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## PRAYER OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

*Most Holy and Glorious Lord God, the Giver of all gifts and graces. We implore Thy special blessings on this thirty-third annual communication of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. And, we ask Thy promise that where two or three are gathered together in Thy name, Thou will be in the midst of us and bless us. And we beseech Thee O Lord God to bless this present assembling and to illuminate our minds that we may walk in the light of Thy countenance; and when the trials of our probationary state are over may we admitted into the Temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Amen!*

## ROLL CALL

### GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Master	MW James R. Herrington
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deputy Grand Master	RW David Worel
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Warden	RW Douglas C. Teninty
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Warden	RW Carl J. Lindstrom
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Treasurer	RW James D. Grubbs
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Secretary	RW Jerome P. Wasson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Chaplain	VW Frank Weiss III
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Lecturer	W Donald E. Hale
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Orator	VW Albert Brookman
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Historian	W Roger A. Barnstead
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Marshal	W Steven W. Stewart
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Deacon	W Nicholas J. Choromanski
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Deacon	W Norman Gutcher.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grand Standard Bearer	W James M. Thompson
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grand Sword Bearer	W Andrew Hodnik
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Bible Bearer	W Charles E. Rogers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Steward	W Richard L. Grant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Steward	W Ralph S. Sterling
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Organist	W Dwight E. Morris
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Tyler	W Mitchell Coulthard

**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, 18 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-third Annual Communication of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was opened at 8:00 AM on February 6, 2014, by Worshipful Brother Timothy Parris of Eagle River Lodge No. 13. 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  
Bob Dole, Special Assistant to Military Affairs for Senator Mark Begich  
Response by MW Johnnie L. Wallace Past Grand Master  
Introduction of Representatives of Concordant Bodies and Appendant Bodies

The formal opening of the Thirty-third Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was opened at 10:00 AM on February 6, 2014, by Most Worshipful James R. Herrington, 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 John May – Valdez Lodge No. 4

### **Second Session**

W Joseph Ragsdale – Kenai Lodge No. 11

### **Third Session**

W Jeffrey Wilson – Aurora Lodge No. 15

### **Fourth Session**

W Jay Burnham – White Pass Lodge No. 1

### **Distinguished Guests**

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

RW Curtis Harris, Grand Master

#### **Arizona, F. & A. M.**

MW William A. Garrard, Jr. Grand Master of Arizona

RW Mike Manning, Deputy Grand Master

#### **California, A. F. & A. M.**

RW Russ Charvonia, Deputy Grand Master representing MW John Cooper Grand Master of California

#### **Missouri, A. F. & A. M.**

RW Jon B. Broyles, Grand Master of Missouri

#### **Oregon, A. F. & A. M.**

MW David H. Fryday, Grand Master

MW Ed Bousquet PGM, Grand Secretary  
**Pennsylvania, F. & A. M.**  
RW Edward O. Weisser, Past Grand Master  
**Texas, A. F. & A. M.**  
Leonard H. Newman, representing MW Jerry L. Martin, Grand Master  
**Washington, F. & A. M.**  
MW Bruce E. Vesper, Grand Master  
**British Columbia & Yukon, A. F. & A. M.**  
MW Donald Stutt, Grand Master  
**Iran in Exile, A. F. & A. M.**  
MW Abbas Satrap PGM, representing MW Ramin Bagherzadeh, Grand Master  
**Japan, F. & A. M.**  
MW Philip A. Ambrose PGM, representing MW Yoshiharu Shimokawa.

### **Representatives of Concordant Bodies**

**Al Aska Shrine Temple**  
David R. Oaks, Potentate  
**Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction**  
Dale S. Cain, Deputy in Alaska to the Sovereign Grand Commander  
**Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Alaska**  
Lee Seagondollar, Most Illustrious Grand Master  
**Order of the Eastern Star**  
Claudia Johnson, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron in Alaska  
**Supreme Council, Order of the Amaranth**  
Victoria G. Ault, Supreme Associate Matron  
Del J. Militare, Supreme Associate Patron  
**Grand Court of Alaska, Amaranth**  
Iris Crothers, Grand Royal Matron  
**DeMolay International**  
Steven E. Crane, Grand Councilor  
**International Order of the Rainbow for Girls**  
Gabrielle Hazelton, Supreme Deputy in Alaska  
Miss Sorcha Hazelton, Grand Worthy Advisor  
**International Order of Job's Daughters, Bethel No. 1, Anchorage**  
Madelyne Jones, Honor Queen  
**Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America**  
Kimberly Oaks, High Priestess, Waheed Court No. 81

# MESSAGE OF THE MW GRAND MASTER

## Message

Brethren and distinguish guests. It is my honor to welcome you here to the 33rd Annual Communication of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Mason of Alaska. Thank you for joining us and I hope you enjoy your stay.

Your Grand Lodge Officers started their year with a trip to Kansas City, Missouri where the Western Conference of Grand Masters and the Conference of the Grand Masters of North America was held. During the two days of the Conference of Grand Masters of North America, the Grand Lodge Officers were invited to attend several different break-out sessions. The topics ranged from membership to youth groups. Each Grand Lodge Officer selected several topics and attended that break-out session and later we compared notes.

## Official Visitation to the Lodges

Prior to being installed as Grand Master I decided that I would continue with the district type official visitations. My first official visit was to District No.5 where all three lodges were in attendance. Eagle River Lodge No.13 was the host lodge. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful meal and then we heard words of wisdom from our Grand Lodge officers. District No.3 was next where we were received with more food and kindness from the three lodges located here in Anchorage. We then traveled onto Fairbanks on the 25th of March and were treated with more food and fellowship. On April 2nd we started our Southeast tour in District No. 4. Our first stop was Juneau where the Worshipful Master, WB Dan Logan, requested permission for a brother Master Mason to deliver his Master Mason proficiency. I was delighted; he then asked if I would propound the questions which I accepted. I am proud to say that the brother did an excellent job and the Worshipful Master declared him proficient. Our next stop was Sitka where we were met by the members of Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18. The accommodations were great and the food and fellowship excellent. The next day we traveled to Ketchikan Lodge No. 19. After getting settled into our hotel rooms we met the Lodge members at a local restaurant where we were treated to a dinner and fellowship. After dinner, we went to the Lodge and did a quick introduction of officers and continued with the conferral of the Master Mason degree on a brother of that lodge. I was invited to play King Solomon and to deliver the lecture. Continuing onto Petersburg Lodge No. 23, the Grand Lodge Officers were given a tour of the building where they plan to start opening their lodge meetings and try to rebuild their membership. We were invited to dinner and a round table discussion was held instead of opening the lodge and doing introductions. After flying back to Juneau and catching a small plane, we traveled onto Skagway. MW Ron Ackerman met us at the airport and took us to our bed and breakfast. We later had dinner and then went to the Lodge and opened it in due form. The hospitality was great and several brothers from Whitehorse were on hand to make the evening even more memorable. On May 7th we were received in Seward by Seward Lodge No. 6, Kenai Lodge No. 11 and Sterling Lodge No. 22. The food was great and the cakes beautiful.

The first of August found us in Valdez during the annual Gold Rush Days. Brother John May had communicated with me and asked if we could confer a Master Mason degree? I accepted and after dinner at a local restaurant we went to the lodge and opened it and I conferred the degree, played King Solomon and delivered the lecture. On September 5th we traveled to Cordova to visit Mt McKinley Lodge No. 5. We really didn't have enough brothers to open lodge so I decided to have a round table discussion on membership and what the lodge should be doing to attract more individuals that might be interested in becoming a Mason. Kodiak was our last official visitation and again the fellowship was great. I asked the Worshipful Master if we could have a round table discussion and he agreed. I believe the meeting was successful and everyone thought it was very productive.

### **Other Types of Visits**

During my year as Grand Master I thought it was important to visit lodges and help out with degree work or other event on their schedule. In Eagle River Lodge No. 13 I conferred an Entered Apprentice degree, a Master Mason degree and played King Solomon on another one just last month. Iditarod Lodge No. 20 asked if I could help with a Master Mason degree. MW Bo Cline conferred the degree and I sat in the West. I then played King Solomon and delivered the lecture. In January this year I went back to Iditarod No. 20 and conferred an Entered Apprentice degree. I installed my Worshipful Master in Eagle River Lodge No. 13, Worshipful Brother Tim Parris and later I was installed as Senior Deacon. I also participated in the installations of officers for Aurora Lodge No. 15 and Matanuska Lodge No. 7. I visited Kenai Lodge No. 11 and Sterling Lodge No. 22 during their installation of officers.

### **Visitation to Concordant Bodies**

I attended the Grand York Rite session held in Fairbanks the first week in March. While there I was informed that I was out of uniform and there was talk about galluses. I thought they said gallows and thought if I made a quick break for the door I could get out of the building before they hung me. But I did not see a rope hanging from the rafters and by the time I decided to run, these two big guys had me. Since I was in the hands of true and trusted brothers I decided to go with them. I found out that I was not wearing a set of suspenders which cost me \$15.00. The Potentate, Ill Bro Jeff Polizzotto invited me to attend a Shrine meeting where he presented me with a new Fez. It had Grand Master 2013 across the front and I will cherish it. Later that month I attend the Ladies Oriental Shrine where Kim Oaks was installed as High Priestess and afterward we had a wonderful dinner and dancing. In April I was honored by the Scottish Rite Valley of Anchorage with food and my official introduction. Ill Bro Dale Cain and I then traveled to Juneau for the Scottish Rite Reunion. Those brothers really know how to put on the degrees. I was very impressed. Every brother in attendance did something during the degrees and the costumes were great. On June 25th I attended the Grand Assembly of Alaska International Order of The Rainbow Girls in Anchorage. The girls do wonderful work and they have a lot of fun doing it. I am very proud of them. A few days later I was on my way to Indianapolis, Indiana to attend the Imperial Shrine Session. I learned a lot

about the Shrine and met some wonderful masons. August found me in Fairbanks again to visit the Amaranth's Grand Court. These ladies continue to raise money to help find a cure for diabetes. Later that month, my wife and I traveled to Washington DC to attend the Supreme Council Meeting of the Scottish Rite. Our Deputy Grand Master and I were presented with our white caps along with just over a hundred other brothers from around the lower 48. Last month I again attended the installation of officers for Jobs Daughters. I was also present at the installation of the new officers of Nugget No.13 of the Rainbow girls. Our girls are always on their toes and do excellent work.

#### Visitation to Other Jurisdictions

I was very busy and traveled to the Annual Communication of The Grand Lodge of Hawaii, Arizona, British Columbia and the Yukon, Missouri, Nevada, California, Texas and Pennsylvania. I was treated with honor and I enjoyed watching the differences in opening and closing their Grand Lodge. I would strongly encourage you to visit other Grand Lodge Communications if you can. You will not be disappointed.

#### Necrology

I must report that since our last communication, 44 of our brothers have climbed the ladder to our Father in Heaven. I know we miss them and mourn our loss. We should also rejoice that they are no longer in pain or suffering with ailments here on earth. A memorial service will be held later today.

#### Dispensations Approved

A blanket dispensation was issued on March 22nd, 2013 to allow the brethren of all Alaska lodges to wear their Masonic aprons and jewels to public events and other Masonic functions to support the ladies and our youth groups.

On May 16th, 2013 in accordance with the Alaska Masonic Code, Section 16.07, Iditarod Lodge No. 20 was granted a dispensation to hold a special election for Junior Warden

On September 20th, 2013 in accordance with Alaska Masonic Code, Section 14.05 Valdez Lodge No. 4 was granted a dispensation to move its Stated Communication from October 8th, 2013 to October 15th, 2013 due to a drill session scheduled during their regular Stated Communication time.

On October 31st, 2013 in accordance with Alaska Masonic Code, Section 14.05, Seward Lodge No. 6 was granted dispensation to move its Stated Communication on November 5th, 2013 due to heating problems.

On November 29th, 2013 in accordance with Alaska Masonic Code, Section 14.05, Seward Lodge No. 6 was granted a dispensation to move their Stated Communication to Kenai Lodge No. 11 from this present date to February 7th, 2014 due to furnace problem in their building.

On December 4th, 2013 in accordance with Alaska Masonic Code, Section 14.05 Seward Lodge No. 6 was granted a dispensation to change its Stated Communication time from 8:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

On December 7th, 2013 in accordance with the Alaska Monitor, Page 95, Glacier Lodge No. 10 was granted a dispensation to hold the installation of officers in the absence of the Master Elect, due to illness of the Master Elect. The Master Elect was later installed.

#### Bylaws Approved

On November 11th, 2013 Tanana Lodge No. 3 submitted a change to their bylaws which changed the amounts and method of payment of their life membership. They also expounded on the criteria for their board of trustees.

On November 15th, 2013 Anchorage Lodge No. 17 submitted a bylaw changing their dues structure.

On November 20th, 2013 Valdez Lodge No. 4 submitted a complete rewrite of their bylaws in order to consolidate and clarify their existing bylaws.

#### Appointments

WB Dale Gillilan was appointed as Grand Representative of Hungry.

MW Harry J. Koenen, MW L V “Joe” Dees and MW Jerry W. Pinion were appointed to the Segregations and Reference committee.

WB James R Griffith, VW James Zuke and VW Frank Weiss were appointed to the Audit Committee.

#### **State of the Craft**

Most lodges are continuing to implement the Standard Work authorized by the Grand Lodge of Alaska. All the lodges with the exception of a few opened their lodge in due form. The fact that we are a diverse group of brothers from other Jurisdictions, there are still a few brothers that want to implement work from their home lodge. The remote locations of some of our lodges make it difficult for the District Deputy to visit lodges in their district and point out these discrepancies.

#### **Official Acts**

I was informed that Mt Juneau-Gastineau Lodge No. 21 had a Prince Hall Mason that had dimitted from his Prince Hall Lodge in Texas and wanted to join Mt Juneau-Gastineau Lodge No. 21. I sent Worshipful Master Dan Logan instructions on what the process was. I made Brother Merchant Thompson a Master Mason at large on November 19th



2013. Mt Juneau-Gastineau Lodge No. 21 voted on him during their first stated meeting in January and was elected by the brethren of that lodge to be a member.

After careful consideration and getting the consent of the members of Mt McKinley Lodge No. 5 in Cordova, I have moved that lodge from District No. 2 to District No. 3.

I have revised 4 Grand Master's Ruling and wrote 4 new ones. They are located in the booklet along with the resolutions.

The Grand Lodge Officers and I decided to create a new award this year. It will be called "The Secretary of the Year Award." The plaque will hang in the Grand Lodge Secretary's office and each year the secretary of the year name will be added to the plaque. The brother selected as the Secretary of the year will be given a certificate which will be framed so he can take it home.

### **Recommendations**

After being on the Alaska Masonic Code Review committee for several years I have read it several times. VW Roger Hansen should be congratulated on his continuing effort to review and update the Alaska Masonic Code. One problem we have found is the page numbers. If several lines or paragraphs are added to a specific section of the code it can change most, if not all the page numbers from there to the last page. The page numbers are not listed in the index and serve no purpose. With this in mind I recommend that the page numbers in the Alaska Masonic Code be removed. This will help you replacing pages in your code book.

The Standard Work consists of the three ciphers and the Alaska Monitor. There are many mistakes in these books. For example: on page 185 of the Monitor and page 88 of the Lodge Officers Handbook it says that the term "the lodge will be at ease" should not be used, however on page 74 in the Lodge Officers Handbook paragraph 12, it explains when it should be used and what you can do during this command given by the Worshipful Master. On page 79 in the Lodge Officers Handbook and page 195 in the Monitor it explains the term "free from Restraint" should be used in lodge, however on page 16 of the Lodge Officers Handbook it clearly says it is an attitude not to be used during the time the Lodge is at labor. In the Fellowship cypher on page 5 after collecting the word the Senior Deacon and Junior Deacon meet at the alter and the Senior Deacon carries the pass to the Senior Warden. In the Master Mason degree page 5 it just says the Senior Deacon goes to the West and gives it to the Senior Warden, but does not explain where they meet after collecting the word as in the Fellowcraft Degree. I honestly believe they are supposed to meet at the altar. I therefor recommend that a committee be formed and given the authority to conduct a complete review of the Standard Work to include the Lodge Officers Handbook, to make recommendation to the Grand Lodge of Alaska concerning these inconsistencies. These recommendations would then be presented to you at the next annual communication for your review. I am in no way recommending that we change the Standard Work.

The Masonic Code Review Committee is starting to make a review of Part IV Disciplinary Code of the Alaska Masonic Code. In its initial review the wording in several sections appear to be vague and repetitious. It is therefore my recommendation that the Masonic Code Review Committee be given the authority (with oversight by the Jurisprudence Committee) to conduct a thorough review of the Disciplinary Code and make a recommendation to the Grand Lodge concerning combining, clarifying, and rewording the various sections of Part IV Disciplinary Code of the Alaska Masonic Code.

### **Something to think about**

The Grand Lodge officers have visited many other jurisdictions. We have listened to the pros and cons of a two year commitment to the elected position in Grand Lodge and the Blue Lodge. I strongly suggest that consideration and thought be given to the idea of adopting a two year commitment not only for Grand Lodge but also for the Blue Lodges. In Grand Lodge it would be a two year commitment at each station. It would not be required in the Blue Lodge if a brother only wanted to fulfill his one year commitment in the East or the brethren thought him unworthy.

### **Appreciation**

First I want to thank the Good Lord above for allowing me to achieve this honorable position. Without Him nothing is possible. Second I want to thank my wife Chia and my family for their continued support during my four years in the Grand Lodge line. Their efforts were a key to my being able to fulfill my responsibilities to the Grand Lodge of Alaska. I want to thank each and every one of you for your vote of confidence in electing me to these positions of honor. I hope that I have represented you with the honor you so deserve. To my elected and appointed officers, I could not have asked for a better group of brothers. I appreciate your friendship, helpful comments, encouragement and advice. My committees were absolutely great. They performed their duties in an outstanding manner and have set the bar high for any that may follow. A special thanks to RW Jerry Wasson and VW Tom Schram. They were always there to help in any way they could and always gave me sound advice. I want to thank WB Tim Parris who lives next door to me. During my four years in the Grand Lodge line, Bro Parris and his two sons have always been there to help my wife with snow removal and other issues that she needed help with. Last I want to thank RW Dave Worel our Deputy Grand Master. We have been traveling together for four years. We have had discussions on many different topics and not once have we had derogatory words for each other. His advice, friendship and jokes I will cherish for the rest of my life. He is a true example of a Brother Master Mason and I know he will be a great Grand Master.

Sincerely and Fraternaly

MW James R. Herrington  
Grand Master of Alaska

# 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.

The Grand Lodge Membership Management System is up and running well now. Most of the Lodge secretaries are using it also. There are limitations to what the Lodge can input but this is the same with most all member management systems. There are no reasons that the Lodge should have a different member list than the Grand Lodge office has now. The Lodge membership list is downloadable for the secretary.

I thought I was done with history input to the Grand Lodge Membership Management System after inputting the data from the old card files and the machine listings that The Grand Lodge of Washington sent. Then this year the Grand Lodge of Washington sent copies of the membership cards of the Lodges that remained with them after the forming of the Grand Lodge of Alaska. There are between four and five thousand more cards to check and enter. I have completed about 2500 of these to date.

All dimits and Letters of Good Standing should come to the Grand Lodge office but this is not always being done. If a Brother affiliates with an Alaska Lodge with a Letter of Good Standing from another jurisdiction, that Letter of Good Standing needs to be sent to the Grand Lodge office for processing. Many Grand Lodges will only accept communication from another Grand Lodge as a matter of their protocol procedures.

We are always willing to provide any assistance to you that you request, if it is not ready 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 2 Lodges did not submit their End-of-Year Reports by the January 10<sup>th</sup> deadline. I think this is the best submittal record I have ever seen! Thank you so much for your efforts.

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

Tanana #3	Valdez #4
Mt McKinley #5	Matanuska #7
Kodiak #9	Glacier #10
Kenai #11	Fairbanks #12
Eagle River #13	Aurora #15
North Pole #16	Anchorage #17
Mt Verstovia #18	Ketchikan #19
Iditarod #20	Mt Juneau-Gastineaux #21
Sterling #22	Petersburg #23

The Lodges who did not submit monthly reports and annual returns by the deadline are:

White Pass #1

Seward #6

At the time of publication all of the late reports 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 you have done a wonderful job this year. Please keep it up!

The Grand Lodge Membership Management System shows 1695 Masons in the jurisdiction of Alaska as of 12/31/2013. The chart below reflects the total number of members in Alaska lodges as 1797. The difference in the numbers is that the latter reflects the dual members. Our membership numbers are down again this year. According to the data we have reported so far, we had a loss of 50 members.

The submittal of a Lodge roster with the End of Year report 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. If your roster is the same as the Grand Lodge Membership Management System you can just download and print this and attach it to the report. We use this roster to verify the Grand Lodge membership roster with the Lodges in an attempt to keep our discrepancies to a minimum. There were very few discrepancies this year.

I hope that the members of the Lodge will realize 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.

It has been a pleasure working with this year's Grand Lodge Team. 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.

I want to thank all the assistance provided this year in our efforts in cleaning up the data in the Grand Lodge Membership Management System. It will surely be an ongoing thing for a while. I also owe a huge thank you to my wonderful wife, Sandy. She continues to give me her complete support.

Respectfully submitted,

RW Jerome P. "Jerry" Wasson  
Grand Secretary

## STATUS OF LODGES

Lodge	Elected	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliate/Dual	Reinstated	Total Gain	Dimitts	Deaths	Suspended	NPD	Total Loss	Net Gain/Loss	Mem 12-31-13	Lodge	Elected
1	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	1	3
3	13	16	7	9	6	2	17	5	4	0	16	25	-8	202	3	13
4	3	1	1	1	1	0	2	2	1	0	0	3	-1	63	4	3
5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	5	0
6	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	29	6	0
7	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	5	0	0	5	-3	101	7	1
9	3	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	0	3	-2	49	9	3
10	3	4	0	1	0	0	1	2	5	0	0	7	-6	167	10	3
11	2	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	4	-3	96	11	2
12	9	6	3	2	0	0	2	1	1	0	7	9	-7	78	12	9
13	1	1	2	2	2	0	4	0	0	0	1	1	3	94	13	1
15	6	7	3	4	3	0	7	1	1	0	0	2	5	79	15	6
16	3	3	4	1	3	0	4	1	0	0	3	4	0	56	16	3
17	7	6	6	6	4	0	10	2	10	0	4	16	-6	294	17	7
18	4	3	1	2	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	3	-1	57	18	4
19	1	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	3	5	-3	63	19	1
20	1	2	1	1	2	1	4	1	2	0	2	5	-1	98	20	1
21	6	10	6	5	4	0	9	0	5	0	1	6	3	141	21	6
22	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	-1	33	22	1
23	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	3	-2	23	23	0
Total	67	69	37	37	33	3	51	18	44	0	39	101	-50	1797	Total	67

# **REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

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

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

Subject: Grand Lodge Nationale France

Several pieces of correspondence have been received from the Grand Lodge Nationale France, indicating that the problems they were having within their jurisdiction have been resolved. They would like for normal Fraternal Relations and recognition to be restored.

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I move that full recognition of the Grand Lodge Nationale France be restored.

Respectfully Submitted

MW Henry T. Dunbar PGM, Chairman

Recognition was granted by hand vote by the Grand Lodge.

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

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

Subject: Miscellaneous Correspondence

1. We received a copy of a letter from the Grand Lodge of Dominican Republic to the Grand Lodge Nationale France stating that it was renewing Fraternal Relations with that Grand Lodge.
2. A letter from the Grand Lodge of Israel stating that some of their members had formed a new organization called the Grand Lodge of Jerusalem with a self-appointed Grand Master. The Grand Lodge of Israel does not recognize this new body and described it as a "Pirate Grand Lodge".
3. A letter from the Grand Lodge of Alabama announcing it had suspended Fraternal Relations with (GLNF).
4. A letter from the Grand Lodge of Finland announcing temporary suspension of recognition of the (GLNF).
5. A letter from the Grand Lodge of West Virginia stating that an edict had been issued restoring Fraternal Communication with the Grand Lodge of Ohio. This rift occurred when Steubenville Lodge #45 of Ohio conferred the three degrees of Masonry on one Frank Joseph Hass, an expelled Master Mason under the

jurisdiction of West Virginia. The Grand Master of Ohio subsequently ruled that Mr. Hass had been illegally made a Master Mason in violation of Ohio Masonic Law, declared the action “null and void” and expelled Mr. Hass from membership in the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

6. A letter from the Grande Orient of Brazil to the Grand Lodge Nationale France, restoring Fraternal Relations with the GLNF.
7. An e-mail from the Grande Oriente Independente de Sao Paulo, extending fraternal greeting of friendship.
8. An E-mail from P.G. Peter Normand, Jr., Chairman of the Commission on Information for Recognition of the Grand Masters Conference of North America. The E-mail reported on some recent activity of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico. The Valle de Mexico has taken the lead in forming a coalition of irregular Grand Lodges and Masonic Rites in Mexico named “The Council of Grand Potencies and Rites of the United States of Mexico”. In 2004, the Commission on Recognition reported that the Valle de Mexico had invaded the territorial jurisdiction of Texas by establishing lodges there, as well as invading the territories of regular Grand Lodges in Mexico. Subsequently, the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico was expelled from the Confederation of Regular Grand Lodges of the United Mexican States. The 30 regular Grand Lodges in Mexico withdrew recognition from the Valle de Mexico. Further, the 2004 annual report stated that Valle de Mexico had violated the standards of Recognition. A decade later in 2014, the Grand Lodge, Valle de Mexico is still considered irregular and is now allying itself with other irregular Grand Lodges and Rites in Mexico. In conclusion, if anyone is planning a trip to Mexico and wishes to visit a Lodge there, check in advance to see if that particular lodge is regular and recognized.

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

Respectfully Submitted

MW Henry T. Dunbar PGM, Chairman

## REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

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

	Total Number of Ballots
<b>Grand Lodge</b>	26
<b>White Pass Lodge No. 1</b>	4
<b>Tanana Lodge No. 3</b>	11
<b>Valdez Lodge No. 4</b>	4
<b>Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5</b>	1
<b>Seward Lodge No. 6</b>	2
<b>Matanuska Lodge No. 7</b>	8
<b>Kodiak Lodge No. 9</b>	2
<b>Glacier Lodge No. 10</b>	8
<b>Kenai Lodge No. 11</b>	7
<b>Fairbanks Lodge No. 12</b>	3
<b>Eagle River Lodge No. 13</b>	7
<b>Aurora Lodge No. 15</b>	10
<b>North Pole Lodge No. 16</b>	8
<b>Anchorage Lodge No. 17</b>	9
<b>Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18</b>	4
<b>Ketchikan Lodge No. 19</b>	4
<b>Iditarod Lodge No. 20</b>	4
<b>Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21</b>	6
<b>Sterling Lodge No. 22</b>	5
<b>Petersburg Lodge No. 23</b>	4
<b>Voided Ballots</b>	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>142</b>

Respectfully submitted,

Darrell E Winsor, Chairman  
 Jacques Boiley  
 Jim R. McMichael  
 Glen E. Josey  
 Bryan Vincent



# APPOINTMENT OF REGULAR COMMITTEES

## Standing Committees

### Jurisprudence

MW Chuck E. Corbin PGM, Chairman  
MW Leslie Little PGM  
VW Gerald B. Hughes  
MW John R. "Bo" Cline PGM  
VW V. Clifford Darnell

### Grievance & Appeals

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

### Finance

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

### Fraternal Relations

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

### Masonic Research & Education

W John K. Bishop, Chairman  
W Steven W. Stewart  
W Jon Ward  
W David Arnold  
VW Mike Starkey  
W Joe Dahl

### Credentials

VW Darrell E Winsor, Chairman  
RW Jacques Boiley  
VW Jim R. McMichael  
VW Glen E. Josey  
W Bryan Vincent

### **Masonic Public Relations**

W Don Hale, Chairman  
W Claude H. Roberts  
W Kevin C. Tennant

### **Masonic Youth**

W Dale Gillilan, Chairman  
RW Douglas C. Teninty  
VW Thomas L. Schram  
W Robert Cartmill

### **Bylaws**

RW Douglas C. Teninty, Chairman  
W James R. Griffith  
W David Pratt

### **Public Schools**

W Clarence E. Keto, Chairman  
W Dylan Youngblood

### **Long Range Planning**

RW David Worel, DGM, Chairman  
MW James R. Herrington GM  
MW Jerry W. Pinion PGM  
RW James D. Grubbs GT  
RW Jerome P. "Jerry" Wasson GS  
RW Douglas C. Teninty  
RW Carl Lindstrom

### **Leadership Training**

MW Jerry W. Pinion PGM, Chairman  
MW James R. Herrington GM  
RW David Worel, DGM  
RW Douglas C. Teninty  
RW Carl Lindstrom

### **Masonic Scholarship**

VW Frank Weiss III, Chairman  
VW Gerald B. Hughes  
RW Edward O. Weisser PGM

## **Appointed Sub Committees**

### **Charters & Dispensations**

Appointed on Demand

### **Sessions & Arrangements**

RW Phillip S. "Steve" Lee, Chairman

VW Dennis Oakland, Chairman (Setup)

### **Military Recognition**

W Mark Sledge, Chairman

W David Y. Prentice

### **George Washington National Memorial**

MW Charles E. Corbin PGM, Chairman

MW John R. "Bo" PGM

### **Russian Masonry - Special Correspondent**

MW John Grainger PGM Emeritus

### **Wills & Endowments**

MW Johnnie L. Wallace PGM

RW David Worel, DGM

### **Fund Raising**

RW Carl Lindstrom

### **Awards**

District 1 VW Kevin C. Tennant

District 2 VW William R. Roberts

District 3 VW James Zuke

District 4 VW Jeffrey W. DeFreest

District 5 VW Dennis Oakland

### **Internet**

VW Dennis N. Oakland, Chairman

### **Trestle Board**

W Dave Oaks, Chairman

### **Masonic Code Review**

VW Roger K. Hansen, Chairman

VW Monte Ervin

MW James R. Herrington GM

## **Ritual**

W Donald E. Hale, Chairman

## **Grand Lodge Photographers**

W Donald E. Hale

W Claude H. Roberts

W Kevin C. Tennant

## **Deputies of the Grand Master**

District 1 VW Kevin C. Tennant

District 2 VW William R. Roberts

District 3 VW James Zuke

District 4 VW Jeffrey W. DeFrest

District 5 VW Dennis Oakland

## REPORTS OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No report of unfinished business

## RECOMMENDATIONS

No report of recommendations in Grand Lodge was received at the time of publication

## MOTIONS

Motion made by RW David Worel: Grand Master, I would like to make a motion that Grand Lodge in 2015 be in Fairbanks February 4<sup>th</sup> through the 6<sup>th</sup>.

Motions seconded

Motion passed

Motion made by RW David Worel: Grand Master, I would like to make a motion for an open installation.

Motions seconded

Motion passed

## RESOLUTIONS

### Carryover Resolution 2013-1

To amend Constitution Section 8.01 of the Alaska Masonic Code

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Alaska Free and Accepted Masons

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To allow plain language copies of the Standard Work to be placed in the constituent lodges

**WHEREAS:** The abbreviations for words used by the ciphers are not consistent thus resulting in conflicting interpretations.

**WHEREAS:** Inaccurate recitations often occur during degree work making the process that much harder to learn.

**WHEREAS:** The District Deputies now all have copies of the plain language Standard Work

**WHEREAS:** The District Deputies are not always available to answer questions regarding the Standard Work which leads to long delays and/or incorrect interpretation.

**WHEREAS:** Once a ritual is incorrectly learned it is very hard to relearn correctly.

**WHEREAS:** Having plain language rituals available at every lodge will enhance the learning process.

NOW THEREFORNE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 8.01 Constitution of Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

**Section 8.01 Constitution**

**STANDARD WORK.** The Esoteric Work, together with the Monitorial Work, as approved by a three fourths vote of the Grand Lodge, is the Standard Work of this Grand Jurisdiction. Constituent Lodges shall practice this Standard Work and no other. The Grand Secretary is the custodian of the Master Copy of the Esoteric Work. He shall store it within a suitable safe within his office. The Craft may examine the Master Copy under safeguards provided by the Grand Secretary. **(Section revised 1989)**

Be amended to read:

**Section 8.01 Constitution**

**STANDARD WORK.** The Esoteric Work, with the Monitorial Work, as approved by three fourths vote of the Grand Lodge, is the Standard Work of this Grand Jurisdiction. Constituent Lodges shall practice this Standard Work and no other. The Grand Secretary is the custodian of the Original Master Copy of the Esoteric Work. He shall store it in a suitable safe within his office. Constituent Lodge Secretaries shall have custody of a plain language copy of the Esoteric Work, which will be stored in a suitable location within his office at his Lodge. The Craft may examine the copy of the Esoteric Work under safeguards provided by the Constituent Lodge Secretary.

Respectfully submitted:

W Thomas R. Brown (18)  
VW Ken R. Creamer (9, 18)

**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 2/3 majority vote to pass.

**Note:** This carryover resolution received the required 2/3 majority vote to pass (78 in favor and 31 against) and is therefore adopted.

