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PRAYER OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

(Transcribed from audio recording)

Supreme Architect of the Universe, Thou has promised that where two or three are gathered together in thy name, Thou will be in the midst of them and bless them. We ask that you would bless this present assembly.

We thank you for the great ... (not understandable)... of this great Grand Lodge of Alaska for their services. We ask that you bless those who have traveled to come here from great distances. We thank you for giving them a safe journey; for those that are sick-heal them; for those that are in sorrow-give them comfort and please bless our military. Return them safely back to their families. In Thy holy name we pray. Amen.

ROLL CALL

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

☒	Grand Master	MW Ronald L. Ackerman
☒	Deputy Grand Master	RW Jerry W. Pinion
☒	Senior Grand Warden	RW James R. Herrington
☒	Junior Grand Warden	RW David Worel
☒	Grand Treasurer	RW James D. Grubbs
☒	Grand Secretary	RW Jerome P. Wasson
☒	Grand Chaplain	W Van O. Chaney
☒	Grand Lecturer	VW Monte Ervin
☒	Grand Orator	W Jeffrey W. DeFreest
☒	Grand Historian	W Roger A. Barnstead
☒	Grand Marshal	VW John P. Johnson
☒	Senior Grand Deacon	W Nicholas J. Choromanski
☒	Junior Grand Deacon	W Robert Cartmill
☒	Grand Standard Bearer	W Jay L. Burnham
☒	Grand Sword Bearer	W Jerry W. Pinion, Jr.
☒	Grand Bible Bearer	W Douglas C. Teninty
☒	Senior Grand Steward	W Richard R. Ackerman
☒	Junior Grand Steward	W Ronald Bowen
☒	Grand Organist	W Dwight E. Morris
☒	Grand Tyler	W Steven Steward

CONSTITUENT LODGES

(Would the most Senior Representative please respond?)

- 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

MW Grand Master, all Grand Lodge Officers and all 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 Thirty-first Annual Communication of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was opened at 8:00 AM on February 2, 2012, by Worshipful Brother Dylan Youngblood. The program for the public ceremonies included:

Grand Lodge Officers seated in stations and places
Pledge of Allegiance
U.S. and Canadian National Anthems
Alaska Flag Song
Welcome by Mayor of Anchorage, Dan Sullivan
Response by MW Harry J. Koenen Past Grand Master
Introduction of Representatives of Concordant Bodies and Appendant Bodies

The formal opening of the Thirty-first Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was opened at 10:00 AM on February 3, 2011, by Most Worshipful Ronald L. Ackerman, 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 Robert Heflin

Second Session

W Matt Thompson

Third Session

W Mark Sledge

Fourth Session

W Bruce Morgan

Distinguished Guests

Municipality of Anchorage

Honorable Dan Sullivan, Mayor of Anchorage, Alaska

Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alaska F. & A. M.

RW Curtis Harris, Deputy Grand Master

Arizona, F. & A. M.

MW Brook Cunningham, Grand Master of Arizona

RW Jeff Carlson, Senior Grand Warden

California, A. F. & A. M.

RW Russ Charvonia, Junior Grand Warden representing the Grand Master
of California

MW William J. Bray III, Past Grand Master

Idaho, A. F. & A. M.

RW Russ Graves, Grand Chaplain, representing the Grand Master of Idaho

Oregon, A. F. & A. M.

MW Richard A. Martin, Grand Master
MW John D. Livie, Past Grand Master

Pennsylvania, F. & A. M.

RW Edward O. Weisser, Past Grand Master

Michigan, F. & A. M.

MW Charles Moulthrop, Past Grand Master

Washington, F. & A. M.

MW Michael L. Sanders, Grand Master
RW Bruce E. Vesper, Junior Grand Warden

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

MW Bill Cave, Grand Master
MW Alan Cross, Past Grand Master
RW Wayne Huffman, District Deputy to the Grand Master
RW Donald Stutt, Senior Grand Warden
W T. Neil Vant, Grand Chaplain

Representatives of Concordant Bodies

Al Aska Shrine Temple

Bruce W. King, Potentate

Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction

Dale S. Cain, Deputy of the Supreme Council in the Orient of Alaska

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Alaska

Thomas L. Schram, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Alaska

Buck Buxton, Most Illustrious Grand Master

Order of the Eastern Star

Claudia Johnson, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Alaska

Grand Court of Alaska, Amaranth

Kathleen Bowen, Grand Royal Matron
Ronald K. Bowen, Grand Royal Patron

DeMolay International

Dale Gillian Executive Officer in Alaska
Sawyer Gilliam, Alaska DeMolay

International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Gabrielle Hazelton, Supreme Deputy in Alaska
Miss Summer Christiansen, Grand Worthy Advisor

International Order of Job's Daughters

Susan Anderson, Bethel Guardian
Miss Zoe Ross, Honor Queen

Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America

Vicky McCall, Princess Waheed Court No. 81

MESSAGE OF THE MW GRAND MASTER

Message:

To the members of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska and all distinguished visitors, Welcome! I would like to thank you for being here this week in support of our Grand Lodge at this, our Thirty-First annual communication.

Thanks to each and every brother that made this year special for the Grand Lodge Officers. Your courtesies and fellowship were truly appreciated. What can I say about the food we received; it was GREAT! The Grand Lodge traveled to all 20 lodges, although I did miss one when the plane arriving in Juneau was an hour and a half late. However, the rest of the team ably fulfilled our obligation and R.W. Jerry Pinion sat in for me.

We had joint meetings in Anchorage, Eagle River, Fairbanks and Sterling where three lodges can meet together. All other lodges were visited individually because of their distance from each other. After the lodges were closed the ladies and visitors were invited to join us in the lodge room to participate in open discussion about the latest happenings within Grand Lodge. It goes without saying that all lodge officers have done outstanding work this year on opening their lodges in due form. To all the lodges in Alaska that have initiated new candidates this year; A JOB WELL DONE!

Visitation of Concordant Bodies and Grand Communications:

This year all of your Grand Lodge officers attended many concordant body installations with best wishes for a great and successful year.

We started this year by attending the Western Conference of Grand Masters in late February in Denver Colorado. All six Grand Lodges in the Western Conference were in attendance. This meeting was immediately followed by the North American Conference of Grand Masters, also in Denver. These conferences allowed us to network with our peers from the west and all over the continent. It was a way to learn how other Grand Lodges deal with the same challenges we face: getting and retaining members.

It was my honor to be invited to the Prince Hall Grand Lodge Communication in Anchorage and my pleasure to attend with M.W. Johnnie Wallace. The brethren treated us royally. While in Anchorage I participated in the Shrine Outreach Clinic, if you have not had an opportunity to help with this worthwhile program I urge to check it out.

What can I say about June? This is the month when most of the Grand Jurisdictions have their Grand Communications. I started in Oregon, and then moved northward to Washington. The International Order of Rainbow Girls held their Grand Assembly in Juneau which I attended and finally it was down to British Columbia & Yukon before heading home after a very long month. In July, R.W. Dave Worel and I were back in

Denver this time for the Shrine Imperial Session. Needless to say the weather was quite different from the last time we visited; it was 101 degrees. We melted.

I flew to Buena Vista California where I was inducted into the Royal Order of Scotland, then continued to Washington DC for the Scottish Rite Leadership Conference. Yes, I was there for Washington's little shake, it was only a 5.6 quake not enough to worry about. I arrived home just in time to help White Pass Lodge #1 host an International Friendship visit from MWGM Bill Cave of BC & Yukon Grand Lodge.

Debbie and I traveled to San Francisco to the Grand Lodge of California and enjoyed the themed night "A Fair to Remember" with MW Bill Bray and his lady, Linda. As Debbie pointed out, there were twice as many people at that dinner than live in Skagway.

Things started to slow down in October and November. I was honored to be chosen to receive the Scottish Rite Knight Commander Court of Honor in Juneau along with the 2011 class. I made my last trip out of the State with a visit to Lafayette Lodge in Washington to participate in the signing of their historic bible with seven other Grand Masters then onto Elko, Nevada for their Grand Communication.

Necrology:

Sadly, we report that since our last Communication 38 of our brothers have laid down their working tools and answered the call of the Great Architect of the Universe. A memorial service will be conducted later today.

Dispensations Approved:

Dispensation for Matanuska Lodge No. 7 to change meeting from February 1, 2011 to February 8, 2011 was approved January 18, 2011.

Dispensation for Glacier Lodge No. 10 to change stated meeting from August 11, 2011 to August 18, 2011 was approved July 26, 2011.

Dispensation for Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21 to hold a special outdoor meeting for conferring of Master Mason degrees on July 23, 2011 was approved August 2, 2011.

Dispensation for Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21 to cancel the August 2, 2011 Stated meeting due to absence of the lodge officers was approved August 2, 2011.

Dispensation for Valdez Lodge No. 4 to change meeting date from September 13, 2011 to September 6, 2011 was approved August 29, 2011.

Dispensation for North Pole Lodge No. 16 to change stated communication in September 2011 through February 2012 was approved September 12, 2011.

Dispensation for Anchorage No. 17 to hold their installation of officers without the Worshipful Master elect in attendance due to a death in his immediate family was approved January 3, 2012.

Recommendations:

It is my recommendation that all lodges host a dinner for their 25 and 50 year members honor their experience and knowledge. It is my hope that this will help revive the spirit of fellowship for some of the older members that have lost interest or feel unnecessary in the lodge.

Appreciation:

What can I say but, Thank you to the Grand Lodge Officers and lodge members that took time out of your busy lives to travel and attend my official visits, to the many Past Grand masters that offered help when needed and their continuing support, to ALL the lodges for their support and courtesies, and to all the volunteers who served as Chairmen of the committees and the brothers who worked with them. A big thank you to Sessions and Arrangements Chair Bro. Dennis Oakland for arranging the transportation and all who made this Grand Lodge happen.

Thank you to the District Deputies for a job well done. You are the eyes and ears of the Grand Master in your districts and with your help it made my job easier. To the Grand Secretary, R.W. Jerry Wasson and V.W. Tom Schram, thanks to for all your help, advice, and reminders of what I had to do next was of invaluable help to me. Thank you to R.W. Jim Grubbs, Grand Treasurer for all you do to keep this Grand Lodge on track.

To R.W. Jerry Pinion, R.W. Jim Harrington and R.W. Dave Worel for the laughter, the friendship, and the help this entire year, a heartfelt thanks. I truly appreciate you filling in for me in Arizona and Kodiak; this is what it's all about, Helping One Another.

To all the brothers who opened their homes to me or donated to my travels, thank you it was a big help. To my wife, Debbie, words can't express my thanks enough for the years you stayed home working so that I could travel with the Grand Line officers as I went through the chairs. Thank you for your work on the computer and the support you have given me. Thank you ALL.

Fraternally,

Ronald L. Ackerman
Grand Master

ADDENDUM TO GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

I received the document you faxed to me at 10:14 today. I have no personal knowledge of the individual involved, and the background of the actions referenced in that document was not included. I therefore assume that the provisions of the Code were strictly followed in removing him from the Brotherhood, and that he was given all the rights afforded in the Code regarding appeal. I am therefore only commenting on the facts set forth in the document you faxed and the presumed conclusion of the action taken.

Section 1.04 Constitution provides that the powers of Grand Lodge are legislative, executive, and judicial and are limited only by the Ancient Landmarks of Masonry and the Grand Lodge's own Constitution and Laws.

Section 3.01 Constitution identifies the powers of the Grand Master. The enumerated powers do not seem to concern any individual Mason, other than the powers identified in subsection 3 to dispose Lodge Officers for just cause and suspend Masons for cause.

Subsection 10 provides for additional power which can be exercised "as are inherent in and pertaining to his office in accordance with Ancient Usages, and not in conflict with the Constitution".

Section 34.06 Bylaws gives Grand Lodge the power, by a two-thirds vote, to restore an expelled Mason to good standing as a nonaffiliated Mason without a recommendation of the Lodge, but not to membership in any Lodge, which then entitles him to receive a certificate from the Grand Secretary, which serves in lieu of a regular demit.

I am not familiar with Ancient Usages, however, I find no power identified for the Grand Master to unilaterally raise or elevate the standing or membership of or to individually restore any individual Mason to any status. More compelling is the fact referred to in the faxed document that Grand Lodge voted to rescind the Grand Master's Decision.

In my opinion, the decision of the Grand Master in 2010 to restore the referenced Mason was ineffective to accomplish his stated goal, as not permitted by and being in conflict with the Code, and therefore without effect. The subsequent vote by Grand Lodge did nothing more than to affirm that the action of the Grand Master was without effect.

Assuming that conclusion to be correct, then I see no format by which to heal the action of the Grand Master in 2010, assuming the use of the word 'heal' meant to reinstate his decision or vacate the effect of the Grand Lodge vote. The provisions of the existing Code should be followed.

I hope this covers the issues upon which you requested my opinion.

Respectfully and fraternally,

Brother Phil N. Nash
Legal Adviser to Jurisprudence

Motion made and seconded to accept this report.

The motion was passed unanimously.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

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

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

Here it is Grand Lodge time again! The learning continues and I hope it never stops! We continue to get e-mails on a continuing basis asking “How can I become a Mason”. We provide this information with immediate follow-up emails. Our first question to all prospects is “What night is the best for you to attend Lodge?” we then refer him to the appropriate Lodge Secretary.

We are always willing to provide any assistance to you that you request, if it is not readily available we will find you the answer. Stop by if you are in the area. Coffee is nearly always available.

As required by Section 3.05 of the Alaska Masonic Code, I must report that 9 Lodges did not submit their End-of-Year Reports by the January 10th deadline.

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

Tanana No. 3	Valdez No. 4
Matanuska No. 7	Eagle River No. 13
Aurora No. 15	Anchorage No. 17
Mt. Verstovia No. 18	Iditarod No. 20
Petersburg No. 23	

The Lodges who are missing monthly reports and annual returns are:

White Pass No. 1	Mt. McKinley No. 5
Seward No. 6	Kodiak No. 9
Glacier No. 10	Kenai No. 11
Fairbanks No. 12	North Pole No. 16
Ketchikan No. 19	Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux No. 21
Sterling No. 22	

At printing time 6 of those who were late have been received at the office. I know you Lodge Secretaries probably get tired of me calling/emailing about timely reporting but without it our statistics are of no value. Secretaries keep up the good work!

Our membership numbers are down again this year but with the lack of complete reporting from the Lodges a completely accurate number is unavailable. According to the data we have reported so far, we had a net loss of 32.

The submittal of a Lodge roster continues to be a problem. A Lodge roster of members is required to be submitted with the End of Year report (AMC 16.16.6). This is often omitted from the report and requires phone calls, e-mails, or letters to obtain. We use this roster to verify the Grand Lodge membership roster with the Lodges in an attempt to keep our discrepancies to a minimum and to insure the Lodges get a correct per capita bill.

The data in the table below are not totally correct and do not reflect the current status of the Grand Lodge of Alaska. I had hoped to see 100 percent reporting this year but that did not happen. I hope that the members of the Lodge will recognize the key place of the Secretary on the Lodge Management Team and will give him any assistance and encouragement necessary to ensure current and accurate reporting of their Lodge.

The new Masonic Club in Nenana is still meeting. They have submitted reports to my office as required.

The new Grand Lodge Membership Management System (GLMMS) has consumed the majority of my time this year. It is almost complete and I had hoped to have the Lodges on line at this time but we have hit a few snags. The data base is almost complete with just about all of the old member cards having been inputted into the new system. When we transferred the old electronic files to the new system there were 6205 names in the new file. There were approximately 250 duplicates removed and since then I have inputted about 4000 cards into the new system. That makes the total data bank have very close to 10,000 Masons in GLMMS. This has required the Lodge secretaries to get into their archives and provide me some assistance with dates and other data.

The method of reporting member count to you in the past has not been totally representative of the number of Masons in Alaska. The number reported is the number of member in the Lodges. The number of Masons in Alaska is 1723 at printing time. I would say that this number will go down slightly when all the data comes in from the Lodges with the dates that are missing from the files.

The other big item that took a lot of time this year was the consolidated Lodge Monitor and cyphers. The first printing of 50 copies sold almost immediately and there are not many of the second printing left. There are quite a few mistakes in the book but we are working to identify them and they will be corrected before the next printing. There will also be a 8.5 by 11 version available.

It is always sad to learn of the loss of a Brother but this year it was even harder. I have never mentioned these losses in my report before. We lost a Lodge secretary late this year, Brother Stephen E. Wright. He left a big hole in the operation of Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21. Brethren if I can be of any assistance please call our office.

It has been a pleasure working with this year's Grand Lodge Team. I was able to travel with the Grand Lodge team more this year. It was great to visit the Lodges especially the ones that I had never sat in. Again I have enjoyed my experience as your Grand

Secretary, and I offer my appreciation to the members of this Grand Jurisdiction for the honor of serving them.

The proceedings for the past years Grand Sessions are almost complete and on file in the Grand Lodge office. Most of this is due to the efforts of VW Roger Hansen. Thank you, Roger. I owe a huge thank you to my wonderful wife, Sandy. She continues to give me her complete support.

Respectfully submitted,

R. : W. : Jerome P. "Jerry" Wasson
Grand Secretary

STATUS OF LODGES

Lodge	Memb. 1-1-11	MM Enrolled	Affiliate/Dual	Reinstated	Total Gain	Denits	Deaths	Suspended	NPD	Total Loss	Net Gain/Loss	Memb 12-31-11	Elected	Initiated	Passed	Raised
1	60	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	61	2	0	1	1
3	218	4	6	4	14	1	6	0	6	13	1	219	12	12	7	4
4	64	2	0	1	3	0	1	0	0	1	2	66	1	1	3	2
5	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	0
6	22	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	24	1	1	2	2
7	102	2	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	1	103	2	2	3	2
9	51	5	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	57	5	5	5	5
10	183	2	2	1	5	0	8	0	8	16	-11	172	1	2	1	2
11	117	1	0	0	1	2	2	0	18	22	-21	96	1	2	2	1
12	90	5	0	0	5	3	3	0	0	6	-1	89	1	1	4	5
13	93	4	0	1	5	0	0	0	2	2	3	96	1	2	6	4
15	74	2	0	3	5	1	1	0	3	5	0	74	6	6	6	2
16	60	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	61	1	1	0	1
17	315	6	5	4	15	0	5	0	8	13	23	317	7	5	2	6
18	58	6	0	0	6	0	4	0	4	8	-2	56	2	0	1	6
19	87	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	1	88	0	0	1	0
20	109	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	6	7	-6	103	1	2	1	0
21	143	1	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	4	-3	140	4	3	2	1
22	31	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	-2	29	1	1	0	0
23	33	0	0	0	0	0	* 4	0	0	4	-4	29	1	1	0	0
Total	1931	44	18	14	76	9	* 42	1	55	108	*-30	*1901	50	47	40	44

* Original document lists Petersburg having 6 deaths but only 4 listed in Necrology Report. This affects Total Deaths, Membership Gain/Loss, and Membership 12/31/11.

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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

Sub: Report of the Fraternal Relations committee, 2 February 2012

This year has been relatively quiet for this committee.

We had several pieces of correspondence about the Grand Lodge National France. Several Western European Grand Lodges have withdrawn recognition of the G.L.N.F. for some unspecified reasons. Their fear is that the activities being conducted in France will damage the reputation of Free Masonry Internationally.

The United Grand Lodge of England announced in November 2011 that it would be considering a resolution at the 14 December 2011 meeting to award recognition to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alaska and its jurisdiction. We have not heard the outcome of that resolution as of this date.

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

Fraternally submitted,

MW Henry T. Dunbar Chairman
W Jerry W. Pinion, Jr.
RW David Worel

Report received for the record.

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	31
White Pass Lodge No. 1	4
Tanana Lodge No. 3	6
Valdez Lodge No. 4	3
Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5	2
Seward Lodge No. 6	1
Matanuska Lodge No. 7	7
Kodiak Lodge No. 9	3
Glacier Lodge No. 10	6
Kenai Lodge No. 11	6
Fairbanks Lodge No. 12	3
Eagle River Lodge No. 13	5
Aurora Lodge No. 15	11
North Pole Lodge No. 16	6
Anchorage Lodge No. 17	9
Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18	4
Ketchikan Lodge No. 19	3
Iditarod Lodge No. 20	4
Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21	4
Sterling Lodge No. 22	6
Petersburg Lodge No. 23	2
Voided Ballots	6
Total	131

Respectfully submitted,

Jacques Boiley Chairman
Darrell E Winsor
Jim R. McMichael
Frank H. Bird

APPOINTMENT OF REGULAR COMMITTEES

Standing Committees

Jurisprudence

MW Leslie R. Little PGM Chairman
MW Chuck E. Corbin PGM
VW Gerald B. Hughes
W Thomas S. Westall
Bro. Philip N. Nash Advisor

Grievance & Appeals

MW Thomas O. Mickey HPGM Chairman
MW L. V. "Joe" Dees PGM
VW Johnny Johnson PDD

Finance

MW Harry J. Koenen PGM Chairman
MW Johnny L. Wallace PGM
RW James D. Grubbs GT
W James R. Griffith
W John H. Freie
Bro. C. Daniel O'Connell Advisor

Fraternal Relations

MW Henry T. Dunbar PGM Chairman
W Jerry W. Pinion, Jr.
W David Worel

Masonic Research & Education

W Kenneth C. Mayo, III Chairman
VW Russell D. Shivers
W Thomas D. Cochran
W Robert L. Cartmill
W John K. Bishop

Credentials

RW Jacques Boiley PDD Chairman
VW Darrell E Winsor PDD
VW Jim R. McMichael PDD
W Frank H. Bird

Masonic Public Relations

W David Oaks Chairman
MW Samuel K. Medsker PGM
W Michael A. Starkey

Masonic Youth

VW Dale Gillian Chairman
VW Thomas L. Schram PDD
W Robert Cartmill

Bylaws

W Douglas C. Teninty Chairman
RW James R. Herrington SGW
W David Pratt

Public Schools

W Kenneth C. Mayo, III

Long Range Planning

RW James R. Herrington SGW Chairman
RW Jerry W. Pinion DGM
MW Ronald L. Ackerman GM
RW David Worel JGW
RW James D. Grubbs GT
RW Jerome P. Wasson GS
MW Johnnie L. Wallace PGM

Leadership Training

Sitting Masters

Masonic Scholarship

Bro. Stephen E. Wright Chairman
Bro. Carroll G. Fader
VW Gerald B. Hughes PDD
RW Edward O. Weisser PGM

Appointed Sub Committees

Charters & Dispensations

Appointed on Demand

Sessions & Arrangements

W Dennis Oakland Chairman

W James M. LeFlore

RW Dennis Z. Morgan, PGT

George Washington National Memorial

MW Chuck Corbin PGM

Russian Masonry - Special Correspondent

MW John Grainger PGM Emeritus

Wills & Endowments

MW Johnnie L. Wallace PGM

Ritual

All District Deputies and Lodge Masters

Internet

W Dennis N. Oakland Chairman

Trestle Board

MW John R. "Bo" Cline PGM

Awards

VW (District Deputies)

George Washington National Memorial

MW Charles E. Corbin PGM

Masonic Code Review

VW Roger K. Hansen PDD Chairman

VW Monte Ervin PDD

Military Recognition

W Richard R. Ackerman Chairman

W Mark Sledge

Grand Lodge Photographers

W Albert R. Schuerger
W Claude H. Roberts
W Kevin W. Tennant

Deputies of the Grand Master

District 1 VW Mike Starkey
District 2 VW Billy W. Harris
District 3 VW Glenn E. Josey
District 4 VW Albert Brookman
District 5 VW Frank G. Weiss, III

REPORTS OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No reports of unfinished business were received at time of publication.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation by Very Worshipful Frank Weiss, III, District Deputy to add one additional line item to the Grand Master's Award for Excellence that would be to solicit at least one application for the scholarship within their district with a state-wide recognition.

MOTIONS

Motion made to have an open installation at 4:00 pm in Anchorage, Alaska for installation of Grand Lodge Officers. Motion passed.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2012-1

To amend Section 12.04 of the Alaska Masonic code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To provide lodges greater flexibility in their Alcohol policies.

