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of Alaska**

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PRAYER OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

Supreme Architect of the Universe we are grateful to You for bringing us through another year to this 34th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alaska. The experiences of the past year reminds us very vividly how much You care for us and how completely we depend on Your word, will, and leadership. As we face the busy days ahead we are reminded even more strongly that we need Your help not only in our actions, but also in our attitudes. We pray that personal prejudices will be dispelled and that concern for the proper direction for Masonry will prevail. Our prayer also is for a spirit of harmony, understanding, and mutual concern to pervade our discussions and decisions. May we grow in our sensibility to the many needs of our brothers and in our determination to assist the Craft to continue to move toward Your expectations for it.

May each of us gathered here look within and resolve to seek Your guidance on every issue before us that we may become more qualified to make the right choices for Masonry which is, in itself an appendant body to Your work.

Amen

ROLL CALL

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Master	MW David Worel
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deputy Grand Master	RW Douglas C. Teninty
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Warden	RW Carl J. Lindstrom
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Warden	RW John K. Bishop
<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 Keith Herve
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Lecturer	W Donald E. Hale
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Orator	VW Monte Ervin
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Historian	W Roger A. Barnstead
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Marshal	W Dan McCrummen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Deacon	W Bruce Kling
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Deacon	W Joe Dahl.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Standard Bearer	W Jack Newell
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Sword Bearer	VW Al Brookman
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Bible Bearer	W James Griffith
<input type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Steward	W Larry Wright
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Steward	W Ed Rogers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Organist	W Dwight E. Morris
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Tyler	W Dan Amundson

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

MW Grand Master, 19 Grand Lodge Officers and 18 Lodges are represented and we, therefore, have a constitutional quorum to open Grand Lodge.

RW Jerome P “Jerry” Wasson
Grand Secretary

SOLEMN CEREMONIES

The public opening of the Thirty-fourth Annual Communication of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was opened at 8:00 AM on February 5, 2015, by Worshipful Brother Joseph O'Connor. 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 Honorable Mayor of Fairbanks, John Eberhart
Response by MW Jerry Pinion Past Grand Master
Introduction of Representatives of Concordant Bodies and Appendant Bodies

The formal opening of the Thirty-fourth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was opened at 10:00 AM on February 5, 2015, by Most Worshipful David Worel, 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 Glen Josey - Sterling Lodge 22

Second Session

W Norm Gutcher – Matanuska Lodge 7

Third Session

W John O'Daniel – White Pass 1

Fourth Session

W Clint Cotrell – Aurora 15

Distinguished Guests

Municipality of Fairbanks

Honorable John Eberhart, Mayor of Fairbanks, Alaska

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

MW Curtis Harris, Grand Master

RW Kenneth Holmes, Grand Secretary

Arizona, F. & A. M.

MW Mike Manning, Grand Master

California, A. F. & A. M.

RW Russ Charvonia, Grand Master

Colorado, A. F. & A. M.

W Hugh Ferdows, Grand Representative of Alaska near Colorado

Idaho, F. & A. M.

MW Arthur G. Shoemaker, Grand Master

New Mexico A. F. & A. M.

W Ralph Easley, representing MW Kevin K. Schwebel, Grand Master

Oregon, A. F. & A. M.

MW Ed Bousquet PGM, Grand Secretary

Washington, F. & A. M.

MW John (Sam) Roberts, Grand Master

Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

Bro. Ari Hoeksema representing MW John Slade, Grand Master

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

MW Philip Durell, Grand Master

RW George Moore, Grand Secretary

United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, A. F. & A. M.

VW Sam Strykowski, representing MW Derek Robson, Grand Master

George Washington National Masonic Memorial

W George Seghers, Executive Director.

National Masonic Foundation for Children

MW Earl J. Washburn PGM, Executive Director

Representatives of Concordant Bodies

Al Aska Shrine Temple

Ill Christopher M. Fratello, Potentate

Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction

John P. Johnson, representing David Worel Deputy in Alaska to the
Sovereign Grand Commander

DeMolay International

Steven E. Crane, Grand Councilor

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Alaska

Lee Seagondollar, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Alaska

Johnnie L. Wallace, representing Dennis N. Oakland, Most Illustrious
Grand Master

Grand Commandry, Knights Templar of Alaska

Jack Newell, representing David Worel, Right Eminent Grand
Commander

Grand Court of Alaska, Amaranth

Iris Crothers, Grand Royal Matron

International Order of Job's Daughters, Bethel No. 1, Anchorage

Madelyne Jones, Honor Queen

International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Gabrielle Hazelton, Supreme Deputy in Alaska

Miss Janelle von Birgelen, Grand Worthy Advisor

Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America

Elizabeth Tucker Wilson representing Elizabeth Scheffers, High Priestess,
Waheed Court No. 81

Order of the Eastern Star

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

Red Cross of Constantine

Bill Miller

Supreme Council, Order of the Amaranth

Victoria G. Ault, Supreme Royal Matron
Del J. Militare, Supreme Royal Patron

MESSAGE OF THE MW GRAND MASTER

Message:

My Brothers of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska and our distinguished visitors.

We thank you so much for taking time to be here with us this week. Welcome to our 34th Annual Communication.

One year ago I dedicated this year to my Friend Worshipful Brother OD Odsather and my Dad David C Worel. They both are smiling at us from the Grand Lodge above.

Our year started by going to the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America in Baltimore, Maryland. I'm happy to say all of our Grand Lodge officers attended the conference to include our baby Jr. Past Grand Master. He carried my bags.

The conference was a historical meeting. This was the first time we talked about helping to bring back "civility" to our society. We had a World Cafe style meeting and I was able to help facilitate a break-out session. The Grand Lodge of California has taken the lead in this and our Grand Lodge officers have participated in many nationwide meetings. I hope we continue to participate in this movement. I recommend that we do so.

After the Grand Masters Conference we sashayed to Alexandria, Virginia where we started our Alaska Masonic Education adventure.

George Washington Masonic Memorial Alaskan Trip

On Thursday February 20th, 2014 we toured the Scottish Rite Building called the House of the Temple. What a fabulous building!

Later that evening Jim Kincheloe Sr. who did belong to North Pole Lodge #16 and the Mule Skinners from Kena Shrine Temple had a barbeque for Alaska. They were a little late but the food was worth the wait.

The next day the Grand Lodge of Alaska had a public opening at the George Washington Masonic Memorial.

Friday February 21st, 2014 we held an open meeting with the ladies and guests. At that time I was presented with the historical gavel and trowel that Brother George Washington used to lay the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington DC. I looked like and felt like Brad Pitt, the movie star, with cameras flashing, women screaming my name, clothes being thrown at me. That was all fine and dandy until the under garment that had the initials "JH".

After I got my composure back, we had some guest speakers like Mark Tabbert. He is one of the authorities on Brother "George Washington the Mason". After the presentations

and speakers, we proceeded to excuse the guests and opened the Grand Lodge of Alaska in a tiled meeting.

I was fortunate that I was able to use Brother George's gavel to open and close the meeting. As any Grand Master that sat in the East of Alexandria Lodge #22 watching 118 people staring at you of which sixty-three were from Alaska, you're thinking "buddy don't screw this up." After we closed I asked Most Worshipful Johnnie Wallace how I did I do? He said "Most Worshipful, you missed one word. You closed in DUE FORM not AMPLE FORM". So I got sad and after I thought a bit and got a big smile. I said "Most Worshipful, I didn't screw up. I didn't need to use AMPLE FORM. That is only needed for Grand Masters that screw up the opening and closing.

Later that evening we attended an Alexandria-Washington Lodge #22 meeting. I was treated like a super star and was conducted to sit in the East with the Master and Grand Master of Virginia.

I was truly honored to sit there. The Worshipful Master was asking the names and jurisdiction of the visitors and the Jurisdiction of Alaska was mentioned over sixty times. WOW! I was proud of our Alaskan Jurisdiction.

On Saturday we laid a wreath on Brother George Washington's tomb at Mt. Vernon. I did not know I was going to give a speech but I learned then on how to dazzle them with flowers.

Our George Washington Masonic Memorial trip was truly a trip to be remembered. There were sixty-three Alaskans present. Seventeen of our twenty lodges were represented. We had the Grand Master of Washington, Sam Roberts, with us and he brought his luggage carrier with him Past Grand Master Gale Kenny. Also with us was Past Grand Master "Sticky Fingers" Bill Garrard from Arizona.

We did conduct one piece official business. We fined the three lodges that had no representation \$1.00.

Special thanks to Most Worshipful "Bo" Cline for all of your support on our trip. I would also like to thank Potomac Lodge for allowing us to borrow the gavel and trowel from the U.S. Capitol Building Museum. Very special thanks to the Executive Director of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, Worshipful Brother George Seghers. Thank you for making us feel right at home. To my brothers and sisters that made that trip, you made that trip successful. Without your participation we would have not made an impression that Freemasonry is alive and well in Alaska.

Visitations of the Alaska Masonic Lodges

All twenty lodges of Alaska were visited by the Grand Lodge officers this year. Joint meetings were held in Anchorage, Palmer, Fairbanks, and Sterling where three lodges were present and the host lodge opened the meeting. Each were opened in due form by the lodge Masters of the three lodges and closed in ample form by the Grand Master. All

other lodges were visited individually due to their distance from each other. After the lodges were closed all ladies and visitors were invited to participate in open discussion and hear about the latest happenings within the Grand Lodge. This was our first year that our Lodges were able to open on the first degree on Stated Meetings. I was asked by a few lodges if they could open on the first degree to allow more members to attend our Official Visitation. . Public Honors were given at those lodges.

