts, deepest condolences and prayers. I would now like to a read a poem by Robert Burns.

THE FAREWELL TO THE BROTHERS OF ST. JAMES'S LODGE, TARBOLTON

Adieu! A heart? warm, fond adieu:
Dear Brothers of the Mystic Tie!
Ye favoured, ye enlighten'd few.
Companions of social joy!
Tho I to foreign lands must hie,
With melting heart and brimful eye,
I'll mind you still, tho far awa.
Oft I have met your social band,
And spent the cheerful, festive night:
Oft, honour'd with supreme command,
Presided o'er the Sons of Light;
And by that Hieroglyphic bright,
Which none but Craftsman ever saw!
Strong Memr'y on my heart shall write
Those happy scene, when far awa.

May Freedom, Harmony, and Love,
Unite you in the Grand Design,
Beneath th' Omnisient Eye above?
The glorious Architect Divine,
That you may keep th' Unerring Line,
Still rising by the Plummet's Law,
Till Order bright completely shine,
Shall be my pray'r when far awa.

And you, farewell! Whose merits claim

Justly that Highest Badge to wear;
 Heav'n bless your hounor'd, noble name,
 To Masonry and Scotia dear!
 A last request permit me here
 When yearly ye assemble a'
 One round, I ask it with a tear,
 To him, the Bard that's far awa.

Let us pray:

Lord God Almighty we approach thee with humility and reverence. Being human we live with the many trials and failings of man. You have given us commandments to live by. These, our brethren, who appear before you have endeavored to abide by your teachings. Our earthly existence is but a moment in time. As we remember and recall these departed brethren we pray they will receive Thy blessing and everlasting peace as they walk thru that portal into your celestial lodge. Amen

We remember these brethren who have laid down their working tools, as reported b the Constituent Lodges in their monthly reports for 2006

Note: Some of our deceased Brothers may have belonged to more than one Lodge. Only one Lodge is shown here.

White Pass Lodge No. 1

Kenneth Gerald Taylor	6-20-06
William A. Dickson	Date Unknown

Tanana Lodge No. 3

Edwin Erhardt Brenner	5-20-05
Marvon Arden Parker	11-19-06
Harold C. Pierce	7-19-06
Ernesto Tabirao Rabelas	10-7-06
Gerald Mark Sherwood	1-22-06
Leroy Sheridan Simpson	10-24-06
Edwin Calvin Tong	11-23-06
Charles Gavin Walker	5-13-06
James Eldon Walker	5-8-06
Edward Yoder	1-1-06

Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5

William Dean Little	3-9-06
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Matanuska Lodge No. 7

Robert Louis Alvord	10-29-06
Oliver Reino Onkka	12-10-06
Ronald John Poelstra	10-27-06

Kodiak Lodge No. 9		
	William Darrell Beaty	2-21-06
	Marvin Black	8-8-06
Glacier Lodge No. 10		
	Calvin Lewis Barr	5-11-06
	Gene Gordon Eidem	5-30-06
	John Arp Fredrichsen	5-11-06
	Larry Joe Pope	6-1-06
	John Ford Puckett	5-11-06
Kenai Lodge No. 11		
	Eugene Roy Campbell	4-15-06
Fairbanks Lodge No. 12		
	William Oswald Graves	5-13-96
	Irving Hernandez	7-11-06
	Jack Vaughn Owensby	10-28-06
Aurora Lodge No. 15		
	J. Harvey Boyle	4-16-06
Anchorage Lodge No. 17		
	Carl Donald Cartwright	3-29-06
	James Marvin Drew	5-19-06
	James Douglas Edembo	10-20-06
	Howard Mitchell Park	9-10-06
	Thomas Edward Parnell	11-19-06
	Norman Pichler	11-6-06
	Beecher L. Pierce	8-13-06
	Ted Williams Pittman	2-21-05
	Ray Porter	12-23-05
	Charles Harry Sells	11-1-06
	Joe Dave Sessions	5-31-06
	Eugene C. Smith	3-15-06
Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18		
	Benjamin Hugh Forbes	8-18-06
	Russell Henriot Mills	6-24-06
Ketchikan Lodge No. 19		
	John Gooding Falconer	Date Unknown
	Carl Douglas Swanson	4-21-06
Iditarod Lodge 20		
	Charles Christopher Davis	10-4-03

Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21

Oscar Bruce Hall	6-5-06
William Robert Weir	5-18-06
Lyman Arther Woodman	5-10-06

Petersburg Lodge No. 23

Emmett Eugene Norton	4-27-06
Wesley Wilson Randrup	3-16-06

*When the door of life closes, another door opens;
but often we look so long at the closed door
that we do not see the one that has been opened.*

*May his life beyond that door
be even more fruitful and rewarding
than the life he led while on this side.*

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

Dale S. Cain
Grand Chaplain

Report of Grand Lecturer

No report from the Grand Lecturer was received at the time of publication.

Report of Grand Orator

THE LODGE ROOM OVER SIMPKIN'S STORE

Written by MW Lawrence N. Greanleaf, The Grand Lodge of Colorado, (GM 1880)

Dated November 19, 1898

The plainest lodge room in the land was over Simpkin's Store,
Where Friendship Lodge had met each month for fifty years or more.
When O'er the earth the moon full-orbed had cast her brightest beams,
The brethren came for miles around on horseback or in teams,
And O! what hearty grasp of hand, of what welcome met them there,
As mingled with the waiting groups they slowly mount the stair,
Exchanging fragmentary news or prophecies of crop,
Until they reach the Tyler's room and current topic drop,
To turn their thoughts to nobler themes they cherish and adore,
And which were heard on meeting night up over Simpkin's Store.

To city eyes, a cheerless room, long usage had defaced,
The tell-tale lines of lath and beam on wall and ceiling traced.
The light from oil-fed lamps was dim and yellow in its hue,
The carpet once could pattern boast, though now 'twas lost to view.
The altar and the pedestals that marked the stations three,
The gate-post pillars topped with balls, the rude carved letter G,
Were village joiners clumsy work, with many things beside,
Where beauty's lines were all effaced and ornament denied.
There could be left no lingering doubt, if doubt there was before,
The plainest lodge room in the land was over Simpkin's Store.

While musing thus on outward from the meeting time drew near,
And we had a glimpse of inner life through watchful eye and ear.
When Lodge convened at gavel's sound with officers in place,
We looked for strange, conglomerate work, but could no errors trace.
The more we saw, the more heard, the greater our amaze,
To find those country brethren there so skilled in Mason's ways.
But greater marvels were to come before the night was through,
Where unity was not mere name, but fell on heart like dew.
Where tenets had the mind imbued, and truths rich fruitage bore,
In the plainest Lodge room in the land, up over Simpkin's Store.

To hear the record of their acts was music to the ear,
We sing of deeds unwritten which on angel's scroll appear.
A widow's case – Four helpless ones – lodge funds were running low.
A dozen brethren sprang to feet and offers were not slow.
Food, raiment, things of needful sort, while one gave a load of wood,

Another, shoes for the little ones, for each gave what they could.
Then spake the last: "I haven't things like these to give – but then,
Some ready money may help out: - and he laid down a Ten.
Were brother cast on darkest square upon life's checkered floor,
A beacon light to reach the white – was over Simpkin's Store.

Like scoffer who remained to pray, impressed by sight and sound,
The faded carpet 'neath our feet was now like holy ground.
The walls that had such a dingy look were turned celestial blue,
The ceiling changed to canopy where stars were shining through.
Bright tongues of flame from altar leaped, the G was vivid blaze,
All common things seemed glorified by heaven's reflected rays.
O! wondrous transformation wrought through ministry of love –
Behold the Lodge Room Beautiful! – fair type of that above,
The vision fades – the lesson lives! And taught as ne'er before,
In the plainest Lodge room in the land – up over Simpkin's Store

W Glen E. Josey (17, 22) Grand Orator

Report of Grand Historian

MW Grand Master, Grand Lodge, and guests, the annual report of the Grand Master has already been received. With this in mind, I plan on making this report very short. The history of grand lodge is a consolidation of all of the lodges. If your lodge has developed an outstanding program for new membership, these programs should be sent to the Grand Secretary for dissemination to the district deputies. By making these programs known, the history of your lodge can become the history of other lodges, thereby becoming the history of Grand Lodge.

One lodge sponsored the 172nd C-company Stryker Brigade a couple of years ago, and because of this program, received several new members. In their lodge room they placed individual flags for each of their members assigned overseas. I know of two lodges that put on outdoor degrees at least once a year. At least for one lodge this family outing brings out members who normally will not come to any other lodge function.

Next I would like to discuss the youth programs. In the past the Order of DeMolay has been inactive. The only functional chapter in Fairbanks is slowly growing . With their help the first part of this year, another chapter was started in Anchorage. As Masons, we need to craft interest in this program to keep these two chapters going as well to start chapters in locations where other chapters have been in the past. It has been said time and again that these young men are our legacy. I know this from personal experience. This same thought goes for the Rainbow Girls and Job's Daughters. If these groups are allowed to fold, then this reflect on the history of this Grand Lodge. On a more optimistic note, I have been recently informed that the Rainbow Assembly in Palmer has been reactivated.

MW Grand Master, I thank you for allowing me to serve you in this capacity this year. I as that this report be accepted and printed in the proceedings.

Respectfully Submitted

W James LeFlore
Grand Historian

Charters and Dispensations

Report of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations

February 2007

During the past year, there have been no calls for the Charters & Dispensations Committee. We therefore, submit a negative report.

Fraternally submitted,

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W Shawn Culp (15)

W L. F. (Buck) Buxton (7, 10)

W Albert Schuerger (15)

Leadership Training

No report from the Leadership Training Committee was received at the time of publication

Military Recognition

No report from the Military Recognition Committee was received at the time of publication

George Washington National Memorial

No report from the George Washington Nation Memorial Committee was received at the time of publication

Russian Relations

Report of the Russian Relations for the year 2006

The Grand Lodge of Russia consists of 23 Masonic Lodges throughout the Republic of Russia. That means that the Grand Lodge of Russia and the Grand Lodge of Alaska have approximately the same number of lodges in their jurisdiction. However, the membership in Russia is considerably less than the membership in Alaska. Furthermore, the Grand Lodge of Russia has a territory several hundred times larger than the State of Alaska. We know how difficult it is to travel, visit and communicate in the lodges in Alaska. Try to consider the difficulty the Grand Lodge of Russia has. They do not have the infrastructure for travel that we have and they do not have the experienced leadership. There are not any “older”, experienced Masons in Russia. The Masonic movement has not been reconstituted as all of the ancient Masonic orders were totally dissolved and inactive for 90 years. Therefore, any Russians who might have been Masons are no longer alive from old age, if not from liquidation. We should always keep this in mind when we are dealing in any way with any of the Russian lodges and we need to understand this basic problem when dealing with their questions and difficulties in the day to day running of the lodges.

I believe that the formation of the lodges in Eastern Russia; Siberia, and the Khabarovsk district is truly an opportunity of a lifetime for all American Masons and especially for those of us in Alaska. We have an opportunity to become mentors to the birth of Masonry in a large, new area. I recommend that all of us should consider taking a personal interest in assisting the new lodges and the new Masons in their search for more light. This can be done rather easily through the internet. The Russian Relations Committee has the internet addresses for the lodges in Eastern Russia, and I believe that there is an opportunity for anyone who wants to take it to become an internet pen pal, and/or mentor to an individual new Mason in Russia. Please contact the Russian Relations Committee for these addresses.

The Pacific Rim Lodge, Vladivostok has been active during the year 2006. They meet regularly and they now have 19 members. Our committee was contacted by the Master of Pacific Rim Lodge with a request for assistance in their ritual work. We felt it would be best to have the instruction in Russian on the Russian ritual.

We therefore contacted the Grand Lodge of Russia and requested that a lecture team travel from Moscow to Vladivostok, a distance of about 5,000 miles, to assist the Pacific Rim Lodge #12. They agreed. Our committee has furnished the funds for the travel expense. The lecture team will instruct the lodge officers in the proper ritual for opening and closing the lodge and degree work. The travel for the training is scheduled for the Spring of 2007.

The Pacific Rim Lodge has received interest from the businessmen in Khabarovsk with the desire to form a new lodge in that city. Khabarovsk is a city of more than 300,000 people and is in direct communication with Vladivostok by rail and by hydrofoil boats up the Amir River. Our committee has pledged support for this project and we are hopeful that a new lodge can be formed in Khabarovsk this year under the supervision of the Pacific Rim Lodge.

Alpha and Omega Lodge #23, Novosibirsk, has been inactive for the most part of 2006. Skyrocketing rent costs for a meeting place have hampered their activities. Their lodge is formed primarily of young men and they need help in learning the Masonic ritual and they need help in the "warden's charge" instruction. We will continue to work with Pacific Rim Lodge #12 and the Grand Lodge of Russia to attempt to provide them with assistance in instruction. Grand Master Gorodnitskiy has plans to visit Alpha and Omega Lodge #23 in the nearest future.

Our committee confirmed with Grand Master Marvin Fitzpatrick regarding the schism in the Russian Grand Lodge. It is our understanding that there is a choice for Pacific Rim Lodge of which Grand Lodge to support. With the information we have on hand, it is our belief that it would be proper to support the Grand Lodge of Russia with Roman Gorodnitskiy as Grand Master and Vladimir Nikitan as Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge of Russia has reported that changes have taken place at their annual communication which was on the 29th and 30th of May 2006. They adopted changes to the general regulation of Russia. These changes reduced the term of all Grand Lodge officers and stipulate the necessary measures to assure real separation of the Grand Lodge

of Russia and Supreme Council or Russia of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. The term of all Grand Lodge officers was reduced to one year for each Master Mason in the jurisdiction. There were some attempts to manipulate with the ballots of Grand Lodge members and financial violations were notice and duly prevented. At the Russian Grand Lodge Communication, the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Roman Gorodnitskiy was proposed; voted; elected; proclaimed; and clothed as Grand Master.

The new resolutions have caused several lodges to defect from the Russian Grand Lodge. Pacific Rim Lodge, Vladivostok, was not present at the assembly and declared neutrality and non-interference. Goals this year are to assist Pacific Rim Lodge in becoming proficient in Russian ritual work. As soon as that is accomplished, efforts will be made to assist the establishment of a new lodge in Khabarovsk.

If members will send email addresses to the Russian Relations Committee, they will be placed on the mailing list for periodic Russian Relations Committee newsletters.

Attached to and incorporated as part of this report is a letter from Worshipful Brother Walter D. Hill, grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Maine to the Brethren of Alaska Grand Lodge. This letter is one of many expressing interest and support for the work that the Grand Lodge of Alaska is doing to revive Freemasonry in Eastern Russia.

Also attached is a 15 page "White Paper" from the Grand Lodge of Russia regarding the status of the Grand Lodge of Russia; resolutions, and actions taken at their Grand Lodge communication on the 29th and 30th of May 2006.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Addendum 1 to Russian Relations Report

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Dear Brethren,

It is with a great deal of emotion, and after much pondering that I sit here now and try to express to you, My Brothers, the joy I feel at this opportunity to be part of your labors in reviving Freemasonry in Eastern Russia.