WHEREAS: The guidelines to lodges regarding the use or consumption of alcoholic or intoxicating liquors has been continually revised since the establishment of the Alaska Masonic code in 1981, including revisions in 1988, 1992, and 2004, and

WHEREAS: It has been a long Masonic tradition to have a festive board or gathering after lodge meetings, and at some social functions including during Grand Lodge Communication dinners, and

WHEREAS: Many lodge and temple associations would like to have a festive board or a traditional Table Lodge on their premises, and

WHEREAS: Lodges and Temple Corporations would also like to provide space rent for weddings and other social functions where alcohol may be served and may be turning away revenue potential because they believe the present wording of the Alaska Masonic Code is too cumbersome for many caterer's insurance carriers, and

WHEREAS: The Grand Lodges within the Pacific Northwest and West coast allow the use of intoxicating liquors for the fellowship and Traditional Masonic Ceremonies except within the Lodge Room itself, including British Columbia, California, Washington. Oregon also allows the use of wine in a lodge room where the ritual calls for it in the Scottish Rite in the 14th & 30th degree and the York Rite Commandery degrees. Many other Grand Lodges leave it up to the individual lodges to set regulations for the use of alcohol in lodge facilities as long as it is not used in the lodge room.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 12.04 By-Law of the Alaska Masonic code which now reads:

Section 12.04 Bylaw

INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN LODGE ROOM. Intoxicating liquors shall not be introduced into a Lodge Room. Lodges or Temple Corporations may, at their option by Standing Resolution, adopt and enforce such regulations relating to other areas than a Lodge Room as they, in their wisdom, may deem appropriate. If said Lodges or Temple Corporations or Holding Companies choose to allow a function, by individuals, parties, or an organization where alcohol may be served or consumed on properties under their control, they must have a liability insurance policy on file with the Grand Lodge of Alaska in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 (two million dollars) expressly covering the serving or consumption of alcohol at such event. This policy must state that the Grand Lodge of Alaska and all its members and constituent Lodges, and/or concordant bodies are insured against any incident that may occur from the serving or the consumption of alcohol on said premises. **(Section clarified 1988, revised 1992, 2004)**

Be amended to Read:

Section 12.04 Bylaw

Alcoholic Beverages. Alcoholic Beverages may be sold, served and consumed on property owned by or leased to a Lodge or Temple Association and at Masonic Activities held elsewhere providing all local and state laws and ordinances are complied with, if the following requirements are observed:

1. Masonic Organizations:
 - A. Alcoholic beverages shall not be sold, served, or consumed in a Lodge room or in a room in which Masonic ceremonies are normally conducted except when such room serves a dual purpose as a ceremonial room and social room;

- B. A Lodge shall not maintain, within the lodge or temple building, on a regular or permanent basis, a bar or cabinet stocked with alcoholic beverages;
 - C. The funds of a Lodge shall not be used to purchase alcoholic beverages;
 - D. Lodges shall have a liability policy or umbrella liability policy in the amount of not less than a minimum of one million dollars (\$ 1,000,000), and shall indemnify and hold harmless the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge F &AM of Alaska.
2. Non Masonic organizations:
- A. Organizations that rent from Lodges or Temple associations and wishing to serve alcoholic beverages at their functions, shall hire and use a licensed and insured third party server or caterer.
 - B. Such third party server or caterer shall hold a liquor license insurance policy in the minimum amount of at least one million dollars (\$ 1,000,000) naming the particular Lodge and its members and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge F&AM of Alaska and its members, as an additional insured. Such policy shall be received in the Grand Lodge office not later than ten (10) days before the event.
 - C. Additionally a copy of the Server's license must be forwarded to and received in the Grand Lodge office not later than ten (10) days before the event.

Respectfully submitted,

Monte Ervin (3, 12)

John Johnson (3)

Mike Starkey (3)

Ed Rogers (3)

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: This Resolution did not receive the required majority vote and was defeated (42 for and 54 against).

Resolution 2012-2

To amend Sections 5.10 and 5.01 Bylaws of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to correct an omission within Resolution 99-6 Emergent that did not include a change of the text of Section 5.10 regarding Masonic Youth. Also, even though Section 5.01 was not included in the Emergent Resolution it should reflect this change too.

WHEREAS: Resolution 99-6 Emergent, as indicted in the 8th Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence of the 1999 Proceedings, facilitated the implementation of that portion of the Grand Master's Message entitled Recommendations, paragraph 3., and

WHEREAS: Paragraph 3 of the Grand Master's Message only deals with renaming the Section and reads as follows:

3. The DeMolay Committee be renamed the Masonic Youth Committee to include DeMolay, Rainbow Girls, and Job's Daughters. As Masons, many of you already serve as leaders, Advisory Board members, and upper level managers for these youth groups

WHEREAS: Resolution 99-6 Emergent only changed the title of Section 5.10 Bylaw DeMolay to Section 5.10 Bylaw MASONIC YOUTH COMMITTEE., and

WHEREAS: The title MASONIC YOUTH COMMITTEE should be changed to reflect the other committees within the chapter not having the word COMMITTEE in each title and to be consistent within this Chapter., and

WHEREAS: The existing Section text body needs to be reworded to include DeMolay, Rainbow Girls and Job's Daughters, and

WHEREAS: Item 8 of Section 5.10 Bylaw STANDING COMMITTEES should reflect this change of the committee's name also.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 5.10 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

Section 5.10 Bylaw

MASONIC YOUTH COMMITTEE. The Committee on DeMolay shall maintain a continuous program throughout the year to advise, assist, and guide the Committee on DeMolay in each Constituent Lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction for the purpose of assistance and guidance to DeMolay in each Lodge's area. **(Section clarified 1988, revised 1999)**

Be amended to read:

Section 5.10 Bylaw

MASONIC YOUTH COMMITTEE. The Committee on ~~DeMolay~~ Masonic Youth shall maintain a continuous program throughout the year ~~to advise, assist, and guide the Committee on DeMolay in~~ of advisement, assistance, and guidance which shall be available to each Constituent Lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction for the purpose of ~~assistance and guidance to DeMolay~~ assisting and guiding the Order of DeMolay, International Order of Rainbow for Girls, and International Order of Jobs Daughters in each Lodge's area. (Section clarified 1988, revised 1999)

And be it further resolved that item 8 of Section 5.01 Bylaw STANDING COMMITTEES of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads”

8. A committee of three on DeMolay.

Be amended to read

8. A committee of three on ~~DeMolay~~ Masonic Youth.

Respectfully submitted,

VW Roger K, Hansen (7, 20, 23)

For Information only.

Resolution 99-6 Emergent

The purpose of this Resolution is to facilitate the implementation of that portion of the Grand Master's Message entitled Recommendations, paragraph number 3.

WHEREAS: The youth groups connected with the Masonic Fraternity are more than the DeMolay, and

WHEREAS: The Rainbow for Girls and Job's Daughters are equally important to the future of Freemasonry.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 5.10 Bylaw, which is now titled DEMOLAY be renamed Section 5.10 Bylaw, MASONIC YOUTH COMMITTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie R. Little (10, 11, 15) Chairman

Fred V. Angleton (2, 11)

Frank W. Erie (3, 12)

Stanley R. Foulke (2)

V. Clifford Darnell (8, 13, 20)

(Note: This Emergent Resolution passed by Grand Lodge)

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: This Resolution received a unanimous vote and was adopted.

Resolution 2012-3

To amend Constitution Sections 3.06, 14.01, 16.01 of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to make “housekeeping” changes by correcting inconsistencies, deleting unnecessary wording, and adding or deleting word(s) to maintain proper sentence clarity with the various sections of the Alaska Masonic Code.

WHEREAS: There is no need to repeat the word “To” at the beginning of item 3 when the word is already placed at the end of the introductory phrase, and

WHEREAS: The word “receive” would then be capitalized, and

WHEREAS: By making this change it would be consistent with the Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 3.06 Constitution of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

Existing

Section 3.06 Constitution

GRAND TREASURER, DUTIES. The duties of the Grand Treasurer are to:

1. Receive and keep a proper account of all monies of the Grand Lodge, with the date of their receipt, and pay the same over promptly to the depository or depositories selected by the Committee on Finance and the Grand Master, taking proper receipt therefore; and further, to report annually to the Grand Lodge and submit financial statements of various Grand Lodge funds, along with operating statements of the said accounts, both of which are to comply with generally accepted principles and procedures.

2. Attend, with the necessary financial books, papers, return correspondence, and other similar documents, all communications of the Grand Lodge.
3. To receive from the Grand Secretary all monies paid into the Grand Lodge; to keep a just and regular account thereof; to pay them out by order of the Grand Master and the Committee on Finance with consent of the Grand Lodge. **(Section adopted 1994)**

Be amended to read

Section 3.06 Constitution

GRAND TREASURER, DUTIES. The duties of the Grand Treasurer are to:

1. Receive and keep a proper account of all monies of the Grand Lodge, with the date of their receipt, and pay the same over promptly to the depository or depositories selected by the Committee on Finance and the Grand Master, taking proper receipt therefore; and further, to report annually to the Grand Lodge and submit financial statements of various Grand Lodge funds, along with operating statements of the said accounts, both of which are to comply with generally accepted principles and procedures.
2. Attend, with the necessary financial books, papers, return correspondence, and other similar documents, all communications of the Grand Lodge.
3. ~~To receive~~ **Receive** from the Grand Secretary all monies paid into the Grand Lodge; to keep a just and regular account thereof; to pay them out by order of the Grand Master and the Committee on Finance with consent of the Grand Lodge. **(Section adopted 1994)**

and,

Section 14.01

WHEREAS: Section 1.01 Constitution of the Alaska Masonic Code identifies the title of this Grand Jurisdiction as “The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska”, and,

WHEREAS: The word “the” before M. W. in the existing section is supposed to be capitalized according to Section 1.01 Constitution of the Alaska Masonic Code, and,

WHEREAS: The words “Most Worshipful” and “Free and Accepted Masons” are often abbreviated as “M. W.” and “F. & A. M.” respectively as indicated in Section 1.02 Constitution of the Alaska Masonic Code, and,

WHEREAS: The existing Section 14.01 Constitution has parts of the wording of the title of the Grand Lodge of Alaska not in the correct order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 14.01 Constitution of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

Section 14.01 Constitution

AUTHORITY FOR LODGES. All Lodges within the State of Alaska and boundaries of the Grand Jurisdiction of Alaska, they being the same, will by Dispensation or Charter issued solely by the M.W. Grand Lodge of Alaska, F. & A. M., exist and operate by that authority alone. (Section clarified 1988, revised 2005)

Be amended to read:

Section 14.01 Constitution

AUTHORITY FOR LODGES. All Lodges within the State of Alaska and boundaries of the Grand Jurisdiction of Alaska, they being the same, will by Dispensation or Charter issued solely by ~~the M.W. Grand Lodge of Alaska, F. & A. M.~~ **The M. W. Grand Lodge of F & A. M. of Alaska,** exist and operate by that authority alone. (Section clarified 1988, revised 2005)

and,

WHEREAS: The items in each paragraph are identified with that paragraph only, and

WHEREAS: The items should be renumbered within each separate paragraph,

WHEREAS: The last sentence of the third paragraph should be placed as a stand-alone paragraph since, if it is left as is, it gives the appearance that it is only referring to the third paragraph.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 16.01 Constitution of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

Section 16.01 Constitution

LODGE OFFICERS. Each Lodge shall elect the following officers:

1. Worshipful Master
2. Senior Warden
3. Junior Warden
4. Treasurer
5. Secretary

The Worshipful Master shall appoint the following:

6. Senior Deacon
7. Junior Deacon
8. Senior Steward
9. Junior Steward
10. Tyler

The Worshipful Master may also, at his discretion, appoint the following:

11. Chaplain
12. Marshal
13. Organist

The duties of the officers are such as appropriately belong to the respective offices and are prescribed by the ancient usages of Freemasonry and by law. **(Section clarified 1988)**

Be amended to read:

Section 16.01 Constitution

LODGE OFFICERS. Each Lodge shall elect the following officers:

1. Worshipful Master
2. Senior Warden
3. Junior Warden
4. Treasurer
5. Secretary

The Worshipful Master shall appoint the following:

1. Senior Deacon
2. Junior Deacon
3. Senior Steward
4. Junior Steward
5. Tyler

The Worshipful Master may also, at his discretion, appoint the following:

1. Chaplain
2. Marshal
3. Organist

The duties of the officers are such as appropriately belong to the respective offices and are prescribed by the ancient usages of Freemasonry and by law. **(Section clarified 1988)**

Respectfully submitted,

VW Roger K. Hansen (7, 20, 23)

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: This Resolution was withdrawn by the author of this resolution. Since this was a housekeeping resolution, the changes were coordinated with the Grand Master and the Jurisprudence Committee prior to Grand Lodge. Changes to the Alaska Masonic Code as a result of the above will be marked CRC (date) by the Code Review Committee.

Resolution 2012-4

To amend Bylaw Section 8.04 of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To properly clarify as to whom the guide book may be distributed to and the cost of selling the guidebook, by revising existing Section 8.04 Bylaw, CONSOLIDATION OF STANDARD WORK.

WHEREAS: When Section 8.04 was originally written, the distribution as identified was under the guidelines within Paragraph 6, Section 8.02, and was only to Secretaries of Constituent Lodges, and

WHEREAS: The original resolution indicated that the study guide could only be distributed to Master Masons, and therefore is in conflict with Paragraph 6, and

WHEREAS: Under the revised Section 8.02, Paragraph 6, there are no guidelines for distribution of the study guide to anyone except exchanging with foreign Grand Jurisdictions, and

WHEREAS: Under the existing Section 8.02 there is no identification as to how much may be charged for selling the study guide.

WHEREAS: Under the proposed resolution, the guidelines for distribution are identified, and

WHEREAS: Under the proposed resolution, the cost for selling the guidebook is identified.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 8.04 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

Section 8.04 Bylaw

CONSOLIDATION OF STANDARD WORK An Alaska Standard Work and Freemasons Guide, to include the Esoteric Work and Monitorial Work, may be consolidated into one book with pages of a size not to exceed "8.5 X 11" inches and may be distributed under the guidelines within Paragraph 6 of Section 8.02, provided that such standard work shall be distributed only to Master Masons, including those Master Masons who, have not yet completed the Proficiency in the Third Degree. With regard to study by a Brother in the various stages of his degrees this study guide may be segregated into the section/sections appropriate to his elevation in the Masonic Degrees.

(Section adopted 2010)

Be amended to read:

Section 8.04 Bylaw

~~CONSOLIDATION OF STANDARD WORK An Alaska Standard Work and Freemasons Guide, to include the Esoteric Work and Monitorial Work, may be consolidated into one book with pages of a size not to exceed "8.5 X 11" inches and may be distributed under the guidelines within Paragraph 6 of Section 8.02, provided that such standard work shall be distributed only to Master Masons, including those Master Masons who, have not yet completed the Proficiency in the Third Degree. With regard to study by a Brother in the various stages of his degrees this study guide may be segregated into the section/sections appropriate to his elevation in the Masonic Degrees.~~

An Alaska Standard Work and Freemasons Guide, to include the Esoteric Work and Monitorial Work, may be consolidated into one book with pages of a size not to exceed "8.5 X 11" inches. The Grand Secretary shall distribute the Alaska Standard Work and Freemasons Guide book only to Master Masons who are members of this Grand Jurisdiction, including those Master Masons who have not yet completed the Proficiency in the Third Degree. Such guide books are sold only to Master Masons who are members of this Grand Jurisdiction by the Grand Secretary at a price not more than 25% higher than the cost of printing.

With regard to study by a Brother in the various stages of his degrees, this guide book may be segregated into the section(s) appropriate to his elevation in the Masonic Degrees. However, the sections of the guide book will not be sold separately.

The Grand Secretary is authorized to exchange copies of the Alaska Standard Work and Freemasons Guide book with recognized foreign Grand Jurisdictions either by printed copy, electronic, or cd media means.

Respectfully Submitted

VW Roger K. Hansen (7, 20, 23)

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: This Resolution received a unanimous vote and was adopted.

Resolution 2012-5

To amend Bylaw Section 8.02 of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To eliminate a conflict as to whom the Grand Secretary may sell the ciphers.

WHEREAS: Items 3 and 5 are in conflict with each as to whom the ciphers may be sold, and

WHEREAS: Item 3 indicates "...to Lodges and members...", and

WHEREAS: Item 5 indicates "...only to Secretaries of Constituent Lodges..." and

WHEREAS: Item 3 should be deleted in its entirety and re-written by combining Items 3 and 5, and

WHEREAS: Item 5 should be deleted in its entirety, and

WHEREAS: Item 6 would then be renumbered as Item 5.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 8.02 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

Section 8.02 Bylaw

STANDARD WORK CIPHER.

1. For the purpose of insuring uniformity in the Standard Work and Lectures throughout this Jurisdiction, the Grand Lodge prints such Standard Work and Lectures in cipher, but with the essential secrets excluded.
2. The Standard Work and Lectures, including the Posting Lecture, are printed in a size not to exceed three inches in width, by five inches in length. Each degree is printed in a separate book, and its Posting Lecture is included in that book.
3. Such booklets are sold to the Lodges and members of this Grand Jurisdiction by the Grand Secretary at a price not more than 25% higher than the cost of printing.
4. Said ciphers may not bear writing, title page, or other identification indicating it to be the work of this Grand Jurisdiction.
5. The printed copies of the Standard Work Cipher authorized by this Section may be sold only to Secretaries of Constituent Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction for distribution to members.
6. The Grand Secretary is authorized to exchange copies of the Standard Work Cipher with recognized foreign Grand Jurisdictions. **(Section clarified 1988, revised 2010)**

Be amended to read;

Section 8.02 Bylaw

STANDARD WORK CIPHER.

1. For the purpose of insuring uniformity in the Standard Work and Lectures throughout this Jurisdiction, the Grand Lodge prints such Standard Work and Lectures in cipher, but with the essential secrets excluded.
2. The Standard Work and Lectures, including the Posting Lecture, are printed in a size not to exceed three inches in width, by five inches in length. Each degree is printed in a separate book, and its Posting Lecture is included in that book.
- ~~3. Such booklets are sold to the Lodges and members of this Grand Jurisdiction by the Grand Secretary at a price not more than 25% higher than the cost of printing.~~
- 3. The printed copies of the Standard Work Cipher, authorized by this Section, are sold by the Grand Secretary only to members and Secretaries of Constituent Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction at a price not more than 25% higher than the cost of printing.**
4. Said ciphers may not bear writing, title page, or other identification indicating it to be the work of this Grand Jurisdiction.
- ~~5. The printed copies of the Standard Work Cipher authorized by this Section may be sold only to Secretaries of Constituent Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction for distribution to members.~~
5. The Grand Secretary is authorized to exchange copies of the Standard Work Cipher with recognized foreign Grand Jurisdictions. **(Section clarified 1988, revised 2010)**

Respectfully submitted,

VW Roger Hansen (7, 20, 23)

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: This Resolution received a unanimous vote and was adopted.

Resolution 2012-6

To amend Constitution Section 16.10, item 2 of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: to restore quality and dignity to Alaskan Masonry by allowing Lodge members and officers to wear Masonic aprons of traditional shape and design.

WHEREAS, the Masonic apron is the initial gift of Freemasonry to a candidate and it is esteemed as the badge of a Mason, “more ancient than the Golden Fleece or Roman Eagle and more honorable than the Star and Garter”, and

WHEREAS, to a thoughtful Brother the apron should remain the focal point of his self examination and reflection - and should be the focus of continued reflection and self examination - year after year - as he grows and matures in life and in Masonry, and

WHEREAS, the apron should act as a mirror reflecting the image of how we conduct ourselves, and can be a beacon that shines with a light that expresses our own commitment to the Craft, and

WHEREAS, our ancient brethren, borrowing from the operative Mason, wore aprons that were long, designed to protect the wearer’s garments and utilitarian in look and design, and

WHEREAS, by the mid eighteenth century our speculative ancestors began to decorate the apron with symbols of the Craft to distinguish themselves from their operative counterparts. Also, as specific moral values were attributed to the apron, with specific color and material to be used, the apron quickly moved away from the utilitarian size and form and into a purely symbolic garment.; and

WHEREAS, during the last quarter of the eighteenth century different materials were being used for aprons. Silk, cotton, linen and lambskin were all prevalent during this time. The trend of decorating aprons with symbols continued to grow and, by the turn of the nineteenth century it was the norm to own a highly decorated apron, and

WHEREAS, artist of varying ability were employed to produce the aprons needed for members of local Lodges. This had the general effect of allowing each member to embellish his apron as he desired, and

WHEREAS, the present oblong shape and triangular bib of our Masonic aprons has little to do with the symbolism of the moral lessons taught by the Craft and can more rightly be described as an outgrowth of the industrial revolution, where machine made aprons were found to be more economical to reproduce in large quantities, and

WHEREAS, as we should strive for excellence in ritual, in dress, in atmosphere, in the proficiency we conduct our Lodges, we should also strive for the beauty and quality of our regalia.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that AMC Section 16.10 Bylaw, JEWELS AND APRONS be amended by adding subparagraph 4. to read:

4. A Master Mason belonging to a Lodge of this jurisdiction and the officers of a Lodge within this jurisdiction may purchase and wear replica aprons of traditional design, and that the symbols appearing on such aprons will be limited to the symbols referenced in the ritual of this jurisdiction of the three degrees of Masonry.

Respectively submitted,

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

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: This Resolution received a majority vote (57 for and 37 against) and is a carryover resolution until the next annual communications,

Note: First line of Resolution 2012-6 reads : "To amend Constitution Section 16.10, item 2 of the Alaska Masonic Code" but it is supposed to read "To amend Bylaw Section 16.10, item 2 of the Alaska Masonic Code."

Resolution 2012-7

To amend Bylaw Section 14.08 Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To allow Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Masons to visit other Lodges within the Grand Lodge of Alaska without escort, provided they have a letter from the Secretary of their Lodge with the seal of the Lodge affixed thereto. For the purpose of aiding in their Masonic education towards proficiency in the respective degree.

WHEREAS: Alaska Masonic Code Section 14.08, Bylaw allows only Master Masons to visit other Lodges, and

WHEREAS: Many Alaskan Lodges are isolated by their location, thus limiting opportunities for visitation, and

WHEREAS: Some of these Lodges are struggling due to declining membership, and need assistance in bringing new Brothers to proficiency, and visitation being a viable tool of which to educate our new Brothers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 14.08 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

Section 14.08 Bylaw

VISITORS, EXAMINATION. A Mason who has been unaffiliated for more than three years may not be permitted to visit a Constituent Lodge in this Jurisdiction, provided, however, that in an exceptional case the Master of the Lodge may give written permission to an unaffiliated Brother to attend the Lodge for a period of not to exceed six months.

A Master Mason, on applying for admittance as a visitor to a Lodge, shall exhibit either a receipt for dues, showing him to be in good standing, or a dimit which has been issued not more than three years previous to its presentation and shall prove himself in strict conformity with Masonic usage and requirement. Such proof may be secured in an examination duly made by a committee appointed for that purpose.

Neither diploma, nor dimit, nor a receipt showing payment of dues, is conclusive as to the identity of the holder, nor as to his good standing in the Fraternity. Evidence as to his identity and as to the genuineness of such document or documents is necessary and the Lodge must be satisfied as to his good Masonic Standing and as to the regularity of the Lodge from which he hails. The genuineness of such document is not sufficient to warrant avouchment. Knowing him to be in good Masonic Standing, and having met him in open Lodge are grounds for avouchment. In the absence of personal avouchment, he shall then take the test oath and submit to a strict trial and due examination. Examination by a Brother outside of Lodge does not justify avouchment.

Section 14.08 Bylaw

Be Amended to read:

Section 14.08 Bylaw

VISITORS, EXAMINATION. A Mason who has been unaffiliated for more than three years may not be permitted to visit a Constituent Lodge in this Jurisdiction, provided, however, that in an exceptional case the Master of the Lodge may give written permission to an unaffiliated Brother to attend the Lodge for a period of not to exceed six months.

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conformity with Masonic usage and requirement. Such proof may be secured in an examination duly made by a committee appointed for that purpose.

Neither diploma, nor demit, nor a receipt showing payment of dues, is conclusive as to the identity of the holder, nor as to his good standing in the Fraternity. Evidence as to his identity and as to the genuineness of such document or documents is necessary and the Lodge must be satisfied as to his good Masonic Standing and as to the regularity of the Lodge from which he hails. The genuineness of such document is not sufficient to warrant avouchment. Knowing him to be in good Masonic Standing, and having met him in open Lodge are grounds for avouchment. In the absence of personal avouchment, he shall then take the test oath and submit to a strict trial and due examination. Examination by a Brother outside of Lodge does not justify avouchment.

Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Masons may with the permission of the Worshipful Master of the lodge and a letter from the Secretary of their Lodge with the Lodge seal affixed thereto request visitation privileges and visit Lodges within the Jurisdiction of Alaska on the degree they have attained or a lesser degree.

Respectfully submitted,

John Bishop (15)
Joe Dahl (15)

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: This Resolution received a majority vote (58 for and 20 against) and is a carryover resolution until the next annual communications,

Resolution 2012-8

To add a new Constitution Section to CHAPTER 9-FINANCE AND REVENUE of the Alaska Masonic Code.

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To require each lodge to meet the requirements of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

WHEREAS: The IRS requires that the Grand Lodge and all Subordinate Lodges file Annual Returns, and

WHEREAS: The Grand Lodge of Alaska will now require all Subordinate Lodges to submit to the Grand lodge, a copy of their yearly 990 or E-file return, and

WHEREAS: This report will be submitted to the Grand Lodge no later than June 1 of each tax year.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the following section be added to CHAPTER 9-FINANCE AND REVENUE, to read as follows.

**Section 9.10 Constitution
TAX REPORTING**

Each Subordinate Lodge, within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alaska, shall submit a copy of their yearly 990 or E-file return to the Grand Lodge by June 1 of each tax year. If a Subordinate Lodge has failed to submit their report before the next Grand Lodge Session, the voting officers of that lodge will not be allowed to vote until the report is submitted.

Respectfully Submitted,

RW James D. Grubbs (13)

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: This Resolution was amended on the floor as follows:

Amended Resolution 2012-8

**Section 9.10 Constitution
TAX REPORTING**

Each Subordinate Lodge, within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alaska, shall submit a copy of their yearly 990 or E-file return or extension from accountant or lodge to the Grand Lodge by November 15 or as I.R.S. requirement of each tax year. If a Subordinate Lodge has failed to submit their report before the next Grand Lodge Session, the voting officers of that lodge will not be allowed to vote until the report is submitted.

