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## PRAYER OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

*To the Grand Architect of the Universe, we thank you for the blessings of this Assembly. We thank you for the service of the Officers which they have given to Masonry throughout the year.*

*We thank you that have given so many the privilege of coming here safely.*

*We thank you that they had a good nights sleep and they are prepared to do their work.*

*We ask that you bless those who are sick.*

*We ask you to heal those who are really, really sick and those who are grieving we that you give them comfort.*

*We give thanks that we are able to assemble here in this great state of Alaska for the many blessings that have been bestowed upon us and the great beauty which we have.*

*We thank you for the good weather and as we go about our work, we thank you dear Lord for all the many things you do for us.*

*In your holy name, we pray.*

*Amen*

# ROLL CALL

## GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Master	MW Jerry W. Pinion
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deputy Grand Master	RW James R. Herrington
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Warden	RW David Worel
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Warden	RW Douglas C. Teninty
<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	W Van O. Chaney
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Lecturer	W John K. Bishop
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Orator	W Montgomery J. Schefers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Historian	W Roger A. Barnstead
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Marshal	W Jeff W. DeFreest
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Deacon	W Clarence W. Keto
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Deacon	W Jerry W. Pinion, Jr.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Standard Bearer	W Steven W. Stewart
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grand Sword Bearer	W Dave Arnold
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grand Bible Bearer	W Mark Sledge (Pro Tem)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Steward	W Carlton Haenel
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Steward	W Ronald Bowen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Organist	W William R. Roberts
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Tyler	W Dwight E. Morris
		W Charles E. Rogers

**CONSTITUENT LODGES**

(Would the most Senior Representative please respond?)

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

MW Grand Master, all Grand Lodge Officers except the Grand Sword Bearer and Grand Bible Bearer and all Lodges except Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5 and Seward Lodge No. 6 are represented and we, therefore, have a constitutional quorum to open Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

RW Jerome P “Jerry” Wasson  
Grand Secretary

## SOLEMN CEREMONIES

The public opening of the Thirty-second Annual Communication of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was opened at 8:00 AM on February 7, 2013, by Worshipful Brother Jack R. Newell, Glacier 10. The program for the public ceremonies included:

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

The formal opening of the Thirty-second Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was opened at 10:00 AM on February 7, 2013, by Most Worshipful Jerry W. Pinion, 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 Steven F. Cords, Aurora 15

**Second Session**

W Mitchell L. Coulthard, Matanuska 7

**Third Session**

W Fred O. Sandgren, Tanana 3

**Fourth Session**

W John O. Strother, Kenai 11

### Distinguished Guests

**Municipality of Anchorage**

Honorable Dan Sullivan, Mayor of Anchorage, Alaska

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

MW Curtis Harris, Grand Master

MW Gregory Holmes, Grand Secretary

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

MW Jeff Carlton, Grand Master of Arizona

RW William A. Garrard, Jr. Deputy Grand Master

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

RW John Cooper III, representing MW John Lowe, Grand Master

RW Russ Charvonja, Senior Grand Warden

**Maryland, A. F. & A. M.**

MW Jerry Piepora, Grand Master

**Michigan, F. & A. M.**

MW Charles Moulthrop, Past Grand Master

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

RW David H. Fryday, representing MW Hunt Compton Grand Master

**Washington, F. & A. M.**

MW Dean Heinemann, Grand Master

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

MW Murray Webster, Grand Master

**Japan F. & A. M.**

MW Kazufumi Mabuchi, Grand Master

MW Philip A. Ambrose, Past Grand Master, Grand Secretary

**Representatives of Concordant Bodies**

**Al Aska Shrine Temple**

Jeffrey J. Polizzotto, Potentate

**Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction**

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

**Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Alaska**

John P. Johnson, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

**Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Alaska**

Jimmie R. McGoldrick, Illustrious Master representing Most Illustrious  
Grand Master L. Alvin Hill, Sr.

**Grand Commandry, Knights Templar of Alaska**

Lee Seagondollar, Right Eminent Grand Commander

**Order of the Eastern Star**

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

Terry Mayberry, Worthy Matron, Anchorage Chapter No. 8

**Grand Court of Alaska, Amaranth**

Karen LeFlore, Grand Royal Matron

**DeMolay International**

Sawyer Gillilan, Alaska DeMolay

**International Order of the Rainbow for Girls**

Gabrielle Hazelton, Supreme Deputy in Alaska

Miss Kari Nore, Grand Worthy Advisor

**International Order of Job's Daughters**

Kelly Ramey, Bethel Guardian

Miss Danielle Lane, Honor Queen

**Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America**

Sandy Lee, Princess Waheed Court No. 81

# **MESSAGE OF THE MW GRAND MASTER**

## **Message:**

To all of my brethren of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska and our distinguished guests, I bid you all a warm Alaska welcome. Thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to attend this Thirty-Second Annual Grand Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alaska.

Alaska Grand Lodge Officers had to be ready for immediate travel right after our Grand Communication. In February 2012, we all attended the Western Conference of Grand Masters where all six Grand Lodge members of the conference were in attendance and the Conference of Grand Masters of North America in Atlanta, Georgia. I had the pleasure of meeting and interacting with 63 other Grand Masters including MW Robert Gresham of North Carolina. I talked with MW Gresham about attending a lodge in his Jurisdiction after the conference. I met MW Gresham at Campbell Lodge No. 374 in Troutman, North Carolina and you would have thought the President of the United States was attending. We had 43 brethren from all the towns around Troutman attending lodge to see two sitting Grand Masters in attendance. In North Carolina, the brethren rarely see the Grand Master except at the Grand Lodge Communication because the District Deputies make the Official Visits to the lodges. I had a wonderful time and great fellowship with MW Gresham and all of the brethren of Campbell Lodge No. 374.

## **Visitations to Alaska Masonic Lodges:**

We had joint lodge meetings in Palmer, Fairbanks, and Soldotna where three lodges met together. My home lodge, Glacier Lodge No. 10, decided to host the Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers separately from Aurora Lodge No. 15 and Anchorage Lodge No. 17 in District No. 3. I talked with the Worshipful Masters of Aurora Lodge and Anchorage Lodge to see if they wished to have a joint official visit by the Grand Lodge Officers and each decided to host the Grand Lodge Officers at a separate meeting. All of the other lodges were visited individually because of the distance from each other. During September 2012, Valdez and the Kenai Peninsula experienced excessive rainfall and significant flooding. I asked the Worshipful Masters of Valdez Lodge No. 4, Seward Lodge No. 6, Kenai Lodge No. 11, and Sterling Lodge No. 22 if they would prefer to move the Grand Masters Official Visit to a later date and all the Worshipful Masters agreed. The Official Visit was held late in September 2012. After all of the lodge meetings were closed, we invited all Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Masons plus the ladies to join us in the lodge room to participate in open discussion about the latest activities within the Grand Lodge. It was quite evident to all the Grand Lodge Officers that the officers of all 20 lodges within Alaska were striving to implement the Grand Masters Theme for the year of "Getting Back to Alaska". Brethren of all lodges, I thank you for ensuring that we only do the Alaska Ritual and Masonic Work.

## **Visitations of Concordant Bodies and Grand Communications:**

The Grand Lodge Officers and I have attended many Concordant Body installations where we extended our congratulations on great installations. They were impressive, and we wished them a successful and prosperous year.

I attended the Grand Lodge Communication of the Grand Lodge of Japan in March 2012 where Ginger and I were received and treated like Royalty by M. : W. : Phil Ambrose, the Grand Secretary and a Past Grand Master of Japan. I attended the Communication and the Installation of the new Grand Master MW Kazafumi Mabuchi and the Grand Lodge Officers.

Also, in March 2012, I asked the leaders of our Concordant Bodies to attend a meeting to continue MW John “Bo” Clines’ program of establishing a Grand Lodge Calendar. The meeting was very productive in moving the calendar activities forward. I asked Brother Mark Beckman to chair the Grand Lodge Calendar web page development and final product and he did so. We are now formulating a list of all the lodges in Alaska and the Concordant Bodies’ Point of Contact for the Calendar. The next Grand Master of Alaska will have to finalize the implementation.

In April 2012, Ginger and I had a very enjoyable trip attending the Grand Lodge of Hawaii, and were impressed by the work of the Grand Lodge.

The MW Prince Hall Grand Lodge held their Grand Communication in Fairbanks during April but the Grand Lodge of Alaska did not receive an invitation. RW David Worel was well prepared to represent our Grand Lodge but we could find no information about their Communication. I have talked with MW Curtis Harris, Grand Master of Prince Hall Masons of Alaska, about ensuring we receive an invitation in the future and he has agreed that we will.

June was a very busy month with visits of the Grand Lodge Officers to the Grand Lodge of Arizona, Grand Lodge of Washington, Grand Lodge of Oregon, and the Grand Lodge of British Columbia/Yukon. RW Doug Teninty represented our Grand Lodge at the Grand Lodge of Oregon. Three of the Grand Lodge Officers drove to Fairbanks and were met by RW Dave Worel so we all could attend the Grand Assembly of Alaska, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

In July, I was invited to attend the Imperial Shrine Session in Charlotte, North Carolina. I was asked by the Supreme Council of Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction to allow them to visit Anchorage and Fairbanks for the purpose of a Scottish Rite Forum to discuss Masonic History and membership retention. I gave my permission for their visit to the Jurisdiction of Alaska. Illustrious Brother Arturo de Hoyas and Illustrious Brother Dean Alban visited Anchorage and Fairbanks and gave an outstanding presentation to the brothers at each location. I attended the Forum at both locations. I would recommend allowing this type of program to continue if funds are available.

I was unable to attend the Gold Rush Days in Valdez during August but RW Doug Teninty attended and had a wonderful time. I attended the Grand Court, Order of the Amaranth, in Fairbanks and was happy to be able to represent Grand Lodge. Then Ginger and I were off to the Grand Lodge of Wyoming to attend its Grand Communication. We had a great time and the friendship was wonderful.

The International Days festivities were held in Dawson City, Yukon this year during September and I attended along with RW Jim Herrington and RW Doug Teninty. We were able to witness a Third Degree being conferred on a Brother during our visit. Some of our Alaska Brethren filled key positions in the degree. It was enlightening to hear the Yukon Ritual. It is basically the same with small differences. RW Doug Teninty represented our Grand Lodge at the Grand Lodge of Idaho. Ginger and I attended the Grand Lodge of California in San Francisco during September and I rode a Cable Car for the first time. The hospitality was great and I met almost all of the Grand Masters in attendance today at the Grand Lodge of California.

In November, 2012, I attended the Grand Lodge of Maryland where the fellowship and hospitality was wonderful.

My final travel was to Lafayette Lodge No. 241 in Seattle, Washington to attend the International Night and met six other Grand Masters during the festivities. The evening was fantastic and the fellowship the best. What an honor to sign the Bible of Lafayette Lodge No. 241 which so many famous people and Past Grand Masters have signed.

#### **Grand Lodge Office relocation:**

I had been talking with David Hunt, the Secretary of the York Rite Bodies in the Anchorage Area, who manages the York Rite Buildings which the Grand Lodge rented at the corner of 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Fairbanks Street about moving the Grand Lodge Office to the York Rite Building. We all agreed. Then, we had a large gathering of Masonic Brothers from all of the Anchorage Lodge and on October 20, 2012, we moved the Grand Lodge Office to the York Rite Building. The mailing address is still the same but may change in the near future. The facility really enhances our Grand Lodge Office image.

#### **Necrology:**

I am sad to report that since our last Communication 54 of our brothers have laid down their working tools and answered the call of the Great Architect of the Universe. A memorial service will be conducted later today.

#### **Dispensation Approval:**

A Blanket Dispensation was issued on April 9, 2012 to allow all Lodges and Brethren to wear their Masonic Aprons and Jewels to public events in their cities and towns. All Worshipful Masters must inform their District Deputy of the event and their method of

representation before attending the event. They were reminded about their conduct while wearing their Masonic Regalia.

Dispensation for Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21 to move their Stated Meeting from July 3, 2012 to July 17, 2012 due to July 4, 2012 holiday was approved on May 23, 2012.

Dispensation for Aurora Lodge No. 15 to hold a special meeting for a Masonic Trial on October 27, 2012 was approved on October 11, 2012.

Dispensation for Fairbanks Lodge No. 12 to move the Location of the lodge meeting for their December Stated Communication to Tanana Lodge No. 3 Lodge Building was approved on November 19, 2012.

Dispensation for Fairbanks Lodge No. 12 to hold a special election for the Junior Warden Office was approved on December 6, 2012

Dispensation for Seward Lodge No. 6 to move their Stated Communication night from January 1, 2013 to January 8, 2013 due to it being New Year's Day was approved on December 27, 2012.

### **Appointments:**

WB Andrew A. Hodnik was appointed Grand Representative to Sweden.

Brother Mark Beckman was appointed to design the Web site and format for our Grand Lodge Calendar.

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

The Craft throughout the state is doing excellent work and almost all Lodges were opened in due form without the use of ciphers. The theme for my year "Getting Back to Alaska" has been implemented and the Worshipful Masters and Brethren are working to ensure only Alaska Ritual Work is being done in the Lodges. During our official visit to one of the lodges in Southeast Alaska the Deputy Grand Master, RW James Herrington and I found that some special floor work and ritual training was need to help them become more proficient at opening and closing the lodge. The Deputy Grand Master volunteered to visit the lodge a short time later to help with their work. The District Deputy of District No. 4, Al Brookman, accompanied the Deputy Grand Master. The lodge was very receptive to the visit and implemented the training. The Deputy Grand Master was invited to give the Lecture for the Master Mason Degree at Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21. I accompanied the Deputy Grand Master to Juneau to observe the three Master Mason Degrees and help as needed. The Degrees were progressively performed very well. As each degree was conferred, the Deputy Grand Master would provide suggestions for the floor work and ritual to help the lodge officers become more proficient. The last Third Degree was beautiful to watch as each officer performed their ritual and floor work very well. The Lodge Training provided after each Grand Lodge

Communication is a golden opportunity for the Lodge Officers to learn how to be better leaders of their lodges and help the brethren to be better officers of their lodge.

**Official Acts:**

Ketchikan Lodge No. 19 informed me of a Prince Hall Brother wanting to dimitt from Summit Lodge, Prince Hall Affiliate of Alaska and join Ketchikan Lodge No. 19. I talked with MW Curtis Harris, Grand Master of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alaska, and asked him to intervene in acquiring a Dimit from Summit Lodge which he did. I asked the Worshipful Master of Ketchikan Lodge to form a committee consisting of a Past District Deputy, the Worshipful Master, and one other brother from the lodge to evaluate the Prince Hall brother and determine if he was a proficient Master Mason. The Worshipful Master and several other brothers of the lodge received information detrimental to the Prince Hall brother's character. The Committee for Evaluation decided not to evaluate the Prince Hall brother for his proficiency.

At the request of Tanana Lodge No. 3, I appointed a committee of three members of Tanana Lodge No. 3 to include the District Deputy of District No. 1 and Worshipful Master to review the Master Mason qualifications of a Prince Hall Brother that had dimitted from their Prince Hall Lodge and petitioned for membership in Tanana Lodge. The District Deputy and committee met with the Prince Hall Brother and they informed me of the brothers' full qualifications as a Master Mason. I gave my permission for the Prince Hall Brother to become a member of Tanana Lodge No. 3 without having to go through the degrees.

The Masonic Recognition of the Grande Loge Nationale Francaise (GLNF) by the Grand Lodge of Alaska was removed on August 9, 2012 based upon the removal of the Recognition by the Conference of Grand Masters of North America.

**Bylaws Approved:**

Bylaws to establish a meeting time was approved for Fairbanks Lodge No. 12.

**Recommendations:**

It is my recommendation that a late filing fee of \$50.00 be added to the \$25.00 registration fee for those registrations postmarked after the registration deadline. Late filings result in the Grand Secretary's office and the Grand Master having to make many changes at the last minute, which in some cases cannot be accommodated. The \$15 fee has not deterred anyone from filing a late registration. An early registration is highly recommended.

I recommend that the Grand Lodge continue to finalize the Grand Lodge Calendar formulated and designed by Brother Mark Beckman and to encourage all of the Lodges of the Grand Lodge of Alaska to designate a Point of Contact for input from their lodge. I

further recommend that the Concordant Bodies of Alaska Masonry be encouraged to designate a Point of Contact for their subordinate organizations.

I recommend that we rewrite the criteria for the selection of the “Mason of the Year Award” and implement two new awards. The first new award is the “Masonic Lifetime Achievement Award” and the second is “Humanitarian Award”. The criteria for selection of the recipient will be available from the Grand Lodge Secretary. I ask that the Grand Lodge Secretary include the criteria for these awards in the Grand Lodge Proceedings Book for the Thirty-second Annual Grand Lodge Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alaska.

It is my recommendation that we allow advertising in the Grand Lodge Newsletter “Light from the Great Land”. The Editor of the Newsletter can determine the cost of each space and it can be approved by the Grand Master or his designated committee.

I have read the transcript of the Masonic Trial for Brother Jonathan Winchester and believe that his Suspension for the offenses has been fulfilled. I believe that he will be a good Mason. Therefore, I recommend that Brother Jonathan Winchester, previously of Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21 be made a Master Mason at large allowing him to petition any lodge within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alaska.

### **Appreciation:**

Thanks to all of our brethren who have made this year special for the Grand Lodge Officers. Your Honors, Courtesies, and Fellowship are greatly appreciated. Our visits to all 20 lodges within Alaska were warmly received, the food was delicious, and your ritual work has significantly improved.

There are so many to thank that I don’t want to leave anyone out. The Sessions and Arrangement Committee, chaired by RW Steve Lee, all of his committeemen, I sincerely thank you for coordinating the Transportation. I thank all of my Committee Chairman and all of the workers for a great year as Grand Master. RW Jerry Wasson and VW Tom Schram have given me many hours of suggestions and recommendations and I thank you for all you do and have done for the Grand Lodge. To RW Jim Grubbs, I thank you for all you have done and do for the Grand Lodge. Thanks to the District Deputies for your support and the hard work you have done for me. It truly made my job easier.

To the Grand Lodge Line Officers, I appreciate your warm friendship during our travels throughout the Jurisdiction and to many, many, travels outside our great state. The times we shared together during our travels, laughing and joking, agreeing and disagreeing, will be remembered for years to come. The time as Grand Master is fleeting and I cherish every moment we spent together. To the upcoming line officers, I hope during your year as Grand Master that you will always cherish the good times.

To my family, Jerry Junior, Heidi, Evie, Montgomery, Liz, Wolfgang, and Katy, thanks for all of your support in taking me to and from the airport during all hours of the night and knowing the answer to the question, “Are you going to Grand Lodge, Grandpa?”

I cannot express the true gratitude I have for my wife, Ginger, for always keeping the household running during my episodes traveling throughout the world. Thank you for the love and support you have given me. Thank you all!

MW Jerry W. Pinion  
Grand Master

# 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.

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 6 Lodges did not submit their End-of-Year Reports by the January 10<sup>th</sup> deadline.

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

Tanana #3	Valdez #4
Mt McKinley #5	Seward #6
Matanuska #7	Kodiak #9
Glacier #10	Kenai #11
Fairbanks #12	Eagle River #13
Aurora #15	North Pole #16
Anchorage #17	Sterling #22

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

White Pass #1
Mt Verstovia #18
Ketchikan #19
Iditarod #20
Mt Juneau-Gastineaux #21
Petersburg #23

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 1672 Masons in the jurisdiction of Alaska. The chart below reflects the total number of members in Alaska lodges as 1818. 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 58 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. We use this roster to verify the Grand Lodge membership roster with the Lodges in an attempt to keep our discrepancies to a minimum.

I hope that the members of the Lodge will recognize the key place of the Secretary on the Lodge Management Team and will give him any assistance and encouragement necessary to ensure current and accurate reporting of their Lodge.

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 to move the Grand Lodge office to its new location in the York Rite building on the second floor with the Library/Museum. 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

It was moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and approved to accept report.

## STATUS OF LODGES

Lodge	Elected	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliate/Dual	Reinstated	Total Gain	Demits	Deaths	Suspended	NPD	Total Loss	Net Gain/Loss	Mem. 12-31-12
1	3	3	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	2	0	56
3	4	3	2	4	5	4	13	5	11	0	5	21	-8	210
4	3	2	0	0	0	9	0	0	1	0	1	2	-2	65
5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
6	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	26
7	5	5	4	4	2	0	6	0	0	0	4	4	2	104
9	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	3	0	4	8	-7	51
10	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	-3	170
11	3	1	0	0	3	1	4	0	2	0	0	2	2	99
12	2	1	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	6	8	-6	84
13	3	3	1	2	1	1	4	2	2	0	1	5	-1	92
15	7	7	2	7	1	0	8	1	1	1	3	6	2	74
16	1	1	2	0	4	0	4	1	1	0	5	7	-3	55
17	10	10	5	5	6	1	12	2	15	1	2	20	-8	301
18	1	1	3	2	0	1	3	0	1	0	0	1	2	56
19	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	-3	66
20	2	2	2	1	0	2	3	2	4	0	4	10	-7	99
21	12	11	6	4	0	0	4	0	9	0	0	9	-5	136
22	1	1	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	33
23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	-1	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>-41</b>	<b>1818</b>

# **REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

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

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

Re: Request for Recognition of the Grand Lodge of Albania.

We, have a request for Recognition from the Grand Lodge of Albania. This Grand Lodge was consecrated on October 14, 2011, in Tirana by the Grand Orient of Italy with participation of the Regular Grand Lodge of Serbia and the Grand Lodge of Greece.

The Commission on Information for Recognition of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons of North America at its meeting held in Atlanta, Georgia, on February 18-20, 2012 stated the Grand Lodge of Albania meets the standard for Recognition.

Fraternally submitted,

MW Henry T. Dunbar, Chairman

RW David Worel

W Jerry W. Pinion, Jr.

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

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

Recognition was granted by hand vote by the Grand Lodge.

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

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

Re: Request for Recognition of the Grand loge Reguliere de Tahiti et des arhipels.

We, have a request for Recognition from the Grand Lodge of Tahiti and its archipelagos. This new Grand Lodge was consecrated on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012. It consists of a number of lodges which had been chartered by the Grand Lodge Nationale of France. Turmoil within the Grand Lodge Nationale of France, the dissolution of their provincial Grand Lodge, and a decree of closing down all their regular lodges were all factors leading to the decision to form their own Grand Lodge.

The Grand Masters conference reports that this new Grand Lodge practices regular Masonry, is a sovereign territory, and meets the standards of recognition.

Fraternally submitted,

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

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

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

Recognition was granted by hand vote by the Grand Lodge.

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

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

Re: Recognition of the Grand Lodge of Sergipe.

We received a request for recognition from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Sergipe in Brazil. This Grand Lodge was chartered on November 15, 1983. A search of the reports from the Grand Master's Conference indicates that this Grand Lodge was never investigated by the Commission on Recognition. It is not even listed in the index of former reports, dating back to 1961.

We recommend that the Grand Secretary correspond with the Grand Lodge of Sergipe and advise them to submit their request to the Secretary/Treasurer of the Commission: MW Joe C. Harrison, 6262 Garden Grove, Memphis, TN 38134.

Fraternally submitted,

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

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

## **4th Report**

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

Re: The Grand Loge Nationale Francaise (GLNF).

We received correspondence from numerous Grand Lodges from around the world this past year announcing that they were suspending fraternal relations with the G. L. N. F. because of the turmoil that was on-going within the leadership of that Grand Lodge. Most felt that the situation in France was casting a bad image on the reputation of Masons world wide.

Consequently, on August 8, 2012, with the unanimous consent of all elected Grand Lodge officers of this jurisdiction, the Grand Master issued an edict suspending all fraternal relations with the G. L. N. F. This suspension to hold in effect until such time as peace and harmony was restored to the G.L. N. F. This suspension means that no inter-visitation, affiliation, or Masonic communication is permitted between members of the Grand Lodge of Alaska and members of the Grand Lodge Nationale Francaise.

The Commission on Recognition of the Grand Master's Conference of North America recommended that although the G. L. N. F. is still considered to be regular, there is a question of their meeting standards of recognition. After much consideration, the Commission is of the opinion that a reasonable course of action to consider is to suspend fraternal relations with the G. L. N. F. until such time as a resolution to their crisis is achieved.

Fraternally submitted,

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

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

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

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

Re: Request for recognition from the Grande Loge De L'Alliance Maconnique Francaise.

We had a request for Recognition from the Grande Loge De L'Alliance Maconnique Francaise or the Grand Lodge of the French Masonic Alliance.

This Grand Lodge was formally consecrated on April 28, 2012. It supposedly consists of 400 lodges and over 8,000 brethren who have come together in “calm and brotherhood.”

Being as new as it is, this Grand Lodge has not been properly vetted by the Grand Master’s Conference nor any other recognized Masonic authority.

This committee recommends that no action be taken on this request at this time.

Fraternally submitted,

MW Henry T. Dunbar, Chairman

RW David Worel

W Jerry W. Pinion, Jr.

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

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

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

Re: Miscellaneous correspondence

1. We had a letter from the Grand Lodge of Moldova inquiring about what action we had taken on their request for recognition which was submitted in September 2011. This committee never received that request. We recommend the Grand Lodge of Moldova be advised to resubmit their request and it will be considered at our next communication.
2. A letter was received from the Grand Loge Traditionelle & Moderne De France. It goes on and on for 7 pages trying to explain all the events which have occurred in France over the past 15 years leading up to the present situation in the G. L. N.F.
3. A situation arose in Arkansas whereby some Masons who had been expelled from their lodges were allowed to remain as Shriners. This was at first condoned by Shriners International. After a couple of meetings between the Imperial Potentate and the Grand Master of Arkansas it was agreed that Masonic Law should prevail whenever a conflict exists between the Grand Lodge Masonic Law and the rules and regulations of the Imperial Shrine.
4. It has been reported that the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA adopted an irregular organization (The Grand Priory of the Scottish Reformed and Rectified Rite of the United States of America) and made it a part of the Grand Encampment. The Great Priory of the Scottish Reformed and Rectified Rite of Occitania, which chartered The Grand Priory of the Scottish Reformed and Rectified Rite of the United States of America was found to be irregular by the 2011 Report of the Commission on Information for Recognition, as it reported this information gathering mission for the Conference of Grand Masters sitting in

their conference in Atlanta, GA. In conclusion my brethren, if given the opportunity to join The Grand Priory of the Scottish Reformed and Rectified Rite of the United States of America, don't do so; it is an unrecognized/irregular organization.

5. Finally my brethren, irregular Masonic organizations coming into the United States have not been much of a problem in the past. In recent years however, it has been happening with a much greater frequency. Also be vigilant when receiving visitors into our lodges. If in doubt-check it out.

Fraternally submitted,

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

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

### **Supplemental Report**

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

Letter from Grand Encampment of Knights Templar

General Order No. 4  
January 21, 2013

To all Grand Commanderies and Subordinate Commanderies within the Jurisdiction, of and holding Allegiance to, the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar.

GREETINGS,

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar adopted the Templar Orders, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> Degrees of the Scottish Reformed and Rectified Rite, in order to provide these old, beautiful and spiritual degrees to our members as optional degrees for those who have expressed an interest in them.