As I traveled around I told some jokes. Here is one I told. A Mason who had just been installed as the Master of his lodge and was duly attending all the functions he could. He was having a hard time with his wife who said... "All those Masters-in-office all they have to do is click their fingers and you would be there wouldn't you? I wish I was a Master!" After due thought, he said..."So do I dear. We swap them for a new one every year!!"

Visitations of Concordant Bodies and Grand Lodge Communications

Our Visitations:

Concordant Bodies:

Grand York Rite, Scottish Rite, Alaska Shrine, Grand Assembly for Rainbow, Grand Amaranth an Eastern Star meeting and the Eastern Star Grand Sessions British Columbia/Yukon in White Horse, Yukon.

Grand Lodges I attended:

Grand Lodge of Hawaii

Grand Lodge of Maine

World Conference of Grand Masters in Bucharest Romania

Grand Lodge of Romania

Grand Lodge of Arizona

Grand Lodge of Washington (Which, by-the-way, I gave greetings from the Grand Lodge of Alaska and Yukon. You should have seen, at the time, Deputy Grand Master Phillip Durell's face. It was priceless.

Grand Lodge of British Columbia/Yukon where I was introduced as the Grand Master from Alaska and Yukon.

Grand Lodge of Missouri

Grand Lodge of California

Grand Lodge of Nevada

Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alaska

Our Deputy Grand Master Doug Teninty represented us at:

Grand Lodge of Idaho

Grand Lodge of Oregon

Our Senior Grand Warden Carl Lindstrom represented us at:

Grand Lodge of Montana

Brother Dan Amundson represented us at:

Grand Lodge of Wisconsin

Special Visits

I taught the Six Steps of Initiation for the Grand Lodge of Washington Leadership Seminar

Attended International Days in Dawson, Yukon, Canada

Attended Shriners International

Appointments

Worshipful Dale Cain resigned as Grand Chaplain due to job relocation and Worshipful Keith Herve was appointed as Grand Chaplain

Worshipful Lawrence Schaufler resigned as Grand Tyler due to job relocation and Brother Dan Amundson was appointed as Grand Tyler

Most Worshipful James R Herrington was appointed to lead our redesign of our website

Most Worshipful “Bo” Cline was appointed as our Trestle Board editor. He deserves special thanks for the outstanding work he did. He totally revamped the quality and image and made sure the content was of quality. Great Job Bo!

Right Worshipful Jerome P. Wasson was appointed to work with the electronic balloting we are trying this year.

Right Worshipful James G. Kincheloe, Jr. was removed as representative to Virginia.

Necrology

With sadness we report that since our last Annual Communication, forty-five 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.

State of the Craft

I will tell you now this report will not be “sugar-coated.” You will know exactly the State of the Craft when I’m done.

The lodges throughout the State are doing excellent work. There were only two times I saw ciphers opened, both times by a Warden. I truly believe they used it as a crutch. They had the part memorized but the confidence level was not there.

There were three lodges that did not open during our Official Visitation. Nor do I think they do at all.

Petersburg No. 23 Petersburg, Alaska

Mt. McKinley No 5 Cordova, Alaska

Kodiak No. 9 Kodiak, Alaska

When a lodge does not open or confer degrees what-so-ever they are doomed. Our ritual done in proper form is a constant reminder on who we are and how we should act. It is a down fall for a lodge that does not do the work and it will soon be closed either by Mother Nature or if Grand Lodge should intervene before then.

With that being said, I closed and took the charter of Petersburg No. 23 in Petersburg, Alaska. Petersburg has not opened in the five years I've been going there. I directed the Secretary/Treasurer of that lodge to continue to pay all bills and receive checks that come in. Deposit all checks and keep a complete accounting of all transactions. He will work with the Grand Treasurer until all assets are transferred to Grand Lodge. Furthermore, I directed the Secretary to box up all records and work with the Grand Secretary to ship the records to Grand Lodge.

The four members that are active by name only had one concern. That was, can they still give scholarships as they have done every year? I promised them they could. I have contacted the Finance Committee of that promise and they seem we should be able to honor that promise as long as the Masons that live in Petersburg are willing and able to continue to have a Masonic roll in their community. My Brothers of this Grand Lodge I hope you will allow us to keep that promise.

Status of Mt McKinley No. 5

I'm sad to say the Master of Mt. McKinley No. 5, Worshipful Brother Robert Cunningham passed away this past year. They are basically in the same shape as Petersburg Lodge with four active members and one member doing all the business. That is the Secretary, Worshipful Harold Moore.

As I mentioned before, Mt. McKinley Lodge did not open at our Official Visitation. Furthermore, they do not and have not performed any openings in the last two years. When we arrived at Cordova, Alaska I mentioned to the Senior Warden that he was in charge of this lodge. He looked at me like I was crazy. It is obvious that this lodge just goes through the motions and has no clue on what a lodge is supposed to do. The building looks like one of the abandoned buildings in Cordova. Unless Mt. McKinley Lodge changes their ways now, their fate will soon be like Petersburg Lodge. I would suggest this lodge take a serious look at themselves and decide their own fate. Also, I would suggest that if their building is not on the National Historic Register they need to do so.

Kodiak Lodge No.9

Kodiak Lodge has a lot of potential, but for the last two years they did not open the lodge at the Official Visitation of the Grand Master.

Most Worshipful Jarred Decker is the anchor in Kodiak, but he is getting tired and truly burnt out. He dearly loves the Craft and it is my opinion he is the only reason why Kodiak still exists. Unless a true leader steps up and leads and motivates the members there, Kodiak will have some major problems too.

Seward Lodge No. 6

I mentioned this lodge for a few reasons. The lodge officers actually do very good work, but the lodge has poor business practices. They have a lodge building that froze up. Even though they had a renter, their agreement was poorly written and was not properly insured or not at all. They did not get enough money to make the repairs. The lodge decided to sell the building and that's when they found out that the building is owned by a for-profit

corporation that has been inactive for years. All of the shareholders have passed away. That shows how old that corporation is.

I directed all of our District Deputies of the Grand Master to perform an audit on all the lodges. This lodge was having some problems allowing access to their books. I had to make a surprise visit to their Stated Meeting after which the District Deputy of the Grand Master performed his task for us. All was well.

This brings up a concern. If a lodge does not have proper insurance and something happens a good attorney will go after the deep pockets, which is the Grand Lodge. I recommend that all lodges in our Jurisdiction have Insurance:

General Liability (\$1 million) unless alcohol is used by the lodge then \$2 million
Directors
Property or Renters
Auto if needed
Grand Lodge of Alaska will be added as a rider on the policy.

We have seen a positive change in most lodges. Lodges are starting to pay attention to the business side of the lodge. We have seen more long-range planning and budgets. Those lodges have made the necessary changes to be successful. The lodges that have not listened will continue to struggle.

Valdez Lodge No. 4

The members of Valdez Lodge No. 4 deserve great praise. This Lodge a year ago could not open lodge at all. This year with the Worshipful Master John May, they opened lodge on the third degree, then called down to the second degree, and conferred a second degree. This lodge has developed a plan and a budget. GREAT JOB Valdez!

Internet

Most Worshipful James Herrington was appointed to supervise that revamping of our website. He worked with the contractor on the changes. If you haven't seen our new website please look at it.

Thank you Most Worshipful Jim for a job well done.

Prince Hall Recognition

We have a shared jurisdiction with Prince Hall in Alaska. Our recognition has been a limited recognition. There were some meetings a few years ago to talk about having a full recognition and we thought we did. But, our two offices cannot find the agreement. I recommend at this Grand Lodge session we have a signing of this agreement.

Official Acts

I authorized the use of the Square, Compasses, and the Bible open on the Altar for any public Installations.

Proclamations, Edicts, and Rulings

This section of the message may ruffle a few feathers. I will first start out by saying a Grand Master is a powerful person for 364 days of the year. He can make proclamations, edicts, and rulings throughout the year. And basically his decision is final. That is until the 365th day.

Then the Grand Lodge body is the power. I believe in my heart a leader is a servant to the body he represents. The actions I make on your behalf while we are not in session affects this jurisdiction.

In the past four years I have seen Grand Masters make proclamations, edicts, or rulings during their year. But, what I don't see is Segregations and Reference taking all actions from the Grand Master and referring them to the appropriate committee for action and then letting this Grand body approve or disapprove of the action.

Ruling #1 All Rulings will be voted on by the Grand Lodge body for Acceptance or Rejection. If a ruling is approved, that ruling will be placed in the Alaska Masonic Code in the appropriate section.

Ruling #2 Bible, Square, and Compass may be displayed on the Altar as a Master Mason Degree at Public Installations.

Ruling #3 Grand Master's message will be given out at registration so the members of Grand Lodge may have the appropriate time to read the information before a vote occurs.

Ruling #4 All rulings from the 2014 Grand Lodge session will be properly voted on this year.

Dispensations Approved

1. February 2014, dispensation to attend Church Services, Parades and Community events clothed as Masons.
2. February 2014, Seward Lodge No. 6, dispensation is only granted for meetings held from this present date until which time the mechanical problems in the Seward Lodge building are repaired no later than February 6, 2015.
3. March 2014, North Pole Lodge No. 16, dispensation to change meeting place to the Tanana Lodge No. 3 building for the purpose of holding the Grand Master's Official Visit.
4. March 2014, Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18, dispensation to change Stated Meeting date to April 2, 2014 from April 3, 2014 for the purpose of holding the Grand Master's Official Visit.
5. April 2014, Iditarod Lodge No. 20, dispensation to change meeting place to the Matanuska Lodge No. 7 building for the purpose of holding the Grand Master's Official Visit.
6. April 2014, Fairbanks Lodge No. 12, dispensation to hold a special election at the June Stated Meeting for purpose of electing a new Treasurer.