I spent several years of my life in military service to my country, four of which were in the United States Air Force as an aircraft electrician, stationed at an air defense base on the border of the United States and Canada. At that time I viewed your country as a major threat to the opportunities that we enjoy in this country, and thought little more of you than just fellow human beings.

Over the years I have become more aware, via the world news media, of your struggle for the rights and freedoms that so many of us take for granted here. It is also a great comfort to know that our two countries are working together in many ways for a common and even worldly good. Humanitarian response to the needs of our world will one day unite us all.

***UNITE**, This is a perfect word to describe my joy in this opportunity to support you in your Masonry, for you have now made yourselves more to me than just other beings occupying our time and space; you are True and Accepted Brethren. My Masonry has become a cornerstone in my life, and I have been part of and witness to so much good because of it that I will promote it for the rest of my days. Let us show the world by our actions that we believe in those beautiful tenets of our order, Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.*

*It is with a most sincere and heart felt **thank you** that I respond to this opportunity to*

These issues are surely only the internal problems of the GLoFR, however, the controversial information received from Russia has become a real precedent for the international Masonic community, and it is followed by the informal discussion of the status of the GLoFR and the relation of world Grand jurisdictions with it.

While voting for the resolution to reduce the office terms of the Grand Master, the Brethren of the GLoFR realized full well the internal and international Masonic consequences this decision could imply. We realized that we were placing our friends and Brethren, with whom we have enjoyed long and fruitful relations, in the position of making a hard choice, which is the harder the more rare true information concerning the Masonic movement comes from Russia and the more often it intermingles with lies and show. Despite all this, the Brethren and Lodges of the GLoFR strongly reiterate the fact that the Russian Masonry cannot exist and develop any more under the former administration.

Following the principle of openness and transparency, we would like to make public several facts for your better understanding our present pitiful situation.

Under the former administration, we definitely understand not the figure-head of the Grand Master of the GLoFR M.W. Bro. Vladimir Djanguiryran who had never been independent in making any decisions whatsoever, but rather the Supreme Council, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, of Russia, and its Sovereign Grand Commander Aleksey Trubetskoy (Koshmarov) who have during the recent years exerted great influence on the policy and all the key resolutions presumably made by the GLoFR.

As a means of reaction to the attempts of further strengthening the dictate of the Supreme Council, the Brethren of the GLoFR have used all the instruments provided by the General Regulations of the GLoFR in order to protect the sovereignty of the GLoFR. The measures taken remained within the limits provided by the documents and regulations of the Order, the Russian legislation and the Ancient Landmarks.

The chief reason of the decision of the Brethren to replace the administration of the Grand Lodge is that we can not and will not accept either the dictate of the Supreme Council, AAST, over the symbolic degrees, or the overall atmosphere of intolerance and falsehood created by the said Supreme Council.

The core element of this dictate is the Novocom company. For the Supreme Council, this company is constitutive. The Grand Commander of the SC AASR, A. Trubetskoy (Koshmarov) is the President of the Novocom company. The Grand Treasurer of the SC Grand Chancellor of SC AASR, Vladimir Khonyakov is the Vice-president of the Novocom company. The President of the External Relations Committee of the SC AASR Aleksander Kondyakov is the Director general of the Novocom company. At the same time, A. Kondyakov used to be the Assistant Grand Master of the GLoFR and the chief promoter of the pro-Novocom policy within the GLoFR. The corporative information about Novocom may be found on-line www.novocom.org. The main activities of the Novocom company include political PR consulting, election campaigning and lobbying.

An attempt made to emancipate the symbolic Masonic degrees from the control of the Supreme Council, AASR, and the Novocom company was made in late 2003 by the then Grand Master of the GLofR MW Bro. Dmitriy Denisov. In December, 2003, he signed the decree dismissing A. Kondyakov from the position of the Grand Secretary, GLofR, and A. Trubetskoy from the position of the Assistant Grand Master, GLofR. However, later, in order to preserve the outer peace and harmony of the GLofR, M.W. Bro D. Denisov was forced to resign in March, 2004.

However, these hopes were destined to new ruin. Instead, we were faced with weakening of Brethren's overall interest to Masonry, reduction in membership, growing and even dominating apathy and pessimism.

Double standards started to penetrate the life of the Grand Lodge and the fraternal communication, accompanied by rocketing growth in pomp and show, total termination of support of regional lodges outside Moscow. Upper distortions of membership have become a norm as well as the distortions of the list of really working lodges.

V. Djanguiryan appeared to be not accessible for most of the Brethren, the exclusions being the Brethren he himself wanted to communicate with. During the last two years, the policies of Bro V. Djanguiryan have reduced to saying "yes" to all and every suggestion made to him in any talk, official or private, while this affirmation meant nothing in fact and all the decisions were really made by the Assistant Grand Master A. Kondyakov.

The General Regulation of the GLofR provide an opportunity – in extraordinary cases – to depart from the duly established procedure and rules if the Grand Master received the approval of 2/3 of the members of the Grand Officers' Council, this Council consisting of all hierarchically. These departures from the generally accepted procedure, rules and General Regulation, accepted for extraordinary cases, were later introduced to general

practice of the GLofR, and after some time the approval of the members of the GOC stopped to be asked for, the decisions being only followed by references to the Article of the General Regulations mentioned above.

Frequent became the cases of mass profanation of the ritual, the numbers of initiations acutely decreased. Despite the existence of the Temple as the permanent place for ritual works, the number of furniture and other ritual items has fallen below the required minimum limits. The reading of trestle boards has almost ceased in most Lodges. After the election or appointment, not one of the higher Grand Officers executing the factual administration of Russian Freemasonry has ever taken the floor with any speech or trestle board of spiritual or in any aspect Masonic nature.

During the recent months, there have been numerous cases of instant initiations of profanes by the Grand Commander, SC AASR, and members of the SC AASR, into all the three symbolic degrees of Freemasonry at glance, without any ritualistic procedure.

The partial separation of the Supreme Council, AASR, that took place in summer, 2005, in terms of the positions of the Grand Officers of the both institutions, was in reality of rather an illusory nature, because, despite all the attempts of separation, the Assistant Grand Master A. Kondyakov is still occupying the position of the International relations committee of the Supreme Council, AASR.

The Grand Secretary General of the Supreme Council, AASR, Todor Kostov has repeatedly attempted to instruct via e-mail the Grand Officers of the GLOFR as to the presumable intolerability of any Masonic contacts with any representative of other jurisdictions, including even the cases of these representatives being honorary Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Russia. During the last year, in fact all the sessions of the Grand Officers; Council were conducted at the office of the Novocom company, while having a special and separate Temple.

The policy of constant disinformation as the numbers of the Brethren working under the GLOFR Constitution has been also the case. Quite seriously, the persons mentioned above initiated entering the numbers of 400 Brethren and 25 active Lodges into all the directories. During the session of the Grand Officers' Council and other meetings, V. Djanguiryan and A. Kondyakov often threatened the Brethren with expulsion from the Order for disclosing the real numbers. The numbers of Brethren were constantly overestimated in official statistic reports, while the real numbers of Masonic Brethren were constantly and acutely falling. Connections were lost with the Lodges in Novosibirsk, Murmansk, Archangelsk. There has been no Lodge in St. Petersburg for over 5 years. Serious problems were met by the English-speaking Aurora Lodge No 5. The Friendship Lodge No 25, which had been created within the framework of the project to establish the Grand Lodge of Azerbaijan, was actually non-operating, its works taking place only three times in three years, only in the presence of the M.W. Bro R. Heyat and only for his personal reconciliation. After its creation, the Triangle of Hiram Lodge No 26 has never met on the Russian territory.

We were sorry to learn that in March, 2006, the Mother Grand Lodge of the world Freemasonry, the United Grand Lodge of England, resolved to recommend their members to refrain from visitations to Lodges under the Grand Lodge of Russia. However, this resolution can not fail to be recognized as well-grounded. It seems to be rather logic under the present circumstances.

In fact, the vast majority of the Brethren apprehended the total control of the Supreme Council, AASR, and personally A. Trubetskoy (Koshmarov) and A. Kondyakov, over the GLOFR with vaguely expressed disagreement. They started the so-to-say "Masonic emigration" acquiring double membership in foreign Grand Lodges. The Brethren of the Lotus Lodge No 2 actively sought affiliation at a French Lodge under the GLNF in Avignon. The Brethren of the Gamayoun Lodge No 4 were unofficially negotiating with the Brethren of the United grand Lodges of Germany studying the opportunities to join German Lodges. Many Russian Brethren petitioned the Lodges under the UGLE. All this was done in strict accordance with the General Regulations of the GLOFR, the Constitutions and Regulations of other Grand Lodges and Masonic customs and

traditions. This was the reaction to the unhealthy internal situation created by the Supreme Council, AASR, and its Grand Commander A. Trubetskoy (Koshmarov), the Assistant Grand Master A. Kondyakov in fact, the hierarchically second person in the Russian Masonry after A. Trubetskoy (Koshmarov), to the overall atmosphere of suspicion, intolerance, and lies.

The most active development of the described crisis was observed after the autumn of 2005. The pressure started to be exerted on the Grand Secretary, GLofR, Vladimir Nikitin, who had been charged with signing all the Masonic passports for Brethren traveling abroad and possessing this right under the General Regulations, and who actively opposed the attempts of the Supreme Council, AASR, to use the refusal to issue a Masonic passport as a means of manipulation.

The Grand Commander, SC AASR, and the Assistant Grand Master tried to set limits for communications of Russian Brethren with Brethren from foreign jurisdictions. The Grand Commander, SC AASR, acting through the loyal members of the Grand Officers' Council, namely V. Djanguiryan, A. Kondyakov, A. Krauter, Miran Mneyan, who are also members of the Supreme Council, AASR, attempted to pass several special resolutions of the GOC banning the communications of the Russian Brethren with the Brethren of foreign Constitutions, and making this sort of communications the grounds for expulsion from the Fraternity.

A. Trubetskoy (Koshmarov) had repeatedly declared that all his resolutions and decrees as the Grand Commander are compulsory for all the members of the Supreme Council, AASR, and therefore, as the GLofR administration, V. Djanguiryan, A. Krauter, M. Mneyan were made subject to any orders of A. Trubetskoy (Koshmarov).

The Grand Officers' Council was addressed with the move to set strict limitations for the Brethren of the GLofR willing to join Lodges under foreign Grand Lodges. First of all, these limitations were meant to limit joining Lodges under the UGLE.

Under the pressure exerted by the Supreme Council, AASR, V. Djanguiryan, A. Krauter, and A. Kondyakov addressed the Masonic Court of Honor, GLofR, with the order to expel the Past Grand Master of the GLofR M.W. Bro. Dmitriy Denisov due to his joining the Hiram Lodge No 2416 under the UGLE. The initiators of this move stated the Denisov's joining an English Lodge had been of unacceptable consequences for the international politics of the GLofR. The Masonic Court of Honor refused to accept the order of the Supreme Council, AASR, reasonably considering it an attempt of setting excessive control over the actions of the Brethren.

After thoroughly studying the issue, the Court came to the conclusion that D. Denisov had been in good standing with the GLofR, enjoyed the status of a regular Freemason there, and the issues of his joining any Lodge under a Grand Jurisdiction in amity with the GLofR are, according to the Constitution of the GLofR and its General Regulations, a personal affair of D. Denisov and the Grand Lodges referred to. In case of his discord

with such a resolution of the Court, V. Djanguiryran was offered an opportunity to set this move before the Assembly of the GLofR, from which he refrained.

This resolution of the Court was acclaimed by the representatives of most of the Lodges. And by the majority of the Grand Officers, however this really looked like a case of blatant disloyalty personally to the Grand Commander, SC, AASR, A. Trubetskoy (Koshmarov).

During the communications of the Supreme Council, AASR, the plans were started to be designed to replace the disagreeing Grand Officers. However, the fact that the disagreeing Officers comprised the vast majority of members was keeping the pressure back. Anyway A. Krauter reportedly accused the Grand Secretary, GLofR, V. Nikitin and his family of connections with Satanic organizations, with physical violence, criminal procedures against him, and dismissal from profane job.

V. Djanguiryran openly declared the following: “We can violate any and every Regulation and Constitution, for the crisis connected with the previous schism within the GLofR and the separation of the Russian Regular Grand Lodge” (group of Vladimir Lopukhim) made us sure that no one in the world is going to pay any attention to this.

From the part of A. Trubetskoy’s coup group, declarations were repeatedly uttered in order to start inter-confessional discords among the Brethren. The Grand Master in fact refused to install Bro. Taras Cherniyenko as the Worshipful Master of the Brotherly Love Lodge on the premises of his Muslim faith.

A Trubetskoy (Koshmarov), V. Djanguiryran, and A. Krauter developed the following scheme: the Grand Master would establish several new Lodges (at least five) to achieve the voting majority at the Assembly of the Grand Lodge of Russia and thus dismiss the Grand Officers who are not loyal to the Supreme Council, AASR. The replacement of the Grand Officers was planned to be executed at a closed Assembly in late May.

The right of the Grand Master to create Lodges belongs to him in accordance with the Ancient Landmarks and the General Regulations of the GLofR and may not be disputed. However, the procedure of installation of a Lodge is rather complicated. The articles of the General Regulations and the traditions of the Universal Fraternity and the GLofR require that, in order to establish and install a new Lodge, the Grand Master had to be petitioned by at least 7 Brethren Master Masons via the Grand Secretary. A new Lodge may not be established without a ritual installation meeting of the Grand Lodge. The installation of a Lodge has to be preceded by the collection of membership and installation fees later stored and kept by the Grand Treasurer. Neither of these prerequisites was observed by V. Djanguiryran or planned to be observed by the Koshmarov coup group.

The visitations of Western Masonic delegates to Russia on June 17, 2006, were meant, to “legalize” the changes in the perspective of the world Masonic community.

All the problems came to light that have been semi-obscure during the two preceding years. The model of the “ideal” Grand Lodge became absolutely clear and obvious to the Brethren. The present-day Brethren of the Grand Lodge are, for the Supreme Council, AASR, using the international relations of the Masonry of symbolic degrees, only decorations and crowd scene.

The style of V. Djanguiryran’s administration includes demagoguery, obscurity, constant changing his position, unwillingness and lack of ability to come up to any and every agreement entered. In fact, the functions of V. Djanguiryran as the Grand Master came down to represent the GLoFR at international meeting and sign all the documents prepared for him by the Supreme Council, AASR. Also numerous were the cases of documents’ forgery and backdating. For example, the decree dismissing Bro. Frank Fall from the position of the Assistant Grand Secretary, GLoFR, was signed in March, 2006 and backdated November, 2005.

On January 28, 2006, a consultative informal meeting of Worshipful Masters and Grand Officers was called by the Deputy Grand Master R. Gorodnitskiy and attended by the absolute majority of the voting Grand Lodge members – around 40 members out of 62. At this meeting, the Brethren expressed their concern as to the situation as unfolding them. Despite the fact that the meeting was of informal nature, V. Djanguiryran accuse the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, the Grand Treasurer and other Grand Officers of establishing an alternative administration system.