Respectfully Submitted,

RW James D. Grubbs (13)

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

Emergent Resolution 2012-1

To correct a vote by Grand Lodge in 1994 pursuant to Carryover Resolution 93-8

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To correct Carryover Resolution 93-8 as amended during the 1994 Grand Lodge Session that eliminated paragraphs 2 and 3 of Section 3.06 Constitution GRAND TREASURER, DUTIES of the Alaska Masonic Code.

WHEREAS: Resolution 93-8 created Section 3.06 Constitution GRAND TREASURER, DUTIES, as indicated in the Alaska Masonic Code presently and was voted on during the 12th Annual Communication in 1993, and

WHEREAS: Resolution 93-8 did not receive the required vote in 1993 but did receive enough vote and became a carryover resolution for the 1994 Grand Lodge, and

WHEREAS: Carryover Resolution 93-8 was brought before the Grand Lodge body for vote in 1994 and was amended twice eliminating items 2 and 3 of Section 3.06, and

WHEREAS: The Grand Lodge body, voted to eliminate items 2 and 3 of Section 3.06 Constitution, GRAND TREASURER, DUTIES, and

WHEREAS: The Grand Lodge body then voted on the amended Carryover Resolution that eliminated items 2 and 3 and that was passed, and

WHEREAS: For some unknown reason Section 3.06 Constitution, GRAND TREASURER, DUTIES, was entered into the Alaska Masonic Code as if nothing was amended, and

WHEREAS: This error was not discovered until the 1994 Proceedings were being typed in 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 3.06 Constitution GRAND TREASURER, DUTIES of the Alaska Masonic Code which is supposed to read as amended in 1994 as:

Section 3.06 Constitution

GRAND TREASURER, DUTIES. The duties of the Grand Treasurer are to:

1. Receive and keep a proper account of all monies of the Grand Lodge, with the date of their receipt, and pay the same over promptly to the depository or depositories selected by the Committee on Finance and the Grand Master, taking proper receipt therefore; and further, to report annually to the Grand Lodge and submit financial statements of various Grand Lodge funds, along with operating statements of the said accounts, both of which are to comply with generally accepted principles and procedures. **(Section adopted 1994)**

Be amended to read:

Section 3.06 Constitution

GRAND TREASURER, DUTIES. The duties of the Grand Treasurer are to:

1. Receive and keep a proper account of all monies of the Grand Lodge, with the date of their receipt, and pay the same over promptly to the depository or depositories selected by the Committee on Finance and the Grand Master, taking proper receipt therefore; and further, to report annually to the Grand Lodge and submit financial statements of various Grand Lodge funds, along with operating statements of the said accounts, both of which are to comply with generally accepted principles and procedures.
2. Attend, with the necessary financial books, papers, return correspondence, and other similar documents, all communications of the Grand Lodge.
3. To receive from the Grand Secretary all monies paid into the Grand Lodge; to keep a just and regular account thereof; to pay them out by order of the Grand Master and the Committee on Finance with consent of the Grand Lodge. **(Section adopted 1994)**

Respectfully submitted,

MW Ronald L. Ackerman Grand Master

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.

This Emergent Resolution received the required majority vote and was adopted.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Jurisprudence Committee

1st Report

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

We, the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution 2012-1 have considered the same and report as follows.

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

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

As it proposes to change a Bylaw, it will require a three-fourths (3/4) majority to pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Little (10, 15, 22) Chairman
Charles Corbin (7, 20)
Jerry Hughes (21)
Tom Westall (20)
Phil Nash, Advisor

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

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

Report received for the record and was defeated.

2nd Report

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

We, the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution 2012-2 have considered the same and report as follows.

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

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

As it proposes to change a Bylaw, it will require a three-fourths (3/4) majority to pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Little (10, 15, 22) Chairman
Charles Corbin (7, 20)
Jerry Hughes (21)
Tom Westall (20)
Phil Nash, Advisor

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

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

Report received for the record and was adopted unanimously.

3rd Report

This Resolution was withdrawn by the author of this resolution. Since this was a housekeeping resolution, the changes were coordinated with the Grand Master and the Jurisprudence Committee prior to Grand Lodge.

4th Report

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

We, the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution 2012-4 have considered the same and report as follows.

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

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

As it proposes to change a Bylaw, it will require a three-fourths (3/4) majority to pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Little (10, 15, 22) Chairman
Charles Corbin (7, 20)
Jerry Hughes (21)
Tom Westall (20)
Phil Nash, Advisor

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

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

Report received for the record and was adopted unanimously.

5th Report

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

We, the Committee on Jurisprudence, to who was referred Resolution 2012-5 have considered the same and report as follows.

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

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

As it proposes to change a Bylaw, it will require a three-fourths (3/4) majority to pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Little (10, 15, 22) Chairman

Charles Corbin (7, 20)

Jerry Hughes (21)

Tom Westall (20)

Phil Nash, Advisor

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

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

Report received for the record and was adopted unanimously.

6th Report

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

We, the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution 2012-6 have considered the same and report as follows.

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

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

As it proposes to change a Bylaw, it will require a three-fourths (3/4) majority to pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Little (10, 15, 22) Chairman
Charles Corbin (7, 20)
Jerry Hughes (21)
Tom Westall (20)
Phil Nash, Advisor

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

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

Report received for the record and received a majority vote and is a carryover resolution until the next annual communication.

7th Report

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

We, the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution 2012-7 have considered the same and report as follows.

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

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

As it proposes to change a Bylaw, it will require a three-fourths (3/4) majority to pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Little (10, 15, 22) Chairman
Charles Corbin (7, 20)
Jerry Hughes (21)
Tom Westall (20)
Phil Nash, Advisor

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

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

Report received for the record and received a majority vote and is a carryover resolution until the next annual communication.

8th Report

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

We, the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution 2012-8 have considered the same and report as follows.

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

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

As it proposes to change a Constitution, it will require a 90% majority to pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Little (10, 15, 22) Chairman
Charles Corbin (7, 20)
Jerry Hughes (21)
Tom Westall (20)
Phil Nash, Advisor

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

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

Report received for the record and was amended on the floor. The amended resolution received the required majority vote and was adopted.

9th Report

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

We, the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred Resolution 2012-1, Emergent have considered the same and report as follows.

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

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

As it proposes to change a Constitution, it will require a 90% majority to pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Little (10, 15, 22) Chairman
Charles Corbin (7, 20)
Jerry Hughes (21)
Tom Westall (20)
Phil Nash, Advisor

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

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

Report received for the record and received the required majority vote and was adopted.

Grievance and Appeals

Most Worshipful Grand Master:

We have already filed a report with the Grand Secretary and we are so happy that we worked so hard this year because we didn't have any grievance or appeals.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas O. Mickey Chairman
L. V. "Joe" Dees PGM
Johnny Johnson PDD

Report was accepted for the record.

Finance

Report of the Grand Treasurer

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

I hereby submit my report for 2011 pursuant to Section 3.06 of the Alaska Masonic Code.

In 2011, as all of you know, this was not a good year for investments, i.e. stocks, bonds, CDs, etc.

The Finance Committee met several times throughout the year to keep abreast of the ups and downs in the market. Most Worshipful Harry Koenen, Most Worshipful Johnnie

Wallace and I met or talked with Bro. Dan O'Connell on a regular basis reviewing investments.

I would like to remind all Lodges that they still must file their Federal Income Tax Returns and the Grand Lodge would like a copy of your e-file or 990. I have submitted a resolution requiring this to be done. In some cases an extension may need to be filed and this is acceptable. Just a notification to the Grand Lodge Office would be required.

We still have one Lodge that has not reported their 2010 Taxes, one Lodge that has cured its exempt status, and one Lodge still working on getting its exempt status back. Let's stay on top of this so that no other Lodges have to go through an extensive paperwork process and the stress of dealing with the IRS.

We now have a Grand Lodge Membership Management System and it is much less expensive than the MORI System and so far seems to be a good one.

Our Junior Grand Warden Dave Worel is conducting a fundraising event for Grand Lodge. Please buy a ticket on the Volkswagen Bug.

Our Grand Master Most Worshipful Ron Ackerman contracted with Affinity Marketing to raise money for the Alaska Masonic Library and Museum. Currently the donations are over \$6,800.

I would like to express my appreciation to Most Worshipful Harry Koenen for his leadership of the Finance Committee, and to our entire committee, Most Worshipful Johnnie Wallace, Brothers Jim Griffith, John Freie, and our advisor Bro. Dan O'Connell. Very special thanks to my wife Tes, for all she does for me and the Grand Lodge. I would also like to thank Right Worshipful Jerry Wasson and "Grumpy" for all their assistance and support.

The Travel Fund is finally generating some interest and since the balance is over \$100,000.00 we can use one-half of the interest earned to help pay for the Grand Lodge Officers Travel. For Calendar Year 2012 \$2,816.50 can be transferred to the Checking Account.

Respectfully submitted,

RW James D. Grubbs
Grand Treasurer

Report of the Finance Committee

No report from the Finance Committee was received at the time of publication

Audit Committee Report

No report from the Audit Committee was received at the time of publication

Grand Lodge of Alaska Balance Sheet

ACCOUNT NO	ASSETS CHECKING & INVESTMENTS	AMOUNT	TOTALS
1110	Checking - First National Bank	27,684.80	
1140	Petty Cash	100.00	
1150	Special Assessment-Legal Fees	17,426.33	
1210	Travel Fund Acct 8851-4125	109,570.01	
1215	General Charity Fund	4,261.26	
1220	General Fund - 6327-9979	196,162.97	
1230	Permanent Fund 1651-6357	273,372.99	
1240	Life Membership - 1211-0782	171,540.29	
1245	GL Per Capita Fund	2,193.60	
1250	State Farm Ins – G. Freeman	17,275.23	
			819,587.48
	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		
1401	White Pass No. 1	5.08	
1404	Valdez Lodge No. 4	123.68	
1406	Seward Lodge No. 6	5.30	
1407	Matanuska Lodge No. 7	132.21	
1409	Kodiak Lodge No. 9	47.34	
1411	Kenai Lodge No. 11	42.75	
1412	Fairbanks Lodge No. 12	86.85	
1413	Eagle River Lodge No. 13	(12.70)	
1415	Aurora Lodge No. 15	56.60	
1416	North Pole Lodge No. 16	15.60	
1417	Anchorage Lodge No. 17	178.60	
1418	Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18	10.08	
1420	Iditarod Lodge No. 20	224.70	
1450	Accounts Receivable	270.00	
	Total Accounts Receivable		1,170.49
	MASONIC SUPPLIES/INVENTORY		
1501	Fleece Jackets	643.37	
1502	Blue Masonic Jackets	105.00	
1507	Combined Workbook	346.00	
1509	Ak Masonic Code w/Binder	25.40	
1511	AK Masonic Code w/o Binder	437.86	
1512	AK Masonic Code w/o Bndr Large	319.29	
1515	AK Monitor w/Binder	433.50	
1516	AK Monitor Text w/o Binder	(82.50)	
1520	Lodge Officer H'Book w/Binder	170.28	
1521	Lodge Officer H'Book w/oBinder	17.50	
1522	Further Light in Masonry	37.40	
1525	Coasters	204.00	
1530	List of Lodges Masonic	152.24	
1541	Entered Apprentice Booklet	80.04	
1542	Grand Master Coins 2010	1,128.75	
1544	Tee Shirts	242.64	
1550	Fellowcraft CIPHER	270.29	
1551	Fellowcraft Booklet	402.59	
1560	Master Mason CIPHER	647.22	
1561	Master Mason Booklet	334.62	
1570	Pamphlet - On The Threshold	200.94	

1571	Pamphlet - What I'd Like My Fr	122.40	
1575	Claudy Books - VOL I	384.50	
1576	Claudy Books VOL II	258.00	
1577	Claudy Books - VOL III	311.50	
1579	Polo Shirts	606.10	
1580	Pins - 25 Year	200.07	
1581	Pins - 50 Year	353.76	
1582	Pins - 75 Year	148.80	
1585	Pins - Widow	376.75	
1590	GL Custom Bronze Medallions	3,992.00	
1591	Square & Comp Ties	1,083.10	
1592	Belt & Belt Buckle	1,081.00	
	Total Inventory		15,034.41
	Property and Equipment		
1810	Office Furniture & Fixtures	5,596.52	
1820	Accum. Depreciation - F & F	(5,227.17)	
1830	Office Electronic/Computer Equ	18,504.60	
1840	Accum. Depreciation - Elect.	(10,233.41)	
	Total Property and Equipment		8,640.54
Total Assets			844,432.92

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

	Current Liabilities		
2225	AK Children's Foundation	250.00	
2226	AK Masonic Library	177.51	
2230	Bank of America	330.38	
2235	American Express	87.50	
2250	Def. Income - Annual Comm.	13,952.00	
	Total Current Liabilities		14,797.39
	Capital		
3050	Grand Lodge Equity	29,565.87	
3110	State Farm Ins - G. Freeman	17,275.23	
3120	General Charity Fund	4,261.26	
3130	Travel Fund	109,570.01	
3140	Life Membership	171,790.29	
3145	GL Per Capita Life Membership	2,193.60	
3160	Office Equipment Fund	1,776.46	
3170	Proceedings - Transcript, P&B	23,636.85	
3190	General Fund	196,162.97	
3195	Permanent Fund	273,372.99	
	Net Income	0.00	
	Total Capital		829,635.53
Total Liabilities & Capital			844,432.92

Grand Lodge of Alaska Budget for 2012 VS 2011

Acct #		2012 Budget	2011 Budget	Jan - Dec 2011 Actuals	2011 Budget VS Actuals
	Revenues				
4100	Assessment - Per Capita	47,670.00	42,450.00	47,670.00	5,220.00
4110	Assessment - Bulletin	3,432.00	3,432.00	3,178.00	-254.00
4120	Assessment- Late Fee	50.00	50.00	0.00	-50.00
4125	Special Assessment-Legal Fees	0.00	19,716.00	0.00	-19,716.00
4130	GM Dispensations	100.00	100.00	60.00	-40.00
4145	GWMNM Fund Contribution	2,146.00	1,950.00	2,146.00	196.00
4150	Assessment - Petition Received	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,337.80	-162.20
4160	Assessment - Degrees Conferred	800.00	800.00	725.00	-75.00
4170	Assessment - Affils / Degrees	600.00	600.00	690.00	90.00
4175	Reinstatement for NPD	250.00	250.00	225.00	-25.00
4180	General Contrib. / Donations	1,000.00	1,000.00	155.00	-845.00
4250	Fund Raisers - Other	6,000.00	2,000.00	7,408.30	5,408.30
4257	Fundraiser- 2011 hats	0.00	0.00	60.00	60.00
4253	Fundraiser- Jackets	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4254	Fundraiser Polo Shirts	0.00	0.00	185.00	185.00
4262	Fundraiser-Tee Shirts	0.00	0.00	140.00	140.00
4400	Sale of Masonic Inventory	4,000.00	4,000.00	6,220.60	2,220.60
4800	Interest - Special Assessment Acct	34.00	0.00	33.09	33.09
4810	Interest - Money Market	0.00	100.00	0.00	-100.00
4812	Div-Interest -State Farm Life Insurance	830.00	0.00	7,275.23	7,275.23
4815	Div -Interrest - Charity Fund	0.50	10.00	0.47	-9.53
4820	Div & Interest - Travel Fund	6,000.00	1,500.00	5,633.03	4,133.03
4825	Div-Interest-Permanent Fund	8,000.00	6,500.00	8,137.79	1,637.79
4830	Div-Interest - General Fund	4,200.00	3,000.00	4,191.93	1,191.93
4835	Div-Interest- Arts Scholarship Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4840	Div-Interest - Life Membership	9,500.00	6,500.00	10,073.30	3,573.30
4841	Investment Income Gains/Losses LM	0.00	0.00	9,307.10	-9,307.10
4845	Div-Interest - Percapita Acct	0.40	3.00	0.37	-2.63
4846	Div-Interest Russian Relations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4850	Investment Income Gains/Losses	24,700.00	60,000.00	-20,418.56	-80,418.56
4900	Other Income-Misc	100.00	100.00	0.00	-100.00
4950	Reimbursed Expense - Ann. Comm	20,000.00	21,950.00	13,804.00	-8,146.00
4960	Reimbursed Expense- Leadership Tng	500.00	500.00	0.00	-500.00
4970	Reimbursed Expense- West Conf.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Budget/ Gross Profit/Deviation	143,412.90	180,011.00	91,624.25	-88,386.75
Acct #	Expenses	2012 Budget	2011 Budget	Jan - Dec 2011 Actuals	2011 Budget VS Actuals
	Annual Communication Expense				
6005	Ann. Comm. - Banquet Expenses	20,000.00	20,000.00	17,178.80	-2,821.20
6015	Ann. Comm. - Entertainment	500.00	500.00	2,365.00	1,865.00
6020	Ann-Comm - Equipment Rental	200.00	200.00	361.20	161.20

6030	Ann. Comm. - Printing	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,749.08	349.08
6040	Ann Comm - Supplies	200.00	200.00	82.32	-117.68
6045	Ann. Comm. - Transportation	500.00	500.00	533.20	33.20
6050	Ann. Comm. - Misc. Exp./Other	2,800.00	2,800.00	176.55	-2,623.45
	Total Annual Communication	25,600.00	25,600.00	22,446.15	-3,153.85
6100	Leadership Training	500.00	500.00	0.00	-500.00
6205	Advertising / Fundraising/PR	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	-3,000.00
6220	Awards Program	200.00	200.00	176.90	-23.10
6225	Bank Service Charges	50.00	100.00	8.64	-91.36
6230	Contributions/Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4401	Inventory Cost of Goods	3,000.00	3,000.00	14,461.49	11,461.49
6227	Broker Commission/Foreign Tax	9,000.00	6,000.00	9,966.42	3,966.42
6255	Internet Service Expense	600.00	800.00	518.17	-281.83
6260	Depreciation	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,463.49	263.49
6270	Dues & Subscriptions	1,000.00	1,000.00	897.90	-102.10
6275	Equipment Rental	50.00	50.00	540.00	490.00
6277	Equipment Repair	575.00	575.00	130.28	-444.72
6285	Fees - Legal / Audit	0.00	0.00	1,920.52	1,920.52
6301	GL Replacement Regalia	1,000.00	1,000.00	3,965.13	2,965.13
6305	Gr. Mstr. - Regalia	1,500.00	3,000.00	0.00	-3,000.00
6310	GM Expenses-Misc Out of Pocket	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
6315	GM Discretionary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6405	Travel - Grand Master	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
6410	Travel - Deputy Grand Master	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
6415	Travel - Senior Grand Warden	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	0.00
6420	Travel - Junior Grand Warden	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	0.00
6425	Travel - Grand Secretary	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	0.00
6430	Travel - Grand Treasurer	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	0.00
6505	G.Master & G. Sec'y Conference	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,250.00	250.00
6510	Gr. Secretary - Misc. Expenses	750.00	750.00	825.69	75.69
Acct #	Expenses	2012 Budget	2011 Budget	Jan - Dec 2011 Actuals	2011 Budget VS Actuals
6620	G. Washington Memorial Assoc.	1,950.00	1,950.00	2,146.00	196.00
6630	Liability Insurance	7,500.00	7,000.00	7,373.00	373.00
6635	Workers Comp. Insurance	575.00	575.00	545.00	-30.00
6690	Masonic Service Assoc. Dues	300.00	300.00	300.00	0.00
6700	Office Salary	12,600.00	12,600.00	12,604.80	4.80
6705	Office Accounting Fees	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00
6710	Office Supplies & Exp.	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,366.91	-133.09
6735	Grand Lodge Bulletin	800.00	1,600.00	0.00	-1,600.00
6730	Postage & Delivery	1,000.00	2,000.00	782.60	-1,217.40
6745	Printing - General Forms	500.00	1,000.00	86.00	-914.00
6750	Rent	5,400.00	5,400.00	5,400.00	0.00
6765	Telephone	600.00	600.00	463.43	-136.57
6780	Web Site Fee	500.00	500.00	383.50	-116.50
6785	Western Conference	0.00	0.00	322.00	322.00
6790	Miscellaneous	500.00	1,000.00	0.00	-1,000.00

6820	Corporate Taxes	50.00	50.00	0.00	-50.00
6821	Medicare	200.00	200.00	182.76	-17.24
6822	F.I.C.A.	800.00	800.00	781.44	-18.56
6823	State (S.U.I.)	200.00	200.00	126.00	-74.00
6830	Federal (F.U.T.A.)	100.00	100.00	55.98	-44.02
8010	Other Expenses	0.00	0.00	20.00	20.00
8011	IRS Penalty	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Budget Exp/Actual Exp/Deviation	109,800.00	110,850.00	117,210.20	6,360.20
	*Distribution of Life Member Interest	9,500.00	6,500.00	10,073.30	3,573.30
	Net Income	24,112.90	62,661.00	-35,659.25	-98,320.25

Budget & Expense Footnotes

The Amount of income shown for the George Washington National Monument is a “Pass Through” once the annual collection is complete the funds are forwarded to the George Washington National Monument.

Designated Donations are reflected in the appropriate Equity Account and do not appear in Account 4180 (General Donations).

Designated Accounts: AK Masonic Library & Museum = \$1,253.53: AK Masonic Foundation for Children = \$4,250.00.

Travel Fund: = \$1,294.00: General Fund = \$3,250.00: Permanent Fund = \$1,000.00.

Masonic Research and Education

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

Masonic Public Relations

No report from the Masonic Public Relations Committee was received at the time of publication

Masonic Youth

Most Worshipful Brother Ackerman, Members of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska, and honored guests,

I have the very difficult responsibility this year of delivering a report that is less than favorable. While I knew I was a member of the Masonic Youth Committee, I did not know that I was appointed to be its chair until just a couple weeks ago.

Making excuses or placing blame is ineffectual. We cannot change what did and did not happen. It is now history. There are lessons to be learned from it, however. I would like to suggest that the Grand Lodge in the future request a plan from each committee within the first quarter, and request quarterly reports. In addition I would like to suggest quarterly communications from the Grand Lodge to the committees. These simple acts will prevent the unfortunate miscommunications that happened with this committee. More importantly, however, it will facilitate progress by the committees, and will improve the quality of work done by the committees.

We are all volunteers. I know well from my professional work, as well as my Masonic labors, that working with volunteers can be challenging. It can seem frustrating being dependent upon people with limited time and resources to accomplish our organization's objectives. The hearts of volunteers may be dedicated, but their time and resources may restrict what they are able to accomplish. Some simple changes can make it easier for the volunteers to be successful, and to feel successful, and that their work matters.

I do not presume to tell any elected officers of this Worshipful Grand Lodge how to conduct their term in office. But, from my extensive experience working with volunteers, and, especially from my experience as one of those volunteers, I wish to make one comment: A simple change, of which this suggestion is only one possibility, will create an environment where each committee member can look forward to a productive year. And, each committee member can, at the end of their term, look back with confidence and declare, "I have served my Craft well, and my brothers faithfully. In addition, my labors have benefited non-Masons who may now, or in the future, receive benefit from our noble fraternity." We have a

wonderful resource of talented brethren. Let us use that resource as much as we can, within the length of their cable-tows.

That said, the year was not a complete loss. I am able to report positive actions for each of the youth groups. My first report is for DeMolay. As the Executive Officer of Alaska for DeMolay International, I have been challenged with rebuilding DeMolay. We have been able over the past few years to establish a Squires Manor and a DeMolay Chapter. You may remember, the Squires program is for young men ages 8 through 11.

We have had inquiries from members of several lodges regarding sponsoring a Chapter. I have conducted training for prospective DeMolay Chapter Advisory Council members. These are the adults who oversee the chapter. However, nothing has materialized, yet.

Recognizing that our large geographical area and isolated communities presents unique challenges, I contacted DeMolay International about alternative ways of starting Chapters. I also talked with leaders in other jurisdictions. From this has come a shift in our approach. We are not required to have a Lodge or other Masonic body as our sponsor. This means we can go to churches, schools, and even other organizations to seek sponsorship. This creates an opportunity to form Chapters in communities where a Lodge is not present, which has enormous potential.

It means that DeMolay can be taken to remote communities. It is in these areas that the need may be the greatest. I am sure we have all heard the statistics about alcoholism, domestic violence, teen suicide, and lack of opportunity in our remote areas. DeMolay is a wonderful and powerful organization to address those issues. The challenge now is finding the way of getting DeMolay into these communities. Lacking any other funding sources, I am researching grant opportunities to help fund this project.

The other implication of this message from DeMolay International is that we have opportunities to organize chapters even in those communities where the Masonic Fraternity is present, but there is no Masonic body that is willing and able to sponsor a Chapter. Frankly, I have not taken action on this, because it is painful to me to think that we cannot find two Masons and three other adults in each of our Masonic communities who are willing to help the young men of their town.

I have also had discussions with Ms. Gabrielle Hazelton, the Supreme Deputy in Alaska for the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, concerning uniting our efforts. I explained to her another concept we have, that of organizing DeMolay Clubs, rather than Chapters. A Club is a less formal unit that focuses initially on activities. It still requires sponsorship, screened and trained adults, and Masonic support. However, its purpose is to build interest in youthful fellowship and activities. As the Club grows, it can move into a full-fledged, chartered Chapter.

My suggestion was to organize DeMolay Clubs in conjunction with a similar structure for Rainbow Girls. They could meet at the same time in the same location. When it came time to do ritual, one group could be doing activities in the Dining Hall while the other was in the

Lodge Room. Then they could switch. They could have shared activity time, and schedule regular combined activity nights. This uses the natural ability of boys and girls to attract each other to build both organizations.