7. July 2014, Anchorage Lodge No.17, Grand Master to appoint a special deputy to preside at the Stated Communication on July 9, 2014 due to the absence of the Worshipful Master and both Wardens. Grand Master, Most Worshipful David Worel has appointed Most Worshipful Henry T. Dunbar to be his special deputy and preside over that meeting.
8. September 2014, White Pass Lodge No. 1, dispensation to change their Stated Meeting to September 27, 2014.

Recommendations

I recommend that a Segregations and Reference Committee of three be added to Section 5 of the Alaska Masonic Code. Their duties will be to read in detail the Grand Master's Message, all Proclamations, Edicts, or Rulings and will defer them to the appropriate committee or committees for review. All Grand Master's Messages will go to Segregations and Reference no later than ten days before Grand Lodge Sessions.

I recommend the Grand Lodge Per Capita Life Membership fund will be \$1,000.00 per Lodge.

Appreciation

I stand before you simply as a Master Mason. As I reflect on the beginning of this journey, I will not ever forget how I got elected to this Grand Lodge line. I was scared to death to be truthful. I try to keep a sense of humor at all times. Yes, sometimes too much, sometimes not appropriate. As Most Worshipful Jerry Pinion would say "I'm the child in his IM OK –YOU'RE OK" lecture. I didn't know if I would fit in the Grand Lodge circuit. I'm just a contractor. Everyone in this Jurisdiction made me feel welcome. So my next concern was other jurisdictions. How would I fit in? Well Most Worshipful Bill Bray Past Grand Master of California and his wife Linda were the start. He has no Idea what I'm going to say right now. But, I met them at a Masonic event. Kathy and I were at Knott's Berry Farm in California. We walked into a place where you can drink soda pop and we saw Most Worshipful Bill and Linda. Kathy and I sat down away from people not knowing if we should say "Hi." I know you're thinking about now "Dave Worel scared what the heck." Remember, I didn't know if I would fit in the Grand Lodge stigma. So, anyway, Bill and Linda saw Kathy and I and invited us to sit with them. They made us feel so comfortable and were completely supportive. In fact, so supportive, Linda said "Dave, I'm going to make a complete copy of Bill's speeches and I'll send them to you." So I'm thinking, wow isn't that cool what she is doing!" Then I thought crap she must know I'm a bad speaker.

Seriously, words alone cannot express my appreciation to those Grand Lodge officers and Lodge members that took time out their busy lives to travel to attend the Official Visits with the Grand Master. Thanks to the many Past Grand Masters that traveled throughout the State to visit and offer help when needed. We thank you for your continuing support. Thanks to the Lodges for all the courtesies and gifts afforded the Grand Master. To all the Concordant Bodies for their many courtesies, thank you. To our Sessions and Arrangements Committee and all those that helped make this session a success, thank you.

To my good friend Worshipful Brother Ed Rogers, chairman of this session, I can never repay you for all the work you have done to make this a special event.

Very special thanks to Very Worshipful Monte Ervin who has been a mentor to me. If you think I did a good job, let me know. If I did a bad job complain to him. It's his fault I'm here.

A special thank you to all that served as officers and committee men for this Grand Lodge year. Without your support we would not continue to grow as we have. To all Five District Deputies, thanks for doing a great job this year. You have made my job so much easier doing what you do best.

To the Grand Secretary, Right Worshipful Jerry Wasson and Tom, thanks for all your help this year. You make us look really good. To the Finance Committee and the Grand Treasurer, thanks for keeping us on track with the resources available.

To my wife, Kathy, thank you for being by my side every day giving me the support and guidance needed to do what is right and for taking me to the airport and picking me up many times at all hours. Your ideas and support has made this year special.

Fraternally,

MW David Worel
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 (GLMMS) is as up to date as I can get now with all data that I can read entered. I have entered the remaining 3000+ cards received from the Grand Lodge of Washington. There are about 200 that are unreadable copies. We are trying to get better copies from them. The Grand Lodge attained a subscription to Ancestry.com this year and I have been researching missing birth and death dates and have also found some places of birth for our records.

All Dimits and Letters of Good Standing are not coming to the Grand Lodge office and several come with missing signatures. Many Grand Lodges will only accept communication from another Grand Lodge as a matter of their protocol procedures and when they are not complete I hear about at the Grand Secretaries Conference. Please make sure all signatures are provided. If a brother is not available to sign and has requested by email or letter at least enter "Request on file at Lodge" in signature blank.

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

As the Grand Master has informed you we are trying an electronic voting system this year. I went to the Grand Lodge of Oregon this year to receive training on this system. I believe this process will greatly speed up our voting in the Grand Lodge session.

As required by Section 3.05 of the Alaska Masonic Code, I must report that 5 Lodges did not submit their End-of-Year Reports by the January 10th deadline.

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

Tanana #3	Valdez #4
Mt. McKinley #5	Matanuska #7
Kodiak #9	Glacier #10
Eagle River #13	Anchorage #17
Ketchikan #19	Iditarod #20
Sterling #22	Petersburg #23

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

White Pass #1	Kenai #11
Aurora #15	Mt. Verstovia #18
Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux #21	

At the time of publication not all of the late reports have been received so the data in the Status of Lodges table is not complete. I know you Lodge Secretaries probably get tired of me calling/emailing about timely reporting but without it our statistics are of no value.

The Grand Lodge Membership Management System shows 1634 Masons in the jurisdiction of Alaska as of 12/31/2014. The chart below reflects the total number of **members** in Alaska lodges as 1743. 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 44 members. These figures may change when all the reports are received.

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 (Alaska Masonic Code 16.16.6). This is often omitted from the report and requires phone calls, e-mails, or letters to obtain. If your roster is the same as the Grand Lodge Membership Management System you can just download and print this and attach it to the report. We use this roster to verify the Grand Lodge membership roster with the Lodges in an attempt to keep our discrepancies to a minimum. There were very few discrepancies this year.

It has been a pleasure working with this year's Grand Lodge team. Again I have enjoyed my experience as your Grand Secretary, and I offer my appreciation to the members of this Grand Jurisdiction for the honor of serving them.

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

Respectfully submitted,

RW Jerome P. "Jerry" Wasson
Grand Secretary

STATUS OF LODGES

Lodge	Elected	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliate/Dual	Reinstated	Total Gain	Dimitts	Deaths	Suspended	NPD	Total Loss	Net Gain/Loss	Mem 12-31-14
1	0	0	1	2	0	2	4	7	5	0	10	22	-18	39
3	7	7	6	9	1	5	14	1	7	0	0	8	6	198
4	0	1	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	65
5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	-1	16
6	2	1	0	0	3	0	3	0	1	0	1	2	1	30
7	4	3	1	1	2	0	3	1	1	0	4	6	-3	98
9	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	-1	48
10	3	4	0	1	0	0	1	2	5	0	0	7	-6	167
11	4	4	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	15	16	-15	83
12	3	3	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	7	7	-5	73
13	2	2	2	3	0	1	4	0	2	0	5	7	-3	93
15	4	4	4	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	83
16	1	1	0	2	1	1	4	2	0	0	2	4	0	56
17	8	9	5	3	2	2	7	0	9	0	6	15	-8	286
18	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	55
19	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	2	4	0	0	6	-4	59
20	4	5	1	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	102
21	5	5	2	6	3	0	9	1	6	0	4	11	-2	138
22	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	34
23	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	-1	22
Total	55	50	31	36	21	19	76	14	42	0	64	120	-44	1743

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

1st Report

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

Subject: 1st Report of Fraternal Relations Committee-Recognition of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland.

A request dated February 27, 2014, from the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland and its Jurisdiction, stating that they extended full Masonic Recognition to our Grand Lodge. They would like for us to reciprocate with full Masonic Recognition, exchange Representatives and any other actions normally associated with Masonic acceptance between two Grand Lodges.

A report from the Grand Master's Conference Commission of Recognition dated February 21, 200(s), stated that all Prince Hall Grand Lodges descending from African Lodge #459 should be considered to be regular and meet the requirements for recognition. The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland meets all requirements for recognition.

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I move that full Masonic recognition be extended to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Maryland and Its Jurisdiction and that Grand Representatives be exchanged.

Respectfully submitted

Henry T. Dunbar PGM, Chairman
Fraternal Relations Committee

Note: Recognition was granted by hand vote of the Grand Lodge.

2nd Report

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

Subject: 2nd Report-Fraternal Relations Committee-Recognition of the Grand Lodge of Montenegro

We received a request for recognition from the Grand Lodge of Montenegro dated May 28, 2014. The Grand Lodge of Montenegro was chartered on July 12, 2007. The Grand Lodge descended from the former Grand Lodge of Yugoslavia. The Consecration Ceremony was performed by the United Grand Lodge of Germany with help from the Grand Orient of Italy, and the Grand Lodge of Austria. Representatives from ten other

European Grand Lodges were also present. At the present time, there are about one hundred and fifteen brothers working in four Lodges.

The Grand Master Conference, Commission on Recognition reported at its 2008 meeting that the Grand Lodge of Montenegro was legally consecrated and meets the standards for Recognition.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Henry T. Dunbar PGM, Chairman
Fraternal Relations Committee

Note: Recognition was granted by hand vote of the Grand Lodge.

3rd Report

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

Subject: 3rd Report of the Fraternal Relations Committee-Gran Logia Simbolica Del Paraguay

We received a letter from the Gran Logia Simbolica Del Paraguay requesting Fraternal Recognition from our Grand Lodge. Their Grand Lodge consists of 60 Lodges with a membership of 2,280 members. Their present Grand Master is Most Worshipful Brother Edgar Sanchez Cahallero.

The Conference of Grand Masters of Masons of North America, Commission on Information for Recognition has studied Masonry in Paraguay for the past six years and has come to the conclusion that the Gran Logia Simbolica Del Paraguay is the only Masonic body in Paraguay that meets all the qualifications for Recognition.