A few Grand Lodges have objected to the authority emanating from The Grand Priory of Occitania and some have taken action against our members. A few are even contemplating actions against our Commanderies and Grand Commanderies.

While we firmly believe that the authority from The Grand Priory of Occitania is regular and can be traced back to the Eighteenth Century, it is our desire that the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar and our Grand Commanderies maintain harmony with the Grand Lodges in the jurisdictions wherein we operate.

To that end and in order to protect our Sir Knights, Commanderies, Grand Commanderies, and the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, the Grand Encampment surrenders and returns the letters of authority issued by the Grand Priory of Occitania. Those who have received the said degrees pursuant thereto are hereby discharged.

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, at Vestal, New York, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 2013, A.O. 895

Courteously

David D. Goodwin, GCT  
Grand Master

Attest:

Lawrence E. Tucker, GCT  
Grand Recorder

Fraternally submitted,

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

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

# REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

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

	<b>Total Number of Ballots</b>
<b>Grand Lodge</b>	34
<b>White Pass Lodge No. 1</b>	4
<b>Tanana Lodge No. 3</b>	7
<b>Valdez Lodge No. 4</b>	5
<b>Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5</b>	0
<b>Seward Lodge No. 6</b>	4
<b>Matanuska Lodge No. 7</b>	7
<b>Kodiak Lodge No. 9</b>	3
<b>Glacier Lodge No. 10</b>	6
<b>Kenai Lodge No. 11</b>	7
<b>Fairbanks Lodge No. 12</b>	4
<b>Eagle River Lodge No. 13</b>	6
<b>Aurora Lodge No. 15</b>	8
<b>North Pole Lodge No. 16</b>	4
<b>Anchorage Lodge No. 17</b>	12
<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>	5
<b>Sterling Lodge No. 22</b>	3
<b>Petersburg Lodge No. 23</b>	4
<b>Voided Ballots</b>	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>141</b>

Respectfully submitted,

VW Darrell E Winsor Chairman  
RW Jacques Boiley  
VW Jim R. McMichael  
VW Glen E. Josey  
W Norman Gutcher

# APPOINTMENT OF REGULAR COMMITTEES

## Standing Committees

### Jurisprudence

VW Ken Creamer Chairman  
MW Chuck E. Corbin PGM  
VW Gerald B. Hughes  
VW Tim Smith  
Bro. Philip N. Nash Advisor

### Grievance & Appeals

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

### Finance

MW Johnny L. Wallace PGM Chairman  
MW Harry J. Koenen PGM  
RW James D. Grubbs GT  
W John H. Freie  
W James R. Griffith  
Bro. C. 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 Stewart  
W Jon Ward  
W David Arnold

### Credentials

VW Darrell E Winsor Chairman  
RW Jacques Boiley  
VW Jim R. McMichael  
VW Glen E. Josey  
W Norman Gutcher

### **Masonic Public Relations**

W Jeff Polizotto Chairman  
MW Samuel K. Medsker PGM  
W David Oaks

### **Masonic Youth**

W Robert Cartmill Chairman  
W David Y. Prentice  
VW Thomas L. Schram

### **Bylaws**

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

### **Public Schools**

W Clarence E. Keto

### **Long Range Planning**

RW David Worel Chairman  
RW James R. Herrington  
MW Ronald L. Ackerman PGM  
MW Jerry W. Pinion GM  
MW Ronald L. Ackerman PGM  
RW James D. Grubbs  
RW Jerome P. "Jerry" Wasson  
RW Douglas C. Teninty

### **Leadership Training**

Sitting Masters

### **Masonic Scholarship**

VW Frank Weiss Chairman  
Bro. Lawrence Schaufler  
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  
W Jerry W. Pinion, Jr.  
W Montgomery J. Schefers  
W Scott B. Carnahan

### **George Washington National Memorial**

MW Chuck Corbin PGM

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

MW John Grainger PGM Emeritus

### **Wills & Endowments**

MW Johnnie L. Wallace PGM

### **Fund Raising**

(Sitting Lodge Masters)

### **Ritual**

All District Deputies and Lodge Masters

### **Internet**

VW Dennis N. Oakland Chairman

### **Trestle Board**

MW John R. "Bo" Cline PGM

### **Awards**

District Deputies

### **George Washington National Memorial**

MW Charles E. Corbin PGM

### **Masonic Code Review**

VW Roger K. Hansen Chairman  
VW Monte Ervin

### **Military Recognition**

W Mark Sledge  
W David Y. Prentice

## **Grand Lodge Photographers**

W	Don Hale
W	Claude H. Roberts
W	Kevin W. Tennet

## **Deputies of the Grand Master**

District 1	VW	Mike Starkey
District 2	VW	Carl Lindstrom
District 3	VW	Thomas V. Schram
District 4	VW	Albert Brookman
District 5	VW	Dennis Oakland

## REPORTS OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No report of unfinished business reported.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

No report of recommendations reported.

## MOTIONS

1. VW Ken Creamer, chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, indicated that White Pass Lodge No. 1 was in violation of the Section 9.10 Constitution Tax Reporting but that there are new officers in the Lodge and they are trying to eliminate the problem of not having the tax exempt status but as of Grand Lodge have not been able to acquire that status. From this VW Ken Creamer made motion that Grand Lodge allow White Pass Lodge No. 1 to vote during the voting process at Grand Lodge.

Motion carried.

2. Grand Secretary had a dilemma concerning on the end of the year reports that some indigent life members are listed as indigent members and the lodge is not paying per capita on these brothers. How can a life member be listed as indigent and avoid paying per capita.

Grand Master asked jurisprudence committee to read Section 9.04

All those in favor of what the code says signify by the sign of a Mason.

Passed by majority vote.

3. Grand Master-elect James R. Herrington made motion to have a public installation at 4:00 PM to install the elected and appointed Grand Lodge Officers of the Grand Lodge of Alaska.

Motion passed unanimously.

# RESOLUTIONS

## Carryover Resolution 2012-6

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respectively submitted,

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

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

This resolution received a vote of 57 to 37 and as a result is carried over to Grand Lodge 2013. It now requires a simple majority to pass.

**Note: This carryover resolution was declared not in proper form due to first line indicating it was Constitution 16.10 yet is actually Bylaw 16.10 and it is not amending item 2 but rather adding item 4 and was therefore not voted on by Grand Lodge.**

## **Carryover Resolution 2012-7**

To amend Bylaw Section 14.08 Alaska Masonic Code

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Section 14.08 Bylaw**

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

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

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

**Section 14.08 Bylaw**

Be Amended to read:

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

Respectfully submitted,

John Bishop (15)

Joe Dahl (15)

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

This resolution received a vote of 58 to 20 and as a result is carried over to Grand Lodge 2013. It now requires a simple majority to pass.

**Note: This carryover resolution received the required majority vote (69 in favor and 20 against) and is therefore adopted.**

## **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 90% majority to pass.

**Note: This resolution did not receive the required majority vote for passage but did receive a majority vote (64 in favor and 34 against) and is a carryover resolution.**

## **Resolution 2013-2**

To amend Constitution Section 2.01 of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To correct an omission within the original resolution by adding the Grand Treasurer to the Titles of the Grand Officers within Section 2.01.

**WHEREAS:** The original resolution, 93-8, Created the Position of the Grand Treasurer, and

**WHEREAS:** Resolution 93-8 did not receive the required majority vote but received a simple majority vote and became a carryover resolution in 1994; and

**WHEREAS:** Resolution 93-8 did not address the title of the Grand Treasurer.

**WHEREAS;** Carryover Resolution 93-8 was amended twice but did not address the issue of adding the Grand Treasurer to the Titles of the Grand Officers; and

**WHEREAS;** We have no record, amendment to this resolution, or idea of who or when the Grand Treasurer position was inserted into the Titles of the Grand Officers, erroneously.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 2.01 Constitution of the Alaska

Masonic Code which now reads:

### **Section 2.01 Constitution**

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

1. Elective:
  - Grand Master
  - Deputy Grand Master
  - Senior Grand Warden
  - Junior Grand Warden
  - Grand Secretary
  - Grand Treasurer
  
2. Appointive:
  - Grand Chaplain
  - Grand Lecturer
  - Grand Orator
  - Grand Historian
  - Grand Marshal
  - Senior Grand Deacon
  - Junior Grand Deacon

Grand Standard Bearer  
Grand Sword Bearer  
Grand Bible Bearer  
Senior Grand Steward  
Junior Grand Steward Grand Organist  
Grand Tyler

Titles of the Grand Officers are:

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

Members of this Grand Lodge are:

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

**(Section revised 1983, 1987, clarified 1988, 1994)**

Be amended to read:

### **Section 2.01 Constitution**

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

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

Grand Organist  
Grand Tyler

Titles of the Grand Officers are:

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

Members of this Grand Lodge are:

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

**(Section revised 1983, 1987, clarified 1988, 1994)**

Respectfully submitted

VW Roger Hansen (7, 20, 23)

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

**Note: This resolution received a unanimous vote (101 in favor and 0 against) and was adopted.**

The following is added for informational purposes only:

## **Carryover Resolution 93-8**

To establish the elected office of Grand Treasurer

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To establish the elected office of Grand Treasurer

### **RESOLUTION;**

**WHEREAS:** the Grand Jurisdiction is without the appropriate resources to employ a staff to assist the Grand Secretary; and,

**WHEREAS;** there is no desire or good reason to overburden any particular Grand Officer in the discharge of his duties; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 3 of the Alaska Masonic code be amended to add the elective position of Grand Treasurer as follows:

**SECTION 3.06 Constitution**

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

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

The following would be housekeeping changes if this Resolution passes.

Section 2.01 Constitution

**Add the words “Grand Treasurer” to the list of Elected officers.**

Section 2.02 Bylaw

The following Grand Lodge Officers are elected by ballot at each Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge: a Grand Master, a Deputy Grand Master, a Senior Grand Warden, a Junior Grand Warden, a Grand Secretary, **and a Grand Treasurer.**

Section 3.05 Constitution

Grand Secretary, Duties: **paragraph 5 would be deleted.**

**The existing Sections 3.06 – 3.10 define the duties of the Grand Chaplain, Grand Lecturer, Grand Orator, Grand Historian, and other Grand Officers. These would be renumbered sequentially following the new Section 3.06 which list the duties of the Grand Treasurer.**

Respectfully submitted

The Committee on Finance

W Thomas K. Black, PM (15), Chairman.

W Donald H. Dinkel, PM (7)

W John R Dolenc, PM (7)

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

As a carryover resolution that proposes to amend the Constitution, it will require a two-thirds vote for adoption.

## Carryover Resolution 93-8 as Amended

To establish the elected office of Grand Treasurer

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To establish the elected office of Grand Treasurer

### **RESOLUTION;**

**WHEREAS:** the Grand Jurisdiction is without the appropriate resources to employ a staff to assist the Grand Secretary; and,

**WHEREAS;** there is no desire or good reason to overburden any particular Grand Officer in the discharge of his duties; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 3 of the Alaska Masonic code be amended to add the elective position of Grand Treasurer as follows:

### **SECTION 3.06 Constitution**

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

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

MW James Williams, Chairman of Jurisprudence Committee: First, I move that resolution 93.8 be amended by deleting paragraph 2 of the proposed amendment to Section 3.06, as contained in the resolution; Seconded and passed.

James Williams, Chairman of Jurisprudence Committee: I move that 93.8 be amended by deleting paragraph 3 of the proposed amendment to Section 3.06; Seconded and passed  
The following would be housekeeping changes if this Resolution passes.

Section 2.01 Constitution

**Add the words “Grand Treasurer” to the list of Elected officers.**

Section 2.02 Bylaw

The following Grand Lodge Officers are elected by ballot at each Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge: a Grand Master, a Deputy Grand Master, a Senior Grand Warden, a Junior Grand Warden, a Grand Secretary, **and a Grand Treasurer.**

Section 3.05 Constitution

Grand Secretary, Duties: **paragraph 5 would be deleted.**

**The existing Sections 3.06 – 3.10 define the duties of the Grand Chaplain, Grand Lecturer, Grand Orator, Grand Historian, and other Grand Officers. These would be renumbered sequentially following the new Section 3.06 which list the duties of the Grand Treasurer.**

Respectfully submitted

The Committee on Finance

W Thomas K. Black, PM (15), Chairman.

W Donald H. Dinkel, PM (7)

W John R Dolenc, PM (7)

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

As it proposes to amend the Constitution, it will require a unanimous vote for adoption.

**Note: This Carryover Resolution, as amended, received the required majority vote and was adopted.**

### **Resolution 2013-3**

To combine Constitution Sections 7.06 and 7.07 of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To combine two closely related sections into one section.

**WHEREAS:** The process for amending, adding to, or repealing a Bylaw or Constitution amendment is identical, and

**WHEREAS:** Under Section 7.06 Constitution, CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS, it indicates that the proposed amendment is published with the proceedings or is published and circulated as set forth in Section 6.03, paragraphs 1 to 5 under the caption of "Proposed Amendment to the Constitution", yet there is no caption like that in the proceedings, and

**WHEREAS:** Under Section 7.07 Constitution, BYLAW AMENDMENTS, it indicates that the proposed amendment is published with the proceedings or is published and circulated as set forth in Section 6.03, paragraphs 1 to 5 under the caption of "Proposed Changes" yet there is no caption like that in the proceedings, and

**WHEREAS:** All resolutions, carryover resolutions, emergent resolutions, and the disposition of each whether they are a constitution or bylaw amendment are listed in the section of the proceedings entitled “RESOLUTIONS,” and

**WHEREAS:** The publishing and circulation of the proposed amendment and disposition of each amendment is identical, and

**WHEREAS:** The time limit for certifying each amendment in full to each Master to be read and discussed in open lodge is identical for a Bylaw or Constitution amendment, and

**WHEREAS:** The only difference is the vote required for passage between a Bylaw or Constitution amendment, and

**WHEREAS:** Being that everything except one item (voting) is the same, there is no need to have two separate sections describing the process of each, and

**WHEREAS,** The description Section 6.03 paragraphs 1 to 5 is pre-2011 and no longer exists, and

**WHEREAS,** Section 6.03 after 2011 has only three items and relates to the distribution of the proceedings by electronic means.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that Section 7.06 Constitution of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

**Section 7.06 Constitution**

**CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS.** Proposed amendments to the Constitution are presented at an Annual Communication and are referred to a committee, which reports thereon before a vote is taken.

If a vote in favor of a proposed amendment is ninety percent or more, it is declared adopted, and at the close of that communication becomes a part of the Constitution. If the vote is not ninety percent, but there is a majority in favor of the proposed amendment, it lies over one year, and is published with the proceedings or is published and circulated as set forth in Section 6.03, paragraphs 1 to 5 under the caption of "Proposed Amendment to the Constitution". At the next succeeding Annual Communication, if it receives two-thirds of the votes cast thereon, it is declared adopted, and at the close of that communication becomes a part of the Constitution.

**(Section clarified 1988, revised, 1989, 1995)**

Be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following.

**Section 7.06 Constitution**

**BYLAW AND CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS,** The Bylaws and Constitution of the Grand Lodge may be amended, added to, or repealed at an Annual Communication and are referred to a committee, which reports thereon before a vote is taken.

For a Bylaw amendment, if the vote is three-fourths (3/4) majority of the votes cast thereon, it is declared adopted and at the close of the communication becomes a part of the Bylaws. If the vote is not three-fourths (3/4), but there is a majority vote in favor of the proposed amendment, it becomes a carryover resolution and lies over until the next Annual Communication when it is called for final action and finally disposed of in advance of any new business. At that next succeeding Annual Communication, if it received a majority of the votes cast, thereon, it is declared adopted and at the close of that Annual Communication becomes effective.

For a Constitution amendment, if the vote is ninety percent (90%) or more of the votes cast thereon, it is declared adopted and at the close of the communication becomes a part of the Constitution. If the vote is not ninety percent (90%), but there is a majority in favor of the proposed amendment, it becomes a carryover resolution and lies over until the next Annual Communication when it is called for final action and finally disposed of in advance of any new business. If, at that same next Annual Communication, it receives two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast thereon, it is declared adopted and at the close of that Annual Communication becomes part of the Constitution.

At least sixty (60) days in advance of such next Annual Communication, the Grand Secretary certifies each proposed Bylaw and or Constitution amendment or repeal and each carryover resolution in full to the Master of each of the Constituent Lodges to be read and discussed in open Lodge. Each proposed Constitution and Bylaw amendment or repeal, and carryover resolution and disposition of each thereof, is published with the Annual Communication proceedings and circulated in accordance with Section 6.03.

And further be it resolved that Section 7.07 which now reads:

**Section 7.07 Constitution**

**BYLAW AMENDMENTS.** Bylaws of the Grand Lodge may be amended, added to, or repealed at an Annual Communication by a three fourths vote of the Grand Lodge.

If the vote is not a three fourths majority, but it is a majority in favor of the proposed amendment or repeal, it lies over until the next Annual Communication, when it is called for final action and is finally disposed of in advance of action on any new business. At least sixty days in advance of such Annual Communication the Grand Secretary certifies such proposed amendment or repeal in full to the Master of each of the Constituent Lodges to be read and discussed in open Lodge. It is also published with the proceedings or is published and circulated as set forth in Section 6.03, paragraphs 1 to 5 under the caption "Proposed Changes". At such next succeeding Annual Communication, if it receives a majority of the votes cast thereon, it is declared adopted and becomes effective at close of such Annual Communication; otherwise it is declared rejected by Grand Lodge. **(Section clarified 1988, revised 1989)**

Be repealed to read as follows:

**Section 7.07 Constitution**

**BYLAW AMENDMENTS, (Section repealed 2013, see Section 7.06)**

Respectfully submitted

VW Roger Hansen (7, 20, 23)

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

**Note: This resolution received a unanimous vote (106 in favor and 0 against) and was adopted.**

### **Resolution 2013-4**

This resolution, even though it was assigned a resolution number, was ruled not in proper form by Jurisprudence Committee prior to submittal to Grand Lodge and therefore not indicated here.

### **Resolution 2013-5**

To amend Section 5.08.2 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code.

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To alter the wording for better clarification of credentials counting system.

Section 5.08.2

**WHEREAS:** This section does not address who is counted as grand lodge officers and who is not.

**WHEREAS:** This simple change of wording will clarify that ONLY the elected officers of the Grand Lodge Of Alaska shall be counted as grand lodge in the credentials reports.

**WHEREAS:** This will make all Alaska lodges have their true representation in the credentials report.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 5.08.2 Bylaw the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

#### **Section 5.08.2 Bylaw CREDENTIALS.**

2. List properly and report the names of all officers and other members of the Grand Lodge, stating the names and numbers of the Lodges represented, the names and

official positions of the Masters and Wardens present, and the names of the proxies of those not present.

Be amended to read:

**Section 5.08.2 Bylaw  
CREDENTIALS.**

2. List properly and report the names of all **Elected** officers and other members of the Grand Lodge **and members of the constituent Lodges**, stating the names and numbers of the Lodges represented, the names and official positions of the Masters and Wardens present, and the names of the proxies of those not present.

Respectively Submitted

VW Darrell E. Winsor (18)

**Note: The author pulled this resolution after discussing why it was originally declared not in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge.**

## **Emergent Resolution 2013-1**

To amend Bylaw Sections 14.03, 14.04, 15.02, 16.05, 16.22, 17.02, 19.03, 19.09, 20.04, 21.02, 24.01, 29.03, 31.08, 34.01, 34.02, 34.03, 34.04, and 34.05 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.

**WHEREAS:** At the Baltimore Convention of 1843, American Grand Lodges resolved to allow their lodges to meet only on the Third Degree for business and declared that Masons of the “inferior” First and Second Degrees “are not members of lodges”, and

**WHEREAS:** This practice has come to be considered some kind of landmark in the United States, as it has now been in place from before the time any living Mason was born, and

**WHEREAS:** Such a practice has never been adopted in Europe, even in light of the Nazi persecution, and

**WHEREAS:** There is no longer any need for American Grand Lodges to protect themselves from impostors, if there ever really was, and

**WHEREAS:** Continuing to forbid Entered Apprentices from becoming a part of the lodge is no doubt detrimental to the Craft, and

**WHEREAS:** We are treating the symptoms of an illness (the failure of First and Second Degree Masons to advance) and are ignoring the disease (the institutional rules that exclude First and Second Degree Masons from business and the fellowship present in the Lodge Room).

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. Only Master Masons present who are enrolled members in the Lodge may vote on lodge business.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that those portions of Sections 14.04, 15.02, 16.05, 16.22, 19.03, 20.04, 21.02, 24.01, 29.03, 31.08, 34.01, 34.02, 34.03, 34.04, and 34.05 bylaws of the Alaska Masonic Code which now read:

. . . members present . . .

Be amended to read:

. . . **enrolled** members present . . .

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that that portion of Section 17.02

Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

.  
. . . those present . . .

Be amended to read:

. . . those **enrolled members** present . . .

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.

Be amended to read:

**Section 19.09 Bylaw**

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

Respectfully submitted,

VW Dennis N. Oakland 7, 13

**Note: Report of the Jurisprudence Committee: This emergent resolution was declared not in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge since it is not an emergency, does not cause undo harm to the Grand Lodge and is not an expenditure of funds.**

## **Emergent Resolution 2013-2**

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

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

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** To amend Section 9.04 Bylaw, Grand Lodge Dues, paragraph 3 and deleting items A, B, C, and D.

**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:** Making a non-life member of the Lodge at the 50 year point in the members Masonic career a life member for the sole purpose of avoiding to pay the per capita to Grand Lodge is a decision of the Lodge and not the decision of the Grand Lodge, and

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

**WHEREAS:** Item D would be added to the body of Section 9.04 Bylaw

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 9.04 Bylaw, paragraph 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. ...
2. ...; and
3. 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. ...;
2. ...; and
3. 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~~ **an honorary member who is not also an active member.**

Respectfully submitted

MW Jerry W. Pinion  
Grand Master

**Note: Report of the Jurisprudence Committee: This emergent resolution was declared not in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge since it is not an emergency, does not cause undo harm to the Grand Lodge and is not an expenditure of funds and the WHEREAS' were supposition and not fact.**

# REPORTS OF APPOINTED COMMITTEES

## 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 portions of the Grand Master's Message, have considered the same and report as follows:

The Grand Master's Recommendation, page 8 paragraph 5, is in proper form to be considered by Grand Lodge,.

This Recommendation requires a simple majority for adoption

Respectfully submitted,

VW Ken Creamer (18) Chairman  
MW Charles Corbin (7, 20)  
VW Gerald Hughes (19)  
VW Tim Smith (22)  
Bro. Phil Nash (11, 22) Advisor

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

MW Grand Master, for the purpose of placing this recommendation on the floor, I move that this recommendation be adopted.

Report received for the record and was 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 portions of the Grand Master's Message, have considered the same and report as follows:

The Grand Master's action, page 8 paragraph 2, is in proper form to be considered by Grand Lodge,.

This Recommendation requires a simple majority for adoption

Respectfully submitted,

VW Ken Creamer (18) Chairman  
MW Charles Corbin (7, 20)  
VW Gerald Hughes (19)  
VW Tim Smith (22)  
Bro. Phil Nash (11, 22) Advisor

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

MW Grand Master, for the purpose of placing this recommendation on the floor, I move that this recommendation be adopted.

Report received for the record and was 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 portions of the Grand Master's Message, have considered the same and report as follows:

The Grand Master's Recommendation, page 9 paragraph 2, is not in proper form to be considered by Grand Lodge,.

The reason the Committee found that it was not in proper form is that in Section 34 of the Alaska Masonic Code there is a specific section pathway for reinstatement of Masons who have been suspended and this does not comply with that pathway.

This recommendation requires a simple majority for adoption

Respectfully submitted,

VW Ken Creamer (18) Chairman  
MW Charles Corbin (7, 20)  
VW Gerald Hughes (19)  
VW Tim Smith (22)  
Bro. Phil Nash (11, 22) Advisor

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

MW Grand Master, for the purpose of placing this recommendation on the floor, I move that this recommendation be adopted.

Report received for the record discussion followed and report of jurisprudence was accepted.

#### **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 Carryover Resolution 2012-6, have considered the same and report as follows:

This carry-over resolution is not in proper form to be considered by Grand Lodge. Not all WHEREAS' are factual but are suppositions and it states to be a Constitutional amendment of 16.10 but Section 16.10 is a Bylaw and not amending item 2 but rather adding item 4. Grand Master, Brethren understand why we cannot consider this even though it is a carryover. It goes back to the original – whoever implemented or wrote this and must be rewritten to make in proper form.

Respectfully submitted,

VW Ken Creamer (18) Chairman

MW Charles Corbin (7, 20)

VW Gerald Hughes (19)

VW Tim Smith (22)

Bro. Phil Nash (11, 22) Advisor

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

Report received for the record.

#### **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 Carryover Resolution 2012-7, have considered the same and report as follows:

This carryover resolution is in proper form to be considered by Grand Lodge. The Committee does not express an opinion as to whether or not this carryover resolution should or should not be adopted.

As it is a carryover resolution and proposes to amend a bylaw, it requires a simple majority vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

VW Ken Creamer (18) Chairman  
MW Charles Corbin (7, 20)  
VW Gerald Hughes (19)  
VW Tim Smith (22)  
Bro. Phil Nash (11, 22) Advisor

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

Report received for the record.

MW Grand Master, for the purpose of placing the carryover resolution on the floor, I move for the adoption of this resolution.

This carryover resolution received the required majority vote and was 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 2013-1, have considered the same and report as follows:

This resolution is in proper form to be considered by Grand Lodge. The Committee does not express an opinion as to whether or not this resolution should or should not be adopted.

As it proposes to amend the constitution, it requires a ninety percent majority vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

VW Ken Creamer (18) Chairman  
MW Charles Corbin (7, 20)  
VW Gerald Hughes (19)  
VW Tim Smith (22)  
Bro. Phil Nash (11, 22) Advisor

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

Report received for the record.

MW Grand Master, for the purpose of placing the resolution on the floor, I move for the adoption of this resolution.

This resolution did not receive the required majority vote to be adopted but did receive a majority vote and is a carryover resolution.

## **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 2013-2, have considered the same and report as follows:

This resolution is in proper form to be considered by Grand Lodge. The Committee does not express an opinion as to whether or not this resolution should or should not be adopted.

As it proposes to amend the constitution, it requires a ninety percent majority vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

VW Ken Creamer (18) Chairman

MW Charles Corbin (7, 20)

VW Gerald Hughes (19)

VW Tim Smith (22)

Bro. Phil Nash (11, 22) Advisor

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

Report received for the record.

MW Grand Master, for the purpose of placing the resolution on the floor, I move for the adoption of this resolution.

This resolution received a unanimous vote and was adopted.

## **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 2013-3, have considered the same and report as follows:

This resolution is in proper form to be considered by Grand Lodge. The Committee does not express an opinion as to whether or not this resolution should or should not be adopted.

As it proposes to amend the constitution, it requires a ninety percent majority vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

VW Ken Creamer (18) Chairman  
MW Charles Corbin (7, 20)  
VW Gerald Hughes (19)  
VW Tim Smith (22)  
Bro. Phil Nash (11, 22) Advisor

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

Report received for the record.