Ms. Hazelton found this fascinating, but felt that comparable flexibility was not permitted in Rainbows. However, she has recently gained other information, and we will be exploring this further.

I might add that DeMolay has a Sorority program for young girls, but I would rather utilize our existing girls' programs and strengthen them, than to start a new and competing program.

I can also report that Alaska was represented again at the International Supreme Council, which is the governing body of DeMolay International, and at DeMolay Congress, the youth advisory body to the International Supreme Council. We have also taken an active role in Regional leadership activities at both adult and youth levels.

I have received a written report from both Rainbow Girls and Job's Daughters. I am including both by reference, and will give a summary of each here.

International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Grand Assembly for Rainbow Girls in Alaska. The 50th Grand Sessions will be held in Fairbanks on June 25-28.

Like DeMolay, Rainbow is struggling. I quote from their report: "At one time, there were 18 assemblies and 1000 girls; now there are 3 far-flung assemblies, and about 50 girls." They report that funding is an issue, as is finding adult leaders who are not already overworked or overbooked.

Rainbow Girls are eager to connect with their Masonic families, and to provide service and support. In my conversations with Ms. Hazelton, she reported one Lodge that reached out to support their Rainbow Girls. The young ladies responded with a willingness to provide service and support to the Lodge, and eagerly received the cooperation of the Masons. This has lead, in part, to a surge of newly raised brethren in that Lodge. I encourage all Lodges to hear this message and follow that lead.

In closing their report, the Rainbow Girls of Alaska made this request: "What does Rainbow need from you? We need

1. a positive attitude-Rainbow Girls are fun, happy and want to serve. Please talk about us and let us know about projects in the community we could be helping.
2. a cooperative spirit-Rainbow Girls would love to help you with your projects.
3. attend a meeting-Rainbow Girls perform for an audience...their attitudes will improve when they see others taking an interest in them."

Job's Daughters International

There is one Bethel in Alaska, Bethel No. 1 in Anchorage, and it reports doing well. There are 17 active members on the rolls. Six left the Bethel during the year due to a variety of reasons, including aging out and study abroad. During the year three new members were initiated, and one joined by demit.

Like DeMolay, Jobies has a program for younger ladies, called "Jobie To Be". It is for girls age six through nine. This program is functioning in Anchorage, and they have eight members with four more able to join in 2012.

A number of the young ladies attended the Supreme Session in St. Louis last July. As in the past, they did exceedingly well in the various competitions, taking many first and second place trophies. In the Ritual Competition, five of six participants had perfect scores and the sixth missed only one word. I wonder how many of our Lodge officers could do as well? Thanks to these Jobies, Alaska ranked 4th in overall competition.

In addition to the competition, several young ladies from Alaska were elected to Supreme positions, pointing out the quality of work and commitment these Jobies show.

At the 2012 Supreme Session to be held in Baltimore, Susan Anderson will be installed as the 1st Messenger on the Supreme Guardian Council, and is the first Alaskan to serve on the Supreme Council. This, again, speaks highly of the work that the youth and adults of Bethel No. 1 are doing.

The Jobies are working hard to raise the funds so they can attend Supreme Council, and can use the support of Masons. The closing remarks from their report are:

"We as Masons should participate in helping these girls attain their goal by donating to their travel fund. Since each girl must have some Masonic connection in their family to be a member, it becomes our duty as Masons to support them. I encourage all the lodges in the state to help the girls out. What better way to show off Masonry in Alaska."

In summary, as Chair of the Masonic Youth Committee, I must echo the message propounded by each of the youth organizations. Brethren, we, as Masons, are not giving adequate support to our youth. This shows up as lack of adults willing to be on advisory committees for the local units, as a lack of Masonic organizations willing to sponsor and support local youth units, and as a lack of financial support for the local and jurisdictional organizations. For example, there is a long history of the Alaska State DeMolay Association being funded almost exclusively by the Executive Officer. While the details vary with each organization, the issue is similar for each group. Funding is inadequate for even minimal service, and is provided by a very small handful of adults. The adults who are involved as volunteers are frequently overworked and dedicated, but tired from long service.

Brethren, I ask that each of you take back to your Lodges the message of importance of our Masonic Youth programs. They are truly the future of Masonry. I've heard the excuses of "I'm too old. I don't have kids (or, grandkids) at home anymore." Or, "I did my time." Those excuses don't work. Your Lodges need the youth of your community. And, our youth need you as models. I can show you statistics from communities in Alaska of the tremendous value that even a small amount of time given by an adult has on the life of a young man or woman. We can change our communities. We can change the future of Masonry in Alaska. It is up to you and I. We cannot wait until some new brother is raised. The commitment is not great, but the rewards and benefits are. We cannot do it without your support. Will you step up to the challenge? Will you challenge the brethren in your Lodge? The survival of the Masonic youth organizations is at stake, and depends upon each one us.

Respectfully submitted by:

Dale H. Gillilan, Chairman
Masonic Youth Committee, 2011
VW Thomas L. Schram
W Robert Cartmill

A condensed report of the Youth Committee for 2011 was presented below by W. Robert Cartmill at the Grand Lodge Session as follows:

Grand Master Ronald Ackerman, Grand Lodge Officers and Brothers all:

This is a condensed report of my service on the Grand Lodge Youth Committee for 2011.

In 2011 it was my pleasure to be installed once again as a member of the adult Rainbow Advisory Board for Juneau Assembly No. 3. The advisory board meets once a month to help in the planning and implementing of programs with and for our Rainbow girls. Many of our Brothers and Sisters helped plan the state wide grand assembly of Alaska which was held in Juneau. It was my pleasure to assist Brother Claude Roberts with the tiling duties during this Grand Assembly. Before Grand Assembly began the Juneau Douglas Shrine Club hosted the opening event with a bar-b-que picnic at Twin Lakes. This was a wonderful event and well attended and enjoyed by all..

In October 2011, the Juneau Valley of Scottish Rite held their 100th year celebration with a reunion at the Baranof Hotel. Our rainbow girls did a 'meet and greet' all of our guests and assisted those who wished to purchase items from the event. Our rainbow girls still collect aluminum for recycling and participate in the spring litter-free community-wide clean up day. It has been my pleasure to serve on the Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21 Scholarship Committee where we are always pleased to be able to award scholarships to deserving high school young people. Saturday January 21st Peggy and I attended the installation of officers for the winter/spring term. We saw Teresa Rose installed as Worthy Advisor and we welcomed home our Grand Worthy Advisor, Summer Christianson. We also saw Brother Steven Stewart installed as Rainbow Dad for this term and Past Rainbow Dad

Brother John Barnett exchange Rainbow Dad pins and Past Rainbow Dad pins during the installation.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve on the youth committee for Grand lodge.

Sincerely,

W Bob Cartmill

Bylaws

Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Distinguished Guests, and Brothers All:

The work for the committee was light this year, we've had two lodges that changed bylaws. The following amendments were proposed and mailed to each member of the effected lodge:

1. Fairbanks Lodge No. 12 F. &A. M., needed to amend Article 2, section 1 of their bylaws. "The Stated Communication of this lodge shall be held on the third Thursday of each month at the hour of 7:30 P.M." Amended to be read as follows: "The Stated Communication of this lodge shall be held on the third Thursday of each month."

We find this in proper form and not in conflict with Alaska Masonic Code. We recommend approval of the above amendment.

2. Aurora Lodge No. 15 F. & A. M., needed to amend Article 2, Section 1 of their bylaws. "The Stated communications of this lodge are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M." Amended to read as follows: "The Stated Communication of this lodge are held on the second Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. of every other month, starting in January. Et al: January, March, May, July, September, November.

We find this in proper form and not in conflict with Alaska Masonic Code. We recommend approval of the above amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

Bylaws Committee:
Douglas C. Teninty, Chairman
David C. Pratt
James R. Herrington

Special Report of Jurisprudence Committee

Regarding the Report of the Bylaw Committee, the bylaw change for Fairbanks Lodge was not approved by the Jurisprudence Committee when we were contacted in early December.

We cannot approve having a meeting date but not a time. Section 14.05 requires that a lodge has to have a change of meeting time or place, time, or place; time being a magic word there. They must, in fact, not be able to write bylaws that don't have a start and time

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie R. Little Chairman
Chuck E. Corbin
Gerald B. Hughes
Thomas S. Westall
Philip N. Nash, Advisor

Grand Master Ackerman asked Fairbanks to resubmit their bylaw change.

Bylaw Committee indicated that if this is denied then the lodge goes back to the old bylaws before the submitted change.

Grand Secretary indicated that the Grand Master has already signed the bylaw change and it is on file and the Grand Lodge office needs some sort of paper trail or letter denying that bylaw change. Grand Master indicated that he will write a letter to that affect reversing the approved bylaw change.

Public Schools

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

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Report of Grand Chaplain (Necrology)

Eternal God

We praise you for the great company of all those Masonic Brothers who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labor.

We praise you for those dear to us whom we name in our hearts before you.

Especially we praise you for whom you have graciously received into your presence

To all of these grant your peace.

Let perpetual light shine upon them: and help us so to believe where we have not seen, that your presence may lead us through our ears, into the joy of your home not made with hands, but eternal in the heavens.

Amen

The following Brethren have laid down their working tools, as reported by the Constituent Lodges in their monthly reports for 2011. Some of our deceased Brothers may have belonged to more than one Lodge. Only one Lodge is shown here.

Tanana Lodge No. 3

W Bro. George Steck	April 1, 2011
William J. Pentland	April 17, 2011
Carlton E. Rampley	July 21, 2011
Henry L. Heuvel	October 5, 2011
Ronald S. Pendergraft	January 24, 2011
John D. Lindblad	November 23, 2011

Valdez Lodge No. 4

Joseph K. Hildreth	September 17, 2011
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Matanuska Lodge No. 7

Vernon A. Hendricksen	August 19, 2011
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Glacier Lodge No. 10

Alex J. Kravits	January 10, 2011
Howard W. Hancock	January 16, 2011
Robert E. Currier	April 28, 2011
Jack M. Laub	August 8, 2011
Carl E. Tyner	April 28, 2011
Larry D. Thurston	January 31, 2011
Charles R. Armstrong	August 23, 2011

Kenai Lodge No. 11

W Bro. Charles E. Wellong	March 31, 2011
Cecil C. Johnson	January 2011

Fairbanks Lodge No. 12	
Alton F. Ashcraft	June 1, 2011
Donald A. Ridinger	July 21, 2011
MW Hermon C. Kuppler	August 17, 2011
Aurora Lodge No. 15	
William Curry	April 11, 2011
Anchorage Lodge No. 17	
Lawrence C. Embley	March 21, 2011
Clarence Lee Wright	September 16, 2011
Alvin C. Harp, Sr.	December 8, 2011
Othen Carlos.	December 31, 2011
Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18	
Richard I. Eliason	April 3, 2011
VW Little T. Smotherman	April 6, 2011
Jack W. Huff.	June 1, 2011
Ketchikan Lodge No. 19	
Carroll G. Fader	October 5, 2011
Iditarod Lodge No. 20	
Tom M. Acree	April 23, 2010
Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21	
Walter A. Soboleff	May 22, 2011
Robert D. Harwell	September 7, 2011
Herbert L. Gordon	October 1, 2011
Stephen E. Wright	December 18, 2011
Sterling Lodge No. 22	
W. Bro. John H. Bilkey	June 27, 2011
Petersburg Lodge No. 23	
Wilfred L. Conley	October 21, 2010
Palmer M. Overgaard	April 13, 2011
Richard L. Ballard	June 3, 2011
Leonard T. Campbell	September 20, 2011

*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.

W Van O. Chaney
Grand Chaplain

Report of Grand Lecturer

Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Brethren all.

This is my report and comments as Grand Lecturer for the year 2011.

The duties expounded in the Alaska Masonic Code state that the Grand Lecturer is to, and this isn't a quote, disseminate the Standard Work and Lectures to each lodge, give them such instructions as they require and do likewise at the request of the Grand Master.

Most past reports of the Grand Lecturer usually focused on the performance of lodges in the ritualistic work and make a statement as to the present quality thereof. Since the advent of the Deputies of the Grand Master, having a representation of the Master Copy of the Esoteric Work, the Grand Lecturer shouldn't be needed as much to impart ritual instruction, except during questions or where requested. Personally I haven't heard a great hue and cry for my instructive services this year, and since I haven't traveled as much as I would have liked, I am assuming that the lodges are exemplary in performing the work under the watchful observation of the Deputies. I am really just kidding, I don't think anyone in this room has any doubt how the work is being performed in this jurisdiction. If we think improvement isn't needed we are only fooling ourselves. Most lodges seem to rely on the older brethren for performance of the lectures and charges. This is fine except that many younger, or even older members, seem to be neglecting to learn those lectures or charges. The result is, the demographics of Masonry in this jurisdiction being what it is, fewer and fewer brothers are able to impart the lectures or do parts in the drama in the 3rd degree. I'll wager that many sitting in this room don't perform more than one or two of the lectures, parts of the drama, or charges themselves.

This lack of continuity in ritual performance and the performance of Masonic protocol in any lodge probably shows a deeper problem may exist within some lodges. Some lodges seem to be doing OK, managing to provide Masonic education, and operating successfully to sustain themselves. Many are not; and struggle to keep up with their obligations, financially and administratively. Where lodges struggle in those matters, it's not a surprise they may struggle in their educational and ritualistic obligations also.

This Grand Lodge recently decided to combine the esoteric and monitorial work into one book; and since being published it has proven quite popular with the officers and brethren. Traditionally there has been a firm stand regarding open books in lodge meetings, however this is usually honored more in the breach, than in act in many lodges. For the lazy lodge, having everything in one book couldn't be a greater gift, and may lead to further diminishment in our ritualistic standards. I therefore haven't really decided whether the

combined book is a good or bad idea. I believe it could be a great enhancement in learning, but I still have some reservations as to how it may be used. The brothers will have to be diligent in their application of this tool.

While making this report I was reminded of reading the centennial history of the Grand Lodge of Washington presented by the book "Not Made with Hands". Published in 1958 it is an interesting read in all aspects, but in context of our present discussion, I was struck by the number of times over that century, the Grand Lodge of Washington struggled with the idea of a Cipher.

There had been always friction between those who wished for Grand Lodge to publish a cipher and the brethren who believed the only way to pass on the work was from mouth to ear. Over the years the older brethren prevailed, this in spite of widespread use of spurious ciphers, commonly referred to as King Solomon's as an aid in learning the work. These booklets were published and sold to anyone, whether Mason or profane, and were never sanctioned. They were printed in the ritualistic format adopted by a particular Grand Lodge and were in use prior to the founding of The Grand Lodge of Washington in 1858. It wasn't until 1935 that the Grand Lodge of Washington agreed to the use of a sanctioned cipher and then only to the Masters of the Lodges to be passed on to their successors. The resolution adopting the cipher was passed in spite of the Jurisprudence Committee's recommendation that it be rejected. The older brethren on that committee still opposed the use of ciphers but let the resolution move forward to a vote in Grand Lodge. It passed overwhelmingly. Over the next few years there were several liberalizations in who was allowed a cipher; and finally in 1946 it was decided to allow all Master Mason's access to ciphers. These were to be printed for each degree and used in coaching candidates. These are the ciphers we presently use and were adopted by our Grand Lodge wholesale, along with most of our Constitution, when the Grand Lodge of Alaska was formed.

When Most Worshipful Brother Frank Erie was Grand Master, he disseminated a survey to the membership seeking their opinions about the future of the lodges and the fraternity in this jurisdiction. His aim was to find out what the brothers wanted from the Grand Lodge and provide some continuity of ideas for future Grand Masters. One of the questions on the survey asked the Craft what they thought was most important for the future. Answers ranged from recognition of Prince Hall; at that time this was just starting to be discussed; to the importance of finances, education, and opinions on the ritual; particularly as regards proficiency. I believe the results of the survey evidenced concern about proficiency to follow other items such as budgeting etc. Ritual performance and the number of proficiencies returned today may show that level of concern to be valid.

It takes leadership and a desire to move a lodge forward in its performance; whether ritualistically, financially, or in any of the myriad functions in the operation of a business. Running a lodge is as much running a business as selling cars, produce, or operating any corporation. Leading is more than sitting in the chair for year, going through the motions and leaving the operation of the lodge to the secretary until the next degree or meeting. A lodge's leadership, or lack thereof, will show itself fairly rapidly in all its functions, ritual included.

You brothers in this room are supposed to be the leaders of your lodges and grand lodges. Hopefully your leadership will improve the performance of your organizations and provide an education for your successors. If you provide true leadership and planning, I think the ritualistic performance of your lodges will improve along with the successful operation of your lodges administratively. Perhaps then, this fraternity can become what it professes publicly to be. A temple of peace and happiness, where education is provided, and foundations are laid for Friendship, Morality and Brotherly love.

Fraternally,

Monte Ervin
Grand Lecturer

Report of Grand Orator

Most Worshipful Grand Master Ron Ackerman and brethren all:

It has been an honor to serve as the Grand Orator of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alaska F. & A. M. for the year 2011. During the year, I had the pleasure of regularly attending Lodge in Ketchikan including the Grand Lodge Called Communication held there in April. Attending Lodge that evening, I delivered a short message on mentorship, communication, and calling on our senior-brethren to capitalize on their knowledge and experience. It is through this process that we can help new Masons rise through the ranks, and assure the future of our Brotherhood.

I had hoped to follow the Grand Master and his entourage to the rest of the Lodges in SE Alaska, but was unable to do so due to poor flying conditions last spring. I did however have the opportunity to cross the continent with a Brother Widows Son, W Claude "Vapor Rider" Roberts of Juneau. Though Brother Claude is relatively new to Road Craft Masonry, he served as a mentor for me in many ways. He is a 27 year Mason, and a man willing to take on a challenge. In his late 60's he decided to get a motorcycle endorsement and bought a road bike, then hit the road with it. And in the autumn of 2010, when I learned of the Widows Sons International Grand Gathering to be held in eastern Ontario, I announced my intention to make the ride, and he now 70, stepped up and said "count me in".

We were traveling men, traveling from the west to the east. On September 1st after 8 days of hard riding, we finally arrived in Ontario, at the Grand Gathering - we were welcomed as brothers. The official opening ceremony was held on September 2nd, and a precession of Masonic bikes was led by a bag-piper. It was great to meet so many Brother Widows Sons from all over the world - they'd all made their way to Kingston, Ontario. Even the Grand Chapter of South Africa was represented. Claude and I however were recognized as the Widows Sons who had actually ridden the furthest. At the Grand Gathering, numerous Masons asked us what we were going to do next. I responded that I was going to dip my front tire in the Atlantic Ocean, somewhere along the Maine Coast; and Claude concurred. After that our primary mission was complete and we'd ride westward together for a while, and then

split-up to visit our family and friends in the lower 48 on the way home to Alaska.

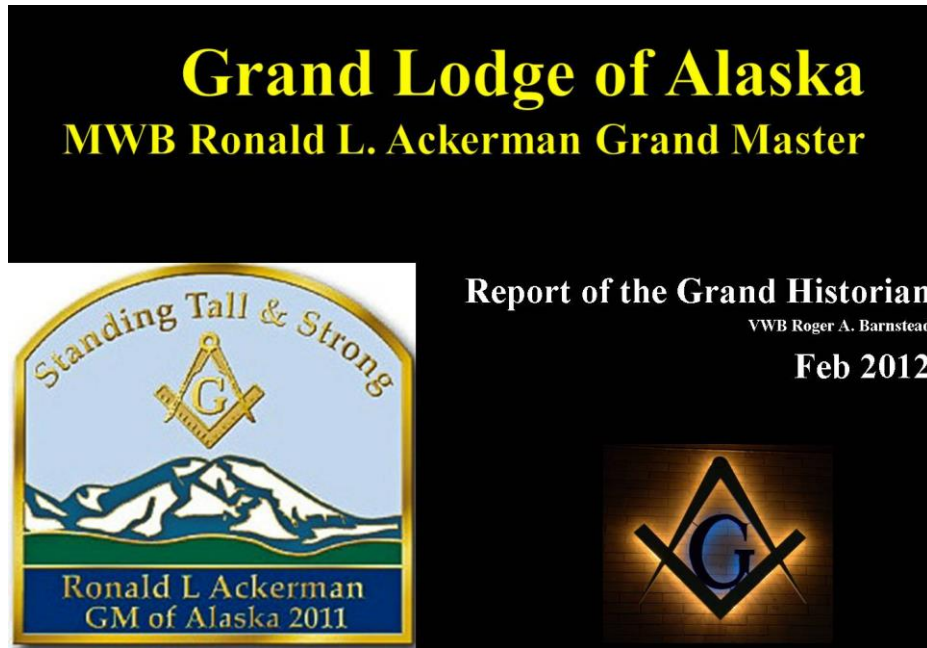
At the Grand Gathering, Claude and I made many acquaintances and enjoyed the camaraderie & experience of our first International Grand Gathering of the Widows Sons. The hosting Brothers of Ontario did a spectacular job with logistics and preparations. A couple of cook-outs, a superb dinner at the Masonic Lodge in Kingston, an opportunity to witness an EA Degree, exploring Kingston, a couple of rides, and a Branding Ceremony were all on the agenda. We met many of the people we'd seen on the "forum", Facebook, or known by e-mail. We met guys like Smitty, Data, Crazy-Dave, Brett "T Rattler", Gordon, and Al "The Cuban". All Brother Masons, on the level.

When it came time to ride-out on Sunday morning, the Grand gathering was done, our Brothers from Maine, the "Pine Tree Riders" invited us to ride to the coast with them. We rode with Seth, Chip, Taco, Big Mike, Cramer, Ed, Rusty and Luke ... just to name a few of the Mainers. While on the road we learned of the mentorship these Masons were applying. Like of our Widows Sons Grand Chapter in Alaska, many of their members sported a Past Master's patch on their riding vest. Quite a few of their younger Masonic Riders were looking to the senior riders for traditional Masonic advice as well as help in Road Craft Masonry. One of the Lodges we visited in Maine, had been rejuvenated through an infusion of young Masons seeking the guidance of the senior Masons, and that action lead many of the inactive senior Masons to come back to Lodge to provide their mentorship, and so it goes... Attached as supplemental information to this report is a brief road log from the trip and for further information about the Widows Sons, Grand Chapter of Alaska, our website is located at: www.widowssonsalaska.org .

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey W. DeFreest
Grand Orator

Report of Grand Historian



Grand Lodge of Alaska

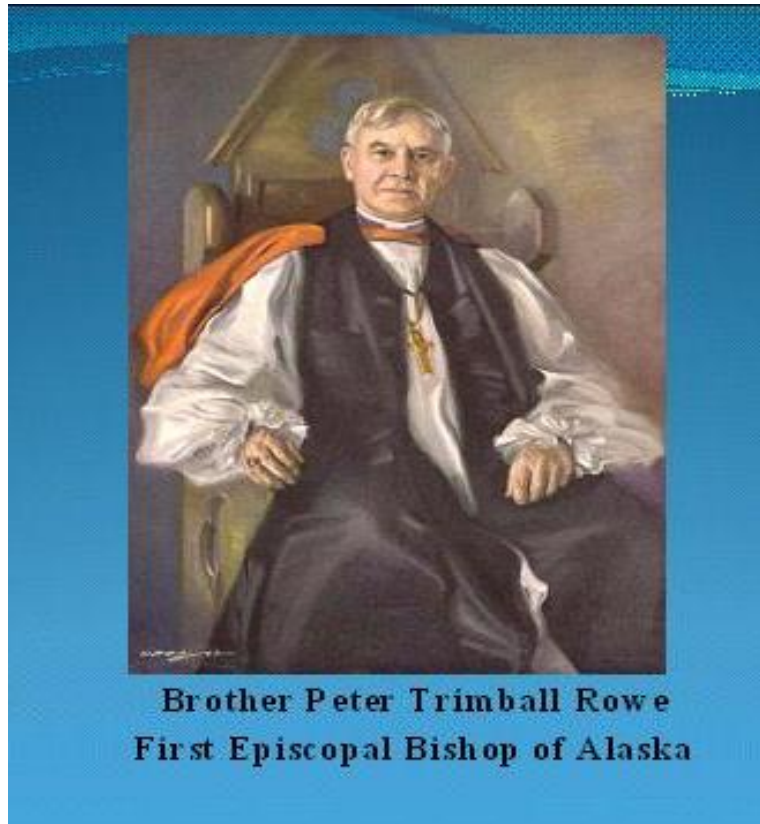


Report of the Grand Historian Feb 2012

**Dedicated to WB Joe Ashby , Grand Historian
1992 - 2000**



WB Joe Ashby, Grand Historian 1992 – 2000, women loved him they would cluster around him and want to touch his beautiful white hair. He would have to fight them off!