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I move that full Masonic recognition be granted to the Gran Logia Simbolica Del Paraguay.

Fraternally submitted,

Henry T. Dunbar PGM, Chairman
Fraternal Relations Committee

Note: Recognition was granted by hand vote of the Grand Lodge.

4th Report

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

Subject: 4th Report-Fraternal Relations Committee-Grand Lodge of the State "Andres Quintana Roo", Mexico

We received a letter from the Grand Lodge of the State "Andres Quintana Roo", Mexico requesting recognition.

The Grand Masters Conference, Commission of Recognition reports that the Commission relies heavily on the Confederation of Regular Grand Lodges of Mexico which provides a list of regular Grand Lodges in that country and that list of regular Grand Lodges does not include the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Quintana Roo. Based on the above information, this committee feels that we cannot grant recognition to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of "Andres Quintana Roo".

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

Fraternally submitted,

Henry T. Dunbar PGM, Chairman
Fraternal Relations Committee

5th Report

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

Subject: 5th Report of Fraternal Relations Committee - Miscellaneous Correspondence

1. A letter from the Regular Grand Lodge of Belgium stating that it was restoring recognition of the Grande Loge Nationale Francaise.
2. A letter from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky Free and Accepted Masons stating that it had restored Masonic Relations with the Grande Loge Nationale Francaise.
3. A letter from the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania saying it had restored Fraternal Relations with the Grande Loge Nationale Francaise with the caveat attached that the Grande Loge Nationale Francaise must continue to show full control of the Grand Lodge and a commitment to regularity in practice.
4. A letter from the Grand Lodge of Venezuela announcing their new Grand Master and Grand Lodge officers for the term 2014 thru 2017. They also extend fraternal greeting from Bro. Juan U. Jimenez Silva.

5. A letter from The Gran Logia de la Argentina do Libres y Aceptados Masones, also known as The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Argentina, stating that they had elected and installed their new Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother Nicolas Orlando Breglia and other Grand Lodge officers for a three year term, 2014 thru 2017. They also send fraternal greetings to our Grand Master and other brethren.
6. A letter from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida announcing withdrawal of fraternal recognition of the Grand Lodge of Cuba. The Grand Lodge of Florida charges that the Grand Lodge of Cuba has been spreading untruths about the Grand Lodge of Florida entering into discussions of recognizing a clandestine Lodge of Exile Cubans in Florida under the auspices of the Grand Lodge. of Cuba. The Grand Master of Cuba has visited clandestine lodges and sat in said lodges as well as allowed clandestine Masons to sit in the Grand Lodge of Cuba and the Grand Lodge of Cuba is interfering and attempting to invade the sovereignty of the territory of the Grand Lodge of Florida. Therefore no lodge in Florida may visit nor allow visitors or petitions for affiliation or dual membership from any lodge chartered by the Grand Lodge of Cuba.
7. A letter from the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Maryland stating that it was suspending recognition of the Grand Lodge of Cuba because of the allegations of Cuba's interference into the sovereignty of the Grand Lodge of Florida.
8. Finally, my brethren, according to the Grand Masters Conference, a great many "Grand Lodges" continue to appear in North America each year which do not meet the standards for recognition. Further, most of these Grand Lodges make no effort to achieve regularity or even establish a relationship with regular Grand Lodges into whose jurisdiction they have inserted themselves. The Commission urges great vigilance in establishing relationships with new Grand Lodges that do not exist in the list of Lodges Masonic published by Pantograph, in Bloomington, Illinois.

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

Fraternally submitted,

Henry T. Dunbar, PGM, Chairman
Fraternal Relations Committee

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

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

	Total Number of Ballots
Grand Lodge	21
White Pass Lodge No. 1	7
Tanana Lodge No. 3	13
Valdez Lodge No. 4	4
Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5	0
Seward Lodge No. 6	3
Matanuska Lodge No. 7	5
Kodiak Lodge No. 9	4
Glacier Lodge No. 10	5
Kenai Lodge No. 11	7
Fairbanks Lodge No. 12	3
Eagle River Lodge No. 13	4
Aurora Lodge No. 15	4
North Pole Lodge No. 16	6
Anchorage Lodge No. 17	9
Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18	4
Ketchikan Lodge No. 19	3
Iditarod Lodge No. 20	4
Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21	8
Sterling Lodge No. 22	4
Voided Ballots	2
Total	120

Respectfully submitted,

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

APPOINTMENT OF REGULAR COMMITTEES

Standing Committees

Jurisprudence

MW Leslie Little PGM, Chairman
VW Mike Starkey PDD
VW John Johnson
MW Jerry W. Pinion PGM
W Steven W. Stewart

Grievance & Appeals

MW Thomas O. Mickey HPGM, Chairman
MW Jared Decker PGM
W Charles E. Rogers

Finance

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

Fraternal Relations

MW Henry T. Dunbar PGM, Chairman
W Jerry W. Pinion, Jr.
W Mark Sledge

Masonic Research & Education

W John K. Bishop, Chairman
W Donald E. Hale
Bro. Joseph P. O'Conner
W Joe E. Dahl
W Nicholas Choromanski
Bro. Nichols E. Adair

Credentials

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

Masonic Public Relations

W Donald E. Hale, Chairman
W Claude H. Roberts
W Kevin W. Tennant

Masonic Youth

RW Douglas C. Teninty, Chairman
W Dale H. Gillilan
VW Thomas L. Schram
Gabrielle Hazelton

Bylaws

W Keith E. Herve
W Andrew A. Hodnick
W Fred O. Sandgren

Public Schools

W Ralph S. Sterling

Long-Range Planning

RW Carl Lindstrom SGW, Chairman
MW David Worel GM
MW James R. Herrington PGM
RW John K. Bishop JGW
RW Douglas C. Teninty DGM
RW James D. Grubbs GT
RW Jerome P. Wasson GS

Leadership Training

MW Jerry W. Pinion PGM, Chairman
MW James R. Herrington PGM
RW David Worel GM
RW Douglas C. Teninty DGM
RW John K. Bishop JGW

Masonic Scholarship

W Ralph S. Sterling, Chairman
W Lawrence Schaufler
RW Edward O. Weisser PGM

Appointed Sub Committees

Charters & Dispensations

Appointed on Demand

Sessions & Arrangements

W Ed Rogers, Chairman
W Fred Sangren
Bro. Harry Telling

Military Recognition

W Miguel Berrios, Chairman
W Andrew Hodnick
W Mark Sledge (Advisor)

George Washington National Memorial

MW David Worel GM, Chairman
W Larry Wright
W Donald E. Hale
MW John R. "Bo" Cline PGM

Russian Masonry - Special Correspondent

MW John Grainger PGM Emeritus

Wills & Endowments

W Donald E. Hale
W Joe Terice

Fund Raising

RW John K. Bishop

Awards

District 1 VW Kevin C. Tennant
District 2 VW William R. Roberts
District 3 VW James Zuke
District 4 VW Jeffrey W. DeFreest
District 5 VW Lee Seagondollar

Internet

VW Dennis N. Oakland, Chairman

Trestle Board

MW John R. "Bo" Cline PGM

Masonic Code Review

VW Roger K. Hansen, Chairman
VW Monte Ervin
MW James R. Herrington PGM

Grand Lodge Photographers

W Donald E. Hale
W Claude H. Roberts
Bro. Julio Velez

Deputies of the Grand Master

District 1 VW Kevin C. Tennant
District 2 VW William R. Roberts
District 3 VW James Zuke
District 4 VW Jeffrey W. DeFreest
District 5 VW Lee Seagondollar

REPORTS OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No reports of Unfinished Business were received at the time of publication.

RULINGS OF THE GRAND MASTER

Ruling #1 All Rulings will be voted on by the Grand Lodge body for Acceptance or Rejection. If a ruling is approved, that ruling will be placed in Alaska Masonic Code in the appropriate section.

Note: This ruling received the required majority vote for passage (103 in favor and 17 against/85.8%) and is adopted.

Ruling #2 Bible, Square and Compass may be displayed on the Altar as a Master Mason Degree at Public Installations.

Note: This ruling received the required majority vote for passage (105 in favor and 15 against/87.5%) and is adopted.

Ruling #3 Grand Master's message will be given out at registration so the members of Grand Lodge may have the appropriate time to read the information before a vote occurs.

Note: This ruling received the required majority vote for passage (116 in favor and 4 against/96.7%) and is adopted.

Ruling #4 All rulings from 2014 Grand Lodge sessions will be properly voted on this year.

Note: MW James Herrington PGM, rescinded the following 2014 Rulings and therefore no vote was taken:

- Ruling 1 (Revised) Dues Cards
- Ruling 2 (Revised) Apron Lecture
- Ruling 8 (Revised) Ciphers
- Ruling 19 (Revised) Masonic Dress in Other Jurisdictions
- Ruling 18 Awards and Special Recognition
- Ruling 19 Lodge Customs or Traditions
- Ruling 20 Lodge Regalia
- Ruling 21 Lodge Practices

MOTIONS

Motion made by Most Worshipful Grand Master–elect Doug Teninty to have a public installation at 4:30 PM. Motion was 2nd and Motion carried

COMPACT SIGNING BETWEEN MORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF ALASKA AND MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE OF ALASKA



Most Worshipful David Worel of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska and Most Worshipful Curtis Harris of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alaska and Its Jurisdiction signing compact.

COMPACT

Between

M.:W.: Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Alaska

And

M.:W.: Prince Hall Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Alaska and Its Jurisdictions, Inc.

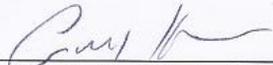
First Indorsement

Section II is hereby changed to read:

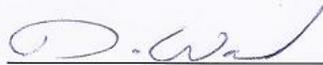
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That extends full fraternal recognition to the other, and grants to the other rights of visitation.