MW Grand Master, for the purpose of placing the resolution on the floor, I move for the adoption of this resolution.

This resolution received a unanimous vote and was 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 Emergent Resolution 2013-1, have considered the same and report as follows:

This Emergent Resolution is not in proper form to be considered by Grand Lodge. This is not an emergency, does not cause undo harm to the Grand Lodge and is not an expenditure of funds.

Respectfully submitted,

VW Ken Creamer (18) Chairman  
MW Charles Corbin (7, 20)  
VW Gerald Hughes (19)  
VW Tim Smith (22)  
Bro. Phil Nash (11, 22) Advisor

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

Report received for the record.

## **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 2013-2 have considered the same and report as follows:

This Emergent Resolution is not in proper form to be considered by Grand Lodge. This is not an emergency, would not cause undo harm to Grand Lodge or expenditure of funds and the WHEREAS' were supposition and not fact.

Respectfully submitted,

VW Ken Creamer (18) Chairman  
MW Charles Corbin (7, 20)  
VW Gerald Hughes (19)  
VW Tim Smith (22)  
Bro. Phil Nash (11, 22) Advisor

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

Report received for the record.

## **Grievance and Appeals**

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

The Grievance and Appeals Committee is pleased to report that we have had no Grievances or Appeals referred to us this year.

Respectfully submitted,

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

## **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 2012 pursuant to Section 3.06 of the Alaska Masonic Code.

The year of 2012 was a better year for our investment portfolios than 2011 was. All of the investment accounts realized some gains.

The Finance Committee has met on several occasions with our Financial Advisor and Grand Lodge Officers. In general everything has been running well.

The Finance Committee decided to move most of the Legal Fund to a Trust Fund at Wells Fargo, as it was gaining no interest in a standard bank savings account. The Legal Fund will remain there until it is decided that is no longer needed.

My report is quite short but that is a good thing, no negative incidents to report, keep up the good work and buy lots of raffle tickets.

Several Brothers are making Will or insurance policies with the Grand Lodge as Beneficiary. If you need any information on account numbers or where your assets can be the most helpful please contact me or the Grand Lodge. We have received a very generous donation in the amount of \$20,000.00 from MW Chuck Moulthrop to be divided between the Alaska Masonic Foundation for Children and other funds as the Finance Committee so designates.

I must acknowledge the people who make my job a little easier, MW Jerry Pinion, MW Johnnie Wallace, RW Jerry Wasson, VW Tom Schram, Bro Dan O'Connell and most of all my wife Tes, who puts up with me and my Grand Lodge Duties.

Respectfully Submitted

RW Jim Grubbs  
Grand Treasurer

It was moved, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and approved to accept the report

## **Report of the Finance Committee**

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

Finance Committee report for the year 2012

Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Brethren all, this is the report of the finance committee. Grand Master we thank you for the opportunity to serve the Grand Lodge this past year.

The Finance Committee met on several occasions to make decisions in the interest of producing the best results for the investments the Grand Lodge holds. We want to thank Bro. Dan O'Connell for his continuing advice and assistance in watching over our funds. Also we want to thank R W Jim Grubbs for his watchful care of our funds. The funds grew in the double digits this past year, and it looks good for this coming year.

Submitted:

MW Johnnie Wallace, Chairman  
MW Harry Koenen  
RW Jim Grubbs, GT  
W John Freie  
W Jim Griffith  
Bro. Dan O'Connell, Advisor

### **Finance Committee on Grand Master's recommendation**

Finance Committee has met and review the recommendation on page 8, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph of your recommendations (read Grand Master's recommendation) It is my recommendation that a late filing fee of \$50.00 be added to the \$25.00 registration fee for those registrations postmarked after the registration deadline. Late filings result in the Grand Secretary's office and the Grand Master having to make many changes at the last minute, which in some cases cannot be accommodated. The \$15 fee has not deterred anyone from filing a late registration. An early registration is highly recommended.

As chairman of the Committee, we have met and considered the \$50.00 fee and many of us have dealt with this issue before and know the problems that the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary deal with each and every year because of the late filing.

I would move to amend this recommendation of the late filing fee from \$50.00 to \$30.00. Our feeling on this is, if were to make it \$50.00 those that are late probably would not pay that fee to attend resulting in a decrease in our attendance at the Grand Lodge. So, therefore, I move that our fee be changed from \$50.00 to \$30.00. It was 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Grand Master: It was moved and seconded to amend the motion from \$50.00 to \$30.00. Before we vote on this, I need to get a ruling from Jurisprudence regarding this to make sure that what we are about to do is not in violation of our Masonic Code.

(Report of the Jurisprudence Committee read.)

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

This is the first report of the Jurisprudence Committee:

We, the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred portions of the Grand Master's Message, have considered the same and report as follows:

The Grand Master's Recommendation, page 8 paragraph 1, is in proper form to be considered by Grand Lodge,.

This Recommendation requires a simple majority for adoption

Respectfully submitted,

VW Ken Creamer (18) Chairman

MW Charles Corbin (7, 20)

VW Gerald Hughes (19)

VW Tim Smith (22)

Bro. Phil Nash (11, 22) Advisor

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

MW Grand Master, for the purpose of placing this recommendation on the floor, I move that this recommendation be adopted.

Report received for the record and was adopted.

Vote to increase the late fee from \$15.00 to \$30.00 that is the motion on the floor.

Amendment to motion was seconded. The vote was on the amendment first and passed. The motion as amended was voted upon and passed

## **Audit Committee Report**

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

MW Jerry W. Pinion, SR:

Most worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

The committee met to conduct an audit on the Grand Lodge Checking account provided by the "First National Bank in Anchorage, Alaska, FNB" for the period January 1, 2012 through Dec 31, 2012. The account deposit record, check record, and electronic bill pay transactions were examined for consistency and integrity of accounting practices and balance provided by the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer, with these being reconciled to the FNB monthly statement record of the account provided to the committee.

The checking accounting balances were found to be in agreement in all three accounting ledgers: the Secretaries accounting manual input book, the Treasures computer aided accounting ledger, and the accounting provided by the Grand Treasurer of the FNB monthly account statements.

The accountings of the ledgers were in good order and the committee found recommendations being in place from last year's audit committee. We found the organization to the individual transaction level, organized by month for both, the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer. We thank these brothers for their full support towards the 2013 committee audit of the 2012 transactions of the Grand Lodge of Alaska checking account.

Investment income of the Grand Lodge of Alaska and outlays are not included in the scope of this committee.

Fraternally Submitted,

W Jack R Newell, (10)

W Clarence Keto (10)

W James Zuke, (17)

## Grand Lodge of Alaska Balance Sheet

<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>ACCOUNT NO</b>	<b>CHECKING &amp; INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>
1110	Checking - First National Bank	38,609.96	
1140	Petty Cash	100.00	
1150	Special Assessment-Legal Fees	148.70	
1210	Travel Fund Acct 8851-4125	118,958.32	
1215	General Charity Fund	4,469.16	
1220	General Fund - 6327-9979	205,352.76	
1230	Permanent Fund 1651-6357	300,895.83	
1235	Legal Fund 3550-9701	17,354.82	
1240	Life Membership - 1211-0782	188,719.25	
1245	GL Per Capita Fund	2,214.27	
1250	State Farm Ins – G. Freeman	18,180.00	
	Total Assets	18,180.00	<b>895,003.07</b>
<b>ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE</b>			
1403	Tanana Lodge No. 3	10.00	
1404	Valdez Lodge No. 4	103.20	
1405	Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5	2.70	
1406	Seward Lodge No. 6	2.70	
1407	Matanuska Lodge No. 7	10.00	
1409	Kodiak Lodge No. 9	34.59	
1410	Glacier Lodge No. 10	40.00	
1412	Fairbanks Lodge No. 12	16.50	
1413	Eagle River Lodge No. 13	5.30	
1415	Aurora Lodge No. 15	139.40	
1417	Anchorage Lodge No. 17	150.40	
1418	Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18	509.25	
1420	Iditarod Lodge No. 20	8.00	
1421	Mt. Juneau/Gastineaux No. 21	123.50	
	Total Accounts Receivable	123.50	<b>1,155.54</b>
<b>MASONIC SUPPLIES/INVENTORY</b>			
1501	Fleece Jackets	791.31	
1507	Combined Standard Work	1,418.60	
1508	Combined Standard Work w/Binder	627.00	
1509	AK Masonic Code w/Binder	25.40	
1511	AK Masonic Code w/o Binder	4.91	
1515	AK Monitor w/Binder	306.00	
1520	Lodge Officer H'Book w/Binder	14.19	
1521	Lodge Off H'Book w/o Binder	7.00	
1522	Further Light in Masonry	30.60	
1530	List of Lodges Masonic	638.49	
1541	Entered Apprentice Booklet	49.68	
1542	Grand Master Coins 2011	813.75	
1543	GM 2013 GL Coins	3,600.00	
1544	Tee Shirts	192.09	
1550	Fellowcraft Cipher	218.95	
1551	Fellowcraft Booklet	394.97	
1560	Master Mason Cipher	580.98	
1561	Master Mason Booklet	328.68	
1570	Pamphlet - On The Threshold	184.62	

1571	Pamphlet - What I'd Like My Fr	122.40	
1575	Claudy Books - VOL I	286.50	
1576	Claudy Books VOL II	210.00	
1577	Claudy Books - VOL III	280.00	
1579	Polo Shirts	542.30	
1580	Pins - 25 Year	390.10	
1581	Pins - 50 Year	277.38	
1582	Pins - 75 Year	124.00	
1585	Pins - Widow	334.80	
1591	Square & Comp Ties	240.96	
1592	Belt & Belt Buckle	705.00	
1700	Prepaid Expenses	71.40	
	<b>Total Inventory</b>		<b>13,812.96</b>
	<b>Property and Equipment</b>		
1810	Office Furniture & Fixtures	5,673.51	
1820	Accum. Depreciation - F & F	(5,323.47)	
1830	Office Electronic/Computer Equip	18,840.76	
1840	Accum. Depreciation - Elect.	(11,381.01)	
	<b>Total Property and Equipment</b>		<b>7,809.70</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>			<b>917,780.46</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL</b>			
	<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
2230	Bank of America	1,990.05	
2250	Def. Income - Annual Comm.	11,275.00	
2270	Def. Income - Other	319.00	
	<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>13,564.05</b>
	<b>Capital</b>		
3050	Grand Lodge Equity	22,638.69	
3110	State Farm Ins - G Freeman	18,180.00	
3120	General Charity Fund	4,469.16	
3130	Travel Fund	118,958.32	
3135	Legal Fund	17,354.82	
3140	Life Membership	188,719.25	
3145	GL Per Capita Life Membership	2,214.27	
3160	Office Equipment Fund	1,776.46	
3170	Proceedings - Transcript, P&B	23,636.85	
3190	General Fund	205,352.76	
	Net Income	0.00	
	<b>Total Capital</b>		<b>904,196.41</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Capital</b>			<b>917,780.46</b>

## Grand Lodge of Alaska Budget for 2013 VS 2012

Acct #		2012 Budget	2012 Budget	Jan - Dec 2012 Actuals	2012 Budget VS Actuals
<b>Revenues</b>					
4100	Assessment - Per Capita	47,670.00	47,670.00	47,433.75	-236.25
4110	Assessment - Bulletin	3,432.00	3,432.00	3,162.25	-269.75
4120	Assessment- Late Fee	50.00	50.00	0.00	-50.00
4125	Special Assessment-Legal Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4130	GM Dispensations	100.00	100.00	20.00	-80.00
4145	GWMNM Fund Contribution	2,146.00	2,146.00	2,072.00	-74.00
4150	Assessment - Petition Received	3,500.00	3,500.00	2,650.00	-850.00
4160	Assessment - Degrees Conferred	800.00	800.00	755.00	-45.00
4170	Assessment - Affils / Degrees	600.00	600.00	540.00	-60.00
4175	Reinstatement for NPD	250.00	250.00	315.00	65.00
4180	General Contrib. / Donations	1,000.00	1,000.00	21,976.00	20,976.00
4252	Fund Raisers - Raffles	6,000.00	0.00	-3,393.30	-3,393.30
4250	Fund Raisers - Other	0.00	6,000.00	544.00	-5,456.00
4257	Fundraiser- 2011 hats	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4253	Fundraiser- Jackets	0.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
4254	Fundraiser Polo Shirts	0.00	0.00	174.85	174.85
4262	Fundraiser-Tee Shirts	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
4400	Sale of Masonic Inventory	4,000.00	4,000.00	6,977.80	2,977.80
4800	Interest - Special Assessment Acct	34.00	34.00	22.37	-11.63
4810	Interest - Money Market	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4812	Div-Interest -State Farm Life Ins	830.00	830.00	904.77	74.77
4815	Div -Interest - Charity Fund	200.00	0.50	185.06	184.56
4820	Div & Interest - Travel Fund	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,270.32	270.32
4825	Div-Interest-Permanent Fund	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,985.88	985.88
4826	Div-Interest- Legal Fund	500.00	0.00	196.32	196.32
4830	Div-Interest - General Fund	4,200.00	4,200.00	5,809.92	1,609.92
4840	Div-Interest - Life Membership	9,500.00	9,500.00	11,036.15	1,536.15
	Investment Income Gains/Losses				
4841	LM	0.00	0.00	5,331.52	5,331.52
4845	Div-Interest - Percapita Acct	75.00	0.40	60.87	60.47
4850	Investment Income Gains/Losses	24,700.00	24,700.00	40,261.39	15,561.39
4900	Other Income-Misc	100.00	100.00	145.00	45.00
4950	Reimbursed Expense - Ann. Comm	24,000.00	20,000.00	24,532.37	4,532.37
	Reimbursed Expense- Leadership				
4960	Tng	500.00	500.00	0.00	-500.00
4970	Reimbursed Expense- West Conf.	0.00	0.00	400.00	400.00
	<b>Total Budget/ Gross Profit/Deviation</b>	<b>148,187.00</b>	<b>143,412.90</b>	<b>187,769.29</b>	<b>44,356.39</b>
<b>Acct #</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>2013 Budget</b>	<b>2012 Budget</b>	<b>Jan - Dec 2012 Actuals</b>	<b>2012 Budget VS Actuals</b>
	<b>Annual Communication Expense</b>				
6005	Ann-Comm. - Banquet Expenses	21,000.00	20,000.00	20,303.70	303.70
6015	Ann-Comm. - Entertainment	1,000.00	500.00	1,150.00	650.00
6020	Ann-Comm. - Equipment Rental	300.00	200.00	294.00	94.00

6030	Ann-Comm. - Printing	2,500.00	1,400.00	2,207.96	807.96
6040	Ann-Comm. - Supplies	250.00	200.00	221.08	21.08
6045	Ann-Comm. - Transportation	1,000.00	500.00	791.19	291.19
6050	Ann-Comm. - Misc. Exp./Other	500.00	2,800.00	0.00	-2,800.00
	<b>Total Annual Communication</b>	<b>26,550.00</b>	<b>25,600.00</b>	<b>24,967.93</b>	<b>-632.07</b>
					0.00
6100	Leadership Training	500.00	500.00	88.50	-411.50
6205	Advertising / Fundraising/PR	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	-3,000.00
6220	Awards Program	700.00	200.00	14.00	-186.00
6225	Bank Service Charges	50.00	50.00	3.00	-47.00
6230	Contributions/Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4401	Inventory Cost of Goods	9,500.00	3,000.00	9,688.91	6,688.91
6227	Broker Commission/Foreign Tax	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,937.27	937.27
6255	Internet Service Expense	600.00	600.00	586.52	-13.48
6260	Depreciation	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,243.90	43.90
6270	Dues & Subscriptions	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,884.91	884.91
6275	Equipment Rental	50.00	50.00	0.00	-50.00
6277	Equipment Repair	575.00	575.00	841.00	266.00
6285	Fees - Legal / Audit	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6301	GL Replacement Regalia	1,250.00	1,000.00	1,253.20	253.20
6305	Grand Master - Regalia	1,000.00	1,500.00	239.40	-1,260.60
6310	GM Expenses-Misc Out of Pocket	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
6315	GM Discretionary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6405	Travel - Grand Master	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
6410	Travel - Deputy Grand Master	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
6415	Travel - Senior Grand Warden	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	0.00
6420	Travel - Junior Grand Warden	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	0.00
6425	Travel - Grand Secretary	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	0.00
6430	Travel - Grand Treasurer	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	0.00
6505	G. Master & G. Secretary Conference	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
6510	Grand Secretary - Misc. Expenses	750.00	750.00	223.30	-526.70
6620	G. Washington Memorial Assoc.	1,950.00	1,950.00	2,072.00	122.00
6630	Liability Insurance	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,185.00	-315.00
6635	Workers Comp. Insurance	575.00	575.00	527.00	-48.00
6690	Masonic Service Assoc. Dues	300.00	300.00	300.00	0.00
6700	Office Salary	12,600.00	12,600.00	12,604.80	4.80
6705	Office Accounting Fees	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00
6710	Office Supplies & Exp.	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,508.35	8.35
6735	Grand Lodge Bulletin	800.00	800.00	0.00	-800.00
6730	Postage & Delivery	1,000.00	1,000.00	911.76	-88.24
6745	Printing - General Forms	1,000.00	500.00	1,044.00	544.00
6750	Rent	5,400.00	5,400.00	5,400.00	0.00
6765	Telephone	600.00	600.00	607.70	7.70
6780	Web Site Fee	500.00	500.00	354.00	-146.00
6785	Western Conference	0.00	0.00	394.24	394.24
6790	Miscellaneous	500.00	500.00	25.00	-475.00
6820	Corporate Taxes	50.00	50.00	0.00	-50.00
6821	Medicare	200.00	200.00	182.76	-17.24
6822	F.I.C.A.	800.00	800.00	781.44	-18.56
6823	State (S.U.I.)	200.00	200.00	165.12	-34.88

6830	Federal (F.U.T.A.)	100.00	100.00	41.99	-58.01
8010	Other Expenses(Affinity Funds)	0.00	0.00	6,721.30	6,721.30
8011	IRS Penalty	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>Total Budget Exp/Actual Exp/Deviation</b>	<b>118,000.00</b>	<b>109,800.00</b>	<b>118,498.30</b>	<b>8,698.30</b>
	<b>*Distribution of Life Member Interest</b>	<b>9,500.00</b>	<b>9,500.00</b>	<b>11,036.15</b>	<b>1,536.15</b>
	<b>Net Income</b>	<b>20,687.00</b>	<b>24,112.90</b>	<b>58,234.84</b>	<b>34,121.94</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).

## **Masonic Research and Education**

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

The Committee circulated one paper to the Lodges in November titled “Masonic Lodge Leadership.” This paper was timed to that time when new officers would soon be installed, to inspire, and assist them in their leadership responsibilities in their Lodges. The purpose is to point out and inspire Lodge officers in the performance of their obligations as officers in their Lodges. The contents of the paper were drawn from numerous reputable Masonic sources.

It has been an honor to serve and chair this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

W John Bishop, Chairman  
W Steven Stewart  
W Jon Ward  
W David Arnold

Report received for the record and accepted.

## **Masonic Public Relations**

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

## **Masonic Youth**

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

Thank you for the honor of serving on the Youth Committee as chairman. Please find a letter from our member, Brother Thomas Schram about Job’s Daughters and their activity in Anchorage. During the past few months, I have left several phone messages for Brother David Prentice, but he did not return my calls. Among the three of us on the committee, we did not have a representative from the Fairbanks area so I proceeded with the following: the Grand Worthy Advisor and the Grand Mother Advisor for the Grand Assembly of Alaska are both from the Fairbanks area.

For my report, I decided to ask Supreme Deputy in Alaska-Gabrielle Hazelton for some assistance. Her report is attached as it was given to me. I thanked her for her help and devotion to our Order.

My involvement this year in Juneau for Juneau Assembly No. 3 is the continuation of their recycling efforts and chocolate cherry cookies and in October the girls did candy apples for their fund raisers. The girls attended installations of the Order of the Easter Star and Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge 21. The girls did a clever mascot tie for the worshipful Master and a delicious lunch for the Scottish Rite Reunion.

The girls also participated in the Litter Free clean up of their section of Egan Drive. The girls have worked very hard and have initiated several new members this year. Also, a food drive collection proved successful.

My wife and I have attended several meetings and installations of officers during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

W Robert Cartmill, Chairman  
W David Y. Prentice  
VW Thomas L. Schram

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

Bethel No. 1 of Job's Daughters is doing relatively well. They have fourteen girls who are members of the Bethel. They initiated one girl in 2012. The girls continue to work on learning the ritual, work, and meet two times a month.

The Bethel did not go to Supreme this last year as a group. One Daughter, Abby Hoelleing, attended Supreme last summer as the only representative of the Bethel. She took three first place awards, one second place award, and one third place award in Arts and Crafts. She was recognized for her HIKE essay at the formal opening and is now the Supreme representative for California 9 and 10. On top of all that she placed first in her First Messenger's competition. Way to go Abby!

It is sad there aren't more Bethels in Alaska. There are plenty of girls in other areas that would enjoy this organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Schram

### **International Order of the Rainbow for Girls**

Alaska Rainbow is celebrating fifty-one years of its Grand Assembly; we have three far-flung assemblies and about fifty girls. Technically, a Grand Jurisdiction must have 200 members, Supreme Assembly is hopeful about our stabilizing (and hopefully growing) membership and is turning a blind eye rather than closing the jurisdiction and merging us with another.

Alaska Rainbow Girls, while small in number, continue to make a big impact on their local communities. They are fulfilling Rainbow's mission of service to others with very few hands. We are doing our "our job" in creating adults who think of others. However, with fewer hands to do all the work, assembly adult leadership has to prioritize. "Getting the work done" isn't much of an incentive to recruit/retain teenage girls!

Alaska's adult leadership consists of parents and Masonic affiliated adults. Like many youth organizations, we rarely keep parents beyond their daughter's years of involvements so the backbone is long-serving Masonic affiliated adults who are busy with their own groups and lives.

My goals for the state are to:

- Reconnect with our Majority (alumni) members to get some of their time and their daughters. The difficulty is finding them because names often change after marriage.
- Embrace parent involvement. While they may not know all the "traditions" of each assembly and Rainbow, their new ideas and fresh enthusiasm is vital. Their extra hands share the burden and if they feel needed and useful, they may stay after their daughter has left.
- Create/re-establish/strengthen relationships with ALL Masonic organizations. While each assembly has a sponsoring order, the assembly is part of the whole fraternal family and needs to support/help/know all the organizations. Everyone can be a representative and salesman for the Masonic family.
- Create a statewide/Grand identity. The tree assemblies cannot afford to get together more often than just at Grand, however, we are trying to use technology to keep the girls feeling more cohesive during the rest of the year. Isolation can be depressing; drawing strength from each other is important. We have an updated web presence at [www.akiorg.org](http://www.akiorg.org) and on Facebook "Alaska, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls," both primarily managed by the girls. Please visit either site.
- Continually share the Rainbow story with the public. While Rainbow is about selfless service to others, we need to take a picture at every public event and post to community pages of newspapers, internal newspapers, Facebook pages, etc., to toot our own horn a bit. Parents are always looking for worthy groups to keep their preteens busy: teens are looking for groups that look good on scholarship/college applications

Meeting these goals is hard when the limited adults are focused on the daily grind of running an assembly and dealing with teenage tears and drama. In addition, one assembly has the added burden of hosting Grand Assembly each year.

Alaska Grand Assembly operates in the red each year, relying on saving accounts established through bequests and donations. The Grand Executive Board, responsible for managing the Grand Assembly Session, is dedicated responsibility using savings to keep individual girls' costs low to encourage girl attendance and involvement now, while still keeping funds for the future. Unfortunately, Grand is still held during the expensive tourist season: it is often a

discussion point to move the session to the “off season,” but finding a good time for school schedules has been problematic.

Grand Worthy Advisor Kari will address how Rainbow is relevant and necessary to teenage girls. What does Rainbow need from you? We need:

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

Contact me with problems and questions. I welcome the opportunity to explain, excuse, amend, and down right fix policies and procedures statewide or in local assemblies. I’ve had several interesting conversations with Bill Kalbach about getting Rainbow and DeMolay into small villages desperate for quality youth programs. Unfortunately, Rainbow does not have very flexible sponsorship regulations at this time; it will take more creativity.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully submitted,

Gabrielle Hazelton

## **Bylaws**

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

MW Jerry Pinion, Grand lodge Officers, and Brethren All;

The committee responded to two requests. The first was from Fairbanks 12, requested a need to establish a new meeting time.

We found no conflict with Alaska code and gave the bylaws change approval.

The second request was from Juneau 21, asking for changes in the holding corporation bylaws, concerning honorary board members, and term limits for the regular board members of the holding corp.

We found no conflict with the Alaska code, and as such, we recommended approval and sent it to the Jurisprudence Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

RW Douglas C. Teninty, Chairman

RW James Herrington

WB David Pratt

## **Public Schools**

On April 26, 2012 I submitted an article inclusion in the Light from the Great Land the subject of my article was "Freemasonry & Public Education". My source was an internet site for the short talk bulletin [http://www.themasonictrowel.com/masonic\\_talk/stb/stbs/90-11.htm](http://www.themasonictrowel.com/masonic_talk/stb/stbs/90-11.htm). It being quite lengthy the editor asked if he could reduce it by half and include the source reference. I reluctantly agreed and the article appeared in the next edition

Whenever I was able to visit any of the constituent Lodges I relayed my first introduction to the connection between the public school system and Masonry. That being the Junior Stewards duty of placing school books on the altar during the opening of my DeMolay Chapter

Respectfully submitted,

W Clarence E. Keto Chairman

## REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

### Report of Grand Chaplain (Necrology)

#### *Necrology Prayer*

*The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want.*

*He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.*

*He leadeth me beside the still waters.*

*He restoreth my soul.*

*He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

*Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for Thou art with me.*

*Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies.*

*Thou anointest my head with oil.*

*My cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

*Amen*

The following Brethren have laid down their working tools, as reported by the Constituent Lodges in their monthly reports for 2012. Some of our deceased Brothers may have belonged to more than one Lodge. Only one Lodge is shown here.