**Brother Peter Trimball Rowe
First Episcopal Bishop of Alaska**

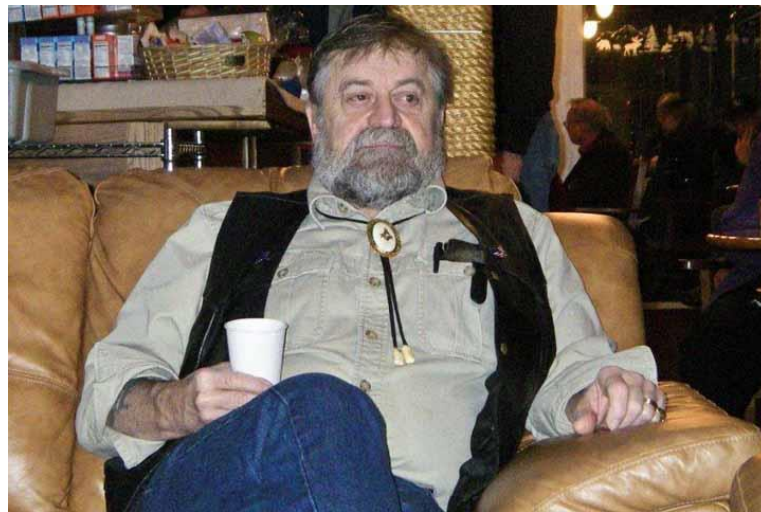
Brother Peter Trimble Rowe the first Episcopal Bishop of Alaska and a good Masonic Brother was widely known in Alaska in the 1st half of the 20th Century.



VWB Tom Smotherman, Past District Deputy and Past Master of Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18, signed my petition and was at my First Degree.



VWB Tom Smotherman in Cost Guard uniform and the G in the East.



VWB Tom Smotherman



Me and Brother Little Tom



Photo of a semicircle in the east

Thank you,

VWB Roger A. Barnstead
Grand Historian

Charters and Dispensations

No report from the Charters and Dispensations Committee was received at the time of publication.

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

(Transcribed from audio recording)

The vision of the George Washington Masonic Memorial is to inspire humanity through education and to emulate and promote the virtues, characters, and visions of George Washington, the man, the Mason, the father of country. Built in the 1920's by more than 2,000,000 Freemasons who wished to express in durability and beauty the undying esteem of Freemasons in the United States for him whose memory it shall be throughout the coming years. In 1923 the cornerstone was laid by President Calvin Coolidge with the assistance of Chief Justice William H. Taft.

By 1935 every grand jurisdiction in the United States was a member of the George Washington Masonic Memorial Association and contributed at least one-dollar per member per year.

That beautiful structure is a monument to George Washington but it's also the Masonic Memorial a facility to all American Masons. It belongs to each and every one of you. Each and every one of you contributes to the building of this and the maintaining and the supporting of this structure. It's not only an event center but it's also a place where you can hold Masonic functions. We have a new individual who assist in raising resources for us through leasing out the facility. Her name is Radka Mavrova, a Prussian lady and she has been very successful in bringing in revenue to the Memorial by bringing people in. As an example, she charges \$10,000 to have weddings. There are weddings there almost two or three times a month. And there are people willing to pay that because it is a beautiful structure.

I would ask every one of you who has not seen it to put it on you Masonic "bucket" list. For those of you who have seen it, to come back again because there are many changes going on.

I said in 1935 every grand jurisdiction was a member of the George Washington Association. Every grand jurisdiction in the United States continually is but over the years that dollar per year has diminished.

Other things have changed. In 1880 Congress declared George Washington's birthday a national holiday. In 1971, they changed it to the third Monday in February and called it Presidents Day. So they diminished the honor of George Washington and the George Washington Memorial Association wants to restore that.

In 2003, they re-introduced a program to have all Grand Lodges contribute a dollar per year. The Grand Lodge of Alaska, in 2004, was the third Grand Lodge in the United States to do that. So, I think that everyone of you should pat yourself on the back because the Grand Lodge of Alaska is one of the major contributors to it. You saw that last night by the plaque that was presented to the Grand Master.

At this time there are only nineteen Grand Lodges that have restored that one dollar per member. That is a major goal for us. We have all kinds of opportunities for members to contribute to it. That money that we raise through the contributions from the Grand Lodges is primarily operating money. We have about \$900,000 in improvements to the Memorial that are on hold because of waiting funding and support.

There was a major earthquake on the east coast this last year which was very bizarre and very unique and also had a hurricane that passed through the eastern seaboard. Both of those caused some damage, significant damage to the Memorial and needs to be addressed.

So, we are always looking for help from the membership beyond the dollar per member. This is an appeal to each and every one of you that wants to contribute to the Memorial It's your facility. We want to maintain it for years. We ask you to do that. There are many ways you can contribute.

In 2004, I think, they started the Memorial Tree Program and I know that Most Worshipful Harry Koenen was a big supporter of that and at one time we had an Alaska grove of trees there. Again, being one of the first Grand Lodges showing our support for that facility. If you go there now, there is a forest of trees. We're kind of small in comparison but I am hoping that we can have other people contribute to that.

There are a lot of other ways that you can contribute. But, again the idea of bringing George Washington back to the forefront, one of the other things diminished in 1935, all the Grand Masters met at Alexandria having the annual meeting of the Association; they were voting members, the Grand Masters. They did this every year for a number of years and then finally they decided well we're meeting here every year, why don't we have our own Conference of Grand Masters of North America. So, they started that program and then they started meeting just in the Washington D. C., area. Then after a number of years, they decided we want to travel around the country and see other parts of this great country and this great world so we'll move our Conference of Grand Masters elsewhere.

Well, because that was the meeting of the George Washington Masonic Memorial they were invited to participate because they have to have their annual meeting and sanctify the board of directors.

So, we have a meeting there, a one-hour meeting that occurs at the Conference of Grand Masters of North America. This year it will be in Atlanta, Georgia. That happens in the middle of February because it's supposed to be as close to George Washington's birthday which is February 22nd and that will occur this year.

However, the Memorial board had decided they want to recapture George Washington's birthday. So, they have scheduled a gala celebration. Actually, it is going to start on the night of the 21st where there will be a lodge visit to Alexander Washington 22 which was George Washington's lodge which is currently active and meets in the Memorial. So you will have an opportunity to attend the meeting there. The next day, there is going to be a ... (not understandable) ... at the tomb of George Washington at Mt. Vernon.

There is going to be a grand opening of the Masonic Family exhibit on the third floor. Those of you who that have attended the Memorial before have noticed that each floor represents a different appendant or concordant body. Most of them in the tower were dedicated to the chapter, the Royal Arch Chapter, the Cryptic Masons, and the Knight's Templars. I think there is a Tall Cedars and also the Grotto.

Well, they are consolidating there into a new exhibit which will be opened on George Washington's birthday this year which is going to be a curated exhibit. If you haven't been there, you will see some of the other curated exhibits that have been created by Mark Tabbert, the curator there. I've seen the mock-up of it and it is a beautiful facility. All of the York Rite, the Tall Cedars, the Grotto, and the Eastern Star will be in that and hopefully other organizations will be consolidated there leaving the facility open for other business.

There will be a gala reception, banquet, and presentation of the George Washington Award to Dr. Peter Henriques. He's a professor of history at George Mason University in Virginia and each year they give the George Washington Memorial Award to a distinguished individual, sometimes generals, sometimes other noted people in the public who also gives a presentation. That is happening on the 22nd and everyone is certainly invited to attend.

One final thing, they have started this year is they have created a George Washington Society. This is an organization that you could join to contribute money to it. Now, I know the levels that they are asking for are higher than most of you can afford but if you can afford it, it is worth considering. This year between now and February 22 of 2013 you have an opportunity to join the George Washington Society. You will receive a pin and hat and you will receive a special invitation to the George Washington celebration every February 22nd.

To be a charter member of this, if you do it by February 22nd, 2013 it's \$1,000 with a commitment of paying \$250 per year afterwards. To be a member, it's \$500. But it is well worth considering if you can afford it to help out the Memorial.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I want to thank you for the opportunity to talk about the Memorial.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. "Bo" Cline

Russian Masonry

No report from the Russian Masonry Committee was received at the time of publication

Wills and Endowments

No report from the Wills and Endowments Committee was received at the time of publication

Long-Range Planning

No report from the Long-Range Planning Committee was received at the time of publication

Internet

No report from the Internet Committee was received at the time of publication

Trestle Board

(After speaking on the George Washington Masonic Memorial) MW John R. "Bo" Cline added this concerning the newsletter)

I do have something else to add while I'm here and it's in reference to *the Light of the Great Land* our Grand Lodge newsletter. It's your newsletter. I've been producing it this last year. I rely on information from you. If you have something you want to brag about what your lodge is doing, what you did, or what you're going to do, with pictures preferably, I would be more than willing to consider that. We want to spread the word about Masonry in Alaska and that's our avenue to do that.

It's produced quarterly. It's currently available on the internet on the Grand Lodge web page. Just click on the Seal of the Grand Lodge of Alaska. We have some editions of the newsletter for the past five years, I think that are on there. So you can go back and see what's happening.

We had a very active year this year. I want to extend a special thank you to the District Deputies who were my “stringers” who collected the information from you that we could get in there.

But, I’m always looking for information for the newsletter and of something worth your time to consider it.

Thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. “Bo” Cline

Segregations and Reference Committee

1st Report

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

We the committee of Segregations & Reference to whom was referred the "Grand Master's Message" have reviewed the same and report the following.

All sections of the Grand Masters Message should stand as written.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee on Segregations & Reference

Joe Dees PGM

Jared Decker PGM

Bo Cline PGM

Report received for the record.

2nd Report

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

This is the 2" report of the Segregations and Reference Committee.

We the Committee to who was referred the Addendum to the Grand Master's Message. Have considered the same and report as follows:

We recommend the Addendum be approved.

I ask this report be received.

I move for the adoption of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee on Segregations & Reference
Joe Dees PGM
Jared Decker PGM
Bo Cline PGM

Report received for the record and unanimously adopted.

Ritual

No report from the Ritual Committee was received at the time of publication

Alaska Masonic Code Review Committee

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brethren all:

Having thought that most of the corrections to the Alaska Masonic Code had been completed and there was very little to do in regards to the Code, I turned my attention to typing the Grand Lodge Annual Proceedings from 2011 backwards; not really knowing what I was really getting myself into, but doing it none-the-less. Now almost one year later all of the Proceedings from 1982 to 2011 are in digital format with just the Constitutional Convention to be done. The 1994 Annual Communications, however, is only half done because all of the second day recordings are blank.

While working on the proceedings, one brother commented:

Why are you doing this?

Nobody cares.

Nobody is going to read these proceedings.

The resolutions that were passed were entered into the Code and that's that.

1. Why? The Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge have not been produced since 1985 and this is where the history of the Grand Lodge is at. The first four proceedings, 1982, 83, 84, and 85 were produced but not in digital format and not too many have these printed documents.
2. Caring. I care about the proceedings. I want to know what happened back in the past years of this Grand Lodge. In a way I'm like the little old cabinet maker that had a

beautiful chest of drawers for sale. A buyer came in and after looking over the cabinet commented that it was absolutely beautiful but why were the drawers made just as well as the rest of the cabinet. They're only for holding clothes and nobody is going to see them, whereupon the cabinet maker replied, "I made it and I care about my work so too about this project that I undertook. I didn't care about the cost of this project: 31 notebooks, countless number of printer cartridges, five cases of paper, and countless hours of typing and listening to tape recordings. I am interested in getting the project done and doing the best that I could.

3. In order for anybody to read these proceedings the Grand Secretary want to put them on the Grand Lodge of Alaska website. Essentially build it and they will come.

4. What I found:

In the 1983 Proceedings, Les Little referred to himself, in his Report of the Grand Orator as "Grand –Talk-a-lot."

As far as the resolutions and amendments to these resolutions really impacted the Alaska Masonic Code to a great extent and it looks like our code review has just started all over again. Some of the items found are as follows:

- a. Two files were found in the Grand Lodge computer backup diskettes, Amendments starting from 1993 and Unprinted A. M. C. amendments. Now the work begins checking these against the Alaska Masonic Code and the resolutions per each year.
- b. Amendments to various resolutions that the Code Review Committee did not have in doing their initial review and correcting of the Masonic Code in 2009. Some of the Sections that were thought to have been correct will have to be corrected again with the findings of the amendments to the resolutions.
- c. Resolutions not correctly entered or not entered at all. Some of them include:
 - 1) 2005 Proceedings: Carryover Resolution 2004-1, relating to Section 3.01, item 3 is supposed to read ...to suspend any Mason for cause, ... and not as entered into the Code as ... to suspend any Mason for just cause, ...
 - 2) 2004 Proceedings: Resolution 2004-4, relating to Section 12.04 an amendment on the floor was made and passed changing the insurance limit from \$2,000,000 to "a minimum of \$1,000,000" by W. Jim McMichael and the amended resolution was passed. However the amended resolution was not entered into the Code correctly. This may have been the result of the out-going and in-coming secretaries.
 - 3) 2001 Proceedings: Resolution 2001-3 Amended was for Section 10.06 Bylaw

Budget. No person, including the Grand Master or other Grand Lodge officers shall commit this Grand Lodge to expend any funds unless provision for said expenditure shall be included in the proposed annual budget for the current year. A request for a non-budgeted expenditure must be submitted in writing to the Committee on Finance, and must request a fixed amount.

This was never entered into the Code.

- 4) 1999 Proceedings: Emergent Resolution 99-6 changed the title of Section 5.10 DeMolay to Masonic Youth Committee but didn't change the body of the section to add all youth groups as Grand Master Gene Freeman had intended in his Grand Master's message. There is a Resolution to pending to decide this action at this Grand Lodge.
- 5) 1998 Proceedings: Emergent Resolution 98-1 Amended, Section 5.13 Long Range Planning. This was amended and passed as amended but here again the 2009 Code Review Committee did not have a copy of the amended resolution and will have to make the necessary changes to the Code.
- 6) 1994 Proceedings, Carryover Resolution 93-8 concerning creating the position of the Grand Treasurer, Section 3.06 amended by James Williams, Past Grand Master to delete items 2 and 3. The amendments to the carryover resolution were passed and so was the amended resolution, therefore eliminating these two items. However, these two items were entered into the Code as if nothing was amended. There is an Emergent Resolution pending to reinstate these items at this Grand Lodge.

This has been a huge undertaking for me but I enjoyed it throughout. I am certain there are still errors in the proceedings and if anybody finds these errors or has a report that was not entered because we didn't have it, please pass it along to the Grand Secretary for correction.

At this time I would like to thank the following for their help and assistance in this project; The Alaska Masonic Museum and Joe Dahl of the Museum, VW V. Clifford Darnell, MW John R. "Bo" Cline, MW Leslie R. Little, MW Henry T. "Hank" Dunbar, MW Charles Corbin, RW Jerome P. Wasson, Grand Secretary, Cindy Knutson, and Pamela Blanchard and all those that I can't remember who you are.

Finally, in the future, please think of me when I am typing out the proceedings because there appears, as I believe it, to be a direct correlation between the amount of speakers and the number of resolutions in the proceedings – the more the resolutions the less the speakers and vice-versa. It is easier to enter resolutions than speeches. So, write more resolutions. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Hansen, Chairman
Monte R. Ervin

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I ask that this report be received.

Report received for the record.

Masonic Scholarship

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

The Scholarship committee had a very difficult year with the loss of two of our committee members who were called to lay down their working tools before our work was completed. We would like to give our sincere thanks to Brothers Steven Wright and Carroll Fader for their work to our committee. These two gentlemen were both members of the Scholarship Committee since it's inception and were most instrumental in bringing our Grand Lodge Scholarship Program to where it is today. Brother Steven was our committee chairman and through his superb organizational skills we have been able to accomplish our yearly tasks in a most painless manner. The service and fellowship of our brothers will be greatly missed. We would also like to thank Worshipful Brother Jeffrey DeFreest and Brother Lawrence Schaufler for accepting their appointments to fill the positions on our committee and assisting us in completing our tasks. We must also thank our other Brothers in Juneau for assisting us in securing our committee records and materials.

We are pleased to announce that the recipient of this years Edward O. Weisser Grand Lodge of Alaska Masonic Visual Arts and Music Scholarship in the amount of \$1000.00 is Miss Sydney Alice Stone of Lathrop High School in Fairbanks.

This report will be forwarded to the new Scholarship Committee so that the award can be presented at the Lathrop High School Award Assembly near the end of this school year.

Respectfully submitted,

VW Gerald Hughes (19)
RW Edward Weisser (16)
W Jeffrey DeFreest (19, 21)
Lawrence Schaufler (21)

Reports of the District Deputies of the Grand Master

District 1

It was a pretty good year in District one. The only real issue revolves around the inability of Fairbanks 12 to find a secretary. WB Jim LeFlore, who is an honorary member of the Lodge, has been performing the duties for over a year now while they try to find a member willing to be elected and installed as the official Lodge Secretary.

Many positive things have happened this year. Tanana Lodge No. 3 held a very nice Valentine's Day dinner that was well attended and a great time was had by all. They collected eye glasses and donated them to the Lyons Club. They held a canned food drive for the Fairbanks Food Bank, and a clothing drive for the Fairbanks Rescue Mission. As a

courtesy to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the Worshipful Master and District Deputy presented Brother Cerene J. Paul with his 50 year credentials at the March stated meeting. In May they hosted International Days and conferred a 3rd degree that was very impressive, and Brother Robert Baker was presented with his 50 year credentials by the Grand Master and District Deputy.

Valdez No. 4 started holding Sunday pancake breakfasts this year that are open to the general public. They have been well attended and have afforded an opportunity to showcase Masonry in a positive light. Valdez has more family participation than any of the Lodges in the District. It is refreshing to see so many wives, children, and grandkids at the Lodge dinners and special functions. Valdez hosted the District Meeting this year. The Lodge room was packed with Brothers from around the state and there was much discussion, Masonic education, and fellowship.

Fairbanks 12 helped Ticasuk Brown Elementary School with the end-of-year picnic. Lodge members cooked burgers and dogs for several hundred students and faculty members. They had a special St. John the Baptist dinner and presentation in June. The presentation by the Worshipful Master was very informative and interesting. They held a Masonic education night in June, and they had a summer picnic at Chena Lakes' recreation area in July. Fairbanks 12 struggled with attendance all year and the Treasurer and Senior Warden both resigned, which lead to a special election. The Senior Warden was elected and installed as Treasurer, but no one was willing to take the Senior Warden position, so it remained vacant for the remainder of the year. All elected offices are filled for 2012, with the exception of the Secretary, which is addressed in the opening paragraph of this report. The Worshipful Master stepped into a difficult situation, but he took a positive approach and put forth an aggressive calendar which afforded many opportunities for participation and fellowship. I commend him for his effort. I hope his efforts have opened a pathway to recovery for Fairbanks 12, and that attendance and participation will return at least to its historic level.

North Pole 16 started the year by moving into a new home, the North Pole branch of the Fairbanks Funeral Home. Unfortunately they ended the year by searching for a new home when the owner of the Funeral Home decided to sell it. They have found a new permanent meeting place in the North Pole Lions Club building, which is being provided free of charge. They started meeting there in January and are very happy with their new digs.

The big event for North Pole 16 is the annual turkey shoot. This was the second year and participation was up from last year's event. Worshipful Master Ed Rogers of Tanana 3 took home first prize and the traveling plaque is hanging on the wall at Tanana Lodge. The Past Masters filled the chairs for a degree in March, and the Lodge participated in Alaska clean-up day in May, cleaning their assigned section of Laurence Road in North Pole.

The Lodges in District 1 worked together very well this year. They held several joint events and meetings. 12 and 16 partnered to confer two Master Mason degrees; 3, 12, and 16 came together to support the Fairbanks Rescue Mission and Fairbanks Food Bank Drives sponsored by Tanana 3; and the same three Lodges participated in the Turkey Shoot sponsored by North Pole 16. This bodes well for the future of Masonry in District 1. Only by

working together can we build our fraternity for the future. I think the Lodges in District 1 are on the right track.

Fraternally submitted,

Michael A Starkey PM
District Deputy
District 1

District 2

First and foremost before submitting my final report I would like to thank you for allowing me to serve as your District Deputy in District No. 2. It has been a challenge and a pleasure. But most of all a lesson on what Masonry is about and what we have to look forward to in the future if we don't re-energize our brethren unto getting involved in the Blue Lodge.

The biggest problem in District No. 2 is participation. The lodges in this district need to try and get more brothers involved in the lodge functions. In order to conduct their business, whether it be degree work or just plain old daily business. The most important position in a lodge, to me, is the secretary and lodges that have dependable secretaries will survive but the ones that don't will sooner or later go away. But trying to get someone to do the job is almost impossible. I have stressed to Seward Lodge No. 6, Kenai Lodge No. 11, and Sterling No. 22 that the monthly reports are the most important record they can do. So far we have done pretty well, but there is still room for improvement. I can't say much about Cordova or Kodiak because I didn't have much contact with them. I did go to Kodiak No. 9 twice for the two day degree class and the grand visit. But I didn't visit Cordova No. 5.

In a breakdown of the lodges of District No. 2, by lodges individually, Seward Lodge added two new members this year which will be a big boost for the coming year.

Kenai Lodge has its problems but will survive another year. They added two new members also but will lose about 15 if they don't pay up by the end of the year. But this was result of past secretaries not being efficient. As the secretary for this lodge now I have done everything within my power to retain these members, but with no success.

Sterling Lodge depending on who you talk to is doing okay but has attendance problems also. They continue to plug along.

Kodiak No. 9 should be doing well because we made 6 or 7 new members in that two day class and I think they had about twenty members total at that function so they should be getting stronger.

Cordova No. 5 I don't have a report but I know you made a Grand visit. In the future if brothers don't become more involved in their local lodges and assist in the duties the lodges must perform, I'm afraid our future is bleak. How to accomplish this I don't know but I will be doing my best to find an answer because Masonry has a lot to offer to make this world a better place and we all need that right now.

Respectfully submitted,

Billy Harris
District Deputy No. 2

District 3

Grand Master of Alaska Masons

Annual Report

Masonry is alive and well in District 3 with all lodges being very active in combined events as well as doing individual lodge events. Combined events held throughout the year was official visitation for the Grand Master visit on April 19th, 2011 with approximately 75 in attendance. The Junior Wardens picnic was held at Lions Park in Mt. View on June 25th, 2011 even though it was a cloudy day we managed once again to have about 75 in attendance.

Glacier Lodge held a Rusty Master Mason Degree in the fall as well as a Ladies Night and Past Masters Night. No further information available from Glacier Lodge.

Aurora Lodge held a Ladies Night on May 7th, 2011 with great food and entertainment. Aurora lodge also initiated 6 Entered Apprentices and passed 5 Fellow Crafts and raised 2 Master Masons this past year. Aurora Lodge had one dimit and one Brother laid down his working tools. Brother Doug Ohms received the Daniel Beard Scouting Award and Aurora Lodge presented the "Outstanding Educator" award to Nadine Heikklea of Bayshore Elementary School. Aurora also made a contribution to the Grand lodge of Japan for Tsunami relief. In November Aurora Lodge applied for a "change in bylaws" to reduce the number of Stated meetings to 6 a year, by only having a Stated meeting every other month starting in January 2012. The other months will have a special meeting dedicated to Masonic Education. The purpose of Aurora Lodge in doing this is to focus on Making Masons and promoting Masonic knowledge.

Anchorage Lodge 17 held a Ladies Night on April 16th, 2011 with about 50 in attendance. Anchorage Lodge also held 2 Fellowship dinners one on May 25th, 2011 with approximately 45 in attendance and again on September 28th, 2011 with approximately 50 in attendance. Anchorage Lodge also held a Past Master's dinner on October 19th, 2011 with approximately 52 in attendance. On December 7th, 2011 Worshipful Brother James Zuke conducted a class for lodge officers and interested Brothers on lodge operations and what is expected of lodge officers. Degrees conducted through the year are as follows 5 Entered Apprentice degrees, 4 Fellow Craft degrees and 6 Master Mason degrees. During the Stated Meeting held on December 14th, 2011 twelve each 25 year pins were presented. Three Fifty-Year Pins and Certificates were issued in 2011. Two Brothers were presented the lodge service medal this year Worshipful Brother Timothy Jackson and Brother Steve Warner. On September 10th,

2011 Brothers met and performed a cleanup of the Masonic Cemetery plot at the Anchorage Memorial Cemetery downtown Anchorage.

The lodges in District No 3 were very busy during this past year and it has been a pleasure to have worked with them and the Grand Lodge as well.

Glen Josey
District Deputy No. 3

District 4

All the Lodges reported having some activities this year. Most of our Lodges in District 4 are quite small.

Petersburg Lodge No. 23 has 3 active members, but they have an Entered Apprentice, this year.

Ketchikan Lodge No. 19, has 12 active members with about 30 members on the roster, they had 1- 3rd degree proficiency and 2 other new members.

Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18, in Sitka, has enough active members to fill the chairs, with a total of 50 members, but most of them live out of town. Sitka had 4 - 3rd degrees this year and 2 are proficient Master Masons at this time.

White Pass Lodge No. 1, in Skagway only has 9 active members with 52 on the roster. They have 1 - 3rd degree working on his proficiency to be a Master Mason, and 1 Entered Apprentice.

Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21, in Juneau has 140 members with 20 to 30 active members. Juneau suffered the loss of their Secretary December 17th, and the complete report has yet to be filed. An interim Secretary has been appointed, and a new elected Secretary will be on the job soon. Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux has had a very active degree year, with many new additions to their roster, and many at different stages of proficiencies.

I was very pleased to serve the Grand Lodge of Alaska this year, I met a lot of new Brothers and gained more light in Masonry and I will continue to serve the Grand Lodge of Alaska in 2012.

VW Al Brookman,
Deputy District 4

District 5

I am pleased to report that the lodges in District 5 had another great year.