On March, 2006, the Supreme Council, AASR, started the realization of its program to suppress all the disagreeing members. On March 29, 2006, the Grand Master addressed the Grand Officers’ Council with the move to dismiss V.W. Bro. V. Nikitin from the position of the Grand Secretary. V. Nikitin was accused by V. Djanguiryran and A. Kondyakov of unsanctioned contacts and international defamation of the Novocom company. The voting taken did not support this move and even provoked negative reaction of the GOC. The Council studied the issue and stated that, because the Grand Secretary is a member of the Masonic Court of Honor, the move to dismiss him has to be

discussed at the Assembly of the GLoFR, according to the General Regulations of the GLoFR.

In March and April, R. Gorodnitskiy made a private trip to the UK. This trip also turned out to serve as premises for his accusation of disloyalty to the Grand Commander. The A. Trubetskoy’s coup group again sent a letter containing false data as to the membership of the Grand Lodge, this time, to the Grand Master, UGLE, HRH The Duke of Kent. The dismissal of the Grand Secretary, UGLE, was interpreted by the A. Trubetskoy’s coup group as being the result of their letter and serving as a carte blanche for the Russian Supreme Council, AASR, to act more actively.

In early April, at the order of A. Krauter, R. Gorodnitskiy’s personal private mailbox at romangor@yandex.ru was attacked and violated. From this mailbox, his private correspondence with the Assistant Grand Secretary, GLoFR. Frank Fall was stolen.

Referring to anonymous sources and after considerable distortion of the text of the letters through the incorrect back-translation from English into Russian, these letters were presented to R. Gorodnitskiy together with new accusations of trespassing, the principles of Masonic ethics, threats of expulsion from the Order and starting a criminal procedure against R. Gorodnitskiy. A. Kondyakov had repeatedly said to R. Gorodnitskiy and V. Nikitin, that, according to his sources, they were both British spies and would be imprisoned. A. Krauter, in his private and telephone talks used to cite Masonic and private letters by R. Gorodnitskiy which finally testified for his active role in stealing the correspondence from the attacked mailbox. Therefore the private correspondence appeared to serve as a pressure instrument used for personal defamation.

The situation was still aggravated by the disastrous state of financing of the Grand Lodge. V. Djanguiryan had been persistently establishing the alternative and secret system of financing, which also was of no avail. Both inside and outside the GLofR, the information had been spread concerning the decisive financial participation of the Novocom company in the GLofR budget. This information is far from being accurate. This participation used to be decisive only during the single short period of time, precisely from mid-2002 (70% of the budget) to mid-2003 (around 40% of the budget). The financial participation of the Novocom company in the affairs of the GLofR had after that time persistently decreased resulting in mid-2004 in complete stoppage of financing. In 2005, the lease debt of the Temple had been continuously growing comprising over 10 months' liability. Since 2004, the works were ceased to establish new Lodges on the Russian territory as well as the support of new regional Lodges. V. Djanguiryan had not once visited any Lodge outside Moscow during the whole term of his occupying the position of the Grand Master, GLofR, except for the two trips made by him a couple of months before the Assembly when V. Djanguiryan felt the dire necessity of regional support. Meanwhile, the Novocom company had effectively blocked any opportunity to search for alternative financing sources considering their possible appearance a threat to Novocom's total control over the activities of the GLofR.

In order to finally set the financial routes outside the control of the Grand Officer's Council, the Grand Master signed on April 14, 2006, the draft decree dictated to him by

the Grand Commander and dismissing the Grand Treasurer from the fee-gathering capacity and empowering A. Krauter to gather all the dues and fees. By that time, due to A. Krauter's financial manipulations, the volume of dues and fees passing through the Grand Treasury had already reduced 5 times.

The decree setting forth the new order of fees gathering invoked a squall of Brethren's indignation. The problem of dependent Grand Mastership and decisive roll of the Supreme Council, AASR, and its Grand Commander had never produced such tension with the Grand Lodge of Russia or displayed so acutely.

On April 16, 2006, the Masonic Court of Honor, GLofR, namely, R. Gorodnitskiy, V. Nikitin, and A. Serkov, the Grand Orator, GLofR, univocally voted for dismissing A. Krauter from all and every Masonic position and rank, including the rank of the Senior

Grand Warden. The reasons of this resolution were declared and set forth in the Court's summons, and this resolution was also supported by the information of A. Krauter's failing to return large sums borrowed from the Brethren. Also he had repeatedly expelled many Brethren from the Under Three Crowns Lodge No 22, where he had been the Worshipful Master, when these Brethren refused to lend money for the development of Russian Freemasonry, as phrased by A. Krauter. Also A. Krauter demanded from the Brethren later expelled from the Order large sums of money (several tens of thousand USD) as his private loans. However, the reason of his dismissal was his unlawful acting as the Grand Treasurer.

The resolution concerning A. Krauter invoked suddenly fierce reaction by Novocom. V. Nikitin, R. Gorodnitskiy were approached with threats of physical violence. A. Trubetskoy exerted his influence to arrange expulsion of V, Nikitin from his profane job. A. Kondyakov insulted the members of the Masonic Court of Honor by way of obscene invectives (hardly worthy and capable of translating into English –Translator.). He also declared while speaking to R. Gorodnitskiy: “We’ll find a criminal code article we need, you seem to have had lots of different things happening in your life”. Describing as an example one of the Brethren, A. Kondyakov said that had his kidneys beaten off and noted: “You also have kidneys, don’t you?”

The Grand Commander A. Trubetskoy (Koshmarov), when meeting the Deputy Grand Master, demanded his resignation. A. Kondyakov said that R. Gorodnitskiy could not retain his position by coming up to three their conditions at once: 1) to publicly support the dismissal of V. Nikitin from the position of Grand Secretary; 2) to publicly apologize before A. Krauter and recall the resolution made by the Masonic Court of Honor; 3) to sign any letter written by A. Kondyakov to the Grand Secretary, UGLE. R. Gorodnitskiy refused.

V. Djanguiryan met V. Nikitin and demanded his resignation under the threat of expulsion from the Order and a lot of problems created in his profane professional activity. Also V. Djanguiryan said nothing depended on his will, for all had been decided previously by the Grand Commander. By that time, 4 out of 19 Grand Officers supported

the Grand Commander. The Grand Commander declared that the remaining 15 Grand Officers would leave their positions on May 29.

In late April, early May 2006, the Grand Master signed a series of openly unlawful decrees concerning the dismissal of the President of the Masonic Court of Honor, the Deputy Grand Master R. Gorodnitskiy, the member of the Masonic Court of Honor V. Nikitin, the suspension of the activities of the Masonic Court of Honor, of cancellation of several resolutions of the Masonic Court of Honor. This was made secretly, because it was obvious that thus signed decrees would never pass any Grand Lodge committee. The general Regulations of the GLoFR are quite plain and direct such actions to the privileges of the Assembly of the GLoFR.

The Grand Commander A. Trubetskoy (Koshmarov) met several Grand Officers of the GLoFR to again unveil to them the plans to install five new Lodges in order to change the voting prospective layout inside the Grand Lodge. No conditions or prerequisites were observed while creating these new Lodges, including the petitions of the Brethren and the membership growth with the existing Lodges.

Also, a new series of threats was voiced by A. Trubetskoy (Koshmarov) and A. Kondyakov and addressed mainly to the Deputy Grand Master R. Gorodnitskiy and the Grand Secretary V. Nikitin. The Worshipful Masters of the Lodges were approached with the demand to pass the membership dues and fees no directly to the Grand Commander.

On May 14, 2006, there was again an informal meeting of Worshipful Masters and Grand Officers, GLoFR, where the vast majority of those present expressed the will to start the procedure of reelection of the Grand Master and practically execute the separation of the Grand Lodge and the Supreme Council, AASR.

The Assembly of the Grand Lodge had been set for May 29, 2006. Before the start of the Assembly, the Temple building had been surrounded by a militia special force group however never interfering into the events taking place. The representatives of the Supreme Council, AASR, in fact admitted their organizing the militia presence during the event. V. Djanguiryan addressed the Brethren gathered with the threats connecting the appearance of the law enforcement group to the results of opposing the policies of the Grand Commander A. Trubetskoy (Koshmarov) and the Novocom company.

The Assembly started with double parallel registration procedures, one of them being conducted in accordance with the resolution of the Grand Officers' Council by the Grand Secretary V. Nikitin, and the other, in accordance with the order of A. Kondyakov, by the Grand Archivist S. Karpachev.

During the registration, the voting layout became evident. The registration at the Grand Secretary's table comprised the list of adherents of limiting the influence of the Supreme Council, AASR, There were 47 Grand Officers and representatives of separate Lodges in this list. In the other registration list, there were 35 participants of the Assembly,

including the so-called "delegates" of 5 instantly and illegally created Lodges entered in this list at the order of the A. Trubetskoy coup group in order to manipulate the voting, together with several people who were completely unknown to the Brethren.

Under such circumstances, the Assembly could not be opened in accordance with the ritual and due procedure and therefore proceeded in the form of free discussion. This discussion demonstrated absolutely clearly that the majority of the Brethren support Brother Roman Gorodnitskiy and perceive him as the leader of the Grand Lodge. The discussion was taped through, and after due technical processing, the text will be translated into English and become available for all Brethren

A. Kondyakov declared that the replacement of the Grand Master was categorically out of question because it would result in the withdrawal of Grand Lodge recognition by foreign jurisdictions, and he even refused to discuss this issue any more. The majority of the Brethren considered that it was the intention of A. Kondyakov to manipulate the voting at the Assembly that was threatening the Grand Lodge's recognized status.

The members of the Grand Lodge signed the petition to dismiss V. Djanguiryan, however, during the discussion, acclaimed was another suggestion, that is, to reduce the terms of office for the Grand Master and all Grand Officers to one year.

The former Grand Master V. Djanguiryan and the Novocom company received the support of the following Grand Officers of the GLoFR – Assistant Grand Masters M. Mneyan and A. Kondyakov, A. Krauter dismissed from the position of the Senior Grand Warden on April 16, the Grand Archivist S. Karpachev and the Grand Inner Guard V. Katushonok.

The other Grand Officers supported R. Gorodnitskiy, namely the Junior Grand Warden Ja. Kirsanov, The Grand Orator A. Serkov, the Grand Secretary V. Nikitin, the Grand Treasurer V. Kulikov, the Senior Grand Deacon E. Kuzmishin, the Grand Standard Bearer Bro. A. Arapov.

The Lodge voting layout was as follows:

Harmony Lodge No 1 - supported R. Gorodnitskiy;

Lotus Lodge No 2 - supported R. Gorodnitskiy;

Astrea-Cosmos Lodge No 3 (St. Petersburg) – ceased to exist in 2001. V. Djanguiryan presented as its Worshipful Master A. Poddubniy, a Brother who had been a Fellowcraft several weeks before this meeting. This Lodge did not have seven Brethren to comprise its quorum;

Gamayoun Lodge No 4 (Voronezh) – supported R. Gorodnitskiy;

Aurora Lodge No 5 - supported R. Gorodnitskiy;

Polar Star Lodge No 6 (Archangelsk) – was not present at the Assembly, in fact ceased to exist;

Jupiter Lodge No 7 – supported the Novocom party;

The Four Crowned Lodge No 8 - supported R. Gorodnitskiy;

Northern Lights Lodge No 9 (Armenian) – consists of two Brethren including M. Mneyan, supported the Novocom party;

Brotherly Love Lodge No 10 – supported the Novocom party;

Alexander Pushkin Lodge No 11 - supported R. Gorodnitskiy;

Pacific Rim Lodge No 12 (Vladivostok) – was not present at the Assembly, declared neutrality and non-interference;

Lodge No 13 – does not exist, the operation of the Three Swords Lodge under this number was terminated in 2000,

Fedor Volkov Lodge No 14 (Yaroslavl) – was not present at the Assembly, in fact ceased its operation;

Orion Lodge No 15 – was active during only one month in 2001, its operation then being terminated, and now reopened by the Grand Master several hours before the Assembly. Its delegates being the Brethren of Jupiter Lodge No 7 as presented by A. Kondyakov;

Phoenix Lodge No 16 - supported R. Gorodnitskiy;

Isis and Osiris Lodge No 17 – dissolved in November 2003, now its delegates being the Brethren of the Jupiter Lodge No 7 who were supportive of V. Djanguiryan. This Lodge had been also revived several hours before the Assembly. The Jupiter Lodge itself consisted of not more that 10 Brethren, and the 8 Brethren of the Jupiter Lodge were in fact attempting to gain threefold presence and voting capacity at the Assembly: as the representative of the Jupiter, the Orion, and the Isis and Osiris Lodges at the same time.

Valdor Lodge No 20 –also exists only on paper, registered by the Grand Lodge in 2000, never submitted any fees or dues to the budget of the GLoFR during the whole term of its existence.

Constellation Lodge No 21 – also exists only on paper, registered by the Grand Lodge in 2000, never submitted any fees or dues to the budget of the GLoFR during the whole term of its existence.

Under the Three Crowns Lodge No 22 – after the dismissal of A. Krauter as its Worshipful Master by the Masonic Court of Honor, was split in their opinions and could not form unified resolution.

Alpha and Omega Lodge No 23 (Novosibirsk) – was not present at the Assembly, ceased to exist;

White Knight Lodge No 25 – supported the members of the Masonic Court of Honor as guarantors of the Constitution and the General Regulation of the GLoFR;

The Assembly was attended by the Junior Warden, the Secretary and the Inner Guard of the **Triangle of Hiram Lodge No 26** who supported R. Gorodnitskiy, however, due to the lack of quorum, there had been no meeting of this Lodge to discuss the current situation and duly elect the delegates to the Assembly.

At the meeting on May 29, 2006, before numerous eyewitnesses and under the pressure of their majority, A. Krauter and Assistant Grand Master M. Mneyan declared their resignations (the latter recalling this his move in several days). Therefore, the vast majority of Brethren supported R. Gorodnitskiy and the move to introduce amendments into the General Regulations of the GLoFR.

However, according to the General Regulations of the GLoFR and the Ancient Landmarks of the Order, no resolutions could be accepted before the Assembly was

opened in due and ancient form, while A. Kondyakov and A. Krauter were preventing this. The Brethren proposed to start consultative reference voting having as of yet no legislative force by rather serving as an argument in further negotiations. However, at this moment, V. Djanguiryan and A. Kondyakov with several their adherents rose and left the meeting. A. Krauter remained in the Temple to prevent the further ritual procedure of the Assembly.

On May 30, 2006, the Assembly was to continue at the Belgrade Hotel, all the Brethren previously duly informed thereof. But the A. Trubetskoy's coup group organized an alternative meeting the place whereof was kept secret.

At the Assembly at the Belgrade Hotel, the resolution were voted and accepted to reduce the terms of office of the Grand Officers, the elections of the new Grand Master were conducted, and this position was taken by M.W. Bro Roman Gorodnitskiy, who was duly installed in this quality by the Past Grand Master, GLofR, M.W. Bro. Dmitriy Denisov. Out of the Grand Officers who had occupied the Grand Lodge positions before the opening of this Assembly, the newly elected Grand Master was supported by the Deputy Grand Master, the Junior Grand Warden, the Grand Orator, the Grand Secretary, the Grand Treasurer, the Senior Grand Deacon, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, the Grand Standard Bearer, the Grand Sword Bearer. The other party was supported by the Assistant Grand Masters A. Kondyakov and M. Mneyan, the Grand Archivist and the Grand Inner Guard.