## **Resolution 2014-1**

To amend Section 17.17 Bylaw, by combining Section 17.17 Bylaw, Section 17.18 Bylaw, and Section 17.19 Bylaw into Section 17.17 Bylaw and repealing Section 17.18 Bylaw and Section 17.19 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To consolidate three sections and make all provisions applicable to each time honored recognition, to eliminate any reference to the 60 year award, and rename Section 17.17 Bylaw.

**WHEREAS:** Section 17.17 Bylaw, Section 17.18 Bylaw, and Section 17.19 Bylaw originally came from the Grand Lodge of Washington Masonic Code and were later clarified in 1988 by the Grand Lodge of Alaska for the Alaska Masonic Code, and

**WHEREAS:** Section 17.17 Bylaw indicates the 25 year recipient may be presented with a certificate and button, and

**WHEREAS:** For the 25 year award, the Grand Lodge of Alaska provides a lapel pin/lapel emblem (button), and a wallet card with the number 25 printed on it, and

**WHEREAS:** Section 17.18 Bylaw indicates that the 50 year recipient may be presented with a card and lapel emblem, and

**WHEREAS:** For the 50 year award, the Grand Lodge of Alaska provides a certificate, lapel pin/lapel emblem (button), and wallet card with the number 50 printed on it, and

**WHEREAS:** Section 17.19 Bylaw indicates that the recipient for 60 or 75 year award may be presented with a certificate and button (lapel pin), and

**WHEREAS:** The Grand Lodge of Alaska does not have nor provide a certificate, wallet card, or button (lapel pin/lapel emblem) for the 60 year award, and therefore all reference to a 60 year award should be deleted, and

**WHEREAS:** For the 75 year award, the Grand Lodge of Alaska provides a certificate, lapel pin/lapel emblem (button), and wallet card with the number 75 printed on it, and

**WHEREAS:** Section 17.17 Bylaw references "... under the provisions of Section 17.18..." but doesn't reference which provisions, and

**WHEREAS:** Section 17.18 Bylaw has four sub-items: sub-items 1 and 2 deal with fifty year members; sub-item 3 deals with a signer on a Petition for Dispensation to form a new lodge; and sub-item 4 references the supply of card and lapel emblem to the lodge at cost and presentation of it, and

**WHEREAS:** Section 17.18 Bylaw does not indicate who supplies the card and lapel pin at cost, and

**WHEREAS:** Section 17.18 Bylaw indicates the eligibility of only 50 year members is verified by the Grand Lodge office and yet there is no provision as to who verifies the eligibility of the 25, 60, and 75 year members, and

**WHEREAS:** All time honored membership recognition awards should be consistent and determined by the same basic provisions listed in one section along with the awards for each time honored membership recognition year, and

**WHEREAS:** Since the three sections would be combined into one section, Section 17.18 Bylaw and Section 17.9 (note: corrected to 17.19 ) Bylaw would be noted as repealed but the section numbers would remain the same so as not to disturb the remaining numbering of the sections, and

**WHEREAS:** Section 17.17 Bylaw would be renamed TIME HONORED MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION to reflect all award years and requirements, and

**WHEREAS:** In the future, additional time honored years and awards may be added to the list without writing additional requirements or creating new sections to the Alaska Masonic Code, and

**WHEREAS:** It would be nice to know who received the time honored membership recognition award, by having the name of the Brother and time honored membership recognition award listed in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 17.17 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

**Section 17.17 Bylaw**

**TWENTY-FIVE YEAR MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION.** A Master Mason belonging in this Grand Jurisdiction who has maintained membership in some Symbolic Lodge for at least twenty-five years under the provisions of Section 17.18 may be presented by his Lodge with a certificate and button of uniform design as prescribed by the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary.

Be amended to read:

**Section 17.17 Bylaw**

~~**TWENTY-FIVE YEAR MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION.** A Master Mason belonging in this Grand Jurisdiction who has maintained membership in some Symbolic Lodge for at least twenty-five years under the provisions of Section 17.18 may be presented by his Lodge with a certificate and button of uniform design as prescribed by the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary.~~



**TIME HONORED MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION**

**A Master Mason belonging in this Grand Jurisdiction who has maintained membership in some Symbolic Lodge under the provisions of this section may be presented with a certificate (as provided by the Grand Lodge), wallet card, and lapel emblem of uniform design as prescribed by the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary. The Grand Lodge shall also publish the Master Mason's name and length of membership recognition in the yearly Proceedings of the Grand Lodge under the caption "MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION."**

**The Grand Lodge shall verify the eligibility of all Master Masons for the respective time honored membership recognition. Time in excess of six months between dimit and affiliation, time lost as a result of action by a Trial Committee, and time dropped for Non-Payment of Dues are deducted in calculating membership time.**

**Loss of time is not chargeable against a Brother who was a signer on a Petition for Dispensation to form a new Lodge and whose membership record indicates there was a loss of time between the date of his dimit and the date the Dispensation was granted for the new Lodge. Should the Dispensation to form a new Lodge be subsequently disapproved, there is no loss of time charged to the signer, if within one year from the date the Dispensation was denied, the signer of the petition affiliates with a regular Lodge of this Jurisdiction.**

**The certificate, wallet card, and lapel pin are supplied by the Grand Secretary to the Lodges of this Jurisdiction at cost. The presentation is made at the will and pleasure of the Lodge on the date of eligibility or any time thereafter.**

**The time honored and award recognitions are as follows.**

- 1. TWENTY-FIVE YEAR – a lapel emblem and wallet card with the number 25 printed across the face of the wallet card.**
- 2. FIFTY YEAR - a certificate, lapel emblem, and wallet card with the number 50 printed across the face of the wallet card.**
- 3. SEVENTY-FIVE YEAR - a certificate, lapel emblem, and wallet card with the number 75 printed across the face of the wallet card.**

And be it further resolved that Section 17.18 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

**Section 17.18 Bylaw**

**FIFTY YEAR MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION.**

- A Mason belonging to this Grand Jurisdiction who has maintained membership in some Symbolic Lodge for at least fifty years from the date of enrollment as a Master Mason may be presented with a suitable card and lapel emblem of uniform design as approved by the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary.
- Eligibility of fifty year members must be verified by Grand Lodge office

records. Time in excess of six months between dimit and affiliation, time lost as a result of action by a Trial Committee, and time dropped for N.P.D. are deducted in calculating membership time.

3. Loss of time is not chargeable against a Brother who was a signer on a Petition for Dispensation to form a new Lodge and whose membership record indicates there was a loss of time between the date of his dimit and the date the Dispensation was granted for the new Lodge. Should the Dispensation to form a new Lodge be subsequently disapproved, there is no loss of time charged to the signer if, within one year from the date the Dispensation was denied, the signer of the Petition affiliates with a regular Lodge of this Jurisdiction.
4. The card and lapel emblem are supplied to the Lodges of this Jurisdiction at cost. The presentation may be made at the will and pleasure of the Lodge on the date of eligibility or any time thereafter. **(Section clarified 1988)**

Be amended to read:

### **Section 17.18 Bylaw**

#### **FIFTY YEAR MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION. (Repealed (See Section 17.17))**

- ~~1. A Mason belonging to this Grand Jurisdiction who has maintained membership in some Symbolic Lodge for at least fifty years from the date of enrollment as a Master Mason may be presented with a suitable card and lapel emblem of uniform design as approved by the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary.~~
- ~~2. Eligibility of fifty year members must be verified by Grand Lodge office records. Time in excess of six months between dimit and affiliation, time lost as a result of action by a Trial Committee, and time dropped for N.P.D. are deducted in calculating membership time.~~
- ~~3. Loss of time is not chargeable against a Brother who was a signer on a Petition for Dispensation to form a new Lodge and whose membership record indicates there was a loss of time between the date of his dimit and the date the Dispensation was granted for the new Lodge. Should the Dispensation to form a new Lodge be subsequently disapproved, there is no loss of time charged to the signer if, within one year from the date the Dispensation was denied, the signer of the Petition affiliates with a regular Lodge of this Jurisdiction.~~
- ~~4. The card and lapel emblem are supplied to the Lodges of this Jurisdiction at cost. The presentation may be made at the will and pleasure of the Lodge on the date of eligibility or any time thereafter. (Section clarified 1988)~~

And be it further resolved that Section 17.19 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

### **Section 17.19 Bylaw**

**SIXTY OR SEVENTY-FIVE YEAR MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION.** A Master Mason belonging to this Grand Jurisdiction who has maintained membership in some Symbolic Lodge for at least sixty or seventy-five years may be presented by his Lodge

with a certificate and button of uniform design as prescribed by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

Be amended to read:

**Section 17.19 Bylaw**

**SIXTY OR SEVENTY-FIVE YEAR MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION. (Repealed (See Section 17.17))**

~~A Master Mason belonging to this Grand Jurisdiction who has maintained membership in some Symbolic Lodge for at least sixty or seventy five years may be presented by his Lodge with a certificate and button of uniform design as prescribed by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary.~~

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 3/4 majority to pass.

**Note:** This resolution received a unanimous majority vote in favor and is therefore adopted.

**Resolution 2014-2**

To amend Section 16.10 Bylaw item 2 of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To change the size of aprons, as required in the Alaska Masonic Code to reflect what is currently available from the Masonic supply organizations.

**WHEREAS:** Currently, the Alaska Masonic Code indicates that the standard size of an apron for a Past Master and of the Officers of a Lodge is fourteen inches by twelve inches, and

**WHEREAS:** The Masonic supply organizations are supplying, as standard size, aprons fifteen (15) inches by thirteen (13) inches, and

**WHEREAS:** The Masonic supply organizations have indicated that aprons fourteen (14) inches by twelve (12) inches can be made on special order, and

**WHEREAS:** Special orders cost more than standard items, and

**WHEREAS:** The phrase “no more than” needs to be added to allow the use of existing aprons within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alaska,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 16.10 Bylaw, item 2 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

**Section 16.10 Bylaw  
JEWELS AND APRONS.**

2. The Aprons of a Past Master and of the Officers of a Lodge are white and should be of lambskin, fourteen inches wide and twelve inches deep, and may have sky blue lining and edging, with the respective emblems thereon.

Be amended to read:

**Section 16.10 Bylaw  
JEWELS AND APRONS.**

2. The Aprons of a Past Master and of the Officers of a Lodge are white and should be of lambskin, **no more than fourteen fifteen (15)** inches wide and **no more than twelve thirteen (13)** inches deep, and may have sky blue lining and edging, with the respective emblems thereon.

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 3/4 majority to pass.

**Note:** This resolution received a unanimous majority vote in favor and is therefore adopted.

## Resolution 2014-3

To amend Section 9.04 Bylaw, item 3 of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To eliminate exceptions for Lodges to forgive per capita dues thereby allowing Grand Lodge to be more financially viable and to eliminate the phrase “per Section 11.03” to avoid confusion.

**WHEREAS:** The Grand Lodge is the supreme lodge in Alaska, and

**WHEREAS:** Constituent Lodges are subordinate to Grand Lodge, and

**WHEREAS:** Constituent Lodges are now able to forgive dues, including per-capita dues, without the knowledge and consent of Grand Lodge, and

**WHEREAS:** This causes an uncertainty as to the amount of per-capita dues to be received by the Grand Lodge when developing the budget for its’ next fiscal year,

**WHEREAS:** According to Section 9.09 Bylaw, GRAND LODGE PER CAPITA LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND, the Grand Lodge pays the per capita fee for a Brother who has full membership in the Grand Lodge Per Capita Life Membership Fund, and

**WHEREAS:** An indigent member, whether supported by the Lodge or the Lodge forgives his dues, is determined by the Lodge and not by the Grand Lodge, and

**WHEREAS:** An indigent member of a Lodge who is supported by the Lodge, or whose dues are forgiven by the Lodge, or a life member of a Lodge, or a 50 year member of a Lodge is considered a member in good standing and therefore the Lodge should be subject to Grand Lodge per-capita for that brother, and

**WHEREAS:** The intent of the phrase “per Section 11.03” was to govern how a resolution must be done, and

**WHEREAS:** The phrase “per Section 11.03” may be construed as to how the per capita sum may be levied, and

**WHEREAS:** The phrase “per Section 11.03” should be removed to avoid confusion, and

**WHEREAS:** Item D is not being deleted but just being renumbered as Item A.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 9.04 Bylaw, item 3 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

**Section 9.04 Bylaw**

**GRAND LODGE DUES.** Each Lodge pays annually into the treasury of the Grand Lodge:

1. For each Master Mason on its roll, such per capita sum as the Grand Lodge may levy by resolution per Section 11.03 for its general activities except for the following:
  - A. An indigent member supported by the Lodge or Grand Lodge;
  - B. An indigent member whose dues are forgiven by the Lodge;
  - C. A fifty year member whose dues are forgiven by the Lodge except those fifty-year members who are Life Members of the Lodge;
  - D. An honorary member who is not also an active member.

Be amended to read:

**Section 9.04 Bylaw**

**GRAND LODGE DUES.** Each Lodge pays annually into the treasury of the Grand Lodge:

1. For each Master Mason on its roll, such per capita sum as the Grand Lodge may levy by resolution ~~per Section 11.03~~ for its general activities except for the following
  - ~~A. An indigent member supported by the Lodge or Grand Lodge;~~
  - ~~B. An indigent member whose dues are forgiven by the Lodge;~~
  - ~~C. A fifty year member whose dues are forgiven by the Lodge except those fifty-year members who are Life Members of the Lodge;~~
  - ~~D. An honorary member who is not also an active member~~
  - A. An honorary member who is not also an active member; and**
  - B. A member who has paid in full all fees for and is a member of the Grand Lodge Per Capita Life Membership Fund according to Section 9.09 Bylaw.**

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 3/4 majority to pass.

**Note:** This resolution did not receive the required ¾ majority vote for passage but did receive a majority vote (75 in favor and 30 against) and is a carryover resolution.

## **Resolution 2014-4**

To amend Section 19.01 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To correct an inconsistency of the time limit for the investigation committee report and eliminate the reference to holding a petition for affiliation longer than 4 weeks by eliminating the second sentence of item 6.

**WHEREAS:** There is an inconsistency between items 3 and 6 relating to the time limit of the investigation report, and

**WHEREAS:** Item 3 indicates that the investigation report is due not earlier than 4 weeks after referral of the petition and item 6 indicates that it is due 4 weeks after referral of the petition, and

**WHEREAS:** If the constituent lodge is meeting monthly, there are times within the year that the time interval between stated communications is greater than four weeks, and

**WHEREAS:** The investigating committee, in order to perform a proper investigation, may require longer than four weeks not only for petitions for affiliation but for all petitions, and

**WHEREAS:** The second sentence of item 6 should be removed to eliminate the inconsistency of reporting times and reference to holding a petition for affiliation longer than 4 weeks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 19.01 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

### **Section 19.01 Bylaw**

**ACTION UPON A PETITION.** A petition for the degrees or for affiliation is acted upon in the following manner:

1. A petition may be presented and accepted only at a Stated Communication. No vote of acceptance is taken.
2. Upon acceptance, the petition is referred to an investigation committee of three Lodge members, none of whom can be the same members who recommended the petitioner.
3. The investigating committee shall report at a Stated Communication not earlier than 4 weeks after such referral of the petition. In case of a vacancy in the committee when the report is due, the Master may fill the vacancy and receive the report at that Communication.
4. The investigation report is valid if it is signed by at least two members of the committee.

5. A ballot is necessary whether the committee report is favorable or unfavorable. The rejection of a petition can be effected only by ballot after it is accepted by the Lodge.
6. A petition for affiliation follows the same course as a petition for the degrees. The investigating committee report is due 4 weeks after referral of the petition and, in no case, need a petition for affiliation be held longer than 4 weeks.

Be amended to read:

**Section 19.01 Bylaw**

**ACTION UPON A PETITION.** A petition for the degrees or for affiliation is acted upon in the following manner:

1. A petition may be presented and accepted only at a Stated Communication. No vote of acceptance is taken.
2. Upon acceptance, the petition is referred to an investigation committee of three Lodge members, none of whom can be the same members who recommended the petitioner.
3. The investigating committee shall report at a Stated Communication not earlier than 4 weeks after such referral of the petition. In case of a vacancy in the committee when the report is due, the Master may fill the vacancy and receive the report at that Communication.
4. The investigation report is valid if it is signed by at least two members of the committee.
5. A ballot is necessary whether the committee report is favorable or unfavorable. The rejection of a petition can be effected only by ballot after it is accepted by the Lodge.
6. A petition for affiliation follows the same course as a petition for the degrees. ~~The investigating committee report is due 4 weeks after referral of the petition and, in no case, need a petition for affiliation be held longer than 4 weeks.~~

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 3/4 majority to pass.

**Note: This resolution received a unanimous majority vote in favor and is therefore adopted.**



## Resolution 2014-5

To amend page 169 of the Alaska Monitor and Freemasons Guide

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To bring the Alaska Monitor and Freemasons Guide into conformance with the Alaska Masonic Code relative to the size of aprons.

**WHEREAS:** Currently, the Alaska Monitor and Freemasons Guide indicates, “The Apron of a Master Mason should be .a plain white lambskin, fourteen inches wide by twelve inches deep...”, and

**WHEREAS:** The Masonic supply organizations are supplying, as standard size, aprons fifteen (15) inches by thirteen (13) inches, and

**WHEREAS:** The Masonic supply organizations have indicated that aprons fourteen (14) inches by twelve (12) inches can be made on special order, and

**WHEREAS:** Special orders cost more than standard items.

**WHEREAS:** The words “no more than” needs to be added to allow the use of existing aprons within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alaska,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Section ADDENDA, sub-heading entitled APRON, first paragraph, on page 169 of the Alaska Monitor and Freemasons Guide which now reads:

### APRON

The Apron of a Master Mason should be a plain white lambskin, fourteen inches wide by twelve inches deep, and may have sky-blue lining and edging. No other color is allowable. Officers and Past Masters may have the emblems of their rank, in silver, on their aprons.

Be amended to read:

### APRON

The Apron of a Master Mason should be a plain white lambskin, **no more than fifteen (15)** inches wide **and no more than** ~~by twelve~~ **thirteen (13)** inches deep, and may have sky-blue lining and edging. No other color is allowable. Officers and Past Masters may have the emblems of their rank, in silver, on their aprons.

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 3/4 majority to pass.

**Note: This resolution received a unanimous majority vote in favor and is therefore adopted.**

## **Resolution 2014-6**

To amend Section 12.08 Bylaw, 15.08 Bylaw, Section 16.16 Bylaw item 6, Section 17.10 Bylaw, and Section 17.11 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To change the fiscal year Lodge reporting date to allow the Grand Lodge office adequate time for processing and printing of the information prior to the annual Grand Lodge communication.

**WHEREAS:** At the present time, the annual Grand Lodge communication is held on the first Thursday and Friday of February, following the reporting year, and

**WHEREAS:** There is hardly enough time to receive and process all the Lodge's returns and to print the information in the booklet form for the annual Grand Lodge communication, and

**WHEREAS:** The Grand Secretary has had to contact several of the Lodges, some several times, to turn the annual returns into the Grand Lodge office, and

**WHEREAS:** Without all of the Lodge's information, the Grand Secretary is unable to accurately reflect the yearly Status of Lodges report for the annual Grand Lodge communication, and

**WHEREAS:** With late returns, the closer to the annual Grand Lodge communication, printing costs escalate, and

**WHEREAS:** The shortest amount of time for other Grand Lodge jurisdictions to forward the returns to their Grand Lodge is three months, and

**WHEREAS:** If a constituent Lodge elects a new secretary in November, the out-going Lodge Secretary will have the information compiled as the in-coming Lodge Secretary will not be acquainted with all the required information submittals, and

**WHEREAS:** Section 15.08 Bylaw, ANNUAL RETURNS, was originally written prior to the adoption of the office of the Grand Treasurer, and

**WHEREAS:** It is the duty of the Grand Treasurer and not the Grand Secretary to transmit to each Lodge an itemized statement of the dues and fees less the amount paid during the year, and

**WHEREAS:** All of the date formats have been changed for consistency purposes,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 12.08 Bylaw, of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

**Section 12.08 Bylaw**

**MASONIC CLUBS.** A Masonic Club may be formed with permission obtained from the Grand Master, in writing, and submitted through the Grand Secretary. After formation, all Masonic Clubs must adhere to the following rules and regulations:

1. Be under the direct authority of the Grand Master.
2. Must be sponsored by a Blue Lodge nearest to their locality;
3. May not confer degrees;
4. All members must be Master Masons in good standing of a Constituent Lodge of this Jurisdiction, or of another Jurisdiction recognized by this Grand Lodge.
5. Must submit an annual report to the Grand Secretary by January 10th, for the previous year, listing its Officers and members and a brief synopsis of its activities.

Be amended to read:

**Section 12.08 Bylaw**

**MASONIC CLUBS.** A Masonic Club may be formed with permission obtained from the Grand Master, in writing, and submitted through the Grand Secretary. After formation, all Masonic Clubs must adhere to the following rules and regulations:

1. Be under the direct authority of the Grand Master.
2. Must be sponsored by a Blue Lodge nearest to their locality;
3. May not confer degrees;
4. All members must be Master Masons in good standing of a Constituent Lodge of this Jurisdiction, or of another Jurisdiction recognized by this Grand Lodge.
5. Must submit an annual report to the Grand Secretary by **the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day of November** ~~January 10th~~, for the previous year, listing its Officers and members and a brief synopsis of its activities.

AND BE IT NOW FURTHER RESOLVED that Section 15.08 Bylaw, of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

**Section 15.08 Bylaw**

**ANNUAL RETURNS.** Each Chartered Lodge, on or before the 10<sup>th</sup> of January following, shall transmit to the Grand Secretary, a full return for the calendar year ending

on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December on such forms as may be provided by him. In case of nonperformance of this duty, the Lodge's representatives may be barred from privileges of the Grand Lodge, and/or the Lodge may be fined five dollars for each day's delinquency after February 1, or its Charter may be declared forfeited by a vote of the Grand Lodge.

Each Lodge Under Dispensation shall transmit a similar return from the date of its organization to the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December in each year.

Upon completion of processing of the return for the year previous, the Grand Secretary shall transmit to each Lodge by April 15, an itemized statement of the amount of dues and fees less the amount paid during the year. Payment must be transmitted to the Grand Secretary on or before May 15<sup>th</sup> after receipt of statement. A penalty of five dollars per day may be assessed the Lodge for failure to submit payment by the required date.

Be amended to read:

#### **Section 15.08 Bylaw**

**ANNUAL RETURNS.** Each Chartered Lodge, on or before the ~~40<sup>th</sup>~~ tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day of ~~January~~ November following, shall transmit to the Grand Secretary, a full return for the ~~calendar~~ fiscal year ending on the ~~31<sup>st</sup>~~ thirty-first (31<sup>st</sup>) day of ~~December~~ October on such forms as may be provided by him. In case of nonperformance of this duty, the Lodge's representatives may be barred from privileges of the Grand Lodge, and/or the Lodge may be fined five dollars for each day's delinquency after the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of December ~~February 1~~, or its Charter may be declared forfeited by a vote of the Grand Lodge.

Each Lodge Under Dispensation shall transmit a similar return from the date of its organization to the ~~31<sup>st</sup>~~ tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day of ~~December~~ November in each year.

Upon completion of processing of the return for the year previous, the Grand Treasurer ~~Secretary~~ shall transmit to each Lodge by the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of April ~~15~~, an itemized statement of the amount of dues and fees less the amount paid during the year. Each Lodge shall transmit payment ~~Payment must be transmitted~~ to the Grand Secretary on or before the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of May ~~15<sup>th</sup>~~ after receipt of statement. A penalty of five dollars per day may be assessed the Lodge for failure to submit payment by the required date.

AND BE IT NOW FURTHER RESOLVED that Section 16.16 Bylaw, item 6 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

#### **Section 16.16 Bylaw**

**SECRETARY.** It is the duty of the Secretary to:

6. Make to the Grand Secretary an annual report on or before January 10 listing all Lodge members by name, those whose dues have been forgiven by the

Lodge, the number of members as of December 31, and such other information as may be required by the Grand Secretary on the forms or otherwise;

Be amended to read:

**Section 16.16 Bylaw**

**SECRETARY.** It is the duty of the Secretary to:

6. Make to the Grand Secretary an annual report on or before ~~January 10~~ **the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day of November** listing all Lodge members by name, those whose dues have been forgiven by the Lodge, the number of members as of **the thirty-first (31<sup>st</sup>)** day of **October** ~~December 31~~, and such other information as may be required by the Grand Secretary on the forms or otherwise;

AND BE IT NOW FURTHER RESOLVED that Section 17.10 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

**Section 17.10 Bylaw**

**NOTICE TO DELINQUENTS.** It is the duty of the Lodge Secretary on or before the first day of September of each year to notify in writing each member of said Lodge who has not yet paid his dues for that calendar year that his dues are delinquent, and that he will be dropped from the roll of membership unless his dues are paid on or before December 31st of that year.

Be amended to read:

**Section 17.10 Bylaw**

**NOTICE TO DELINQUENTS.** It is the duty of the Lodge Secretary on or before the first **(1<sup>st</sup>)** day of **July** ~~September~~ of each year to notify in writing each member of said Lodge who has not yet paid his dues for that calendar year that his dues are delinquent, and that he will be dropped from the roll of membership unless his dues are paid on or before December 31st of that year.

AND BE IT NOW FURTHER RESOLVED that Section 17.11 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

**Section 17.11 Bylaw**

**COMMITTEE TO INTERVIEW DELINQUENTS.** It is the duty of the Lodge Secretary at the first Stated Communication in November of each year to report to the Master the names of all members who have not yet paid their dues for that calendar year. The Master then appoints a committee to personally or otherwise interview each such member to ascertain the cause of such delinquency and to report to the Lodge at the Stated Communication next preceding December 31st of that year.

Be amended to read:

**Section 17.11 Bylaw**

**COMMITTEE TO INTERVIEW DELINQUENTS.** It is the duty of the Lodge Secretary at the first Stated Communication in September ~~November~~ of each year to report to the Master the names of all members who have not yet paid their dues for that calendar year. The Master then appoints a committee to personally or otherwise interview each such member to ascertain the cause of such delinquency and to report to the Lodge at the Stated Communication next preceding ~~December 31<sup>st</sup>~~ the thirty-first (31<sup>st</sup>) day of October of that year.

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 3/4 majority to pass.

**Note: This resolution did not receive the required majority vote and is therefore rejected**

**Resolution 2014-7**

To amend Section 9.04 Bylaw item 2, Section 14.04 Bylaw item 1, Section 16.16 Bylaw item 5, Section 16.17 Bylaw item 2, Section 17.05 Bylaw item 5, Section 19.01 Bylaw, Section 19.06 Bylaw, Section 19.09 Bylaw, Section 19.11 Bylaw, Section 19.15 Bylaw, Section 19.16 Bylaw, and Section 19.17 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To add reference to action of petition for dual membership, to correct the titles of sections to accurately reflect the content of the sections, add reference to depict what is required by Grand Secretary in monthly reporting, add reference to fee amount for dual membership, and to rewrite Section 19.15 Bylaw for clarification.

**WHEREAS:** A petition for affiliation follows the same course as a petition for the degrees, and

**WHEREAS:** There is no reference in the Alaska Masonic Code as to how a petition for dual membership is acted upon, and

- WHEREAS:** The petition for dual membership is made on the same form as for affiliation and therefore should follow the same process as a petition for the degrees and affiliation, and
- WHEREAS:** Section 16.16, in the fourth line of item 5, there may only be one cause or several causes and to properly reflect one or several causes the word “causes” should be changed to cause(s), and
- WHEREAS:** Section 16.16, in the fourth line of item 5 the use of the word “therefor” is confusing to some people, not recognized by some computer word programs, not found in Roget’s Thesaurus yet found in Webster’s Dictionary, and
- WHEREAS:** Section 16.16, in order to eliminate any confusion the words “causes therefor” should be deleted and replaced with the words “cause(s) for those actions”, and
- WHEREAS:** Section 16.17, the phrase “date of birth” should be added to the list of required items in item 2 as it is a required item on petitions and in reports to the Grand Secretary, and
- WHEREAS:** Section 16.17, in the fourth line of item 2 the word “birthplace” is commonly stated today as “place of birth and should be changed to reflect this, and
- WHEREAS:** Section 16.17, the word “proficiency” needs to be added to the list as it is an item required in reports to the Grand Secretary, and
- WHEREAS:** Section 16.17, the phrase “the age of each when received” should be dropped as it is reflected in the members date of birth, and
- WHEREAS:** If Resolution 2014-4 is adopted, the second sentence of item 6 of Section 19.01 Bylaw will be deleted in its entirety and the words “the degrees,” and the words “or dual membership” as indicated in this proposed resolution-Resolution 2014-7 will not be added to the sentence, and
- WHEREAS:** If Resolution 2014-4 fails to be adopted, the wording of the second sentence of item 6 of Section 19.01 will be reflected as in this proposed resolution- Resolution 2014-7, and
- WHEREAS:** The monthly report of the Lodge Secretary has a reporting section for Affiliation and Dual Members, and
- WHEREAS:** Section 19.15 Bylaw indicates that a record of the name of the affiliate and date of election be transmitted to the Grand Secretary in the monthly report of the Lodge Secretary, and

**WHEREAS:** The printed form of the monthly report of the Lodge Secretary requires name in full and address, date and place of birth, date petition received, date elected, from which Lodge dimitted with number, city and state, and date of dimit, and

**WHEREAS:** The electronic form of the monthly report of the Lodge Secretary requires name in full, address including city, state, and zip, home phone, business phone, e-mail, date and place of birth, home lodge, city, and state/country and dates for elected, initiated, passed, raised, and proficiency, and

**WHEREAS:** Section 19.15 Bylaw contains three subject matters: petition fee, documentation, and record keeping in one paragraph and

**WHEREAS:** Section 19.15 Bylaw needs to be rewritten for clarification and that each subject matter is in its own paragraph, and

**WHEREAS:** Section 19.15 Bylaw, the title to this section should be changed to accurately reflect what is contained in the section, and

**WHEREAS:** There is no reference in the Alaska Masonic Code as to how much of a fee is for a petition for dual membership, and

**WHEREAS:** There is no reference in the Alaska Masonic Code as to the required reporting requirements for dual membership to be submitted to the Grand Secretary by the Lodge Secretary in monthly reports even though the monthly reporting documents indicate as such.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 9.04 Bylaw, item 2 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

**Section 9.04 Bylaw**

**GRAND LODGE DUES.** Each Lodge pays annually into the treasury of the Grand Lodge:

2. For each member affiliated during the year, thirty dollars; and

Be amended to read:

**Section 9.04 Bylaw**

**GRAND LODGE DUES.** Each Lodge pays annually into the treasury of the Grand Lodge:

2. For each affiliation or dual member ~~affiliated~~ during the year, thirty dollars; and

AND BE IT NOW FURTHER RESOLVED that Section 14.04 Bylaw, item 1 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:



**Section 14.04 Bylaw**

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

1. A petition for the degrees or for affiliation;

Be amended to read;

**Section 14.04 Bylaw**

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

1. A petition for the degrees ~~or for~~, affiliation, **or dual membership.**

AND BE IT NOW FURTHER RESOLVED that Section 16.16 Bylaw, item 5 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

**Section 16.16 Bylaw**

**SECRETARY.** It is the duty of the Secretary to:

5. Report monthly to the Grand Secretary, on forms provided by him all those who have been Initiated, Passed, and Raised, with the dates thereof; all affiliations and reinstatements, all losses, including suspensions and expulsions and the causes therefor, those dropped for non-payment of dues, deaths, dimits, and rejections; and such other matters as may be required by the Grand Secretary;

Be amended to read;

**Section 16.16 Bylaw**

**SECRETARY.** It is the duty of the Secretary to:

5. Report monthly to the Grand Secretary, on forms provided by him all those who have been Initiated, Passed, and Raised, with the dates thereof; all affiliations, **dual members,** and reinstatements, all losses, including suspensions and expulsions and the **cause(s) for those actions,** ~~causes therefor~~ those dropped for non-payment of dues, deaths, dimits, and rejections; and such other matters as may be required by the Grand Secretary;

AND BE IT NOW FURTHER RESOLVED that Section 16.17 Bylaw, item 2 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

**Section 16.17 Bylaw**

**BOOKS TO KEEP.** The Secretary shall keep the following books:

2. **A Membership Register,** containing the Bylaws in which each member, in the order of his admittance, signs his full name, and in which the Secretary records upon pages alphabetically arranged, the full name or names, present

post office address, and the birthplace of each member of the Lodge, the date of his initiation, passing, raising or affiliation, the name, number and location of the Lodge, respectively, of which each affiliated was last a member, the age of each when received, the name, number, and location of any other Lodge or Lodges in which a member may also hold membership, the date of his withdrawal, dropping from the roll, expulsion, suspension, death, or restoration, and the full names of those expelled, suspended, or restored;

Be amended to read:

**Section 16.17 Bylaw**

**BOOKS TO KEEP.** The Secretary shall keep the following books:

2. **A Membership Register**, containing the Bylaws in which each member, in the order of his admittance, signs his full name, and in which the Secretary records upon pages alphabetically arranged, the full name or names, present post office address, the date of birth and ~~birthplace~~ place of birth of each member of the Lodge, the date of his initiation, passing, raising, ~~or~~ affiliation, or dual membership, the name, number and location of the Lodge, respectively, of which each affiliated was last a member, ~~the age of each when received~~, the name, number, and location of any other Lodge or Lodges in which a member may also hold membership, the date of his withdrawal, dropping from the roll, expulsion, suspension, death, or restoration, and the full names of those expelled, suspended, or restored;

AND BE IT NOW FURTHER RESOLVED that Section 17.05 Bylaw, item 5 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

**Section 17.05 Bylaw**

**DUAL OR PLURAL MEMBERSHIP.**

5. A petition for dual or plural membership or a dimit from dual or plural membership must be on a form supplied by the Grand Secretary. The petition for dual or plural membership must be accompanied by a fee as required in Sections 9.04 and 19.15.