I was able to attend the combined Grand Lodge visitation and also attended each Lodge during their Stated Meetings as time permitted. Each lodge held their stated meetings on their prescribed dates and conducted lodge business promptly and proficiently, handling any and all issues requiring attention. Each lodge has worked to shorten stated meeting durations allowing more time for fellowship (brotherly love and friendship) following meetings.

I attended degree work when possible with all three lodges conferring degrees during the year. While some degrees went better than others all of them were accomplished in due form, The officers and Craft responsible for conferring each degree worked hard to give candidates their best.

Matanuska Lodge No. 7, Eagle River Lodge No. 13, and Iditarod Lodge No. 20 participated in several community events throughout the year promoting Masonry in a very positive light. They were active in their communities, contributing money in the form of scholarships and school supplies and participating in annual events such as 4th of July parade in Palmer and the Bear Paw Festival parade in Eagle River.

The annual election of officers were held and installation of elected and appointed officers accomplished in due form. It is apparent that the newly elected and appointed officers are looking forward to 2012. I feel confident that they are willing and capable of performing the duties, responsibilities and requirements of their elected and appointed offices within their respective Lodges.

Respectfully submitted,

VW Frank G. Weiss, III
PM Eagle River. No. 13
Deputy of the Grand Master District 5

Alaska Masonic Research Association (AMRA)

First Meeting and Card No.1

In June 1976 at the Grand Lodge of Washington & Alaska, this historical meeting of Alaska Brothers took place. I presided over this breakfast meeting, as I was the Grand Sword Bearer of Washington and Alaska Grand Lodge. At this breakfast all the Alaska Brothers could come together and talk about Masonry in Alaska. I introduced the Deputies, Worshipful Master, and officers of Alaska Masonic Lodges.

Then the discussion became about a Grand Lodge for Alaska. How Could We Do It? It was decided to form a Masonic Club, to research, how to do this. The name Alaska Masonic

Research Association was adopted and I was elected the 1st President of AMRA. Time was short that morning as we had to attend the Washington and Alaska Grand Lodge Meeting that day, So we continued the meeting that evening, where there was more time for the discussion of an Alaska Grand Lodge.

Most of the discussion that evening had to do with how to raise money, and just how do we form a Grand Lodge of Alaska. We formed an Executive Committee to find out these important answers, before our next breakfast meeting, which would be held at the 1977 Grand Lodge of Washington and Alaska.

We also decided to set the price of \$ 5.00 dues per year. The Executive Committee gave me the dues card of No. 1 of which, I would like to present the Alaska Masonic Museum with this card No. 1 and letter I received at that time; today February 2, 2012.

Throughout the years that followed, I heard rumored other brothers claimed, to have AMRA dues card No. 1. I just brushed it off until in 1994, I received a newsletter from AMRA President Charles I. Gregg Past Grand Master of Alaska Grand Lodge of 1989. I will read this letter in part, after I thank my wife Georgene for saving this information for so many years for me.

VW Al Brookman,
Deputy in District 4

(Reading of letter as follows)

(Ed. Note: The following letter has capitalization of words in sentences used throughout and several words were not spelled correctly, but letter is reproduced as originally sent.)

January 31, 1994

Al Brookman Jr.
2682 Oro Dam Blvd. W.
Oroville,.Ca. 95965

AMRA
Charles Gregg Sec./Tres.
P.O. Box 190668
Anchorage, Ak. 99519

Dear Chuck Gregg;

I just Read with much Interest, your 1994 Letter, concerning the Alaska Masonic Research Update and I do not Agree with your Information. On the Formation of "AMRA" on that, Historical Day June 16, 1976 in Seattle, Washington. Being I was Grand Sword Bearer, I was asked to Host a Breakfast. The Meeting was Attended by a Large group of Brethren from Alaska and after the introduction of the Deputies, Masters and other Lodge Officers, the Conversation was on the Possible Formation of Grand Lodge of Alaska. Time ran out Before many of the Brethren could Speak on the Subject, as We had to Attend Grand Lodge of Washington's Session that Day. It was Agreed with so much

Interest and So many Alaska Brothers in One Place, more Discussion should be Done at this Time and so the Brothers Agreed to Continue this Meeting at 7 P.M. that Evening.

The Meeting Resumed at 7 P.M. and after much Discussion and All the Brothers had a Chance to Speak it was Moved and Passed to form the Alaska Masonic Research Association. I was then Elected the 1st President of AMRA, there was much Work to be Done that Year for our Puposue was to Research how to Form a Grand Lodge. Alter several Meeting and many Months, it became Clear, how this was to be Accomplished, with much Dedication, Time and Money.

In the Spring of 77, I called a Meeting of the Excutive Officers of AMRA, more Progress was Made and the Raising of Money seemed to be of Great Importance, I purposed to the Officers that Dues Card #1 be Auctioned to the Highest Bidder. They would not Hear of this and Presented Card #1 to AMRA'S 1st President. I was Very Surprised and Very Pleased to Except this Card. The Officers excepted My Idea of the So - Called," AMRA Pin", as a Money - Maker. I Completed My Term as President of AMRA and Today the Grand Lodge of Alaska is a Reality.

Enclosed is a Copy of My Membership Card for AMRA, #1 and a Copy of a Letter from James a. Williams Grand Master of Alaska. Please Except my Statement and after it has been Verified, Correct the Record, as History is only as Good as IF it is Reported Accurately.

I am Fraternally your Friend ;

Al Brookman Jr. PM
Mt Verstovia Lodge
Sitka, Alaska

(Reading of return letter)

February 8, 1994

Al Brookman
2682 Oro Dam Blvd. W.
Oroville, CA 95965

Dear Brother Al,

I received your letter today and it would seem that a great big apology is in order. First, I want to thank you for not pounding on me as hard as I so richly deserved.

I have no idea how the script ended up reflecting that Henry Lee Hall of Juneau was the first president - Since I had the records in my possession, I knew full well that you were the first president - goofed badly and I hope you won't hate me forever.

Secondly, Jim Williams proofed the copy, and didn't catch the error either, then after receiving hi copy of the recent mailing, was the first to write and inform me of the error. As a matter of fact, am looking at the original copy right now with Jim's markings and it seems that he missed on a couple of other points too - sorry about that - but "I am most guilty King Solomon!" It was I...

Although I was present at the breakfast on June 16, '76, I remember more about how we had to rush to get over to the Seattle Civic Center in time for the Grand Lodge meeting and I really didn't recall that much serious conversation on the subject of a Grand Lodge of Alaska - but do recall quite a bit

about the meeting that was held that evening, and many of the other meetings during the next four years.

For the other information, I researched the minutes, and hopefully, it is correct. I have a red face and now that you have brought me up to date - I will have to rectify this situation, or I really will be in the dog house for a very long time. I will keep my history lessons to myself from now on.

The AMRA pin that you refer to is indeed now a collector's item and I know of several people who would give much, much more than its original cost just to get one, as it was long ago settled that they would not be reproduced.

Funny you should mention that you were the Grand Sword Bearer at that time, because when the Grand Lodge of Alaska was actually formed in 1981, Wayne Sparger was the Grand Master of Washington, and he had asked me to be his Grand Sword Bearer, and I had to turn him down because I knew what the consequences might be if Washington didn't quickly recognize Alaska. I still have the letter asking me if I would accept the job.

Your dues card was #1, mine was #10 and I still have it around here somewhere.

Again, my apologies - As soon as possible, I will try to right the wrongdoing.

Fraternally,

Charles I. Gregg

Alaska Masonic Library and Museum (AMLAM)

Annual Meeting February 1, 2012

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Secretary, Jerry Pinion at 10:44 AM in Conference Room 301 of the Sheraton Hotel, Anchorage, AK. Secretary Pinion called the roll of the Board of Directors and determined there was a quorum present to conduct business.

2011 Board of Directors:

Term Expire February 2012

W John K. Bishop (**not present**)

MW John R. "Bo" Cline

RW Jerry W. Pinion (Secretary)

Term Expire February 2013

W Robert L. Cartmill

RW Ronald L. Ackerman

W Richard "OD" Odsather (**not present**)

Term Expire February 2014

MW Johnnie L. Wallace

VW Roger Barnstead (**not present**)

Bro. Paul Evermon (**not present**)

At-Large

MW Henry T. Dunbar (**not present**)

Additional Persons Present

RW James R. Herrington

RW Dave Worel

VW Roger Hansen

Bro. Steve Cords

Bro. Joe Dahl (Executive Director AMLAM)

Sister Joan Morgan (Museum Curator)

Secretary Pinion read the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Alaska Masonic Library and Museum Foundation of February 2, 2011 and was approved as corrected.

Treasurer Report: No report given due to the excused absence of the Treasurer.

Bro. Joe Dahl (Executive Director) reported on the success of the AMLAM fundraiser held the previous evening (January 31, 2012):

- Joe reported that \$1,580 was raised from the silent auction, with an additional \$295 in cash donations, for a total of \$1,956 raised during the event.
- He indicated that the AMLAM financial accounts are being transferred from MW Hank Dunbar (the previous Treasurer) to Bro. Paul Evermon (current Treasurer).
- Bro. Dahl also reported that our financial obligations are being kept in check.
- Fundraising currently meets our financial needs, where this past year AMLAM received \$6,900 from the Grand Master's direct appeal campaign.
- The 2012 budget is identical to 2011 with the addition of the cost of web site development.

Old Business:

- Sister Joan Morgan (Museum Curator) reported that the AMLAM printer has gone to meet its maker. She said that a multi-function printer that prints in color, copying, scanning, prints and scans legal size documents, and performs duplexing was needed. RW Herrington and VW Roger Hansen both indicated that they had usable printers that they could donate to the cause.
- RW Pinion read a letter from the State of Alaska stating that AMLAM's application for "Pick, Click, Give" had been accepted for the 2012 PFD application program. He also reported that the 2013 "Pick, Click, Give" application is currently available online. The application fee is \$250 per year. MW Wallace made a motion that AMLAM pursue "Pick, Click, Give" in 2013 and \$250 be added to the budget to cover the application cost. The motion was seconded by W Cartmill and carried unanimously.
- Discussion proceeded regarding changing the address for AMLAM, both postal and physical, for convenience in collecting mail and packages. No decision was made after this discussion.
- RW Pinion reported that a 990N form was successfully transmitted to the IRS for 2011 tax year reporting.

New Business:

- MW Cline recommended that AMLAM develop a web presence, which should include hours of operation for the library and museum and contact information to gain access at other times. He also suggested that AMLAM entertain posting articles in the Grand Lodge newsletter, “The Light from the Great Land”.
- Sister Morgan indicated that AMLAM requires some sort of database system for cataloging the library and museum artifacts.
- MW Cline suggested that AMLAM become a member of the Masonic Library and Museum Association (MLMA). He also reported that The Masonic Society in conjunction with MLMA will be sponsoring a joint conference on “researching and preserving Masonic history” at the George Washing Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia in September 2013.
- Sister Morgan reported on her participation in the local museum association, “Museums Alaska”. MW Cline suggested that it is in the best interest of AMLAM to become a participant in such associations. MW Cline made a motion that \$400 be added to the annual budget to participate in these and similar associations. The motion was seconded by MW Ackerman and carried unanimously.
- MW Cline suggested that AMLAM reprise its fundraiser the night before Grand Lodge in 2013, however with self-catering at the library/museum (York Rite building). He also suggested a direct appeal to members of the Grand Lodge of Alaska for donations, similar to the “Green Envelope” appeal from MSANA and offering membership status in AMLAM through the issuance of a certificate or library card.

Secretary Pinion opened the floor for nomination for Directors to fill the vacancies of whose terms were expiring in February 2012. The following were nominated, elected, and agreed to serve a three year term to end in February 2015.

MW John R. “Bo” Cline
RW Dave Worel
VW Roger Hansen

2012 Board of Directors:

Term Expire February 2013

W Robert L. Cartmill
RW Ronald L. Ackerman
W Richard “OD” Odsather (not present)

Term Expire February 2014

MW Johnnie L. Wallace
VW Roger Barnstead
Bro. Paul Evermon

Term Expire February 2015

MW John R. “Bo” Cline
RW Dave Worel
VW Roger Hansen

Secretary Pinion then opened the floor for nomination for Officers of the Foundation Board of Directors for 2012. The following were nominated, elected, and agreed to serve in the respective positions.

President – MW John R. “Bo” Cline
Vice President – MW Johnnie L. Wallace
Secretary – VW Roger Hansen
Treasurer – Bro. Paul Evermon

Remarks:

- VW Hansen asked to receive copies of the AMLAM minutes for inclusion in future editions of the Grand Lodge of Alaska proceedings
- RW Pinion remarked on what an enjoyable evening and wonderful event the fundraiser/silent auction arranged by Bro. Dahl was and the great support from members of Grand Lodge.
- MW Ackerman (Grand Master) thanked AMLAM and the staff of the library and museum for coordinating the fundraising event.
- Bro. Dahl suggested a different venue for future receptions. It was suggested that the next fundraising event be at the library and museum itself.
- MW Cline congratulated VW Hansen for his hard work and dedication in completing all of the proceeding for the Grand Lodge of Alaska.

There being no more business to come before it, the meeting was adjourned at 11:52 AM, Peace and Harmony prevailing.

Respectfully submitted

MW John R. “Bo” Cline, Secretary (pro tem)

Remarks by Joe Dahl in Grand Lodge

I would like to thank you for your support throughout the year that you have given us especially with the fund raising activities and thank you brethren for money that you have donated to us this year.

We also thank the hard work that Right Worshipful Grand Secretary does for us in the office and Very Worshipful “Grumpy” does for us as well, Tom Schram, he is one of our greatest assets there.

It’s been a great year for us and quite and interesting one. One of the things we do is provide a training service at 6:00 pm on every Thursday night where we do proficiency work for those going through the degrees and after that we do advanced Masonry for those who want to come and learn what they are learning on their own, which we sometime have had for or five people for that or sometimes we’ve had as many as fifteen at one night. It’s growing. It is pretty consistent. Once again all Masons are welcome to come. When you are in town, it’s at the Library and Museum at 6:00 pm each Thursday evening.

We also supported the Scottish Rite this year with doing a history for them, which I flew down to Juneau and presented it to them at their 100th year anniversary and which that we

received the minutes from their meetings from 1911 to approximately 1977 and we went through them page by page, year by year to gather the data to comprehend that sort of thing. We also did the same thing for Anchorage from 1947 to approximately 1975. It did turn out to be quite a good event and there were quite a few surprises that we found in those events. And, I encourage you to look in your own in the past. You may find some surprises there as well.

We also had a couple of unusual things happened this year. One of them never ever had first-hand knowledge of them, only read about these things. I got an e-mail from the Grand Secretary telling me of a young woman who would like to make a donation to us. As it turned out, it was a couple of old documents that were fairly common: some old Monitors, things that those us in the Craft are accustomed to seeing and finding. But the story that she gave me was from her husband who had recently left her and as far as took the car, took all the stuff, most of the stuff in his house and left while she was at work and pretty much abandoned her on the spot. This gentleman's name was Robert Tilly. The reason why I say this is, that he collected Masonic materials, read them, and talked about his Masonic exploits. But this gentleman is not a Mason, at all. So we have someone operating in our area; his last know whereabouts was possibly Seward and is pretending to be a Mason. So there is first-hand knowledge to you as well about a month and a-half when I contacted this young lady.

I also had contact from another gentleman who had, once again, some monitors and he had his grandfather's certificate of proficiency in the Grand Lodge of California and he donated those things. And for those of you who have been around Alaska in the late '70's and '80's this is going to be a show stopper for you. While the gentleman was giving me this stuff, one of the things I usually ask someone who is presenting things to us, are sure you want to let go of this? Absolutely positive? Once you've let go of this, it's gone, not coming back. Is there any possibility that you may decide to become a Mason later in life? He said no, I don't qualify. Kind of struck me as odd and I said why don't you qualify? Well, he said, I've done some jail time and I was quite a bad boy back in the late '70's, earlier '80's. If you have ever heard of the guy that robbed all the gas stations of Anchorage, was known as the "Tesoro Bandit" that's who was standing there. We don't get that every day there. Someone infamous and he actually was very unassuming and actually lives out in Wasilla now for those of you who live out there.

Once again we continue to support education in the lodges. We did a friendship night for Glacier 10 which they had as an event at their lodge and came over to the library to look around and do whatever they like. We do that for anyone in town, may come in even on an ad hoc basis, and just give me a call. We will be more that glad to support you in any way possible to get you in.

One of the things that Right Worshipful Monte and his Grand Lecturer's report alluded to was education at the lodge and we provide that. The District Deputies are here to provide you with ritual work. We don't cross that line; never professed to do so. But if you want to learn something more about the philosophies of Masonry or some function in the right direction, or a program of that nature, we are there to help. If you can't get my card while you are here, you can always contact the Grand Lodge officer and they can get me through

my e-mail or by telephone and we will be more that glad to help anyone and any lodge in the state.

The library is directly across the alley from the Anchorage Masonic Center on 15th and Eagle Street and the hours of operation right now are Thursday at 6:00 pm. We are going to be opening on Tuesday and Thursday between 10:00 and 2:00. We recently had our curator, Joan Morgan, become available more so that she has before. Although she may be gone a little bit, she has a mother that is in the last stages and goes down there periodically for a few weeks at a time.

I forgot one other thing Most Worshipful that I may add. Something that I feel quite strongly about that we have a golden opportunity on Saturday that we have the Warden's Charge from 11:00 to approximately 3:00 and where we have something that I have not heard of this being done in any jurisdiction in the country where you have the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Senior Grand Warden available to teach you a class, demonstrate leadership, demonstrate their Masonic excellence, and teach you how to get it yourself. To me it is quite valuable and I encourage everyone to come to that this Saturday.

Also, my lodge, we're having a 9:30 breakfast at the "Sunrise Grill" and love to have everyone there. Need directions to that please see me? Thank you Most Worshipful for letting me do the advertisement and thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Dahl

Awards

James A. Williams Award

There was a three-way tie for the James A. Williams Award honoring the Alaska Lodge with the largest number of Master Masons raised. The three lodges were Anchorage Lodge 17, Mt. Verstovia Lodge 18, and Mt. Juneau – Gastineaux Lodge No. 21. Each lodge raised six Master Masons during the year 2011.

Buckley C. Hazen Award

The recipient of the Buckley C. Hazen Award for the largest percentage membership growth was presented to Kodiak Lodge No. 9 for the year 2011.

Military Recognition Award

No person from the Military Forces was selected to receive this award due to military

administrative problems.

Grand Lodge Scholarship Recipient

Recipient of the Grand Lodge Scholarship is Miss Sydney Alice Stone of Lathrop High School in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Grand Master's Award for Excellence

The Grand Master's Award for Excellence was earned by the following Masters in 2010:

Dennis Oakland	Matanuska Lodge No. 7
David Prentice	Glacier Lodge No. 10
Carlton Haenel	Fairbanks 12
Frank Weiss	Eagle River 13
Jonathan C. Ward	Aurora Lodge No.15
Dave Arnold	North Pole 16
Thomas Schram	Anchorage 17
David Creig Boyd	Iditarod Lodge No. 20
Steven Stewart	Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21
Bill Roberts	Sterling 22

Mason of the Year

Mason of the year for 2011 was awarded to Michael A. Starkey of Fairbanks, Alaska.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Alaska Masonic Foundation for Children Annual Meeting

Call to order by President MW John R. “Bo” Cline, Past Grand Master

Roll call of officers

Chair	MW John R. “Bo” Cline, Past Grand Master
Vice Chair	
Treasurer	James Grubbs
Secretary	Jerry Wasson
Member	RW Edward O. Weisser

Business conducted:

Reading of Past Minutes by Secretary RW Jerry Wasson

Finance Report by Treasurer RW James Grubbs: Our investments didn’t do too good last year, a little bit in the red.

Discussion by members concerning scholarship amount giving:

- James Grubbs indicated that they not know how much will be given out in scholarships until after Grand Lodge. Secretary RW Jerry Wasson commented that he had a complaint from Jerry Hughes who indicated that the schools did not know the value of the scholarship. Chairman Cline recommended that they mention the minimum will be \$500.00 and go with that. Discussion followed concerning the scholarship amounts
- Motion by MW Johnnie L. Wallace that we make the scholarship a minimum of \$500.00 so we can publicize it so that they know what they are going to get. Wording of the motion by John Cline is that there is a motion to add a minimum contribution to the scholarship each year of \$500.00, seconded by MW Ronald L. Ackerman. Motion carried.
- MW Bo Cline asked how to grow the amount in the present scholarship fund.

Discussion by MW Bo Cline about “Tech Soup” for non-profits to purchase computer software and hardware at reduced prices

Discussion by MW Bo Cline on “Pick, Click, and Give” for those people who apply for the Permanent Fund through the State of Alaska can give a portion of their Permanent Fund to go to a charitable organization that is on the list. To qualify to be on the list, the money that you raise has to be obligated that year and cannot be put into an endowment fund. So right now, AMLAM qualifies for it because they are a library and have operating expenses and no endowments. This (scholarship) is an endowment and unless we have a program during the

year that went out to support an activity or charity within the community, it takes us out of the loop of the “Pick, Click, and Give” program. Other discussion followed about other requirement concerns.

Ed Weisser gave a report concerning the scholarship applications to be reviewed at a later time. MW Bo Cline asked Ed Weisser to put together recommendations for the new scholarship committee.

Ed Weisser asked about the responsibility of the district deputies for getting the information out concerning the scholarships. It was mentioned that the head of the scholarship committee, Stephen Wright, sent the information to the lodge secretaries but getting the information out the schools was a problem. Much discussion ensued concerning this subject and gaining more participation.

There is another program mentioned by MW Bo Cline. It is the Ray Beaver program, called the Masonic Model Student Assistance Program. It provides training to school teachers and administrators on how to identify children at risk. They give canned training by a corporation that comes to your jurisdiction that provides teachers with a two to three day training of what are the characteristics of these kids. They not only give them tools to identify them but also what is the outreach there is to help these kids and their families.

Ed Weisser mentioned that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has a credit card and that the revenue from the card, much like for airline miles, the revenue could be used for Grand Lodge programs.

Bo cline mentioned that he will be the editor for the newsletter this year and has asked for articles for the newsletter and is always looking for articles on scholarship.

MW Grand Master Ronald Ackerman thanked MW Bo Cline for what he did this past year with the newsletter.

New Business to make the Grand Master vice president and the Deputy Grand Master would become the second vice president. Motion made to that effect and seconded and carried.

No further business to come before this meeting, MW Bo Cline declared the meeting closed.

Grand Lodge of Alaska Corporation Annual Meeting

Call to order by Chairman MW Grand Master Ronald L. Ackerman

Roll call of officers

Chair	Ronald L. Ackerman
Vice Chair	Jerry W. Pinion
Treasurer	James Grubbs
Secretary	Jerome P. Wasson
Member	James R. Herrington
Member	David Worel
Member	

Reading of minutes from previous meeting

Grant Treasurer

- We didn't do to good last year, just about flat and had to go into the general fund to keep the Grand Lodge afloat. This raffle for the Volkswagen bug will pull us through this year
- Grand Master had to cut the travel budget in order to get through the year. It will be a long time before it gets up to \$200,000 and by that time there won't be hardly any out-of-pocket expenditures.
- Everything else is going pretty good and if we get rid of this inventory it will help and we have only a few accounts receivable and most of these have already been paid.

James Herrington indicated that he had a friend that has a Corvette that they may buy and use it for a raffle next year to gain added funds for Grand Lodge. Much discussion followed concerning the possibility of using this automobile as a prize for a raffle.

Discussion followed about obtaining gaming permit for Grand Lodge

Motion was made by Jerry Pinion that we use up to \$6,000.00 of the profit of the Volkswagen raffle to purchase the Corvette and seconded by MW Johnnie L. Wallace and motion carried.

MW Grand Master Ronald Ackerman

- Asked about getting a gaming permit for Grand Lodge. Much discussion followed concerning finances of the permit and requirements of representatives.
- Discussion about pull tabs followed.
- Discussion followed about having a person or persons on the finance committee or a gaming committee for a period longer than one year and not like the Grand Master.
- Motion made by RW David Worel that we get a gaming permit and seconded. Discussion followed and motion passed.

Meeting adjourned

Presentations

Fifty Year Emblem to Most Worshipful Gene R. Freeman

Ritual presented by Most Worshipful Johnnie Wallace, Past Grand Master.

Brethren, Sisters, and Visitors we gather here tonight for the purpose of paying respect to a Brother who has served in the ranks of the Masonic fraternity for a period of two score and ten years.

The years of Man are divided into "3" stages of life, Youth, Manhood, and Maturity.

Youth: The springtime of life, when with vision and energy, the attainment of useful knowledge is planned.

Manhood: Bring to fruition, the visions of Youth by performing our duties to God, our Country, our neighbor, and ourselves.

Maturity: The time for relaxation, contemplation and retrospection; the period of time, that from the experience of the past, we are able to give counsel, advice, and guidance for the building of every good and laudable service for the perpetuity of Freemasonry. It is the recognizing of this phase of life - Maturity - to which we now direct our attention.

Most Worshipful Gene R. Freeman having attained this distinction, I congratulate you on your achievement in Masonic Maturity.

Record of his history presented by Most Worshipful Johnnie Wallace, Past Grand Master.