The separate Lodge voting layout has preserved in every detail and had not been changed in any part. Full video recording was made during the Assembly, including the elections and the installation of the new Grand Master, the tape whereof will be sent to all Brethren for them to be sure that everything had been done in accordance with Masonic principles and Ancient Landmarks.

The new Grand Officers were appointed as stated in their hierarchical list sent by circular letter on May 31, 2006. The Grand Secretary was reappointed V. Nikitin, the Grand Treasurer was reelected V. Kulikov.

As a response measure, under the pressure from the part of the Grand Commander, the former Grand Master V. Djanguiryan read the resolutions of expelling R. Gorodnitskiy and V. Nikitin from the Order and suspension of the regular Masonic membership of all the Brethren who supported the amendments. Therefore the Masonic regular status of over 70% of the members of the GLofR was suspended, although the documents sent out as issued by the former Grand Master contain crude and unprecedented lie, namely, the reference to the hypothetic and legendary list of all members and the statement that only 10 to 15% of the GLofR Brethren supported the amendments.

V. Djanguiryan, under the pressure of the A. Trubetskoy's coup group, also read the resolutions implying the dismissal from all the ranks and positions within the GLofR and the suspension of regular Masonic status of the leading historian Andrey Serkov, a person of world renown, whose books earned him a place in the hall of fame of world history

science, the author of the full biography dictionary of Russian Freemasons of the last three centuries. (At the Assembly on May 30, A. Serkov was installed as the Assistant Grand Master of the GLofR by R. Gorodnitskiy instead of A. Kondyakov). The Novocom group also arranged the dismissal from all the ranks and positions within the GLofR and the suspension of regular Masonic status of Brother Evguenii Kuzmishin, the translator into Russian of Albert Pike's "Morals and Dogma", the rituals of Emulation degrees, the Royal Arch degree, the Scottish Rite degrees, and many other classic

Masonic works, as well as editor of the previously translated rituals. (At the Assembly on May 30, E. Kuzmishin was installed as the Deputy Grand Secretary of the GLofR by R. Gorodnitskiy).

It is worthy of notice that the pseudo-degrees signed by V. Djanguiryan and other letters of this sort are prepared within the Novocom company. The electronic document requisites of the files sent out list the Novocom company as "Author". The faxes are sent from the fax machine registered with Novocom, and all the message data are never even hidden, while V. Djanguiryan is being widely proclaimed as independent from the Supreme Council, AASR.

It has been announced that the works of the Harmony Lodge have been terminated, this Lodge bearing the No 1, and being the bearer of the French warrant and installed by the GLNF in 1992, the first regular Worshipful Lodge on the Russian soil. Even the tone of the attempts to make these decisions legalized, the style of the documents testify for the authors' adherence to implacability trend, anger, and the will to pretend to totally control the situation without taking into consideration any aspect whatsoever.

In April and May, 2006, at the order of A. Kondyakov, the invitations were sent out concerning the Assembly of the Grand Lodge of Russia on June 17, 2006. Such an Assembly had been viewed as a means of legalizing through the presence of international Masonic visitors of the irregular and violating the General regulations of the GLofR activities of the A. Trubetskoy's coup group.

At present, under these circumstances of evident crisis, temporary loss of peace, harmony and accord within the Russian Masonry, the Grand Officers' Council does not consider it possible to conduct this Assembly and resolved to cancel it altogether. We are sorry to inform the Brethren of our fraternal jurisdictions on such a short notice, but the reasons for this our decision are grave and objective. Those Brethren who are going to come Russia at this time, are gladly awaited at the special communication of the Harmony Lodge No 1 on June 17, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. at the Belgrade Hotel.

In providing further details of the current situation, we would also like to draw your attention to another aspect. According to the legislation of the Russian Federation, the GLofR executes its activities within the framework of a non-profit partnership legally including all and every willing and duly initiated Brethren.

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At present, the authority to use this intellectual property rests exclusively with M.W. Bro. R. Gorodnitskiy and W. Bro. V. Nikitin. Any attempts of unauthorized third persons to use the above-mentioned intellectual property are going to be opposed and prevented by all legal means including court procedures.

We are hoping for the will of the Brethren to finally gain some understanding of the current situations within the GLofR, for Fraternal tolerance and strict following the Masonic customs and traditions, the Constitutions and Regulations of the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons. We are ready to present any additional information, including audio-and video carriers. In case of any questions please feel free and do not hesitate to contact us. We believe that a really sovereign and independent, free from any influence of the Supreme Council, AASR, or any other Masonic authority, Grand Lodge of Russia will continue its trestle board designed by the Great Architect of the Universe.

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By the decision of the Grand Master R. Gorodnitskiy, the right to officially speak for the Grand Lodge of Russia also belongs to the Past Grand Master of the same Dmitriy Denison, the Chairman of the Committee for Fraternal relations of the GLofR.

Made at the Orient of the City of Moscow

June 05, 2006

Sincerely and fraternally,

Roman Gorodnitskiy
Grand Master

Vladimir Nikitin
Grand Secretary

Wills and Endowments

As I reported last year that without a Grand Lodge publication going out to the membership, the only means of conveying such requests is verbally. This has been done in the past years by Grand Lodge Officers when making their annual visitation to the Lodges. The proposed Strategic Plan for the Grand Lodge recommends the publication of a Grand Lodge newsletter quarterly by April 1, 2007. This would be the vehicle used to urge members to support the Grand Lodge thru the members wills and endowments. It

should be noted that there would be no budgeted expense in using an advertisement in the Light from the Great Land.

Respectively Submitted,

MW Ken Stedman PGM Chairman

Long-Range Planning

Notes from July 24, 2006 Conference

On July 24, 2006, the members of the Long-Range Planning Committee met to continue the Strategic Planning services. Members present include:

MW Marvin B. Fitzpatrick
RW Samuel K. Medsker
RW John R. "Bo" Cline
RW Jerry Wasson
W Douglas C. Teninty (ad hoc member)

At this meeting the participants pursued the following agenda:

- Review minutes from last meeting
 - Review action items
 - Establish Action Plans for each Objective
1. Minutes of the May 10, 2006 meeting attached (none attached per typist)
 2. Action Items (from 3/24 meeting)
Each member of the Long-Range Planning Committee to review the Draft Strategic Plan and propose Action Plan for each Strategic Imperative.
 3. Establish Action Plans for each Objective:
The committee members reviewed the draft Action Plans created for the FINANCES Objectives and accepted it with minor modifications. They then proceeded to create Action Plans for the remaining Strategic Imperatives. The following are the Action Plans agreed on for the six Strategic Imperatives.

Imperative: Action Plans:

1. Finances The following actions are to be completed within the first 12 months:

The Finance Committee shall evaluate our current investment strategy and compare it with successful strategies used by other non-profit organizations. They shall prepare a report of their finding with recommendations on changes in our investments which will achieve great yields June 1, 2007.

The Fund Raising Committee shall investigate ‘large scale’ fund raising activities used by other non-profit organizations and prepare a report outlining the pro and cons of the different activities April 1, 2007.

The Wills and Endowments Committee shall develop a campaign for soliciting endowments from charitable and other trusts and from individuals. They shall develop a campaign for encouraging members and non-members to include the Grand Lodge of Alaska in their wills.

The Finance Committee shall compare and contrast the Grand Lodge of Alaska’s actual expenditures for the last five years, identify all essential expenditures, identify all discretionary spending, identify who has the authority to obligate Grand Lodge funds, and identify what oversight exists. They shall explore various purchasing strategies and provide a report of their findings with recommendations on how to more cost effectively manage our budget.

The following items are to be accomplished within two years:

The Finance Committee will implement their recommended changes in the Grand Lodge investments identified in first phase of this action plan, monitor the performance, and report the same at the subsequent Annual Communication.

The Fund Raising Committee will implement a large scale fund raising initiative based on their findings in the first phase of this action plan, with a goal toward making this an annual event. The Committee will monitor the success of this activity, make recommendations for improvements each year, and report the same at the subsequent Annual Communication.

The Wills and Endowments Committee will implement their solicitation campaign strategies identified in the first phase of this action plan. The Committee will monitor the success of these activities, make recommendations for improvements each year, and report the same at the subsequent Annual Communication.

The Finance Committee will develop future budgets, which reflect their findings in the first phase of this action plan. The Committee will develop guidelines for those with the authority to obligate Grand Lodge funds and propose changes to the Alaska Masonic Code to address deficiencies they identify in the management and oversight of expenditures.

Imperative: Action Plans:

2. Long -
Range
Planning

The following actions are to be completed in the current year 2006.

The Long-Range Planning Committee will publish the first draft of the Grand Lodge of Alaska F.&A.M. Strategic Plan by October 1, 2006.

The Strategic Plan will be mailed to all constituent lodges with a cover letter signed by the Grand Master by October 15, 2006. The cover letter will ask each lodge to review the plan and submit recommended changes by December 1, 2006. The Long-Range Planning Committee will review recommendations from the lodges, incorporating those that will improve the plan. An appendix will be created listing all recommendations identifying the submitting lodge and noting those implemented and not implemented. The review of lodge submission will be completed by January 1, 2007.

The Strategic Plan as modified will be presented at the 2007 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alaska for adoption.

The following actions are to be completed annually.

During each May, commencing in 2007, the Long-Range Planning Committee will review the Strategic Plan to decide what updates are needed. The plan with committee revisions will be sent to all lodges with a cover letter signed by the Grand Master by June 1st of each year. Recommended changes submitted by lodges to be received by the Long-Range Planning Committee by September 1st of each year. The Long-Range Planning Committee will review the submitted recommendations from the lodges, incorporating those that improve the plan. An appendix will be created listing all recommendations identifying the submitting lodge and noting those implemented and those not implemented. The review of lodge submission will be completed by January 1 of each subsequent year.

Imperative: Action Plans:

3. Masonic
Education

The following actions are to be completed within the first 12 months:

The Research and Education Committee shall evaluate the training programs used by our Grand Lodge and compare them with those used by various other Grand Jurisdictions, including training for New Masons, Lodge Officers, District Deputies, and General Membership. They shall prepare a report of their findings with recommendations on new training initiatives to be developed by Grand Lodge by May 1, 2007.

The Research and Education Committee shall establish expected specific outcomes of each of the training initiatives defined above. They shall develop training plans for each of the training initiatives, which include scope of training, training syllabus, and resources needed by September 15, 2007.

The Research and Education Committee shall develop a database of speakers, instructors, sources of educational materials, programs, and suggested methods of presentations. They will publish this information for use by the constituent lodges by June 30, 2007.

The Grand Orator, Lecturer, and Historian shall prepare a presentation on a Masonic Education topic of their choosing and provide the same to the constituent lodges by June 1, 2007.

The following actions are to be accomplished within two years:

The Research and Education Committee shall prepare a schedule of training initiatives developed in phase one of this plan and ensure implementation of this training by January 1, 2008.

The Research and Education Committee shall update their databases of speakers, instructors, sources of educational materials, programs, and suggested methods of presentations and republish this information for use by the constituent lodges annual by the first Thursday in February.

The Grand Orator, Lecturer, and Historian shall annually prepare a presentation on a Masonic Education topic of their choosing and provide the same to the constituent lodges by June 1.

Imperative: Action Plans:

4. Masonic Youth The following actions are to be completed within the first 12 months

Appoint four (4) Special Deputies of the Grand Master, to coordinate youth activities and programs for the Grand Lodge of Alaska. There will be one deputy for Southeast Alaska, one for the Kenai Peninsula, one for the Anchorage/Matanuska Valley, and one for Interior Alaska by February 2, 2007. At a future time, a resolution may be submitted to make these deputies a permanent office in the AMC.

The Masonic Youth Committee (Special Deputies) shall develop an information pamphlet extolling the positive aspects of sponsoring a youth group or groups by September 1, 2007. This pamphlet will be given to all Master Masons.

The Masonic Youth Committee (Special Deputies) shall encourage constituent lodges to provide adult leaders and a safe environment for Masonic Youth to meet.

The Masonic Youth Committee (Special Deputies) shall develop fund raising guidelines and suggestions by December 1, 2007.

The Masonic Youth Committee (Special Deputies) will provide a report of the success of their activities and provide recommendations for improvement.

The following actions are to be accomplished within two years:

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Imperative: Action Plans:

5. Communication The following actions are to be completed within the first 12 months

The Grand Secretary shall provide a report of the current methods and frequency of communications within and without our Grand Jurisdiction and make recommendations for improvement by April 1, 2007.

The name of the Internet and Publications Committee shall be changed to the Internet Committee and shall evaluate the current design of the Grand Lodge web page(s) with an objective to upgrade and improve its presentation and usefulness by June 1, 2007.

The Internet Committee shall coordinate with the Grand Secretary to implement his recommended changes to the Grand Lodge web site by September 1, 2007.

A Trestle Board Committee shall be appointed and charged with editing and publishing the Grand Lodge newsletter ("Light from the Great Land") by April 1, 2007; July 1, 2007; October 1, 2007; and January 1, 2008.

The following items are to be accomplished within two years:

The Grand Secretary shall monitor the improvement to communications implemented in phase one of this plan.

The Internet Committee shall perform outreach to promote and encourage use of the Grand Lodge Web Site for gathering and sharing information within the Grand Lodge of Alaska.

The Trestle Board Committee shall solicit articles and publish the Grand Lodge newsletter (“Light from the Great Land”) quarterly.

Imperative: Action Plans:

6. Lodge
Renewal

The following actions are to be completed within the first 12 months

Establish a Lodge Renewal Committee and charge them with developing guidelines and information on resources for the constituent lodges by February 2, 2007.

The Lodge Renewal Committee shall research and develop a database of available Publications and Resources to promote successful Lodge Renewal programs by June 21, 2007.

The Lodge Renewal Committee shall establish a set of guidelines to assist the constituent Lodges in their Lodge Renewal programs by September 1, 2007.

The Masonic Public Relations Committee shall develop a program to promote Freemasonry to the Non-Masonic community by September 1, 2007.

The following items are to be accomplished within two years:

The Lodge Renewal Committee shall develop and implement a program to promote Lodge Renewal programs within our constituent Lodges. They shall perform outreach to our Lodges, monitor Lodge Renewal activities, and report on the same at subsequent Annual Communications.

The Masonic Public Relations Committee shall implement their program of community outreach, monitor its success, and report on the same at subsequent Annual Communications.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Long-Range Planning Committee TBD. The agenda for that meeting is to:

1. Review the minutes of the previous meeting
2. Review the action plans
3. Finalize the draft of the Strategic Plan

4. Establish proposals for distributing and soliciting comments to the draft Strategic Plan

Action Plans:

Each member of the Long-Range Planning Committee to review the Draft Strategic Plan for typos and consistency.