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*Skagway Alaska*

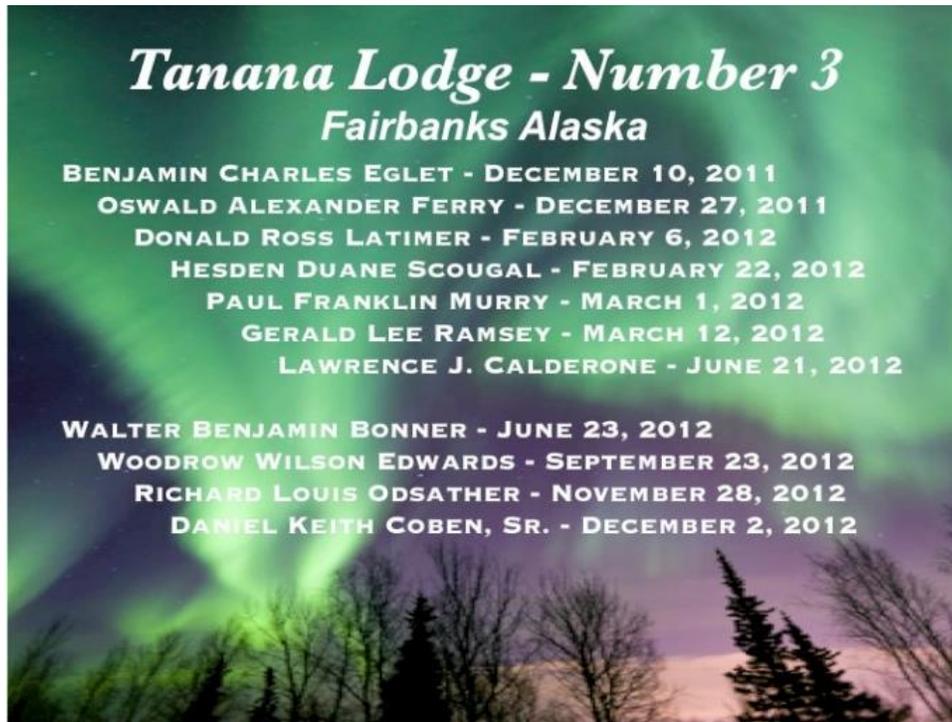
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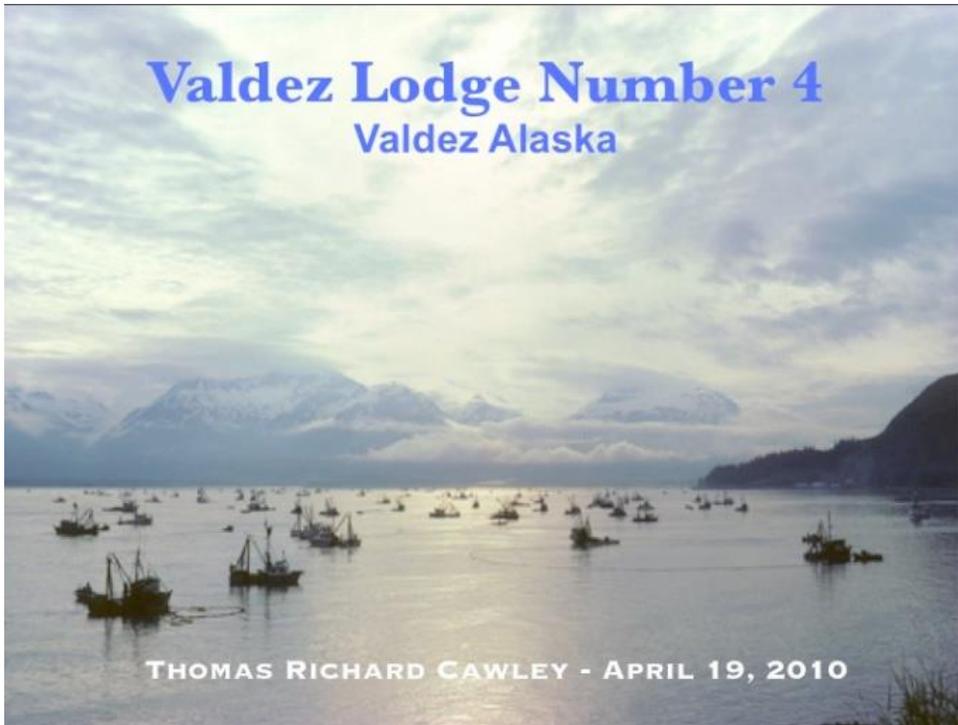


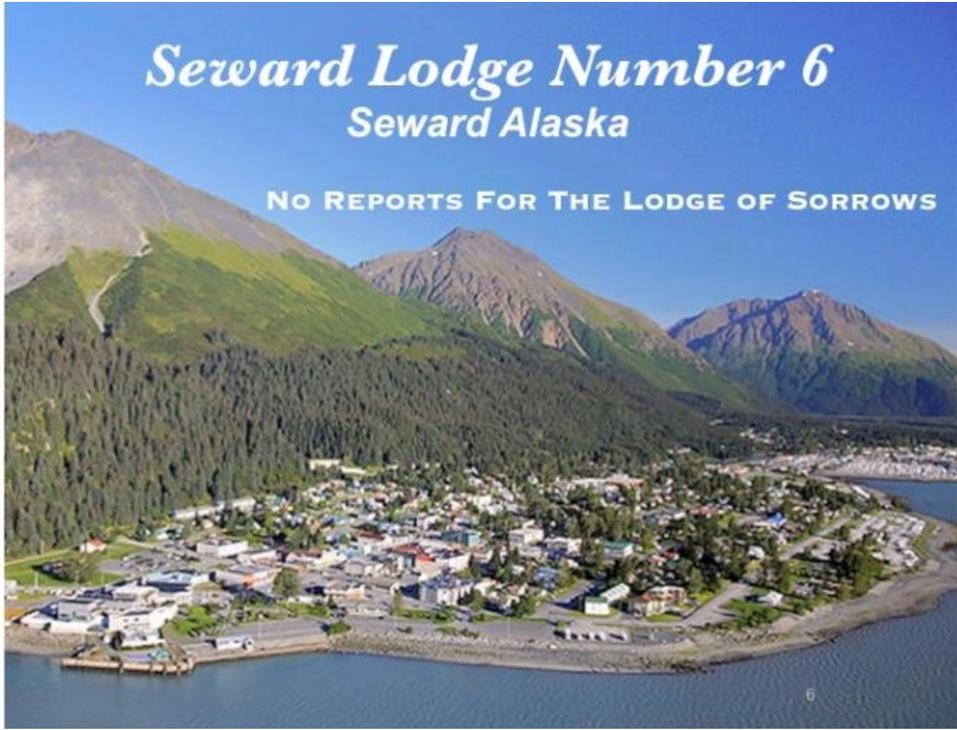
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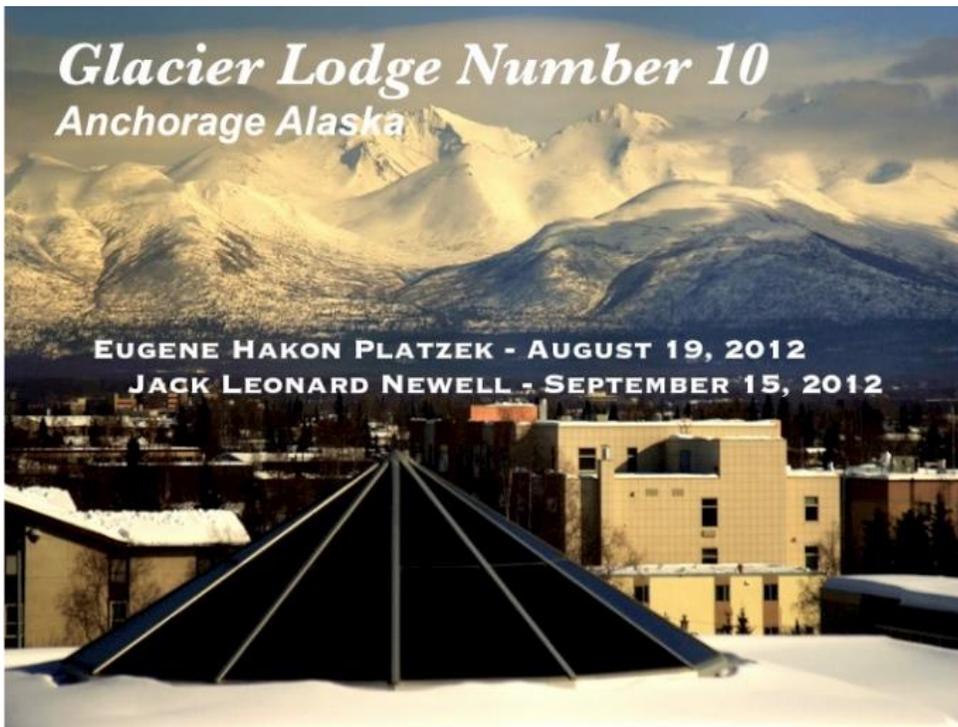
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HESDEN DUANE SCUGAL - FEBRUARY 22, 2012  
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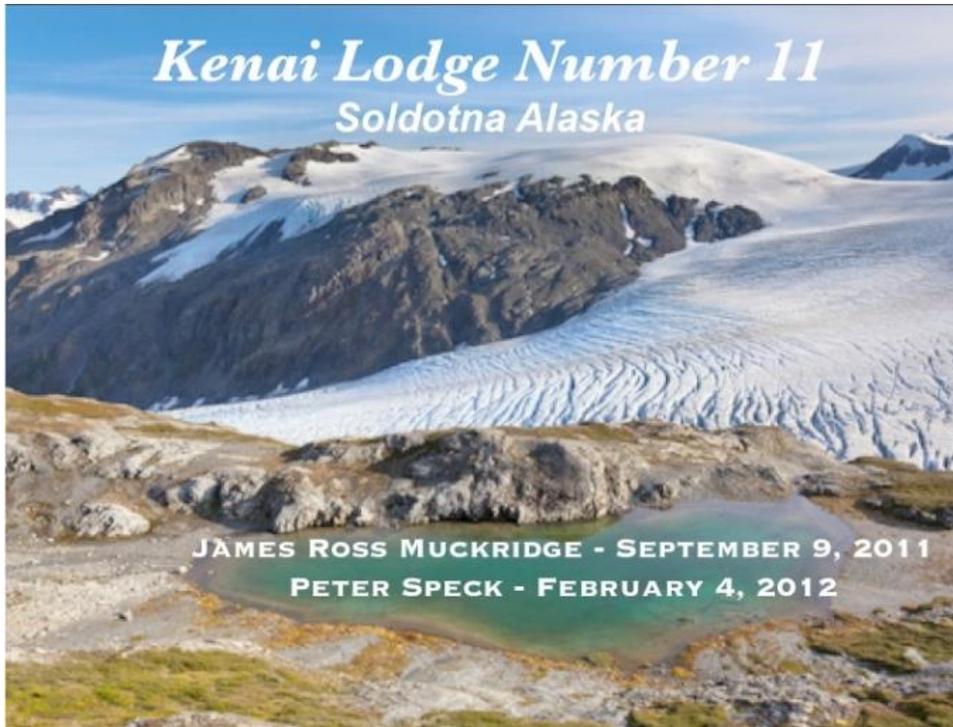
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WOODROW WILSON EDWARDS - SEPTEMBER 23, 2012  
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DANIEL KEITH COBEN, SR. - DECEMBER 2, 2012











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*Eagle River Alaska*

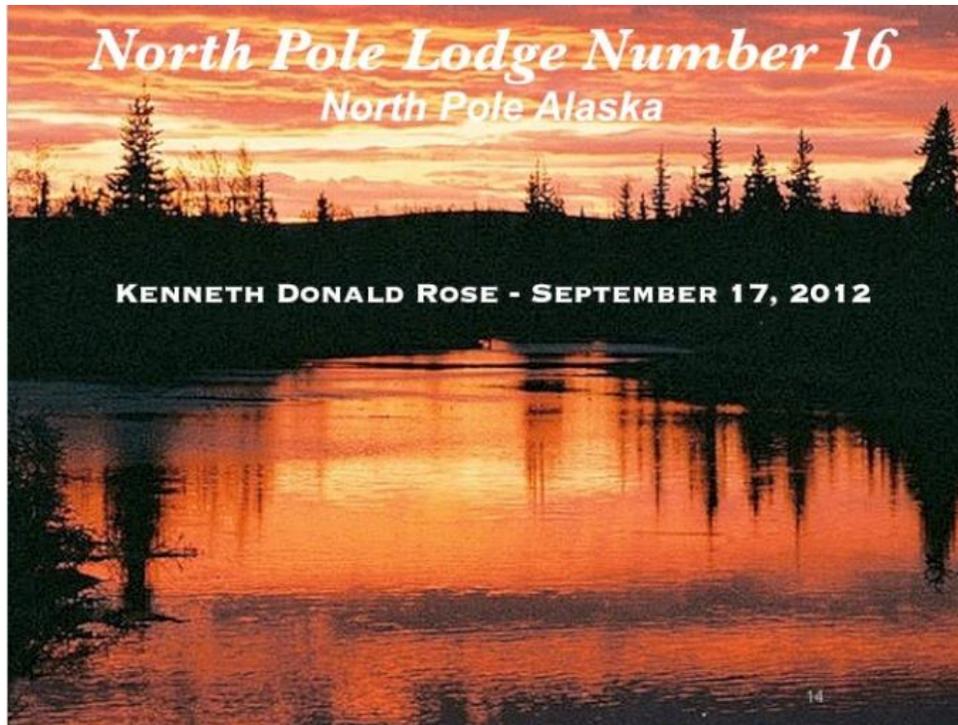


MARVIN EUGENE BARINGTON - AUGUST 5, 2012  
WILLIAM RODGER WUESTENFELD - AUGUST 8, 2012

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JERRY AUSTIN SHRUM - JULY 21, 2012



*Anchorage Lodge Number 17*  
*Anchorage Alaska*

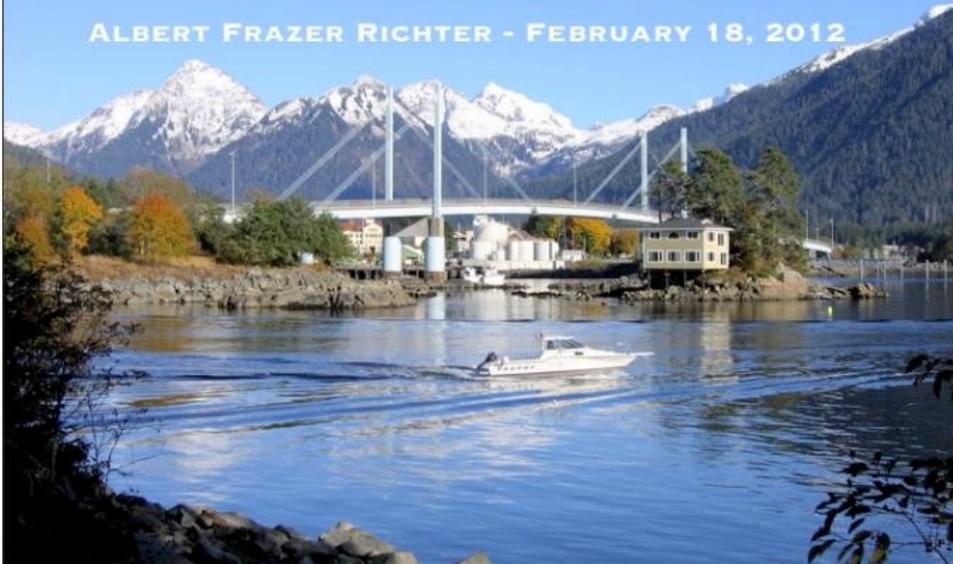
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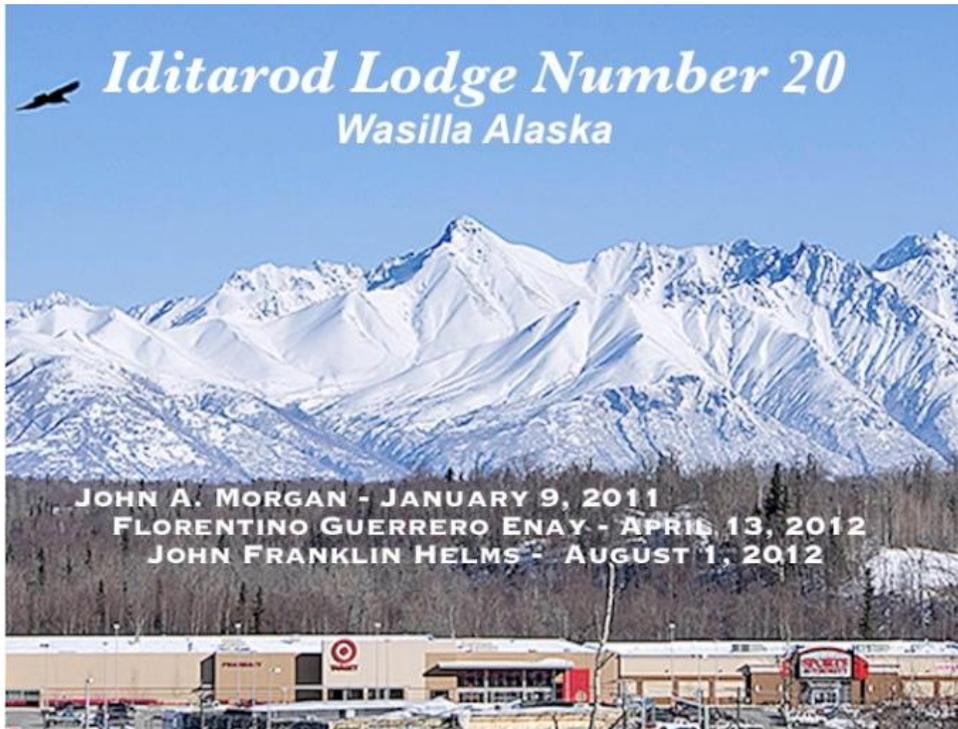
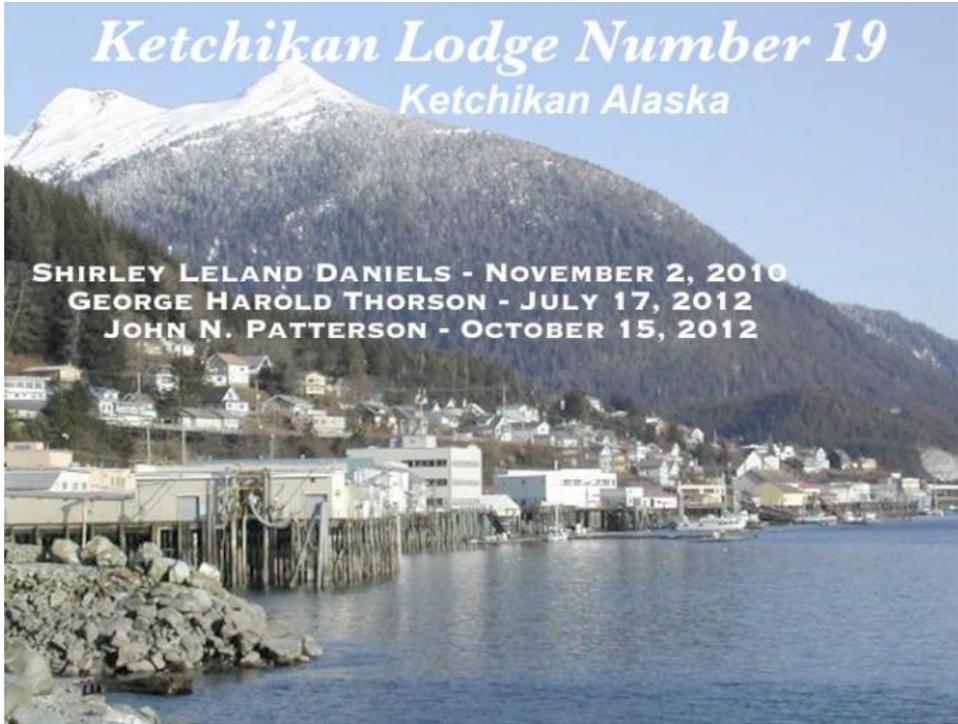
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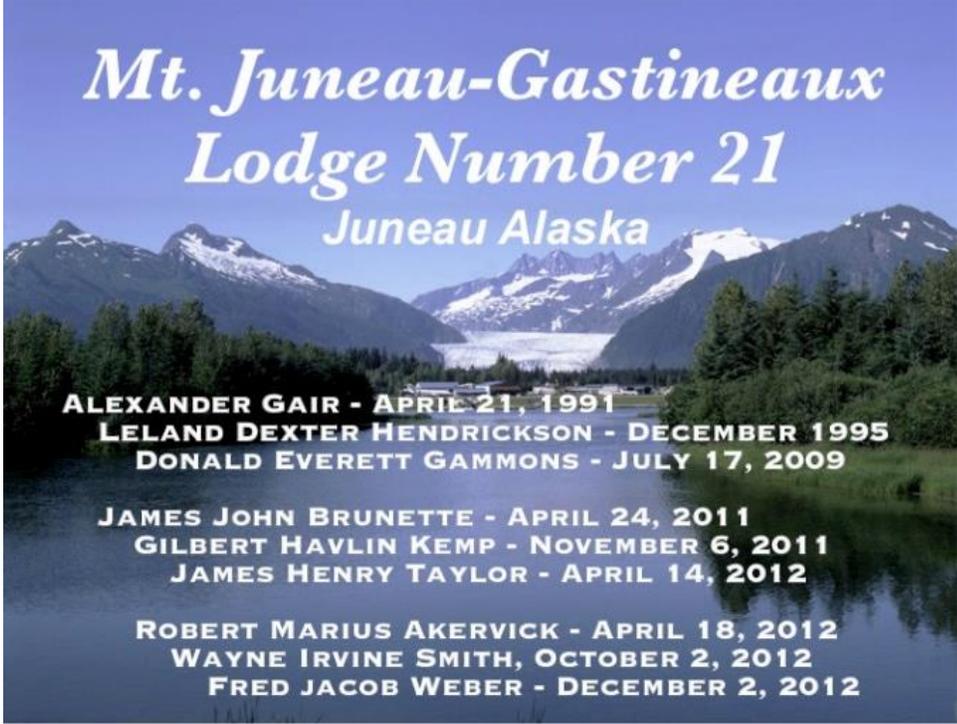


*Mt. Verstovia Lodge Number 18*  
*Sitka Alaska*

ALBERT FRAZER RICHTER - FEBRUARY 18, 2012







***Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux  
Lodge Number 21  
Juneau Alaska***

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LELAND DEXTER HENDRICKSON - DECEMBER 1995  
DONALD EVERETT GAMMONS - JULY 17, 2009**

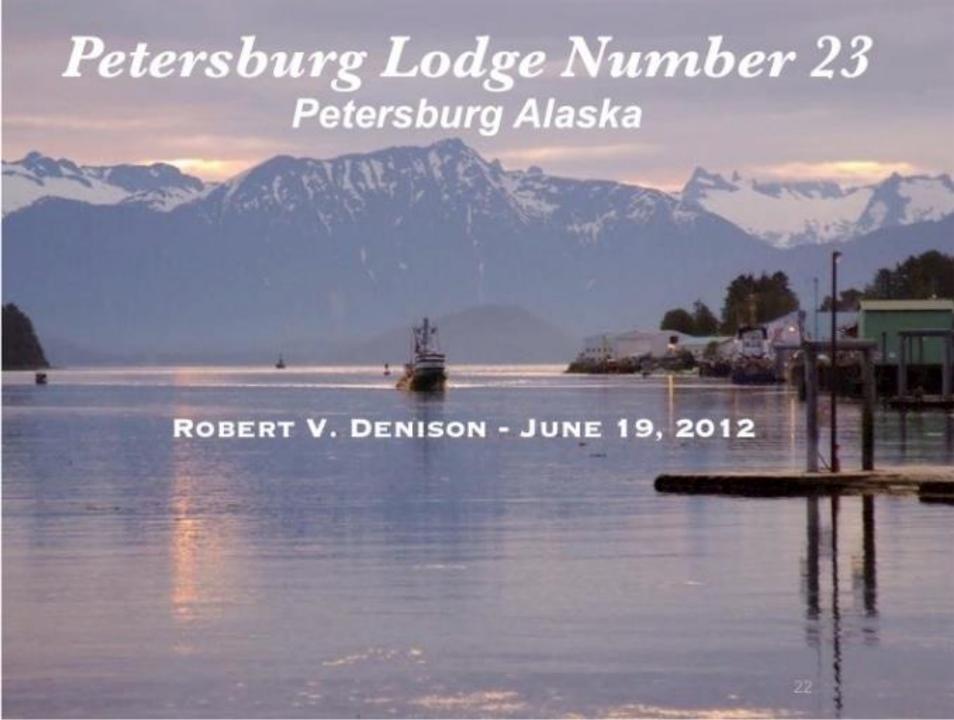
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GILBERT HAVLIN KEMP - NOVEMBER 6, 2011  
JAMES HENRY TAYLOR - APRIL 14, 2012**

**ROBERT MARIUS AKERVICK - APRIL 18, 2012  
WAYNE IRVINE SMITH, OCTOBER 2, 2012  
FRED JACOB WEBER - DECEMBER 2, 2012**



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Sterling Alaska**

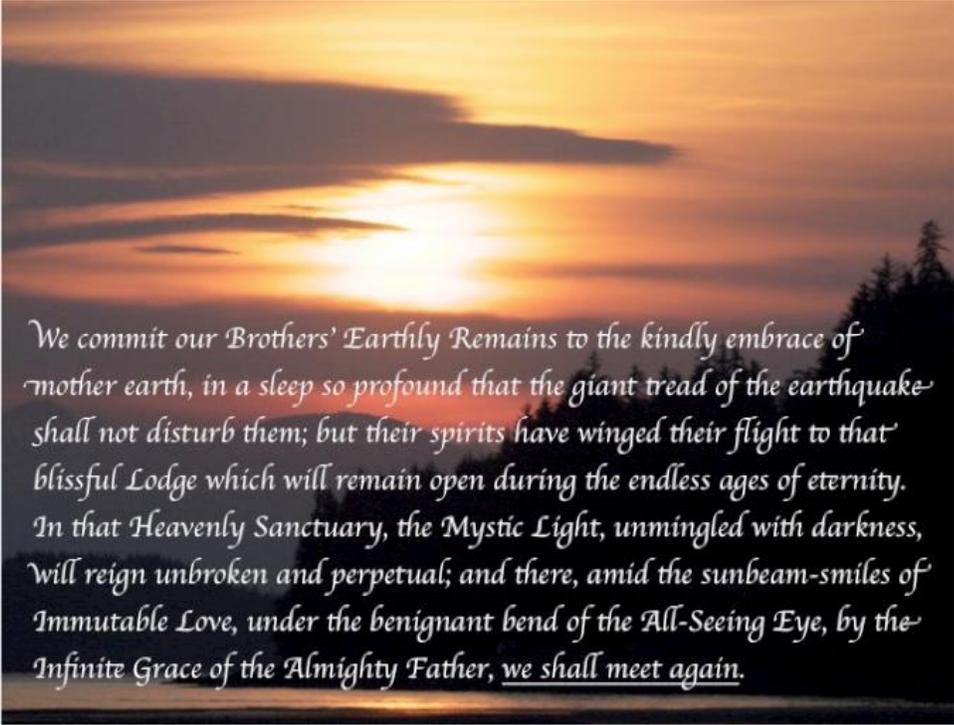
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*Petersburg Lodge Number 23*  
*Petersburg Alaska*

ROBERT V. DENISON - JUNE 19, 2012

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*We commit our 'Brothers' Earthly Remains to the kindly embrace of mother earth, in a sleep so profound that the giant tread of the earthquake shall not disturb them; but their spirits have winged their flight to that blissful Lodge which will remain open during the endless ages of eternity. In that Heavenly Sanctuary, the Mystic Light, unmingled with darkness, will reign unbroken and perpetual; and there, amid the sunbeam-smiles of Immutable Love, under the benignant bend of the All-Seeing Eye, by the Infinite Grace of the Almighty Father, we shall meet again.*



*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 the family and friends of each of these Brethren.