Be amended to read:

**Section 17.05 Bylaw**

**DUAL OR PLURAL MEMBERSHIP.**

5. A petition for dual or plural membership or a dimit from dual or plural membership must be on a form supplied by the Grand Secretary. The petition for dual or plural membership must be accompanied by a fee as required in Sections 9.04 and 19.15 and is acted upon in accordance with Section 19.01 Bylaw, ACTION UPON A PETITION.

AND BE IT NOW FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 19.01 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

**Section 19.01 Bylaw**

**ACTION UPON A PETITION.** A petition for the degrees or for affiliation is acted upon in the following manner:

1. A petition may be presented and accepted only at a Stated Communication. No vote of acceptance is taken.
2. Upon acceptance, the petition is referred to an investigation committee of three Lodge members, none of whom can be the same members who recommended the petitioner.
3. The investigating committee shall report at a Stated Communication not earlier than 4 weeks after such referral of the petition. In case of a vacancy in the committee when the report is due, the Master may fill the vacancy and receive the report at that Communication.
4. The investigation report is valid if it is signed by at least two members of the committee.
5. A ballot is necessary whether the committee report is favorable or unfavorable. The rejection of a petition can be effected only by ballot after it is accepted by the Lodge.
6. A petition for affiliation follows the same course as a petition for the degrees. The investigating committee report is due 4 weeks after referral of the petition and, in no case, need a petition for affiliation be held longer than 4 weeks.

Be amended to read:

**Section 19.01 Bylaw**

**ACTION UPON A PETITION.** A petition for the degrees ~~or for~~, affiliation, **or dual membership** is acted upon in the following manner:

1. A petition may be presented and accepted only at a Stated Communication. No vote of acceptance is taken.
2. Upon acceptance, the petition is referred to an investigation committee of three Lodge members, none of whom can be the same members who recommended the petitioner.
3. The investigating committee shall report at a Stated Communication not earlier than 4 weeks after such referral of the petition. In case of a vacancy in the committee when the report is due, the Master may fill the vacancy and receive the report at that Communication.
4. The investigation report is valid if it is signed by at least two members of the committee.
5. A ballot is necessary whether the committee report is favorable or unfavorable. The rejection of a petition can be effected only by ballot after it is accepted by the Lodge.
6. A petition for affiliation **or dual membership** follows the same course as a petition for the degrees. The investigating committee report is due 4 weeks after referral of the petition and, in no case, need a petition for **the degrees**,

affiliation, **or dual membership** be held longer than 4 weeks.

AND BE IT NOW FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 19.06 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

**Section 19.06 Bylaw**

**BALLOTING.** A ballot on a petition for the degrees or for affiliation may be taken only at a Stated Communication. The ballot must be unanimous in its favor or the petition is declared rejected.

Be amended to read:

**Section 19.06 Bylaw**

**BALLOTING.** A ballot on a petition for the degrees ~~or for~~ , affiliation, **or dual membership** may be taken only at a Stated Communication. The ballot must be unanimous in its favor or the petition is declared rejected.

AND BE IT NOW FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 19.09 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

**Section 19.09 Bylaw**

**EVERY MEMBER MUST VOTE.** Each member of a Lodge present at a balloting therein for the degrees or for affiliation shall ballot unless excused by unanimous consent.

Be amended to read:

**Section 19.09 Bylaw**

**EVERY MEMBER MUST VOTE.** Each member of a Lodge present at a balloting therein for the degrees ~~or for~~ , affiliation, **or dual membership** shall ballot unless excused by unanimous consent.

AND BE IT NOW FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 19.11 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

**Section 19.11 Bylaw**

**SECRECY OF BALLOT.** A Brother who in any way makes known, except as provided in Section 19.10, the kind of ballot cast by himself or another on a petition for the degrees or for affiliation, or in any way declares that any specified or indicated number of white balls or ballots, or black balls/cubes or ballots, were cast at a balloting, is deemed guilty of a Masonic offense. Such Brother so offending, on conviction thereof, must be expelled or suspended.

Be amended to read:

**Section 19.11 Bylaw**

**SECRECY OF BALLOT.** A Brother who in any way makes known, except as provided in Section 19.10, the kind of ballot cast by himself or another on a petition for the degrees

~~or for~~ , affiliation, **or dual membership** or in any way declares that any specified or indicated number of white balls or ballots, or black balls/cubes or ballots, were cast at a balloting, is deemed guilty of a Masonic offense. Such Brother so offending, on conviction thereof, must be expelled or suspended.

AND BE IT NOW FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 19.15 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

**Section 19.15 Bylaw**

**AFFILIATION, DIMIT.** A Lodge may receive a petition for affiliation if it is accompanied by an affiliation fee of at least thirty-five dollars and a proper dimit or a duly certified copy thereof (or a letter of good standing pending receipt of such dimit) from the Lodge of which the petitioner was last a member, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 17.03 or 17.05. Until its first reading at a Stated Communication, the petition and accompanying fee may be withdrawn or returned upon written request therefore. A record of the name of the affiliate and the date of his election is transmitted to the Grand Secretary in the monthly report of the Lodge Secretary. Thirty dollars of the affiliation fee must be paid into the Grand Lodge General Fund.

Be amended to read:

**Section 19.15 Bylaw**

**AFFILIATION AND DUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE AND DOCUMENTATION. A Lodge may receive a petition for affiliation or dual membership if it is accompanied by a fee of at least thirty-five dollars. Thirty dollars of the fee will be paid into the Grand Lodge General Fund. Until its first reading at a Stated Communication, the petition and accompanying fee may be withdrawn or returned upon written request by the petitioner, therefore.**

**For a petition for affiliation, a proper dimit or a duly certified copy thereof (or a letter of good standing pending receipt of such dimit) from the Lodge of which the petitioner was last a member, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 17.03 or 17.05 shall accompany the petition. For a petition for dual membership, if membership is being retained in more than one Lodge, a letter or certificate of good standing shall be furnished and accompany the petition for each Lodge in which membership is being retained.**

**For both affiliation and dual membership, a record of the petitioner's name, address, business and home telephone numbers, e-mail address (if any), date of birth, place of birth, home lodge name, number, and address, dates for initiation, passing, raising, proficiency, and his date of election is transmitted to the Grand Secretary in the monthly report of the Lodge Secretary.**

AND BE IT NOW FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 19.16 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

**Section 19.16 Bylaw**

**AFFILIATION, RESIDENCE IMMATERIAL.** A petitioner for affiliation, as provided in Sections 17.03, 17.04, 17.05, and 19.15 may be admitted to membership without regard to his place of residence, but not until a strict examination into the character and standing he maintained in the Lodge of which he was last or is a member finds him to be worthy. A petition for affiliation takes the same course as a petition for the degrees unless withdrawn.

Be amended to read:

**Section 19.16 Bylaw**

**AFFILIATION OR DUAL MEMBERSHIP, RESIDENCE IMMATERIAL.** A petitioner for affiliation or dual membership, as provided in Sections 17.03, 17.04, 17.05, and 19.15 respectfully may be admitted to membership without regard to his place of residence, but not until a strict examination into the character and standing he maintained in the Lodge of which he was last or is a member finds him to be worthy. A petition for affiliation or dual membership takes the same course as a petition for the degrees unless withdrawn.

AND BE IT NOW FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 19.17 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

**Section 19.17 Bylaw**

**REJECTION, EFFECT OF.** A Brother's Masonic standing is not affected by a rejection of his petition for affiliation. He may, at pleasure, again petition the same or any other Lodge. The rejection should not be reported to other Lodges.

Be amended to read:

**Section 19.17 Bylaw**

**REJECTION, EFFECT OF.** A Brother's Masonic standing is not affected by a rejection of his petition for affiliation or dual membership. He may, at pleasure, again petition the same or any other Lodge. The rejection should not be reported to other Lodges.

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 3/4 majority to pass.

**Note: This resolution received a unanimous majority vote in favor and is therefore adopted.**

## Resolution 2014-8

To amend Section 16.07 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To amend Section 16.07 Bylaw to be consistent with Section 16.22 Bylaw that due notice be given to members prior to a special election by virtue of a dispensation authorized by the Grand Master.

**WHEREAS:** Section 16.22 Bylaw indicates that due notice must be given to members of a lodge prior to holding an election for a vacancy in an elective office in a Lodge, and

**WHEREAS:** Section 16.07 Bylaw does not indicate that due notice be given to the members of the lodge for a special election by virtue of a dispensation authorized by the Grand Master, and

**WHEREAS:** Section 16.07 Bylaw should be in consistent with Section 16.22 Bylaw indicating that the election be held thereafter as may be practicable after due notice to the members in order for every brother to be given a chance to attend the special election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 16.07 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

### **Section 16.07 Bylaw**

**FAILURE TO ELECT.** If, at the time prescribed, a Lodge fails to elect a Master and Wardens, or any of them, or if, having elected its Master and Wardens, any of them fails or refuses to be installed, it forthwith lays the matter before the Grand Master. The Grand Master, for good cause shown, may grant a dispensation to hold an election as soon thereafter as may be practicable. Such dispensation must be entered at length upon the records of the Lodge.

Be amended to read:

### **Section 16.07 Bylaw**

**FAILURE TO ELECT.** If, at the time prescribed, a Lodge fails to elect a Master and Wardens, or any of them, or if, having elected its Master and Wardens, any of them fails or refuses to be installed, it forthwith lays the matter before the Grand Master. The Grand Master, for good cause shown, may grant a dispensation to hold an election as soon thereafter as may be practicable **after due notice to the members.** Such dispensation must be entered at length upon the records of the Lodge.

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 3/4 majority to pass.

**Note:** This resolution received a unanimous majority vote in favor and is therefore adopted.

## **Resolution 2014-9**

To amend Section 15.08 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To change the wording of Grand Secretary to Grand Treasurer in Section 15.08

**WHEREAS:** Section 15.08 Bylaw, ANNUAL RETURNS, was originally written prior to the adoption of the office of the Grand Treasurer, and

**WHEREAS:** It is the duty of the Grand Treasurer and not the Grand Secretary to transmit to each Lodge an itemized statement of the dues and fees less the amount paid during the year, and

**WHEREAS:** Section 15.08 Bylaw, ANNUAL RETURNS, was never updated when the office of the Grand Treasurer was adopted, and

**WHEREAS:** If Resolution 2014-6 fails to be adopted, the wording Grand Secretary needs to be changed to Grand Treasurer, and

**WHEREAS:** If Resolution 2014-6 is adopted, the wording Grand Secretary will be changed to Grand Treasurer, and

**WHEREAS:** If Resolution 2014-6 is adopted, this proposed resolution will be withdrawn.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 15.08 Bylaw, of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

### **Section 15.08 Bylaw**

**ANNUAL RETURNS.** Each Chartered Lodge, on or before the 10<sup>th</sup> of January following, shall transmit to the Grand Secretary, a full return for the calendar year ending on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December on such forms as may be provided by him. In case of nonperformance of this duty, the Lodge's representatives may be barred from privileges of the Grand Lodge, and/or the Lodge may be fined five dollars for each day's delinquency after February 1, or its Charter may be declared forfeited by a vote of the



Grand Lodge.

Each Lodge Under Dispensation shall transmit a similar return from the date of its organization to the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December in each year.

Upon completion of processing of the return for the year previous, the Grand Secretary shall transmit to each Lodge by April 15, an itemized statement of the amount of dues and fees less the amount paid during the year. Payment must be transmitted to the Grand Secretary on or before May 15<sup>th</sup> after receipt of statement. A penalty of five dollars per day may be assessed the Lodge for failure to submit payment by the required date.

Be amended to read:

**Section 15.08 Bylaw**

**ANNUAL RETURNS.** Each Chartered Lodge, on or before the 10<sup>th</sup> of January following, shall transmit to the Grand Secretary, a full return for the calendar year ending on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December on such forms as may be provided by him. In case of nonperformance of this duty, the Lodge's representatives may be barred from privileges of the Grand Lodge, and/or the Lodge may be fined five dollars for each day's delinquency after February 1, or its Charter may be declared forfeited by a vote of the Grand Lodge.

Each Lodge Under Dispensation shall transmit a similar return from the date of its organization to the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December in each year.

Upon completion of processing of the return for the year previous, the Grand ~~Secretary~~ **Treasurer** shall transmit to each Lodge by April 15, an itemized statement of the amount of dues and fees less the amount paid during the year. Payment must be transmitted to the Grand Secretary on or before May 15<sup>th</sup> after receipt of statement. A penalty of five dollars per day may be assessed the Lodge for failure to submit payment by the required date.

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 3/4 majority to pass.

**Note: This resolution received a unanimous majority vote in favor and is therefore adopted.**

## **Resolution 2014-10**

To amend Section 14.08 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To give the Lodge Secretary a choice of either completing a visitation certification form or writing a letter that allows Entered Apprentices or Fellowcrafts the ability to visit other lodges.

**WHEREAS:** The Lodge Secretary at times has several letters to write, and

**WHEREAS:** Having another letter to write to allow an Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft Mason the ability to visit another lodge may become burdensome, and

**WHEREAS:** At the present the Lodge Secretary is required to write only a letter that allows an Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft Mason to visit other lodges, and

**WHEREAS:** Completing a form appears to be easier than writing a letter, and

**WHEREAS:** The visitation certification form can be given immediately to the requesting brother rather than having it sent to him as are letters often processed, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 14.08 Bylaw, 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.

Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft 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.

**(Section clarified 1988, revised 2010, 2013)**

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.

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.

Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Masons may with the permission of the Worshipful Master of the Lodge and a letter **or a visitation certification form** 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. **(Section clarified 1988, revised 2010, 2013)**

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 3/4 majority to pass.

**Note: This resolution received a unanimous majority vote in favor and is therefore adopted.**

## **Resolution 2014-11**

To amend Section 34.03 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To clarify the process by which a Mason may apply for restoration after being suspended for a definite or indefinite time.

**WHEREAS:** The present method by which a Mason may petition for restoration is vague, and

**WHEREAS:** The petition should be a written document presented to the Lodge for consideration

**WHEREAS:** There is no mention as to when the Lodge shall notify it's members after receiving the petition when voting shall take place, and

**WHEREAS:** If the voting is in favor of restoration, the petitioning document needs to be affirmed by both the Master and Secretary and sealed with the Lodge's seal for transmission to the Grand Secretary, and

**WHEREAS:** The wording "at least ten days before the Annual Communication" for transmission of the petition to the Grand Secretary is vague and needs to be more definite, and

**WHEREAS:** There is no mention as what the vote count is supposed to be for restoration in Grand Lodge, and

**WHEREAS:** Section 34.06 Bylaw, **WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION**, indicates that the Grand Lodge may restore an expelled Mason by a two-thirds vote, and

**WHEREAS:** If the vote count in Grand Lodge for restoration of an expelled Mason is two-thirds, the restoration of a suspended Mason in Grand Lodge should be at least the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 34.03 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

### **Section 34.03 Bylaw**

**FROM SUSPENSION, AFFIRMED ON APPEAL, BY PETITION.** A Mason suspended for a definite or indefinite time, if the judgment of suspension was appealed from and affirmed by the Grand Lodge, who seeks restoration, may petition the Lodge

from which he was so suspended, or if such Lodge has ceased to exist then to the Lodge within whose jurisdiction he resides, for its recommendation to the Grand Lodge for reinstatement. If such petition is supported by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a Stated Communication of the Lodge, if notice of such petition was given at a preceding Stated Communication, the petition is endorsed under the Seal of the Lodge and transmitted to the Grand Secretary at least ten days before the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge for its action thereon. If he is reinstated by the Grand Lodge, he becomes restored to membership in the Lodge from which he was suspended, or if it has ceased to exist, to good standing in the Fraternity. **(Section clarified 1988)**

Be amended to read:

**Section 34.03 Bylaw**

**FROM SUSPENSION, AFFIRMED ON APPEAL, BY PETITION. A Mason who is under definite or indefinite suspension and desires restoration in Masonry, may petition the Lodge from which he was suspended in writing if his suspension was appealed to Grand Lodge and affirmed. If such Lodge has ceased to exist, he may then petition a Lodge within whose jurisdiction he resides for restoration. The Lodge shall notify its membership at the Stated Communication immediately following receipt of petition and that the members present shall vote on the petition at the immediate following Stated Communication. If two-thirds of the members present vote in favor of the petition, the petition is signed by the Master and Secretary of the Lodge, endorsed with the Lodge Seal, and transmitted to the Grand Secretary no later than ten (10) days prior to the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge for its action thereon. If he is reinstated by a two-thirds vote of the Grand Lodge, he becomes restored to membership in the Lodge from which he was suspended, or if it has ceased to exist, to good standing in the Fraternity. **(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 3/4 majority to pass.

**Note:** This resolution received a unanimous majority vote in favor and is therefore adopted.

## **Resolution 2014-12**

To amend Section 14.03 Bylaw, Section 14.04 Bylaw and Section 19.09 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

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

### **RESOLUTION:**

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

**WHEREAS,** it is very desirable to have new initiates attend Lodge meetings and to understand and get involved in the workings and programs of the Lodge, to give them the opportunity to serve; and,

**WHEREAS,** this proposed resolution provides the ability of the WM to open a stated communication on any degree, at his discretion. It does not make it mandatory for him to open a stated communication on the EA degree nor does it require him to open on any other degree than his conscience dictates.

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

#### **Section 14.03 Bylaw**

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

**Be amended to read:**

#### **Section 14.03 Bylaw**

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

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

**Section 14.04 Bylaw**

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

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

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

Be amended to read:

**Section 14.04 Bylaw**

**VOTING BY ALL MEMBERS.** Master Masons who are members in good standing shall ballot on the following questions:

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Section 19.09 bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

**Section 19.09 Bylaw**

**EVERY MEMBER MUST VOTE.** Each member of a Lodge present at a balloting therein for the degrees or for affiliation shall ballot unless excused by unanimous consent. (Section clarified 1988)

Be amended to read:

**EVERY MEMBER MUST VOTE.** Master Masons who are members in good standing of a Lodge present at a balloting therein for the degrees or for affiliation shall ballot unless excused by unanimous consent. (Section clarified 1988)

Respectfully submitted,

- VW Dennis N. Oakland (7, 13)
- W Joe E. Dahl (15)
- W Larry Wright (7, 20)
- W Mitchell L. Coulthard (7)

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

**Note: This resolution received the required 3/4 majority vote to pass (81 in favor and 23 against) and is therefore adopted.**

## **Resolution 2014-13**

To amend Section 3.05 Constitution, item 11 of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To delete a duty that is listed in item 11 of Section 3.05 Constitution GRAND SECRETARY, DUTIES that is not part of the Grand Secretary's present duties.

**WHEREAS:** Section 3.05 Constitution was part of the original Alaska Masonic Code as adopted when the Grand Lodge of Alaska was formed in 1981, and

**WHEREAS:** Section 3.06 Constitution GRAND TREASURER, DUTIES was created after the adoption of the Washington Masonic Code when the Grand Lodge of Alaska was formed in 1981, and

**WHEREAS:** The phrase "the amount of dues paid and the amount due the Grand Lodge." in the last sentence of item 11 Section 3.05 Constitution GRAND SECRETARY, DUTIES used to be part of the Grand Secretary's duties.

**WHEREAS:** The phrase "the amount of dues paid and the amount due the Grand Lodge." in the last sentence of item 11 Section 3.05 Constitution GRAND SECRETARY, DUTIES is relevant to the duties of the Grand Treasurer and

**WHEREAS:** After adoption of Section 3.06 Constitution GRAND TREASURER, DUTIES, the phrase "the amount of dues paid and the amount due the Grand Lodge." in the last sentence of item 11 Section 3.05 Constitution GRAND SECRETARY, DUTIES was never deleted, and

**WHEREAS:** The semicolon immediately before the phrase "the amount of dues paid and the amount due the Grand Lodge." would be changed to a period,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 3.05 Constitution, item 11 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

### **Section 3.05 Constitution**

**GRAND SECRETAY, DUTIES.** The duties of the Grand Secretary are to:

11. Examine the returns made by the Lodges for the preceding year and the records of the Lodges under dispensation and see that errors and irregularities are corrected. Make a tabulated report showing the number of Master Masons,



Fellowcrafts, and Entered Apprentices enrolled; the number admitted, initiated, passed, raised, reinstated, dimitted, dropped, suspended, expelled, deceased, and rejected; the net increase and decrease of membership of each Lodge for the year; the amount of dues paid and the amount due the Grand Lodge.

Be amended to read:

**Section 3.05 Constitution**

**GRAND SECRETAY, DUTIES.** The duties of the Grand Secretary are to:

11. Examine the returns made by the Lodges for the preceding year and the records of the Lodges under dispensation and see that errors and irregularities are corrected. Make a tabulated report showing the number of Master Masons, Fellowcrafts, and Entered Apprentices enrolled; the number admitted, initiated, passed, raised, reinstated, dimitted, dropped, suspended, expelled, deceased, and rejected; the net increase and decrease of membership of each Lodge for the year; ~~the amount of dues paid and the amount due the Grand Lodge.~~

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 received a unanimous majority vote in favor and is therefore adopted.**

**Resolution 2014-14**

To amend Section 3.06 Constitution of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To combine all the duties of the Grand Lodge Treasurer under one section of the Alaska Masonic Code

**WHEREAS:** All duties of an officer should be listed or referenced within one section for clarity and to prevent searching throughout the Alaska Masonic Code, and,

**WHEREAS:** Section 3.06 Constitution GRAND TREASURER, DUTIES was created after the adoption of the Washington Masonic Code when the Grand Lodge of Alaska was formed in 1981, and

**WHEREAS:** Section 15.08 Bylaw ANNUAL RETURNS was part of the original Alaska Masonic Code as adopted when the Grand Lodge of Alaska was formed in 1981, and

**WHEREAS:** After adoption of Section 3.06 Constitution GRAND TREASURER, DUTIES, the wording “Grand Secretary” in the first sentence of the third paragraph of Section 15.08 Bylaw ANNUAL RETURNS was never changed to the wording “Grand Treasurer” to reflect his duty, and

**WHEREAS:** An item 4 should be added to indicate the additional duty as identified in Section 15.08 Bylaw ANNUAL RETURNS, and

**WHEREAS:** If Resolution 2014-6 fails to be adopted, the wording Grand Secretary needs to be changed to Grand Treasurer as identified in Resolution 2014-9, and

**WHEREAS:** If Resolution 2014-9 regarding changing the wording of Grand Secretary to Grand Treasurer in the first sentence of the third paragraph of Section 15.08 Bylaw ANNUAL RETURNS fails to be adopted, this proposed resolution will be withdrawn.

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

**Section 3.06 Constitution**

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

1. Receive and keep a proper account of all money 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. Receive from the Grand Secretary all money 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, revised 2012, CRC 2012)**

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 money 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. Receive from the Grand Secretary all money 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.
4. **Perform the duty as indicated in Section 15.08 of the Alaska Masonic Code.**

**(Section adopted 1994, revised 2012, CRC 2012)**

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 received a unanimous majority vote in favor and is therefore adopted.**

**Resolution 2014-15**

To amend Section 16.10 Bylaw 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.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that AMC Section 16.10 Bylaw, JEWELS AND APRONS subparagraph 2 be amended to read:

**Section 16.10 Bylaw**

**JEWELS AND APRONS.**

1. The jewels of a Past Master and of the Officers of a Lodge are:
  - A. Past Master – the Blazing Sun within the Compasses extended on a Quadrant, or the Blazing Sun within the Square and Compasses extended on a Quadrant.
  - B. Worshipful Master – the Square
  - C. Senior Warden – the Level
  - D. Junior Warden – the Plumb

- E. Treasurer – the Crossed Keys
  - F. Secretary – the Crossed Pens
  - G. Chaplain – the Bible
  - H. Senior Deacon – the Square and Compasses united with a Sun
  - I. Junior Deacon – the Square and Compasses united with a Moon
  - J. Stewards – the Cornucopia
  - K. Marshal – the Crossed Batons
  - L. Organist – the Lyre
  - M. Tyler – the Sword
2. The Aprons of a Past Master and of the Officers of a Lodge ~~are white and should be of lambskin, fourteen inches wide and twelve inches deep, and may have sky blue lining and edging, with the respective emblems thereon.~~ **shall reflect quality and dignity and uphold respect for the office held. They should be composed of lambskin or silk and may be of such design as those purchased from conventional Masonic regalia companies or of traditional American Masonic design. The symbols appearing on such aprons will be limited to the emblems of the respective office held or symbols selected by an individual Brother that are referenced in the ritual of this jurisdiction of the three degrees of Masonry.**
  3. A Past Master belonging to a Lodge of this Jurisdiction may purchase and wear the Past Master’s Apron as supplied by the Alaska Masonic Research Association. This apron shows the outline of the State of Alaska in blue, the “Eight Stars of Gold” of the Alaska State Flag, and the Past Master’s Emblem. **(Section clarified 1988, revised 1989, 1993)**

Respectively Submitted:

W 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 3/4 majority to pass.

**Note: This resolution did not receive the required majority vote (46 in favor and 60 against) and is therefore rejected.**

## **Emergent Resolution 2014-16**

To amend Section 4.02 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code.

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To change McKinley Lodge No. 5, Cordova from District 2 to District 3.

**Whereas:** It is a great expense for the district deputy of District 2 to fly to two separate isolated lodges-Kodiak Lodge No. 9 and Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5 in Cordova, and

**Whereas:** The district deputy cannot travel directly between Cordova and the Kenai Peninsula without going through District 3, and

**Whereas:** There is no objection from Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5 to move from District 2 to District 3.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 4.02 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

### **Section 4.02 Bylaw**

**Districts and Lodges:** The Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge is divided into Districts with Lodges assigned as shown below:

#### **District 1**

**Tanana Lodge No. 3, Fairbanks  
Valdez Lodge No. 4, Valdez  
Fairbanks Lodge No. 12, Fairbanks  
North Pole Lodge No. 16, North Pole**

#### **District 2**

**Seward Lodge No. 6, Seward  
Kodiak Lodge No. 9, Kodiak  
Kenai Lodge No. 11, Soldotna  
Sterling Lodge No. 22, Sterling**

#### **District 3**

**Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5, Cordova  
Glacier Lodge No. 10, Anchorage  
Aurora Lodge No. 15, Anchorage  
Anchorage Lodge No. 17, Anchorage**

#### **District 4**

**White Pass Lodge No. 1, Skagway  
Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18, Sitka**

**Ketchikan Lodge No. 19, Ketchikan  
Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21, Juneau  
Petersburg Lodge No. 23, Petersburg**

**District 5**

**Matanuska Lodge No. 7, Palmer  
Eagle River Lodge No. 13, Eagle River  
Iditarod Lodge No. 20, Wasilla**

Be amended to read:

**Section 4.02 Bylaw**

**Districts and Lodges:** The Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge is divided into Districts with Lodges assigned as shown below:

**District 1**

**Tanana Lodge No. 3, Fairbanks  
Valdez Lodge No. 4, Valdez  
Fairbanks Lodge No. 12, Fairbanks  
North Pole Lodge No. 16, North Pole**

**District 2**

~~**Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5, Cordova**~~  
**Seward Lodge No. 6, Seward  
Kodiak Lodge No. 9, Kodiak  
Kenai Lodge No. 11, Soldotna  
Sterling Lodge No. 22, Sterling**

**District 3**

**Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5, Cordova**  
**Glacier Lodge No. 10, Anchorage  
Aurora Lodge No. 15, Anchorage  
Anchorage Lodge No. 17, Anchorage**

**District 4**

**White Pass Lodge No. 1, Skagway  
Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18, Sitka  
Ketchikan Lodge No. 19, Ketchikan  
Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21, Juneau  
Petersburg Lodge No. 23, Petersburg**

**District 5**

**Matanuska Lodge No. 7, Palmer  
Eagle River Lodge No. 13, Eagle River  
Iditarod Lodge No. 20, Wasilla**

Respectfully Submitted

MW James R. Herrington (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 3/4 majority to pass.

**Note: This resolution received a unanimous majority vote in favor and is therefore adopted.**

## **Jurisprudence Committee**

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

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

We the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Carryover Resolution 2013-1 have considered the same and report as follows:

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

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

As it is a carryover resolution which proposes to amend the Constitution it will require a two-thirds majority vote to pass.

Respectfully Submitted,

MW Charles E. Corbin PGM, Chairman

MW Leslie Little PGM

VW Gerald B. Hughes

MW John R. "Bo" Cline PGM

VW V. Clifford Darnell

MW Grand Master I ask that this report be received

Report received for the record.

MW Grand Master I move for the adoption of this resolution

**Note: This carryover resolution received the required 2/3 majority vote to pass (78 in favor and 31 against) and is therefore adopted.**



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

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

We the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Resolution 2014-1 have considered the same and report as follows:

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

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

As it proposes to amend a Bylaw, it will require a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote in favor of the resolution for adoption

Respectfully submitted,

MW Charles E. Corbin PGM, Chairman

MW Leslie Little PGM

VW Gerald B. Hughes

MW John R. "Bo" Cline PGM

VW V. Clifford Darnell

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

Report received for the record.

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

**This resolution received a unanimous majority vote in favor and is therefore adopted.**

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

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

We the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Resolution 2014-2 have considered the same and report as follows:

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

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

As it proposes to amend a Bylaw, it will require a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote in favor of the resolution for adoption

Respectfully submitted,

MW Charles E. Corbin PGM, Chairman  
MW Leslie Little PGM  
VW Gerald B. Hughes  
MW John R. "Bo" Cline PGM  
VW V. Clifford Darnell

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

Report received for the record.

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

**This resolution received a unanimous majority vote in favor and is therefore adopted.**

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

To The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska:  
We the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Resolution 2014-3 have considered the same and report as follows:

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

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

As it proposes to amend a Bylaw, it will require a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote in favor of the resolution for adoption

Respectfully submitted,

MW Charles E. Corbin PGM, Chairman  
MW Leslie Little PGM  
VW Gerald B. Hughes  
MW John R. "Bo" Cline PGM  
VW V. Clifford Darnell

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

Report received for the record.

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

**This resolution did not receive the required  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority vote for passage but did receive a majority vote (75 in favor and 30 against) and is a carryover resolution.**

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

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

We the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Resolution 2014-4 have considered the same and report as follows:

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

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

As it proposes to amend a Bylaw, it will require a three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) majority vote in favor of the resolution for adoption

Respectfully submitted,

MW Charles E. Corbin PGM, Chairman

MW Leslie Little PGM

VW Gerald B. Hughes

MW John R. "Bo" Cline PGM

VW V. Clifford Darnell

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

Report received for the record.

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

**This resolution received a unanimous majority vote in favor and is therefore adopted.**

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

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

We the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Resolution 2014-5 have considered the same and report as follows:

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

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

As it proposes to amend the Esoteric Work to bring the Alaska Monitor and Freemasons Guide into conformity with Bylaw 16.10 of the Alaska Masonic Code, it will require a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote in favor of the resolution for adoption

Respectfully submitted,

MW Charles E. Corbin PGM, Chairman  
MW Leslie Little PGM  
VW Gerald B. Hughes  
MW John R. "Bo" Cline PGM  
VW V. Clifford Darnell

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

Report received for the record.

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

**This resolution received a unanimous majority vote in favor and is therefore adopted.**

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

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

We the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Resolution 2014-6 have considered the same and report as follows:

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

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

As it proposes to amend a Bylaw, it will require a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote in favor of the resolution for adoption

Respectfully submitted,

MW Charles E. Corbin PGM, Chairman  
MW Leslie Little PGM  
VW Gerald B. Hughes  
MW John R. "Bo" Cline PGM

VW V. Clifford Darnell

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

Report received for the record.

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

**This resolution did not receive a majority vote and was defeated.**

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

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

We the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Resolution 2014-7 have considered the same and report as follows:

This report is in proper form for consideration by the Grand Lodge.  
The Committee does not express an opinion as to whether this Resolution should or should not be adopted.

As it proposes to amend a Bylaw, it will require a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote in favor of the resolution for adoption

Respectfully submitted,

MW Charles E. Corbin PGM, Chairman

MW Leslie Little PGM

VW Gerald B. Hughes

MW John R. "Bo" Cline PGM

VW V. Clifford Darnell

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

Report received for the record.