Grand Lodge of F&AM of Alaska Strategic Plan 2007 – 20XX

Draft - 7/24/2006

Background:

Realizing that the Grand Lodge of Alaska was suffering from the lack of a clear statement of its purpose and a clear vision of its future direction, Grand Master Marvin B. Fitzpatrick took as one of his major initiatives the establishment of a Strategic Plan for the Grand Lodge and charged his Long-Range Planning Committee with the development of that plan.

During the initial meeting of the Long-Range Planning Committee, the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Elected Officers developed a statement which clearly defined the purpose of the Grand Lodge of Alaska. The following “*Mission Statement*” is the result of their efforts:

“The Grand Lodge of Alaska is a Masonic fraternity of moral and honest men, promoting fellowship and providing leadership within our communities.”

This “*Mission Statement*” is based on enduring “*Values*” which exist within the Grand Lodge of Alaska and Freemasonry as a whole. These “*Values*” include:

- Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth
- Honesty, Integrity, and Morality
- Family and Community Involvement
- Fellowship
- Leadership
- Belief in *God*

Armed with the “*Mission Statement*”, the committee proceeded to define a “*Vision*” for the Grand Lodge of Alaska and all its Constituent Lodges for the next four or five years and on into the future. The Grand Master and Elected Grand Lodge Officers define the “*Vision*” as:

“Alaskan Freemasons are a respected fraternity comprised of men with high moral character who make a positive difference in their community and the lives of their fellowman.”

Strategic Imperatives (*what needs to be improved*) were chosen as the drivers of the Grand Lodge’s Strategic Plan. The six **Strategic Imperatives** delineated below were selected to be those drivers:

1. Finances

2. Long-Range Planning

3. Masonic Education

4. Masonic Youth

5. Communication

6. Lodge Renewal

Each of these imperatives has a defined set of organizational goals and objectives and each objective has a set of specific action plans associated with it.

Strategic Imperatives:

Each of the six Strategic Imperatives is critical to achieving the “*Vision*” of the Grand Lodge of Alaska.

1. Finances

Scope: The total number of Masons enrolled in the Grand Lodge of Alaska between 1997 and 2005 decreased by nearly 5% in spite of the absorption of members from Ketchikan, Juneau, and Petersburg Lodges during the intervening years. These Lodges were previously in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Washington. Currently the Grand Lodge of Alaska’s only secure sources of income are the annual returns on our investments (interest and dividends) and per capita dues paid by each constituent Lodge.

As our membership has declined (despite the expected increase due to the absorption of the three Washington Lodges) our expenses have increased precipitously. The per capita income has remained relatively stable over the past eight years, while the investment income reported has fluctuated dramatically. The Grand Lodge of Alaska attempted to stabilize our investment income this past year; however we have not developed any plans

to stem the increase in our expenditures nor to provide reimbursement for the significant contributions made by individual members in their time and resources.

Goal: The Grand Lodge of Alaska must develop a strategy to either increase its revenue stream or cut its expenses or both in order to remain a viable entity. We must do this without picking our own member's pockets.

Objectives:

1. **Investment Strategy:** Evaluate our current investment strategy and explore ways to increase our investment income. Review strategies used by successful non-profit organizations and borrow their ideas. Develop a plan to establish a substantial endowment, which will sustain the Grand Lodge.
2. **Fundraising Strategy:** Develop a set of guidelines for fundraising, which will identify various fundraising strategies, define the steps necessary for establishing a successful fundraising campaign, and which may be adopted for use by our Constituent Lodges. Develop a recurring large scale fundraising campaign, which the Grand Lodge will manage on an annual basis.
3. **Expense Reduction Strategy:** Review our current Grand Lodge expenditures and identify areas where economies might be realized. Explore various purchasing strategies with cost reduction in mind. Survey the membership to identify those who would be willing to donate supplies and services.

Actions Plans:

The following actions are to be completed within the first 12 months:

- The Finance Committee shall evaluate our current investment strategy and compare it with successful strategies used by other non-profit organizations. They shall prepare a report of their findings with recommendations on changes in our investments which will achieve greater yields June 1, 2007.
- The Fund Raising Committee shall investigate 'large scale' fund raising activities used by other non-profit organizations and prepare a report outlining the pros and cons of the different activities April 1, 2007.
- The Wills and Endowments Committee shall develop a campaign for soliciting endowments from charitable and other trusts and from individuals. They shall develop a campaign for encouraging members and non-members to include the Grand Lodge of Alaska in their wills.
- The Finance Committee shall compare and contrast the Grand Lodge of Alaska's actual expenditures for the last five years, identify all essential expenditures, identify all discretionary spending, identify who has the authority to obligate Grand Lodge funds, and identify what oversight exists. They shall explore various purchasing strategies and provide a report of their findings with recommendations on how to more cost effectively manage our budget.

The following items are to be accomplished within two years:

- The Finance Committee will implement their recommended changes in the Grand Lodge investments identified in the first phase of this action plan, monitor the performance, and report the same at the subsequent Annual Communication.
- The Fund Raising Committee will implement a large scale fund raising initiative based on their findings in the first phase of this action plan, with a goal toward making this an annual event. The Committee will monitor the success of this activity, make recommendations for improvements each year, and report the same at the subsequent Annual Communication.
- The Wills and Endowments Committee will implement their solicitation campaign strategies identified in the first phase of this action plan. The Committee will monitor the success of these activities make recommendations for improvements each year, and report the same at the subsequent Annual Communication.
- The Finance Committee will develop future budgets, which reflect their findings in the first phase of this action plan. The Committee will develop guidelines for those with the authority to obligate Grand Lodge funds and propose changes to the Alaska Masonic Code to address deficiencies they identify in the management and oversight of expenditures.

2. Long-Range Planning

Scope: The Grand Lodge of Alaska is currently in the midst of a strategic planning initiative. We must stay the course and incorporate strategic planning into our way of doing business, now and into the future.

In 1990, a report to the Annual Conference of Grand Masters outlined an important task that called for a series of strategic planning conferences to develop a blueprint for Freemasonry for the year 2000 and beyond. The positive aspects of strategic planning are that it:

- Clearly defines the purpose of our organization.
- Creates realistic goals and objectives consistent with our mission.
- Communicates those goals and objectives to membership.
- Develops a sense of ownership of the plan.
- Ensures the most effective use is made of our organization's resources and focuses those resources on the key priorities.
- Provides a base from which progress can be measured and establishes a method for change when needed.
- Brings together everyone's best and most reasoned efforts.

Goal: Develop a Strategic Plan, which is supported by all constituent Lodges.

Objectives:

1. Long-Range Planning Strategy: Develop a process for current and future planning within the Grand Lodge of Alaska and its constituent Lodges.

2. Promotion Strategy: Communicate goals and objectives of the Strategic Plan to Grand Lodge membership and develop a sense of ownership of the strategic plan.
3. Evaluation and Preservation Strategy: Provide a process to measure progress and promote necessary change.

Action Plans:

The following actions are to be completed in the current year 2006:

- The Long-Range Planning Committee will publish the first draft of the Grand Lodge of Alaska F.&A.M. Strategic Plan by October 1, 2006
- The Strategic Plan will be mailed to all constituent lodges with a cover letter signed by the Grand Master by October 15, 2006. The cover letter will ask each lodge to review the plan and submit recommended changes by December 1, 2006. The Long-Range Planning Committee will review recommendations from the lodges, incorporating those that improve the plan. An appendix will be created listing all recommendations identifying the submitting lodge and noting those implemented and those not implemented. The review of lodge submissions will be completed by January 1, 2007
- The Strategic Plan as modified will be presented at the 2007 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alaska for adoption.
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The following actions are to be completed annually:

- During each May, commencing in 2007, the Long-Range Planning Committee will review the Strategic Plan to decide what updates are needed. The plan with committee revisions will be sent to all lodges with cover letter signed by the Grand Master by June 1st of each year. Recommended changes submitted by lodges to be received by the Long-Range Planning Committee by September 1st of each year. The Long-Range Planning Committee will review the submitted recommendations from the lodges, incorporating those that improve the plan. An appendix will be created listing all recommendations identifying the submitting lodge and noting those implemented and those not implemented. The review of lodge submissions will be completed by January 1 of each subsequent years

3. Masonic Education

Scope: In the early 1990s the Grand Lodge of Alaska with guidance and assistance from the Grand Lodge of Oregon, implemented a set of instruction and training for Lodge officers called the Warden's Charge. This was a very successful program, which gave our Lodge officers instruction on Planning, Officer Duties, Resources, Program ideas, Networking, and Fiduciary Responsibilities. Two years ago, the Warden's Charge was replaced by a course of instruction on Leadership Development. Although, both of these programs are excellent in their own right, neither is sufficient training for our officers on

its own. Additionally, there is an absence of other training for our new Masons, our District Deputies, our Lodges, and Masons of any age.

Goal: The Grand Lodge of Alaska must develop a strategy to create Masonic education opportunities for all Masons.

Objectives:

1. **Training Program Identification:** Identify training initiatives for all Masons including New Masons, Lodge Officers, District Deputies, and General Membership. In addition to the Lodge officer training, other training initiatives should include specific training on the Alaska Masonic Code, Lodge Leadership, Long-Range Planning, etc.
2. **Training Outcomes:** Establish expected specific outcomes of each of the defined training initiatives.
3. **Training Plans:** Develop training plans for each of the training initiative, which include scope of training, training syllabus, and resources needed.
4. **Lodge Masonic Education Sources and Presentation Strategy:** Develop a database of speakers and instructors, sources of educational materials and programs, and suggested methods of presentations.
5. **Masonic Education Presentations by Grand Lodge Officers:** Develop a suggested presentation strategy for Masonic education to be sent to all Lodges for their use.

Action Plans:

The following actions are to be completed within the first 12 months:

- The Research and Education committee shall evaluate the training programs used by our Grand Lodge and compare them with those used by various other Grand Jurisdictions, including training for New Masons, Lodge Officers, District Deputies, and General Membership. They shall prepare a report of their findings with recommendations on new training initiatives to be developed by Grand Lodge by May 1, 2007
- The Research and Education committee shall establish expected specific outcomes of each of the training initiatives defined above. They shall develop training plans for each of the training initiatives, which include scope of training, training syllabus, and resources needed by September 15, 2007.
- The Research and Education committee shall develop a database of speakers, instructors, sources of educational materials, programs, and suggested methods of presentations. They will publish this information for use by the constituent lodges by June 30, 2007.
- The Grand Orator, Lecturer, and Historian shall prepare a presentation on a Masonic Education topic of their choosing and provide the same to the constituent lodges by June 1, 2007.

The following items are to be accomplished within two years:

- The Leadership Training Committee shall prepare a schedule of training initiatives developed in phase one of this plan and ensure implementation of this training by January 1, 2008.
- The Research and Education Committee shall update their database of speakers, instructors, sources of educational materials, programs, and suggested methods of presentations and republish this information for use by the constituent lodges annually by the first Thursday in February.
- The Grand Orator, Lecturer, and Historian shall annually prepare a presentation on a Masonic Education topic of their choosing and provide the same to the constituent Lodges by June 1.

4. Masonic Youth

Scope: A healthy Masonic Youth Group is indicative of a strong and vital Lodge. Unfortunately, most Masonic Youth Groups in Alaska are struggling to maintain their charters, let alone their membership. As the sponsor of DeMolay in Alaska and the founder of all Appendent and Concordant bodies, which sponsor Rainbow Girls and Jobs Daughters, it is incumbent upon the Grand Lodge of Alaska to foster and promote our Masonic Youth organizations. We can no longer sit idly on the sidelines and expect someone else to assist these organizations in growing and prospering. We need to take a proactive stance and lead by example. We are attracting more and more younger men to Masonry, men who have families with children ready for participation in our youth groups, and men who are looking for an organization that is inclusive of their family.

Goal: The Grand Lodge of Alaska must develop a strategy to encourage and assist our constituent Lodges in supporting our Masonic Youth.

Objectives:

1. **Lodge Involvement:** Encourage Master Mason support of and attendance at Masonic Youth activities. Encourage all constituent Lodges to sponsor and support at least one Youth organization. Encourage constituent Lodges to involve youth groups in Lodge programs.
2. **Safe Environment:** Provide registered adult leaders and Lodge facilities to promote a safe meeting environment for youth.
3. **Fund Raising:** Develop guidelines to assist our Youth organizations in securing funds and encourage our Lodges to provide financial support. Allow youth groups to have fund raising activities at Masonic functions and within Masonic facilities.

Action Plans:

The following actions are to be completed within the first 12 months:

- Appoint four (4) Special Deputies of the Grand Master, to coordinate youth activities and programs for the Grand Lodge of Alaska. There will be one deputy for Southeast Alaska, one for the Kenai Peninsula, one for Anchorage/Matanuska Valley, and one

for Interior Alaska by February 2, 2007. At a future time, a resolution may be submitted to make these deputies a permanent office in the AMC.

- The Masonic Youth Committee (Special Deputies) shall develop an information pamphlet extolling the positive aspects of sponsoring a youth group or groups by September 1, 2007. This pamphlet will be given to all Master Masons.
- The Masonic Youth Committee (Special Deputies) shall encourage constituent lodges to provide adult leaders and a safe environment for Masonic Youth to meet.
- The Masonic Youth Committee (Special Deputies) shall develop fund raising guidelines and suggestions, by December 1, 2007.
- The Masonic Youth Committee (Special Deputies) will provide a report of the success of their activities and provide recommendations for improvement.

The following items are to be accomplished within two years:

(Left blank for future consideration)

5. Communication

Scope: The Grand Lodge of Alaska is by-far the largest geographic jurisdiction in North America. Existing modes of communication consisting of face-to-face meetings, episodic telephone calls, and U.S. mail are not sufficient to meet our current needs of providing information to our membership and those interested in becoming Masons. Additionally, the cost to travel throughout our jurisdiction and to other jurisdictions to gather and collect information and to provide training exceeds our ability to support it.

Goal: The Grand Lodge of Alaska must use all the materials and expertise at its disposal to improve our methods of communication.

Objectives:

1. **Methods of Communication:** Evaluate the current methods and frequency the Grand Lodge uses to communicate within this jurisdiction, to other Masonic jurisdictions, and to non-Masons. Develop a strategy to expand and improve our processes of communication.
2. **Internet Strategy:** Make optimum use of the Internet to distribute and share information internally and externally and to make it easier for our members and potential members to communicate. Evaluate websites of other Grand Jurisdictions to identify and emulate best practices.

Action Plans:

The following actions are to be completed within the first 12 months:

- The Grand Secretary shall provide a report of the current methods and frequency of communication within and without our Grand Jurisdiction and make recommendations for improvement by April 1, 2007..

- The name of the Internet and Publications Committee shall be changed to the Internet Committee and shall evaluate the current design of the Grand Lodge web page(s) with an objective to upgrade and improve its presentation and usefulness by June 1, 2007.
- The Internet Committee shall coordinate with the Grand Secretary to implement his recommended changes to the Grand Lodge web site by September 1, 2007.
- A Trestle Board Committee shall be appointed and charged with editing and publishing the Grand Lodge newsletter (“Light from the Great Land”) by April 1, 2007; July 1, 2007; October 1, 2007; and January 1, 2008.