W Van O. Chaney  
Grand Chaplain

## Report of Grand Lecturer

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

In pursuit of the Grand Master's goal to improve the quality of ritual work in the Grand Jurisdiction, I encouraged the Lodges to endeavor to achieve perfection in their ritual work. I discussed the new "Monitor Cipher" and use of it as a tool for improving ritual, but cautioned against using it as a crutch and having it open in Lodge. I was encouraged and would like to report that I seldom saw it open in Lodge.

At last year's Grand Lodge, I proposed to a couple of Lodges that I would make myself available to assist them in bringing their new Master Masons to proficiency so that they

could then serve as Lodge officers. I suggested that I could visit their Lodges and spend two or three days helping in degree work, teaching, and coaching on ritual and floor work. I am disappointed to report that these Lodges did not respond to my suggestion. It would have been a good opportunity to strengthen their Lodge.

I made official visits to the Lodges of Districts three and five, and attended District meetings at the invitation of the Deputies of Districts one and two. I was warmly received on all occasions. While there were occasions where I found it necessary to encourage improvement, and or correction of errors, I was inspired by the high quality of work and the desire of all the Brothers to do good ritual.

I would like to thank all the Master's and Deputies for their warm reception. It has been an honor once again to serve our Grand Jurisdiction! Most Worshipful Grand Master, I thank you for the opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,

W John Bishop  
Grand Lecturer

Report received for the record.

## **Report of Grand Orator**

What is Alaskan Masonry? At the beginning of Most Worshipful Jerry's year he said he wanted us to get back to Alaskan work in Masonry so I asked myself what that meant. Is Alaskan work a group of Brothers traveling every month regardless of the weather 240 miles round trip to make sure the Lodge in Seward stays active or a group of Brothers willing to hop on a plane from Anchorage to Kodiak on a moment's notice to help raise new Brothers because there are not enough Brothers in Kodiak to fill the parts? I started by looking close to home, the Anchorage Lodges to see if I could identify what makes us different from any other jurisdiction. I looked and listened to what was going on in other Lodges throughout Alaska to see if I could find a difference. Then I realized Alaskan Masonry is really all I've known since joining the Fraternity in 2004, what did I know about what was being done in other Grand Lodge jurisdictions.

I really had no idea what makes us different because I couldn't identify what was being done outside of Alaska, so I had to start looking for some of the things other Brothers were doing. I used social media to learn about what going on in places like Utah, Washington, California, and Arizona to name a few. As I started doing this, I started to see a trend in the activities done around the various Grand Lodges; picnics, parades, fundraisers for many different causes and Brothers helping other Brothers in time of crisis. Many of the very same things we do right here, sometimes on a bigger scale but same none-the-less so I had to start looking further for a difference.

I started asking about traditions and customs versus code mandated ritual; I wanted to find out if we have customs that are very different than other Grand Lodge's and were the Lodges here following more of the customs than the code. What I found with respect to the customs versus code was that most of the Lodges were doing their best to follow the code but many traditions that had found their way into our Lodges, "this is how we did it back where I came from." I asked several Brothers if this was the way they have always done the work or had this evolved over time? Almost all of the Brothers that had been there for some time said it's changed a bit over the years as new Brothers moved to their Lodge and started taking leadership roles. This is when I started to think maybe this is what the Grand Master's real request was; let's get back to the code and everyone work to do the same consistent work and trying to leave the various interpretations out of the ritual and work from our code. After all it's right there in black and white so there shouldn't be any variance should there?

Some of the customs that had found their way into the work were simple such as where the Deacons were during the opening closing of the Lodge. Should the Junior Deacon come west of the Altar to report to the Master or should he stay at his place near the door of the Lodge to report? Other's weren't as easy such as where an Entered Apprentice is to be given his apron, is it to the left of the Altar or over the Altar crossing the open Bible? When going through the dueguard and signs of the degrees, where were your hands placed when taking the obligation? Are they out in front of you on the Bible or right next to your body? There are just a few examples of the differences I found in Lodges here that seem to stem from "how we did it back home..." or not really listening to the ritual. Some Brothers find it irritating when the work is done different than when they were raised and will argue that it should be done their way because that's the way it was done to them and other Brothers will argue we have listened to the spirit of the code and the Brother will never know the difference.

I leave it to you to decide what Alaska work is and hope that whatever choice you make you are doing it for the good of Alaska Masonry and not because that's the way we did it back home. Let's make the Brothers remember their degrees in Alaska and try our best to make it as consistent as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

W Montgomery J. Schefers  
Grand Orator

Report received for the record.

## Report of Grand Historian

(transcribed from video and audio recordings)

Thank you Grand Master, thank you for allowing me to be your Grand Historian.

Right Worshipfuls, Very Worshipfuls, Worshipful Brothers, I am going to speak extemporaneously upon this subject. Are you ready for that? I'm a college man so I can use that word. It means verbal diarrhea.

I apologize for the lack of the bells and whistles but I wanted to talk about Masonic artifacts and Masonic history in our Grand Lodge in particular. A Masonic artifact is just about anything you can think of that was made for the purpose of Masonry. Just looking at this splendid altar here and the three lesser lights. Does anyone know who made this? I didn't think so, this wasn't a test question but the answer is off hand, nobody knows who made it or what they made it out of.

So I was going to borrow (the above question answered from the audience-Harry Oden and Les Little made part of it) the Grand Marshal. Brother Grand Marshal would you please stand up. He is going to show off his Marshal's baton he has here. Come right here and tell about it

(Grand Marshall) Very Worshipful Al Brookman might be the better person to tell. Brethren, this baton was made for me by my friend Al Brookman and he thought this would be a great opportunity for the Grand Marshall to have a baton to herd cats but also to show off a really interesting piece of regalia that Al Brookman made for me, tells about his baton made by Al Brookman. It has a stained glass square and compass in both ends and Al had asked me to remind me of this, the knot here is set for my thumb so that when I hold the baton, it puts the square and compass upright. He corrected me earlier because my square and compasses were crooked. Thank you Al.

And also, the case he made for me is sea otter and that is a controlled critter but if you're Native blood, you can make things out of sea otter. I have this signed by the maker and also for provenance for Masonic artifacts, Al provided me a letter with this which keeps me from getting in trouble from possessing sea otter, sea otter skin. Shall I read this:

Jeff DeFreest, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012 with so many migration of birds coming to Alaska the Natives hunted birds for food. They made their own bows and arrows to use. Many would have lost their hunting. The arrows had no tip only shaped to a fine point. A bag was used to store arrows while hunting. The bag your baton is stored in was made out of sea otter, a federally protected animal. Only people with Native blood can use this fur to make traditional things. My native blood comes through to me through my mother. The baton is made of diamond willow with glass protected square and compass ends made by Debbie Ackerman. This is my original idea and gift to you.

Al Brookman (gives me his Sea Alaska and sea otter tag number to make sure I don't get in trouble of possessing sea otter).

So, anyway, I wanted to share this with the Historian and share with the Brethren and publicly thank my Brother Al for making this for me last year.

Thank you brother Grand Marshal that was quite a presentation and you weren't expecting to give one

Brothers, you got things like this in your Lodges. I was hoping to get some more pictures. I know I asked various brothers throughout the year to take pictures of this and that and I really didn't get any of those pictures.

If you look around your Lodges, you are going to see things you might possibly know who made them or why they made them. You'd want to catch that information, record it some place and make a book. I've been in some Lodges that had accoutrement that people couldn't identify. They didn't know what it was for. In a hundred years time nobody had passed on what that particular thing was for. Even doors and fixtures inside of lodge rooms, they had no clue what it was about.

This is our Masonic heritage, all of this stuff you are looking at these artifacts. You're not going to be around forever. You might want to have that information passed to the next generation.

So, I did have some pictures of places and things. One of the pictures I had was of the Lodge in Cordova, Alaska – Denali No. 5 (Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5). I've never been in that building. In talking to the Senior Grand Steward here who lived in Cordova for forty years and told me what was in that building. I want photographs of what's in that building! He told me about the paintings in the upper reaches of the ceiling. This is fantastic Masonic art, the kind of thing King Solomon would have wanted us to take pride and ownership and preserve for as long as possible.

Grand Master, that's my report brief. I hope you will accept it and I will provide something of the written kind so that Roger can put it in the archives.

The report is accepted thank you (Grand Master)

## **Charters and Dispensations**

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

## Leadership Training

(transcribed from video tape)

Thank you Grand Master, RW Jim Herrington, Eagle River No. 13.

This Leadership Training stems back to quite a few years ago. Some of you attended the Wardens Charge and if you attended that meeting, you got quite a bit out of it. The second year, if you attended that meeting you got the same thing out of it as you got the first year because it was basically the same thing. And, then it kind of went by the wayside and I believe MW "Bo" Cline decide to do a training seminar with all of the district deputies doing the training. That went over good for a couple of years and then it went by the wayside.

It was a desire of mine, my dream, to break back and we were down in Valdez last year, when MW Ron there was Grand Master when I put the idea on the table. This was in September/October, and he said "Let's do it."

So, about two/three months to get it going we got it up-and- running. Basically we decide to do it on Tuesday and that didn't work out because a lot of Brothers would have to give up almost a whole week of work in order to get here. So, we decided to do it on Saturday. That was Mike Starkey's idea and was a great idea. Thank you very much.

We did it on Saturday; it was in like four hours. MW Grand Master gave a talk on "I'm OK, You're OK" and you would be surprised how much you learned about yourself when you attended that class. RW Dave gave a little bit of information on Lodge membership, finance, contributing, things like that. That went over pretty good and I gave a class on ritual, Grand Master's pet and there were about thirty-five people there, thirty to thirty-five, I think agreed that they learned something.

So, we are going to do it again this year. We've put out flyers, we sent out flyers if you wanted to attend. It's Saturday morning starting at eight o'clock. From eight to nine is a breakfast, it's a donation for breakfast.

RW (MW Grand Master) Jerry Pinion's wife Ginger and several of the other ladies are going to put together the breakfast for you. Lunch is five bucks. We'll start off at eight o'clock. At nine o'clock is when the training will start. MW Jerry Pinion will take the first few hours. There will be a class by Dan O'Connell on financing, wills and endowments, and trusts, things like that, and investments that your Lodge can do to improve your Lodge.

After lunch, Brother Joe Dahl is going to give a one-hour class on Lodges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. I'm excited to see that. And then RW Dave is going to give a class, kind of a follow up on what he talked about last year and then I get to give the last two hours. So, it's going to be a ritual and come prepared with your ciphers, your Monitors, your combination workbook, a pencil, and a piece of paper to write on and please don't hesitate to bring up a subject, ideas, or suggestions.

We want to help you. The Grand Lodge wants to help you improve your Lodge work, whether it be by education or financial. We want to help you to do that. So, we are open for suggestions on ways to do that, so don't be afraid.

Hope to see you on Saturday and if you haven't already gotten your tickets, I believe, go out to the ladies registration out there. They are selling or they are giving you tickets. This is to provide Ginger Pinion with an estimate of how many people are coming so that she will have enough food to fix for breakfast and for lunch. So, if you're going, please let her know that you're going.

Thank you MW Grand Master for letting me do this and thank you one and all. It's been a pleasure.

## **Military Recognition**

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brethren all:

This committee consisting of W Bro. Dave Prentice (Chairman) and W Bro. Mark Sledge, with tremendous assistance from the Grand Master, are pleased to announce our honorees as follows:

Army: Sergeant Timothy Williams

Marines: Sergeant Jack Campbell

Navy: Petty Officer First Class Marilyn McCormick

Air Force: Technical Sergeant Charlie Grantham

Coast Guard: Petty Officer First Class Thomas Watts

These individuals will be present at and receive their plaques during the Fellowship Dinner on 7 February 2013. The biographies are included in this report (not reproduced) and the plaques were purchased locally. The Grand Secretary purchased these items.

The service contacts were:

Army: Ms Mary Rall, [mary.m.rall.civ@mail.mil](mailto:mary.m.rall.civ@mail.mil)

Marines: 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt Matthew Fouss, [matthew.fouss@usmc.mil](mailto:matthew.fouss@usmc.mil)

Navy: HMCS Jill S. Smith, [jill.s.smith2@navy.mil](mailto:jill.s.smith2@navy.mil)

Air Force: Ms Erin Eaton, [erin.eaton@us.af.mil](mailto:erin.eaton@us.af.mil)

Coast Guard: PO1 David Mosley, [david.b.mosley@uscg.mil](mailto:david.b.mosley@uscg.mil)

Respectfully submitted,

W David Prentice, Chairman

W Mark Sledge

## **George Washington National Memorial**

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

## **Russian Masonry**

(transcribed from video tape)

Most Worshipful Grand Master thanks for the surprise, Brethren all.

I keep in touch, myself personally with several of the members of the Vladivostok lodge, Pacific Rim Lodge 20. They are alive and well. They have established a hospital program doing this themselves on their own accord that they started. I think they got the idea from our private hospital and the members in that area increasing the members in that lodge is slow. They entail people from every walk of live most especially the largest membership are business men, doctors and that's probably another reason why they are involved in a hospital program. I e-mail back and forth with the secretary of the Lodge.

Grand Master asked for a report on the history of what had transpire with the Russian relations.

I don't know the exact dates but I think somewhere back in 1992 MW John Grainger along with Mitch Miller and some other guys went to eastern Russia and visited and they met the Grand Master there and they talked about assisting them in starting a lodge in eastern Russia. Then they went to the Grand Lodge that following year and everything was established at that point through the Grand Master here that we would assist them in doing it.

When I became Junior Grand Warden, I asked John Grainger if I could be a part of this committee because I thought it was a good idea. Then he and I probably made ten, twelve visits over a period of time and helped that lodge become established. We further staffed up and established a lodge in Novosibirsk. It's not doing so well as Pacific Rim Lodge but it just needs the help of the Grand Lode to further itself and that it is in the center of Russia. I'm probably sure that a lot of them don't want to go there.

We helped the Grand Master to constitute the lodge. There has been talk of a town that is close to Vladivostok if they wanted to establish another lodge there. The Grand Master indicated to Don and I on our visits to the Grand Lodge that they would consider it. They voted to establish another Grand Lodge in that part of the country. He said they would talk about it at that time, the three lodges could set up

Basically, I haven't been back since Don and I last went the last time, several years ago but I remain in correspondence with them.

I haven't been able to really correspond with John because I guess he is just at that point where he doesn't return much the questions I have for him.

Respectfully submitted,

MW Charles Corbin

## **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:

MW, RW, VW, WB, and Bothers, this is the Report from the Long-Range Planning Committee.

Our grand Lodge has had a Long-Range Plan for a long time. I'm going to be honest and say our Long-Range Plan was overly complicated and was not worked very well for a few years. So, this committee realizes that we needed to do something different.

Simply, we rewrote the Long-Range Plan from start to finish.

The first component we had to revise was our Vision.

The Grand Master and Elected grand Lodge Officers define the "Vision" as:

To meet the needs of our members, 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 an active, relevant organization of great appeal that is well known and respected throughout the state of Alaska for making a difference.

Next was our Mission statement.

How our Mission statement reads:

## The Mission of the Grand Lodge of Alaska

“To provide a strong and viable leadership to the Masons of Alaska.  
To Develop and implement programs to assist our Lodges in becoming more visible and active in their communities.”

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

1. Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth
2. Honesty, Integrity, and Morality
3. Family and Community Involvement
4. Fellowship
5. Leadership
6. Belief in God

Now we know what our Vision and Mission Statements are. Then our next step was to step up a realistic plan to achieve our Vision and Mission.

We have lowered our Strategic Imperatives from 7 to 3.

### **Membership**

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 easy.
3. Recruitment: Grand Lodge needs to educate our lodges on what is acceptable recruitment techniques. Techniques such as joining the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, and attending lunches as Freemasons. Now the next task is very exciting. This task is called Masonic Awareness. The name is self-evident. We need to do a better job of letting Alaskans know that Freemasonry in Alaska is alive and well. A month ago we asked the Finance Committee to add a line-item budget in our chart of account. Call it Masonic Awareness. We asked for \$10,000 for starters. Now the finance Committee answered appropriately. They like the idea and they suggest we write up a plan on how this will work. We have started to work with a company that is in this line of work. It is our hope by the end of spring we will have a business plan that we can present to the Finance Committee. The Masonic awareness program will be offered to all of our Masonic bodies for financial support. It is this committee’s beliefs to use all the tools at our disposal. Our goal is to educate our Alaskan population about the charities and the good that Blue Lodge Masons, Shrine Masons, Scottish Rite Masons, York Rite Masons, Eastern Star, Amaranth, and to include our youth programs such as Job’s Daughters, Rainbow, and DeMolay.

Now since we mention DeMolay, our RW Doug Teninty is a strong believer in our youth. He will be working with our youth in developing a plan to grow our youth programs more especially to revitalize our DeMolay in Alaska. As we know, they are our future Masons.

## **Finance**

Grand Lodge will stress on the importance of financial planning to our lodges, such as Budgets, no matter how big or how small your lodges are. Furthermore, educate our membership strongly on Trusts, Wills, and Endowments. Develop a program guide for giving.

Grand Lodge has two fund raisers in the system. But, they have not worked at all. We will be pro active in the two. They are the Life Membership program started by MW Harry Koenen and the Life Insurance program started by MW Gene freeman.

Grand Lodge will discuss these existing programs at the Grand Master's official visitation.

## **Masonic Education**

**Scope:** The simple answer is all Masons strive for education to include lodge planning, leadership, financial, and understanding the meaning of the ritual.

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

**Objectives:** How we are going to achieve this objective is that our Masonic Research and Education Committee will be pro active in developing Masonic Education topics and working with the lodges for presentation.

Grand Master, it has been a pleasure to work on this committee for you. As you know we have been hard at work on these ideas. It is this committee's hope hat we performed well for you.

Respectfully submitted,

RW David Worrell, Chairman  
RW Doug Teninty  
RW James R. Herrington

Report received and accepted for the record.

## **Internet**

(transcribed from video tape)

Grand Master, I was totally unprepared for this by I'll try to wing it.

The Grand Lodge web site, Alaska-Mason.org, I have received the authorization to do the updates and make the changes necessary through the Grand Secretary. There is a lot of

information out there. Someone yesterday brought up about a web-cam which I looked at last night when I go home. I didn't even realize it was there because I didn't make the web site and so there are things on there that are probably I haven't ever paid attention to because they're not updated.

It has very little information, so don't even bother with the calendar. With the new calendar coming on board, we make that link from this calendar to the new calendar that will be coming up soon. Tonight or probably tomorrow, I will be making all the changes to the front page and to the officer line and eventually I will get committee's from, err, I don't think we're putting committees up any more, but will get the other relevant information from the Grand Secretary who'll send it to me and I will get them posted up.

I like the look of it. I don't see any reason why we should change it. It has a nice look to it. I think we will change the top picture on it one day.

There is a lot of information on there. If you go to it now, we have all the proceedings (no from one brother in the room) ... well, there's a bunch of them there. I believe they start at the beginning. Roger? Maybe we're missing the last few years. There are plenty of our old proceedings up there are newsletter archives just loaded with newsletters now and because Brother Joe Dahl has given me a stack of old newsletters which I have done a fourth of the way through scanning them, sending them to the PDF, and putting them up.

If you have old newsletters from this grand jurisdiction, please let me know by e-mail through the Grand Lodge web site or through the Grand Secretary and I don't already have it, I would be happy to take it off your hands and post them. It was really fun as I was scanning them, and waiting for the computer to finish them, I would read them. There was some really interesting stuff on there to really open you eyes. Whoa, that really happened there?

I would encourage you to look at some of those newsletters. There is a lot of history there. That is all that I can bring up about now.

Respectfully submitted,

VW Dennis Oakland Chairman

## **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 to whom was referred the Grand Master's Message, have considered the same and report as follows:

Under the sub-section titled "Official Act", paragraph 2, we refer this paragraph to the Committee on Finance, and to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Under the sub-section titled "Recommendations", paragraph 1, we refer this paragraph to the Committee on Finance, and to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Under the sub-section titled "Recommendations", paragraph 4, we refer this paragraph to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The balance of the Grand Master's Message we recommend that it be approved by this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

MW Les Little (10, 15, 22) Chairman

MW Gene Freeman (3)

MW Ron Ackerman (1)

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

Report received for the record.

Deputy Grand Master made motion that the Grand Master's report except those items referred to the Jurisprudence Committee and Finance Committee be accepted. Motion seconded and approved by Grand Lodge.

## **Ritual**

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

## **Alaska Masonic Code Review Committee**

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brethren all:

Having at its disposal all of the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge, the Alaska Masonic Code Review Committee made a thorough review of the Alaska Masonic Code in 2012. The Alaska Masonic Code was compared to the passed resolutions and was updated accordingly. During this review it was noted that under the passed and amended resolutions creating the office of the Grand Treasurer, no mention of the title for the Grand Treasurer was provided. However, in the Alaska Masonic Code, Section 2.01 Constitution, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS, that paragraph indicating "Titles of the Grand Officers are:" the Grand Treasurer was added to Item 2 without permission. After notifying the Committee on Jurisprudence of this erroneous addition, the suggested course of action was to write a resolution correctly adding the Grand Treasurer to item 2. This proposed resolution is Resolution 2013-2.

Another finding while comparing the Alaska Masonic Code with all the proceedings is that there are resolutions that have been passed that do not address a specific section in the Code or changed an item in the Alaska Monitor. It is noted here that Resolution 94-4 changed the description of the Past Master's jewel in the Alaska Monitor to coincide with the Alaska Masonic Code. However this new wording has never been updated in the Alaska Monitor.

The Alaska Masonic Code Review Committee has suggested that a new section be added to the Alaska Masonic Code after RECOMMENDATIONS APPROVED listing those passed, non-specific code and other document resolutions.

Grand Master it has been a pleasure to serve on this committee and thank you very much.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Hansen, Chairman  
Monte R. Ervin

## **Masonic Scholarship**

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

The committee has worked together to revise the scholarship application process in a manner that allows for the award(s) to be made during the Alaska High School scholarship awards night held during the month of May.

The scholarship forms have been e-mailed to the Grand Lodge office and will be e-mailed to all of the Lodge Secretaries and Lodge Masters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alaska.

The Grand Treasurer has been contacted and we will be giving out scholarships or a scholarship totaling up to \$2,000.00 to the winning applicant(s). The committee will receive completed applications postmarked by April 1, 2013 and mailed to the Grand Lodge of Alaska. Our committee will teleconference to review, evaluate, and award the scholarships or a scholarship sometime during the week of April 15<sup>th</sup>. The successful candidate or candidates will be submitted to the Grand Lodge of Alaska for notification purposes.

It is the Committee's recommendations that a Grand Lodge officer be available to make the presentations or presentation to the winner(s) during the high school awards night presentations.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Report received and accepted.

## **Alaska Masonic Library and Museum (AMLAM)**

(transcribed from video tape)

Most Worshipful, Right Worshipful Brothers, most of you know our big event this year was moving the Grand Lodge in to the Masonic Library and Museum. We gave up approximately a third of the space to the Grand Lodge in the corner there in ... (not understandable)...

We went through a lot of our collection and found some interesting things when we did this which we would to convey to you. In the boxes bequeathed to us by some of our deceased brothers and some of our members have that have simply have become inactive due to age. We found ... (not understandable)... we found letters from aunt Mable and ... (not understandable)... and ... (not understandable)... and all kinds of stuff you can imagine even a National Geographic collection one time, which is stuff we're really not interested in the museum. A lot of the stuff we disposed of . When you do donate stuff, we would appreciate if it has something of Masonic value.

We have also been substantial ... (not understandable)... current by putting more of our artifacts on the walls and in the cases ... (not understandable)... now have and entire section of the upper wall dedicated to our Past Grand Masters, which have been ... (not

understandable... picture. Every Grand Master from James Williams to Jerry Pinion and we are going to build beyond that.

Our activities is supporting the Craft have been we still meet on Thursday nights at 6 PM every Thursday without fail except Grand Lodge and holidays.

We now have some staff we have empowered to be there every week between 10 and 2. Can see one of our librarian in training and Tom Schram to help you our and RW Jerry Wassen be glad to assist you in that looking over the collection. But, you can do that during those hours.

We are also open during any time you want to give us a call. We sometimes have a whole lodge that wants to come over and have a meeting, we will be glad to do that.

We have many books and many magazine articles, files, different things that you might be interested in on various subjects from esoteric to anti-Masons. You name it Some of my staff ...(not understandable)... happening in the Masonic world, so could answer a lot of questions and you get something that you are looking for or some item for what it is.

A lot of times I can give you a clue what it is if I can't be exact or I can call in order to get that information so that you can find out about it.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joe Dahl

## **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 of Tanana 3's elected officers attended Grand Lodge in February, and a week later Tanana held a Murder Mystery Dinner that was a huge success. Everyone who attended is still talking about it and asking when the next one will be. Tanana held a Rusty Mason night in January and 7 Brothers came out for a refresher. A week after that a lodge of Entered Apprentices was held for the purpose of Masonic Education. They conferred two Fellowcraft degrees in February and another Third Degree in March. On April 18 they held a Past Masters night and the Past Masters conferred the Entered Apprentice degree on a newly elected Brother. Tanana has brought back the practice of holding festive boards after the meetings where some small tidbit of Masonic Education is presented and refreshment is served. I made my official visit at the March stated meeting and found everything to be in order. At the May stated meeting Tanana presented 50 year credentials to two of their Brothers, and one as a courtesy to the Grand Lodge of Vermont. Tanana 3 went dark for the summer, but did have a couple of cook-outs and a family evening where the Worshipful Master presented his annual awards and presented WB Dwight Morris with honorary Past Master status. The calendar was full with degree work for September and October. Two

candidates were initiated as Entered Apprentice Masons on September 19<sup>th</sup>, and one Brother was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Things are running along smoothly at Tanana 3. Tanana 3 conferred a few degrees and received several petitions in October, November, and December. Unfortunately, they also had four Brothers die in November and December, bringing the total to 11 this year.

The lodge received a \$47,000 bequest from the estate of Brother Randy Acord's widow, Marion, and the IRS refunded the nearly \$17,000 in penalties that had been assessed for late filing of several years tax returns. Attendance has been increasing the last couple of months, and there is currently a push to get families to start attending the Stated Meeting dinners again. A Sweethearts dinner is scheduled for February 23<sup>rd</sup>, and a Murder Mystery Dinner with a Halloween theme is being planned for October. It was a successful year for Tanana, and this year looks to be even better.

The Worshipful Master was busy with work and out of town quite a bit, so Valdez 4 got off to a slow start this year, but they made up for it and had a very successful year. The WM and Secretary attended Grand Lodge and I visited with them there. I received notice from the Grand Secretary that Valdez installed a Brother to the office of Senior Deacon who had not stood proficiency on the third degree. Once contacted, the WM and Secretary, along with another Master Mason, met and took his proficiency and forwarded that information to Grand Secretary and Grand Lodge Office. I made my official visit to Valdez in June. I found the books to be in order, and as usual, I was warmly welcomed and the Brothers and their families treated us (Jody and Christopher made the trip with me) to a wonderful weekend of fun and fellowship. We were fortunate enough to be there the weekend of the towns' military appreciation weekend, so there were lots of activities in town.