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

**This resolution received a unanimous majority vote in favor and is therefore adopted.**

## 9<sup>th</sup> Report

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

We the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Resolution 2014-8 have considered the same and report as follows:

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

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

As it proposes to amend a Bylaw, it will require a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote in favor of the resolution for adoption

Respectfully submitted,

MW Charles E. Corbin PGM, Chairman

MW Leslie Little PGM

VW Gerald B. Hughes

MW John R. "Bo" Cline PGM

VW V. Clifford Darnell

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

Report received for the record.

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

**This resolution received a unanimous majority vote in favor and is therefore adopted.**

## 10<sup>th</sup> Report

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

We the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Resolution 2014-9 have considered the same and report as follows:

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

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

As it proposes to amend a Bylaw, it will require a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote in favor of the resolution for adoption

Respectfully submitted,

MW Charles E. Corbin PGM, Chairman  
MW Leslie Little PGM  
VW Gerald B. Hughes  
MW John R. "Bo" Cline PGM  
VW V. Clifford Darnell

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

Report received for the record.

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

**This resolution received a unanimous majority vote in favor and is therefore adopted.**

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

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

We the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Resolution 2014-10 have considered the same and report as follows:

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

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

As it proposes to amend a Bylaw, it will require a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote in favor of the resolution for adoption

Respectfully submitted,

MW Charles E. Corbin PGM, Chairman  
MW Leslie Little PGM  
VW Gerald B. Hughes  
MW John R. "Bo" Cline PGM  
VW V. Clifford Darnell

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

Report received for the record.

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

**This resolution received a unanimous majority vote in favor and is therefore adopted.**

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

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

We the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Resolution 2014-11 have considered the same and report as follows:

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

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

As it proposes to amend a Bylaw, it will require a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote in favor of the resolution for adoption

Respectfully submitted,

MW Charles E. Corbin PGM, Chairman

MW Leslie Little PGM

VW Gerald B. Hughes

MW John R. "Bo" Cline PGM

VW V. Clifford Darnell

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

Report received for the record.

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

**This resolution received a unanimous majority vote in favor and is therefore adopted.**

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

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

We the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Resolution 2014-12 have considered the same and report as follows:

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



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

As it proposes to amend a Bylaw, it will require a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote in favor of the resolution for adoption

Respectfully submitted,

MW Charles E. Corbin PGM, Chairman  
MW Leslie Little PGM  
VW Gerald B. Hughes  
MW John R. "Bo" Cline PGM  
VW V. Clifford Darnell

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

Report received for the record.

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

**Note: This resolution received the required 3/4 majority vote to pass (81 in favor and 23 against) and is therefore adopted.**

## 14<sup>th</sup> Report

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

We the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Resolution 2014-13 have considered the same and report as follows:

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

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

As it proposes to amend a Bylaw, it will require a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote in favor of the resolution for adoption

Respectfully submitted,

MW Charles E. Corbin PGM, Chairman  
MW Leslie Little PGM  
VW Gerald B. Hughes  
MW John R. "Bo" Cline PGM  
VW V. Clifford Darnell

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

Report received for the record.

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

**This resolution received a unanimous majority vote in favor and is therefore adopted.**

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

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

We the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Resolution 2014-14 have considered the same and report as follows:

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

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

As it proposes to amend the Constitution, it will require a 90% majority vote in favor of the resolution for adoption

Respectfully submitted,

MW Charles E. Corbin PGM, Chairman

MW Leslie Little PGM

VW Gerald B. Hughes

MW John R. "Bo" Cline PGM

VW V. Clifford Darnell

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

Report received for the record.

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

**This resolution received a unanimous majority vote in favor and is therefore adopted.**

## 16<sup>th</sup> Report

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

We the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Resolution 2014-15 have considered the same and report as follows:

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

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

As it proposes to amend a Bylaw, it will require a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote in favor of the resolution for adoption

Respectfully submitted,

MW Charles E. Corbin PGM, Chairman

MW Leslie Little PGM

VW Gerald B. Hughes

MW John R. "Bo" Cline PGM

VW V. Clifford Darnell

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

Report received for the record.

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

**This resolution did not receive a majority vote and was defeated.**

## 17<sup>th</sup> Report

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

We the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Emergent Resolution 2014-16 have considered the same and report as follows:

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

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

As it proposes to amend a Bylaw, it will require a three-fourths (3/4) majority vote in favor of the resolution for adoption

Respectfully submitted,

MW Charles E. Corbin PGM, Chairman  
MW Leslie Little PGM  
VW Gerald B. Hughes  
MW John R. "Bo" Cline PGM  
VW V. Clifford Darnell

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

Report received for the record.

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

**This resolution received a unanimous majority vote in favor and is therefore adopted.**

## **Grievance and Appeals**

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

MW Grand Master, your Committee of Grievances and Appeals, consisting of myself, MW Bro. Joe Dees and VW Bro. John Johnson, have been working diligently for the past 12 months waiting to receive a Grievance or Appeal. Fortunately we did not receive any so now respectfully submit a nil report.

Respectfully submitted,

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

## **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 the year 2013, pursuant to Section 3.06 of the Alaska Masonic Code.

In 2013 the Dow reached record highs which was good for most of our Investment Accounts. However, when stocks are good, bonds are not as good. Most of our bonds

were paying 5 to 6% but the market values dropped. We made several adjustments to our portfolios to adapt to the market changing. All in all we did well.

The Grand Lodge Office expenses are increasing as everything keeps going up. We had to buy a new copier as the previous copier was getting old and unreliable and maintenance costs would continue to increase to keep it operating. We are making copies of our booklets on the copier thus saving on some of our printing expenses. We also had to replace the officer manager's computer.

We had two lodges join the Grand Lodge Life Membership Fund,

One of our departed brothers left \$7,000.00 to the Alaska Masonic Foundation for Children in his will. The Masonic Foundation for Children is our Scholarship Fund and is a 501c3 Corporation and is tax deductible.

The Finance Committee has met on several occasions throughout the year and MW Johnnie Wallace; Chairmen of the Finance Committee, Brother Daniel O'Connell and I have been in constant contact on our investments trying to keep everything positive.

Several Lodge have not sent in their tax information. Please use your Lodge EIN Number, NOT the Grand Lodge's EIN. Please send this information as soon as you can.

Finally, it has been a pleasure serving as Grand Treasurer and I am very appreciative of the help of these fine people: My Wife Tes, MW Jim Herrington, MW Johnnie Wallace, RW Jerry Wasson, VW Tom Schram and Brother Dan O'Connell.

Respectfully Submitted,

RW Jim Grubbs  
Grand Treasurer

### **Report of the Finance Committee**

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

This past year has been a busy one, for all Masons in Alaska, continue the good work you do. The finance committee held several meetings during the year to keep the Grand Lodge on track with the investments we hold. All funds have had increases in interest, the average for all the investments for the year was a 15.75% gain. Due to the past two years good earnings in the Travel fund you will note an increase in the funds provided to the elected officers this year. We hope this year will be good to us again.

Thank you to those that have made contributions to the Grand Lodge this year, it is greatly appreciated.

Grand Master it has been our pleasure to serve you on this committee. We would like to especially thank Bro. Dan O'Connell for his guidance this year in his effort to guide us in how best to invest our funds, and R.W. James Grubbs, Grand Treasurer, for all he does to keep the financial records. Thanks to R.W. Jerome P. Wasson, Grand Secretary and V.W. Thomas L. Schram, for keeping the records necessary to aid in the annual audit. I would also like to thank the brother's on this committee for their interest and guidance on how best to make the right decisions that are funds continue to grow.

Respectfully submitted

MW Johnnie L. Wallace PGM, Chairman  
Bro. Daniel O'Connell  
W John Freie  
W Nicholas Choromanski  
RW James Grubbs  
MW Harry Koenen, PGM

### **Audit Committee Report**

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

Saturday, February 1, 2014

MW Grand Master, MW Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Alaska

As chairman of the Grand Lodge Audit Committee I am happy to report that the committee has completed the audit of the Grand Lodge expense records including but not limited to; the hand written ledger, all bank statements, both credits and debts, and the computer generated accounting statements for the year 2013. All entries have been verified and all figures are in balance with each other. The majority of discrepancies found were simple typos and transpositions. This report concludes the audit.

VW James S. Zuke Chairman

## Grand Lodge of Alaska Balance Sheet

ACCOUNT NO	ASSETS CHECKING & INVESTMENTS	AMOUNT	TOTALS
1110	Checking - First National Bank	9,682.84	
1140	Petty Cash	100.00	
1150	Special Assessment-Legal Fees	151.59	
1210	Travel Fund Acct 8851-4125	125,948.10	
1215	General Charity Fund	4,564.02	
1220	General Fund - 6327-9979	257,745.82	
1230	Permanent Fund 1651-6357	391,069.16	
1235	Legal Fund #3550-9701	15,886.62	
1240	Life Membership - 1211-0782	218,832.43	
1245	GL Per Capita Fund	4,262.64	
1250	State Farm Ins -G Freeman	19,014.00	
	<b>Total Assets</b>	1,047,257.22	1,047,257.22
	<b>ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE</b>		
1401	White Pass No. 1	4.72	
1403	Tanana Lodge No. 3	14.72	
1404	Valdez Lodge No. 4	15.12	
1405	Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5	5.42	
1406	Seward Lodge No. 6	23.32	
1407	Matanuska Lodge No. 7	15.20	
1409	Kodiak Lodge No. 9	99.46	
1410	Glacier Lodge No. 10	49.20	
1411	Kenai Lodge No. 11	64.87	
1412	Fairbanks Lodge No. 12	27.92	
1413	Eagle River Lodge No. 13	55.10	
1415	Aurora Lodge No. 15	75.20	
1416	North Pole Lodge No. 16	4.72	
1417	Anchorage Lodge No. 17	246.60	
1418	Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18	5.12	
1419	Ketchikan Lodge No. 19	5.52	
1420	Iditarod Lodge No. 20	31.07	
1421	Mt. Juneau/Gastineaux No. 21	183.22	
1422	Sterling Lodge No. 22	3.72	
1423	Petersburg Lodge No. 23	3.32	
	<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	933.54	933.54
	<b>MASONIC SUPPLIES/INVENTORY</b>		
1501	Fleece Jackets	494.37	
	Combined Stnd Workbook/wob		
1506	SM	880.00	
1507	Combined Workbook	415.16	
1508	Combined Stnd Workbook/wb	263.72	
1509	Ak Masonic Code w/Binder	19.05	
1511	AK Masonic Code w/o Binder	4.91	
1515	AK Monitor w/Binder	229.50	

1522	Further Light in Masonry	23.80	
1530	List of Lodges Masonic	8.07	
1541	Entered Apprentice Booklet	1,711.04	
1542	Grand Master Coins 2014	3,804.00	
1543	GM 2013 GL Coins	868.56	
1544	Tee Shirts	181.98	
1550	Fellowcraft Cipher	149.49	
1551	Fellowcraft Booklet	386.08	
1560	Master Mason Cipher	534.06	
1561	Master Mason Booklet	270.27	
1570	Pamphlet - On The Threshold	165.24	
1571	Pamphlet - What I'd Like My Fr	108.00	
1575	Claudy Books - VOL I	153.50	
1576	Claudy Books VOL II	156.00	
1577	Claudy Books - VOL III	227.50	
1578	Hats 2011	182.00	
1579	Polo Shirts	510.40	
1580	Pins - 25 Year	506.30	
1581	Pins - 50 Year	470.34	
1582	Pins - 75 Year	74.40	
1585	Pins - Widow	640.80	
1592	Belt & Belt Buckle	352.50	
1700	Prepaid Expenses	182.00	
	<b>Total Masonic Inventory</b>		13,973.04
	<b>Property and Equipment</b>		
1810	Office Furniture & Fixtures	5,673.51	
1820	Accum. Depreciation - F & F	(5,400.87)	
1830	Office Electronic/Computer Equ	25,320.76	
1840	Accum. Depreciation - Elect.	(12,395.52)	
	<b>Total Property and Equipment</b>		13,197.88
<b>Total Assets</b>			<b>1,075,361.68</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
2230	Bank of America	1,247.89	
2250	Def. Income - Annual Comm.	4,360.00	
	<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		5,607.89
<b>Capital</b>			
3050	Grand Lodge Equity	7,946.55	
3110	State Farm Ins - G Freeman	18,180.00	
3120	General Charity Fund	4,469.16	
3130	Travel Fund	125,948.10	
3135	Legal Fund	15,886.62	
3140	Life Membership	218,832.43	
3145	GL Per Capita Life Membership	4,262.64	
3160	Office Equipment Fund	1,776.46	
3170	Proceedings - Transcript, P&B	23,636.85	



3190	General Fund	257,745.82
3195	Permanent Fund	391,069.16
	Net Income	0.00
		1,069,753.79
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Capital</b>		<b>1,075,361.68</b>

### Grand Lodge of Alaska 2014 Budget

Acct #		2014 Budget	2013 Budget	Jan -Dec 2013 Actuals	2013 Budget VS Actuals
	<b>Revenues</b>				
4100	Assessment - Per Capita	48,225.00	47,670.00	46,068.75	-1,601.25
4110	Assessment - Bulletin	3,215.00	3,432.00	3,071.25	-360.75
4120	Assessment- Late Fee	50.00	50.00	0.00	-50.00
	Special Assessment-Legal				
4125	Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4130	GM Dispensations	100.00	100.00	60.00	-40.00
4145	GWMNM Fund Contribution	1,840.00	2,146.00	2,080.00	-66.00
	Assessment - Petition				
4150	Received	3,300.00	3,500.00	3,250.00	-250.00
	Assessment - Degrees				
4160	Conferred	700.00	800.00	605.00	-195.00
4170	Assessment - Affils / Degrees	600.00	600.00	810.00	210.00
4175	Reinstatement for NPD	250.00	250.00	292.50	42.50
4180	General Contrib. / Donations	1,000.00	1,000.00	103.15	-896.85
4252	Fund Raisers - Raffels	3,000.00	6,000.00	18,246.57	12,246.57
4250	Fund Raisers - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4257	Fundraiser- hats	100.00	0.00	170.00	170.00
4253	Fundraiser- Jackets	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4254	Fundraiser Polo Shirts	0.00	0.00	30.00	30.00
4262	Fundraiser-Tee Shirts	0.00	0.00	20.00	20.00
4400	Sale of Masonic Inventory	5,500.00	4,000.00	6,051.35	2,051.35
4800	Interest - Special Assmnt Acct	10.00	34.00	2.89	-31.11
4810	Interest - Money Market	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4812	Div-Int -State Farm Life Ins	830.00	830.00	834.00	4.00
4815	Div -Intertest - Charity Fund	200.00	200.00	279.11	79.11
4820	Div & Interest - Travel Fund	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,238.03	238.03
4825	Div-Interest-Permanent Fund	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,097.91	97.91
4826	Div-Interest- Legal Fund	500.00	500.00	689.26	189.26
4830	Div-Interest - General Fund	5,000.00	4,200.00	6,059.70	1,859.70
4840	Div-Int - Life Membership	10,000.00	9,500.00	11,234.06	1,734.06
4841	Invesmt Inc Gains/Losses LM	0.00	0.00	22,332.24	-22,332.24

4845	Div-Interest - Percapita Acct	100.00	75.00	142.17	67.17
4850	Invesmt Income Gains/Losses	30,000.00	24,700.00	124,324.67	99,624.67
4900	Other Income-Misc	100.00	100.00	412.10	312.10
4950	Reimburse Exp - Ann. Comm	24,000.00	24,000.00	26,814.20	2,814.20
4960	Reimburse Exp- Ldrship Tng	500.00	500.00	0.00	-500.00
4970	Reimburse Exp- West Conf.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>Total Budget/ Gross Profit/Deviation</b>	<b>153,120.00</b>	<b>148,187.00</b>	<b>243,654.43</b>	95,467.43
Acct #	Expenses	2014 Budget	2013 Budget	Jan-Dec 2013 Actuals	2013 Budget VS Actuals
	<b>Annual Communication Expense</b>				
6005	Ann. Comm. - Banq Exp	23,000.00	21,000.00	24,294.33	3,294.33
6015	Ann. Comm. - Entertainment	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,120.00	120.00
	Ann-Comm - Equipment				
6020	Rental	400.00	300.00	320.00	20.00
6030	Ann. Comm. - Printing	2,500.00	2,500.00	567.89	-1,932.11
6040	Ann Comm - Supplies	250.00	250.00	433.29	183.29
6045	Ann. Comm. - Transportation	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,051.46	51.46
6050	Ann Comm - Misc Exp/Other	500.00	500.00	0.00	-500.00
	<b>Total Annual Communication</b>	<b>28,650.00</b>	<b>26,550.00</b>	<b>27,786.97</b>	1,236.97
6100	Leadership Training	1,500.00	500.00	0.00	-500.00
6205	Advertising / Fundraising/PR	5,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	-3,000.00
6220	Awards Program	700.00	700.00	779.40	79.40
6225	Bank Service Charges	50.00	50.00	0.00	-50.00
6230	Contributions/Donations	1,000.00	0.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
4401	Inventory Cost of Goods	8,000.00	9,500.00	7,804.87	-1,695.13
6227	Broker Commiss/Foreign Tax	10,500.00	9,000.00	11,278.65	2,278.65
6255	Internet Service Expense	900.00	600.00	1,020.80	420.80
6260	Depreciation	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,091.91	-108.09
6270	Dues & Subscriptions	1,200.00	1,000.00	1,104.99	104.99
6275	Equipment Rental	50.00	50.00	0.00	-50.00
6277	Equipment Repair	575.00	575.00	292.50	-282.50
6285	Fees - Legal / Audit	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6301	GL Replacement Regalia	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,071.00	-179.00
6305	Gr. Mstr. - Regalia	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	-1,000.00
6310	GM Exp-Misc Out of Pocket	1,500.00	1,500.00	4,500.00	3,000.00
6315	GM Discretionary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6405	Travel - Grand Master	6,500.00	6,000.00	6,790.50	790.50
6410	Travel - Deputy Grand Master	3,500.00	3,000.00	3,527.00	527.00
6415	Travel - Senior Grand Warden	2,200.00	1,700.00	2,095.25	395.25
6420	Travel - Junior Grand Warden	2,200.00	1,700.00	2,095.25	395.25
6425	Travel - Grand Secretary	2,400.00	1,400.00	2,163.50	763.50
6430	Travel - Grand Treasurer	1,900.00	1,400.00	1,663.50	263.50

6505	GM & GS Conference	2,500.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
6510	Gr. Sec - Misc. Expenses	750.00	750.00	133.43	-616.57
Acct #	Expenses	2014 Budget	2013 Budget	Jan -Dec 2013 Actuals	2013 Budget VS Actuals
6620	G. Washington Mem Assoc.	2,000.00	1,950.00	2,080.00	130.00
6630	Liability Insurance	7,500.00	7,500.00	6,842.00	-658.00
6635	Workers Comp. Insurance	575.00	575.00	488.00	-87.00
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	705.62	-794.38
6735	Grand Lodge Bulletin	800.00	800.00	0.00	-800.00
6730	Postage & Delivery	1,000.00	1,000.00	930.54	-69.46
6745	Printing - General Forms	1,000.00	1,000.00	528.92	-471.08
6750	Rent	5,400.00	5,400.00	5,400.00	0.00
6765	Telephone	600.00	600.00	514.77	-85.23
6780	Web Site Fee	600.00	500.00	610.16	110.16
6785	Western Conference	0.00	0.00	9.35	9.35
6790	Miscellaneous	500.00	500.00	64.98	-435.02
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	194.16	-5.84
6830	Federal (F.U.T.A.)	100.00	100.00	41.99	-58.01
8010	Other Exp (Affinity Funds)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8011	IRS Penalty	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>Total Budget Exp/Actual</b>				
	<b>Exp/Deviation</b>	<b>128,750.00</b>	<b>118,000.00</b>	<b>124,479.01</b>	<b>6,479.01</b>
	<b>*Distribution of Life</b>				
	<b>Member Interest</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>	<b>9,500.00</b>	<b>11,234.06</b>	<b>1,734.06</b>
	<b>Net Income</b>	<b>14,370.00</b>	<b>20,687.00</b>	<b>107,941.36</b>	<b>87,254.36</b>

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

Travel Expenditures reflect distribution of 1/2 of the interest earned from the Travel Fund Investment Account IAW the Grand lodge Travel Fund Investment Policy Statement.

## **Amendment to the 2014 Budget**

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

I hereby submit an amendment to the 2014 Annual Budget.

The Finance Committee has met on February 5, 2014 and would like to make the following changes to the submitted budget.

Line Item #6700 Office Salary –from #12,600.00 to \$13,100.00

Line Item #6705 Office Accounting Fees – From \$8,000.00 to \$9,000.00

Line Item #6735 Grand Lodge Bulletin to Grand Lodge Calendar – From \$800.00 to \$500.00.

Respectfully Submitted,

RW Jim Grubbs  
Grand Treasurer

MW Grand Master I ask that this report be received.

MW Grand Master I ask that this report be adopted as amended.

Report was adopted as amended.

## **Masonic Research and Education**

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

Most Worship Grand Master Herrington tasked the committee to produce a monthly paper to be circulated to the Lodges of our Grand Jurisdiction. This paper for the use of the Lodges for Masonic education. Subject of these papers was at the discretion of the committee, but of course required to be of Masonic interest. Many of the papers dealt with points within our ritual, or moral lessons therein, others with opinion, etiquette, and leadership. The committee was charged to write papers that would generate discussion, reading and research and inspire Masonic intercourse among the Brothers.

Each month a paper was submitted to the Grand Master for his approval and dispersal, at the end of each paper there were usually a few questions to generate discussion and or reflection. We full well expected that some of the opinions expressed would generate differing opinions, and felt that is in fact healthy Masonic discussion. The committee in no way claims to be a Masonic authority on much of what was presented; however many of our sources are recognized authorities on Masonic subjects.

If you disagreed, entered into discussion, or opened a book on the subject, great, thank you, the committee succeeded. In 2014 your committee intends to produce a paper for the Grand Master each month as we did in 2013. We invite your feedback and by all means feel free to disagree.

I would like to thank the members of the committee who contributed this year, would those present be upstanding? Thank you! I would also like to thank you Grand Master for the opportunity to serve our Grand Jurisdiction. On behalf of the committee it has been an Honor to serve!

I ask that this report be accepted.

Respectfully submitted

W John Bishop, Chairman  
W Steven W. Stewart  
W Jon Ward  
W David Arnold  
VW Mike Starkey  
W Joe Dahl

## **Masonic Public Relations**

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

## **Masonic Youth**

MW Bro. James Herrington, Members of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska, and honored guests;

It is my pleasure to provide this report on the work being done by our Masonic Youth organizations. Because of family matters, I am unable to be present to deliver this report. In my place I have asked RW Doug Teninty, a member of our committee, to read this report.

## **Rainbow Girls**

I received a simple report regarding Rainbow Girls: "Same as last year." Unfortunately, that report says a great deal. Rainbow Girls are holding their own, but they need to grow. And, to grown, they need your help.

## **Job's Daughters**

I will give a summary of their report, which is include by reference, and is attached. There has been for a long time only one Bethel in Alaska, and that is in Anchorage. Several of the members attended Supreme this year and received a significant number of awards there, Of special significance is the fact that one of their members was elected as an officer in Supreme – the first time in Alaska! The members and advisors are justifiably proud of these accomplishments.

The comment was made in the report, and it is echoed by the leaders of all the youth organizations, that these programs are very expensive.

I will paraphrase from the report on Job's Daughters: These youth “represent all Masons in Alaska.” Remember that! Whether your Lodge has a youth organization or not. We need to support them financially, and with adult participation. That is the only way they will grown, brethren.

## **DeMolay**

I want to briefly share the recent history of DeMolay in Alaska. What I say about DeMolay because, as the Executive Officer for DeMolay in Alaska, I am most familiar with that organization. However, the story I share really applies to Rainbow Girls and to Job's Daughters aw well. Only the details change.

Over the past seven years, I have had the privilege of watching and being a part of the re-awakening of DeMolay in Alaska. Prior to moving back to Alaska, I had promised my youngest son that he would be able to start DeMolay when he came of age. When I arrived here in late 2006, I was dismayed to learn there was not one single active DeMolay Chapter in Alaska. That had to change! With the permission and support of the Master of My Lodge, Kenai 11, I began to find out what it would take to start a Chapter. We began slowly. We organized the very first Squires Manor in Alaska, and initiated the first Squires in Alaska on February 10, 2009. In case you are not aware, Squires is the official program of DeMolay for young men from the ages of 8 through 11.

The young Squires worked hard, and had a number of successful activities. As the Squires in the fist Manor matured, they were ready and eager to become DeMolay. By early 2010, a DeMolay Chapter had been finally organized in Alaska after many years of absence! It was a humbling experience to be present at the meeting in Kenai Lodge when the DeMolay light was turned on again for the first time in over 20 years. And, I am proud to say that for the first time in nearly 10 years, the seat at the annual DeMolay International Congress is designated for the State Master Councilor of Alaska, was occupied by a DeMolay from Alaska once again.

It is the dedication and perseverance of these youth, and a few committed adults that kept the hope and dream of DeMolay alive in Alaska. And, now, that hope and dream is bearing fruit. Over the years we have traveled as a team, and made a number of attempts to build the

interest to start other Chapters. That effort is finally paying off. Last fall, the brethren of the Scottish Rite Valley in Juneau expressed a desire to sponsor a Chapter there. And, I am grateful to report that this past month, in January, 2014, the adults completed their training as Advisors, and several young men were initiated as DeMolay.

A small group of determined youth and supportive adults held the promise of DeMolay alive for Alaska for several years. Now, another small and enthusiastic group of youth and adults has joined them to begin spreading DeMolay throughout the state.

This is how it happens for all of our youth groups. It only takes a few, even one or two, to be the catalyst that will change the future of our youth organizations, and, indeed, of all Masonic organizations in Alaska.

I have recently asked RW Doug Teninty to become a part of my jurisdictional staff for DeMolay, and he graciously agreed. He participated in the training, in Juneau last month, and is now already preparing a Chapter to launch in Anchorage. It should be functioning with the next few weeks. It really is that simple, brethren!

Who will be next? We need other jurisdictional staff throughout the state. It only takes one person to spread the enthusiasm to your area. Look at your cabletow brethren. Is this within it's length? Again, this message applies for all youth organizations. **We all need your help.**

Few here are aware that I am a very senior martial arts instructor and have been teaching for over 45 years. One of the major lessons I teach my students applies here. I tell them they must go through life with one hand reaching in front to those who have gone before. And, it is equally important that they reach behind to those who follow. We must do that as well, brethren. It is important that we reach behind to help the youth who follow us.

It is said that we all "stand on the shoulders of giants." This raises an important question: Who are the giants that our youth will say they stood upon? It is YOU brethren! No one can do it for you. Without you, our youth will lack that foundation. **It is time to be their giant.** Please contact me, or any member of the Masonic Youth Committee to join us.

**Brethren, this is my call to action for you:** If you have any interest in the future of our youth, and in the future of your Lodge, step forward and join us.

Respectfully submitted by:

W Dale H. Gillilan, Chair  
VW Thomas L. Schram  
RW Doug Teninty  
W Robert Cartmill

## **Report of Job's Daughters Bethel No. 1**

Bethel No. 1 of Job's Daughters is doing well. There are fifteen members at present with around six to seven girls attending the meetings. Some of the girls who do not attend on a regular basis are either attending university or are working. We also lost two girls this year that moved to Majority.

Some of the girls attended Supreme this summer and they did very well for a small Bethel. Between them they won three First Place Awards, one Third Place Award, and one Fifth Place Award in the Ritual competition. In Arts and Craft competition, they won six First Place Awards, three Second Place Awards, and one Third Place Award. They also participated in other formal activities during the different ceremonies held during Supreme.

Along with the large number of awards presented to our girls, Chastity Seldon-Horn was appointed representative to Nebraska and Kasey Zuke was appointed representative to South Dakota. To top the whole thing off, Abigail Hoellering was elected to serve as Supreme Junior Princess. This is the first time in the history of Bethel No. 1 that a girl from Alaska has been chosen to serve as and elected officer in Supreme. We should be very proud of our girls for doing so well at Supreme.

Bethel No. 1 is the only Bethel in the state of Alaska. Since one of the requirements for a girl to join is a Masonic relationship in her family, it can be quite difficult to find girls to join. We do our best but we could use help from the brothers in the lodges. Since it is located in Anchorage, it becomes even more difficult as most of the members of the lodges here already know about the Bethel and support it. We need more girls. If any of the brothers have granddaughters, nieces, daughters, or other relatives with girls from the age of 10 in the Anchorage area let's get them in the Bethel.

We could use your support financially. It costs a large amount of money to travel to Supreme. The girls have many fundraisers during the year to earn enough to go, but it never seems enough. The local lodges do provide assistance as we should but we must remember this is the only Bethel in the state and they represent all Masons in Alaska when they go to Supreme or anything else they do.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Schram

## **Bylaws**

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

MW Grand Master, Right Worshipfuls, Distinguished Guests, and Brothers all.

The Bylaws committee had a very quiet year, three Lodges, each seeking a increase of dues



and other fees were approved..

Anchorage #17 / approved

Tanana #3 / approved

Valdez #4 /approved

Respectfully submitted;

Douglas C Teninty, Chairman

David Pratt

James R. Griffith

## **Public Schools**

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master

Having watched the communications from the constituent Lodges of this jurisdiction I have learned that most if not all Alaska Lodges have a program dedicated to the advancement of the free public school system.

I have been, for some time, aware of one lodge in particular reaches all of the schools in their community. That being Kenai Lodge # 11. They have over the years established a successful golf tournament that financially supports the monetary gifts that outstanding students in each school receive. By this acknowledgement I do not intend to demean any other lodge and their efforts to promote a free education to all Alaska children. The simple fact is they are successful and their efforts could serve as a plan to be adopted elsewhere.

Today, as we meet here, the concept of separation of church & state is under attack here in Alaska. The Governor and some legislators are proposing a voucher system be established to give public monetary support to private and parochial schools. In fact as I understand it increase in public school funding is being held hostage with the proposal to provide monetary support to these private and parochial schools.

We as Masons must be vigilant in our support of the fundamentals of separation of church & state and the right of a free public education for all Alaska Children.

Respectfully submitted,

W Clarence E. Keto PM, Chairman

## 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 2013. Some of our deceased Brothers may have belonged to more than one Lodge. Only one Lodge is shown here.