The following items are to be accomplished within two years:

- The Grand Secretary shall monitor the improvements to communications implemented in phase one of this plan.
- The Internet Committee shall perform outreach to promote and encourage use of the Grand Lodge Web Site for gathering and sharing information within the Grand Lodge of Alaska.
- The Trestle Board Committee shall solicit articles and publish the Grand Lodge newsletter (“Light from the Great Land”) quarterly.

6.Lodge Renewal

Scope: In the Twenty Five year history of the Grand Lodge of Alaska, nearly 1,000 Brothers have passed to the Celestial Lodge Above. An even more troubling number is the nearly 2,500 Brothers we have lost for being dropped for non-payment of dues or for failure to complete the degrees, during that same twenty five year period. Research conducted by the Conference of Grand Masters of North America and by various Grand Jurisdictions points to the fact Brethren are leaving our Fraternity because they are angry and frustrated that their expectations about Masonry were not being met. These men thought Masonry would be more social and that relationships formed in the Lodge would continue into the local community. What they found were tedious and unproductive meetings and Brethren who failed to demonstrate true friendliness. They felt pressured to advance through chairs or to join appendent and concordant bodies. They failed to experience the Masonic Education they expected. Lodge renewal programs have been developed to reverse this trend.

Goal: The Grand Lodge of Alaska must develop a strategy to encourage Lodge Renewal programs in our Lodges and assist their implementation.

Objectives:

1. Lodge Renewal Program: Develop a set of guidelines for constituent Lodges to assist them in their Lodge Renewal.
2. Identify Tools and Resources: Develop publications and identify sources of information on resources available.

3. Public Awareness: Develop community outreach programs and methods of publicizing Freemasonry.
4. Sell the Program: Create an atmosphere where Lodge Renewal is what we do.

Action Plans:

The following actions are to be completed within the first 12 months:

- Establish a Lodge Renewal Committee and charge them with developing guidelines and information on resources for the constituent lodges by February 2, 2007.
- The Lodge Renewal Committee shall research and develop a database of available Publications and Resources to promote successful Lodge Renewal programs by June 1, 2007.
- The Lodge Renewal Committee shall establish a set of guidelines to assist the constituent Lodges in their Lodge Renewal programs by September 1, 2007.
- The Masonic Public Relations Committee shall develop a program to promote Freemasonry to the Non-Masonic community by September 1, 2007.

The following items are to be accomplished within two years:

- The Lodge Renewal Committee shall develop and implement a program to promote Lodge Renewal programs within our constituent Lodges. They shall perform outreach to our Lodges, monitor Lodge Renewal activities, and report on the same at subsequent Annual Communications.
- The Masonic Public Relations Committee shall implement their program of community outreach, monitor its success, and report on the same at subsequent Annual Communications

Appendix:

Proposed training initiatives

FOR NEW MASONS

1. TRIED AND PROVEN. A system of Masonic instruction already used successfully in many lodges. Available from MSA, catalog #254 (\$3.00)
2. MASONIC NIGHTS AT THE ROUND TABLE. To get the Brethren in every lodge at every meeting talking about the meaning of Freemasonry, discussing its mysteries and privileges – learning their Craft (Grand Lodge of Ontario).
3. NEW MASONS FORUM. A series of discussion groups designed to give New Masons a voice, to learn from them what their definition of Masonry is, what their expectations of Masonry are, and to learn where they would like to take our fraternity in the future.

FOR LODGE OFFICERS

1. LODGE OFFICER TRAINING. Training whose topics consist of:
 - a. Planning
 - b. Officer Duties
 - c. Resources
 - d. Program ideas
 - e. Networking
 - f. Fiduciary Responsibilities
2. LEADERSHIP TRAINING

FOR ALL MASONS

1. LODGE OF INSTRUCTION
2. ALASKA MASONIC CODE

FOR DISTRICT DEPUTIES

1. DISTRICT DEPUTY TRAINING

FOR LODGES

1. LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Additional Notes on Masonic Education:

Re: Training Program Identification:

Attack this from top and bottom New Masons with educational challenges, and Lodge officers relative to their obligations as a Lodge officer.

- A. New Masons: Develop an outline of training options for the use of constituent lodges which provide encouragement and inspiration to new Masons. These programs designed to foster continued study and research, but leave open the choice of subject to the individual Brother.
- B. Lodge Officers:
 - 1.) Provide educational materials to all Lodges on duties and responsibilities of each officer under his particular obligation in his office.
 - 2.) Provide outline of expectations of each officer, leaving space for each Lodge to adjust to their individual protocols.
- C. District Deputies; sell the program to them and make them responsible for its Propagation in the Lodges. (possibly we should have a DD training seminar the day after Grand Lodge)?

Re: Training Outcomes:

- A. New Masons, should be encouraged to participate in degree work and to learn and understand the ritualistic significance.
- B. Lodge officers should gain greater confidence and understanding of their duties

- C. District Deputies, should be facilitators and encourages of these programs.
The end result of this program would be new Masons who are inspired to study, who desire to understand the deeper secrets of Masonry; Lodge officers who are proficient and responsible in their duties; District Deputies who are facilitators: and Lodges that are strong and growing, while making better Masons for the future.

Re: Training Plans:

- A. Encourage study and research by new Masons, encourage them to participate and make presentations at lodge meetings.
- B. Begin with each officers obligation when installed, expand on “Officers Handbook”, and Monitor.
- C. Sell to District Deputies

Re: Lodge Masonic Education Sources and Presentation Strategy:

- A. Sources:
 - i. Masonic Library and Museum
 - ii. Grand Lodge office, through DDs
- B. Speakers:
Grand Lodge develop list of speakers, District Deputies be informed of speakers in their area. Lodges inform District Deputies of worthwhile speakers and presentations they have at their lodges.
 - 1. Youth groups
 - 2. Other concordant organizations, (these should not be sales pitches)

Invite Ladies, Wives, family, and guests to appropriate presentations.

Grand Lodge participation; suggestion that the Grand lecturer, Orator, and Historian on a monthly rotational basis Sept. thru June disseminate to all lodges a short educational dissertation. In other words, Grand Lecturer one month, the next month the Grand Orator, etc.

Notes on Lodge Renewal:

Armed with this information, the Conference of Grand Masters outlined the development of four special programs for Symbolic Lodges on Membership, Leadership, Community Outreach and Public Awareness. This program of Lodge Renewal provides tools to help Lodges focus their energy in 10 specific areas:

- 1. Program planning and preparation
- 2. New member identification
- 3. Meeting enhancements
- 4. Family involvement
- 5. Community involvement/visibility
- 6. Fundraising (for the Lodge or philanthropic)
- 7. Membership retention/utilization
- 8. Lodge promotion (publicity)

9. Lodge appearance
10. Ritual performance.

Internet & Publications

Report of the Internet Committee

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Distinguished Visitors, Brethren one and all.

During this term we have endeavored to kept the Grand Lodge of Alaska web site as current and up-to-date as possible. We have received great cooperation from most of the lodges and organizations when we call on them to provide us with the latest information for the web pages. We try to be as responsive as possible to any changes and corrections that may be needed.

I recently formed a commercial web design company and will continue maintaining the Grand Lodge of Alaska web site Pro Bono. My employee has agreed to do a redesign of many of the web pages in her spare time.

This year a hidden counter has been placed on each page. A review of the statistics reveal that many of our pages are receiving a respectable volume of web traffic. The pages are receiving hits from all over the world. We receive hits from cities and towns throughout all of the 50 US states and all of the Canadian provinces. We also receive hits from countries in Europe, Asia, South America, Africa, and Australia. It is amazing to see how much interest there is in Alaska Masonry.

We have received many positive comments about the Grand Lodge of Alaska web site.

Respectively Submitted,

MW Don Chaffin (3, 12, 16, 17) Chairman
VW William Goodwin (7, 20)
MW Stephen Cox (3, 12)
W Scott Thompson (10, 15, 17)

Report of the Publications Committee

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Distinguished Visitors, Brethren one and all.

It has been several years since we have published the Grand Lodge newsletter, Light From the Great Land. We feel that this Grand Lodge newsletter is a very useful tool that can be utilized for the Grand Master to communicate to the Brethren. We currently do

not have a person with the knowledge and skills who is willing to donate the time needed to publish this newsletter.

We have an annual budget set aside for the cost of publishing this document but until we get the right person to become the editor we will have to do without it.

If you know of anyone who can help us with this endeavor or if you would like to be the editor of this fine publication, please contact the Grand Master and make your wishes known to Grand Lodge.

Respectively Submitted,

MW Don Chaffin (3, 12, 16, 17) Chairman
VW William Goodwin (7, 20)
MW Stephen Cox (3, 12)
W Scott Thompson (10, 15, 17)

Grand Master, I ask that this report be received and made a part of the records of this Grand Lodge.

Report of Segregations and Reference Committee

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alaska, F. & A. M.

Subject: 1st Report – Segregations & Reference Committee – February 1st, 2007

We the committee on Segregations and Reference, to whom was referred the Grand Master's message, have reviewed the same and find nothing that needs to be referred to any other committee.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I move this report be received for the record.

Respectfully Submitted:

MW Henry T. Dunbar, PGM
MW L.V. "Joe" Dees, PGM
MW Harry J. Koenan, PGM

Report of Deputies of the Grand Master

District 1

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

District 2

In accordance with section 5.02 of the Alaska Masonic Code, as Deputy for District No. 2, please accept this letter as my official written report for the year 2006.

I traveled with the Grand Master and party to Mt. McKinley #5, Seward #6, Kodiak #9, Kenai #11, and Sterling #22 for Grand Master's official visit.

I made an official visit as Deputy to the Grand Master Dist #2 to Sterling Lodge #22 and spoke of fund raising for the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F.&A.M. of Alaska. I also spoke on the importance of each officer and member having an Alaska Masonic Code and familiarization of it. Membership, Alaska Masonic work, and the Grand Masters excellence award were addressed. Two of their members have moved out of state and two members have demitted.

I had an official visit to Kenai Lodge #11 where a first degree was also being conferred and after was asked for any comments I might have had. I again spoke of fund raising for the Grand Lodge of Alaska and the Grand Masters excellence award program.

I did not visit Kodiak #9 as after being in contact with their Secretary, was informed that they did not have enough brothers to open Lodge. Two of their officers have moved out of state. I was contacted by V.W. Brother Jared Decker SGW, Secretary of Kodiak #9 regarding dispensation to moved stated meetings in Oct., Nov., Dec., and Jan., from their stated meeting evenings to alternate dates to accommodate Brothers whose travel schedules conflicted with meeting nights. Kodiak has lost several members due to military transfers and need all the help they can get working with the existing members schedules.

I did not visit Seward #6, as members(with exception of 2) are also members and officers of Kenai #11. I was appointed to a special Grand Lodge Audit Committee. I audited the Treasure's and Secretary's books, investigated property holding, etc., and transferred my findings to MWGM, and V.W. V. Clifford Darnell; temporary Chairman of Jurisprudence Committee.

I did not visit Cordova upon the advice of the Grand Master.

All Lodges in District #2 were contacted regarding the number of proxies were used at last years Grand Lodge session and medallions were issued to Sterling Lodge #22. I attempted to contact Mt. McKinley Lodge #5, but received no return call or return correspondence.

I received a copy of charges filed against WB Billy Harris by VWB Robert Wiseman from the Grand Secretary, and was asked by negotiate on behalf of th Grand Lodge. The differences between these two Brothers, at this time, have been successfully worked out, but due to the personalities of each, the problems may surface again in the future. A

separate report is being finalized and will be sent to the Grand Master and to the Grand Lodge Secretary as soon as it has been completed.

I have enjoyed serving the Grand Lodge for the past two years as District Deputy of District #2 and hope to be of service again to the GL of Alaska in the future.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

VWB Timothy M. Smith DDDM#2

District 3

This will be my last report for the year. It has been a pleasure to serve as District Deputy for District No. 3. It has been an honor to serve in this capacity. I think I have developed a good relationship with all the lodges by attending their meetings and hopefully have encouraged them to study the work more in order to conduct better meetings. This has been my focus as District Deputy this year and I feel I have accomplished this goal to some degree.

I was fortunate to be able to visit all the lodges in District No. 2 this year several times and participate in degree work at each lodge. I conducted an official visit at each lodge during the year where I discussed fund raising, study of the work to become more proficient, and other subjects I felt were appropriate for the occasion. I also encouraged each lodge to visit the other lodges in the district whenever possible. All visits were very enjoyable and I cannot be more pleased by the way each lodge received me. I thank them one and all

There were a few changes made in the District this year. Aurora Lodge No. 15 moved from their meeting place on International Airport Road to the Masonic Center at 15th and Eagle Streets. The Center became their new home on June 1, 2006. They also changed their meeting night to Tuesday. I applaud this action as it allows the others lodges in the

district to be able to attend their meetings. Their old schedule conflicted with that of Anchorage Lodge No. 17. It was also my privilege to sit in the East as Master for their first Stated Communication in their new home. Although, several of the lodges have officers who have been "fast tracked" into their office, I believe with encouragement from the "old times: they will perform their duties in a satisfactory manner.

District No. 3 held a fund raiser in July of this year. A fishing trip to Seward was raffled off so a total of eight people were able to go on the trip. The fund raiser was a great success and a goodly sum was raised for the Grand Lodge Travel Fund. Even though the weather didn't cooperate, from what I understand a great time was had by all who won and several fish were caught. I would like to thank M.W. Henry Dunbar, V.W. Dennis Thayer, and Brother Curtis Thayer for donating their boats, time and equipment in this endeavor. Their generosity is greatly appreciated by all.

It was also my privilege while working in the Grand Lodge office to received several visiting Brothers from other parts of the country. It was great to visit with them not only as Grand Lodge office manager but also as District Deputy of the Grand Master. Some of these visiting brothers attended lodge in Anchorage and have emailed me to let me know how wonderful it was to be able to attend the lodges here and also to express their gratitude for the good reception and warm welcome they received during their visit. This reflects very well on the lodges in this jurisdiction.

Respectfully Submitted

VW Thomas L. Schram
District Deputy, District No. 3

District 4

Most Worshipful Grand Master Marvin Fitzpatrick Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Alaska

White Pass Lodge No. 1

Repeated requests to Secretary and WM – No Report

Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18

Mt. Verstovia Lodge, being one of the most pro-active and positive Lodges in this District, has a dinner before each and every Stated Communication where the wives and families are welcome. This has become a well anticipated event for this Lodge, I can attest, as it is very well attended.

WM L. Tom Smotherman reports they once again gave out (4) scholarships for \$1,000.00 each to Sitka High School Graduates. They held four degree practices, each preceding some degree work where they held one EAM degree, one FCM degree and one MM degree. There were also two Investigation Committees appointed during the years degree work and topped off by one 50 year member pin to Jack Ozment.

The annual Masonic picnic at Halibut Point Recreation Area and annual Christmas Party held at the Lodge were also well attended and are annual events there. Grand Lodge officers visited on May 3rd at a Called Communication. DDGM visited again on January 4th at a Stated Communication.

Mt. Verstovia received one new member through petition, one through affiliation, and one new member through dual membership.

A lodge of Sorrows was closed for 2006.