Masonic History of Most Worshipful Gene R. Freeman

Brother Freeman began his journey in Masonry by being elected to receive the Degrees of Masonry on November 8, 1961 in Tanana Lodge No. 162 now Lodge No. 3. He was initiated an Entered Apprentice on November 15, 1961, passed to the Fellowcraft degree on December 6, 1961 and raised as a Master Mason on January 3, 1962, and became proficient on January 10, 1962. Since that time he has served as Master of Tanana Lodge No. 162 in 1968. On June 14, 1976, he affiliated with Fairbanks Lodge No. 308 now Lodge No. 12 and served as Master in 1979 and 1987. In 1998 he served as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alaska. He still continues to be active in the Lodges in the Fairbanks area helping with coaching, mentoring, and the Degree work.

Brother Freeman has also been active in the concordant and appendant bodies. He has served as Worthy Patron of Fairbanks Chapter No. 18 Order of the Eastern Star. He has served as Royal Patron of the Amaranth Court No. 2 and as Grand Royal Patron of the Grand Court of Alaska. He has participated in the Local Rainbow Assemblies, and

Arctic Chapter Order of DeMolay, serving in many capacities for those organizations. As a member of the Farthest North Shrine Club he worked tirelessly as a Clown, known as Felix. Brother Freeman has also participated in the Scottish Rite and York Rite Bodies, He received the Scottish Rite 33 degree Inspector General Honorary on October 18. 1989 and the Order of the Purple Cross of Honor degree in the Sovereign College of York Rite, both of these degrees being the highest honor presented by those bodies.

My Brother, fifty years ago, you stood, before the Altar of Freemasonry, where you obligated yourself to be a true and faithful Brother of the Craft; to observe with diligence, your duties to God, your Country, your neighbor, and yourself. For fifty years, you have labored to spread Masonic Light and Knowledge, and have reached that Maturity which is especially recognized by Tanana Lodge No. 3 and the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska.

Brethren, Sisters, and Visitors we have heard the Masonic record of Most Worshipful Gene R. Freeman, whom we are honoring here this evening. He has attained the Fiftieth Milestone of the pilgrimage of Symbolic Masonry. Most Worshipful Gene R. Freeman, in recognition of your Fifty Year membership in the Masonic Fraternity, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska has seen fit to prepare and bestow upon you a gold 50 year pin and certificate. By virtue of the authority vested in me by The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska, I do present to you the Alaska Grand Lodge Award of Gold as a visible token of its fraternal love and grateful appreciation. May you wear this Emblem with equal pleasure to yourself and with honor to the Fraternity where so ever dispersed we congratulate you on this distinctive recognition.

On behalf of the Worshipful Master and members of Tanana Lodge No. 3 and the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska, we recognize your Masonic Maturity. I, Matt Thompson, Worshipful Master of Tanana Lodge No. 3 am humbled tonight by being asked to present you with this Fifty Year Certificate and Most Worshipful Ronald L. Ackerman, Grand Master of Alaska, presented the Service pin of Gold to Most Worshipful Gene R. Freeman, Past Grand Master.

Most Worshipful Gene R. Freeman was escorted to and from the stage by Very Worshipful Mike Starkey.

Presentation to Alaska Masonic Museum and Library and to Yukon Lodge No. 45

Very Worshipful Roger Hansen presented to the Alaska Masonic Museum and to a representative of the Masonic Lodge in Dawson an autographed Canadian five-dollar bill by Worshipful Eugene Mockerman, inscription, and picture of Eugene Mockerman during the 100th Anniversary of the Masonic Lodge in Dawson City. The inscription read as follows:

While in Dawson City, May 25th to 27th of 2001, for the 100th Anniversary Celebration of Yukon Masonic Lodge No. 45, two Masonic Brothers from Alaska were informing people that the man depicted on the back of the Canadian five dollar currency note was in town and that they should obtain his autograph.

The person who autographed the five dollar notes was Worshipful Brother Eugene M. Mockerman, Grand Chaplain of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska, who has a similar appearance to the man depicted on the Canadian five dollar currency note.

It should be noted, however, that the man depicted on the Canadian five dollar currency note is Henri Charles Wilfrid Laurier, who died in 1911.

Presentation of Dispensation to Grand Lodge by Dylan Youngblood

Return of the Dispensation to form Eagle River Lodge given at Grand Lodge session for the Library by Dylan Youngblood, Worshipful Master of Eagle River Lodge No. 13.

Presentations to Most Worshipful Grand Master

Brother Bruce Roberts presented at the Fellowship banquet a personal check to Grand Master Ronald Ackerman for travel.

Most Worshipful Richard A. Martin presented a specially designed tie to Grand Master Ronald Ackerman.

Grand Master was presented a photo album of the Widow's Son's motor bike tour by Jeffery DeFreest.

Right Worshipful Curtis Harris, Acting Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons in Alaska presented a photograph of Most Worshipful Ronald Ackerman in the Prince Hall Grand Lodge session and presented a pen and pencil set to Deputy Grand Master Pinion.

Presentations to Grand Master-Elect Jerry W. Pinion

Right Worshipful Russ Charvonia, Junior Grand Warden of California presented a crystal gavel to Grand Master-Elect Jerry W. Pinion.

Most Worshipful Bruce Cunningham, Grand Master of Arizona, presented a statue of a Mason chiseling himself out of a rough ashlar to Grand Master-Elect Jerry W. Pinion.

Contributions to Grand Lodge of Alaska

Contribution From:	To:	For:	Amount
Tanana Lodge No. 3	Grand Lodge	Museum	\$ 1,500.00
Valdez Lodge No. 4	Grand Lodge	Travel Fund	100.00
Kenai Lodge No. 11	Grand Lodge Grand Lodge	Travel Fund Discretionary Fund	1,000.00 150.00
Eagle River Lodge No. 13	Grand Lodge	General Fund	500.00
Anchorage Lodge No. 17	Grand Lodge	Travel Fund	1,389.00
Ketchikan Lodge No. 19	Grand Lodge	Travel Fund	210.00
Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux	Grand Lodge	Travel Fund	500.00
Sterling Lodge No. 22	Grand Lodge	General Fund	250.00
Roger Hansen	Grand Lodge	Not designated	770.00
Jared Decker	Grand Lodge	Scholarship	1,000.00
		TOTAL	\$7,369.00.

Speeches by Distinguished Guests

Summer Christiansen, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

On behalf of Mrs. Gabrielle Hazelton, Supreme Deputy in Alaska, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, I am so happy to be here and thank you for inviting me to address you at this Grand Lodge Session in Anchorage, Alaska.

This year, the lesson we've taken from our Grand theme, "Princess & the Frog," is one we have learned alongside the main character, Princess Tiana, on the journey to achieving our goals - any dream is possible with hard work and the help of our family, whether it's the family we're born into or the family we choose.

When we join Rainbow Girls, we are blessed to be given an automatic family of supportive adults and sisters. These adults are not only the ladies that attend every meeting, but the Masons, Shriners, Eastern Star, and Amaranth members that also support us. These wonderful people have been there for us through it all. They are present at our installations and initiations, our fundraisers and parties and help, not only with our service and charity projects, but each individual girl, congratulating us on achievements outside of Rainbow such as theatre or musical productions, graduation, and awards.

Personally, it is because of the Masons that I became involved with the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in 2006. My father had been recently initiated into the Juneau Lodge and heard from Mr. Claude Roberts that I would be able to join Rainbow. After a few parties, an initiation and some service projects, I was hooked. The family that I have gained from not only my Rainbow sisters across the state, but the Masonic and Eastern Star members, made me feel like I always had people to talk to and a family. I know that some of my favorite memories of Rainbow include events where my Masonic family members were present. Such as turkey bashes, mystery dinners, and the 4th of July Parade.

I would like to take a moment to recognize and remember Mr. Stephen Wright, who had helped me on my way to becoming the person I am today. Mr. Wright had helped me attain the Masonic Scholarship, which furthered my education and he also made sure to attend my installations. He was, and still is, an inspiration and help. I know that he will never be forgotten.

Everyone has a dream or a goal they work towards, whether it's in the organization that they belong to, or outside of it. While I'm sure many people feel that they can achieve anything by themselves with just hard work and determination, it's the support from who they consider their family, that gives them that push along the way. This year, our Grand Service Project is working with the Big Brothers and Big Sisters program of Alaska. I hope that we can share this lesson with the "little's" through fundraisers and events with this organization. There's nothing better than knowing that you always have family to support your life and dreams. As Thomas Jefferson said, "The happiest moments of my life have been the few which I have passed at home in the bosom of my family."

Rainbow girls all around the state have been keeping themselves busy this year. Juneau is

partnering with the OES Chapter to collect non-perishable food for the Food Bank, continuing the Adopt-a-Highway road cleanup section, and selling chocolate covered cherry cookies to raise money for Mercy Ships and the food bank. Nugget has been busy collecting food for the Food Bank of Alaska, hosting dinners such as the Mason Appreciation Dinner & a Progressive Dinner, wrapping gifts for the Shriners and of course attending numerous installations, proficiency parties and sleepovers. And lastly, Fairbanks has been busy volunteering their time at the animal shelter, making chocolate covered cherries to raise money, and occupied planning Grand Assembly as they are hosting it this year I invite you to join me at our 50th Grand Session in Fairbanks, June 25th through the 28th. In the spirit of family, we welcome any Masonic groups that would like to participate in Grand this year in anyway. Thank you.

Zoe Ross, Honored Queen, International Order of Job's Daughters

Most Worshipful Grand Master, members of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alaska, Distinguished guests, Ladies, and Gentlemen;

Good Morning:

My name is Zoe Ross and I am the Honored Queen of Bethel No. 1 Anchorage, Alaska, International Order of Job's Daughters. It is a great honor for me to address all of you today on behalf of the members of Job's Daughters and especially Bethel No. 1. Unfortunately, Alaska only has one Job's Daughter Bethel and it is here in Anchorage.

Bethel No. 1 is actually above average in membership than other Bethel's throughout the U.S. We have 14 very active members and 20 members on our current membership roster.

Although small in size we rank very high internationally with our ritual work and are becoming known as the 'little ritual Bethel'. When we attend our Supreme Session we always come home with a high number awards in Arts and Crafts, Performing Arts, and of course Individual Ritual Competition and our Supreme Messengers Ritual Team is ranked internationally out of 23 International Teams.

My question to you today is: What would Job's Daughters be without the Masons? Not a trick question. Job's Daughters wouldn't exist as an organization without the Masons. To be a member of Job's Daughters you are required to be related to a Mason in good standing. We are the only Masonic Youth Group to require such a relationship.

This relationship allows me, the other girls in my Bethel, and every girl in Job's Daughters to be a part of this wonderful organization. It is this legacy that binds every Job's Daughter to each and every Mason sitting here today and throughout the world. It is also this legacy that allows me to stand here before all of you. How many of you have a daughter, a granddaughter, a niece? How many of them belong to a Job's Daughters Bethel? You are the reason these girls are allowed to be a Job's Daughter and why this wonderful organization exists.

As you go about your business of Grand Lodge 2012, take a moment to remember how important having a Masonic Heritage is to the girls belonging to Job's Daughters and that we are the future of the Masonic organizations. Having Masons involved at this time of our lives and setting an example of what we should strive to achieve in our own lives, influences our decisions and down the road, perhaps the encouragement for our husbands to join the Masonic brotherhood.

Your involvement will assure that Job's Daughters will not only continue to exist in Alaska, but it will continue to exist around the world making this a truly international organization.

Thank you for inviting me this morning and on behalf of Bethel No. 1 Anchorage, Alaska of the International Order of Job's Daughter I wish you a great 2012 session. Thank you.

VW Tom Schram, Report of Bethel No. 1 Job's Daughters

It is my pleasure to report that Bethel No. 1 Anchorage, Alaska, Job's Daughters International is doing well. The Bethel began the year with 19 active members on the rolls. In December there were 17 active members on the rolls. This decline in members was due to one reaching the age of majority, three leaving the organization due to family conflict, one demit, and one studying in France during her Senior Year.

During the year, three new Jobies were initiated and one joined through demit. Presently there are eight girls ages six through nine that are in the "Jobie To Be" program and four will be able to join in 2012.

The girls have kept busy doing concessions stands at the local dog shows during the summer, doing coat checks at the Den'ina Center, and doing food drives for the food bank.

Bethel No. 1 was fortunate to attend the Supreme Session in St. Louis in July 2011 and did an excellent job in the competition. Three girls competed in the Performing Arts Competition and we had two winners. Daniell Lane competed in Vocal and received a 2nd place award. Izzy Sikora competed in Ballet and won 1st place. In the Arts and Crafts competition, Brynn Johnson received a 2nd place for her Job's Daughters Carry Piece, Zoe Ross won 1st place for her pen and ink drawing, Izzy Sikora won 1st place with her Alaska Flag Dream Catcher (perfect score), Abigail Hoellering won 1st place in graphic arts, 1st place with a knitted scarf and 1st place with her knitted dish cloth.

In the Ritual Competition, Zoe Ross received 2nd place for 3rd Messenger, Abigail Hoellering 3rd place for 1st Messenger and Brittney Moncrief took 2nd place for 4th Messenger. Five out of the six girls had perfect scores and one girl missed only one word. Alaska was ranked 4th in overall competition. This was great considering the competition coming from all over the country.

In addition to the competitions, Danielle Lane was selected as Supreme Rep to California and Brynn Johnson was selected as Supreme Rep to South Dakota. One of the older girls was

selected to be Supreme Senior Princess for 2011-2012, unfortunately due to the great financial burden that would be put on her family she had to turn it down.

Considering the small contingent of girls that attended Supreme from Alaska and the size of Bethel No. 1, the girls deserve a big pat on the back for making Alaska Masonry look good throughout the nation. The 2012 Supreme Session will be held in Baltimore, Maryland and the girls are working hard to fund the trip. They have already started fundraisers to earn the money to go to Supreme.

Susan Anderson, Past Bethel Guardian of Bethel No. 1, will be installed as Supreme 1st Messenger on the Supreme Guardian Council and is the first Alaskan to serve on the Supreme Council.

We as Masons should participate in helping these girls attain their goal by donating to their travel fund. Since each girl must have some Masonic connection in their family to be a member, it becomes our duty as Masons to support them. I encourage all the lodges in the state to help the girls out. What better way to show off Masonry in Alaska.

Respectfully submitted,

VW Tom Schram
Youth Committee
Director of Fraternal Relations
Bethel No. 1 Anchorage, Alaska

Response to Introduction of the Deputies to the Grand Master

We are pleased that, from your Report to Grand Lodge, for the year 2011, that we have served you well.

At times through this year, we had to answer questions, from the Lodges in our District, with some research, we are pleased, to report all is well. We enjoyed traveling with you, on your official visit and by the end of this year; we have gained new friends and learned more about Masonry.

We came from different parts of Alaska and learned; we can all work together in peace and harmony.

Your year took you too many Lodges in many states across the USA, and if by some chance, you should choose to be the Grand Master of Alaska again we will be at your side, ready to again, serve you, knowing that wisdom requires constant adjustments.

We will continue our Masonic education, until that day, when we meet “our maker” and there is no more light.

We wish you well and you and your wife's trip to Europe and hope to meet you, when you arrive back home for a complete Report.. God speed and have a safe trip..

Fraternally,

Your Deputies in Districts 1-2-3-4-5

Response to Introduction of Alaska Past Grand Masters

Most Worshipful Grand Master

It is indeed a pleasure to respond to these Past Grand Masters that are present here today. Thank you for the opportunity to be here to attend your session. We wish for you a successful continuation of this session.

We'd like to thank the Grand Secretary and Very Worshipful Roger Hansen for all the work that they have done putting these* together for us. They're long time in coming, so thank you very much.

Respectfully,

MW Johnnie L. Wallace
Past Grand Master

* Most Worshipful Johnnie L. Wallace is referring to the respective Grand Lodge Annual Proceedings for each Past Grand Master being presented to them by the Grand Secretary.

Dan Sullivan, Mayor of Anchorage, Welcoming to Anchorage

Well thank you very much and appreciate the introduction and the opportunity to be here and the honor to be here. You know it's one of the best things about being Mayor is that every now and then you get to get out of the office and forget about politics and welcome folks really from all over. I know we have folks from Canada and the "Lower-48" here. To you folks, if it's your first time here we extend a very, very warm welcome. First time in a week we can actually say a warm welcome; its been absolutely bone-chilling cold for the last ten days or so. Before that we set the all-time record for snow in Anchorage, so this has been one extreme after another. Today's kind of normal. You guys think of brought a calming influence to our town. Appreciate that.

We are always proud to always show off Anchorage and I've lived here for fifty-two years. Grew up in Fairbanks for my first eight years and moved down here in 1959 and just watched this town change from really a small town into what has become a metropolis if you will. We're the sixty-fifth biggest city in America now. And, with that comes of course all the great things that make a city dynamic. We've got entertainment opportunities, dining,

recreation, and of course the challenges as well. As a big city you have battles with crime and with some of the social ills every city goes through. So, we're trying to find a good balance there.

One of the ways that we think we know that we are on the right track is what other people say about us. Over the last year or two, Anchorage has been receiving different accolades from different magazines or on-line publications. For example, the Fur Rendezvous, which is coming up here the end of the month, was named by the National Geographic the best winter festival in the world. And that's quite a thing to live in a town where you have the best winter festival in the world.

We're one of the top cities in America for job growth which with the economy the way it is around the country, we are pleased to say we are fairly stable here. We went through a big crash, as many of you remember, here in the late 1980's. And, I think we kind of learned some good lessons from that and as the rest of the nation really went through a very, very bad recession-still coming out of it in a lot of places. We only dropped like in home values, dropped only about one or two per cent is all and we've already recovered the market values in housing.

You look around, particularly in the Southwest where you see cities where home values have dropped forty to fifty per cent and have not yet recovered and we realize how blessed we are.

We were named, we have of course a wonderful ski mountain down in Girdwood and we were named, I think, the fifth best mountain town in America which was pretty cool.

Business week, Bloomberg's Business week, named Anchorage the tenth best city in America combining all those factors of a good economy, low crime, and great winter activities. So we are pleased to be in the position we are in today.

Our Anchorage Economic Development Corporation has a goal. By 2035, their goal is to be the number one city in America to live, work, and play. And, so we are number ten and we are moving up the list and maybe by 2025 we will actually get there.

I hope during your conference you get an opportunity to get out and about Anchorage, particularly if you are visiting and like I say it's not the best of weather to be out doing things and there is obviously a lot of stuff going on with your conference that I know is going to keep you busy. But, it sounded like last night was fun and tonight there is something else on the agenda.

Masons having fun now; oh come on now, that can't be. I've warned the authorities; we'll be keeping an eye on you guys.

Well again, a very, very warm welcome. If the Mayors office can be of assistance while you're having your conference, please don't hesitate to contact me and again an honor to be here. Thank you.

Response by MW Harry Koenen, PGM to Mayor of Anchorage

Honorable Mayor, Dan Sullivan:

On behalf of our Grand Master, Ron Ackerman and First Lady Debbie, and all the Masons, wives, and dignitaries assembled at the Thirty-first Grand Lodge of Masons of Alaska Annual Communication, thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to welcome all of us to the city of Anchorage, Alaska and what the city has to offer everyone: food, shops, entertainment, and so forth. Thank you very much Mayor Sullivan.

(Mayor Sullivan added: And no sales tax.)

Response by MW Leslie R. Little, Introduction of Grand Representatives

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers, and Brethren all:

On behalf of the representatives, we would like to say something if you are not a Grand Representative, it's a lot of fun. It's great to get to know your counterpart in the jurisdiction that you represent. Many of us over the years have traveled to the jurisdictions that we represent and you can imagine what it is like to go the New Zealand, or Australia, or Nova Scotia and sit in to Grand Lodges and just really enjoy fellowship. If you have an opportunity or you feel like you can do it, get with the Grand Secretary. I know there are always Grand Lodges that need a representative.

So, on behalf of all of us, come join us. Thank you Grand Master.

MW Michael L. Sanders, Grand Master of Washington

Most Worshipful Brother Ron, Right Worshipful Jerry thank you so very kindly for allowing our Junior Grand Warden, Right Worshipful Bruce Vesper, and I to be here with you.

You know, the theme we have in our Grand Lodge this year is "believing in the power of your dreams." And at this time, it's something that I have been doing with our lodges in Washington. I'd like everybody in the room to stand up and shake hands with everybody around you and say, believe in the power of your dreams. You know, I do that for a couple of reasons. One, I want that phrase in your mind but second of all there is nothing that sort of increases the feeling of fellowship and the feeling of belonging than shaking hands by everyone around you.

Brethren, in the Grand Lodge of Washington, in 1934 the Grand Master had a ring made and it's a beautiful ring. I have it on now. It has been passed on down since 1934 from one Grand Master to the next each year and it's a beautiful ring and inside it is a large diamond. It's gorgeous. It's a beautiful diamond and I can sit sometimes in meetings and I look at it and I see it reflecting all the colors that are in our light and it's just beautiful. But what it

does it calls to mind for me, the story of probably the most famous diamond in the world, the Hope Diamond which as many of you know the Hope Diamond is currently on display at the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History and it is a large blue diamond, 35.52 karats, and absolutely beautiful to look at. But you know brethren, when the uncut diamond was brought from Africa to France it was approximately 115 karats, somewhere between 112.23 and 115 karats. So as the diamond cutters worked on it, they chipped away at all of the things that sort of distracted from the perfect diamond. When they were done, they had chipped over sixty per cent of the diamond, almost two-thirds of that diamond was chipped away to get down to that beautiful stone that we now have.

Brethren, I bring that up because as we know in our first degree, we are taught that our heart has the vices and superfluties of this world and we use the gavel to chip away at those vices and superfluties to make perfect Masons. Just like the rough ashlar becoming the perfect ashlar. Brethren, when I get a chance to come to an annual communication or a gathering of Masons that's what I feel is happening to me. That's some of those rough spots, every time I attend a Masonic function are being chipped away at to make me a better man and a better husband.

And, so I thank you for the opportunity to come to be with you and become a more perfect person. That is what Freemasonry is all about.

After his speech, the Grand Master from Washington presented to the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master a mantle clock and a fashion accessory – a “Believe in the Power of Your Dreams” tie tack.

RW Curtis Harris, Acting Grand Master, Prince Hall Masons of Alaska

Gentlemen, Esteem Gentlemen;

On behalf of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alaska, I bring you greetings and I say good afternoon Brothers! Response: Good afternoon!

I do remiss if I didn't mention something that is completely important beyond a shadow of a doubt; I do believe everyone here is old enough to have been here when on 10/9/1997 when Most Worshipful Stanley R. Foulke and Most Worshipful Michael R. Boone signed that compact to make this right here possible for Prince Hall Masons being able to come to the main stream Grand Lodge of Alaska and be able to ... (not understandable) ... as it should be.

One thing I've noticed that is a beautiful thing, I've spoken to my Brothers many times before, just sitting here seeing these father-son teams – second, third, fourth generation Masons – Grand Master and of his son being Worshipful Master at this point in time on. You definitely, Grand Master, believe me sitting as a Grand Sword Bearer. All I was going to say – every father should be so lucky to be able to pass on to his own son the beauty of Masonry. The things that he has dedicated so much of his own time to. It's always a

beautiful thing whenever you've actually become a Most Worshipful, you became a Masonic jeopardy question because as you said ... (not understandable)... instead haven't seen the Grand Master instead of the Worshipful Master at the same time. I, bless you, have the honor of becoming a Prince Hall jeopardy question, exact same year as you did. Because, I'm the elected Deputy Grand Master who became the Most Worshipful Grand Master when someone was ... (not understandable) ... the reason, the first time in Prince Hall history we believe when an actual seated Prince Hall Grand Master was literally deployed to a war zone. The gentleman you saw last year, my Most Worshipful Grand Master, Timothy Mullins, he is a Command Sergeant Major in the Army, active duty. He was called to serve and naturally being a Mason he went to serve; he didn't retire; he didn't take the easy way out on injuries.

You know, he and I had a long conversation prior to when he had to leave and I said, "Grand, you wait your entire Masonic career, there is no honor, no honor that's higher than being the Grand Master. Nothing, nothing in Masonry that beats it. I don't care what you have right here you'll wait your entire career to become Grand Master, you finally get here and now you have to give it up. I think you should retire. Just retire, stick around be the Grand Master, enjoy yourself, continue to serve."

But, of course being the soldier that he is and the Mason and man that he is, he said, "You know what, I would but I want my thirty, I want my thirty years." So by the time they release him, he's supposed to come home in September of this year he will have served the United States of America as Command Sergeant Major in the United States Army and he will have his thirty year pin of service which is a great thing for any man or Mason.

When we talk about ground breaking and trends and things of that nature, there are a lot of trends we have in Masonry. I don't know about on your side of the house but on our side of the house the Grand Junior Warden is pretty much of a ghost, believe it or not, he's pretty much a cash register for us. The Grand Master wants something, hey Brother Junior Grand Warden, how's your funds? Hey, figure it out, here's the bill, you figure it out. That's all the Grand Junior Warden is to us. He's strictly a ghost.

(from one of the brothers in the audience – can I write a resolution?)

These Brothers don't care. They know, on the average, two years, per seat, actually they're six years out. Not a big deal, they don't worry about that point by the time they move around to being the Grand Senior Warden then it becomes what we talk about that fifth science in our middle chamber, we talk about of course heat becomes a solid, a magnitude where we have length, breadth, and thickness are considered. So that is exactly what the brothers do. They pull out their ruler and start measuring the man till he makes it to Grand Senior Warden. They start getting the true measure of the man to see exactly what do we have here. We put him in a line-up. To keep him in the line-up he has to measure up, beyond the shadow of a doubt so they are paying a little bit of attention there.