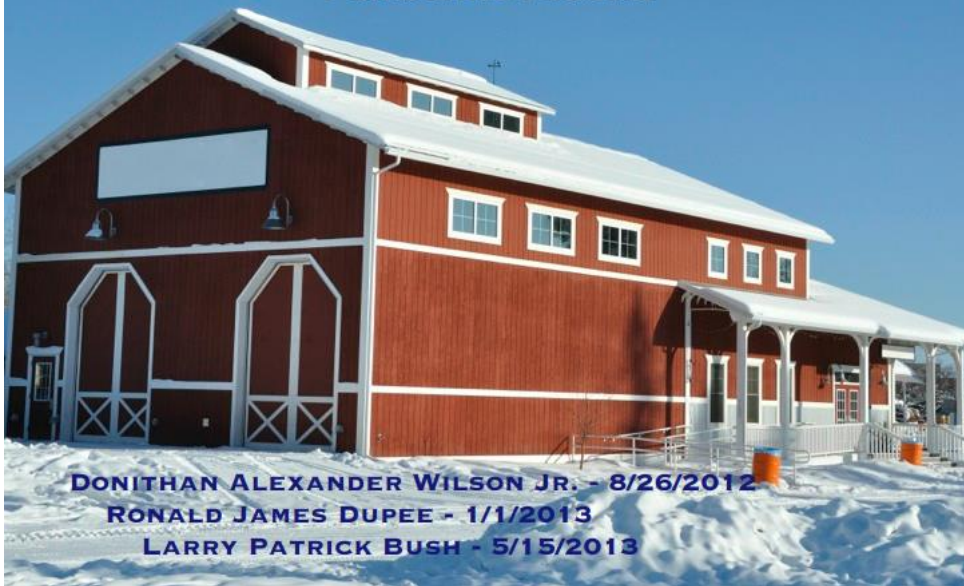


*White Pass Lodge Number 1*  
*Skagway Alaska*



**NO REPORTS FOR THE LODGE OF SORROWS**

*Tanana Lodge - Number 3*  
*Fairbanks Alaska*



**DONITHAN ALEXANDER WILSON JR. - 8/26/2012**  
**RONALD JAMES DUPEE - 1/1/2013**  
**LARRY PATRICK BUSH - 5/15/2013**



*Seward Lodge Number 6*  
*Seward Alaska*



**NO REPORTS FOR THE LODGE OF SORROWS**

*Matanuska Lodge Number 7*  
*Palmer Alaska*

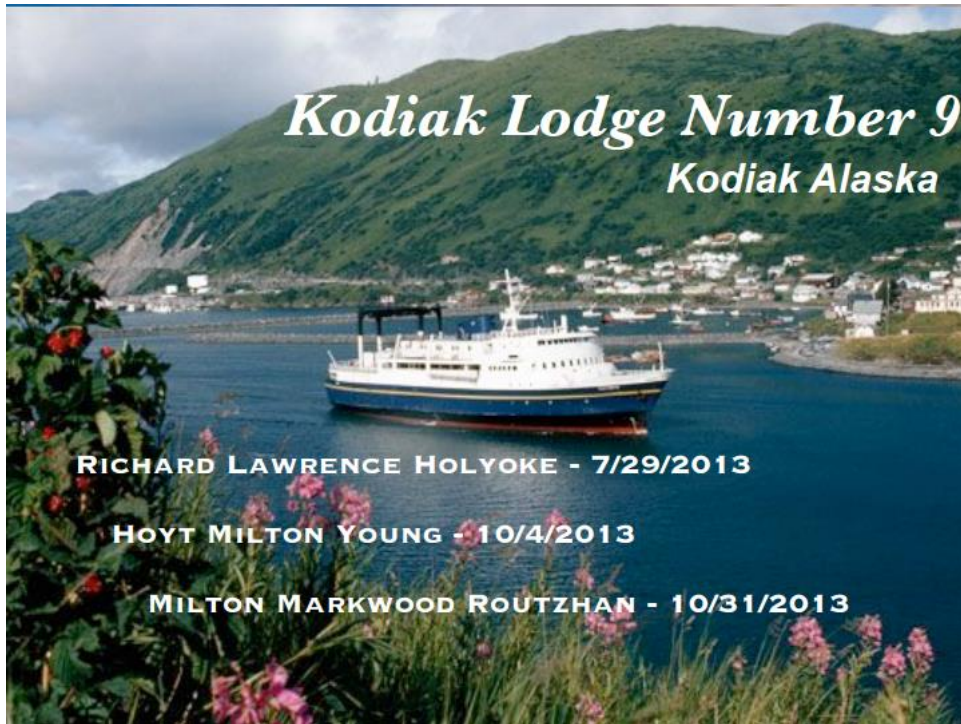
**LEO HERBERT HILL - 2/1/2000**

**JOHN CORDES POWERS - 2/27/2013**

**RUSSELL WINSTON SANDERS - 3/9/2013**

**WILLIAM CHARLES SAMPLES - 7/24/2013**



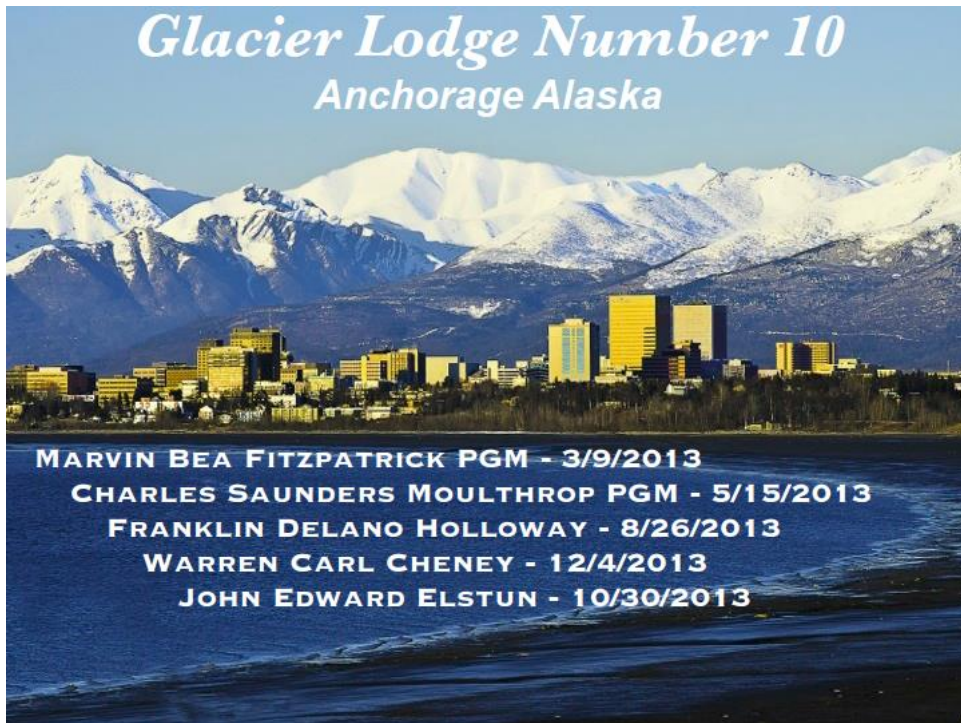


***Kodiak Lodge Number 9***  
***Kodiak Alaska***

**RICHARD LAWRENCE HOLYOKE - 7/29/2013**

**HOYT MILTON YOUNG - 10/4/2013**

**MILTON MARKWOOD ROUTZHAN - 10/31/2013**



***Glacier Lodge Number 10***  
***Anchorage Alaska***

**MARVIN BEA FITZPATRICK PGM - 3/9/2013**

**CHARLES SAUNDERS MOULTHROP PGM - 5/15/2013**

**FRANKLIN DELANO HOLLOWAY - 8/26/2013**

**WARREN CARL CHENEY - 12/4/2013**

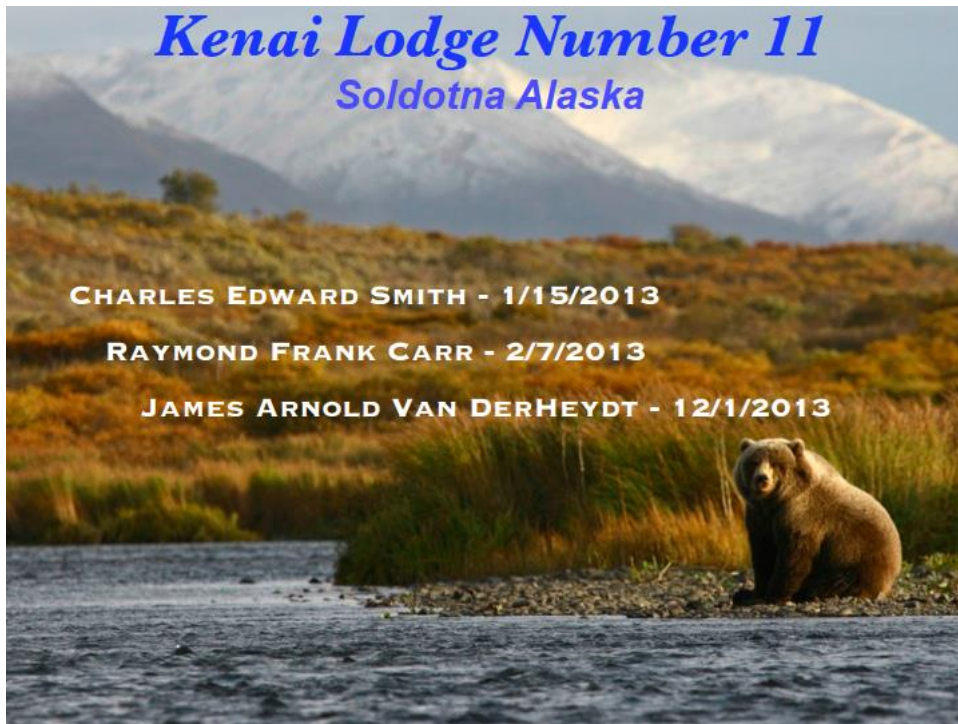
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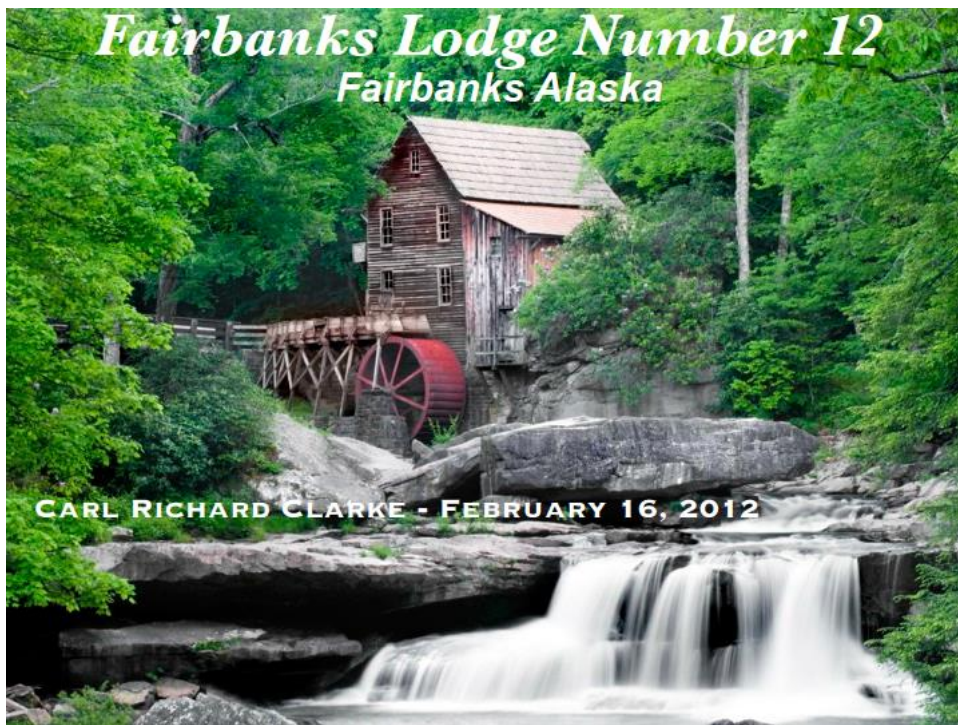
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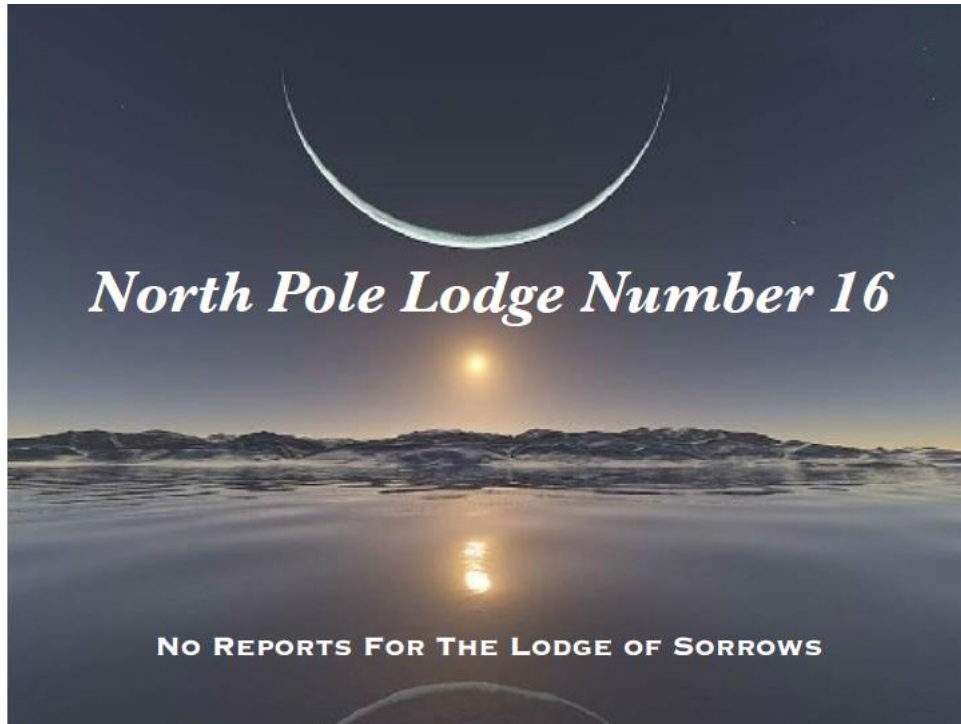
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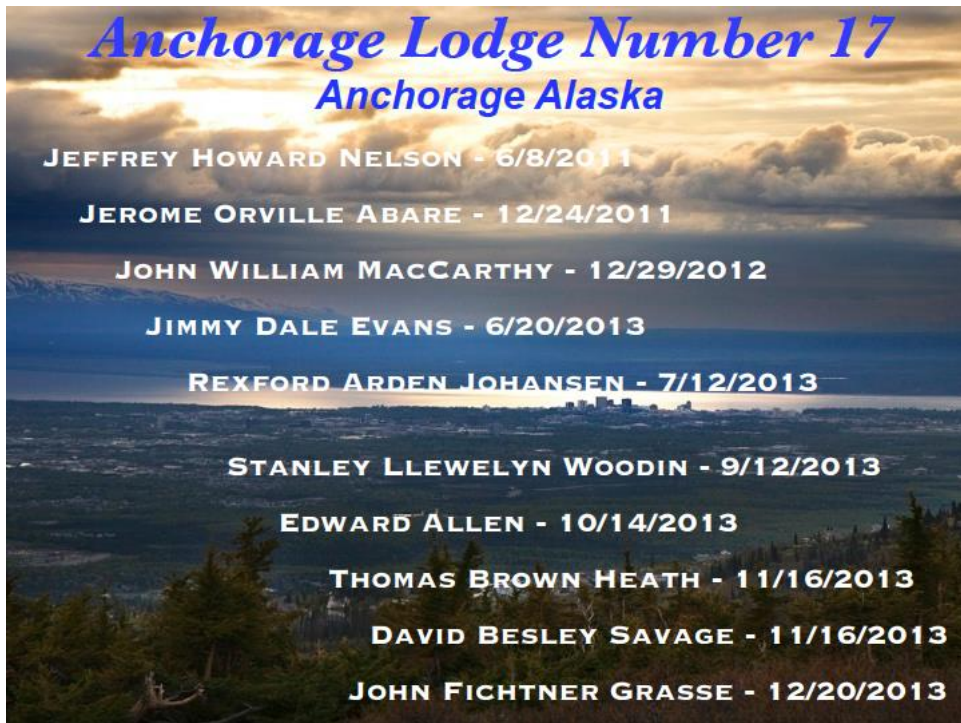
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**JEFFREY HOWARD NELSON - 6/8/2011**

**JEROME ORVILLE ABARE - 12/24/2011**

**JOHN WILLIAM MACCARTHY - 12/29/2012**

**JIMMY DALE EVANS - 6/20/2013**

**REXFORD ARDEN JOHANSEN - 7/12/2013**

**STANLEY LLEWELYN WOODIN - 9/12/2013**

**EDWARD ALLEN - 10/14/2013**

**THOMAS BROWN HEATH - 11/16/2013**

**DAVID BESLEY SAVAGE - 11/16/2013**

**JOHN FICHTNER GRASSE - 12/20/2013**

*Mt. Verstovia Lodge Number 18*  
*Sitka Alaska*

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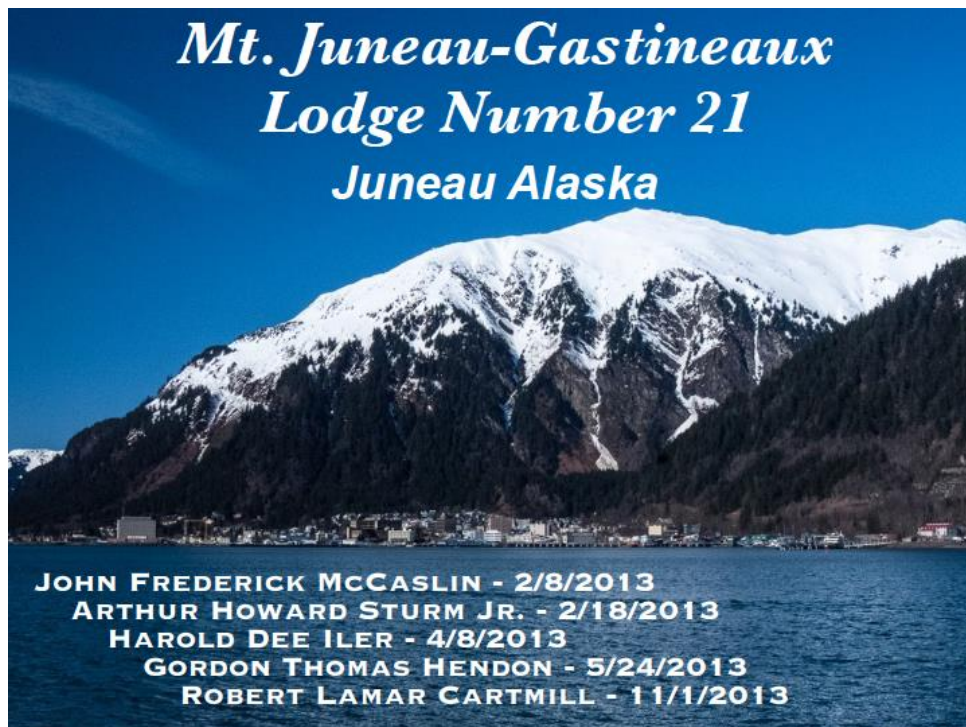




***Iditarod Lodge Number 20***

***Wasilla Alaska***

**EUGENE MERVYN MOCKERMAN - 8/10/2013**



***Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux***

***Lodge Number 21***

***Juneau Alaska***

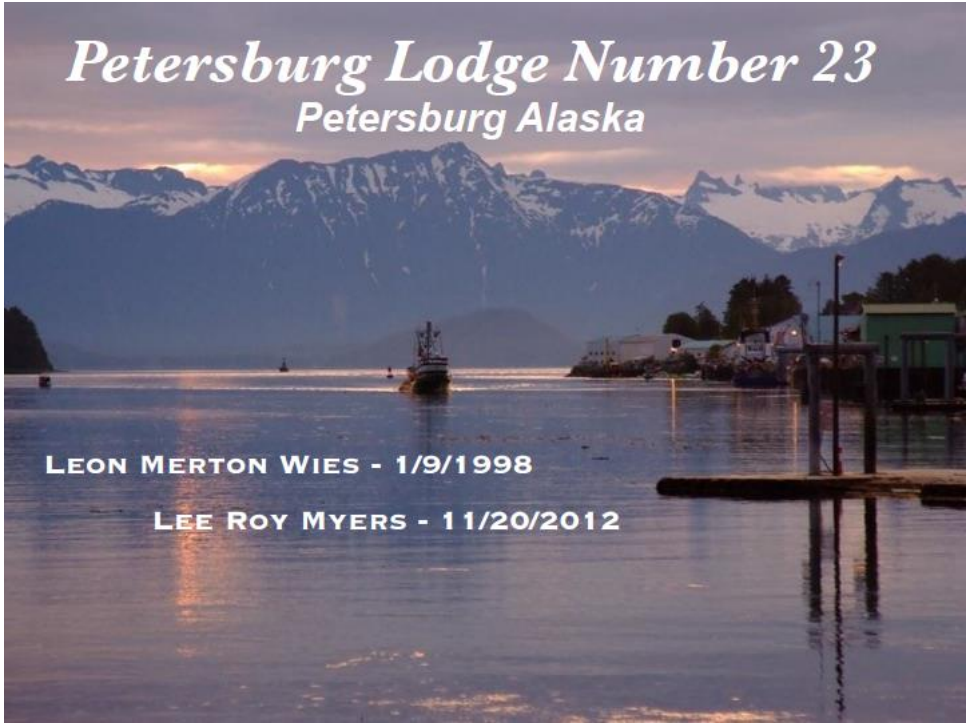
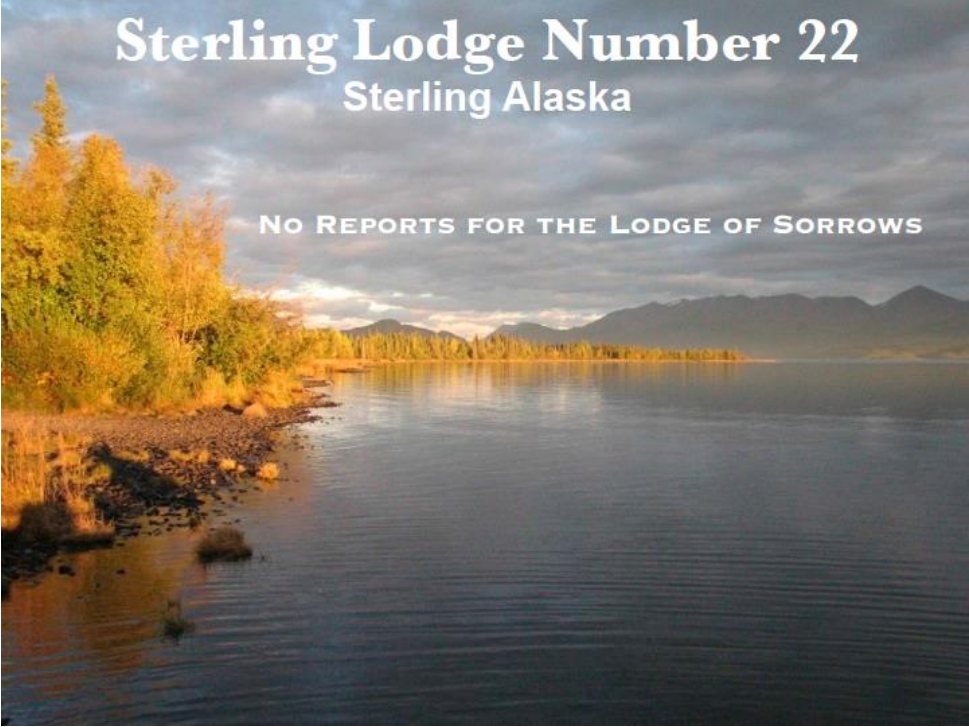
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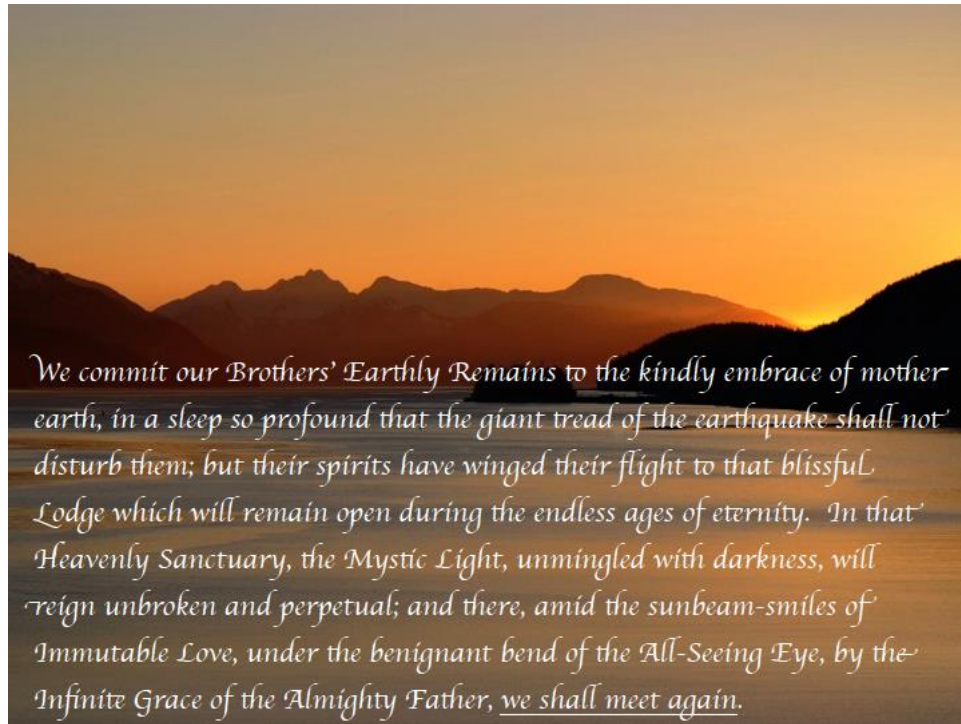
**ARTHUR HOWARD STURM JR. - 2/18/2013**

**HAROLD DEE ILER - 4/8/2013**

**GORDON THOMAS HENDON - 5/24/2013**

**ROBERT LAMAR CARTMILL - 11/1/2013**





*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.

VW Frank G. Weiss III  
Grand Chaplain

## **Report of Grand Lecturer**

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master Jim Herrington, Right Worshipful Dave Worel, Grand Lodge Officers, Esteemed Guests, and all Brethren here from near and far.

I am Don Hale and I have had the pleasure of being on MW Jim's team this past year as Grand Lecturer for the Grand Lodge of Alaska.

I consider it a high honor that MW Jim entrusted me to help improve Alaska's ritual work at the state level, as well as the opportunity to work with and learn from my Brethren across Alaska. In Juneau we are proud of our work and believe it is some of the best. However, I found I still had a lot to learn and did as much of that as I did lecturing. Recently I have heard MW Jim, other Past Grand Masters and Past Masters speak of Lodge Traditions. Before serving in this post, I had not had the opportunity to see and hear the work in other Alaska Lodges. It was truly enjoyable seeing these special enhancements to our Alaska Ritual, such as Ketchikan using gravel to "bury" The Widow's Son, to a number of other Lodges turning the Lesser Lights on first for reasons that should have always been obvious to me. I've mentioned them within Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge and would love to see #21 add some to our own traditions.

Now, I'll apologize in advance to any Texans present, but as every Alaskan Brother knows we could have an East and West Alaska, and Texas would be the third largest state in the country. We remain a young Grand Lodge with limited financial resources and a lot of ground to cover. Regardless, I am glad to report progress with the Lodges visited and contacted. I was able to visit all Southeast Alaska Lodges at least once, doing some "Stop and Go Practices" along the way and was privileged to attend Lodge, and other meetings in the Anchorage area.

As Grand Lecturer, I was a resource for and provided assistance to Worshipful Masters and other Lodge Officers around the state, as well as my home lodge. Currently, I am leveraging technology (Secured Face Time & Skype) to help several of our Entered Apprentice Masons (one serving in Guantanamo Bay Cuba) with their proficiency. Hopefully we will be able to confer their 2nd Degree as soon as it becomes possible (their return). Further, I sought guidance from Most Worshipful Bo Cline and others around the state to learn about brothers in their areas already working to improve the "Alaska Work." As one would suspect, the Lodges needing the most assistance are often the most remote and difficult to reach.

During my tenure I had the pleasure of assisting MW Jim and other Grand Lodge officers raise Brother Dave Hayden in Ketchikan Lodge #19 last April 2013. I returned to Ketchikan again this last fall to Raise Brother Dave Jancoukas. It was my singular pleasure to confer the Third Degree and Play King Solomon on this occasion. We were very fortunate that my Worshipful Master at the time, WB Dan Logan of Lodge #21, was on his way home to Juneau from the east coast. I'd like to thank him again for changing his plans so he could stop in Ketchikan to play King Hiram for us. We always enjoy helping and I love degree work, but with VW Jeff DeFreest, the existing Brothers and new Brethren down there, I'm sure Ketchikan will not need outside help for much longer.

On two separate occasions, I had the pleasure of visiting White Pass Lodge #1 (and MW Ron Ackerman) where we did "Stop and Go Work." In addition, I assisted WB Jeremy Simmons with the ritual work and helped him prepare for his upcoming degrees. WB Jeremy's zeal for learning the "Alaska Work" is to be commended and his progress is remarkable considering the relatively short time he has been a Master Mason.

Due to the size of our Great State, I would like to make the following recommendations and

ask the Grand Master to charge all officers to support them to aid the Grand Lecturer with his important tasks.

- During the last 12 months, I observed that all Lodges that were thriving had active and committed candidate coaches, head coaches and brothers interested in Masonic Education.
- The Grand Lecturer should develop a resource bank of these Brothers throughout each District who are proficient ritualists to help him reach out to lodges needing assistance.
- Perhaps, ritualists in our healthy lodges could be recruited to serve on this resource bank.
- The District Deputies are already charged to be involved in this work, but we are also fortunate to have a number of Past Masters and Past Grand Masters who excel in degree work and are active in Masonic Education. Some are already helping in this way. Others might be persuaded to help.
- The Grand Lecturer should strive to visit as many Lodges as possible, but he should maintain close contact with members of his resource bank to see how Lodges in their areas are progressing.
- Initially, the goal will be just getting Brothers to become active in Lodges needing help. But, ultimately learning and memorizing the “Alaska Work” is the prime objective.

Due to the sheer size of our Great State and the limited financial resources available for appointed officers, I believe a plan of this type is most practical at this time.

Grand Master, I request that this report be received.

WB Donald E. Hale  
Grand Lecturer

## **Report of Grand Orator**

Thank you Grand Master for the opportunity to serve as Orator of your Grand Lodge this year. What I would like to speak to you on, is a subject I have spoken about several times in my Masonic career but not to the point of this report, to you today. “What is Masonry?” and the report is titled –

“OH WHAT DARKNESS HIDES THE LIGHT”

You are the architect of your life. Masonry is old because it is true. Our greatest virtue is Charity, for it is in giving, that we are pardoned. Nothing changes unless you change it. Masonry is the but that will flower, tomorrow. Masonry teaches us to adopt to the good and reject the evil, God whispers to us in our pleasures, and speaks in our consciousness. Masonry will grow; rise up to the occasion, Masonry is a lesson beyond measure and is most fulfilling.

We understand more deeply the value of knowing and working, with our fellow men, from all walks of life. The work of Masonry never fails to excite most men, and in the end, may God give you victory. Masonry has served to illuminate the world, and out of the strong, come forth the answer. Masonry is a metaphor for a life of learning, through study, we arrive at the door of wisdom, as at the heart of Masonry is a broad vision of truth.

Masonry, binds all men to the eternal duty, these Masonic laws emulate our divine law, we serve for the purpose of the Great Architect of the Universe through Masonry. Masonry never fails to install wonder; Masonry the ruler of day and night will continue as long as Man wants more understanding. Masonic ritual is the sacrifice, we must understand, and yet it is through devotion the meaning is easier to understand.

The way is long, and the progress is slow, fear not in the end, we will be rewarded. Masonry is the important vehicle of creative expression of mankind. A deep meaning often lies in old customs, as gloom rules the realm of the dead. Masonry is pervasive and true and thus we can understand the teaching from our ancient brothers. We are our brothers keeper.

Masonry is the history of human endeavor, unmatched in ancient or modern times. Masonry is the separation of light from darkness, from darkness triumphs over oppression. Masonry is endless and yet grows because destiny made us brothers.

At the heart of ritual is a broad vain of truth, Masonry will keep you nourished spiritually and there is meaning beyond the sweat. Masonry is the eloquent expression of what has improved mankind, for many Masonry is like the birth of a star, what lies beyond is for us all, and well lead us to what is beyond. The torch of Masonic light must pierce the night, nothing is more terrifying, then ignorance in action.

Darkness will yield to light, the message comes to us very clearly, that we must always seek more light. Masonry is a repertoire of light, a school where you learn how to remember what your soul already knows. Masonry does currently surround us and we must open the circle to include more into the brotherhood of learned men, who seek more light. We are thankful for the tie that binds us.

Masonry offers repose, visually reminding us with the square, level, and plumb. Masonry is a school of thought and will help you to rediscover yourself. It is my belief that Masonry will follow the wind through the free world and Man will become wiser, brighter, and consequently happier. The defining moment in your Masonic career is today, is NOW!

And so my brothers, as I finish this report, I am sure many of you have the answer. The Answer is simple, our ancient brothers gave us the ritual and tools. Masonry is what you make it, "Masonry is You!!"

Respectfully Submitted,

VW Al Brookman  
Grand Orator



## Report of Grand Historian

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



### **VWB Roger A. Barnstead, Grand Historian, Grand Lodge of Alaska 2013**

In a politically correct world, humor is almost a capital offense! And in some places it is!

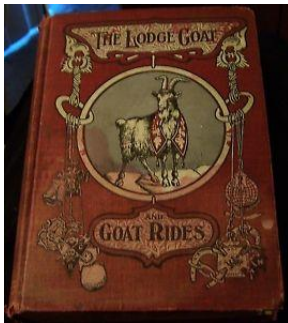
This year's report of the Grand Historian is centered on Masonic Humor. First of all, it is my observation that there isn't enough of it. However, it is my second observation that Masons love it and clearly enjoy it. And third that it is the lubricant that makes our meetings and even our degrees move along and is actually that which causes us to come back time after time to enjoy the gentle good humor of our friends and brothers. Who would show up to Grand Lodge not looking forward to exchanging fun and frivolity with Brothers near and far?

This is an integral part of our craft. Apparently our Brothers who came before us and developed our craft found the mirth of our votaries to be enough of a problem they found it necessary to include in our earliest Masonic Monitors phrases such as “no levity”, this does imply there was plenty of levity going on. At least enough to admonish the brethren to be serious!

In the Installation ceremony in the Charge to the Lodge, the installing officer informs the Brothers of the Lodge that we are to have but one aim – to please each other and to unite in the grand design of being happy and communicating happiness. One of the Chief ways this done is with humor.

I ask you, what Mason hasn't taken delight in pointing out to newly raised Master Masons: in our Guide to Pronunciation found in every addendum to our Masonic Monitor, the passage on Tubal Cain? Where it says in plain English and I quote: Tubul Cain, not two-ball and not too bald. The name has nothing to do with balls or canes.

There are few among us have not referred to riding the goat in alluding to the initiation of a candidate.



*“The Lodge Goat and Goat Rides”  
This has been considered so funny that books  
have been written on the subject*

The Lodge Goat

And what Mason doesn't enjoy a good joke about the craft and ritual?