Ketchikan Lodge No. 19

Worshipful Master Gerald Carter traveled a lot this past year in his regular job. His report has been forthcoming but to date have not received one. I made an official visit to Ketchikan in December where the new Lodge Officers had recently been elected and getting accustomed to their new positions. Ketchikan Brothers really like the bolo ties and purchased 12.

Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux No. 21

Worshipful Master Don Hale reported that a brisk year of Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason degrees produce five MM for the Lodge. They received two transfers and typically have 20-23 in its Lodge meetings. Dinner is served before every Stated Communication and a Prime Rib or Steak Dinner was served before each and every Degree that was conferred. The Stevens Trust Committee dispersed five scholarships for Juneau High School Seniors in the amount of \$1,500 each and a Dell Laptop computer as they have for the last three years. The program is gaining recognition.

A 50 year time capsule was opened in a ceremony put on by the Juneau Public School with the assistance of the Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge. The capsule was buried in the wall above the cornerstone set in 1956 and was opened during this ceremony by the Masons wearing full regalia. They were invited to set a new cornerstone for the new High School now under construction when the old time capsule will re-set for a future date. The Lodge sponsored an Adult Coed Softball team over the Summer in City Intramurals called the Super Masonics. Also sponsored was a men's Trap Shooting team called Square Shooters, and most recently has indirectly organized the Grand Chapter of Widows Sons of Alaska, a Mason Motorcycle Riders Group found throughout the United States and England.

Election of Officers ensued the first week of December with an Installation Dinner and Dance with a live Country Western Band where a good time was had by all.

Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux anticipates another active year as it currently has three petitions in waiting for conferral.

Petersburg Lodge No. 23

Worshipful Master Neil Trautman reports the Lodge building repairs have progressed in succession or refurbishing and repairing an old building but still need a sign on the front of the building. V.W. Daryl Windsor is making them one.

Two Scholarships for \$1,000 (each) were given to Petersburg High School Seniors as they have done in previous years. This was decided in the February Stated Communication. The Stated meeting in May was for the GM and entourage where formalities and communications were suspended until dinner was served with the Ladies present. A lot of creative suggestions ensued to assist the Lodges pursuit of growth.

The election of officers for 2007 resulted in Gerald Lind to assume the East, Bruce Jones as SW, Laron Martin as JD and Ed Sarff as Secretary. Installation of officers to be held January 11th.

I learned a lot his year as District Deputy and will look back on this time favorably. I am honored to have served in such a capacity for so good and great a man as our Grand Master.

Everything cannot always go well all the time and there were some tense and upset times for me. I am told that where there is a lot going on, when there are changes and growth, there will be some consternation. This was very true in Juneau due some large issues of which some people would not have to deal with in a life time. Personal differences lead to a lot of the issues and bad manners was mixed in with it all. It has been a definite low in my Masonic career. What doesn't defeat us, makes us stronger and even though there are a few that do not want to let the problem heal and continue to stir the ashes, I feel the majority of the members have positive perceptions and are ready for a change. Instilling some requirements into the Lodges of District #4 was a goal. One in that they quarterly report to the DDGM their status and activities and two, that they send their future WM to the Leadership Conference and to discuss amongst themselves and make a mandatory requirement to assume the East.

Respectfully Submitted,

Russell D. Shivers DDGM #4

District 5

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Alaska MW Marvin B. Fitzpatrick

MW Grand Master;

Since my appointment to the position of District Deputy, my year has been filled with great pleasure having been able to serve you. As you know I have been out of the Alaska Jurisdiction since the middle of April, due to medical problems with distant family members. Because of this situation I have returned to Alaska on numerous occasions, that I might attend to commitments and responsibilities required of this position. This has to some extent caused me some concern as to the quality of my service to you, and the Brothers of District No. 5 in particular. Because of my extended absences I tendered you my resignation for the good of Masonry within District No.5, you rejected it.

I was able to accompany you on the majority of your official visitations, Skagway and Kodiak included. I had planned to do the Southeast lodges but was unable to because of conflicts, both personal and Masonic in nature.

I attended a Shrine Ceremonial held on the 7th & 8th of April prior to my departure, caused by family medical problems. I was pleased to represent you at the International Order of Job's Daughters Supreme conclave, held in Vancouver B.C. the first week of

August 11th through the 16th. I attended the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S. I was pleased to be able to convey congratulations for a most successful year, to Most Eminent Grand Master of Knights Templar, Kenneth B. Fisher on your behalf.

This year I did not plan a District Deputy meeting for District No. 5, since the past three years have shown a poor turn out. My thought was to speak with the officers in lodge during visits to their lodges. This proved to be a wise decision, as a large number of the Lodges in District No. 5 have had problems with attendance of its officers. This problem however seems to be self-healing, and improvements are seen. The quality of degree work and Lodge room discipline has improved in both Matanuska Lodge No. 7 and Eagle River No. 13. Both of the Worshipful Masters have done outstanding jobs of improving the quality and performance of their officers, both elected and appointed.

Eagle River Lodge No. 13 has been plagued with transfers of its military members, and resignations of at least one of its officers. This however has not greatly impacted the quality of degree work and lodge room disciplines. Elections held in November provided the Lodge with dedicated and skilled officers that will continue to move the Lodge in the right directions.

Iditarod Lodge No. 20 is still struggling, and the officers need to practice more. During my visitation, there were numerous errors that need to be corrected with the opening and closing of the lodge, as well as the conducting of the lodge business. Attendance was low and I was asked to sit in as Tyler for this Communication. I am hopeful that in time there will be improvements. Increases of membership in the lodge have been reflected, but it appears few wish to do the work and attendance is poor. Iditarod Lodge it appears, is being held together by a core group of Past Masters.

District 5 Lodges were instrumental in hosting a Masonic information booth at the State Fair from August 24 through September 4th, 2006. The information booth was staffed by members of numerous lodges and concordant bodies within this Jurisdiction. The results of the Information Booth were very regarding, as many of our organizations gained new members.

During my appointment as District Deputy for District No. 5, I issued three special dispensations to Lodges in my district, two to Eagle River No. 13 and one to Matanuska No. 7. Other dispensations have been issued by yourself as Grand Master, all are on file at the Grand Lodge Office.

My official District Deputy Visitations were held on April 3rd for Eagle River Lodge No. 13, April 4th for Matanuska Lodge No. 7 and November 16th for Iditarod No. 20. I examined the Secretary's and Treasurer's books of Eagle River Lodge No. 13 and Matanuska No. 7 and found that the audits had been performed as mandated by AMC 15.11. I was unable to verify if audits of the Secretary and Treasurer books had been performed by Iditarod No. 20 as the Treasurer was out sick during my visitation. That said, Very Worshipful Roger Hansen (DD for 2005) assured me that an audit had been performed and everything was in order.

In conclusion I wish to say that this year has been the highlight of my Masonic career. It has been a great honor and privilege to be able to serve you, and this Grand Lodge in the capacity of District Deputy of District No. 5. I hope that your expectations of me, as your Deputy have been met during your term as Grand Master. As our year is about to come to a close I sincerely wish the best for you and Gwen, May the God of Love and peace delight to dwell with you and Gwen Grand Master, in all your future endeavors.
Respectfully Submitted;

VW William P (Bill) Kalbach
District Deputy of the Grand Master of Alaska F.&A.M.

Report of the Alaska Masonic Library and Museum



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R.:W.: Gerald R. (Jerry) Fairley, Curator

December 29, 2006

Before I start my official report, I would like to read a short article that appeared in the Transactions of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge of Research No. 2076 in London. This is from their Transactions for 1905.

Transactions of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge.
Volume 18 – 1905 Page 151

CHRONICLE.

The Scottish Rite in the U.S. is increasing in numbers and its teachings are working for good. Many men come hundreds of miles to the meetings, and last month, out West, I met one whose trip was over 1,100 miles. In the Indian Territory they are building a Temple costing £20,000, the money being all subscribed in fifteen minutes. It will stand on the top of a hill with a Tower and an Electric Light with revolving reflector, casting a light 40 miles in every

direction, so that Brethren in the small towns can see when work is to be done and can come to the meetings by interurban trains forty miles or more. This seems almost a fable, but it is true. Little towns of 10,000 inhabitants have \$75,000 temples of the Rite out on the prairies.

This article is now dedicated to Tanana Lodge No. 3, Anchorage Lodge No. 17 and the York Rite Bodies, each having recently spent considerable sums in building new structures or remodeling old ones.

And, Now:

The Alaska Masonic Library and Museum Foundation is a non-profit educational institution falling under the Internal Revenue Service Code Section 501 (c) 3. The value of your donation may qualify as a tax deduction according to this law.

Annual Report of the Curator Alaska Masonic Library and Museum

Grand Master,
Distinguished Guests,
Brethren, All

It is again my privilege to report on the activities and plans of the Alaska Masonic Library and Museum – a report I have called:

AMLAM and The Purpose of Masonry

This may seem to be a very high-minded title that elevates our facility to a level beyond which our comparatively small Library has little claim. But, please consider a phrase that we hear as a basic tenet of the Entered Apprentice degree. There, the Senior Warden reminds us that the reason we come to Lodge is:

To Learn,
To subdue our passions, and
To improve ourselves in Masonry.

Now, I will be the first to agree that subduing passions is a little beyond the charter of any library – small or large. (Unless, of course, it is a passion for books.)

But our Library's sole purpose is to assist in the learning process. And it follows that, through learning about Masonry and Masonic teachings, we may hope for personal improvement.

The Library

AMLAM has two Operating sections - the Library and the Museum. To date, the Library has received the majority of our attention. The reasons for this are complex, but may be best summarized by a statement by Thomas W. Jackson, Past Grand Secretary of Pennsylvania, that was printed in "The Northern Light" magazine two years ago. He said:

"Few Masonic leaders in North America today would deny that one of the greatest inadequacies of our style of Freemasonry in modern times is the failure to educate our membership, not only in the significance of our craft to the evolution of civil society, but also in its history, the purpose of its ritualism, and its potential to be an ongoing influence for what is just and right in the world. The result of this lack of knowledge is producing a lodge leadership devoid of understanding in just how great we were and just how great we can be."

Brother Jackson calls this a failure, but for Alaska, I prefer to call it a lack of opportunity. Now, with the collection housed in AMLAM's new facility, there is no excuse for any of our Brothers to claim ignorance about any Masonic subject. If you can't find a topic in our Library, we will help you find it through our Masonic information networks, including the Masonic Library and Museum Association, of which we are a member. The information available through the Quatuor Coronati Correspondence Circle in London (and other sources) is also available to us.

We have stated in the past that all Alaskan Masons may borrow books. If anyone has problems getting to the Library, we will arrange to send the book you want by mail. We will even do limited research for you and copy sections of books (such as encyclopedias) that do not circulate.

Speaking of access, I hope you are aware of our new location. Through the generosity of the York Rite Masons of Alaska, we are about to be housed in the second floor of a new building located near the Anchorage Masonic Center. It is a great place for a Library and Museum. It has plenty of parking and even has an elevator, so access is no problem for anyone. We should be up and running by May. (Once we get moved, there will still be a lot of organizing to do before we can be really open for operation.) We all owe a large debt of gratitude to our York Rite Brothers for their generosity.

I would also like to acknowledge the assistance of Anchorage Lodge No. 17 whose Building Association has provided AMLAM with space for the Library these last 5 ½ years. Without them, the Library and Museum probably would still be only a dream.

I won't bore you with a lot of statistics about our collection. Lets just say that there are well over a thousand books on Masonry, several thousand articles on a variety of Masonic topics, hundreds of books and articles on non-Masonic subjects, over 50 videos (and a place to view them) and copies of the transactions and newsletters from many other Grand Lodges. Many of our books will be useful for anyone wishing to improve their personal or Lodge management skills.

A partial inventory of our cataloged items may be reviewed at the AMLAM table just outside this room.

The Free Book Program

One of our educational programs concerns the book "The Craft and Its Symbols" by Allen Roberts. AMLAM will send this hard cover book to all new Entered Apprentices.

A number of these books have been sent, at no charge to the E.A. or to his Lodge. Unfortunately, many new Brothers have been left out because they were not reported to me. This program will be continued until the next Annual Communication. Lodge Secretaries only need to send the name and address of the new E. A. along with the date of his first degree. I will do the rest. Hopefully, this program will help clear up some of the confusion often experienced by new Masons. If so, we may be able to retain some of the good men who, otherwise, may not be active participants in our Masonic labors.

The Museum

We have many artifacts in our collection. They lend an interesting aspect to our facility, and show the non-Masonic visitor a glimpse into Masonic life. There are columns, an altar, pictures and many other things including Bibles and Lodge pins. These items are so varied that they cannot be adequately described in a report such as this. However, please visit us. I am sure you will like what you see.

Masonic Study Club

The Grand Master has given tentative approval for us to investigate interest in forming a Masonic Study Club. There is space in the Museum area for meetings, and the references in the Library are immediately available. At this point, no details of structure or procedure have been established. That will wait for the Club's organization meetings. Because the Club usually would not need to have tiled meetings, one possible structure would be to include all Masons, regardless of degree, and even to occasionally invite the ladies organizations to participate. Another consideration might be programming the Club's activities to travel to different parts of the state. Initially, however, the Club will probably restrict itself to group discussions regarding items of interest to the membership. Eventually, the material discussed might be gathered and published. It is possible that, in the future, a formal Masonic Research Lodge might be practical.

If you are interested in forming such a club, please sign the register at AMLAM's table or contact me.

Help Wanted

Finally, my Brothers, AMLAM needs assistance. We are actively looking for individuals who are interested in doing some of the many things that are required to operate our facility. Some of you have assisted in physical labor, and we sincerely thank you. But there are many other duties of a more clerical and managerial nature that need someone to take charge. You do not need to be an experienced librarian – just have a love of books and a little organizational ability. Women are welcome because our few privileged items are segregated in locked files. If you are interested in helping your Brothers while learning more yourself, please contact me or any of the AMLAM Foundation Board members.

Conclusion

Why is all this important? Simply, because we are each a product of our collective history. That history is reflected in books and in museum artifacts. In turn, we are each a reflection of what the future holds for us, our descendents and our fraternity. But, more than that, we are Freemasons. To truly claim that privileged title, we must learn about Masonry and how we can become better men through that knowledge.

We are not alone. When I was a kid, the name of Timbuktu denoted a mysterious, inaccessible place buried in the heart of darkest Africa. Now, Smithsonian Magazine reports that the villagers of that area are expending extreme effort to protect their old highly decorated books. They even use generators to power scanners and computers so that the old knowledge can be preserved. Better than that, they want that knowledge and beauty to be made available for the education and enjoyment of everyone.

We can not do less!

Respectfully submitted,

RW Gerald R. (Jerry) Fairley
Curator, Alaska Masonic Library and Museum

Awards

Report of the Committee on Awards

February 1-2, 2007

James A. Williams Award

The recipient of the James A. Williams Award for honoring the Alaska Lodge with the

largest number of Master Masons raised was presented to Anchorage Lodge No. 17 for the year 2006.

Buckley C. Hazen Award

The recipient of the Buckley C. Hazen Award for the largest percentage membership growth was presented to Eagle River Lodge No. 13 for the year 2006.