Valdez 4 held a friendship night and a military appreciation breakfast in May, as well as helping the Shrine with onion sales. They served breakfast to about 200 people in June during the cities military appreciation weekend. The first weekend in August they held an Entered Apprentice degree during Gold Rush Days, and hosted Brothers from around the state for a weekend of fun and fellowship culminating with the Gold Rush Days Parade on Sunday afternoon. They initiated a new Entered Apprentice in October. They now have two Entered Apprentices this year. They are pretty excited about that. They had a booth at the Halloween Carnival on October 31<sup>st</sup> at the Elementary School where they sold concessions and handed out Masonic literature. Valdez is very active and they do a great job of getting families involved in their functions. I would like to see more effort put into the work, and I have had several conversations with the last two Worshipful Masters but I haven't seen much improvement for two years now. There are several new/young members serving as Officers and I hope that new energy being put into the Lodge activities will spill over into the esoteric work.

Fairbanks 12 finally solved their Secretary situation in 2012. WB Jim LeFlore, an honorary member of the Lodge, had been performing the secretarial duties with permission from the Grand Lodge on what was supposed to be a temporary basis. No regular member of the Lodge has been willing to take the position, so Worshipful Brother Jim petitioned the Lodge for full membership and the members made donations and bought him a life membership. I

granted dispensation for a special election and installation for the office of Secretary to be held at the May stated meeting.

The Worshipful Master put forth an aggressive calendar of events with an eye toward fund raising and getting members involved. They figured they had enough money to survive 2012, but after that they will be broke if they don't generate some significant revenue beyond dues and stated meeting dinner income. They volunteered two Saturdays at the Fairbanks Food Bank filling boxes for shipment to Alaska villages. They held a Masonic Education night and several family events, but attendance was minimal. I made my official visit at the March stated meeting and found the books to be in order. I was treated to wonderful dinner and enjoyed an evening of Fellowship and pleasant conversation.

Fairbanks 12 is struggling. The Lodge is basically out of money. There was some discussion of turning in the charter or merging. There is very little active participation among the members. There are also underlying issues of cliques and personal conflicts that make peace and harmony difficult to maintain. They finally decided at the October Stated meeting to move the meeting location to Tanana Lodge building. They are settling in to their new home and have already held three events; they had a Past Masters Dinner on November 29, the December Stated Meeting and the Installation of Officers there. It is hoped that the visibility of the new location will generate some petitions and result in an increase in membership and rejuvenation of the Lodge. Worshipful Master Andrew Hodnik was elected to serve a second consecutive year as Worshipful Master. The Junior Warden-elect got a new job out of state and had to move before Installation, so I granted dispensation for a special election to be held at the December Stated meeting to elect a new Junior Warden. I hope the new location will provide a new atmosphere of Brotherly Love and Fellowship and Fairbanks 12 will start to thrive once again.

North Pole 16 has settled in nicely to their new home at the North Pole Lyons Club. It is tight quarters, but the price is right. As the saying goes, if it's for free, it's for me! All of the elected officers, (except the treasurer), attended Grand Lodge in February. Worshipful Master Dave Arnold prepared a busy calendar for the year. He has placed emphasis on ritual work and is conducting monthly degree practices.

In May they participated in the state highway clean-up day, and the Junior Warden put together a group of Masons to read names at the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall when it was in Fairbanks the beginning of June. I had originally scheduled my official visit for the March stated meeting, but I wound up in the Emergency Room and was unable to attend so they graciously allowed me to re-schedule my visit for the April stated meeting. I was warmly received and treated to a pleasant evening of fellowship and refreshment. I found the books to be in order. North Pole 16 had a booth at the Cruisin' with Santa Car Show in May where they handed out Masonic information and bottled water. In July they had an entry in the North Pole 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. They had a couple of petitions and did some degree work this fall. Things are going well at North Pole Lodge. North Pole, much like Fairbanks 12, is struggling with attendance and having difficulty finding Brothers willing to take elective office. Worshipful Master Dave Arnold was elected to his 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year in the East. North Pole is, however, financially stable. They have a few candidates that seem very

enthusiastic who are progressing through the degrees. They are hoping to sustain that enthusiasm and inject some new energy into the Lodge once those Brothers are raised.

The District Meeting was held on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at Tanana Lodge. Tanana 3, Fairbanks 12, and North Pole 16 were represented. The Grand Orator made the trip up from Anchorage to attend, and he later went with us to the Badger Den to attend the spaghetti feed fundraiser for Laura Harper who has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Valdez 4 was excused due to the Keystone Canyon being closed due to flooding. It was too late to reschedule. There was lengthy discussion regarding the new workbook.

I received complaints from all three interior Lodges regarding the placement of retiring the flag in the new all-in-one workbook. No one had given it much thought, as it was believed the new workbook was merely an additional tool to help the lodges, being referred to as a study guide in 8.04 of the code, but since it appears that some are now beginning to present it as the rule and guide the members feel compelled to voice their concerns. It has traditionally been retired after the Chaplains closing prayer, not before asking the Tyler the last great care. That is how it was done under the Washington work, and it is stated as such very clearly in the Washington Monitor, which we adopted word for word except the word "Alaska." The Washington Monitor states that the flag "should be retired immediately after the Chaplains prayer." The Alaska Monitor changed the wording to say the flag shall be retired immediately 'preceding the closing of the Lodge,' which has always been interpreted to mean after the prayer and right before the Worshipful Master declares the Lodge 'closed' since that is how it was done when we were under the Grand Lodge of Washington. The change in wording should never have been made. The Washington Monitor was adopted as the Alaska Monitor at the first special communication of the Grand Lodge of Alaska on February 7, 1981, by approval of a resolution that stated the only changes to the esoteric work are "to reflect the change of names from 'Washington' to 'Alaska.'" It says that right in the middle of page 7 in the Alaska Monitor. Additionally, the Alaska Monitor has the retiring of the flag after the closing prayer. The all-in-one book changes that sequence by putting the retiring of the flag before the prayer and at the very beginning of the closing ceremony. The Lodges and members, especially the long time members, are very resistant (to say the least) to changing the traditional format for closing their Lodges. While it is agreed that the all-in-one book is a great tool, it appears it is now being used to change the esoteric work of Alaska without following proper procedure of a resolution at Grand Lodge.

The same holds true for the optional charge given during the closing of the third degree. In District 1 it is traditionally given after the Lodge "steps down" and immediately prior to the closing benediction so that the charge and benediction flow together. That is how the two are placed in the Monitor, but that is not how they are placed in the all in one book. Finally, as both of the above mentioned are optional at the closing, it seems to me their placement within the closing should remain flexible and the tradition of each Lodge should not be infringed. I can see the Lodges opting to just forgo them completely if it becomes a further issue, and I'd hate to see either eliminated from the closing ceremony. When originally proposed at Grand Lodge Session the all-in-one book was introduced as an optional tool, but it appears as though it is being pushed to replace the Monitor and Ciphers as the established and approved governing documents.

Fraternally submitted,

VW Michael A Starkey  
District Deputy of the Grand Master  
District 1

## **District 2**

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

I would like to thank all of the Lodges in District No. 2 for the hospitality during my visits.

I visited the three lodges on the Kenai Peninsula several times during the year. Due to being out of state during October and November 2012 for vacation and surgery, I was unable to visit Kodiak Lodge No. 9. For this I need to apologize to Kodiak Lodge No. 9

I made one visit to Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5 with the Grand Master. To my observation Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5 and Kodiak Lodge No. 9 need new members in order for their survival.

I am delighted to report that the three Lodges on the Kenai Peninsula have been working together for 2012. The three Lodge Masters and District Deputy decided that the animosity between the Lodges needed to stop. In early 2012, the decision to work together was made, that the past is the past, and a new beginning was badly needed. The 2013 Masters are going to continue the new trend. Working together benefits everyone!

During 2012, the Kenai Peninsula Lodges have had three gatherings:

April 12, 2012 Seward Lodge No. 6 hosted a dinner and on April 14, 2012 a visit to the Sea Life Center was made;

June 23, 2012 Sterling Lodge No. 22 hosted a picnic at Catch-Em River Front Lodge; and

December 16, 2012 Kenai Lodge No. 11 hosted a Christmas party and a gift exchange. Sterling Lodge No. 22 will host in December 2013.

All who attended these events had a good time.

All the Lodges of District No. 2 have a core group of members that do the work and keep the Lodges operating. New Master Masons are needed to keep the Lodges viable. Somehow the inactive Master Masons need to be encourage to return to be active members. How is the question!

Respectfully submitted,

VW Carl Lindstrom  
Deputy of the Grand Master  
District No. 2

### **District 3**

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

This is the final report on the lodges in District No. 3 of the Grand Lodge of Alaska namely Glacier Lodge No. 10, Aurora Lodge No. 15, and Anchorage Lodge No. 17.

Glacier Lodge got off to a slow start this year. They didn't do any degrees during the first half of the year. After meeting with them in June, I was able to convince them to contact the candidates they had to persuade them to continue their degrees. Worshipful Brother Clarence Keto, who was the head coach, did send letters to all the candidates and received a reply from two of them. I'm not sure what the outcome of this was, but they did confer a few degrees the last part of the year.

Their work was not up to standard during that time and at the same meeting in June, we discussed this and tried to find out the reason why. Glacier has always done great work in the past but my observation was that the officers did not seem to really care as long as they got through it. I hope with new officers now in place this will change. I'm sure Worshipful Brother Jack Newell and my successor will make it a point to work with them on this.

Aurora lodge has been doing degrees all year. I believe to date they have raised five or six new Master Masons. Their work is done very well and continues to improve. I want to commend Worshipful Brother Joe Dahl and Worshipful Brother John Bishop for their hard work in getting Aurora to the point they are in now. I am confident that Worshipful Brother Steve Cords as Master will continue to inspire the lodge in this endeavor.

Aurora lodge has implemented a meeting night on Thursday evening to discuss different Masonic topics as well as doing some proficiency work. Worshipful Brother Joe Dahl heads this up and we have had many conversations regarding this work. I have indicated to him that we must make sure we don't confuse our new candidates while improving their knowledge about Masonry.

Anchorage lodge has been doing very well all year. They have been conferring degrees just about every month except during the summer break. I believe there are currently four new petitions to read and at least one to ballot on. The lodge conferred three First Degrees the 19<sup>th</sup> of December and those brothers are nearly being ready for the Second Degree.

Anchorage lodge has implements a study night on Tuesday evening that has been devoted to learning proficiencies. This has been working very well and I commend Bothers Steven Warner and Scott Harrison for their hard work in this endeavor. They have even brought in some candidates from other lodges and they seem to think it really is a great session each time. They will now be implementing a short study period on what the working tools and other aspects of a given degree means. Brother Scott has shown me some of the things they plan on discussing and I think the candidates will learn a great deal without taking away from learning the proficiency or confusing them.

The officers and members of Anchorage lodge take great pride in their ritual work. You can see this in the way they confer degrees and also during opening and closing . Although there is always room for improvement, I think they do the ritual better than most of the lodges in this jurisdiction. I say this not because I am a member of this lodge, but because of what I have observed in other lodges in the state. Anchorage lodge has had a good leadership for the most part over the years and these leaders have made sure the lodge officers conformed to a certain level. I know that under the leadership of Most Worshipful Henry Dunbar this will continue.

It has been my pleasure to serve as District Deputy for District No. 3. I know the other Deputies have published articles in the newsletter and other posting on email and I haven't. Those are places where I'm just not good. If I have fallen short because of this I sincerely apologize. I tried to do the job I was required to do as I saw it. This is my fourth term as District Deputy and I am glad to see someone younger will be taking my place next year. There are several younger brothers who are capable of doing this office and I hope they will have the same opportunity to serve as I have.

Respectfully submitted,

VW Tom Schram  
Deputy of the Grand Master  
District No. 3

## **District 4**

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

All Lodges have held elections for 2013 officers except for Skagway as their election is scheduled for their January meeting.

It has been an amazing year in Southeast Alaska with new members taken in and many proficiencies completed. This demonstrates the activities and improvements of our Lodges, large and small.

Masonry continues to grow, and in my personal experience of being Deputy of the Grand Master for two years, I have seen a great improvement in the Lodge work and activities of the five Lodges. This is largely due to the Grand Master's continued promotion of doing the Standard Work, using only the current rituals of Alaska Grand Lodge.

December 8<sup>th</sup> saw Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge in full form conferring three Master Mason degrees at a special meeting. This meeting was very special, as we were visited by three Grand Masters of Alaska, past, present, and future: Junior Past Grand Master-Ron Ackerman; current Grand Master-Jerry Pinion; and soon-to-be Grand Master Jim Herrington, with Right Worshipful Jim Herrington delivering the third degree lecture. After which, the ladies and Rainbow Girls joined us for dinner at the Lodge.

This year has been a very active year for me and also been so enjoyable, watching all the Lodges in District 4 continue to improve and grow.

It has been my pleasure serving in this capacity and I welcome the new incoming Grand Lodge officers for the year 2013.

I am your friend.

Respectfully submitted,

VW Al Brookman  
Deputy of the Grand Master  
District No. 4

## **District 5**

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

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve Grand Master Pinion as his Deputy for District No. 5

The Grand Master's theme for the year has been, "Getting Back to Alaska (ritually speaking that is)" and I am happy to report that District No. 5 has responded to that message in some very positive ways: improved openings and closings; very improved degree work; and the resulting re-dedication to the education and philosophy of Masonry.

Besides my Official Visits, I m glad that I was able to make nearly every meeting of Eagle River Lodge and Matanuska Lodge, as well as several visits to Iditarod Lodge. At every opportunity, I would try to reinforce the Grand Master's theme of doing good Alaska ritual work, and am pleased to report improvements of varying degrees in all three lodges.

One of the biggest hits of my visits was sharing the Masonic Service Associations' Short Talk Bulletin: "Letter Perfect" originally produced and distributed in November of 1926, which I was able to hand out copies to members of all three lodges.

I attended approximately eighteen degrees during 2012 in District Number 5 and it was very pleasing to witness the cooperation between the three lodges and their willingness to assist each other.

Matanuska Lodge also had the privilege of presenting a seventy-five year pin to one of the charter members of Matanuska Lodge 293, Worshipful Brother Melvin Burgan. His pin and certificate were presented to him in Yuma, Arizona by Most Worshipful Brook Cunningham, Grand Master of Arizona.

It was during this year that Matanuska Lodge was a recipient of the Mark Twain Award for Community Awareness.

Having attended all three Lodge Officer installations, I am very confident in the future of all three Lodges in the district that I am honored to represent on behalf of the Grand Master, and foresee good things ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

VW Dennis N. Oakland  
Deputy of the Grand Master  
District No. 5

## **Alaska Masonic Children's Scholarship Foundation Meeting**

Annual Meeting  
February 6, 2013

Call to order by Vice President MW Grand Master Jerry W. Pinion.

Roll call of officers

President	MW John R. "Bo" Cline, PGM	Absent
Vice President	MW Jerry W. Pinion, Grand Master	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	RW James R. Herrington	
Treasurer	RW James D. Grubbs	
Secretary	RW Jerome P. Wasson	
Member	RW Edward O. Weiser	Absent

Business conducted:

- Reading of the Past Minutes by Secretary.
- Some discussion about the "Pick, Click, and Give" program associated with the Alaska Permanent Fund this year. Will have the total given at a later date.
- RW James D. Grubbs reported that the scholarship will have \$2000.00 for this year to be distributed as the Committee decides.
- Election of officers: MW John R. "Bo" Cline was elected president.

Meeting adjourned

# Alaska Masonic Corporation Meeting

Annual Meeting  
February 6, 2013

Call to order by Chairman MW Grand Master Jerry W. Pinion.

## Roll call of officers

Chair	Jerry W. Pinion
Vice Chair	James R. Herrington
Treasurer	James D. Grubbs
Secretary	Jerome P. Wasson
Member	David Worel
Member	Douglas C. Teninty

## Business conducted:

- Reading of minutes of previous meeting
- MW Jerry W. Pinion asked if Alaska corporations needed an Alaska Business license. No one had an answer to the question at this meeting.
- RW James R. Herrington asked for ideas to generate dollars for the Grand Lodge of Alaska.
  - Wine tasting
  - Penny-a –Day program
- RW Jerome P. Wasson asked all to consider changing the fiscal year of the Grand Lodge of Alaska. Maybe November 1 to October 31. This would give the Grand Lodge staff more time to get documents and printed matter prepared and also cut printing costs.
- RW James D. Grubbs asked for any suggestions to cut the cost of having Grand Lodge sessions.
- Election of Officers:
  - Chair RW James R. Herrington
  - Vice Chair RW David Worel

Meeting adjourned

# Alaska Masonic Library and Museum Foundation Meeting (AMLAM)

Annual Meeting  
February 6, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Johnnie Wallace as John R. “Bo” Cline was not present.

Roll call:

President – MW John R. “Bo” Cline	absent
Vice President - Johnnie Wallace	present
Treasurer – Paul Evermon	absent
Secretary – Roger Hansen	present
Director – Ron Ackerman	absent
Director – Richard Odsather	(deceased)
Director – Robert Cartmill	present
Director – Director Dave Worel	present
Director – Roger Barnstead	absent

Additional persons present – James Herrington and Doug Teninty

An opening prayer was given by Johnnie Wallace.

Johnnie Wallace read an e-mail from John R. “Bo” Cline

## **Reading of minutes of previous meeting:**

Reading of past minutes by Secretary-Roger Hansen

## **Treasurer’s Report:**

No report by Joe Dahl due. Bro. Dahl suggests Bruce Kling for Treasurer’s position. Bro. Dahl reported he only spent money to purchase frames for pictures. Doug Teninty asked if Joan has a telephone in her office. Bro. Dahl indicated that she can use the Grand Lodge telephone. It was also reported that the mail box needs to be moved and has yet to be done. Bro’s Dahl and Herrington will get together on this.

It was noted that the taxes need to be filed by the 15<sup>th</sup> (no month indicated).

## **Executive Director and Curator Report**

Report was mainly concerning the moving of the Grand Lodge office. Bro. Dahl is in search of a person doing computer stuff and to do a Facebook page. Also doing a catalog program and be able to see on the internet what is available. He is looking into the Quarry Project-cataloging and curator papers.

Bro. Dahl wants to keep the budget the same as last year. Cost to go to Quarry is approximately \$1,400 – airfare and hotel.

He is always looking for collections and books. He also said that he may move things around for Grand Lodge in the future to be more accommodating and appealing.

Bro. Dahl explained the purpose of the Quarry Project and about preserving items in the museum.

**Old Business:**

According to the provided proposed agenda the recommendation concerning the Pick, Click, and Give program is not to continue it.

According to Bro. Dahl he wants to wait until after he goes to the Quarry Project meeting before deciding about the database system.

The membership is not in the Masonic Library and Museum Association and he will look into it.

**New Business:**

The State of Alaska Biennial Report to be done in 2013.

Alaska Masonic Library and Museum sponsorship of attendance asked Joe Dahl as to the funds needed to attend the Quarry Project. He indicated he would find out.

Motion was made to send two people to Quarry Project in September 27-28 of 2013 by Dave Worel and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert Cartmill. Motion passed unanimously.

**Fundraising**

Bro. Dahl to bring fundraising event ideas to Grand Lodge dinners. Bro. David Worel thought that was a good idea.

Selection to fill expiring directors, Cartmill, Ackerman, Odsather, and Evermon - (treasurer).

Bro. Dahl suggested Robert Cartmill, Doug Teninty, and Jack Newell to fill expiring terms of February 2013.

Vice President Johnnie Wallace thanked everyone for serving on the board and meeting was adjourned.

**Awards**

**James A. Williams Award**

The recipient of the James A. Williams Award honoring the Alaska Lodge with the largest number of Master Masons raised was presented to Aurora Lodge No. 15 for raising seven (7) Master Masons during the year 2012.

## **Buckley C. Hazen Award**

The recipient of the Buckley C. Hazen Award for the largest percentage membership growth was presented to Sterling Lodge No. 22 for the year 2012 with a growth of ten (10) per cent..

## **Military Recognition Award**

The recipients of the Grand Lodge Military Recognition Award are:

Army: Sergeant Timothy Williams  
Marines: Sergeant Jack Campbell  
Navy: Petty Officer First Class Marilyn McCormick  
Air Force: Technical Sergeant Charlie Grantham  
Coast Guard: Petty Officer First Class Thomas Watts

## **Grand Lodge Scholarship Recipient**

No Recipient of the Grand Lodge Scholarship was awarded at time of publication.

## **Grand Master's Award for Excellence**

The Grand Master's Award for Excellence was earned by the following Masters in 2012:

James M. Thompson	Tanana Lodge No. 3
Bruce Morgan	Glacier Lodge No. 10
Ralph Sterling	Kenai Lodge No. 11
Andrew Hodnik, Sr.	Fairbanks Lodge No. 12
Joe Dahl	Aurora Lodge No.15
David Arnold	North Pole 16
Mark Sledge	Anchorage 17
Robert Heflin	Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21
Carl Lindstrom	Sterling 22

## **Grand Lodge of Alaska Humanitarian Award**

The Grand Lodge of Alaska Humanitarian Award is presented once each year by the Grand Master of Masons in Alaska to a person within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alaska for outstanding Humanitarian service to Masonry in Alaska. The award is for exceptional Brotherly/Sisterly Love and Compassionate assistance extended to members of the Masonic Community including Concordant and Appendant Bodies. The person must be a member of a Masonic Lodge or a member

of a Concordant/Appendant Body under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge Alaska. Strong emphasis will be placed on service to a “Blue Lodge” and/or the Grand Lodge of Alaska during the year of the current Grand Master. Recommendations should contain all available information. This award will not be awarded posthumously and does not have to be awarded each year. Anybody may submit a recommendation.

The Grand Lodge of Alaska Humanitarian Award for 2012 was awarded to Iris Crothers of Anchorage, Alaska

### **Biographical Sketch**

Rainbow Girl – member since 1960

Anchorage Chapter No. 8 Order of Eastern Star

Alaska Court No. 1 Order of Amaranth – member since 1992

Ladies Oriental Shrine – Waheed Court No. 81 – member since 1996

Worthy Advisor of her Assembly in Kansas International Order of Rainbow Girls

Grand Worthy Advisor of her Grand Assembly in 1966

Member of the Board of Officers for Bethel No. 1 International Order of Job’s Daughters

Worthy Matron of Anchorage Chapter No. 8 Order of Eastern Star

Royal Matron of Alaska Court No. 1 Order of Amaranth

2<sup>nd</sup> Ceremonial Lady of Waheed Court No. 81 Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America

Iris does not confine her activities to only what goes on at meetings and official functions. Quite a few of our members have had the benefit of having her assist them with all sorts of aid and assistance. Just to name a few: she visits with sick members when needed; spending many hours with members’ spouses when brothers or sisters had surgeries or hospitalization and in times of sorrow; provided hours of transportation to doctor’s appointments and during medical emergencies, providing meals, moving furniture, doing laundry, shopping, and helping in numerous other ways, even “blowing snow.”

### **Grand Lodge of Alaska Masonic Lifetime Achievement Award**

The Grand Lodge of Alaska Masonic Lifetime Achievement Award is presented once each year by the Grand Master of Masons in Alaska to one member of a constituent Lodge of the Grand Lodge of Alaska for outstanding and exceptional service to Masonry in Alaska. Past or present Grand Masters and elected Grand Lodge Officers in the advancing line are eligible for this award. This award will not be awarded posthumously and does not have to be awarded each year. Strong emphasis will be placed on service to “Blue Lodge” and/or the Grand Lodge of Alaska for a period often (10) years or greater. Recommendations should contain all available information. Anyone may submit a recommendation.

The Grand Lodge of Alaska Masonic Lifetime Achievement Award for 2012 was awarded to Clarence E. Keto of Anchorage, Alaska.

### **Biographical Sketch**

#### Masonic History:

Livingston Lodge No. 32, Livingston, Montana

Glacier Lodge No. 10, Anchorage, Alaska

Initiated: September 13, 1953; Passed September 29, 1953; Raised October 1, 1953

#### Service to Glacier Lodge:

Chaplain - 2005

Junior Warden – 2006

Senior Warden – 2007

Worshipful Master – 2008

Tyler – 2009

Worshipful Master – 2010

Junior Deacon – 2011

Junior Deacon – 2012

Senior Deacon - present

#### Service to Grand Lodge:

Senior Grand Deacon - 2012

Associate Bethel Guardian Bethel No. 1 1986 – 1994

Rainbow Dad for Various Assemblies 1972 -1994

Scottish Rite Masonry – 33 Degree

Al Aska Shrine since 1985 – Potentate – 1996

Anchorage Chapter No. 8 Order of Eastern Star – Worthy Patron – numerous times

Worshipful Brother Clarence has been instrumental in helping every Masonic Organization he belongs. He has been the chief cook for every one of his organizations and still cooks today. He was Potentate of Al Aska Shrine, Chief Clown of Al Aska Shrine, Worshipful Master of Glacier Lodge two times, Worthy Patron of Anchorage Chapter No. 8 Order of Eastern Star many times, and was Associate Bethel Guardian for several Bethels in Alaska.

Clarence devotes himself to every organization he belongs. He will work on any project that he is asked and will offer suggestions to make the organization better. His devotion to the Blue Lodge is commendable. He loves the Shrine and works every year to make the Shriners Hospital the Greatest Philanthropy in the world.

## **Grand Lodge of Alaska Mason of the Year Award**

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The Grand Lodge of Alaska Mason of the Year Award for 2012 was awarded to Roger K. Hansen of Big Lake, Alaska.

### **Biographical Sketch**

#### Masonic History:

Matanuska Lodge No. 7

Initiated: December 21, 1993; Passed January 22, 1994 Raised February 22, 1994

#### Service to Matanuska Lodge No. 7:

Marshal - 1995

Junior Warden – 1996

Senior Warden – 1997

Worshipful Master - 1998

#### Service to Iditarod Lodge No. 20:

Secretary – 2003 to present

#### Service to Petersburg Lodge No. 23:

Secretary – 2010 to present

#### Service to Grand Lodge:

Grand Chaplain - 2003

Junior Grand Deacon - 2007

District Deputy – 2010

Committeeman – 1999 to present

VW Roger Hansen has been instrumental in the review our Alaska Masonic Code and revising when necessary the Resolutions that were passed in previous years but were never included or only partially included in the rewrite of our Masonic Code. His committee combined the Alaska Masonic cipher, Alaska Masonic Monitor, and the Lodge Officer’s Handbook to be a useful tool for brethren learning the esoteric work to confer degrees or present the Degree Lectures. This was done to make the

switching from the cipher to the Monitor more easily performed to learn the various degrees and lectures.

He travels to Petersburg every other month to perform his Secretary duties for the Petersburg Lodge No. 23. Also, he is the Secretary for Iditarod Lodge No. 20. To be the Secretary of any one lodge is a very time consuming job but to be the Secretary of two lodges must make his day very long. His promptness of his monthly and annual reports to the Grand Lodge of Alaska is commendable. He is always one of the first to submit his report.