For instance:

A small Lodge had had a string of bad luck. It was preparing to initiate a candidate on a steamy evening in June and its air conditioner had stopped working. After sweating their way through part of the work, the Master had asked the candidate what he most desired.

The candidate replied "a beer". At this juncture the WM., being startled, whispered "light" to the candidate. "OK," the candidate replied, "a lite beer."

Or

There's a man, walking down the street at 1 in the morning and he's very drunk. A policeman stops him and asks: Where are you going in that condition? Man: II'mm on mmyy waayyy to a lectttuurre on FFreemmassonnrrry. Officer: Where can you possibly get a lecture on Freemasonry at this time of night? Man: Frromm mmyy wifffe, wwhenn I gget homme!

and

A new initiate returns home to his wife who is naturally curious to know what went on. The conversation goes something like this:

She) Well how'd it go?

He) Very well - most interesting

She) What did go on?

He) I'm not really sure if I can tell you about it.

She) Well is there anything you \*can\* tell me?

He) Well it seems there are 3 classes of men in the Lodge -walkers, talkers and Holy men.

She) What do they do - if you can tell me?

He) The walkers walked me around the lodge. The Talkers talked to me and to the walkers as I was led around ....

She) And the Holy men? What of them?

He) They seem to be a special class of men - all in dark blue and gold aprons and gauntlets. They just sit on the benches around the lodge with their heads in their hands chanting repeatedly - "Oh My God Oh My God !"

Now for a few more serious comments on the history of the craft. I had planned to go to Cordova Alaska in Nov and visit Mt. McKinley Lodge No.5 to gather some information and photographs for this year's report of the Grand Historian but I was unfortunately taken ill for some weeks and could not travel by which time my window of opportunity for the trip had passed.

Fortunately our good Brother Bud Moore went over the lodge and took a few photographs of some of the items in the lodge building. These included some shots of the original ceiling that is now covered by a drop ceiling. It was painted by a good brother now passed on. Also an ivory gavel that for some reason had spent many years in the secretary's draw in the lodge in Port Townsend WA before it returned home to the Lodge in Cordova.



*Inside the drop ceiling of the coffee room of the  
lodge in Cordova Alaska  
Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5 GL of Alaska F&AM*



*Ivory Gavel and Sounding Block  
Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5 GL of Alaska F&AM*



*Mt. McKinley Lodge  
No.5 F&AM  
Cordova Alaska*

Lastly I want to explore this magnificent Masonic artifact. This is a section of the Alaska Pipe Line with the form of the great state of Alaska cut out with an oxy-acetylene torch. On it is imposed the 800 mile route of the pipeline from its origin in Barrow to its terminus in Valdez Alaska. It is a magnificent edifice. It makes a powerful statement with the Square and Compass imposed in the center, testimony to our Craft, the great undertaking of the pipeline, and a reminder that we are the builders and doers.

It further reminds us that in every land and clime Masons are to be found and always on the forefront of human advancement.

It resides in the Masonic Building here in Anchorage.



My Brothers all of you have items such as this in your lodges. Works of Masonic Art upon which the utmost of human genius, talent, and labor have been lovingly expended. They need to be preserved and more importantly shared with the craft. I urge all of you to have a look around your lodge and see if you can't find such items.

Thank you for your attention Brothers. Thank you Grand Master for an opportunity to serve the Grand Lodge of Alaska.

Respectfully Submitted,

VW Roger A. Barnstead  
Grand Historian 2013

## **Charters and Dispensations**

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

## **Leadership Training**

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

The Grand Lodge Training Seminar was conducted on February 9, 2013 at the Anchorage Masonic Center, 1431 Eagle Street, Anchorage, Alaska with 43 Master Masons in attendance. Breakfast and Lunch was served to the attending Brethren by Alaska Court No. 1 of the Grand Court of Alaska, Order of the Amaranth with a nominal fee.

The Brethren were very receptive to all of the subjects presented during the Training Seminar. The critiques reported very favorably on the subjects selected and the presenters giving the instructions.

The subjects presented during the Training Seminar were:

Transactional analysis “I’m OK – You’re OK” presented by MW Jerry W. Pinion  
Finance/Investments presented by Brother Dan O’Connell  
The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Lodge presented by W Joe Dahl  
Long Range Planning presented by RW Dave Worel  
Standard Work presented by MW James R. Herrington

Respectively Submitted,

MW Jerry W. Pinion PGM, Chairman  
MW James R. Herrington Grand Master  
RW David Worel  
RW Douglas C. Teninty  
RW Carl Lindstrom

Grand Master I request that this report be received.

Grand Master I request that this report be included in the proceedings.

(the following transcribed from audio recording)

Grand Master, if I may for those brothers who are attending tomorrow for the Grand Lodge training and for future classes, the training will begin at 8:00 AM with breakfast, 9:00 AM the training will begin .

Here are the subjects that we will have during the training sessions:

- Standard Works
- Six steps to initiation
- Budget planning
- Wills and endowment
- Public awareness and finally we will close with
- Lodge etiquette

There will be some comments by our new Grand Master before we close the training and the training should be closed by 5:00 PM tomorrow afternoon. We will have breakfast and lunch tomorrow. If you haven't signed up, please see me. We will get you a sheet to sign up on so that we can know who is coming and secondly so that the breakfast can be provided for all who wish to eat. Same goes with lunch.

Most Worshipful Grand Master thank you very much for the opportunity to be the Grand Lodge Training chairman.

I respectfully submit it,

MW Jerry Pinion, PGM

## **Military Recognition**

See Military Recognition Award.

## **George Washington National Memorial**

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

### **Our Enduring Memorial & Its Origins**

Fraternal respect for Brother George Washington has been a notable aspect of American Freemasonry for centuries, including during his lifetime. In 1777, in the early years of the American Revolution, his Virginia brethren demonstrated their admiration for Washington by entreating him to accept the position of Grand Master for their new jurisdiction. He declined, citing his pressing duties as Commander in Chief of the Continental Army. But in 1788, after securing the liberty of the new United States of America, Washington accepted the call to serve as the Charter Master of Lodge No. 22 of Ancient York Masons in Alexandria, Virginia. It was with this Lodge that Brother Washington performed the Masonic cornerstone-laying ceremony for the United States Capitol in 1793. And it was the brethren

of this Lodge that performed the solemn Masonic funeral service for our first president after his death in 1799. Since those early days, and ever since, Freemasons in the United States and around the world have looked to Brother Washington as a figure of profound inspiration, as a paragon of the Masonic ideal and as a man who loved and *lived* the virtues of the Craft.

While the Washington Monument was being erected on the National Mall between 1848 and 1884, Freemasons and their lodges contributed generously to the project out of their ongoing reverence for Washington. In 1899, on the centennial anniversary of Washington's Masonic Funeral Service, Brethren from around the country gathered at Mount Vernon to pay homage to the memory of Brother George Washington. This event may have inspired a dream that would eventually result in the greatest Masonic tribute to Washington ever conceived.

### The Birth of the Association

Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, the Lodge that Washington served as Charter Master, possessed an impressive collection of art and artifacts pertaining to Washington's life and Masonic career. They displayed these in the Alexandria Museum, which was in the Lodge and operated by the Lodge and was one of the first American history museums in the country. After 1899, the combination of the Lodge's desire to build a more permanent museum for their relics and the revitalized awareness of Brother Washington among Masons from around the country meant that the moment was right for a bold new project to honor Washington in a specifically Masonic way.

On Washington's birthday, February 22, 1910, Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 held a meeting that was attended by representatives of 18 Grand Lodges, and the result was a new organization, The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. The Association's primary goals were:

First, the collection of a fund to erect and maintain a suitable Masonic Memorial to George Washington in the form of a Temple in the City of Alexandria . . . . Second, to provide a place where the several Grand Jurisdictions may perpetuate, in imperishable form, the memory and achievements of the man whose distinguished services, zealous attachment, and unswerving fidelity to the principles of our institution merit particular and lasting reward . . . . [and] to cherish, maintain and extend the wholesome influence and example of our illustrious Brother Washington.

The dream was established. And, with the selection of an eminent American architect, Brother Henry Corbett, the dream soon transformed from a plan into a reality.

### The Memorial's Construction

With funding drawn from every American Masonic organization and with the enthusiastic support of Freemasons everywhere, the George Washington Masonic National Memorial began to rise. When its cornerstone was laid in 1923, it was a national sensation. Brethren came from every part of the country to witness President Calvin Coolidge and other dignitaries perform the ceremony. By 1932, the exterior of the Temple was complete—but



our nation was in the midst of the Great Depression. With contributions coming in more slowly, work on the interior of the Temple progressed at a slower pace.

Following the Allied victory in the Second World War, American Freemasons took advantage of a booming economy to complete the Memorial. In 1950, the inspiring and colossal bronze statue of George Washington was dedicated in Memorial Hall by President of the United States and Past Grand Master of Missouri Harry S. Truman. Work continued on other parts of the interior. A Masonic research library was installed and beautifully appointed. Exhibits on various appendant bodies were created. And the predominant source of funding for all of these projects were the Masons of the United States.

## The Memorial Today

Neoclassical in design and 333 feet in height, the Memorial beautifully graces the environs that Washington himself once inhabited. Just west of the original boundary of the District of Columbia, it is the dominant landmark of Alexandria, Virginia.

Some have called the George Washington Masonic National Memorial the “gem” of American Freemasonry. There are many reasons why it can be so described, but foremost is that this exemplary monument was planned and paid for predominantly by the Masons of the United States. America’s Grand Lodges, appendant bodies, local lodges and individual.

Masons provided most of the funding for the original construction. And today, we receive a significant percentage of our support from the same source. Every Freemason of this jurisdiction and the other fifty Grand Lodges should feel a certain connectedness, even a proud connection, to the building that some brethren lovingly call the Lighthouse of Alexandria.

## Our Mission & Impact Today

Our Memorial’s mission, its vision, is *“to inspire humanity through education to emulate and promote the virtues, character and vision of George Washington, the Man, the Mason and Father of our Country.”*

The Memorial is open seven days a week (except for major holidays) and offers tours several times daily. Trained tour guides interpret the experience of the Memorial to thousands of visitors annually. The Memorial is a place where people are empowered to ask questions and get informed and reliable answers.

The Memorial is really many things in addition to being a colossal and inspiring memorial. It houses an excellent museum and a Masonic research library. It provides an important center for community activities, including a performing arts center and concert hall. It is an active Masonic Temple for Washington’s own Lodge No. 22, as well as other lodges and organizations in our Masonic family. And it provides a spectacular view of the D.C. Metro Area from its ninth-floor observation deck. This is why, year after year, thousands of people

—both Freemasons and their families and those who have no particular Masonic connection—make the journey up our steps.

## Thank You

We are appreciative of your strong historical ties to The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association—our joint efforts to honor the memory of Brother George Washington. Thank you again, and please come and visit your Memorial.

Respectfully submitted,

MW John R. “Bo” Cline  
Member of the Board of Directors  
George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association

## Russian Masonry

A negative report was given by MW Charles Corbin, Past Grand Master.

## Wills and Endowments

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

## Long-Range Planning

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

Grand Master,

First I would like to thank you for allowing me to stay as Chairman of this committee.

Please let me recap our Vision Statement

## Vision Statement

*To meet the needs of the members of our constituent Lodges by providing quality leadership and education. To be the first choice of men who will*

*contribute to the strength of our organization and enhance its ability to achieve its vision.*

*Freemasonry in Alaska shall accomplish this by creating a growing and active relevant organization of great appeal that is well known and respected throughout the state of Alaska for making a difference.*

This committee feels that with any plan your Vision must be the first part of your plan.

The second part of your plan is your Mission Statement.

Please let me recap ours.

#### Mission Statement

***The Mission of the Grand Lodge of Alaska is to provide strong and viable leadership to the Masons of Alaska by developing and implementing programs to assist our Lodges in becoming more visible and active in their communities.***

Based on the Vision and mission statement we developed these Strategic Imperatives in 2012. For 2013 we choose to maintain the imperative and continue to work-the imperatives

#### Strategic Imperatives

##### Strategic Imperative 1 Membership

Membership is built on the “Three R’s”. Retention, Restoration, and Recruitment.

**1. Retention:** We need to educate our membership the importance of Mentorship and Masonic education

**2. Restoration:** Once retention percentage is up the restoration is easier.

**3. Recruitment:** Grand lodge member need to be trained to educate our lodges on what is acceptable recruitment techniques. A wide range of techniques may be used. Examples are such as joining the Chamber of commerce, Rotary Club and attending lunches as Freemasons.

#### Action Items

1. Masonic Awareness. The name is self evident. Alaska masons need to do a better job of letting Alaskans know that Freemasonry in Alaska is alive and well . Lead Contact: RW David Worel

2. Youth Programs need to be grown.  
Lead Contact: RW Doug Teninty

Prepare an action plan to grow Masonic youth programs throughout Alaska.

- a. Revitalize DeMolay in Alaska. As we know they are our future Mason.
- b. Support Jobs Daughters and expansion of the program
- c. Support Rainbow for Girls and support expansion of the program

### **Strategic Imperative 2 Finance and Financial Health**

*"We need to manage our Lodges as if they are a business"; Deputy Grand Master Dave Worel*

Grand Lodge will stress on the importance of financial planning to our lodges and membership. Such basic elements of lodge operations as an annual *budget* is needed; no matter how big or how small the lodges might be. Furthermore, long term financial health requires we educate our membership strongly on Trust, WILLS and ENOWMENTS.

### **Action Items**

1. Develop a program and guide for giving. Lead Contact:  
Most charitable and fraternal organizations have a structured process to encourage members to provide lasting financial gifts to masonry. Opportunities include gifts, estate planning, and other financial instruments.
2. Activate the current Grand Lodge fund raising processes.  
Lead Contact:
  - a. The Life Membership program started by MW Harry Koenen. This program is established in the Alaska Masonic Code and provides payment for the annual Grand Lodge Assessment (currently \$29).
  - b. The life insurance policy program started by MW Gene Freeman

### **Strategic Imperative 3. Masonic Education**

All Masons seek/strive for Masonic education. Masonic education for Masons in Alaska needs to include lodge planning, lodge leadership, financial processes, and understanding of the history and the meaning of the esoteric work (our degree work).  
Note our plan consist of your elected GL officers goals

Respectively submitted

RW David Worel, Chairman  
RW Doug Teninty  
RW Carl Lindstrom  
MW Jerry Pinion, PGM  
MW James Herrington, GM

GM: I ask this report be received

GM I ask this report be approved

## **Internet**

(Transcribed from audio recording)

Most Worshipful Grand Master; thank you.

Just a quick update on the website, tonight it will make a change from his picture (Grand Master Herrington) to his picture (Grand Master David Worel) and maybe, that's a good point. There will be some more updates coming on there. I will get the scholarship application up there and a few other things.

We are going to start posting the monthly education programs that the Grand Lodge has provided for all the lodges. They will be rather than just coming to your lodge secretary to distribute to you they will be on the Grand Lodge website where you can look at and download and maybe presented in your lodge if your lodge doesn't have a program set up already.

The new Grand Lodge calendar is also linked up there. It has every lodge in Alaska on one calendar and the lodge secretaries need to go and get on your Google Calendar that is connected into there and get instructions from the Grand Lodge office or from Most Worshipful Jerry also has instructions for you or you can change it for instance when it first went up, my home lodge was on the wrong day, so I had to go in and make some changes. You'll have to too. A few of them have been done so far and so I would encourage your lodge secretaries or worshipful masters to get that updated.

I believe that's all. Thank you

## **Trestle Board**

No report from the Trestle Board Committee was received at the time of publication

## **Segregation and Reference Committee**

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

We the Committee of Segregation and Reference to whom was referred the “Grand Master’s Message” have reviewed the same and report the following:

1. Moving Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5, Cordova from District No. 2 to District No. 3: we recommend this section of the “Grand Master’s Message” be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.
2. All other sections of the “Grand Master’s Message” should stand as written.

Respectfully Submitted,

MW Joe Dees PGM, Chairman  
MW Harry Koenen PGM  
MW Jerry W. Pinion PGM

## **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:

The Masonic Code Review Committee (MCRC) did not review the Alaska Masonic Code as provided under RECOMMENDATIONS APPROVED, Recommendation #2 of the Alaska Masonic Code as it appears that the various sections of the Code have been corrected to ensure consistency throughout the Code (Chapters 1 through 25). In the future will focus its attention towards the review of the Disciplinary Code (Chapters 26 through 35) of the Alaska Masonic Code. This is not to say that the MCRC will stop any review of Chapters 1 through 25 of the Code or will not review items brought to its attention by the brethren. Coordination of its review and recommendations of possible changes to the Disciplinary Code will be made in conjunction with the Jurisprudence Committee as provided in Recommendation #2.

Grand Master it has been a pleasure so serve on this committee and thank you very much.

Respectfully submitted,

VW Roger K. Hansen, Chairman

VW Monte Ervin

MW James R. Herrington GM

## **Masonic Scholarship**

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

The Grand Lodge of Alaska Scholarship Committee: VW Frank G. Weiss III, RW Edward O. Weisser, VW Gerald Hughes, and Bro. Lawrence Schaufler met and decided award recipients for the 2012/2013 school year scholarships awards.

There were two \$1,000.00 awards given to the following recipients (both equally deserving);

- 1) Anna L. Thompson (Juneau High School) P. O. Box 34624, Juneau, AK 99803
- 2) Nathan Anthony Buendia (Ketchikan High School), P. O. Box 9305 Ketchikan, AK 99901

As the recipients live in the communities of Lawrence Schaufler and Gerry Hughes (GL of AK Scholarship Committee Men) they were on hand to assist any other GL officers or members of Grand Lodge that attended the presentation.

Lawrence had two (2) plaques made for the presentation. The plaques were \$50.00 each for a total of \$100.00.

The awards were not disclosed publicly until the night of each High School's "Awards Night" at which time they were announced publicly through formal award. Lawrence and Gerry made certain the recipients were present for the presentations.

The payments are coordinated with the winners or their respective institutions of higher learning through the Grand Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Alaska Scholarship Committee,

Frank G. Weiss III , Chairman

Edward O. Weisser

Gerald Hughes

Lawrence Schaufler

## **Reports of the District Deputies of the Grand Master**

### **District 1**

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

All four lodges were visited both officially and on many other occasions. This was a rough year for Valdez #4 and Fairbanks #12. Both of these lodges struggled during opening and closing, with degrees mostly done with help from other lodges. North Pole #16 has traditionally done very good work but has had more difficulty this past year than in my memory. I believe that Masters that serve more than one year are ultimately doing the lodge a disservice and have seen this in both 12 and 16 as those masters have served more than two years in a row. They both tried to revitalize their respective lodges but decreasing membership and shrinking attendance over their extended terms is indicative of a need for change.

North Pole's attendance has more than doubled after last elections while 12 has remained about the same. Tanana has had some very high attendance for degree's, stated meetings and dinners including the 1<sup>st</sup> table lodge in many years. Valdez 4 has put out a very aggressive schedule for the upcoming year with some old faces resurfacing and attendance increasing. They had one person demitting after not being voted into their next station.

### **Tanana #3**

Tanana has it's 1<sup>st</sup> recycled Master in the history of this lodge. There were some breaks in the officer line that caused some considerable shuffling around and the lodge determined that the best course of action was to keep the remaining line intact and have a Past Master step up to fill in the gap. It was a wise decision as attendance at all functions have increased dramatically. There is a high expectation of quality work that all officers are expected to achieve in this lodge and it's evident in open, closing and degrees that practices are done regularly.

This is a well run lodge but have had some unfortunate tax issues in the past that have cased them to dissolve the holding company and form a group of lodge trustees to run the financial end of the lodge. This will work out well and save them money on tax preparation in the future. With a large annual budget, care must be taken to ensure the finances are handled properly and I have to say the Tanana is run like a business and a well run business to boot. As I'm the Chaplain this year and last, my attendance has been almost every Wednesday due to the high number of degrees being done there.

### **Valdez #4**

This lodge is on the right path to a successful year in 2014. The incoming master has a great plan and if executed, will grow both membership and attendance. To say this lodge has struggled would be an understatement. Opening and closing lodge was a formality that was completely dispensed with for several years as was evident on your visitation where you had to help open. This practice has become obsolete and WB John May will certainly make sure that proper openings and closings are done every time.

I expect this lodge to double attendance in the coming year and the Worshipful Master has a goal of at least three new Master Masons.



## **Fairbanks #12**

Internal rifts and cliquish mentalities abound here. This lodge is haunted by its past and it seems the majority of its members are fighting every decision the master makes. My visitation had only 4 of their members in attendance two of which are dual members of other local lodges. This lodge is almost completely broke due to very poor business practices throughout its past. Every Past Master was given a life membership and before long there was no more income for dues since the entire lodge is composed of many Past Masters. When an assessment was made to collect enough funds for the lodge to continue, the emails and accusations started flying. If it were not for WB Hodnick taking the rains and staying on as Master for another year, I'm certain this would have been the death knell for Fairbanks 12. For all his trouble, he has had to put up with some very hurtful comments from the membership and meeting nothing but resistance from the majority of the members.

I'm not certain where Fairbanks 12 is headed but without the help of Tanana and North Pole, it assuredly would most have perished already. During my visitation, I suggested that maybe Fairbanks 12 should become Delta 12 and move the lodge to Delta Junction where there are many members and in an area ripe for opening a lodge of Masons. It would be a logical move from a business standpoint but I haven't heard where anyone thought that it was a good idea. I find it odd that two different lodges meet in the same building. I can't even understand the reasoning behind that any more than I could see two different church groups meeting in the same church if they are of the exact same denomination.

## **North Pole #16**

North Pole is my home lodge where I was raised. The work, as always, has been word perfect until recently. I cringed when the words "Short Form" were uttered and let me tell you, they will never be uttered again if I have any say in the matter! Attendance and degrees dropped and the Master held that office for three consecutive years. I don't think that should ever happen to a Lodge. After elections degrees are on the "uptick" and attendance has been awesome considering how small a town North Pole is, with as many as 21 attending a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree recently.

The current line is composed almost completely of Past Masters. We have regular officer meetings and I expect North Pole will grow and prosper once more after a several year struggle.

## **Conclusion**

I know I could have done a better job for you and I will try and improve next year. I appreciate the honor of being selected to serve as your District Deputy. I did my best to observe and report as well as disseminate your message to all the lodges in District 1. If I can be of further assistance for your remaining time as Grand Master or at any future period, please don't hesitate to ask.

Fraternally Yours,

VW Kevin Tennant

## **District 2**

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

I wish to thank you MW Grand Master for allowing me to serve as the District Deputy for District #2. I had a lot of fun this year. And, I am positive, that it was I who gained most during my visits.

And, I wish to thank the Brethren of the Lodges in District #2 for their hospitality and brotherly love they have consistently shown me during my visitations.

During the Grand Master's Official Visitation to the Lodges on the Kenai Peninsula, at Seward Lodge #6, in May 2013, I spoke on the necessity of working together, ensuring all the parts are in their correct places so things work perfectly, and reviewing the appropriate Degree Cypher prior to going to Lodge thus ensuring we are doing Alaska Masonic work.

I am delighted to report District #2 has had a good year. Both Kenai Lodge #11 and Sterling #22 have added a new Master Mason to their membership rolls and Seward Lodge #6 added three (3) new Master Masons to their membership roll, which is outstanding.

Further, I am honored to have the privilege to report on the Outstanding Student Awards for the Kenai Peninsula Lodges [#6, #11 & #22]. WB Ralph Sterling, Kenai #11, Chairman, Outstanding Student Award related our Lodges are continually involved in the Scholarship Awards program with Kenai Peninsula Borough School District (KPBSD). He related the Masonic Family on the Kenai Peninsula presented six (6) \$1,000.00 Scholarship Awards to selected Out-standing Students from Senior High Schools on the Kenai Peninsula in 2013. Also, there were 36 Students who received additional Awards as Honor Students from High Schools, Middle High School and Elementary Schools last year too. The additional awards were: an Individual Achievement Award issued by the KPBSD; an American Eagle Coin containing one ounce of .999 fine silver, minted by the U.S. Government; a personalized Achievement Certificate signed by the Governor of Alaska; a book entitled "DYNAMIC FREEDOMS", compiled by Rear Admiral United States Navy (retired) William G. Sizemore, 33 Degree, Grand Counsel, and Grand Executive Director, and Director of Education and Americanism. Also, each individual school received a name plate for their schools' plaque

with their Outstanding and/or Honor Students name engraved thereon. The total cost of the Outstanding Student Awards program sponsored by the Kenai Peninsula Masonic Family was \$9,000 for 2013. All KPBSD schools were invited to participate.

Additionally, I would like to point out their individual efforts, as well as to congratulate both Worshipful Masters of Kenai Lodge #11, [WB John Strother] and Sterling Lodge #22 [VWB Will Josey], for their accomplishments. First, Kenai Lodge #11 held a Sunday Breakfast from 09:00 AM - 1:00 PM during the summer months for all Masons and their families. And, Monday night training sessions were held in their Lodge Building for all Masons, including their Candidates. Kenai Lodge #11 has been and continues to be the lead Masonic Lodge for the Outstanding Student Awards Program.

Secondly, Sterling Lodge #22 held an additional six (6) monthly Masonic Training/Educational sessions to practice the various degrees and to present subjects on Masonic Education. Also, members of Sterling #22 accomplished two area projects for the needy: the repairing and painting of two large decks, and building/installing an above the ground 'water chase' for water to the house. These projects were completed without cost to the homeowners. In addition, the Worshipful Master of Sterling #22 appointed a Long Range Plan Committee to develop a Plan. This Committee did an outstanding job, and in November, 2013, the members adopted the Long Range Plan.

The two caveats to our good year are: Attendance! Though it is improving, the participation by members leaves a lot to be desired and the problem Seward Lodge #6 is having with their building's heating system. A Dispensation was issued for Seward Lodge #6 to hold their Communications in the lodge building of Kenai Lodge #11, in Soldotna, AK. Seward Lodge #6 heating system is currently in the state of "repair and replace" necessary items to establish heat for the Lodge building, which is planned for during the summer months of 2014.

During the year, Kenai Lodge #11 and Sterling Lodge #22 did "Stop 'n Go" practices over the several degrees. We had lots of fun and learned some things. Both Lodges presented Masonic Educational subjects using Power Point presentations. Further, during my visits, I talked on the necessity of reading the Alaska Masonic Code at each of their Communications, as well as the need to review the Lodge Officer's Handbook, the Alaska Monitor and the Degree Ciphers. I am happy to report the Ritual work has improved over the year.

I visited Mt. McKinley Lodge #5 when the Grand Master had his Official Visitation. I found the Brethren to be very knowledgeable and their hospitality was second to none. Otherwise, I have telephone contact with the Lodge Secretary.

It is with regret, I did not visit Kodiak Lodge #9 when the Grand Master's had his Official Visitation. A family member had a medical problem which required us to be out of state. I have telephone contact with the Lodge Secretary.

Items still needing to be accomplished are the development and adoption of Long Range Plans, posting of Lodge activities on the Grand Lodge Calendar, and the writing and submission of articles on Lodge activities to the Grand Lodge News Letter.

It was my honor to see two (2) Worshipful Master's installed for Seward #6 and Kenai #11 and, it was with great honor I had the privilege of installing the Worshipful Master for Sterling Lodge #22. I feel confident, the above (immediate) items will garner their attention within the near future.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

VW William (Bill) Roberts,  
Deputy of the Grand Master

### **District 3**

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

As District Deputy of District #3, I am happy to report some small and positive changes. All three lodges of District #3 have almost full officer lines and have had much opportunity this year to initiate, pass, and raise several new brethren. I have witnessed three new Master's take charge of their lodge rooms and they are looking forward to overseeing their craft.

At the Grand Master's visit earlier this year, I spoke on the subject of Masonic structure provided by the Alaska Masonic Code, Monitors and degree work in general. It's the structure that binds all of us together as Masons and keeps our standards strong through the years so that Masonic degrees can provide what they have always provided. There's no need to wonder how or what, it's all there for us, laid out and ready to be put to work. Nothing needing changed, just needing presented properly.

At my official visits to each of the lodges in District #3 this year, my message to officers and individual brethren, has been to take a step back and take a look at their contributions to their lodges and consider where their contributions may lie in the future. What do they project their lodge to look like at 3, 5, and 10 years in the future. If they have just been appointed into the officer line or plan to get in it, what positions are they already looking forward to. If they are to become a Past Master in the years to come, how will they continue to contribute to the lodge.

At the district meeting the subjects of coaching and mentoring were discussed along with coordination and cooperation between the lodges of the district. Discussion included; what are the strong and weak points of each lodge, what contributions can one lodge provide to another lodge, the difference between coaching and mentoring, saving the lodge or saving the fraternity, what has proved to work and what hasn't, and of course, where do we go from here. Discussion ensued and many good concerns, topics, and ideas were contributed by the brethren in attendance.

As District Deputy, my personal goals were to have fun, learn something new, and to contribute to the welfare of the lodges in my district. I can happily report that I believe all three goals happened, at least to some degree. I have received positive feedback from several people indicating their appreciation for what had been presented to them during the previously mentioned gatherings. I wish to thank all who contributed or influenced my appointment as District Deputy. It has been an honor serving the Grand Lodge in this capacity. This concludes my report

Respectfully Submitted,

VW James S. Zuke  
Deputy of the Grand Master

### **District 4**

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

District Deputy visits were made to all five of the Lodges in SE Alaska. Mt Verstovia Lodge #18 and Ketchikan Lodge #19 were done in conjunction with the Grand Master's visit in April. Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge #21 was visited on two occasions during the year. White Pass #1 and Petersburg Lodge #23 were contacted outside of regular stated communications. White Pass Lodge #1 provided an excellent stop over on the return leg of the Widows Sons Memorial Day Challenge Ride, and the Brothers there provided great food and company for the group, including the District Deputy. Likewise, it was difficult to coordinate an official; visitation for Petersburg Lodge #23, but the District Deputy was able to meet with the Master, Secretary, and another Brother while on another trip to Petersburg.

White Pass Lodge #1 in Skagway, consisting of 57 members, held activities throughout the year, and initiated three candidates and passed one. Mt Verstovia Lodge #18, consisting of 57 members, initiated three candidates, passed one, and raised two more. Ketchikan Lodge #19, with its 63 members held various activities including a Masonic Family Picnic. During the year, one candidate was initiated, one passed, and two were raised. Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge #21, consisting of its 141 members, conducted 10 EA's, 6 FC's, and 5 new Master Masons were raised!

Masonry in SE Alaska is in remote locations but doing well in general, some Lodges are struggling for active membership, others with financial dilemmas and/or threat of losing their Lodge Building. Inter-lodge cooperative spirit and help is evident though. Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge #21 and some of the Grand Lodge Officers helped Ketchikan #19 conduct its two Master Mason degrees, the first of such degrees held in a couple years. MW Grand Master Herrington assisted by playing the role of King Solomon, and providing the lecture with the assistance of W Don Hale for Brother Dave Hayden. Then a couple months later W Bros Dan Logan and Don Hale again assisted in the raising of Bro Dave Jancauskus.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as your District Deputy.

Respectfully Submitted,

VW Jeffrey W. DeFreest  
Deputy of the Grand Master

### **District 5**

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

Well, it has been a great year to be a Mason. I am so proud of our Grand Master who has put three very important themes before us: Ritual, Education and Communication.

I hope that I have been able to be an instrumental part of that endeavor and I hope that have had an influence on the Lodges of District 5 in a positive manner.

Degree work in all three Lodges of District 5 has been slow for the past couple of years, but the forecast looks promising while we secure the promise of Masonry and the importance of cultivating quality Masons, and not just members in name only.

I was happy to be able to attend so many meetings, and not just Stated meetings, but degree work and fellowship meetings as well.

Fellowship is increasingly at the forefront of District Lodge interaction. We are doing more things together like the Parades and degree positions.

More work needs to be done for the Lecture parts of the ritual. We are depending all too often on the same Brothers to accommodate all 3 lodges. Lodges need to get their own members to get the Lectures learned to proficiency. Double up with another Brother if that will help, in fact, why not try the team method with more than two Brothers!

My profound thanks to MW Jim Herrington for honoring me with this position, and I know my successor will do honor to the next Grand Master.

Dennis Oakland  
Deputy of the Grand Master

## Alaska Masonic Children's Foundation Meeting

Alaska Masonic Foundation for Children  
Annual Meeting  
February 8, 2014

### Roll Call

Bo Cline	Here
Jerry Pinion	Absent
James Grubbs	Present
Jerry Wasson	Present
Jim Herrington	Absent
Dave Worel	Here
Doug Teninty	Here
Carl Lindstrom	Here

Bo Cline indicated that there is a quorum and will suspend the Treasurer's report right now and will go right to the Scholarship Committee report.

First we have reading of the previous minutes and that's under Tab 1.

### Reading of last years minutes

#### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report and recommendation on funds available for distribution of the scholarship in 2015. Treasurer indicated that they have enough for \$2000.00 and will know more . Treasurer indicated that we are doing good, financially, and we got \$7,000.00 from John Dolenc and other deposits were \$17,000.00 . We started the year out at \$41,012.00 and that went up to \$48,674.00 and that was after distribution. Briefly we are doing well.