This Indorsement is approved this 6th day of February, 2015 A.D.



M.:W.: Curtis E. Harris, Sr.
Grand Master of Masons,
M.:W.: Prince Hall Grand Lodge
F. & A.M. of Alaska and its Jurisdiction, Inc



M.:W.: David Worel
Grand Master of Masons,
M.:W.: Grand Lodge of F. & A.M.
of Alaska



RESOLUTIONS

Carryover Resolution 2014-3

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS: Constituent Lodges are subordinate to Grand Lodge, and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 9.04 Bylaw

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

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

Be amended to read:

Section 9.04 Bylaw

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

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

Respectfully submitted

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

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

Note: This resolution received the required majority vote for passage (75 in favor and 30 against) and is adopted.

Resolution 2015 -1

To amend Section 3.01 Constitution, update , move, and renumber Section 18.21 Bylaw, and replace Part IV Disciplinary Code Chapters 26, 27, 28, 29, 20, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35 of the Alaska Masonic Code with proposed Part IV Disciplinary Code Chapters 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30.

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To re-write the disciplinary/judicial portion of the Alaska Masonic Code to make it easier to conduct trials by combining chapters and sections, adding new sections, and clarifying existing sections. All attempts to revise vague wording have also been made.

WHEREAS: The existing Alaska Masonic Code, adopted from the Grand Lodge of Washington was written approximately several decades ago, and

WHEREAS: The existing Part IV Disciplinary Code Alaska Masonic Code has never been given a thorough review since it was adopted, and

WHEREAS: There have been several complaints that the existing Part IV Disciplinary Code of the Alaska Masonic Code is hard to find items, and hard to follow, and

WHEREAS: Some trials have been forced to re-conducted because procedures were not followed and also some procedures were left out in the trials, and

WHEREAS: Those proposed sections that did not specifically deal with a trial are placed in proposed Chapter 26, and

WHEREAS: To make it easier to find sections it was decided to put everything pertaining to Lodge trials in a Chapter of itself and to put everything pertaining to Grand Lodge and Grand Master Trial Committee trials in a Chapter of itself thereby condensing existing Chapters 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and 32 into proposed Chapters 27 and 28, and

WHEREAS: The existing chapters-33 and 34, dealing with Appeals and Restoration, are renumbered as proposed chapters 29 and 30, and

WHEREAS: As proposed and to be consistent, unless otherwise noted, all balloting within Part IV Disciplinary Code is by a favorable two-thirds majority secret written ballot, and

WHEREAS: There is no need to have one a Chapter with one section in it and therefore, existing Section 35.01 Bylaw **INSTITUTION OF LEGAL ACTION** was moved to proposed Section 26 and renumbered as Section 26.04 thereby eliminating Chapter 35 and

WHEREAS: Proposed Section 26.04 Bylaw **INSTITUTION OF LEGAL ACTION** was updated by adding a sentence to indicate that the plaintiff may be responsible for all costs if the legal action is determined by the courts as unfounded.

WHEREAS: Existing Section 18.21 Bylaw **DEGREES BY MISREPRESENTATION** was updated to include affiliated and dual members, and

WHEREAS: Since the proposed updated Section 18.21 Bylaw no longer just dealt with initiation for degrees, it was moved from existing Chapter 18 to proposed Chapter 26, renumbered and renamed as Section 26.03 Bylaw **MISREPRESENTATION BY A MASON**, and

WHEREAS: Existing Section 26.01 Constitution **MASONIC OFFENSE**, was reduced to just the numbered two items as the last paragraph is almost identical to existing Section 35.01 **INSTITUTION OF LEGAL ACTION** and it appeared to be a duplication of wording and therefore was eliminated, and

WHEREAS: Several brothers indicated the need for the Grand Master to be able to transfer a lodge trial from one location to another, and

WHEREAS: A proposed section, Section 26.05 **TRANSFER OF TRIAL** was added to proposed Chapter 26, and

WHEREAS: Proposed Section 26.05 **TRANSFER OF TRIAL** gives the Grand Master an additional power, and therefore this additional power must also be noted in existing Section 3.01 **GRAND MASTER, POWERS** as Item 10, and

WHEREAS: In existing Section 3.01 **GRAND MASTER, POWERS** item 10 is renumbered to be item 11, and

WHEREAS: Some proposed sections have been combined with other like-proposed sections to eliminate hunting through the Code, and

WHEREAS: Some sections in proposed chapters 27 and 28 appear to be identical but are placed in their respective section so that there is no cross-reference between sections. Every section in proposed Chapter 27 applies to a Lodge trial and every section in proposed Chapter 28 applies to a Grand Lodge and Grand Master Trial Committee trials, and

WHEREAS: Proposed Sections 27.05 and 28.05 are taken from existing Section 27.02 **CITATION** and Section 28.05 **OFFICERS DEPOSED** and renamed, and

WHEREAS: Proposed Section 28.06 **ABUSE OF POWER, ELECTED LODGE OFFICER** was added to be able to remove an elected Grand Lodge Officer, and

WHEREAS: Some proposed sections have been renamed to reflect more accurately the contents of the respective sections, and

WHEREAS: A proposed Glossary of Definitions was placed before the INDEX, and

WHEREAS: Additional definitions in the future may need to be added to the Glossary of Definitions, and

WHEREAS: It is not placed as a separate chapter and section so that only the approval of the Jurisprudence Committee is needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Section 3.01 Constitution of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

Section 3.01 Constitution

GRAND MASTER, POWERS. The Grand Master has power to:

1. Convene any Lodge within this Jurisdiction, preside therein, inspect its proceedings, and require its conformity to Masonic rules.
2. Require the attendance of and information from any Grand Officer respecting his office.
3. Depose any officer of a Lodge from the functions of his office for cause, to suspend any Mason for cause, and to arrest the Charter of any Lodge for dereliction of duty, or other un-Masonic conduct, until the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, when he will present in writing the reasons for such deposition, suspension, or arrest, subject to Section 27.02.
4. Grant a dispensation for an election to fill a vacancy in the office of Master or Warden of a Lodge.
5. Grant a dispensation to a Lodge to elect its officers when such Lodge fails to elect them at the proper time.
6. Grant a dispensation for a new Lodge under the restrictions of the Constitution and on the petition of at least fifteen Master Masons.
7. Grant such other dispensations as may be applied for in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws, or Regulations of the Grand Lodge.
8. Appoint such officers and committees as may be required under the Constitution and Bylaws of this Grand Lodge. He may act as ex-officio chairman of any committee so appointed.
9. Appoint Representatives of this Grand Lodge near other Grand Lodges, and to receive and accredit Representatives of other Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge.
10. Do such other things as are inherent in and pertaining to his office in accordance with Ancient Usages, and not in conflict with the Constitution

Be amended to read:

Section 3.01 Constitution

GRAND MASTER, POWERS. The Grand Master has power to:

Items 1 through 9 to remain as existing.

10. **Transfer the location of a Masonic trial from one Lodge location to another Lodge location pursuant to Section 26.05**

11. Do such other things as are inherent in and pertaining to his office in accordance with Ancient Usages, and not in conflict with the Constitution.

AND BE IT NOW FURTHER RESOLVED that Section 18.21 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

Section 18.21 Bylaw

DEGREES BY MISREPRESENTATION. If, at any time, it is charged that a Mason made a misrepresentation to the Lodge in which he has been initiated, or to a committee of investigation appointed by such Lodge, or used any concealment or deceit in relation to his initiation, he may be tried therefor. If found guilty, he may be punished by suspension or expulsion.

Be deleted in its entirety from Chapter 18 of the Alaska Masonic Code and be replaced with the following proposed Section 26.03 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code:

Section 26.03 Bylaw

MISREPRESENTATION BY A MASON. It is a Masonic offense if a Mason misrepresents to the Lodge in which he was initiated, affiliated, or a dual member or to a Committee of Investigation appointed by such Lodge, or that he used any concealment or deceit in relation to his initiation, affiliation, or dual membership. If found guilty, a Mason may be punished in accordance with Section 27.25 of the Code.

AND BE IT NOW FURTHER RESOLVED that existing Chapters 26 through 35 of the Alaska Masonic Code be replaced with the following proposed chapters 26 through 30 of the Alaska Masonic Code:

Alaska Masonic Code Part IV Disciplinary Code

CHAPTER 26 –MASONIC OFFENSES, PENALTIES, AND LEGAL ACTION,

Section 26.01 Constitution

MASONIC OFFENSE. Masonic offenses are of two classes:

1. Those acts that are morally wrong in themselves; and
2. Those acts that are wrongful only because they are expressly prohibited, forbidden by law, or enjoined.

(Section adopted date)

Section 26.02 Constitution

PENALTIES. Penalties: The penalties that may be imposed for a violation of Masonic Law are:

1. Expulsion
2. Suspension:
 - A. indefinite, or
 - B. definite;
3. Reprimand or censure

(Section adopted date)

Section 26.03 Bylaw

MISREPRESENTATION BY A MASON. It is a Masonic offense if a Mason misrepresents to the Lodge in which he was initiated, affiliated, or a dual member or to a Committee of Investigation appointed by such Lodge, or that he used any concealment or deceit in relation to his initiation, affiliation, or dual membership. If found guilty, a Mason may be punished in accordance with Section 27.25 of the Code.

(Section adopted date))

Section 26.04 Bylaw

INSTITUTION OF LEGAL ACTION. A Mason may not bring or file or aid or assist in bringing or filing a civil lawsuit, civil action, or other legal action against the Grand Lodge or any constituent Lodge or against a member of either lodge for an action or inaction by a member of either lodge on behalf of such lodge without first complying with all of the provisions of the Code. If said civil lawsuit, civil action, or other legal action is judged unfounded by the court, the plaintiff(s) may be required to pay all legal fees suffered by the Grand Lodge, constituent Lodge(s), or member(s) of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alaska.