### **Grand Lodge Raffle Winners**

Corvette – Linda Charvonia

Rifle Tom Mickey

Drill set – Iris Crothers

Masonic Jacket – Keith Thomas

Masonic Quilt – Bill Roberts

# MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

## Presentations

Jeff Polizzotto, Potentate of the Al Aska Shrine, presented his coin of Masonic Unity to the Grand Master.

MW Ron Ackerman, Past Grand Master had VW Al Brookman make another Grand Marshal's baton for Grand Lodge installation and every Grand Lodge communication thereafter whereupon MW Jerry Pinion presented the new Grand Lodge baton to the Grand Marshal to take the place of his baton, very similar in appearance, made by VW Al Brookman.

## 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>North Pole Lodge No. 14</b>	Grand Lodge	Travel Fund	\$500.00
<b>Anchorage Lodge No. 17</b>	Grand Lodge	Travel Fund	\$1,464.00
<b>Sterling Lodge No. 22</b>	Grand Lodge	General Fund	\$250.00
<b>Petersburg Lodge No. 23</b>	Grand Lodge	Travel Fund	\$500.00
Jared Decker and Suni	Grand Lodge	Scholarship	\$500.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,214.00.</b>

## Speeches by Distinguished Guests

### Response to Mayor's Welcome

(transcribed from video tape)

Mr. Mayor, thank you very much for taking time out of your busy schedule to welcome the delegates to our annual communications. We sincerely hope that the activities of our Lodges and individual members are having a positive influence on the many communities from which we come.

Freemasonry has long been a highly respected organization. It had a significant influence on the founding of the government of our country. Of this, we are very proud and hope to stay involved in the betterment of our communities. We have been a part of the Anchorage community since 1917 when our first Lodge in Anchorage was chartered. Again, we thank you for coming by to say hello.

MW Henry T. Dunbar  
Past Grand Master

## **International Order of DeMolay in Alaska**

Thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brethren of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alaska, visitors, and honored guests for having me speak here this morning. My name is Sawyer Gillilan and I am the State Master Councilor of DeMolay in Alaska. Let me start off with my story.

I've been a DeMolay for four years, but my interest goes back much further to when my older brother first joined DeMolay back to 2004. At that time I was a little guy, only 6 or 7 years old, but I still wished I could join along with him, and frequently said I would as soon as I was old enough.

When we moved to Alaska in 2006, I still wanted to fulfill that dream even though there were no active chapters. As soon as I came of age, I helped to build the first Squire Manor in Alaska, and out of that grew the Tikahtnu Chapter, a revival of DeMolay in Alaska.

Before I go into where we are today, and what is going on now, let me provide some context. Some of you may not know what DeMolay is, so I will provide a brief overview.

DeMolay was created by Dad Land in 1919 when he saw a number of young men lacking role models and direction. So, he created an organization to provide them with a path towards leadership, cooperation, and wise choices.

It has since grown internationally, but the organization is still centered on the same seven cardinal virtues: Filial love, reverence for sacred things, courtesy, comradeship, fidelity, cleanness, and patriotism.

This need that Dad Land saw is still present today. I recently had the opportunity to attend a conference called *Lead On*, which is focused on preventing violence among teens, physical, emotional, or otherwise. That opened my eyes to the fact that programs and organizations like DeMolay are still very much needed and wanted.

One particular success story that grew out of *Lead On*, is the Sitka Youth Leadership Committee, or SYLC. SYLC had humble beginnings as the idea of a few kids and a teacher, trying to make a difference in their school. It has since grown to encompass many schools in the Sitka area, where they regularly present and take part in their community.

Another program from my hometown also had great success. A mentoring program was created by the Executive Officer of Alaska, Dale Gillilan, for the Kenai alternative High School. This semester-long program aimed to show the students that the community cares about them. Normally, only 30% of the students at Kenai Alternative graduate. Ninety-eight percent of the students who went through this mentoring program continued on and got their diploma.

This program only involved meeting one hour a week with the students, only about 7 hours. That was enough to change these student's lives. Some of these students have gone on to college, and some have become mentors themselves. So, imagine what a lifelong membership in a structured and supported organization like DeMolay can do.

That is why we are employing the strategy we are now, so we can give this opportunity to people who may not otherwise hear of it. First, we are going to have local organizations sponsor a DeMolay Leadership Club. These will be specific in focus, and can be approached in a way that is appealing to the organization and its youth. These clubs will meeting at least monthly, but will not perform ritual.

Each club will be a member of the nearest Chapter. In essence, the Clubs will be special interest activity and training groups of the Chapter. The Chapter will then hold a monthly meeting with the Clubs in attendance. This will be a full Chapter meeting with ritual.

This will create partnerships between Masonic bodies and community organizations, creating a much needed positive perception of Masons. It will create opportunities for new membership within the Lodges as well.

We are also employing some new methods of getting the name of DeMolay out there. One method is realizing a simple fact-teens want to be with the opposite sex. For that reason, we plan to introduce DeMolay Sorority, a women's version of DeMolay, simultaneously. This means Clubs will be coed, since they are focused on activity. This will increase both the membership and the attraction of DeMolay to sponsors and members.

Another method is through a tool that is currently in development called Kingdom of DeMolay. This is an online tool for conducting meetings and doing ritual in a program similar to Second Life. Kingdom of DeMolay would allow us to reach a larger population by incorporating villages and towns that are too small to have their own Chapter.

But, we also need to reach the parents. In the long series of ups and downs of the Tikahtnu Chapter, this has been one our downsides. However, after many discussions with DeMolay's and advisors, we have devised a promotion campaign that we call "Tell One." In this program, the members of the Masonic organization will be encouraged to "Tell One", meaning to tell at least one parent of a DeMolay age youth about the program.

It is our hope and expectation that by sharing the message and power of DeMolay with a parent, an interest will be raised to support their child in participating in DeMolay activities

In this way, DeMolay becomes a resource for parents to use in raising their child with well inculcated values.

We are currently in the process of implementing all of these things, and eagerly look forward to watching DeMolay grow and make a difference in other young people's lives. It is my hope that these people will also go on to become Masons, and strengthen Masonic organizations. But, for that, we need your help.

Thank you once again for inviting me to speak. Most Worshipful Grand Master, this is my report on DeMolay, which I humbly submit for your acceptance.

M. Sawyer Gillilan  
State Master Councilor

### **Job's Daughters International**

Hi everyone! My name is Danielle Lane and I have been selected honored queen for the ensuing term for Bethel #1 Anchorage, AK of Job's Daughters International. Job's Daughters is an organization for girls between the ages 10 and 20 with Masonic heritage! First of all I would like to thank any of you who were able to make it to my installation and support not only me but our Bethel, that means a lot. Second I would like to thank all of you for all that you do to support us. The goal that we set for ourselves as a group is to make it to Supreme. Job's Daughters is meant to give us leadership skills, to respect our elders, and to build on our public speaking skills. As many of you have said we come into the Bethel as a shy 10 year old and leave as a mature, outgoing, 20 year old! Because of Job's Daughters I am able to stand in front of you now and give this speech. As I mentioned earlier one of our many goals is to go to Supreme, which happens every summer and this year it is in California. Supreme is a marvelous experience! Some things we take part in at Supreme are, ritual competitions (team and individual), performing arts, knitting, crocheting, and photography! Not only do we get to take part in those events, we also get to meet young ladies from all around the world including, Brazil, Canada, Australia, and, of course, the United States. During Supreme we have been fortunate enough to tour the city. We reach this goal by doing fundraisers like bowlathons, raffle baskets, spaghetti and potato feeds, concession stands at dog shows, coat checks at the Denaina Center and serve dinners(happily) to all the wonderful masons! I must say, my favorite fundraiser is serving the monthly dinners. It means so much to me that I get to know the Masons personally, it's like the cherry on top! I also mentioned that Job's Daughters is more than just work, it's FUN! Some things we have done in the past have been swimming, bowling, and roller skating! Some things we hope to do in the near future are 3D miniature golf, to go to a UAA Hockey game, and ice skating! I would love to see more masons at our meetings! They are on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at the Masonic center, starting at 10:30 AM, hopefully! Our upcoming meeting is February 9th! I hope to see some of you there! Thank you.

## **International Order of Rainbow for Girls**

Most Worshipful Grand Master Mr. Pinion, Members of the Grand Lodge, Distinguished Guests and Friends,

I am Kari Nore, Grand Worthy Advisor of the Grand Assembly of Alaska International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and on behalf of Mrs. Gabrielle Hazelton, our Supreme Deputy in Alaska, I am honored to be at your session this morning.

The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls is a 90-year-old service organization for girls ages 11-20 founded by the Rev W Mark Sexson, a 33rd degree Mason. Membership is open to any girl who meets the age requirement and who has a belief in a supreme being. In Alaska we currently have 42 active Rainbow Girls in 3 assemblies; Fairbanks Assembly #1, Juneau Assembly #3 and Nugget Assembly #13, which is located in Anchorage. However, there were once 18 active Rainbow assemblies throughout the state. One of our main focuses for this year has been membership, not only adding new members to the assemblies, but retaining the members we already have.

Rainbow Girls manage their own assembly, with the assistance of their adult leaders, and learn poise, committee work and public speaking in their meetings; they create lasting friendships with their fellow sisters and adult leaders but our primary goal is to build character through service to others. Each assembly has a vigorous schedule of partnering with community groups to provide service that is important to them.

This year, I chose a project that is very important to me as our statewide service project. The Michael J. Fox Foundation supports research and the awareness of Parkinson's disease. My grandfather, a fellow Mason of Tanana Lodge #3, suffers from Parkinson's disease and he has seen a great improvement to his quality of life because of treatment. However, treatment is not enough, when we can work together to help find a cure. Each Rainbow assembly will be given a Piggy Bank, like the one seen here, to collect spare change and donations to give to the Michael J. Fox foundation. I had the unique pleasure of meeting Mrs. Phyllis Fox, Michael J. Fox's mother when I attended the Grand Court Order of the Amaranth held in Fairbanks last August. She and her son graciously donated an autographed book, which will be auctioned off at a special event at Grand Assembly in June. I cannot thank Mrs. Fox enough for her gracious donation, and will work hard to support her son's worthy cause. I will have the piggy bank and book with me throughout the rest of the sessions if you would like to donate or learn more about the cause.

Without the support from you and the entire Masonic Family, Rainbow would not exist. I thank each of you for your time and talents on behalf of Rainbow whether it be attending a meeting, cooking a meal, helping with ritual or serving as Rainbow Dad. One of the newest additions to Alaska's Grand Assembly was the creation of the position State Rainbow Dad. The position duties are still being fully developed, but I am so honored to have Mr. Jack Morris of Tanana Lodge #3 as Alaska's first State Rainbow Dad, however he was unable to be here today.

I hope you can join me at the 51st "Nights on Broadway" Grand Session in Anchorage June 24-27. Thank you again for this opportunity to speak to you and I wish you the very best during this session. Thank you.

## **Executive Officer - Order of DeMolay in Alaska**

MW Grand Master Pinion, members of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alaska, and honored guests. Thank you for the opportunity of speaking with you today, and sharing information about DeMolay in Alaska.

I am Dale Gillilan, member of Seward Lodge No. 6, Kenai Lodge No. 11, Executive Officer for DeMolay in the Jurisdiction of Alaska, and a voting member of the International Supreme Council of DeMolay International.

Most Worshipful, I do not have a prepared talk, but with your permission, I will share a few portions of our 2013 Management Plan for DeMolay in Alaska.

Plans should never be made in a vacuum. To be effective, they must take into consideration the context or environment to which they apply. Just as in planning a trip, it is not enough to know your destination. You must also have a clear understanding of where you are currently. The same is true of any worthwhile business plan. It is from this plan that I will be sharing today.

After several years of trying to re-establish DeMolay in Alaska by "traditional" methods, we are ready to be more creative. It was important to follow the "formula" as much as possible, and with determination to make it succeed initially. This gave us the opportunity to assess the prospective relationships of local Lodges to DeMolay, and to ascertain what seems to work and not work.

Over 90% of Alaska's communities are off the road system. This means there are literally no roads to them. The only way to reach them is by airplane (often small, four-place planes), by boat during appropriate seasons, and sometimes by unconventional means, such as snowmobiles, dog sleds, etc.

Although some of these communities, such as Nome are fairly "large", with a population of 2-3000, most are much smaller. They may range from 50-500 people. In these small communities, there are significant sociological factors that make programs like DeMolay very valuable. Alaska is unfortunate in ranking high or highest in the nation in several negative factors: alcoholism, youth substance abuse, teen suicide, domestic violence (including incest). These situations are exacerbated by extremely high unemployment, minimal social opportunity, subsistence lifestyles, etc. These villages are almost exclusively native, but with a culture that has been nearly crushed by domestic policies from years ago. This leaves the youth with little identity to give them strength, although there is great movement here toward rebuilding Alaskan native culture.

At the other end of the spectrum are Alaska's towns and cities that are on the road system. Population sizes vary dramatically, from Anchorage's 400,000, to Eagle's 50 or so inhabitants. Anchorage has the largest ethnic diversity in the United States. It is also home to all the negative attributes of any city, anywhere.

Clearly, what DeMolay offers is greatly needed throughout Alaska. The challenge is how to get it to the people. Which is what I want to highlight now.

**Jurisdictional Staff:**

We are adding a jurisdictional staff member this year. We have a former State Sweetheart, who is in the Air Force and residing in Fairbanks. She has been registered as a DeMolay advisor, and is eager to help build DeMolay in Alaska. She is currently on assignment in Germany and will be returning this Spring. I have had several discussions with her already. As soon as she is back, we will finish her orientation, and get her started on developing DeMolay in the northern part of our state.

**Funding:**

Currently, DeMolay in Alaska has no funds. With very minor exceptions all funding for DeMolay in Alaska, and for local chapters has come solely from me. From what I have been able to learn, this was true of my predecessors as well. This is not sustainable, and is a very inappropriate way to run any business, including a non-profit. Obtaining funding, and moving toward sustainability is a major objective for this year.

One of the sources of funding I am exploring is grants. My professional experience includes significant grant writing. There are several grants I have identified that are appropriate for DeMolay. One is for capacity building, which is creating the leadership infrastructure in an organization. I will apply for that grant and, if awarded, use it's funds to send adults and youth to appropriate leadership training opportunities.

**Training (adults and youth):**

During my tenure as Executive Officer in Alaska, it has become apparent that we need training for our adults, as well as our youth leaders. My objective is to send at least one adult and one youth to a Jurisdictional Management Conference, as well as a District Leadership Conference on the West Coast. We are not yet large enough to hold our own DLC, and the participants will benefit from the association with other enthusiastic and successful leaders and youth.

Each year, in June, DeMolay International holds its annual meeting. It is actually two meetings held simultaneously. The first part is the adult component known as the International Supreme Council, or ISC. This body, of which I am a member, is the governing body of DeMolay. The second part is the youth component, known as the DeMolay International Congress. In this meeting two youth from each jurisdiction have the opportunity to formulate recommendations for the ISC, as well as perform other leadership functions. They also sit in some of the meetings of the International Supreme Council where they can whisper recommendations to the voting delegates of the ISC.

Seats are set aside and labeled for the two voting members of the Congress. Brethren, for seven years the seats labeled “Alaska” sat empty. I am glad to report, that one seat has been filled for several years. This year I would like to see that two youth attend DI Congress as voting members, and fill both seats. All of this depends, of course, upon funding. I would also like to see more adults attending the ISC.

### **Organizations:**

We must have active, strong sponsorship to have sustainable programs for our youth. As I stated before, it is time for flexibility. We have developed a plan that will increase our opportunities for sponsorship, while increasing the reach of our DeMolay Chapters to more youth. Here is a brief description of the plan:

- Have a local Masonic body sponsor a DeMolay Chapter (or, Letters Tempore).
- Have local organizations sponsor a DeMolay Leadership Club, or a DeMolay Activity Club. These will be specific in focus (such as teaching leadership skills through experience), and can be approached in a way that is appealing to the organization and its youth. These clubs can meet on a schedule that is appropriate for the group and maintains interest, but at least monthly. They will not be performing ritual.
- Each Club will be a member of the Chapter. In essence, the Clubs will be special interest activity and training groups of the Chapter.
- The Chapter will hold a monthly meeting with all Clubs in attendance. This will be a full Chapter meeting with ritual. In this manner, all Club members will be part of an active Chapter.
- Each Club’s adult leadership will be part of the Chapter Advisory Council.
- This will create partnerships between Masonic bodies and community organizations, creating a much needed positive perception of Masons. It will create opportunities for new membership within the Lodges, as well.
- This will create leadership groups of enthusiastic adults, giving a much needed “energy boost” to this vital Masonic activity.
- The costs associated with youth activities will be shared by several organizations, reducing financial burdens on sponsors, and increasing resources for the Chapters.
- The sponsors of the Clubs will benefit by having positive, value-centered programs for their youth, or to attract new youth.
- The Chapter will benefit because it will have a strong Masonic connection, financial support, and caring, trained adults.

### **Communication:**

Effective communication with stakeholders and interested parties is essential to an organizations success. Our communication plan for 2013 consists of four parts:

- **Website:** We have a website, but it is not well maintained, and it is not linked on the Grand Lodge of Alaska. We will get the link established, and begin regular updates.
- **Facebook and Twitter:** We have a Facebook page, but it needs the same attention the website needs. We will set up an RSS feed so that when the Website is updated, a Facebook entry will be made, and a Tweet sent out. Brethren, these

may not mean anything to you, but they are essential to our youth, and need to be part of our communication plan.

- **Kingdom of DeMolay:** DeMolay International has spent a great deal of time and money researching and developing a program to attract youth. One key component of this is an internet presence called Kingdom of DeMolay. This is a safe “virtual reality” that is centered around DeMolay. It allows Chapters to communicate with its members in a secure manner, as well as having activities to attract new youth to DeMolay. We plan to make full use of this in our jurisdiction as it becomes available as a marketing tool, and as a communication vehicle for interested adults, and for active DeMolay. In the future, I would like to incorporate it as a means of attracting and involving youth in remote villages that are not able to attend meetings in person. This will be explored as we learn more about the capabilities of KOD.
- **Promotion campaign (“Tell One”):** We need an active method of reaching Masonic bodies, and to encourage them to support DeMolay. After many discussions with youth and adult leaders from around the U. S., and as far away as Brazil, we have devised a promotion campaign that we call “Tell One”. The phrase is patterned after the oft-repeated Masonic phrase, “To be one, ask one.” In this program, though, the members of the Masonic organization will be encouraged to “Tell One”, meaning to tell at least one parent of a DeMolay age youth about the program.

It is our hope and expectation that by sharing the message and power of DeMolay with a parent, an interest will be raised to support their child in participating in DeMolay activities. In this way, DeMolay becomes an adjunct and a resource for the parents to use in raising their child with well-inculcated values.

We are in the process of developing letters to send to Masonic bodies, and supporting materials. One thing we have learned here is that many Masons do not understand what DeMolay offers our youth, so we must do some initial education.

Restricted financial resources is a key factor in our ability to effectively promote DeMolay. This increases the importance of funding as a goal.

### **Collaboration:**

Collaboration is a key to success. It is also a key to obtaining grants in today’s environment. Through collaboration an organization is able leverage its resources, reach a larger target community, and increase its impact.

In 2013 we will meet with appropriate select organizations with an interest in youth where there might be a mutual benefit by working together in specific capacities. For example, there is an organization that conducts youth training in business management at the University of Alaska each summer. This might be a good fit to partner with DeMolay to encourage members of a DeMolay Leadership Club to apply. In return, DeMolay would receive additional positive exposure, training for its youth, and positive affirmation of DeMolay’s effectiveness for parents and community.

In closing, brethren, I believe that DeMolay is directly related to the growth of Lodges. A strong DeMolay Chapter creates new Masons. Some of these come from the youth becoming of age and deciding to join the Lodge. More significantly, though, are the parents. Many become part of the Advisory Council. From this they develop an appreciation for and interest in Masonry. And the presence of DeMolay in the community builds the positive reputation of Masonry.

Brethren, every DeMolay Chapter that I am aware of that is strong and vibrant, has strong support from the sponsoring Lodge or other organization. Conversely, every Chapter that I have seen that struggles, or dies, lacks support. I can also tell you that every Lodge I have seen that actively supports DeMolay, or any of the Masonic youth organizations, is growing.

I hope that each of you will encourage your Lodge to support DeMolay and the youth organizations. There is a place for each of you. It does not require a large time commitment. It can be as small as helping a few hours once a year for a specific project. The youth need you and your knowledge, wisdom and caring.

Most Worshipful Master, this is my report for DeMolay in Alaska.

Respectfully,

Dale Gillilan

## **Response to All Past Grand Masters**

(transcribed from video tape)

Response to all our Past Grand Masters – Alaska and other jurisdictions by Junior Past Grand Master- MW Ron Ackerman.

MW Grand Master, on behalf of all Past Grand Masters, we wish you the very best on your thirty-second grand communications.

## **Response to Introduction of District Deputies by VW Dennis Oakland**

(transcribed from video tape)

Thank you Grand Master, good afternoon everyone (response afternoon).

On behalf of the five district deputies, we wish the thirty-second Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alaska the best session ever. It has been a pleasure to serve the Grand Lodge and Brethren and as a deputy of the Grand Master, I want to say individually it has been a pleasure to serve you in this capacity.

## **MW Murray Webster, Grand Master of British Columbia and Yukon**

(transcribed from video tape)

(lyrics sung from some brethren: When the moon hits your eye, like a big pizza pie, that's amore (Murray).

MW Grand Master, Brethren, I am pleased to be here in Whitehorse to bring you greetings of (laughter). We have so many brethren from Whitehorse here. I bring you greetings of the 8,000 Freemasons in British Columbia and Yukon including the twenty or so that are here today.

I wanted to say that I appreciate the fine accommodations but I do have one complaint. One know those little vials that are in the shower, one of them had volumizing shampoo and it didn't work.

This is my second time that I have been able to visit this jurisdiction. About six years ago a few of us from the Prince Rupert area, one of British Columbia where I resided, made a trip out to Ketchikan to attend their hundredth anniversary. We had a wonderful time there and this occasion today is the second chance for me to enjoy the hospitality that's here.

During my term of office, which is about two-thirds of the way through, I have been using the theme of "Strive for Excellence." Do the best you can, be the best you can possibly be, do the things to the best of your ability, be the best Master Mason in your Lodge, be the best Grand Steward in your jurisdiction, be the best Worshipful Master, Grand Master of your jurisdiction, just aim high and have high expectations. And, I remind you of the Aristotle quote or the quote that that's attributed to him. "To bring this concern for us all, it's not that we aim high and miss, but that we aim low and hit."

Over and over, I am hearing the express out there that the importance of Freemasonry is to being a meaningful experience. So, we in British Columbia and Yukon are making the effort that we apply excellence in the tools that we provide at the Grand Lodge as a lodge to our Brethren.

Just wanted to tell you a little story that as I leave. When we were in Ketchikan for that trip that I talked about, we went to the duty-free store and they were selling Scotch in one and a half liter bottles at a tremendous price, a fabulous price. So, the brethren that I was with, all fought this one and a half liter bottles of Scotch and they realized when they were approaching the Canadian country while on the ferry, that are only allowed to claim a liter. So, we had to decide how we would deal with this. Well, we started to deal with it and we weren't able to claim any Scotch at the border (laughter).

Thank you very much for the hospilities that have been extended to my wife and myself. I congratulate you MW Pinion for your year as Grand Master of this jurisdiction and I give the best of wishes VW Brother Herrington for the year to come. Thank you very much.

## **MW Curtis Harris Grand Master, Prince Hall Masons of Alaska**

(transcribed from video tape)

Most Worshipful Grand Master Pinion, distinguished guests, brothers all, I like to be the first and a great pleasure to be able to bring greetings on behalf of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alaska and all of our brothers and also being able to congratulate you on this your first day of grand communications and wish many more of this jurisdiction. I say great things, that's why I'm here. Hearing great things me and my staff we're saying that's a pretty good idea and I'll just take that back.

I tell you gentlemen, I also bring you great pleasure to tell you this morning that Masonry is alive and well the world over. You need to look around the room to see Brothers from across the globe to know that Masonry is alive and well.

Another thing that we are doing, we're actually shrinking the globe. Actually, we're making the globe a lot smaller place. I'm sure all of you have heard about that thing going on about that Notre Dame linebacker, Till(?) who was sweetened and had a girl friend that was alive and then she's dead and then come to find out the girl wasn't a girl he's got.

It's interesting to see. That's something that doesn't happen in Masonry. We have something that other organizations do not have. We pick up the phone, call something, we know who they say who they are. ... (not understandable)... shrink the globe. It does not matter.

If somebody wants to know somebody, it's really easy to deal with. Pick up a phone and call a brother. When a brother gives his word, that's his word; that's what we take. That's one of the things outside of our organization that we have that I hold so dear. When a Mason gives his word, that's it! That what someone goes along with. Everyone doesn't pay attention to that. Sometimes these people in our own organization here.

You all heard what MW Pinion gave a speech about how a gentleman, who, a Prince hall, who wanted to over to the Grand Lodge of Alaska and then he ended up wanting to come back to Prince Hall. This is a globe training thing.

Now the Masonry that our fathers practice was different than what we practice. They didn't have all the technology that we have to take advantage of to truly bring ourselves close together from all around the globe.

So, this individual I'm hanging on the phone with him, calls me at home, so he's talking. My staff knows I'm the kind of person, if I'm in labor pain, I smell the bait. Real simple for me. Don't talk to me all day long, get to the point. So I listen to him politely for a bit and after awhile I said you know I had a discussion with MW Grand Master Pinion, I don't need to look into the matter any further. We agreed well this might be wrong and that might be wrong. I said, hmm, I've already been given ample proof that the Grand Lodge of Alaska

has a stance that what they've told me, I believe and I am going to vote that way and this matter is concluded. We have nothing further to talk about. It's a done deal.

Because a fool is to play one against the other and one thing I believe at the end of the day we have to play more than lip service when we are talking about recognition and our brotherly love. That's why I say a brother gives his word that is his word. I'm not going to question it. I'm going to accept it every single time. And, I think that that is a beautiful thing about just like we're sitting here today accomplishing things of Masonic recognition, that of that nature which is a great thing.

Wherever a Brother goes, no matter where he puts his foot in a man's entitled to have a Brother to call upon, to be received, and to be taken care of, things of that nature. That's what we pride ourselves on in our jurisdiction. We travel, we proudly proclaim you know way up there we go to the grand session. We have a great time. They receive us well. They have always called on protocol. They have ... (not understandable)... given us the best.

That's not the case with the southern grand lodge. A little bit ... (not understandable)... down there, right? (laughter) At the Conference of Grand Master's you know what I'm talking about. They have no idea ... (not understandable)... you what you don't know what you're missing out on. You do not know what you're missing out on! Hopefully, I keep praying for it, Maybe, it will change down there below the Mason Dixon Line. I don't know. But, none-the-less I'm truly hopeful that you will have the chance to experience the Masonic love and brotherhood that we experience in Alaska.