Military Recognition Award

The recipient(s) of the military recognition award of honor are presented to: No report of recipient(s) was/were received at the time of publication.

Grand Master's Award for Excellence

The Grand Master's Award for Excellence was earned by the following Masters in 2006: No report was received at the time of publication

Mason of the Year

Russell came to Alaska in the 1950's only to discover what was to become one of his more favorite hobbies, fishing. He used this hobby to bless many people over the years to come - adults, some in need, others for relaxation. To him though it was the younger generation but all who were young at heart. In later years he would drive young and old throughout Alaska. You would almost think that everyone around Russell were young at heart and the truth is, after 15 minutes of being around Russell, what God has blessed him, They feel also.

Russell's "Never-Say-Quit" attitude is real and thank goodness for this blessing as it continues to rub on us.

He became a Mason in 1963. He has helped the Shriners in getting children to Washington and Oregon for medical care. He has been involved in seeking and helping those having sickness and distress. He began cooking for the seniors around 1991 at the Wasilla Senior Center.

It is a pleasure to announce this year's recipient of the Grand Lodge of Alaska Mason of the Year Award: W.:. Russell Sanders, who is a member of Matanuska Lodge No.7.

Respectfully submitted,

MW Gene R. Freeman, PGM, (2, 12, 16)

L.F. "Buck" Buxton, (7, 10)

Charles O. Ashcraft, (10)

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

On February 2, 2007, MW Marvin B. Fitzpatrick asked members present if anyone had any special presentations to make to Grand Lodge. The following is a list of contributions made by the Brethren at that time, either individually or in the name of their Lodge:

Contributions to the Grand Lodge of Alaska 2007 Annual Communication

Contribution From:	To:	For:	Amount	Total
Tanana Lodge No. 3	Grand Lodge	General Fund	\$469.00	\$469.00
Matanuska Lodge No. 7	Grand Lodge	Travel Fund	\$250.00	\$250.00
Fairbanks Lodge No. 12	Grand Lodge	Travel Fund	\$250.00	\$250.00
Eagle River Lodge No. 13	Grand Lodge	Travel Fund	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Aurora Lodge No. 15	Grand Lodge	General Fund	\$100.00	\$100.00
Anchorage Lodge No. 17	Grand Lodge	Permanent Fund	\$432.00	\$432.00
Sterling Lodge No. 22	Grand Lodge	General Fund	\$250.00	\$250.00
Petersburg Lodge No. 23	Grand Lodge	Travel Fund	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Total:				<u>\$3,751.00</u>

Speeches by Distinguished Guests

Remarks of RW Carl L. "Bud" Banks, Junior Grand Warden, M.W. Grand Lodge of Nevada

I bring greetings from MW G.M. Stanley E. Williams of Nevada – he regrets that due to official visit scheduling conflicts, his attendance here was not possible.

However, I seized upon this opportunity and Shirley and I are delighted to return to your beautiful state.

I had the privilege of traveling for the company I worked for, and spent considerable time from 1984 to 1989 covering many trips throughout Alaska with our local representatives who live here, calling on your medical communities.

In 1985 and 1986 the company was a factor in reviving the diphtheria inoculations that were earlier known as the “Great Serum Run of 1925.” Our company was involved then and again in 1975.

Today and since 1974 we all know that this became what is known today as the “Iditarod International Sled Dog Race”. Now you know why we are excited to be returning.

After locating in 1994 to the fastest growing city in the U.S.

Las Vegas

We have returned to the biggest city in Alaska - Las Anchorage

And upon doing research of our Grand Lodge Proceedings, comparisons of our beloved jurisdictions show:

Alaska (2/7/1981 26th year) Nevada (1/16/1865 142nd year)

Lodges	20	44
Members	2145	4591
Avg/Lodge	107	104

Conclusions:

Alaska has only been a jurisdiction for 26 years next week and Nevada 142 years this past month.

This indicated to me that Alaska truly the “Last Frontier” is quite strong Masonically. Nevada’s Masonic membership is at best keeping up. However, in the last two years we have made many positive changes and we are growing.

Upon returning to Nevada in 1994, a review of our proceeding shows-----Alaska from 1994 to 2006 has sent 80 Grand Lodge Representatives to the Nevada Grand Lodge, an average of 6 per year.

Final Conclusion:

In the past 12 Years, M.W. Lloyd Triggs, has never missed our Nevada Communication, this would seem to indicate:

Either a passionate desire for a warmer climate exists, or
He owns a casino in Nevada and he comes to visit his money, or
The lyrics of “North to Alaska” through divine province is now South to Nevada for “What You Do Here Stays Here” according to our famous Mayor – Oscar Goodman – who was made a Mason a year ago.

Joking aside, we truly do appreciate your traveling to our communications.

Having been in our Grand Lodge for the past 6 years, my first opportunity this year, was to return to Alaska, to personally thank your jurisdiction for its past support in Nevada, as well as those jurisdictions present.

Of course Truth being one of our valued tenets of Freemasonry, our desire is to re-visit your seafood industry and bring home some lingering memories of our special time here. We thank you for all of your courtesies and considerations to Shirley and I, and look forward to our communications in the future with all of you – M.W. Marvin, R.W. Sam – your state flower and our M.W. Stan Williams pin has something in common I present to you.

We wish you a most harmonious communication for your M.W. Grand Lodge this year.

Fraternally My Brothers;

RW Carl L. “Bud” Banks, Junior Grand Warden
MW Grand Lodge of Nevada

Remarks of International Order of Rainbow for Girls in Alaska

Grand Master, Distinguished East, and friends:

On behalf of Mrs. Gabrielle Hazelton, Acting Supreme Deputy in Alaska, International Order of the Rainbow Girls, I bring waves of greetings to you and thank you for inviting me to address you at the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Session in Anchorage, Alaska.

In Alaska, there are many organizations that provide a lasting impact on youth from numerous backgrounds that leave an impact on the adults and people of the community. One such organization is the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. Beginning in 1922, Reverend W. Mark Sexson, an active Mason, created this group for young women based on the teachings of the Bible. It was devised as a girls group that was much like the other existing ones such as DeMolay

This service organization has expended across Alaska, and at one point, has had a total of 18 active assemblies. In these Assemblies the girls are rarely Masoincally affiliated. Rainbow welcomes everyone, something that is unique to the organization, as well as it opened the world of Masonry to this new family. In Rainbow meetings, Masonic members and dignitaries attend and do much more than give their time to the girls; some Masons serve as a Rainbow Dad for one or more terms, others sponsor events and pay for parties for the girls. Masons are an important part of Rainbow because they are our founder and provide the basis for the teaching that we know and love.

The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Alaska has been working with other Masonic organizations, as well as the Masons through our Charity Projects and Service Projects. You are our role models that guide us to our path in the future. This year, as Grand Worthy Advisor, I chose to continue our Grand Charity Project that we began last year with the Habitat for Humanity. We raised \$1,300 collectively in 2006 that was presented from all the Assemblies at our state gathering of Grand Assembly last July in Fairbanks. The Grand Service Project this year, is directed toward the American Diabetes Association, because diabetes has been a big part of my life, afflicting my grandmother. My grandmother had diabetes for about 10 years along with the complications of congestive heart failure, and high blood pressure. She died from this disease in November of 2004, and I have been involved in raising funds for her and in her memory as well as others with diabetes in the Tour de Cure bicycle race twice and I have researched the disease on my own. For this project, our assemblies would like to volunteer for the America Diabetes Organization, and use it to inform their communities of the causes and symptoms of each type of diabetes. Some assemblies are giving donations, and others haven't developed their actual method of providing this service. Any help that your organization can offer to the girls around the state in either of these projects would be greatly appreciated.

Rainbow for girls holds a place in everyone's hearts, and it is a known fact that in some areas it is dwindling. At each of my Official Grand Visits to the Assemblies, I watched initiations, met new girls and realized that if we could take everyone backstage to the "behind the scenes" look, that they would see how great and wonderful a bunch of 11-20 year olds are and how well they can work together. With the support of Masons and other Masonic Organizations such as Eastern Star, Amaranth, Job's Daughters, and DeMolay, we are able to spread Rainbow across Alaska and continue to increase our membership. It will only be with the help of Masons like you, and other adults associated with Rainbow's future that we will survive and grow.

Rainbow is based on the support of others, and through your assistance and visibility in each of the Assemblies in our great state, in Anchorage, Palmer, Juneau, and Fairbanks, Masons and Rainbow can work hand in hand. By working together, the young girls will learn who the leaders in their community are involved with Masonry and they will become more interested in other Masonic organizations as they mature into young ladies. Your work is important to us, and we are all more than willing to assist you with anything that you ask of us. On behalf of the Grand Assembly, I would like to invite everyone to our 45th Making Waves with Rainbow Session in Anchorage, Alaska June 13-16, 2007. Thank you.

Remarks of International Order of Job's Daughters in Alaska

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Members of the Grand Lodge of Alaska, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Good Morning:

My name is Brittney Crosby-Moncrief and I am currently Junior Princess of Bethel #1, Anchorage, Alaska International Order of Job's Daughters. Here with me is Amanda Kimm who is currently the Guide.

You will hear in the annual report on youth that Job's Daughters in Alaska is still growing and a strong organization. We have 20 members in good standing on the rolls, 14 very active members and 9 girls waiting to join. The 6 members who aren't active are older, in college or work. Our Bethel here in Alaska is succeeding and growing where many Bethels elsewhere have closed due to a lack of interest and membership.

Some of our accomplishments this year are the continuing support of our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan by sending care packages. In December we sent over 350 pounds of goodies to the troops. And we will gladly accept any of the hotel personal items you acquire during your Grand Lodge stay to send to them.

10 members of Bethel #1 attended the International Supreme Session in Vancouver B.C. this year. Our Messengers ritual team placed 9th out of 29 International Ritual Competition Teams. 9th probably doesn't sound like much – but when the State of Utah has over 100 girls try out for 5 positions on a Ritual Team and our little Bethel only had 10 members eligible to try out for 5 positions, 9th in ritual competition is really good. All the girls going to Supreme are required to compete in individual ritual competition and 6 of us had an almost perfect score. Everyone entered the performing arts competition of the art and crafts competition and brought home many awards.

The "What Is A Mason" ceremony written by our Bethel Guardian was performed at the Supreme Guardian Council Meeting with 300 people in attendance. This ceremony is now being performed by other Bethel around the world.

Bethel #1 expects to attend the International Supreme Session again this year and bring back to Alaska even more honors and awards especially in the ritual competitions.

In 2006 Bethel #1 gave out 4 HIKE awards to Alaska kids totaling \$16,000. HIKE stands for Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment. 2007 just started and we already have 2 grants to award. The Bethel traveled and participated in an installation for Tanana Lodge and Sterling Lodge. We continue to support the local Masonic organizations by attending all the installations and as many Masonic functions as possible.

Bethel #1 continued to support the Masonic organization affected by Hurricane Katrina by sending needed items. One of the lodges seriously affected by Hurricane Katrina sent Bethel #1 a donation in our Eskimo Doll drawing with the instructions that they wished the donation to be just a donation. We didn't think that was quite right so added their tickets into the drawing. They won the Alaska plate which is outside on a table. Next to the plate is a bucket and tickets to take a chance on winning this plate. The ticket price is by donation. Fill out as many tickets as you feel your donation is worth. All monies

from this donation drawing will be forwarded to the Mississippi lodge for the purchase of Masonic paraphernalia for any Masonic organization affected by Hurricane Katrina. Bethel #1 finally got their website up and running this year. Just Google Alaska Job's Daughters and you can read all about our activities and see who we are.

The fact that our Alaska Bethel is growing and thriving is due in part from the strong support and interaction we received from the Alaska lodges and other lodges in the "Lower 48" without Job's Daughters. Our Masonic heritage is important to each and every member of Job's Daughters. Every year a resolution is submitted to Supreme Guardian Council to eliminate the requirement of Masonic heritage for membership in Job's Daughters, and every time the girls of Job's Daughters make their voices heard on the importance of their Masonic heritage to the adults and the resolution is defeated.

Thank you for allowing me time to speak about Job's Daughters in Alaska. We invite all of you to get involved with Job's Daughters, but above all encourage you to support the Masonic youth organizations whether it is Rainbow, DeMolay, or Job's Daughters.

ELECTION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

The following are the results of the election of officers for the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Free and accepted Masons of Alaska. As reported by the chairman of the Credentials Committee there were 125 votes cast with 63 votes required to capture a majority according to CD audio recording.

Grand Master:

Abstained 1 vote

Unreadable 2 votes

Blank 3 votes

Samuel K. Medsker 113votes (Position accepted)

Deputy Grand Master:

Abstained 1 vote

Blank 1 vote

"Bo" Cline 2 votes

Jared S. Decker 115 votes (Position accepted)

Senior Grand Warden:

Blank 1 vote

John R. "Bo" Cline 119 votes (Position accepted)

Junior Grand Warden:

Jim Grubbs 1 vote
Johnnie Johnson 2 votes
Roger Barnstead 2 votes
Doug Teninty 2 votes
Johnnie L. Wallace 114 votes (Position accepted)

Grand Treasurer:

Blank 1 vote
Roger Barnstead 1 vote
Les Little 1 vote

James D. Grubbs 118 votes (Position accepted)

Grand Secretary

Jim Grubbs 1 vote
Less Little 2 votes
Jerome P. Wasson 102 votes (Position accepted)

INSTALLATION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

An open installation for the 2006 - 2007 officers for the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was conducted at the Sheraton Anchorage Hotel on February 2, 2006.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Welcome and Introduction by M.W. Marvin B. Fitzpatrick

INSTALLING OFFICERS

Installing Master	MW Leslie R. Little, P.G.M
Installing Master	MW Henry T. Dunbar, P.G.M
Installing Marshal	MW Gunnar Flygenring, P.G.M
Installing Marshal	MW Lloyd W. Triggs, P.G.M
Installing Chaplain	W Eugene M. Mockerman
Installing Secretary	MW Kenneth E. Stedman, P.G.M
Installing Organist	Pat Dart,

ELECTED OFFICERS

Grand Master	RW Samuel K Medsker (Michelle)
Deputy Grand Master	RW Jared S. Decker (Suni)

Senior Grand Warden	RW John R. "Bo" Cline (Beth)
Junior Grand Warden	R.W Johnnie L. Wallace (Mary)
Grand Treasurer	R.W James D. Grubbs (Tes)
Grand Secretary	RW Jerome P. Wasson (Sandra)

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Grand Chaplain	W Jack Coghill Sr.
Grand Lecturer	W James Herington
Grand Orator	W Ronald L. Ackerman
Grand Historian	RW Gerald R. Fairley
Grand Marshal	W Gerald B. Hughes
Senior Grand Deacon	W Harold L Gray
Junior Grand Deacon	VW Roger K. Hansen
Grand Standard Bearer	W Robert L. Cartmill
Grand Sword Bearer	W Emil F. Lentz (Joan)
Grand Bible Bearer	W James M. LeFlore (Caren)
Senior Grand Steward	W Roger Barnstead (Sheryl)
Junior Grand Steward	W Dona J. Rule
Grand Organist	W Dwight E. Morris (Deanna)
Grand Tyler	W Michael A. Starkey (Willy).