(Section adopted date)

Section 26.05 Bylaw

TRANSFER OF TRIAL. The Grand Master may transfer a Lodge trial upon:

1. His own initiative, or
2. The request of the accused, or
3. The request of the Master of the Lodge of which the accused is a member to some other Lodge to be named in his order.

The Grand Master shall direct, in such case, that the charge(s) and the order of transfer be transmitted to the Master of the Lodge to which such transfer is made. The Master of the Lodge receiving such order of transfer shall proceed in accordance with the applicable sections of Chapter 27 of the Code

(Section adopted date)

Part IV Disciplinary Code

CHAPTER 27 LODGE JURISDICTION, TRIAL, AND PROCEDURES

Section 27.01 Bylaw

POWER TO EXERCISE DISCIPLINE. Every Chartered Lodge has a right to exercise discipline for any violation of Masonic Law:

1. Over each of its members wherever residing;
2. Over each un-affiliated as well as affiliated Mason residing or sojourning within its territorial jurisdiction;
3. Except it shall not include charge(s) of official misconduct during the term of office of Master for:
 - A. The incumbent Master of the Lodge,
 - B. A Past Master (while he was Master of the Lodge).

The Lodge also has the right to elect to have the accused tried by a Grand Master's Trial Committee in accordance with Section 27.22 of the Code.

(Section adopted date)

Section 27.02 Bylaw

CONCURRENT DISCIPLINARY JURISDICTION. If two or more Lodges have concurrent jurisdiction over an accused:

1. Member
2. Un-affiliated Mason
3. Affiliated Mason, or
4. A Mason from another Grand Jurisdiction,

the Lodge that first claims such jurisdiction retains it to the exclusion of the other Lodge(s).

(Section adopted date)

Section 27.03 Bylaw

BLATANT OR FLAGRANT OFFENSE IN LODGE. If a blatant or flagrant offense is committed by an Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, or Master Mason present while the Lodge is in session, the Master of the Lodge may dispense with the provisions of the Code requiring formal charge(s) and notification. The Master of the Lodge may order the offending Brother to show why he should not be punished for such offense.

(Section adopted date)

Section 27.04 Bylaw

ENTERED APPRENTICES AND FELLOWCRAFTS. A Lodge may not drop the name of an Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft Mason from the roll nor suspend or expel him without charges, notice, trial, and judgment for misconduct except as noted in Section 27.03 of the Code.

(Section adopted date)

Section 27.05 Bylaw

SUSPEND OR DEPOSE CONSTITUENT LODGE OFFICER. The Grand Master, upon finding reasonable grounds for the filing of a complaint or charges against an officer of a constituent Lodge, may:

1. Suspend him from all Masonic privileges, or
2. Depose him from the functions of his office, which shall not deprive him of the rights and privileges of membership.

(Section adopted date)

Section 27.06 Bylaw

CHARGES. Any un-Masonic offense charge(s) against an offending Brother is/are:

1. Made by a member of a Lodge;
2. Not received from a non-affiliate;
3. Not considered or received that involve:
 - A. Political or sectarian character matters; or
 - B. Private legal rights, pecuniary or otherwise, unless clearly specifying fraud; and
4. In writing and signed by the charging Brother(s), specifying with reasonable certainty the:
 - A. Character of the each alleged offense(s) and
 - B. Time(s) and place(s) of each alleged offense(s) commitment.
5. On the form entitled “CHARGES FOR UN-MASONIC CONDUCT” as supplied by the Grand Secretary.

(Section adopted date)

Section 27.07 Bylaw

JUNIOR WARDEN, DUTY OF.

Prefer Charges. In the absences of the accuser, it is the duty of the Junior Warden, to prefer any and all charges against the accused Brother and bring the accused Brother to trial. In the event of death, disability, or disqualification of the Junior Warden that duty devolves upon the Senior Warden; however, the Master may direct any member of the Lodge to prefer the charges for and on behalf of the Lodge.

Prosecuting Officer. The Junior Warden, or other member of the Lodge as directed by the Master, prosecutes the charges preferred by order of the Lodge.

(Section adopted date)

Section 27.08 Bylaw

DISPOSITION OF CHARGES.

1. All charges preferred by a member of the Lodge in his individual capacity are first lodged with the Master;
2. Charges preferred by:
 - A. The Junior or Senior Warden, or
 - B. The direction of the Master, or
 - C. The Lodge,are filed with the Secretary of the Lodge;
3. Charges lodged with the Master that involve exclusively a private wrong, as

between accuser and accused, are delivered to a Committee of Reconciliation. This Committee consists of three members of the Lodge, appointed by the Master. The duty of this Committee is to make every reasonable effort to compose or adjust such wrong and report the results of its efforts to the Master. No record is made of the committee appointments on the records of the Lodge.

4. If the Committee of Reconciliation composes or adjusts the controversy between the accuser and the accused, the charges with an endorsement thereon to that effect signed by the Committee are returned to the Master. The Master shall deliver them to the accuser. In this case, no record of the charges or of the reconciliation of same is made upon the records of the Lodge.
5. The Master shall file with the Secretary of the Lodge charges that
 - A. Involve exclusively a private wrong and the Committee of Reconciliation reports that the same cannot be adjusted; or
 - B. Are of a general nature, not involving exclusively a private wrong.
6. The Secretary of the Lodge shall present and read the charges to the Lodge at the Stated Communication following the filing of the charges.
7. The Lodge shall, at the Stated Communication where the charges are presented and read, vote upon the question of whether or not the charges as drawn constitute a Masonic offense. All members present shall vote by secret written ballot in accordance with Section 14.04 of the Code. If a two-thirds majority of the members present vote that the charges do constitute a Masonic offense, the charges are deemed accepted by the Lodge. At the time of acceptance, the Lodge determines separately by a majority vote by a show of hands:
 - A. Whether the trial on the charges will be by the Lodge or by a Grand Master's Trial Committee, and
 - B. Whether the evidence will be taken in open Lodge or by a Lodge Trial Committee.
8. In the event that charges are not accepted, a Mason feeling aggrieved thereby, may appeal from the decision of the Lodge to the Grand Lodge, if in session; otherwise to the Grand Master. The appeal is restricted to a question of whether or not the charges, as drawn, are a Masonic offense.

The Grand Master having received an appeal from an aggrieved Mason under the provisions of this section and having determined that the charges do constitute a Masonic offense, shall remand the charges to the Lodge and direct the Lodge to proceed with a Masonic trial by whatever forum the Lodge chooses in accordance with Section 27.22 of the Code. If the charges are not found to constitute a Masonic offense, the Grand Master shall notify both the Lodge and the aggrieved Mason of his decision.

9. When charges are accepted by the Lodge, they shall not be withdrawn except for cause shown and by a two-thirds majority secret ballot of the members present and voting at a Stated Communication in favor.

(Section adopted date)

Section 27.09 Bylaw

CITATION. Upon the acceptance of charges by a Lodge, the Master shall instruct the Secretary of the Lodge to cite the accused to appear and answer the charges. The citation shall include:

1. A copy of the charge(s) as accepted by the Lodge,
2. The time and place assigned for the trial, and
3. A summons for the accused to appear and answer the charge(s).

The citation of charges sent to the accused shall be on the form entitled "CITATION OF CHARGES" as supplied by the Grand Secretary.

Upon acceptance of charges by a Lodge, and it is determined that the trial will be by a Grand Master's Trial Committee, the Chairman of the Committee instructs the Secretary of the Lodge to cite the accused to appear and answer the charge(s). The citation shall include:

1. A copy of the charge(s) as accepted by the Lodge,
2. The time and place assigned for the trial, and
3. A summons for the accused to appear and answer the charge(s).

The citation follows a form entitled "CITATION OF CHARGES" supplied by the Grand Secretary and has attached thereto a copy of the charge(s). The Grand Master's Trial Committee shall not meet earlier than twenty (20) days following the date of proof of service of the citation and summons in accordance to Section 27.11 of the Code.

(Section adopted date)

Section 27.10 Bylaw

SERVICE OF CITATION AND SUMMONS. Due service of the citation with the accompanying copy of the charge(s) and/or service of the summons, by the Secretary of the Lodge, is deemed complete when made by either of the following service procedures:

Personal service.

1. By delivering a copy of the same personally to the accused, or
2. By leaving a sealed envelope addressed to the accused, containing a copy of the citation and charge(s), at the accused usual place of abode with a person of suitable age and discretion residing therein.

Postal service. By depositing the citation with the accompanying copy of the charge(s) in a postage pre-paid envelope in a U. S. Post Office within the Grand Jurisdiction of Alaska, addressed to the accused at his last known post office address. Service of the citation by Postal Service is deemed complete ten (10) business days after deposit in a U. S. Post Office. Mail is by certified return, return receipt requested.

A minimum of twenty (20) days shall have expired following the date of service of the citation with accompanying charge(s) and summons by either personal service or postal service before a trial shall commence.

(Section adopted date)

Section 27.11 Bylaw

PROOF OF SERVICE CITATION AND SUMMONS

Citation. Proof of service of the citation and copy of charge(s) shall be filed with the

Secretary of the Lodge issuing the citation. The proof of service of citation and copy of charge(s) shall be made on the form entitled “PROOF OF SERVICE OF CITATION AND COPY OF CHARGES” as supplied by the Grand Secretary. The form shall be signed by the Brother making such service over the name and number of the Lodge, and is filed with the Secretary of the Lodge issuing the citation.

Summons. Proof of service of the summons shall be filed with the Secretary of the Lodge issuing the citation. The proof of service of summons shall be made on the form entitled “PROOF OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS” as supplied by the Grand Secretary. The form shall be signed by the Secretary of the Lodge making such service and is filed with the Lodge issuing the citation.