I certainly want to thank you and your grand jurisdiction as well as the brothers from the other jurisdictions that come here and share with us that allow me to make those kind of statements and truly see that we are not only Brothers in Masonry but Brothers in Christ as well.

## **RW John Cooper III, Deputy Grand Master of California**

(transcribed from video tape)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, distinguished guests, Brethren all, it is a privilege to represent our Grand Master, MW John Frederick Lowe and to be here in your mist today. Truly has been a wonderful experience for me to experience the hospitality you have shared with our delegation from California.

It's no surprise because it was some twenty years ago when I had the privilege and then I was the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of California our Grand Master, R. Stephen Doan at your annual communication. And, I must tell you the warmth and the hospitality of that was unparalleled and it has grown exponentially since then in the twenty years gone by. So, thank you so much for welcoming me to your mist today. It's been a pleasure to be here to represent that.

To share briefly with you some things that have happened in California. Often great changes have come about in the life of an organization requiring play outs so you eventually understand how they impact you. California for many years, the longest of the Grand Lodges, wrestled of which to hold our stated meetings in the degree other than the Master Mason degree. After many attempts to approach it with different directions, I ... (not understandable)... our Grand Lodge voted to hold all of its stated meetings in the Entered Apprentice degree.

A little comment on the ... (not understandable)... in contact because you are considering a similar issue before you. I don't think it is appropriate to share some things in that direction in this forum. I will tell you that this was a part of the process of a larger one of recognizing the value of Entered Apprentices and Fellowcraft as Masons in our jurisdiction.

Just to give you an idea of how many Masons we're talking about in California, as of this morning, the Grand Lodge of California has 61,204 Masons and that's actual Entered Apprentices, Fellowcraft, and Master Masons and that does not count those of us who belong to more than one lodge.

How do we know that? Our Grand Lodge web site carries those numbers which change daily based on the reports from our lodges. I checked it yesterday in the event that I might have to share that with you a bit earlier in the session. So, yesterday it was 61,211 members. We lost a few of them there.

What does it tell us about leaders in the Fraternity? Information is one of the most valuable things that we deal with because if we know where we are, we then can see clearly what we need to do. Bringing Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts into a life of our lodges making them truly Masons half the level of development that they are is an extremely important part upon what Freemasonry is to be.

And, just a first step upon that journey is not the last step on that journey. So, it's appropriate to recognize everyone's expertise and contributions to a lodge and to Grand Lodge based upon progress along that journey.

We had hoped that bringing Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts into the business of our lodges might encourage them to understand Freemasonry better. But, we don't rely upon that as the primary means. I think all of us know that communication of what Freemasonry is to a man who becomes a Mason, it is absolute essence of what we want him to understand because it is to take the lessons that he learns around the altar of Freemasonry into the larger world ... (not understandable)... resume that means of his life.

Over the years, through the century, we've done different ways of doing that. We have lectures that explain things to our candidate. We have our candidates memorize things and return them in open lodge. We have education programs to try to help our Masons, all of them, understand more about Freemasonry.

About eighteen months ago, California decided to integrate all of these things in what I would call a candidate and life long Master Mason education program.

In other words, what the Entered Apprentice starts learning about Masonry, let's continue throughout his life to the point he lays down his working tools at the end of the journey and to do that we recognize that the place for most or our new Masons spend their time around their telephone, their tablets, and other things that of a life-time communication.

So, under the program of candidate education, member education, and Masonic education it is integrated through the internet. We will be show casing the first of this to our colleagues in the ... (not understandable)... conference ... (not understandable)... in the state of Missouri.

So, I won't share much about it. We will have a much more detailed explanation but just for all of you here to understand Entered Apprentice who is involved in this electronic education program is able to interact with the symbols with ... (not understandable)... of Freemasonry in an electronic environment so that he can express what these symbols mean.

In another example of simply memorizing the definition of a rough ashlar, a perfect ashlar, he is asked in his process, how does that apply to your daily life? What does it mean to you? As a husband, as a father, a member of your community, how does it truly mean something to you as a Mason. The process also has a way interacting with a mentor, a mentor assigned for each new Mason through the program.

Probably the most exciting look from my standpoint is that it does not stop when a man receives his third degree. Indeed the expectation is that these materials will go on for a life time. Part of the process is to keep it to a minimum of his understanding of Masonry.

I don't know about you, but as I look back at the beginning of my Masonic journey, now many years ago, it would be an absolutely exciting thing for me to look at what I thought about Masonry at the beginning of the journey and what I think of Masonry today, a long road from May 28, 1964 when I became an Entered Apprentice to the day. It has been filled along the way with greater understanding and I hope, truly hope, California that this is going to make a genuine difference for Freemasonry as we understand it for our next generation.

So again, in conclusion I want to thank you very much Most Worshipful for the wonderful hospitality for all of our brethren from California.

## **MW Dean Heinemann, Grand Master of Washington**

(transcribed from video tape)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, my Brethren, my Prince Hall Brothers, I bring you greetings from the Grand Lodge of Washington and I'm sorry that I left my smart phone in my room, so I can't tell you exactly how many Masons we have but somewhere north of 14,400.

We continue to decline, which is unfortunate. We are doing a number of initiations. It appears that all of our lodges are extremely busy and those that aren't have a plan to be found more busy in the future. Our issue is Masons who pass on to the Celestial Lodge above. For some reason, when I knelt at the altar similar to that and received this apron and collar, I was not given the power to revoke that right of our elderly Masons.

Some things that we are talking about in the Grand Lodge of Washington this year are we have introduced the concept of written expectations for all of the deputies of the Grand Master, for the committees, and also for the appointed and yet even the elected officers; then I started talking about accountability. Some raised eyebrows, but without accountability, without communicating effectively with our membership and showing them that we at this level are accountable to them each and every day. If we set a bad example then we are reaping the benefits of that bad example.

I can talk about your initiatives and your programs how excited I am to be the Grand Master of Masons in Washington but what I've told my membership is that the time for talk is over. It's time for us to hit the streets and do something, even if we make a misstep. At least we are active in the community. We are doing something.

It is extremely gratifying for me when I am actually at my home lodge and able to participate in activities such as picking up trash along the roadside, going with our youth groups and other Masonic organizations, and working at the food bank several times during the year. These are opportunities that we must, we must continue to promote, continue to put in to the future.

It is no longer acceptable that we pat ourselves on the back and congratulate ourselves on participation rate of twenty percent. If we stop and think about it, that's eighty percent of our membership that doesn't care to associate with us any more. That's the message I hear. Now that's probably not the case, but a majority of the lodges don't want that eighty percent either. So they are being tasked at finding out why they are not there.

I am encouraged and I took several notes what MW Brother Curtis said there and RW John I will forward to that presentation next week RW Brother John and we will take copious notes and coming from a university setting we will definitely research and steal that idea from the Grand Lodge of California.

Because, my Brethren, it is all about education. It is about being excited about being a Freemason and about living a Masonic life.

Thank you so much. It is my second trip, my wife's first trip to the Grand Lodge of Alaska and this one was even better than the first time because I have a little bit better inkling as to what happens and it's about 40 degrees warmer. So we appreciate that. But we appreciate the snow. We've been a little short on snow in eastern Washington so we came up early and we did the dog sled and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. The fraternalism, the friendships that I have had and now my wife has been able to experience it, are unmatched and I thank you sincerely for the personal relationships and for those relationships ... (not understandable)...

for the future of our Fraternity world wide and as MW Curtis pointed out is extremely bright but it is up to us sitting in rooms like this to do something.

Brothers, thank you.

## **MW Jeff Carlton, Grand Master of Arizona**

(transcribed from video tape)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, members of the Grand Lodge, distinguished visitors, and Brethren all. I bring greetings from the 8,000 Masons in Arizona of which only 7,200 pay dues. We got guys like MW Joe Dees and RW Jim Grubbs. You are a right worshipful now Jim? Just hanging out and cause problems.

I was busy this morning and I don't what the line of information was delivered from the other visiting dignitaries whether they kept it brief or long so what do you want me to do here Most Worshipful? Grand Master answered, "you talk as long as you want, I will shut you up whenever I want you to shut up." (laughter) Thank you Most Worshipful.

We fought for a lot of change in Arizona real briefly I'll try and tell of some of the highlights. We tried to reinvent the wheel as far as officer education and we dropped back and we're reinstituting our old, it used to be called the Warden's Academy in Arizona. It was a three day event, two-nighter and we call our lodge officer retreat and we hoped to do that.

We had a traveling program and we called it "the Lodge Leadership Program." It was a one day event and we found out the most important thing we got out of that was getting grilled. We had what we called the "Grand ... (not understandable)... Lineup" and we have an eight year progressive line, brothers. We start at the Junior Grand Steward and progress up the line and all eight of us would get up there and let the Craft fire on us and try to answer any questions and we thought we got a lot of input. So, rather than do that we've instituted the Deputy Grand Master with instrumental issues at large in instituting what we call "town hall meetings" and I think we are going to have about ten of them this year, traveling across the state and its given us an opportunity, ( rapping sound) Do you want me to shut up? (Grand Master: No.) We've had about ten of the them and we found them to really be an eye-opener.

The first thing that I found out was when I went to one of the urban lodges in Phoenix and I had two Masons come up to me and they had never seen a Grand Master in their life and I was a little shocked. Arizona is a pretty big state but I was shocked they had never laid eyes on a Grand Master before let alone sit down and find out that they put their boots on one boot at a time and swear like a mule skinner. Anyway, that turned into a very fruitful thing for us as far as getting information from the Craft as to what direction they want to take Masonry in Arizona.

We have been able to instill the idea in the Craft that we are not the Grand Lodge. Physically, constituent lodges, ... (not understandable)... lodge officers and past masters are part of the Grand Lodge. They are getting the idea. We did not do that unselfishly, we were trying to take the heat off of ourselves! There was quite a method to the madness.

One of the other things that we are doing is we are after some unfortunate incident that happened in Arizona last year. We are completely revamping our Masonic trial procedures. I gathered up about fourteen past grand masters and got them to visit the constitution and try to revisit the trial proceedings.

In the process of doing things, I have learned a very interesting thing. In 1882 when the Grand Lodge of Arizona was constituted up till about 1920 the Brothers held very many more Masonic trials than we do today. We found that the result was last year, there was wrong Masonic behavior in Arizona last year and not a single lodge had dropped or filed charges against a Mason who committed un-Masonic acts. In everyone of these "town hall meetings" that I mentioned, the last question of the night was "why is those S.O.B's. still Mason? Literally, that is the question! It's quite a thing to look him in the eye and tell him, well 'cause you're not doing your job. You have not gotten rid of the brothers who you find un-Masonic. It's not the Grand Master's job. It's not the Grand Lodge's job. So we're in process of really revamping our trial system.

The other thing we are doing is because of so much of the infractions occurred on social media we are developing social media problems brothers. It was pretty exciting as soon as I announced to the Craft that we're doing that, all the bad stuff went away.

On a lighter note, though, you brothers up here in Alaska can appreciate this. I was doing a little bit of research and I stumbled across a very important piece of information and that was the definition of a vegetarian. A vegetarian is just a poor damn hunter (laughter).

Most Worshipful, if you could, I will sit down and shut up. My theme this year has been "Building Boundary and Masonic Conduct." I have been handing out a point within a circle and I make them and it is with a great deal of pleasure that the first Alaskan Mason when I came to Alaska four years ago was Most Worshipful Jerry Pinion and he had no idea who I was and the first thing he did was to take me to lunch.

Great pleasure working with you. Thank you

## **MW Kazufumi Mabuchi, Grand Master of Japan**

(transcribed from video tape)

MW Philip A. Ambrose, Past Grand Master of Japan and Grand Secretary translated comments of Grand Master.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brothers, and Guests, Grand Master Mabuchi is very, very appreciative of the invitation to attend the Grand Lodge. As soon as Most Worshipful Brother Jerry Pinion came to visit us Grand Master Mabuchi was determined to come here. Having been here for just a few days he says he has already learned some things that we could adopt in the Grand Lodge of Japan and he is sure if we were here a little longer he would learn a lot more.

He doesn't speak English and but he says he believe that you could feel him in your heart and from his heart he is very thankful of having been able to come here.

That's about all he said but he heard one of the previous speakers say if he talked too much he would be told to shut up by the Grand Master (laughter followed). He did ask me to tell about the history and some of the problems we are facing in Japan.

Pre and post World War II, the Freemasons in Japan were given the reputation as a secret organization like the one that dropped all the saran gas in the subway several years ago. We have been able, as a result of that tsunami; we have been able to overcome some of that because we have done a lot for the people. The government of Japan is just like any other government, really slow to respond to stuff like that. Whereas, we went up there as soon as we were called and we took 120,000 bottles of water, we did a barbeque for 3,700 people.

There were eight Buddhist temples in the area here, and seven were washed out. The priests were giving funeral services in tents so we were determined to build them another temple out there. That has created more positive feelings about Freemasonry in Japan than anything we have done in the past fifty-seven years. We're very happy about it.

As a result of that in my lodge alone we've gotten eight Japanese petitions and we need more Japanese petitions for the majority of our people within our Grand Lodge are military and they are in and out all the time and who knows when the United States is going to be told to get out or the United States is saying we're getting out ... (not understandable)...

I think because of MW Brother Mabuchi's leadership and willingness to do whatever he can, the Grand Lodge of Japan will not only succeed but will flourish.

Again from the bottom of my heart and MW Mabuchi's heart, thank you again.

## **MW Jerry Piepora, Grand Master of Maryland**

(transcribed from video tape)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Most Worshipful Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters, Brethren, guests, and all, yes it is my first time in Alaska and it's been quite an experience and treat for me, thank you all very much for the hospitality and everything over the past few days.

You know Grand Master, probably one of the last or next to the last visitor here and sometimes that's not a pleasant feeling because everybody has said everything he wanted to say but that's not always the case. It gives me an opportunity to sit and listen to all that is going on in Alaska and Washington, and lost of the west coast states that we don't hear about in the eastern part of the country. Grand Masters do because we attend the Conference of Grand Master's and we know that a lot of the problems are common throughout the United States.

I was thinking about what could there be in common between little Maryland with 17,000 Masons and you can drive from one end of the state to the other, east to west, in about six and one-half hours and I can go between Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and some place in about one-half an hour and then coming to Alaska where I'm hearing Past Grand Master Joe Dees and others talk about driving 3,500 miles and the weather in the mountains. You know in Maryland we have mountains (laughter). We have mountains that go up to about 2,500 feet (laughter). So they call it mountains, believe it or not, in the far western part of our state.

You know, I have to tell a story, because it's not a vegetarian joke. But, you might appreciate this little story.

Two hunters, believe it or not, you can get lost way out in the western part of Maryland in the mountains. Two hunters get lost and the second day they are making a campfire and they shot a loon. I don't know about Alaska, I heard your archivist and historians talk about animals and birds that you can't shoot. We're the same way, and you can't shoot a loon, but they were starving and of course the story would have it no sooner were they about to enjoy a meal, than an individual from the Department of Natural Resources come up behind them, saying, "you can do that, I understand your situation but I have to bring you in." Well of course the good news is was that they brought then in but the bad new was that they had to go to court. The Judge also sympathized with them because of their physical condition, so he lowered the charge and let them go. And, as they were leaving, the judge being curious said, "guys, I'm curious what a loon tastes like." And, one of them, one of the two, the one more brilliant turned around and said, "your honor, it kind of tastes like a bald eagle" (laughter).

Why do we travel? Why do Grand Master's travel? We travel of course because our wives let us. That's the primary reason. We travel because we get to meet outstanding individuals and Masons through the country. You know one of the things we say in Maryland, our

fraternity gives you the opportunity for an average man to do extraordinary things and we've come to expect that amongst our brethren and they do.

The other reason we travel is because we all know our jurisdictions are far from perfect. And, we get outstanding ideas when we travel. And, Grand Master your dinner last night honoring the veterans was something I want to take back to Maryland. We honor our veterans in general but to do what your Grand Master did last night was something very, very special. Grand Master, thank you, and I will do that.

What are we all doing? And, I hear all of the resolutions and the votes and the discussion and the debate and I think now I know why Marylanders have to serve two terms as Grand Master because we learn a little slower. I heard a lot of this conversation and I tried to keep up. We don't have some of the issues you do and you have some issues of courts that we don't have.

I'd like to speak, not just for Maryland, but when you look at the lodges our east, we're celebrating our 226<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Massachusetts was founded in 1733. So you got that there are 225 to almost 300 years so that a tremendous amount of history and tradition, not that we're doing everything right as everybody else and we're finding the same kind of struggles that you are.

But, whether it's scholarship, long-range planning, leadership, youth, the DeMolay, and even the Job's Daughters, and the Star, all the groups we have them, and we have the same kind of struggles.

If there is one thing different, oh, before I get to that, I noticed Most Worshipful Curtis of Prince Hall, just a comment. Technically, Maryland is below the Mason Dixon Line and you know of course if you go back to the Civil War they probably wore gray and blue but we stop at the Mason Dixon Line and probably from the early '70's on back, race was a pretty severe issue with us. Most of the jurisdictions on the east coast and I won't say all of them down through the southeast, about mid-2000's they said enough of this, we're all brothers. One Grand Master in my jurisdiction got up when they actually signed the compact which formerly recognizes our two jurisdictions, Prince Hall Grand Lodge and A. F. & A. M of Maryland and it was a big deal. Several stations were there and we had a huge plaque that we signed and our Grand Master got up and he said, among some of the things, "you know it's about time we have more white aprons than white hoods." And, can you imagine the reaction in that Grand Lodge that day. It still rings in our Grand Lodge and little by little it is becoming a total non-issue.

One of the things that Delaware, the District of Columbia, and Maryland, all three small jurisdictions, we hope by the end of the year, the three Prince Hall Grand Lodges and the three A. F. A. M. Grand Lodges will have full visitation rights in any of those jurisdictions. And that's going to be something we're very, very proud of and we're almost there.

The first time ever Maryland A. F. & A. M. got an invitation to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Delaware's annual communication. And, it's really excited about going

there. So Grand Master (directed to Prince Hall Grand Master Curtis Harris) if you ever get a chance to come east, let me know, love to have you (much clapping). It's quickly becoming a non-issue then Grand Master (directed to Prince Hall Grand Master Curtis Harris) we are truly brothers. We're very excited about that.

Other than that, you know, some of the jurisdictions our on the east coast, if you think about the curve, and I've heard a lot today and yesterday about we're still on that curve that we're still losing members. I happen to believe, my brothers, in one of my message throughout the State of Maryland, is that as far as Freemasonry is concerned; our best days are yet to come.

We can all look back in our history and I know you don't have that history as some of the lodges that we do, but we go back a 100 years, 150 years and say: "gee what a great time that was; look at all the members we had; look at all the things and you look at the drop." But if you go out and you talk to perspective members and say, "gee what great time we had," I'm not particularly interested in joining a fraternity where the best days are behind us. The best days are in front of us my brethren and that's what we teach. That we go out to all of our lodges again it's not just Maryland.

I have an advantage in Maryland that you don't have here. Fortunately for us because we go back all those years of our ancestors, our great-great grandfathers vested in the fraternity. You have to think about that because it is real hard today to raise money and I can't tell you how they did it a hundred or a hundred-fifty years ago but our endowment in our Masonic home exceeds 120 million dollars. Our endowment in our Grand Lodge exceeds 12 million dollars. So, we've had 225 years to fill that up, but we're spending our ancestor's money. It's not our money we're spending, it's their money.

But we believe in Maryland, yes to make good things happen, to plan for your future, you have to spend some money and in our case, yes we are lucky. We spent some money on advertising. And, I know it's that thin line sometimes where we can't ask men to become Masons but we sure can talk about the history of this country. We sure can talk about and ask it there greatness in you and we sure can say if you're interested ask a Mason. We do these spots, obviously the Raven won the Super Bowl (laughter) so that was a great thing for us, and we can afford to have an add, not on the national networks or on the mobile channels during playoffs. We would wait until Friday or Saturday, one of the TV channels would call us and you know that thirty-second spot was gonna cost, but now we can give it to you for this because we got a bit of unsold advertising.

So we take advantage of that and you have heard about internets and web sites, we do the same thing. And, after anyone of those games we would sometimes get 250 men responding to that inquiry – you know, I heard about you guys for since I was a kid, or my grandfather was a Mason, how do I even begin to ask? That kind of stuff. They're smarter than we were when we joined because they do the research but they don't know how to join. I talked to some people here, I thought that it was Mohr or something like that, a pastor and a couple of your sons, doing things in the community and that's the key. We all know that, being active in your community.

Membership in Maryland is starting to increase. We hit bottom back in 2010, we hit bottom. Is that part of because we have been spending some money? Sure it is, because all we've done is raise the awareness. They are coming to us today. They want to know more. All the things that you already know, they want to be part of the community, they want to contribute, they're not coming to your lodge meeting to sit on the sideline while you read bills. And, that is not common to west coast or east coast.

We normally raise about 300 to 350 men a year. In 2011 and 2012 we raised over 1,500 men. Our challenge, and you heard talked about earlier, our challenge right now is that we got so many lodges that, they can't be officers, they can't be on committees but they can be in an appendant body somewhere. They sure can be active somewhere; Scottish Rite, York Rite Mason. They can be a Shriner. They can work with the youth groups.

Our challenge is the word mentoring. I have heard that many times this weekend. We got them. We're a little ahead of the curve yet. But, now that we've got them, if we don't have a fraternity that keeps these men interested, they go out the back door. What good was it all?

So, that's our biggest challenge right now is making sure our fraternity is something that in today's age that men want to come to the meetings, they want to get involved in the community, want to be involved in worthwhile activities. That's our big challenge. So we're going to do our darnedest.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, thank you for the invitation to be here.

## **RW William A. Garrard, Jr. Deputy Grand Master of Arizona**

(transcribed from video tape)

Most Worshipful, Nearly (GM-elect), Worshipful Brothers all, Most Worshipful Brothers all, this is really a surprise. I'm pleased to be here. This is my first visit to Alaska in the winter. I've heard so much from these predecessors I got from Arizona. I have had petitions thrown at me. I have to decide which one.

I'm going to thank you Most Worshipful and of your Brothers for driving that have shown the hospitality to April and I. It feels like we're home, it really does. I told April the other day, she's looking for more property to buy, something to buy when we move away from the holocaust or whatever is going to happen in the next few years, that Alaska and the feeling that you got up here is just terrific. I just love it. It's really terrific and I congratulate you all. There's a spirit of brotherhood throughout the state, throughout the Rites, the Shrine. There's excitement of what you're going to do in the future.

Yesterday, we heard from your youth and Lord knows you're in good hands with the youth you got coming up that year.

I wish you all the very best. Please come down to Arizona in June 6, 7, and 8. Most Worshipful Jeff promised, that you heard him before, he's promised that it will not get over 115 degrees before 10 AM (laughter). Please come on down. We'd love to have you down there, even you David (laughter). Again Most Worshipful, thank you for all this hospitality.

## **Jeffrey J. Polizzotto, Potentate Al Aska Shrine**

(transcribed from video tape)

Most Worshipful Sir, Worshipful Brethren, Brothers all:

I was walking through her office and I saw that she was crying and I said, "why are you crying?" She said, "I can't get any help for my daughter." I said, "what wrong with your daughter?" She told me that her daughter, seventeen years old, who was born with a left ear, and she comber the hair over the hole because she was embarrassed about it. I said, have your daughter contact me.

Two years and just under a million dollars we built her a new ear.

Not to long ago she won a scholarship to Paris and she was so proud of that ear, that she shaved her head like Shane O'Conner. She's still in our system and they believe they are going to make it work.

That's what being a Shriner is all about and I appreciate you giving me an opportunity to tell that to you.

## ELECTION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

The following are the results of the election of officers for the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska. (Results transcribed from video tape recording)

### **Grand Master: 125 votes cast, 63 votes required for a majority**

Tom Schram	1 vote
Dave Worel	1 vote
Gary Pinion	1 vote
<b>James R. Herrington</b>	<b>122 votes (station accepted)</b>

### **Deputy Grand Master: 124 votes cast, 63 votes for a majority**

Tom Schram	1 vote
John Bishop	1 vote
Doug Teninty	1 vote
<b>David Worel</b>	<b>120 votes (station accepted)</b>

### **Senior Grand Warden: 125 votes cast, 63 votes for a majority**

Tom Schram	1 vote
Dave Worel	1 vote
Joe Dahl	2 votes
John Bishop	1 vote
Blank	2 votes
Carl Lindstrom	1 vote
Billy Harris	2 votes
<b>Doug Teninty</b>	<b>115 votes (station accepted)</b>

### **Junior Grand Warden: 125 votes cast, 63 votes for a majority**

Blank	1 vote
John Bishop	1 vote
Joe Dahl	27 votes
<b>Carl Lindstrom</b>	<b>96 votes (station accepted)</b>

### **Grand Treasurer: 125 votes cast, 63 votes for a majority**

Blank	1 vote
Clifford Darnell	2 votes
Jerry Wassen	1 vote
Tom Schram	1 vote
<b>James D. Grubbs</b>	<b>120 votes (station accepted)</b>

**Grand Secretary: 123 votes cast, 62 votes for a majority**

Tom Schram	3 votes
Johnnie Wallace	3 votes
Cliff Darnell	1 vote
Blank	1 vote
Jim Grubbs	1 vote
<b>Jerome P. Wasson</b>	<b>114 votes (station accepted)</b>

# INSTALLATION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

An open installation for the 2013 - 2014 officers for The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was conducted at the Anchorage Sheraton Hotel on February 8, 2013.

## OPENING CEREMONIES

Welcome and Introduction of Installing Officers by MW Jerry W. Pinion.

## INSTALLING OFFICERS

Installing Officer	MW L. V. "Joe" Dees
Installing Marshal	MW Harry Koenen
Installing Marshal	MW Leslie R. Little
Installing Chaplain	MW Henry T. Dunbar
Installing Secretary	MW Johnnie L. Wallace
Installing Keeper of the Jewels	MW Charles E. Corbin

## ELECTED OFFICERS

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

## APPOINTED OFFICERS

Grand Chaplain	VW Frank G. Weiss III (Debbie)
Grand Lecturer	W Donald E. Hale ()
Grand Orator	VW Albert J. Brookman (Georgene)
Grand Historian	VW Roger A. Barnstead (Sheryl)
Grand Marshal	W Steven W. Stewart ()
Senior Grand Deacon	W Nicholas J Choromanski (Tammy)
Junior Grand Deacon	W Norman Gutcher (Bette)
Grand Standard Bearer	W James M. Thompson ()
Grand Sword Bearer	W Andrew A. Hodnik ()
Grand Bible Bearer	W Charles E. Rogers ()
Senior Grand Steward	W Richard L. Grant (Rosemarie)
Junior Grand Steward	W Ralph S. Sterling (Sandra)
Grand Organist	W Dwight E. Morris (Deanna)
Grand Tyler	W Mitchell L Coulthard (Yvonne)

## **DISTRICT DEPUTIES**

District 1	VW Kevin C. Tennant (Tamera)
District 2	VW William R. Roberts (Karen)
District 3	VW James Zuke (Charisse)
District 4	VW Jeffrey W. DeFrest
District 5	VW Dennis N. Oakland