#### Scholarship Report

Bo Cline indicated this references Anna Thompson and Nathan Anthony Pedia awarded last year and the money has already gone out and has the Scholarship Committee met and are there candidates for this year? From the Scholarship Committee that not at this time.

Bo Cline wanted to know how is the information getting out to the high schools concerning the scholarships. From the Scholarship Committee that the information is sent out to all the Lodges for distribution.

Bo Cline indicated that this foundation is the only charity of the Grand Lodge and that the incoming Grand Masters put this high on their agenda that they would promote and encourage this and encourage getting the outreach to the schools.

The selection of the recipients for the scholarship is in the process at this time.

**Old Business:**

Amount of funds raised from Pick, Click, and Give and this is a misnomer as the Alaska Masonic Foundation for Children has never applied for this program, primarily we are exempt from it Under the Pick, Click, and Give Program all of the money raised has to be obligated within that year and since we have an endowment and we use the earnings on the endowment for the scholarship and therefore we don't qualify for the Pick, Click, and Give Program

**Charitable Solicitation within the State of Alaska:**

Any non-profit organization that raises more than \$5000.00 in any given year or solicits money from ten or more people is required to be registered with the Attorney General's office in the State of Alaska. It's not just the State of Alaska but any state you do this in. It is a new requirement by the IRS. Registration cost is \$40.00 and copy of financial statement, in our case our tax return. I would recommend that AMFC be registered with the State and continue to do that because I think in the future we need to be soliciting money to contribute to this foundation. Motion made to register AMFC with the Department of Law. Motion seconded, no discussion and motion passed.

**New Business:**

- Review the Mission Statement of the Alaska Masonic Foundation for Children. This was created December 1, 2008.
- Review of the Masonic Model Student Assistance Program and the Masonic Model State Coordinator Job Description position.
- Recommendation to establish to review and recommend changes to the bylaws. Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation are in conflict concerning as to who is a member of Alaska Masonic Children's Foundation.
- Selection of directors for 2014. Recommend by Bo Cline to keep the same as elected as listed. Motion carried.
- Election of officers for 2014. Motion that the officers remain the same as last year. Motion carried.
- Establish a time and date to meet, review, and possibly recommend changes in May of 2014.

Motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

## **Alaska Masonic Corporation Meeting**

Annual Meeting  
February 5, 2014

MW James Herrington declared the Alaska Masonic Corporation open in ample/due form.

**Roll Call of the Officers:** by Secretary Jerome P. Wasson



Herrington Here  
Grubbs Here  
Wasson Here  
Worel Here  
Teninty Here  
Lindstrom Here

### **Reading of Previous Minutes**

Business on last meeting was reading of the minutes of the previous meeting minutes. MW Jerry Pinion asked if the Alaska Masonic Corporation needed an Alaska Business License and no one had an answer to the question at this meeting.

RW James R. Herrington asked if for ideas to generate dollars for the Grand Lodge of Alaska such as wine tasting or a penny-a-day program.

RW Wasson asked all to consider changing the Grand Lodge fiscal year of the Grand Lodge maybe to November 1 to October 1 of 31<sup>st</sup> this would give the Grand Lodge staff more time to get the documents printed and prepared and also cut printing costs.

RW Grubbs asked for any suggestions to cut costs in having Grand Lodge sessions.

Election of officers:

Chair RW James R Herrington  
Vice Chair RW David Worel

Minutes were approved

Secretary Wasson indicated that this is probably old business in that the question asked by MW Pinion, Secretary Wasson has no answer at this time. He doesn't know if we need one or not and he doesn't have an answer for that.

RW Worel asked if we file State paperwork and Secretary Wasson indicated we file a biennial report to the State that says we're still in existence, the officers were changed, and that on the date we had a meeting. Secretary indicates that since we do not market a product of any kind we would need a business license.

Grand Master Herrington asked if anyone wanted to bring up anything except election of officers and hearing none and nomination of officers began.

David Worel elected to Chair  
Doug Teninty elected to Vice Chair

No election of Secretary and Treasurer needed as the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer are the Secretary and Treasurer respectfully for the Alaska Masonic Corporation. This was instituted by MW Harry Koenen.

Motion to adjourn, seconded, and approved.

## **Alaska Masonic Library and Museum (AMLAM)**

Annual Meeting  
February 5, 2014

### **Reading of the previous minutes**

### **Treasurer's report**

#### **Executive Director (Joe Dahl) Report.**

Fund raising received money from Pick-Click & Give.

When donating to Alaska Masonic Library and Museum Foundation (AMLAM) the items become property of the museum and not on loan.

The library and museum is intended as a state resource – outreach program

Wants to put out education projects,

Question: Does York Rite, owners of the building where the museum is located, have insurance on Masonic items?

Curator's Report: Curator hasn't been at the Museum very much in 2013.

#### Quarry Project:

Steve Cords attended seminars on archiving.

Joe Dahl: it's a path of research and writing papers and getting them published.

#### Old Business:

No comment on the database

MLMA – cost of joining-prudent to entertain motion to join MLMA and motion passed.

#### New Business:

1. Bylaw Amendment:  
Change section numbers and budget prepared by Executive director. Motion made and Seconded on approving the bylaw change and motion carried.
2. Mission Statement:  
Move to adopt, seconded and motion carried.
3. Board of Directors:  
Motion made to accept board of directors, seconded to accept and motion carried.
4. Discussion on potential for AMLAM in highering an intern to help in the museum.
5. Fundraising ideas discussed for 2014 budget in future.
6. Selection of directors to fill vacancies: Elected were Bruce Kling, Carl (to fill Robert Cartmill's position), Johnnie Wallace, and Steve Cords.
7. Election of officers for 2014:

Motion made by David Worel to keep same officers as 2013. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

## **Joe Dahl's AMLAM Report**

(Transcribed from audio recording)

This year at the library and museum we increased our holding somewhat as far as items donated and a few things there. As a matter of trivia, Most Worshipful Hank Dunbar reminds me that we just got a new book in from Grand Lodge of Francaise Nationale. So if you want to see that come and see it about a hundred years of their history, lot of pictures and if you can read French you can learn a lot about it.

But, I have had quite a lot of people inquiring about things that are clandestine which is something else that I am going to talk about anyway. As an example, many of you are fans of the Phoenix Masonry Library and Museum that you see on Facebook and you see on their website. They put out some very fantastic pictures of artifacts that they have things in their museum and about books that they have various recommendations. One thing you need to know is that it is in no way shape or fashion affiliated or connected with in anyway with the Grand Lodge of Arizona. They actually promote something called co-Masonry which is clandestine. So, be cautious of that.

Also, in some of our search we found that another group which is quite proliferate in the New York area of Chinese Freemasons. They've got almost forty lodges. They intermingle the Chinese philosophy in with Freemasonry which is clandestine as well which conflicts this year with us. According to the Chinese astrology calendar, this is the year of the horse. They believe someone born in this year will take on the attributes of a horse, be it the stamina, the speed, the horse sense even divided in the front and back of the body this sort of thing. And so I guess our decision here to all of you how this affects this in a few hours from now we are going to have a new Grand Master born into this year. So it is up to you to decide whether the attributes of a horse (laughter). Take that (Grand Master Herrington).

Listen, another thing is that one of our great success stories is that how I love how this transpired. It transpired when I was at something called the Quarry Project which I will explain it in just a few minutes. I met Brother Todd Johnstone, who is my counterpart the executive director of the State of Washington Library and Museum. He asked me a question about Ketchikan. He said that I am doing a book and doing some studies on things that have happened Masonically involving Presidents. I know that Warren Harding came and laid the cornerstone for the lodge there in Ketchikan. He said I don't know of any picture existing on this. Can you help? So I called the brothers down there in Ketchikan with help from the Grand Lodge they gave me the right phone numbers. Sure enough, they said hanging on the wall. So, somebody way back had the good sense to have that thing hermetically sealed airtight back in the nineteen twenties-nineteen thirties. Those brothers took it off the wall and it is going to cost some money to take it apart and have it resealed and make digital

pictures and get something to you. And so let me know what the bill is and I wished to thank Very Worshipful Jeff DeFreest to stand so that everybody knows who he is. He jumped all over it and pulled out forty dollars or so whatever it was to do this and said that I'll take care of it. He did and right now we haven't got the pictures just yet but it's in the works and it's been done and I think that's a great story and it really shows our connection and our brotherhood with Washington state Masons. Thank you for everybody involved with that and I will get it to you worshipful brother as soon as I can.

The Quarry Project is something that I myself went to and our librarian which is Worshipful Brother Steve Cords and it was a fantastic event. We had PhD's there, many Masonic authors, editors of magazines, and all of the folks from the various societies such as Masonic Society, Philatelists, Scottish Rite Journal, Knight Templar Magazine and many authors such as Chris Hodapp, Mark Tabbert. I am going to miss some, I'm not going to name more than that. The point is that now we have the resources and the contacts for those of you who have a desire to publish something Masonically in one of those publications or a stand alone book, now have the resources to get you in contact with the people to do so and know the criteria for that. And as a matter of trivia for that Quarry Project was the national level of event attracted the top people in the industry in the library, museum and authorship and was the brainchild all put together by Most Worshipful Bo Cline. It was held at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia and we thank you for that Most Worshipful for putting that together. Go to the website and encourage you to take a look at the Quarry Project on the website.

We had a fantastic meeting earlier, Wednesday, 2:00, room 301, we looked at how we are going to progress into the future. One of the things we found in our researching, and I will ask our Grand Masters here to stand if they agree with the statement that we have found that education is the way to reach the folks that are coming into Masonry this is the things that we are looking for. If you have found that in your Grand Lodge, please stand. You found that to be the case? Getting a lot of nods over there. We are going to do an outreach program with our library and museum. We are going to create products in conjunction with the Grand Lodge and of course with the permission of our Grand Master and those parties concerned about creating a reading list, study guides for each of the three degrees and also at the Master Mason level.

We are always looking to pick up some donations. So, if you wish to do that, we are there for you. Come on in drop something off, discover a book, or artifact that you would like to leave, we'd like to thank you for that.

Lastly, for a side note, our silent auction which went to the Grand Master's travel fund this year, we received \$600.00 from that event. Grand Master wanted me to thank all of you for that and you may have noticed on our table out here, we had Most Worshipful Bo Cline was selling some books he had under the Masonic Society banner. You'll notice those books that were sold, the proceeds of that were contributed to the library and museum.

Lastly, would like to thank our Most Worshipful Grand Master Jim Herrington for his unwavering support of the library and museum and on a personal side for his conversation

that he's had in these areas, his wise counsel, and his friendship, truly embodies the friendship that we all talk about.

## **Awards**

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

The James A. Williams Award honors the Alaska Lodge with the largest number of Master Masons raised. The award went to Tanana Lodge No. 3 for the year 2013.

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

The recipient of the Buckley C. Hazen Award for the largest percentage membership growth was presented to Seward Lodge No. 6 for the year 2013.

### **Military Recognition Award**

The following four individuals received a military recognition award

#### **ARMY**

SSgt Degosh E. Reed  
Infantryman

1/40<sup>th</sup>, 4-25<sup>th</sup> IBCT Airborne, JBER (Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson), Alaska

#### **AIR FORCE**

MSgt Andrew P. Adrian  
Explosive Ordnance Disposal Craftsman

673<sup>rd</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron, JBER (Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson), Alaska

#### **MARINE CORPS**

Cpl Cary D. Jaeger  
Inspector/Instructor  
Military Police, Co. B Detachment

JBER (Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson), Alaska

#### **NAVY**

PS1 Rudy Rocha  
Personnel Specialist  
Naval Operations Center/HR  
Anchorage, Alaska

### **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 2013:

Jeremy R. Simmons	White Pass Lodge No. 1
James R. Ujioka	Valdez Lodge No. 4
John G. Strother	Kenai Lodge No. 11
Henry T. Dunbar, PGM	Anchorage Lodge No. 17
Darrel E. Windsor, PDD	Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18
Roger D. McDonald	Ketchikan Lodge No. 19
Daniel M. Logan	Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21
Willie R. Josey, PDD	Sterling 22

### **Mason of the Year**

Mason of the year for 2013 was awarded RW Jerome P. Wasson of Eagle River Lodge No. 13.

### **Humanitarian Service Award**

The Humanitarian Service Award was presented to Hilliary Freeman of Fairbanks.

### **Lifetime Achievement Award**

The Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to VW Monte R. Ervin of Tanana Lodge No. 3.

### **Secretary of the Year Award**

The Secretary of the Year Award was presented to MW Johnnie Wallace, PGM of Anchorage Lodge No. 17.

### **Certificate of Appreciation**

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to MW James R. Herrington Grand Master by the Masonic Services Association.

### **Grand Lodge Raffle Winners**

Pouches – Ralph Sterling and Janis Vesper  
Sun catchers – Judy Bousquet

Clock – Claudia Johnson  
Slippers – Don Frizzell  
Baskets – Debbie Ervin and Victoria Ault  
Scottish Rite ring – Mark Allen

# MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

## Presentations

### **Presentation of Certificate for Grand Representative to Prince Hall Grand Lodge**

(Transcribed from audio recording)

You know we are very fortunate here in Alaska, our relationship with the Prince Hall Grand Lodge is next to none and Brother Holmes, here applied to be a representative between the Prince Hall Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Alaska and it is my pleasure to give him this certificate.

Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alaska greetings;

Whereas, it is recognized that a more intimate and fraternal community and correspondence exist between the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska and the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska that the ties of brotherly and affection may be strengthened do prosperity.

Given by my hand, James R. Herrington Grand Master and Grand Secretary, Jerome P. Wasson

### **RW David Worel presenting MW Bill “sticky fingers” Garrard with his found Grand Master’s jewel.**

(Transcribed from audio recording)

Dave Worel presents MW William A. Garrard, Jr., Grand Master of Arizona with his Grand Master’s jewel as RW David Worel’s mother and wife found MW William A. Garrard’s Grand Master’s jewel in the ladies bathroom and he wants him to please explain why it was in the ladies bathroom.

Grand Master indicated that April dropped it in there, Miss April dropped it there. You know the person that frisked me in the elevator must (much laughter ensued).

RW David Worel: Grand Master, how would you like to ...

Grand Master Herrington: I think it should cost him something, I do not know.

RW David Worel: I do too.



Grand Master William A. Garrard: I made my deposit this morning.

RW David Worel: We're not talking about the ladies bathroom (much laughter). Grand Master I would expect...

Grand Master William A. Garrard: Grand Master, permission to approach the East and touch your (?).

Grand Master Herrington: Approach the East.

RW David Worel: Don't be cheap and give him the whole dollar (laughter).

MW James Herrington gives MW Garrard his jewel back.

MW James Herrington: Brother Jeff DeFreest, Very Worshipful, did you bring those handcuffs?

VW Jeff DeFreest: Well, Sir, I wasn't able to find any, but although this is the twenty-first century so I was able to procure some ties (much laughter). I understand that these are better for riot control, they go through metal detectors without that annoying beep, you know, so ...

RW David Worel: Do they come fur lined?

MW James Herrington: I want you to keep those handy because anything comes up missing we'll know where it went

### **Brother Phillip Stephen Lee 50 year presentation**

(Transcribed from audio recording)

Steve Lee Masonic career so far:

September 1963 petition Keystone Lodge No. 251 in Indianapolis, Indiana

1964 Passed Third Degree Proficiency

1964 joined Keystone Chapter Order of the Eastern Star

1965 elected Junior Warden in Keystone Lodge

1965 elected Associate Patron of Order of the Eastern Star

1966 in May received draft papers and resigned both Junior Warden and Associate Patron offices

1966 affiliated with Knocknoster Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and Knocknoster Chapter Order of the Eastern Star

1967 to 1968 and 1968 to 1969 served as Rainbow Dad for Rainbow Girls in Warrensburg, Missouri

1969 to 1970 Worthy Patron at Eastern Star

1970 moved to Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington at Spokane, Washington

1970 to 1972 attended lodge and Order Eastern Star but did not affiliate  
1972 moved to Bloomington, Indiana - Indiana University where he did not actively attend lodge or Eastern Star  
1975 moved to Ramstein Air Force Base Germany where he attended lodge and Eastern Star at Keirzershlutz, Germany  
1970 moved to Interlick CDI, Turkey where he did not attend lodge or Eastern Star  
1978 moved to REF Auckenberry, United Kingdom did not attend lodge or Eastern Star  
1981 moved to Anchorage, Alaska Elmendorf Air Force Base affiliated with Anchorage Chapter 8 Order of the Eastern Star. Held offices of Associate Patron and Worthy Patron  
1987 affiliated with Aurora Lodge UD and held offices of Junior Steward, Senior Steward, Junior Deacon, Senior Deacon, Junior Warden, Senior Warden  
1993 Worshipful Master of Aurora Lodge No. 15 as a Charter Member and Secretary thereafter  
While Worshipful Master he Initiated, Passed, and Raised his son, Terrance Lee in Aurora Lodge 15.  
Grand Lodge Treasurer for the Grand Lodge of Alaska  
1985 to 1986 Bethel Guardian for Bethel No. 1  
1997 joined Anchorage Scottish Rite and Al Aska Shrine  
1997 through 2013 appointed Secretary of Anchorage Scottish Rite and awarded Knight's Commander Court of Honor, KCCH as we commonly call it. Awarded 33 degree Inspector General Honorary. Joined and later dimitted from Polar Court Order of Jesters. Joined the Royal Order of Scotland and joined the Widow's Sons Motorcycle Club.

It is with hope in my lifetime, both with the Masonic community and outside the Masonic community I have been a positive influence to at least one person. Through the Masonic community I have had the pleasure of meeting and calling many people I would never had met otherwise. Friends, more importantly, I call them Brothers and Sisters.

RW David Worel presented Brother Steve Lee with a 50-year membership certificate which reads:

To all Freemasons; Greetings,

By the presentation, we the undersigned certify that our worthy Brother Phillip Stephen Lee has been a member of good standing in the Fraternity for the period of 50 years or more. We therefore recommend that he be received and recognized as such by all regular lodges as a Freemason wherever dispersed.

Given under the hand the seal of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 2014 by our Grand Master James R. Herrington and attested by Jerome P. Wasson our Grand Secretary. Congratulations Brother

## **W Ken Vaughn, presentation to MW James Herrington**

(Transcribed from audio recording)

If you get a picture of this, it would help.

Worshipful Master I am here today as Vice-Chieftain of the Juneau Valley Knights of Saint Andrew. We formed this summer with your assistance and I have the pleasure of giving you our coin, number 32, as a token of our deep appreciation of your support for us and our start getting going. Thank you so very, very much.

And for those of you who want to know this is Galactic Goat. Galactic Goat was given to me by Assembly No. 3 International Order of Rainbow as my Masonic mascot as Master of the lodge. I am charged by those young ladies to take my mascot with me wherever I travel in my Masonic travels and I want a picture to put in the newsletter to show them that I am dedicated to supporting Rainbow.

## **MW Kazufumi Mabuchi, Past Grand Master of Japan presentation to MW James Herrington**

MW Kazufumi Mabuchi, Past Grand Master of Japan presented ??? to MW James Herrington.

## **MW Phillip Ambrose, Past Grand Master of Japan presentation to MW James Herrington**

These are little saki glasses which UNESCO declared Mt. Fuji as a world heritage site or something like that. So, if you are really artistic that would look like Mt. Fuji to you. One for you and for your wife. Since it is a sin to give somebody an alcohol bottle without a bottle of alcohol I brought some of the best saki in Japan for you.

## **Contributions to Grand Lodge of Alaska**

<b>Contribution From:</b>	<b>To:</b>	<b>For:</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Glacier Lodge No. 10</b>	Grand Lodge	Travel Fund	\$ 1,000.00
<b>Anchorage Lodge No. 17</b>	Grand Lodge	Travel Fund	1,471.00
<b>Sterling Lodge No. 22</b>	Grand Lodge	Travel Fund	250.00
<b>Martin Bayer</b>	Grand Lodge	Travel Fund	100.00

<b>Silent Auction</b>	Grand Lodge	Travel Fund	600.00
<b>Cell phone fines</b>	Grand Lodge		60.00
	Grand Lodge	Scholarship Fund	1,000.00
<b>Ladies Split the Pot</b>	Grand Lodge		33.00
<b>Bo Cline Book Sales</b>		AMLAM	500.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,014.00.</b>

## **Speeches by Distinguished Guests**

### **Bob Dole, Special Assistant to Military Affairs for Senator Mark Begich.**

Good Morning. I'd like to thank Grand Master James Herrington and Grand Secretary, Jerome Wasson for the opportunity to make a few brief comments to you this morning. Also, if my boss were here, Senator Begich he wants to lead off with a hearty welcome to Anchorage for the start of the thirty-third annual grand communication. If you're not from Anchorage and surprised by the weather here, those of us who are from Anchorage are equally surprised by the weather.

Senator Begich was honored, he was also extended an invitation to speak here and make a few comments here at the opening of this event. He is in Washington along with the rest of our Congressional delegation of Senator Lisa Murkowski, Representative Don Young taking care of business. In his place, well Mayor Sullivan couldn't make it, Senator Begich couldn't make it, Senator Murkowski, Representative Young, oh you got the fifth string up here and I was told to keep my comments non-political which is kind of easy for two reasons:

1. I work out of a profession staff-not on a campaign side, and
2. I think for this group it is particularly appropriate not to focus on government and politics. That is not what you all came here to do, I expect.

In many ways our government has become the arbiter, decision maker for disputes among men when society, norms, and morality fail. That is government steps in because society and morality doesn't do what needs to do. It shouldn't take Congress, our State legislature, or our assembly to need to pass a law to say it is illegal and you will be punished if you hit an old lady over her head and take her purse. Core morality and ethics in our society should be a part of this message.

The government also becomes the provider to address needs of individuals cannot meet for themselves and philanthropy in the community is unwilling to meet. It shouldn't take a huge government bureaucracy to do what should be done with the shared sense of community and

philanthropy; and frankly if you look out there, I'd think we would see that community and philanthropy frequently looks, does it better. Look at the Shriner's hospitals where a lot of the government programs, I think you have a great case in point.

The exciting thing about being with you all here this morning is that and being with the Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska is that you not only get this, you are out here striving to make it so in each and everything you do. You are dedicated to the values that if we can spread them throughout our society, we will reduce the need for the formalistic laws that don't always fit the best anyway to regulate the conduct of men and reduce the need for those government bureaucracies that do what men should be willing to do on their own themselves. You all are an exciting group for values that you spread throughout our society

I retired from the military a couple of years ago and in the military I was an officer and from officer candidate school on there were fourteen core values that we can't stress that we want to see in our leaders. Those were Bearing, Courage, Decisiveness, Dependability, Endurance, Enthusiasm, Initiative, Integrity, Judgment, Justice, Knowledge, Loyalty, Tact, and Unselfishness. I believe if we add two more specifically Reverence and Family it would well describe this most impressive group of gentlemen and ladies that I am looking out at today.

On behalf of Senator Mark Begich, I want to thank you all what each and everyone of you do as an individual and collectively to improve our society, our culture, and our future. I wish you a successful and productive thirty-third annual Grand communication as you take business that is value-added to our society far beyond the Grand Lodge of Alaska. Thank you

### **Madilyn Jones, International Order for Rainbow Girls**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Members of the Grand Lodge, and Distinguished Visitors, my name is Madilyn Jones and I would like to thank you for the opportunity to talk about Job's Daughters this morning.

Many of you know what Job's Daughters is. We are an organization for young women between the ages of ten to twenty. In order to join, we must have a Mason somewhere in our background. This ties us to the Masonic community. You know that Bethel #1 in Anchorage is the only Bethel in the state. You know that we have fundraisers, like raffling off gift baskets and doing the coat check at the local craft fairs. We do community service projects, like making no-sew blankets for the McKinnell House and collecting toiletries for the troops overseas. We travel to our Supreme Session where we get to meet Jobies from all over the world and we keep sweeping all the competitions in things like ritual and arts and crafts. Seriously we win everything.

But that's *not* what Job's Daughters do. True, those are many of our activities, but Job's Daughters is so much more than a laundry list of activities. Job's Daughters teaches confidence. It teaches flexibility and how to think on our feet. It teaches self-reliance and

organizational skills. It teaches us that we can learn from our failures and come out better than we were before. Job's Daughters teaches us to become confident young women so that "we will face life squarely for future success."

That is what Job's Daughters really is. It is the things we cannot measure. I can tell you that Job's Daughters has made a huge difference in my life. I went from being terrified of being in front of people in a Bethel meeting to Honored Queen. I went from not being able to say my stations and duties at a meeting to taking first place in ritual competition against girls from across the globe. Job's Daughters has had profound impact in my life and I will never forget the things I learned in Bethel #1.

Thank you for allowing me to share what I think Job's Daughters is really about this morning.

### **Sorcha Hazelton, International Order for Rainbow Girls**

Grand Master Mr. Herrington, Grand Lodge Officers, Masons, and friends:

Every clan has it's stories, from it's origins to its heroes and heroines, it's triumphs, and yes, even it's down falls; and every good Scot knows their family tartan. But what about our other clan tartan? Not one associated with the region from which we hail, but the tartan that belongs to a clan we've chosen, that upholds the same ideals to which we ascribe ourselves.

The tartan of our Masonic clan looks unlike any other I've ever seen. It has threads of red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet that represent the magic Rainbow Girls find in our everyday lives through our color stations and their meanings. There are threads of purple, white, and blue, red, and gold, capturing the essence of our sibling Masonic Youth organizations, our brethren in DeMolay and sisters in Job's Daughters, who share with us the future of your respective organizations. The red and black of our Shriner's we have so much fun working with; the blue, yellow, white, green, and red of Eastern Star, and the red and green of Amaranth, our advisors who help us to reach our goals; and who could forget the black leather "threads" of our rough and tough Widows Sons. But at the very heart of our Masonic tartan lies the blue and white threads of our Masonic fathers, both genetic and the Rainbow Dads we all have come to know and love. Our Master Masons, without whom none of our organizations would exist; providing us with a place to call home and write our own stories.

Who is the most famous Rainbow Girl you know?

Is it Lee Meriwether, former Miss America and the 1966 Catwoman?

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, the first woman to be appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court?

The Honorable Olympia Snow, former Senator from Maine?

Dorothy Metcalf-Lindenburger, a NASA astronaut?

Sergeant Kimberly Munley, who was instrumental in stopping the shooting at Fort Hood in 2009?

Jazmine Fenlator, currently racing on the U.S. Olympic Bobsled team?

Or maybe Lynn Lary McLean, Presidential florist?

All of these women prove that Rainbow Girls can accomplish anything, and it's because of the support we receive from the many groups that make up the Masonic family. My motto this year is, "Though we may come from different places and speak in different tongues, our hearts beat as one." -Albus Dumbledore. I am from the Land of Rainbow and you hail from a nation of Masonry, or maybe even the Territory of Funkytown. Each of our organizations exist within their own world. We have our own traditions and experiences, but we are all one family joined together by a common thread: better character through service. You are role models for the Rainbow Girls of Alaska; we see the fun you have and the pride you take in all you do. During the installation of an Assembly's Advisory Board, our Rainbow adults agree to never take a step they would not have us follow. Whether or not you've served on an advisory board, you've had an impact on these girls. Your lessons help them grow to be even more remarkable than they already are. I may not know many of you personally, but I know that on the whole, the Grand Lodge of Alaska is amazing, because your Masonic youth are amazing. We may be small, Rainbow, DeMolay, and Job's Daughters, but the Masonic youth groups in Alaska are filled with young ladies and gentlemen who love what they do, have fun doing it, and do it well. You, as the sponsors of chapters, bethels, and assemblies, have raised some incredible kids. Your support of the Masonic youth groups makes a lasting impression upon us. We remember the parades with the Shriner's, Rainbow Dad minutes of Masonic trivia, and decorating for events with the Eastern Star ladies and gentlemen, each donating their time and talents to improve us and our projects. You enable us to continue doing what we do and, through the memories each of us make with you, we grow up to join your organizations and work with you side by side. I could never thank the members of my Eastern Star Chapter and Masonic Lodge enough for everything they have done for me and my assembly, as I'm sure each of you do for the Assembly, Bethel, or DeMolay chapter near you. My grandfather and mason, David DeLong, was not able to see me join Rainbow, because of that I greatly value the contributions of Mr. Claude Roberts, Mr. Steven Stewart, and our 1st and 2nd Grand Rainbow Dads, Mr. Jack Morris and Mr. John Barnett for everything they do for my assembly and the Grand Assembly of Alaska, as well as Juneau's new DeMolay. From the bottom of the heart of every Masonic youth, thank you.

This year, we attempted to more specially recognize our Masonic heritage by creating the Grand Master's Class, new Rainbow Girls initiated during two weeks in November. Both Fairbanks and Nugget assemblies were able to host initiations, and Olivia and Kyah are the first Grand Master's Class.

This year for our Grand Service Project, we are working with our Scottish Rite Masons in support of their Rite Care program which serves children with hearing impairments and language disorders. Along with this statewide organization, each assembly will be working with deaf & hard-of-hearing organizations within each of their towns. Through these projects, I'm hoping to decrease the stigma surrounding those with hearing loss, as well as educate the girls. If you are on that new, fancy internet thing, Alaska Grand's Facebook page has regular posts about Deaf culture and sign language videos... some of which are performed by me!

We are also collecting coins this year for our Grand Charity project to donate to the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls' Supreme Temple Fund to help maintain the

history, memories and future of our organization at our Supreme Temple in McAlester, Oklahoma. GWAA Janelle and I visited the Temple in July and made an awesome video tour. The founding lessons of our order and the stories of our past contained within the walls of our Supreme Temple are our anchors; they help to ground us when, like in our crazy teenage years, we sometimes forget who we are, what we stand for and where we are going... even from as far away as Alaska. Rainbow was very happy to have our temple recently listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. Our goal is to raise at least \$500 for the fund, and our donation will be dedicated to the memory of our Past Supreme Inspector Mrs. Ila Hammond, who passed away in December. The only fundraising we are doing is collecting coins, so I will have a piggy bank with me throughout your sessions, if you would like to donate any loose change you may have.

I'm so glad to be here on behalf of all the Alaskan Rainbow Girls, and I invite you all down to Juneau for Alaska's 52nd Grand Assembly, June 23-27th at the Baranof Hotel. We always love to see visitors on the sidelines, even if only for a session or two. Without your support, our Grand Assembly could never happen and we'd love to share our enthusiasm with you.

On behalf of Supreme Deputy Mrs. Hazelton and myself, we wish you a most successful Grand Lodge session.

Join us at the 52nd "**Simply Unforgettable**" Grand Session  
June 23-26th, 2014 in Juneau, Alaska

The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

**Sorcha Hazelton**

Grand Worthy Advisor 2013-2014

Grand Assembly of Alaska, IORG

**MW Jerry Pinion, PGM Response to Youth**

(Transcribed from audio recording)

I don't need to give a speech, I have already heard it. Right?

Brethren, Ladies, Guests if you have been involved with the youth organizations of Masonry, you can sincerely appreciate the things that they do and the growth of the youth not only from our concordant bodies who support and appendant bodies who really support all of those youth organizations.

I'd like to thank those concordant body heads as well as appendant body heads who have come. You have really showed your support to our Grand Lodge. Many of our concordant bodies are very small. Our Grand Lodge and the lodges throughout Alaska are very small, but I think we are very strong. As you have our two youth leaders get up and talk you can see what the youth organizations within Masonry is doing. I do wish we had DeMolay and



our Senior Grand Warden is working to get that DeMolay re-established in the state of Alaska.

I would like to see all past Rainbow Dads including myself, please stand. Let me just see how many past Rainbow Dads we have. Brethren, thank you Rainbow Dads. I see two individuals who past Bethel Guardians, please rise. Ah we have a third, and a fourth, and a fifth. Wow! I was a past associated Bethel Guardian. Brothers thank you for your support of Alaska youth and also youth to Masonry. Thank you.

Madilyn of Job's Daughters and Sorcha of Rainbow Girls, thank you so for coming. Thank you for being outstanding leaders within our Masonic youth. Thank you Grand Master

### **Iris Crothers, Order of Amaranth**

(Transcribed from audio recording)

Good Morning Grand Master, good morning all, I didn't expect that I would have to speak. I am unprepared but welcome to Alaska and again like Brother Jerry said he is a Past Grand Royal Patron and we are a very small organization and we are always looking for any of the ladies and gentlemen belong to our organization and my mom and dad are here, Victoria Ault is my Supreme Mom and she will be at our session in August and my Supreme Dad is Del Militare. So if any of you have any time, come and join us in August. It will be here at the Alaska Shrine Center and we would love to have you for the formal opening on the 6<sup>th</sup> of August and thank you for coming to Alaska.

### **Victoria Ault, Order of Amaranth**

(Transcribed from audio recording)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Masons, Family, and Friends all. The Order of Amaranth is a social organization open to Masons and their female relatives. Our philanthropy is diabetes research, Every year we give grants to our diabetes research board, to a number of doctors or scientists at scientific labs or universities for research only. Some of the things that are evident with diabetics are things that research board grants have come up with. We welcome all Masons and their ladies to join us and of course like many of our organizations we do need you men .