Now time when he becomes Deputy Grand Master, like Right Worshipful Pinion here, you become a "glass slipper" and you become a "praying man" because what is going to happen to you is going to happen as Deputy Grand Master; make no mistake about that. That is

where everything is actually going to happen. So when I say “glass slipper” that means that they’re trying you on to be Grand Master. That’s the purpose of Deputy Grand Master. You go around every where with the Grand Master; the Brothers are truly looking at you that is going to be the next Grand Master; let’s see that he fits that ‘glass slipper.’” Right? And, if you don’t fit well we all know how things actually work some times. So, you have to fit the “glass slipper.”

Now the praying man part, especially in your jurisdiction; Lord have mercy! The Grand Master has to do fun raises all the way around ‘cause he knows when he gets to that seat, it’s coming out of hip pocket. So, the Deputy Grand Master prays, probably more that the Grand Master. Nothing could be worse than to pay for the rest of his year and then your own year on top of that. You become a praying man then.

Now for us in Prince Hall, the Deputy Grand Master becomes a praying mad because you’re praying the Grand Master doesn’t give you all the bad jobs that he keeps doing for himself. What happens, you anger all the Brothers, as the Deputy Grand Master, they don’t know the Grand Master places all these things on you but to who much is given, much is expected of you. Right? So, if the Grand Master only ... (not understandable)... you know what I got something that you have to do as Deputy Grand Master. You’re not going to like it, but it’s got to get done. You’re thinking, oh my God, how many votes am I going to lose from this one, with going to be Deputy Grand Master next.

As I say, truly as a Deputy Grand Master, I was talking, you know Tim nine months, I going to be Grand Master and then of course undergo an appeal which shouldn’t be a problem. But, still you got nine months to really anger some people who have been around for a long time.

So, in all things considered, it’s always a beautiful thing in Masonry no matter where you go tell me, we’re all Brothers. We’re all here for the same purpose, beyond a shadow of a doubt. Masons are always going to be found in the midst where people are serving their community, where they are serving our Lord, of course where you’re serving our country. I mean anytime you look around, you’re always going to find Masons there doing great things and I have had the pleasure of visiting your Grand Lodge sessions numerous times and watching the gentlemen move around the seats and now Most Worshipful Ron Ackerman is actually presiding. Probably happy because his year is over with, thinks he can put money in his pocket now. Your turn is coming of course (referring to Right Worshipful Jerry Pinion, Deputy Grand Master).

Again, I would like to thank you on behalf of my Grand Master. He would have liked to have been here, beyond a shadow of a doubt. He’s very impressed with the work you all do and I know he expects me to carry on the exact same standard and raise the bar for whomever come up to me beyond the shadow of a doubt. We truly appreciate being amongst you and your Craft and the other esteems.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak here.

RW Russ Charvonia, Junior Grand Warden of California

Most Worshipful, it is a pleasure to extend to you fraternal greetings from the Masons of California and in particular our Grand Master, Frank Louie. He happens to be at the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. We had a choice, I drew the long straw so it is absolutely a pleasure to be here. So, thank you.

MW William Bray III, Past Grand Master of California

When called upon to speak, MW William Bray indicated that my Junior Grand Warden, Right Worshipful Russ Charvonia, has already spoken for the Grand Lodge of California whereupon a rousing clapping of hands by the Grand Lodge brethren followed.

MW Brook Cunningham, Grand Master of Arizona

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, Brethren all: Good morning!

It's a good day to be a Mason, is it not? Nice and snowy, but a beautiful day.

I bring you greetings on behalf of 48,600 Masons of Arizona of which 40,000 are snow birds. We are waiting for their petitions but they are all snow birds.

Anyway, it's a real pleasure to be here today. I have been coming, this is my fifth year. I guess it is you guys are my family. I have you all. I belong to two of the lodges up here. No more petitions guys but we've created a bond between myself and the brothers here in Alaska. It is so special in Freemasonry.

Thank you Most Worshipful for the opportunity to come up here and to bring greetings from those 48,600, but thank you again.

RW Russ Graves, Grand Chaplain of Idaho

Grand Master and Brethren, I bring you greeting from Jay Leonard, Grand Master, A. F. & A. M. of Idaho. I asked Jay to give me some kind of indications of what kind of message he wanted me to bring to you. He was unable to attend due to a conflict with the Grand Lodge of Utah and he said, well just wing it and you'll be fine. Here I am just winging it.

I would like to thank Brother Bob Wiseman who is the Grand Representative of Alaska to Idaho. He has attended the Grand Lodge sessions in Idaho for many years. I don't know how many but many and he always brings great greetings from the state of Alaska.

This is my first Grand Lodge visitation outside of Idaho and my second trip to Alaska. The first trip was in the summer when it was a little bit but the weather was a little bit different. I won't say better or worse because everything is a new adventure.

2012 is my 38th year in Masonry but my Masonic education is just beginning. I started in the Grand Lodge line in Idaho, a year and a-half ago and since that time my eyes have just been amazingly opened and encourage all of you to travel, if it's just to a lodge in the next town, a lodge across the border, a lodge in a different part of the country, or a different country. I had the distinct honor to observe a third degree raising of a colleague of mine in his lodge in Brazil and though I knew absolutely nothing of what they were saying, because I do not speak Portuguese, I knew exactly what they were saying and it was an amazing experience. I would encourage any and all of you to encourage that kind of travel, that kind of brotherly love and brotherly ... (not understandable).

Grand Master of Idaho's message this year is re-dedication and re-obligation." We have a district communication twice a year in Idaho. The fall communication is the Grand Master's chance to travel throughout the state and visit as many lodges as possible and re-obligated all of the brothers in attendance in the first degree. And, it was an amazing experience to have the Grand Master recite the obligation in the first degree with all the brothers in attendance standing on the west side of the altar. He has encouraged every lodge in the state to do that in all three degrees and to promote Masonic education and true Masonic brotherhood and I would bring that message to you to re-dedicate your membership and encourage your brothers to travel. I know, rather I suspect with the Grand Lodge of Idaho, the Grand Lodge session is attended by mostly the senior Masons and the officers of the lodge and there is very little new Masonic activity at Grand Lodge. But, I think that is very important to express you new members or your members that don't get a chance to travel much to come and attend the Grand Lodge session and make those visitations. Encourage them to get to know some of the brothers in the Masonic world.

When I came up here, I knew very few of the brothers of Alaska but I knew them all. And, I want to thank every one of you for your kindness to my wife and to myself and I encourage you again to travel.

Grand Master thank you very much for your hospitality and a wonderful session.

MW Richard Martin, Grand Master of Oregon

Most Worshipful Brothers, Right Worshipful Brothers, Very Worshipful, whatever your title, it's another beautiful day in the great Northwest. Aren't we privileged you Alaska Masons to live in one of the greatest states in the union. It took three days, I'm on the fifteenth floor, but after three days I got to see the mountains. Beautiful!

I bring you greetings from the nearly 10,000 Masons and 115 lodges in the great state of Oregon.

I got to tell you a little story and this goes with something you discussed this weekend. Most Worshipful D. Arthur Bush, when he was Master of my lodge, I happened to be his Senior Warden and we were doing an EA degree and he said, "Brother Senior Warden, how many compose a lodge of Entered Apprentice Masons?" I said, "Seven or more." He said, "When of seven who are they?" And, I responded, Grumpy, Sleepy, Sleazy,... and he almost died I think.

But I got to meet "Grumpy." You have a "Grumpy" in your jurisdiction. Is "Grumpy" here? Now I have a mentor in Oregon, he's, I think, we call this gray haired man "Grump;" some of you may know him. He's the father of the Past Grand Secretary. Everybody calls him and he likes nothing better than hugging all the gals. He just loves to hug them gals. He makes a big deal about it. He likes my wife more than he like me, but he's in his late eighties or early nineties, I don't know which. But "Grump" is a jewel of a man.

(From the brothers – Our "Grumpy" is from Oregon too)

Oh he is? Perhaps all of them are.

Anyway, it is nice to be up here in Alaska. I've been to Utah for the last several years, but everywhere I traveled I met Brother Ron and Johnny Walker (referring to MW Johnnie Wallace).

I wish every brother had a chance to be Grand Master, because there is nothing better in this world. We've had such beautiful brotherly love and friendship amongst the brothers I have met as I traveled.

I had the opportunity this St. John's Day to sit in the Grand Lodge of Ireland and it was a beautiful experience. Now, I'm not a drinking man. In fact, I'm allergic to alcohol but the Grand Master, Most Worshipful George Dunlop, offered me a toddy and I had to refuse because I'm allergic to alcohol; I break out in spots like Las Vegas, New York. So I have to stay away from it. That's a true story.

But anyway, I would like to close by asking the brothers to stand up if you believe in thirty years you will be an active member in your lodge. You're lying; I know you're lying.

How old are you going to be in thirty years (asking MW Ron Ackerman).

(MW Ron Ackerman answered, one-hundred year old)

I like that brother way over in the back, last row, how old are you brother?

(Answer-42)

Anybody younger than forty-two? (multiple answers with 28 being the lowest)

We're in our twenties. But there is one brother in this room in his twenties. Now I submit to you, that's the most important brother in this room. Why is it? ... (end of tape)...

MW Edward O Weisser, Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania

... (break in tape)... very much interested in the youth of our country and it is very nice to see the youth doing things for us and just like you say that, Steven Wright, I got to know Steven pretty good and we had a good time together. Sometimes we would discuss politics, but that was a sideline. Steven was in New York, I guess that was about Halloween, and he called me and came and stayed at our house overnight and I took him into our Grand Lodge and said well he was looking forward to coming back. When I heard that he passed, that really shook me and I felt that Steve did a great job for this Grand Lodge and for humanity in general.

I'd also like to say that I know that the scholarship that he worked on with us on the other night and we did come and I am sure the Scholarship Committee reads their report will give all the information about it. But it is my pleasure to say that it's nice to see young people participate and I would say that those of who are here, we only had five applications or scholarship presentations this year and that's not very many. That says to me that we in this room need to spread the word that our Grand Lodge has a scholarship for the students in the arts.

The ones that we did receive are outstanding students and I would like to also suggest to the Library and Museum that maybe you could keep a list of, or a bulletin board, or something of those who have received a scholarship from the Grand Lodge and maybe even a picture of the students with their instruments or whatever activity in the arts they participate in and that would be a great thing I think for all those who are doing ... (Roger Barnstead interrupted by saying, "Tidings Most Worshipful Grand Master, I found the most important guy, a nineteen year old Mason)

(MW Edward Weisser responded) Oh we're glad to have nineteen year olds, we have a few eighteen year olds in our Grand Lodge, you're and old man now (referring to the nineteen year old Mason).

Speaking about that for those of you who would like to know how Pennsylvania is doing, we had some changes which some of us are not in favor of and some are, but I could just say that we took in, this year in our Grand Lodge over 8,000 new Masons and it was great.

As a Past Grand Master, someone - our former speaker said it was so great to be a Grand Master. Well, I'll tell you it is great to be a Past Grand Master. Also, I would like to say that Martin Behr, who comes with me from Pennsylvania, if you speak with him half the time it is in German and half the time it's in English. Well, his grandson turned eighteen and nineteen, and just twenty-one and his lodge speaks German and his grandson couldn't take the degree work in German so I did his degree a couple of months ago in English, the third degree, and

he had just turned twenty-one. So we're getting a lot of young people in Pennsylvania and it's really a good thing for our fraternity.

Grand Master, my wife and I always appreciate being here and as I said before, when I first started coming here about sixteen or seventeen years ago, I felt well I am going to be an outsider because we're so far away. But then I started realizing when everyone's here, they are greeting each other because they don't see each other maybe for a year because they live so far apart. So, I feel at home and we certainly, all of the "Past Grands" have been so nice to my wife and I and the membership in this Grand Lodge. I enjoy coming here and I hope to continue to keep coming and we'll see whether we can get some new Masons.

Speaking about that and for those of who are visiting "Past Grands" or Grand Masters, I never thought, I always said someone should replace themselves as a member. Now, I'm a member of Lodge No. 16, North Pole, and I have signed three petitions for this Grand Lodge even though I don't live here. So, those of you who are visiting don't tell us how great you are until you sign a petition. Thank you.

MW Charles Moulthrop, Past Grand Master of Michigan

Most Worshipful, Distinguished guests, Brethren all, I bring to you greetings from my Grand Master, just a minute my switches are slowing down on me all of a sudden; I can't think of his name right now. I'm sorry. But, he wished to you a successful session this year. Unfortunately he was not able to come. He is an administrator in a central Michigan college and he's taken off all of his vacation time to visit other lodges in the area, in the state, and what have you and I told him, I said when I received the invitation to take and send him, I said Grand Master, if you don't come up with me this year, I expect you to be the first one to put in an application for travel to come to the Grand Lodge of Alaska next year. And, he said to me, "Now just why would I want to do that?" I said, "Because you're missing the best Grand Jurisdiction in the United States."

Brethren, when I came up here in 1981, I was greeted by a young man at the airport. It was 45 degrees Fahrenheit. It was raining a cloudburst. We had fog along with it and we threw my bags in the back of a pickup truck that had more rust than steel and every time we hit a bump on our way back into the hotel we just kind of flew over the second one because all four fenders kind of flapped at one time. But we got into the hotel and I was registering at the desk and Arley was standing behind me and there were three gentlemen walking from the one tower toward the second tower. Across the lobby the one said "Arley, is that the gentleman from Michigan?" He said, "Yes sir it is." He says, "Well when he gets unpacked, bring him up to room number such and such in the old tower." Well okay.

On the way in from the airport, I was telling Arley, he asked me what my libations were of preference. And I told him, Jim Beam. Well okay, Arley helped me up to my room and he said I will be back in about fifteen minutes to pick you up and take you across the aisle. So he arrived about fifteen minutes later and he has a six-ounce glass and I swear brothers, it was half-full of nothing else but Jim Beam. Now when I left Michigan, I left my house at

5:00 am Eastern Standard Time, temperature was twenty-five below zero, the wind was blowing thirty knots out of the northeast so we had a wind chill of about thirty-two below. We had eighteen inches of snow on the ground and when we got out to the airport, I got there and I got here at 4:30 in the afternoon your time. What was it? It was forty-five degrees; it was raining. I brought all my woolies. I expected to be cold all the time I was here.

Well, at any rate, Arley gave me that glass and he says, "Most Worshipful Sir, I hope I measured right." Now I hadn't had a thing to eat since twenty-five after 5:00 in the morning, Eastern Standard Time. Now at that time of the day, I remember you were five hours not just four and so we went across and we went up and the elevator doors opened up. The hospitality room was two rooms adjoining. The doors opened up and the first four people I see, I have known for four years very closely; the then Junior Past Grand Master of Montana-Francis Hess and his wife Lela; the then sitting Grand Master of Nebraska-Byron Jenkins and his wife-ah doesn't ring upon me, but any rate these were the first four people and they turned around and said to me, "Just in the ... (not understandable)...are you doing up here?"

Well that's another story brothers. I received the invitation from the Grand Lodge of Masonic Research to attend the possible formation of the Grand Lodge of Alaska. It was addressed to me and was worded to me as if I was Grand Master. The problem we had is when the then person that wrote this letter to me, took the addresses out of our committee books, not the lodge directories. We don't change the Grand Master's line-up until May in the committee books. We change them in January. I'm sorry, but any rate he had me down as the Grand Master. I'm the "Junior Past."

I called the Grand Master after looking at the dates, because I know his schedule and I said, "Grand Master, I would like to be your representative." He said, "Okay Chuck what's the problem?" I said, well I would like to be going out-of-state and I would like to be your representative." He said, "Where to and what are the dates?" I said, "Well this is really written to you. I guess that I had better make it known to you that you are invited to come to Anchorage, Alaska of the first Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday in February," and there's this silence. And, he said, "Moulthrop, you know darn well I can't make those dates." I said, "Grand Master, that's why I'm calling you." And he says, "You know I can't send any of my Grand Lodge officers because they all got to be in the same place." I said, "That's right sir. So, can I go?" And he said alright. I'm going to tell you the same thing you told me last year when my wife and I received an invitation to go to the Grand Lodge of Mississippi. And you remember what that was you said?" I said, "I kind of do, but I'll let you tell me. He said, "You told me flat out there aint no money in the budget. You're going to have to pay for your own." So he said, "There aint no money in the budget this year either, so you're going to pay your own."

So I arrived in Anchorage and I'm telling you brothers within twenty-five minutes after I arrived up there in that room are, I couldn't have been greeted any more warmly and treated any better than any place in the world. And that's the way it's been. I think I've been up here, I don't know; I missed the installation of John Ingram, very close friend because I was in the hospital, after having a cardiac arrest, for a month. And the doctor knew and my wife knew if they let me out of the hospital, I would be up here because I already had reservations.

But, in any rate brothers, my Grand Master is missing one the best trips he could make.

And, I thank you brothers for helping me in being very kind and polite to me even though I am a “blanket-blank” rabble rouser once in awhile. I thank you again for the courtesies extended to my wife Nancy and I and as I said in 1981, the good Lord willing and the “crik” don’t rise, I will be back next year. Thank you.

MW Bill Cave, Grand Master of British Columbia and the Yukon

Most Worshipful Grand Master, on behalf of the Grand Jurisdiction of British Columbia and the Yukon, all of the officers and brethren, I bring you and all the brethren here our most fraternal greetings. It’s a great pleasure to be here.

Couple of comments and things I wanted to reflect on. It’s nice being last. I think it is because we’re the most foreign jurisdiction. Couple of things I heard and that I want to reflect on. First is there have been quite a few things and witticisms and reflections upon real paternal relations between fathers and sons in Freemasonry and the brother last night also reflected upon the special relationship with he and his father. That gave me a positive think because I have a special relationship in Freemasonry but it is a little bit backwards because my father came to Freemasonry. I had the great and moving pleasure of raising him just over two years ago. The reason that is I mention that is to be able and make a couple of the other comments about this great fraternity.

My father petitioned to be initiated into Freemasonry at the age of 83. There were two other candidates for initiation. My brother, at the age of nineteen there with my father at the age of 83; he was initiated, passed, and raised with a brother at the age of 22 and one at the age of 28.

Now there is an elder statesman, I’m pretty sure every district has one of those, who we would probably refer to as a Mason’s Mason. And, I’m referring in our neck of the woods to Right Worshipful Jake Hoage who was well on in his nineties as the time of my father petitioned to become an initiate into our gentle craft. Right Worshipful Brother Hoage reflected when he heard upon my father’s decision, he said well I’m sure glad to know, he in his nineties, that they’re still admitting younger men into Freemasonry.

My father chose to become a Mason for many different reasons. One of them was to be able to join me on my journeys through our Grand Lodge and in Freemasonry. I had occasion to have him in my suite on a couple of visits that I made and I was able to introduce him by the special rank that I referred to him as the Grand Father and that was a real treat.

But, the most important remarks I wanted to make Most Worshipful Brother Ackerman relate to what we ask our Senior Warden or Senior Grand Warden, depending on the lodge we’re in, is to why we became a Master Mason. And, that was to be able to travel in foreign countries and work and receive Master Mason’s wages as such.

If we weren't able to have that privilege traveling to foreign countries we wouldn't have this great fraternity that we have now, the brotherhood, the fellowship that we have been able to share.

If you consider our Grand Jurisdiction, now there is a lodge that I belong to in the interior of British Columbia that is numbered Caribou No. 4 which has its origins in the mid 1800's, the brethren from California, and I can see Most Worshipful Brother Bray nodding his head, that lodge was actually founded. The first Master of the lodge was a brother from Tehama Lodge No. 3 in Sacramento, California. If you look all over our jurisdiction, our Grand Jurisdiction of British Columbia and Yukon, we share those special relationships. There are lodges, if I would be so bold to say Most Worshipful Sir, in Alaska and in the Yukon which is part of the British Columbia and Yukon, that would not thrive if it were not for the fraternal relationships and our ability to travel across what I believe to be a very transparent border when it relates to Freemasonry. We share that relationship.

A little special note relating to our Most Worshipful Brother Ackerman ties into that and my mention of Caribou No. 4. In 1995, if I'm not mistaken, I related this with information that I understood to be very good. The brethren from Caribou No. 4, a number of them chartered an aircraft and flew to Skagway, Alaska and at White Pass Lodge No. 1, they raised a brother in the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Freemasonry and that was a brother, Ronald Ackerman, at that time. So we've shared long relationships. Our ability to travel, I think, has benefited all of us at more than one way.

Of the five brethren of the Grand Lodge who were here with me from British Columbia and Yukon, I know there is a whole bunch of you in other capacities, but those who are Grand Lodge officers today, five of the six of them belong to Caribou No. 4 and several of them made this journey specifically to honor you sir, because of that relationship that we share.

One of the brethren who was actually there for your raising was Right Worshipful T. Neil Vant, who is my Grand Chaplain, a Past District Deputy as well, also known for reasons which you can ask him later as the "liquor bicker."

Anyways, I refer to the ability to travel and also that we may receive the wages of a Master Mason and I have to believe that one of the most significant wages we receive is the fellowship, the hospitality, the happiness, and the hand over the back that we receive from each of our brethren when we travel.

I want to thank you so very much for the hospitality that you have shown us. We've had a great visit.

W Clarence Keto, Grand Lodge of Alaska

The older I get the more emotional I get. I may choke during this but our great military is out there as we speak defending our right to be here.

Yesterday you heard the Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons put duty ahead of fraternity. A couple of weeks ago I was watching a football game between the Navy and I don't remember who but I do remember is that the announcer said that one of the juniors on the Navy team, a midshipman had been recruited by the National Football League and you know that means instant ... (not understandable)... The young man said "No thank you, I want to finish my career as a midshipman. I want to graduate with a commission and become a "Seal." These are the young men who are out there.

In tribute of the hundreds of thousands of faithful, loyal military: Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, and whatever entity they might represent in defending our nation and I would like these few comments entered into the record of this Grand Lodge session. Thank you.

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.

Grand Master: 122 votes cast, 62 votes for a majority

Jerry W. Pinion 122 votes (station accepted)

Deputy Grand Master: 122 votes cast, 62 votes for a majority

Doug Teninty 1 vote

Pinion 1 vote

James R. Herrington – 120 votes (station accepted)

Senior Grand Warden: 121 votes cast, 61 votes for a majority

John Bishop 1 vote

Billy Harris 1 vote

James R. Herrington 2 votes

David Worel 117 votes (station accepted)

Junior Grand Warden: 122 votes cast, 62 votes for a majority

Jack Warell 1 vote

David Worel 1 vote

Nick Choromanski 1 vote

John Bishop 1 vote

Mike Starkey 1 vote

John Johnson 1 vote

Jacques Boily 15 votes

Billy Harris 30 votes

Doug Teninty 71 votes (station accepted)

Grand Treasurer: 121 votes cast, 61 votes for a majority

Jerome P. Wasson 3 votes

James D. Grubbs 118 votes (station accepted)

Grand Secretary: 120 votes cast, 61 votes for a majority

Jack Watson 1 votes

Van Chaney 3 votes

Les Little 1 vote

Jerome P. Wasson 115 votes (station accepted)

INSTALLATION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

An open installation for the 2012 - 2013 officers for The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was conducted at the Anchorage Sheraton Hotel on February 3, 2012.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Welcome and Introduction of Installing Officers by MW Ronald L. Ackerman.

INSTALLING OFFICERS

Installing Officer	MW Henry T. Dunbar
Installing Marshal	MW Thomas Mickey
Installing Marshal	MW Leslie R. Little
Installing Chaplain	MW Harry Koenen
Installing Secretary	MW John R. Cline
Installing Keeper of the Jewels	MW Charles E. Corbin

ELECTED OFFICERS

Grand Master	MW Jerry W. Pinion (Ginger)
Deputy Grand Master	RW James R. Herrington (Chia)
Senior Grand Warden	RW David Worel (Kathy)
Junior Grand Warden	RW Doug Teninty (Linda)
Grand Treasurer	RW James D. Grubbs (Tes)
Grand Secretary	RW Jerome P. Wasson (Sandy)

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Grand Chaplain	W Van O. Chaney (Alice)
Grand Lecturer	W John Bishop
Grand Orator	W Montgomery J. Schefers (Elizabeth)
Grand Historian	VW Roger A. Barnstead (Sheryl)
Grand Marshal	W Jeffrey W. DeFreest
Senior Grand Deacon	W Clarence E. Keto (Beverly)
Junior Grand Deacon	W Jerry W. Pinion, Jr. (Heidi))
Grand Standard Bearer	W Steven W. Stewart (Lisa)
Grand Sword Bearer	W David L. Arnold (Sara)
Grand Bible Bearer	W Carlton H. Haenel (Linda))
Senior Grand Steward	W Ronald K. Bowen (Kathleen)
Junior Grand Steward	W William R. Roberts (Karen)
Grand Organist	W Dwight E. Morris (Deanna)
Grand Tyler	W Charles E. Rogers (Debi)

DISTRICT DEPUTIES

District 1	VW Michael A. Starkey (Jody)
District 2	VW Carl J. Lindstrom (Yolanda)
District 3	VW Thomas L. Schram (Bonnie)
District 4	VW Albert J. Brookman (Georgene)
District 5	VW Dennis N. Oakland