(Section adopted date)

Section 27.12 Bylaw

POWERS OF LODGE, OR LODGE TRIAL COMMITTEE. The Lodge or the Lodge Trial Committee, as the case may be, have power to:

1. Fix the time of hearings,
2. Hear all the evidence,
3. Adjourn from time to time, and, at the request of either party to the charges,
4. Cause the Secretary to issue summons for the attendance of witnesses at the request of either party,
5. Cause summons to be served through the Tyler of the Lodge or other designated member of a Lodge, and
6. Issue a commission or commissions to take the depositions of witnesses who are not Masons or are unable to attend the hearings on the form entitled “REQUEST FOR SUMMONS FOR THE ATTENDANCE OF WITNESS BEFORE COMMISSIONER” as supplied by the Grand Secretary.

A commission for the taking of a deposition should be issued to a member of the Fraternity, if practicable, otherwise to a discreet person authorized by civil law to administer oaths.

(Section adopted date)

Section 27.13 Bylaw

ACCUSED; PLEA OF, APPEARANCE OF, FAILURE TO APPEAR

Plea of. At the time fixed for the trial by the Master or Lodge Trial Committee, the charge(s) is/are read to the accused and his plea or answer thereto entered upon the records of the trial proceedings. If the accused pleads guilty to the charge(s) or any part thereof, the Lodge shall:

1. Not spread the ballot on the charge(s) or any part thereof, and
2. Determine the punishment to be inflicted in accordance with Section 26.02 of the Code.

If the accused pleads innocent to the charge(s) or any part thereof, the trial shall proceed and evidence is/are taken on the charge(s) or any part thereof to that the plea of not guilty applies.

Appearance of. The appearance of the accused for trial proceedings upon charge(s) of un-Masonic conduct is in accordance with one of the following manners.

1. His personal appearance at the time and place fixed for the trial that he is

- notified; or
2. The authorized appearance for him by any Master Mason in good standing, as counsel, at such time and place; or
 3. His written communication, or that of his counsel on his behalf, filed with the Secretary of the Lodge. The filing shall be at or before the designated time, in which he shall state:
 - A. His objections to the charge(s),
 - B. Plead guilty,
 - C. Plead not guilty, or
 - D. Set forth any matter in extenuation of the offense charged.

Failure to Appear. The accused may by his voluntary absence waive his right to attend his trial. The trial may proceed in the absence of the accused, upon proof of due service on him of the citation in accordance with Section 27.11 of the Code together with a copy of the charge(s) and notice of the time and place of the trial. The due service shall be no later than ten (10) days prior to the date fixed for the trial, if served within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alaska and at least twenty (20) days if served outside the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alaska.

(Section adopted date)

Section 27.14 Bylaw

TIMELY NOTICE OF HEARINGS. The accuser and the accused shall have no later than ten (10) days written notice and opportunity to attend in person or by counsel, examine, and cross-examine all witnesses at all hearings including the taking of depositions under commission.

(Section adopted date)

Section 27.15 Bylaw

TESTIMONY

By Honor or by Oath. Testimony given by a Mason is given upon his honor as a Mason. Testimony by a non-Mason is upon an oath administered by:

1. A member of the Lodge authorized by civil law to administer oaths, or
2. The Master or Secretary of the Lodge.

Recorded. An audio recording shall be made of all testimony given before a Lodge or Lodge Trial Committee. The Secretary of the Lodge or a Master Mason as directed by the Worshipful Master shall reduce the audio recording to writing.

(Section adopted date)

Section 27.16 Bylaw

VISITORS. A visiting Brother is not permitted to sit in attendance at a Lodge trial or a Lodge Trial Committee. Only the accuser, accused, their respective counsel(s), prosecuting officer, Secretary of the Lodge, and witness(es) while testifying shall be present before a Lodge trial or a Lodge Trial Committee

(Section adopted date)

Section 27.17 Bylaw

VERDICT IN CIVIL COURT. A guilty verdict in a criminal proceeding is, on the face of it, evidence and creates presumption of fact that a crime has been committed. However, that is not conclusive evidence of the Masonic guilt or innocence of an accused when tried by a Lodge or Lodge Trial Committee for an offense requiring proof of the same act(s). An admission of guilt or the preponderance of evidence in such criminal proceedings may establish a basis for the finding of the Lodge or Lodge Trial Committee. Nothing herein shall prevent or restrain the Master from determining that certain convictions, if proved, inherently give rise to a finding of un-Masonic conduct and authorize the Master to order a Masonic trial.

(Section adopted date)

Section 27.18 Bylaw

WITHDRAWAL OF ACCUSER AND ACCUSED. The accuser and the accused with their respective counsel, at the close of taking of testimony and when argument of counsel is concluded, shall withdraw from the Lodge or Lodge Trial Committee, as the case may be, during determination of verdict and judgment. Withdrawal shall not apply to the Junior Warden or other person officially designated to prefer charges when the trial is in open Lodge.

(Section adopted date)

Section 27.19 Bylaw

EXPENSE OF TRIAL. The expense incurred in conducting a Lodge trial is in accordance with the judgment rendered. The judgment rendered shall include the assessment of costs against either or both parties, or without costs. The Lodge or Lodge Trial Committee, as the case maybe, shall provide an itemized listing of the assessed costs, if any, to both parties. An acquitted party shall not pay assessed costs.

(Section adopted date)

Section 27.20 Bylaw

MASTER OR WARDENS DISQUALIFICATION OR ABSENCE, NOTICE OF.

Master or Wardens. A Master may be absent at the time or trial or disqualified from discharging his duties with respect to:

1. Preferred charge(s),
2. Presiding at the trial; or
3. Appointing a Lodge Trial Committee or filling vacancies thereon.

Causes for such disqualification are prejudice, bias, or personal interest in the event of a trial. In case of such disqualification or absence of the Master, the Senior Warden shall perform the Master's duties. If the Senior Warden is absent or similarly disqualified, then the Junior Warden shall perform the Master's duties. If the Junior Warden is absent or similarly disqualified, then a Special Deputy of the Grand Master, appointed by the Grand Master, shall perform the Master's duties.

Notice of. The Master, Senior Warden, and Junior Warden, each, in that order, notifies the Lodge Secretary of his absence or disqualification as described in this section, if such disqualification exists. On receiving such notice, the Secretary notifies the Senior or

Junior Warden, as the case may be, of the absence or disqualification. If all three Officers, i.e. Master, Senior Warden, and Junior Warden, give notice of absence or disqualification, the Lodge Secretary notifies the Grand Master through the Grand Secretary.

(Section adopted date)

Section 27.21 Bylaw

TRIAL FORUM AND EVIDENCE TAKING LOCATION.

The Lodge, at the time of its acceptance of charges, shall by a two-thirds majority secret written vote in accordance with Section 27.08 item 7 of the Code, determines whether the trial on the charge(s) is/are by the Lodge or by a Grand Master's Trial Committee. If the Lodge elects that the trial of the charge(s) is/are by the Lodge, it thereupon determines, in a separate vote, by a majority vote by show of hands whether the evidence will be taken in open Lodge or before a Lodge Trial Committee.

(Section adopted date)

Section 27.22 Bylaw

LODGE RELINQUISHMENT OF JURISDICTION

If the Lodge elects to have the accused tried by a Grand Master's Trial Committee in accordance with Section 28.20 of the Code, the Lodge is then without jurisdiction to proceed further in the matter. The Secretary of the Lodge shall then transmit to the Grand Secretary for delivery to the Grand Master:

1. A certified copy of the charge(s),
2. A return of service, and
3. A notice of election by the Lodge to have the accused tried by a Grand Master's Trial Committee.

The Lodge does not lose its power to withdraw the charge(s) up to the time of final judgment.

(Section adopted date)

Section 27.23 Bylaw

LODGE TRIAL COMMITTEE; APPOINTMENTS, VACANCIES, REPORT

Appointment. If the Lodge determines that the evidence will be taken before a Lodge Trial Committee, the Master of the Lodge appoints a Lodge Trial Committee of three Lodge members, preferably Past Masters, designating in such appointment the chairman. The Secretary of the Lodge acts as Secretary of the Lodge Trial Committee and attends all its meetings and keeps a true and complete record of all its proceedings; but he is without voice or vote therein. If the Master is absent or disqualified, the procedure for performance of the duties to select the members of the Lodge Trial Committee is in accordance with Section 27.20 of the Code.

Vacancies. The Master shall fill any vacancy occurring on said Lodge Trial Committee. If the Master is absent or disqualified, the procedure for performance to fill any vacancy of the Lodge Trial Committee is in accordance with Section 27.20 of the Code.

Report. When taken before a Lodge Trial Committee, and upon the return of all commissions issued to take depositions, the Lodge Trial Committee, reports all of the lodge trial proceedings, together with a written transcript of all testimony, and the depositions received in evidence to the Lodge with its findings and conclusions for final

action by the Lodge no later than twenty (20) days after the close of testimony.
(Section adopted date)

Section 27.24 Bylaw

VERDICT OF THE LODGE. The Lodge shall determine, by secret written ballot upon each count, if the accused is guilty or not. A guilty verdict is declared if a two-thirds majority secret written ballot of the members present and voting in support is received.

The vote shall occur:

1. After the close of testimony and the argument of council for the respective parties in the event of trial in open Lodge;
2. At the Stated Communication following receipt of the Lodge Trial Committee's Report; or
3. At a Special Communication to which all members of the Lodge have been summoned after receipt of the Lodge Trial Committee's Report.