My session will be in 2015 in Seattle and I am issuing and my partner, Sir Knight Del from Denver, an invitation to all of you to come to our Masonic family night, Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup> in 2015 and we certainly hope that Doug will be Grand Master that year and we are hoping to see many of you from Alaska at our Masonic family night and of course if you belong, to stay for the whole thing.

It is good to be here and hope to see you next year. Amaranth is an international organization. We are in the Philippines – very, very active, that's our fastest growing place. We are in the United Kingdom and Australia and we are working on getting Courts established in South America, particularly Brazil. I will be doing a little bit of traveling. I won't be home very much next year but it is good to see you all and Sir Knight Del is going to be staying for the session. So I hope if you need to find out a little bit more about Amaranth, he will talk with you. Thank you.

## **Dale Cain, Scottish Rite**

(Transcribed from audio recording)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brethren, Guests it is a pleasure to be here at this thirty-third annual communication. It was suggest possibly that since Scottish Rite is and has the highest degree in Masonry that we should possibly sit up here in the East with you, but I don't think that is appropriate at this time.

I am glad that you mentioned the Right Care Foundation of Alaska. We do have clinics in Juneau, Anchorage, and Fairbanks. This past year we have serviced and helped approximately seventeen children and spent about \$85,000.00 in speech therapy. We do not have our own clinics, we contract with therapists and clinicians in the three locals that we support children.

We are trying to expand eventually with video conferencing and remote access to support children who have speech and language difficulties across the state in more of the remote areas whether it is western, northern, or southeast Alaska.

Scottish Rite is doing well. It is thriving in Alaska. We bring in new members every time we have a reunion. We are spread far and wide across the state; Ketchikan, with the club in Sitka, the consistory in Juneau, Anchorage, and Fairbanks. Like the rest of Masonry in Alaska, about 48% of our membership lives out of jurisdiction. I would presume that about 52% of the Masons that participate in Alaska are also 52% of the individuals in this room. Scottish Rite is you and you are us. Our main thrust in Masonry is education to elaborate a little bit more and enhance the first three degrees of Craft Masonry. Not to supplant them but to totally to support and enhance and try to endeavor to understand a little more in depth with those first three degrees of Craft Masonry.

It's a pleasure to be here to represent the Scottish Rite and the Scottish Rite Orient of Alaska wishes the Grand Lodge success on it's thirty-third annual communication and if the Grand Lodge needs support, please call on us, any of the Valleys for leadership.

Grand Master, thank you very much it is a pleasure to be here.

## **Lee Seagondollar, Grand Council of Cryptic York Rite Masonry**

(Transcribed from audio recording)

Thank you very much for the opportunity to welcome you all this morning. Most Worshipful Grand Master, Masons, Ladies, and each of the Job's Daughters and Rainbow Assembly.

The York Rite is composed of three portions of which we call the Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons, the Council of the Cryptic Masons of which I am the Grand Illustrious Master this year, and the Knights Templar Commandery of Knights Templar. The Cryptic Masons have a charity as well as the other two portions. Our charity is called the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation and sponsors research into disorders in circulatory systems through the University of Indiana and there have been many advances that have benefited people with circulatory disorders, some within the diabetic and other peripheral part of (?). Some have been significant. Sometimes patients have come into the hospital there at the University with the possibility of facing amputation of a limb and within a day they have been able to use stem cell research to regenerate new arteries, blood vessels, and they can leave within a couple of days resume a fairly normal life.

I won't bore you with anything further. Most Worshipful Grand Master, thank you for the opportunity and congratulations on a great start.

## **Johnnie Wallace, Knights Templar, York Rite Masonry**

(Transcribed from audio recording)

Brothers, Sisters, Visitors it's a pleasure to be here this morning. Grand Master, thank you for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Knights Templar in Alaska.

Our session comes up in March 6, 7, and 8 here in Anchorage. We invite all those who are members to attend. We will be housed at the Marriott this year and the session will be at the Anchorage Masonic Center.

Again, thank you all for being here today.

## **Glynnes Allen, Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon Order of Eastern Star.**

(Transcribed from audio recording)

Thank you Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished East, Masonic members, and Visitors.

I thank you for the warm welcome and the courtesies that you have bestowed upon me. I bid you greetings from the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon and wish you a successful communications the next few days. Also, I would like to put a little plug in for the Yukon and for brother Tom Mickey, I think who is sitting back there some place which many of you know. This is the first time in the history that the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and Yukon will be holding their grand session in Whitehorse, Yukon in May 26<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup> and we invite all of you that are members and other visitors to join us. I thank you very much

### **Claudia Johnson, Order of Eastern Star**

(Transcribed from audio recording)

Thank you for the introduction and they asked me if I wanted to speak and I said No, No, No! See how far that got me.

On behalf of the Order of the Eastern Star, I like to wish you all a very well good session and Eastern Star we are very much obligated to the Masonry, for without the relationship we would not be. So I thank you and congratulations.

### **RW Dave Worel, Deputy Grand Master, Response to Concordant Bodies**

(Transcribed from audio recording)

To our concordant bodies from on behalf of our Grand Master, the members of our Grand Lodge we do really appreciate you taking the time out to see us and be with us these couple of days. We do appreciate all the work that you do for our fraternity. You do make us look good and again thank you very much for being here with us. Thank you,

### **MW Abbas Satrap, PGM Grand Lodge of Iran in Exile**

(Transcribed from audio recording)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to be here and to bring you the greetings and appreciation of the Grand Lodge of Iran and Most Worshipful Grand Master Rabin Bagherzadeh and if I may since some of brethren asked me about my grand lodge, I would love to give a few words and tell them who I am.

My name is Abbas Satrap and I am Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Iran in Exile. And, as you know the name of the Grand Lodge, we are in exile and after the revolution in Iran which Freemasonry was forbidden and we were criminals. So, we came here and with the gathering of some Grand Lodge officers of Iran, we established the Grand Lodge of Iran

in Exile and gradually all of the American grand lodges recognized us and many thanks to Grand Lodge of California who bestowed us the concurrent jurisdiction. So we are working in California and Massachusetts and to keep the light of Freemasonry of Iran alive and luster. So I think now you know who I am and if you don't mind I'd like to give this candle holder which has the same light to Freemasonry alive and luster to you as a gift. This is a very small token that it shows the appreciation of our grand lodge.

### **MW Harry Koenen, Response to Past Grand Masters of Alaska**

(Transcribed from audio recording)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, elected Grand Lodge Officers, appointed Grand Lodge Officers, my brethren and fellow disciples of the Craft. We Past Grand Masters of Alaska want to say thank you Grand Master for your leadership this past and present year. You will have a great session, this the thirty-third annual communication. As you count to a close, you too will have a new word added to your title, "PAST" Grand Master and you will be added to our mystic circle of past grand masters. Thank you Most Worshipful James Riley Herrington.

### **MW L. V. "Joe" Dees, PGM Response to Grand Representatives**

(Transcribed from audio recording)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brothers, Very Worshipfuls, and Worshipful Brethren: It is a great honor to represent our Grand Representatives from the United States and abroad. We have a lot of vacancies in there, four of them exactly from our state.

Brethren, please go down to the Grand Secretary and get on the list for them. A lot of countries we have – lot of vacancies there, I mean just a lot of them. We need to fill those up. I've been on the State of Alabama now for about seven years I think and Brother Hancock, we always talk together at least two three times a year. You get to know your representatives from the other states. You can keep up with what's happening in that state plus what is happening here in Alaska and we confer quite a bit. So it is very good that we do this.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, thank you for allowing me to do this response.

## **VW Dennis Oakland Response to District Deputies**

(Transcribed from audio recording)

Grand Master, on behalf of myself and the other four District Deputies, it has been a distinct honor to serve in your year as Grand Master and we also offer our congratulations on a great year of ritual, education, and communication. We appreciate the opportunity to spread that message throughout our districts.

Thank you very much.

## **GM James Herrington's house keeping measure**

(Transcribed from audio recording)

Before we get started, two house keeping measures to take care of. Very Worshipful Jeff DeFreest please stand. I want you to slap the cuffs on that Arizona Grand Master (laughter followed) unless, unless Most Worshipful Brother Bill "sticky fingers" Garrard, are you properly clothed? Stand up there young man when I'm talking to you (laughter).

GM Garrard: Most Worshipful Master I do have a beautiful white apron on (laughter).

GM Herrington: But, but that is not your proper attire as a Grand Master, is it not?

GM Garrard: I have my pants on (laughter). You got to help me, you searched me (laughter).

GM Herrington: I have for sale (laughter) and you can predict the number of ringey dingies . I got one Grand Master's jewel and I've got one Grand Master's apron. (Bidding from the brothers started and Grand Master Herrington started auctioneering). (laughter followed)

GM Garrard: I have a check, will you take it? (laughter)

GM Herrington: No!!! (laughter) Is it like the one you gave New Mexico? (laughter).

GM Garrard: We bank there all the time, right Worshipful? (laughter)

GM Herrington: You're the only grand master they can say you have been duly installed in Arizona and the State of Alaska (laughter).

## **GM Jon B. Broyles, Grand Master of Missouri**

(Transcribed from audio recording)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brethren thank you for having me here at this Grand Lodge session. It is indeed an honor and a pleasure to be invited to attend your Grand Lodge session. Every time I go to a session I learn something new. I took copious notes over there on some of your jurisprudence-some of that will be happening in Missouri. Some of your procedures are unique and interesting to the way we do things and we like to add some of those things to those we do as well.

It's been a unique opportunity to attend lodge here in Alaska. It's my first trip to Alaska. I'm impressed with just the brethren that I have met here. It seems rather unique that so many brethren that I have run into have a connection with Missouri either directly through Masonry or through activities through their lodge.

Missouri does not usually attend too other grand lodges but with your Grand Master and your Deputy Grand Master both having that connection with me, I had to come up and investigate how the plan is going in Missouri to take over Masonry in Alaska (laughter). It's going pretty well I think. We'll see how phase two goes next year.

Missouri Masonry would like to send its warmest regards from the 43,000 Masons of the state of Missouri. We have 330 lodges throughout our state are working with programs this year to increase the activities of Masonry in the community. Our theme for the year is "Make a Greater Difference" symbolized on my pin as the square of the square and compasses in the form of a greater than sign and the compasses laying on top of a triangle or a Greek letter delta which those of you that have a background in mathematics or sciences knows delta means difference or change.

Our work this year is in three areas, Excellence in Communication, Excellence in Planning, and Excellence in Education. We have committed to not only doing those activities to be excellent at doing what we do. So the lodges are increasing their ability to communicate with their brethren. The education learning the codifying the different educational programs and planning for their future, identifying what their strengths are, what kind of lodge they want to be to represent either they are proud of their history, be proud of their ritual work or proud of their community service and planning on how to increase that visibility and work they do in those areas.

This result came from a survey of our brethren. The last two years we have annual statewide meetings and we worked with our brethren to get their opinion of what direction the fraternity should take. So we are very proud this year to take the results of those surveys and open town hall meetings and discussions and work them into the first phases of our plan. These parts are the infrastructure that we will use to build upon or implementing other recommendations of our brethren. The one that got the largest response and highest rating among our brethren was all the different things that we do –they want us to act more like Masons. So, while there may not be a simple one-step program to do that we think we have

laid out several different items that as we advance through this that will teach our brethren to act more like Masons, and I think that is the goal that each of us has and have in our hearts .

I did want to thank you for having me here today and want to congratulate the Grand Lodge of their efforts and their officers in particular. Thank you.

### **Brother Leonard H. Newman representing Grand Master of Texas**

(Transcribed from audio recording)

We arrived, I believe late Wednesday evening in time to get into the hospitality room and as we enjoyed visiting around the room I met Bother Herrington for the first time. One of my instructions that was given to me from the Grand Master of Texas was to give Most Worshipful Herrington a personal message from Jerry Martin, Grand Master of Texas. Texas was invaded a few days ago by Most Worshipful Herrington and as I understand there was a box presented to Most Worshipful Martin of Texas. Something transpired in that event that was unexpected when the box was opened all of the bad, tough weather of Alaska (laughter) was turned loose on Texas and Most Worshipful Martin in Texas would like to know the instructions on how to get that weather back in that box (laughter).

I am Leonard Newman and I am the Worshipful Master of Smithfield Lodge No. 455. Now you say it a little different here and of course my first visit to Tanana No. 3 I realized that the words were being said, but Brother Dave said them all backwards. I have developed a warm brotherly love to your Deputy Grand Master. I never dreamed that I would be in Alaska like I am now. My first wife of 43 years passed away and then I turned around right away and married one of my dear friends in high school and she was widowed in Alaska. Since we have been married, Brother Dave, she has inherited her brothers homestead of Clearwater Lake in Delta Junction and it was my responsibility to remodel that home and if you know the highway it's one-hundred miles one way Delta Junction to Home Depot in Fairbanks (laughter). You learned to get my list together correctly. So I came back and forth enjoyed the fellowship in Tanana No. 3 and I feel adopted by Tanana No. 3.

In a couple years ago I took a great adventure in life and drove a Camry automobile to Prince Rupert and got it on the Alaska Marine Highway and enjoyed that trip up the coast and when we got ready to go back to Texas I left that car with none other than Brother Dave in his shop and that is where that automobile is today and he's on occasion drives it keeps it warm for me, delivers it to the airport and our love has grown deeper over the last few years

As all of us peruse the materials available on the display views I heard several men say I can't find the right color, you know I just can't find the right color, I'm looking for it and my inquiry was what color was you looking for in that tie. And they told me what they were looking for was red. That has to be the most rare of all ties here in Alaska. So guess what Brother Dave, I brought you a red tie. Here it is Brother Dave. I give you an artifact of my lodge with the Texas flag on it with the Masonic influence. I couldn't pull the Texas flag off so there you are.



Also, a gift from Most Worshipful Martin in Texas is his personal coin and Brother Herrington, I think you received one of his coins while you were in Texas. So I did bring the coin in cause I don't think Brother Dave got one. I present the Texas Grand Master's pin and coin and the slogan on that coin says "Masonry a gift, receive it, share it, and preserve it." Thank you my brethren and all.

### **Brother Phillip Ambrose, Past Grand Master of Japan**

(Transcribed from audio recording)

Brethren, the Grand Master obviously doesn't know me because he asked for some words of wisdom.

Brethren to say what we are doing in Masonry in Japan, I'd like to talk a little bit about how Masonry has helped Japan. We had that 9. something earthquake almost three years ago and the Grand Lodge of Japan has its own non-profit organization which I was able to get about 150,000 dollars . Once I got that money I talked to the Grand Master at one of our meetings and asked him to appoint a tsunami relief fund and as Grand Masters are often likely to do, he says ok Ambrose, you are a committee of one.

But more important than that unsolicited from anybody in the world, I got 90,000 dollars from the Masonic Service Association and another 200,000 dollars from brethren throughout the world and it allowed us to do a lot of really good things up in northern Japan including the first thing we were able to do, we called up there and asked them what do you need because the government of Japan is possibly like the US, a little bit slow on the uptake of disasters. The first thing we took up there was 40,000 bottles of water because the ocean water had killed the wells up there. Talking to a priest up there, he told me that seven of the eight of the Buddhist temples were washed out to sea and he asked me if we could build a building for them to hold their religious services in they had lost 30 some thousand people and the priests were holding services in tents outside. So I said sure, how much is it going to cost? \$10,000 or so. Yeah we can do that, that's easy. Well that building ended up costing 240,000 dollars but it is a nice one (laughter followed).

In Japan we have a reputation, unfortunately the fraternity has a reputation of being what they call a secret organization somewhat to the organization that killed those people in the trains in '95. The funds that we were given and allowed to do as we wanted to do with without going to the communities and everything has done more to raise the opinion of the local populous on Freemasonry than anything we have done in the previous 57 years and just since we were able to do a few things, my lodge itself has gained 13 Japanese members and the future of Masonry in Japan should not be dependent upon the foreigners there. It needs to be dependent on the Japanese Masons and we are slowing coming over that.

Some of the things that we were able to do was, is this incredible friend of mine owns a marina gathered some 15 boats, afraid to ask him how he got them, but he refurbished them and we were able to buy motors for them. We took them up there on Christmas day and

presented them to some of the fisherman who had lost their livelihood. It was hard to see those grizzly old fisherman accept these boats, these grizzly old men that talked ruff, acted ruff, and are ruff had tears in their eyes when we gave them those boats. And, we've got a wonderful reputation in northern Japan now and this little priest who asked us to come up there, he is going throughout Japan to some of the Buddhist temples and telling what we did. And they are telling, why did you let those guys do it because they are a bunch of criminals and secret people. He says no they are not. He's overcome some of that for us too.

I think the future of Freemasonry in Japan has greatly expanded by the generosity by all the brethren we have all over the world-Scotland, Yukon, British Columbia, Aurora Lodge 15, just money started pouring in and it is emotional to even think about it, how much money we got without ever asking. So brethren, I thank all of you from being members in the greatest fraternity in the world and just stepping up whenever its needed. Quite a wonderful fraternity we have. Grand Master that is all that I got because I don't have any more.

### **MW Curtis Harris, Grand Master Prince Hall of Alaska**

(Transcribed from audio recording)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, distinguished guests, Brothers all, I have to apologize for not having been here earlier on. Certainly would have liked to have been but naturally I had to work my usual vocation took precedence. I tell you one thing I look at this thing here today and my Brothers know last month I almost lost my papa. But, the Lord saw fit to it to leave him here with me. Me, being a human being, being selfish the Lord knows I want to keep me the way I went. But the Lord blessed me and my father stayed with me. That's interesting because it ties into how things are today. I was almost gone for the entire month of January so I come back to work I have pretty much been stuck there.

One thing that I had to do yesterday with my father, we had a nice little discussion there on Masonic didactics there if you will. There was one of those things, my father who is not a Mason, has never been a Mason, and doesn't want to be a Mason – I'm still working on him. But he doesn't want to be a Mason and the fun part about it is, me being a Grand Master sitting there talking to him, my father doesn't like Masons and I always wondered why it is that. You know when he was in the hospital unable to talk and we kind of of jawing back and forth and my father being a Vietnam veteran and he was one of those giant crane operators and senior and he was also the shop steward for his union. It just so happens my father worked for a bunch of Masons and that ties into how he feels about Masons. You know we went back and forth on some things and he's saying you know certain things, they could never get along, never get along cause he wanted certain things to be done and he couldn't get through to these certain group of people and when he found out they were Masons, he said well they were like that. Well dad, I said I could see his point but I said Masons have a nasty habit of loving each other and getting along with each other. So it is a pretty good chance what you are running up against is the fact that they were Masons and you were not! (laughter) It's not that they didn't like you or whatever, you were out gunned. So Brothers are always going to be together.

Now when I left, it was one of those deals where I told my Grand Secretary I said I don't want to run everything through a different Grand Master. I don't want to delay anything I want to be with my pop. Everybody knew, when my phone rings you had to do. I don't want to talk to anybody, I wanted to be with my father .

But Brothers being Brothers they knew. They knew I needed their assistance. So Brothers did call and it wasn't about work. It wasn't about grand lodge. It was about Grand Master how are you doing? How's your father doing? How's your family doing? The Brothers continue to be with me at that time in the shadow of God. And that's one of the things my father never understood when he got this bouquet, he got flowers and cards and people you have never known and he looked at me and I said that's what Masons do. You know we take care of our own no shadow of a doubt. We extend that brotherly love and friendship that's all that we do. It was a nice thing that I was able to move the needle away from Masons being despised there and tolerate them. Instant peace for me there.

We also have to look at what is Masonry to us. Every Brother has their own personal definition what Masonry means to them. They just those guys that come out every now and then to the park we play at, sweep it up, put new nets up, clean things up that the city and the state wasn't doing. That's what I knew who Masons were. It was just guys who walked around and had a good time and they do great things in the community. So that was my first introduction into Masonry. My father's a bit different. Got it! But when I look at Masonry, I look at Brothers, I tell you, you can truly see, I think the uninitiated, you can truly see how Masons truly feel about one another and about this fraternity.

When Brothers, such as your Grand Secretary come on stage because they have received an award, never won the award, never asked for the award but have earned it for the years by, but earned it come on stage with tears in their eyes that means something to them and that's not a person is custom to giving things when a brother, and a grown man, and we do it all the time and even to some of my closest brothers here, we sometimes get so acid to what you are doing, tears come to your eyes and it just means that you care. That's the thing I think distinguished Masons, and I say to everybody else, there are things that we do in our lifetime and our fraternity means so much to them, the people who want into it really doesn't understand what it means to us. They just don't understand what it means to us. They just think that all we do is walk around with jewels and aprons on and you know have secret meetings but they don't know, really and truly, our greatest joy is coming and seeing our brothers . That's our greatest joy.

The Lord has given us another day to be amongst our brothers and really enjoy and make more memories, such as all the memories that you all share -your Deputy Grand Master taking a nap when the Grand Master is still working (laughter). That truly was a labor of love. I mean I really did enjoy, I really did enjoy this lodge together that shows the brothers having a good time enjoying one another and just being brothers. You can take the Mason part off of it and just being brothers and enjoying one another. We truly weep whenever we lose one of our brothers because over time some of us Freemasons thirty, forty, that gentleman fifty years having a lifetime in Masonry and in that lifetime that Masonic charm.

Every brother leaves a little trace when he's around. Every brother leaves a little bit of something with us. My brothers here, over here standing, I told myself when I get here this gentleman I will, so today I said between me I will take a late lunch because it was important for me to be here for Most Worshipful Herrington and beyond a shadow of a doubt, that's respect and it needs to be shown that anytime I will be back, I will do anything to get back. I wanted to be here to support my brother here at his grand session after a year well spent. I think that it's important that he see us here and see us and know that Masonry is not lip service but it's about your actions.

Lots of people can talk about what they are doing but Masons show what they are doing. Just what we heard about what is going on in Japan. That is something we should know about. That is some of the things where people can talk about again. How do you walk? Are you upright? Do you actually practice what you preach. Masons have a nasty tendency of doing just that. We have a tendency of saying what we mean, do what we say we are going to do and inadvertently making people love us. Because that is something what our fraternity is all about. We all have a duty to make this fraternity as good as it can be and leaving behind something for our legacy so that in the future years they inherit the same fraternity that we brethren love with. I think that is the only thing we are going to be with because my sons someday, I think we have some people who are younger and we want to get them in and we have now changed that at our last session to eighteen so that we will be able to get our brothers in sooner and they be able to enjoy the fraternity and they have a fifty, sixty year career in Masonry. I hope they will meet many brothers and do wonderful things while they are in the fraternity.

I have seen gentlemen here distinguished gentlemen here who were Grand Masters and have stepped down as Past Grand Masters, probably people I would have never met if I wasn't a Mason and never had an occasion to come into the circle but I truly do appreciate you brothers because it is brothers like yourselves that allow me to have discussions that I have with my father. I have examples that I can tell him things that I have done, places that we've been.

When I go down here at the end of the month, we are going to Arkansas to the Grand Session. Arkansas is a little different (laughter). But anyhow, you know they love... you know larger jurisdictions love to laugh and pick on smaller jurisdictions. They love to make a past out of that. At least the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, they say how many members you got? They just love to bother you. But you know I have something that my southern brothers do not have. It's not about being rich in membership, to me, rich if your are rich in brotherly love and that's something that I have that they do not have and they can not trump that and I hold that near and dear to me the fact that we have this brotherly love that we see exhibit every single time we come here, every single time we have met some of these brothers. Brothers will go back to their own jurisdiction and talk about how things go in Alaska and things of that nature and they can't do that. All of my Prince Hall brethren do not have that. So, then can envy me of that. I am happy for that, no joking, I truly am. So every time I do come here, Grand Master happy congratulations on your year well spent.

I pray that the jurisdiction and I know it will and the Deputy Grand Master survived the shock treatment that I gave him at the last session here but I believe that all of our jurisdictions will be blessed by God and will continue on. Thank you.

### **MW Bill “sticky fingers” Garrard, Grand Master of Arizona**

(Transcribed from audio recording)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful nearly, worshipful brothers all:

It's truly a wonderful time being in Alaska here. Last year was my first year to come with Jeff, Brook some of the others we have heard the stories they are all true. You are absolutely made to feel welcome here in Alaska. We're all brothers. You make this comradery of being brothers, family just what we heard here. Although we have a lot of fun, we've had a lot of fun, it's all in the great feel of love, brotherly love.

I know that time is on you. Right Worshipful, I want to assure that Most Worshipful Brother Don Stutt and I secured another key to the ballot box (laughter). We were able to clear out, somebody had gotten in there and stuffed the ballot box. There were a bunch of James Herrington was in there for Grand Master (laughter) all in the same crayon we pulled out. I know we are rushed and we want to get on with the important thing, that's the coronation of “what's his face here” (laughter)

One of the things I wanted to say we thank you all from Alaska and Canada, I don't know how you are able to convene lodges cause half of your brethren are down there in Arizona (laughter), Canadian work in all of our lodges. We thank you for all of that.

### **MW Donald E. Stutt, Grand Master of British Columbia and Yukon**

(Transcribed from audio recording)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Most Worshipful Grand Masters, today is a good day to be a Freemason, isn't it? It's, really good.

What I would like to bring to you is some thoughts. As you travel as a Grand Master, sometimes you see things. One of the things that I saw in my travels was a statement by Nelson Mandela. One word, one word can change the world - inspire. Brethren, if we take that simple word and we use it with other things that we see we will grow.

Another journey that I had was shopping with my wife. She was buying materials and I was on the other side walking up and down the street. Got down to the end of the street, there was an alley. I walked down the alley and on one side of this alley was this big graffiti. Now I'm not a fan of graffiti. Graffiti was all over the wall. I was just shaking my head and said what's on the other wall behind me. Turned around and what is written “don't think, feel; don't think, feel”. So there I have “inspire”, there I got “don't think, feel.” So there I

put it together brethren, we have to do is feel our Freemasonry. We have to take the allegorical lessons the ritual gives us and put it into everyday use.

Feel the Freemasonry in our heart which ties right into my theme “be the difference you want to see” which came from Mahatma Gandhi. Be the difference you want to see, be the difference you want to see in your community. Be the difference you want to see in where you work. Be the difference you want to see in your church. Be the difference you want to see in your family. Be the difference you want to see in your lodge, your district, your jurisdiction. But, above all brethren be the difference you want to see in your heart. And, if we take the “inspire” and feel the difference we will all be better and then as my brother from Prince Hall said that we go out to the world and let the world see what we are doing and let them knock on our door and we will let them in.

Thank you brethren, it has been an absolutely fantastic communication and on behalf of all the members of British Columbia and Yukon we thank you.

**RW Russ Charvonia, Deputy Grand Master, representing MW John Cooper, Grand Master of California**

(Transcribed from audio recording)

Most Worshipful I am pleased to tell you that Lady Linda is loving that vet every single day. I also understand that we are not allowed to enter any other raffles this week. But, I donate my money, I understand.

Most Worshipful on behalf of Most Worshipful John L. Cooper III and the nearly 60,000 Masons of the great state of California I congratulate you on a terrific year where you truly will live the life of Riley (laughter). So, you thought that I was sleeping.

If I can take just a moment before we head into the next layer of festivities. In just over a week, many of us will be convening at the Conference of Grand Masters of North America in Baltimore where I understand that it is actually colder than it is here.

But, we are going to do things a little differently this year in that we have five or six-hundred men from jurisdictions all across North America and we are going to try to discuss some difficult subjects and have us walk out of there on Tuesday afternoon with the entire continent agreeing to march in a particular direction. What we are talking about here is that most of us can appreciate the world about us is becoming increasingly uncivil. It's something, fortunately we don't see in our own lodge rooms. As soon as we get out into the profane world we witness it. And, I think we are all pretty sick and tired of it and yet we throw our arms up in the air because we don't see what we can do as a single person to stem the tide.

But if you think about it, we as Masons have the tools. We have the common language and we have the history of helping to create a more civil society. On top of that we have the delivery system between the grand jurisdictions and the lodges and the more than a million

and half Masons across this continent that we can start to bring civility back into our societies.

That is what we are going to propose to the leadership of the sixty-four jurisdictions. We are going to propose that we actually develop a tool box that we can take back to our respective grand jurisdictions and hand this tool box to every Mason in our midst and teach them how they can go about how to create a more civil society in all of their communities.

So, I hope that you will look forward to that. I hope you will hold your future leadership accountable to share you with that once we get back from Baltimore, and in the mean time, I look forward to a great installation. I thank you very much.

## 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: 131 votes cast, 66 votes for a majority**

James R. Herrington      1 vote

**David Worel**              **130 votes** (Prior to station being accepted the following conversation-transcribed from audio recording ensued)

(GM Herrington): Brother Chuck, I need a clarification from Jurisprudence. State your name and all that so that it is legal, please. MW Chuck, I have been informed by a reliable source that the one vote that I got was an electoral vote. It is my understanding of the Constitution of the United States of America, that an electoral vote trumps other votes. Is this in fact not true? (laughter)

(Charles Corbin, Jurisprudence Chairman): Well you know Grand Master, Chuck Corbin 7 and 20, I have talked with the three wise men here in the East and they are in full agreement that you are correct. So, proceed on. (much laughter)

(GM Herrington): You know, I probably should get clarification from another person. Guys just bear with me, just a minute. (GM dials phone) Hi, hi sweetheart, listen, something just happened in Grand Lodge. Well, it's kind of easy, I got one electoral vote and that means I can be Grand Master next year. What does D I V O R C E stand for? (much laughter) I understand sweetheart. (much laughter).

Right Worshipful Dave (much laughter).

(RW Worel) Grand Master.

(GM Herrington) You have been elected Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska, do you accept?

(from brethren) Call your wife. (much laughter)

(RW Worel) Grand Master, brothers I am deeply humbled. I just can not believe that I am in this Grand Lodge doing this and I am just thankful. You guys give me the support that you have given me. I do accept. Thank you. (clapping followed)

**Deputy Grand Master: 134 votes cast, 68 votes for a majority**

Blank                      1 vote

Joe Dahl                  1 vote

Keith Herve              1 vote

Carl Lindstrom          8 votes

**Doug Teninty**            **123 votes (station accepted)**



**Senior Grand Warden: 132 votes cast, 67 votes for a majority**

Lindstrom	1 vote
Blank	1 vote
Doug Teninty	1 vote
Joe Dahl	1 vote
Jerry Wasson	2 votes
Herve	3 votes
<b>Carl Lindstrom</b>	<b>123 votes (station accepted)</b>

**Junior Grand Warden: 132 votes cast, 67 votes for a majority**

Oakland	1 vote
Little	1 vote
DeFreest	1 vote
Roberts	1 vote
Grubbs	1 vote
Keith Herve	54 votes
<b>John Bishop</b>	<b>73 votes (station accepted)</b>

**Grand Secretary: 132 votes cast, 67 votes for a majority**

Cliff Darnell	1 vote
Tom Schram	2 votes
Jim Herrington	4 votes
<b>Jerome P. Wasson</b>	<b>125 votes (station accepted)</b>

**Grand Treasurer: 133 votes cast, 67 votes for a majority**

Tom Schram	1 vote
Roger Barnstead	1 vote
Jerry Wasson	2 votes
<b>James D. Grubbs</b>	<b>129 votes (station accepted)</b>

# INSTALLATION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

An open installation for the 2014 - 2015 officers for The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was conducted at the Anchorage Sheraton Hotel on February 7, 2014.

## OPENING CEREMONIES

Welcome and Introduction of Installing Officers by MW James R. Herrington.

## INSTALLING OFFICERS

Installing Master	MW Johnnie L. Wallace
Installing Marshal	MW Harry Koenen
Installing Marshal	MW Ronald L. Ackerman
Installing Chaplain	MW Fred V. Angleton
Installing Secretary	MW Gene R. Freeman
Installing Keeper of the Jewels	MW Lloyd W. Triggs

## ELECTED OFFICERS

Grand Master	MW David Worel (Kathy)
Deputy Grand Master	RW Douglas Teninty (Linda)
Senior Grand Warden	RW Carl J. Lindstrom (Yolanda)
Junior Grand Warden	RW John Bishop
Grand Treasurer	RW James D. Grubbs (Tes)
Grand Secretary	RW Jerome P. Wasson (Sandy)

## APPOINTED OFFICERS

Grand Chaplain	W Dale Cain (Karen)
Grand Lecturer	W Don Hale (Barbara)
Grand Orator	VW Monte Ervin (Debbie)
Grand Historian	VW Roger A. Barnstead (Sheryl)
Grand Marshal	W Dan McCrummen
Senior Grand Deacon	W Bruce Kling (Valentina)
Junior Grand Deacon	W Joe Dahl (Sherry)
Grand Standard Bearer	W Jack Newell (Wendy)
Grand Sword Bearer	VW Al Bookman (Georgene)
Grand Bible Bearer	W Jim Griffith
Senior Grand Steward	W Larry Wright (Carol)
Junior Grand Steward	W Ed Rogers (Debbie)
Grand Organist	W Dwight E. Morris (Deanna)
Grand Tyler	W Lawrence Schaufler (Cheri)

## **DISTRICT DEPUTIES**

District 1	VW Kevin W. Tennant (Tamera)
District 2	VW William Roberts (Karen)
District 3	VW James Zuke (Charise)
District 4	VW Jeffrey W. DeFrest (Kari)
District 5	VW Lee Seagondollar (Sharon)