(Section adopted date)

Section 27.25 Bylaw

JUDGMENT; PENALTY OF, SUSPENSION, EXPULSION, NOTIFICATION OF Penalty of. The penalties that may be imposed against the accused are in accordance with Section 26.02 of the Code. A two-thirds majority secret written ballot of every member present and voting is required to find the accused guilty. If the accused is found guilty;

1. The Master without motion puts to vote by secret written ballot the highest degree of punishment, which is expulsion. A two-thirds majority secret written ballot of the members present and voting is required for expulsion.
2. If expulsion is not affirmed, the Master puts to vote in like manner the next highest degree of punishment, which is indefinite suspension.
3. If indefinite suspension is lost, he puts to vote in like manner the next highest order of punishment, which is definite suspension for a time specified.
4. If a two-thirds majority secret written ballot of the members fail to expel or suspend, the guilty Brother is reprimanded or censored in open Lodge by the Master unless a new trial is granted in accordance with Section 27.26 of the Code.

In case of appeal, no judgment of expulsion becomes effective unless approved by a two-thirds majority secret ballot of the Grand Lodge.

Suspension While under the judgment of suspension, definite or indefinite, the offending brother is deprived of all Lodge and Grand Lodge privileges.

Expulsion. If appealed, the Lodge Secretary shall refer all judgments of expulsion by the Lodge or Lodge Trial Committee to the Grand Lodge. The Lodge Secretary shall also transmit a copy of the Lodge or Lodge Trial Committee proceedings to the Grand Lodge.

Notification of. The accused is notified by the Lodge Secretary of the judgment rendered, and, in case of appeal, of the action of the Grand Lodge thereon. In case of acquittal, he is notified thereof in open Lodge. The Lodge Secretary shall transmit to the Grand Secretary the judgment rendered by the Lodge on the form entitled "NOTICE OF JUDGMENT OF LODGE" as supplied by the Grand Secretary.

(Section adopted date)

Section 27.26 Bylaw

NEW TRIAL. When an accused is judged guilty of a charge, the Lodge or Lodge Trial Committee may set aside its judgment and grant a new trial on its own motion or on application of the accused if an error has occurred at the trial that is prejudicial to the accused or for other good cause shown. The process by which a new trial is conducted shall be in accordance with: Sections 27.06 through 27.25 of the Code.
(Section adopted date)

Section 27.27 Bylaw

SUSPENDED MASON, FURTHER DISCIPLINE. If a suspended Mason is charged with additional un-Masonic conduct not included in the charge(s) for that he was suspended, and that conduct, if proven, justifies further or greater punishment than that which he is undergoing, he may be arraigned for trial. If he is found guilty of the additional un-Masonic conduct, he may suffer additional penalty.
(Section adopted date)

Section 27.28 Bylaw

MINUTES OF LODGE TO SHOW JUDGMENT. At its next Stated Communication following receipt of a copy of the judgment from a Grand Master’s Trial Committee, the Lodge Secretary shall enter the judgment into the minutes of the Lodge. Such judgment shall have the same force and effect as a judgment of the Lodge, subject to the right of appeal by the accused in case of conviction.
(Section adopted date)

Part IV Disciplinary Code

CHAPTER 28 GRAND LODGE JURISDICTION, TRIAL, GRAND MASTER’S TRIAL COMMITTEE, AND PROCEDURES

Section 28.01 Bylaw

INVOKING GRAND LODGE JURISDICTION. The original jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge is invoked by the filing of complaint or charge(s) with the Grand Secretary. The Grand Secretary shall notify the Grand Master and cause a copy of the complaint or charge(s) to be served upon the party or parties complained against.
(Section adopted date)

Section 28.02 Bylaw

BLATANT OR FLAGRANT OFFENSE IN GRAND LODGE. If a blatant or flagrant offense is committed by a Master Mason present while the Grand Lodge is in session, the Grand Master may dispense with the provisions of the Code requiring formal charge(s) and notification. The Grand Master may order the offending Brother to show why he should not be punished for such offense. (Section adopted date)

Section 28.03 Bylaw

CHARGES. Any un-Masonic offense charge(s) against an offending Brother is/are:
1. Made by a member of the Grand Lodge in accordance with Section 2.01 of the

Code

2. Not received from a non-affiliate;
3. Not considered or received that involve:
 - A. Political or sectarian character matters; or
 - B. Private legal rights, pecuniary or otherwise, unless clearly specifying fraud; and
4. In writing and signed by the charging Brother(s), specifying with reasonable certainty the:
 - A. Character of the each alleged offense(s) and
 - B. Time(s) and place(s) of each alleged offense(s) commitment.
5. On the form entitled "CHARGES FOR UN-MASONIC CONDUCT" as supplied by the Grand Secretary.

(Section adopted date)

Section 28.04 Bylaw

JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN, DUTY OF.

Prefer Charges. In the absences of the accuser, it is the duty of the Junior Grand Warden, to prefer any and all charges against the accused Brother and bring the accused Brother to trial. In the event of absence, death, disability, or disqualification of the Junior Grand Warden that duty devolves upon the Senior Grand Warden; however, the Grand Master may direct any member of the Grand Lodge to prefer the charge(s) for and on behalf of the Grand Lodge.

Prosecuting Officer. The Junior Grand Warden, or other member of the Grand Lodge directed by the Grand Master, prosecutes the charge(s) preferred by order of the Grand Lodge.

(Section adopted date)

Section 28.05 Bylaw

SUSPEND OR DEPOSE APPOINTED GRAND LODGE OFFICER The Grand Master, upon finding reasonable grounds for the filing of a complaint or charge(s) against an appointed officer of the Grand Lodge in accordance with Section 2.01 of the Code, may:

1. Suspend him from all Masonic privileges, and/or
2. Depose him from the functions of his office, which shall not deprive him of the rights and privileges of membership.

(Section adopted date)

Section 28.06 Bylaw

ABUSE OF POWER, ELECTED GRAND LODGE OFFICER

Prefer Charges Charge(s) may be preferred against any Elected Grand Lodge Officer including the Grand Master, during the Grand Master's tenure in office for

1. Abuse of power,
2. Violation of the Constitution or Bylaws of this Grand Lodge, or
3. Any other un-Masonic conduct,

by the sitting Masters of a minimum of five Lodges of this Jurisdiction. The preferring Masters shall provide the charge(s) in writing and each Master shall sign the written

charge(s) and present the charge(s) to the Immediate Past Grand Master of this Jurisdiction.

Trial Tribunal Upon the presentation of the charge(s), it is the duty of the Immediate Past Grand Master to transmit a copy of the charge(s) to the accused at least thirty (30) days, in accordance with the applicable sections of Chapter 28 of the Code, before the time and place designated for the trial. The Trial Tribunal shall consist of The Immediate Past Grand Master, three (3) Past Grand Masters, and three (3) sitting Masters of Lodges of this Jurisdiction. The three (3) sitting Masters of the Trial Tribunal shall not be former Grand Masters. The members of the Trial Tribunal shall not be related to the accused or to each other or from the same Lodge as the accused. The Immediate Past Grand Master shall preside as Chairman of the Trial Tribunal. The Grand Secretary shall attend at the trial to keep record of the proceedings and of the judgment but does not have a vote as to the guilt or innocence of the accused.

The Grand Secretary shall file the record of the proceedings and of the judgment in his office and shall present them at the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. If the Grand Secretary is the accused, the Immediate Past Grand Master shall appoint a Past Master of this Jurisdiction to act in place of the Grand Secretary.

Quorum. A majority of the Trial Tribunal constitutes a quorum necessary for the conduct of the trial, however, the verdict of the Trial Tribunal as to the guilt or innocence of the accused and its judgment as to the imposed penalty requires a majority of the full Trial Tribunal in favor of such verdict and judgment.

Power. The Trial Tribunal, thus assembled, and each of its members have power to:

1. Summon witness(es) at the request of the accused or accusers;
2. Receive such testimony as in its judgment is proper, and
3. Determine the guilt or innocence of the accused by a majority secret written vote of all of its members.

The judgment of the Trial Tribunal is final.

Penalty. The only penalty inflicted is deprivation of office; but the adjudged, when thus deprived, may be amenable to his Lodge(s) upon a charge of un-Masonic Conduct.

(Section adopted date)

Section 28.07 Bylaw

CITATION. The Grand Master, upon finding reasonable grounds for the filing of a complaint or charge(s) in Grand Lodge, shall instruct the Grand Secretary to cite the accused. The citation of charge(s) shall be on the form entitled "CITATION OF CHARGES" as supplied by the Grand Secretary.

The citation shall include:

1. A copy of the charge(s) as accepted by the Grand Lodge,
2. The time and place assigned for the trial, and
3. A summons for the accused to appear and answer the charge(s) before a Grand Master's Trial Committee.

(Section clarified 1988)

Section 28.08 Bylaw

SERVICE OF CITATION AND SUMMONS. Due service of the citation with the accompanying copy of the charge(s) and/or service of summons is deemed complete when made by either of the following procedures:

Personal service.

1. By delivering a copy of the same personally to the accused, or
2. By leaving a sealed envelope addressed to the accused, containing a copy of the citation and charge(s), at the accused usual place of abode with a person of suitable age and discretion residing therein.

Postal service. Depositing the citation with the accompanying copy of the charge(s) in a postage pre-paid envelope in a U. S. Post Office within the Grand Jurisdiction of Alaska, addressed to the accused at his last known post office address. Service of the citation by Postal Service is deemed complete ten (10) business days after deposit in a U. S. Post Office. Mail shall be by certified return, return receipt requested.

A minimum of twenty (20) days shall have expired following the date of service of the citation and accompanying charge(s) by either personal service or postal service before a trial shall commence.

(Section adopted date)

Section 28.09 Bylaw

PROOF OF SERVICE OF CITATION AND SUMMONS.

Citation. Proof of service of citation and copy of charge(s) shall be filed with the Grand Secretary issuing the citation. The proof of service of citation and copy of charge(s) shall be made on the form entitled “PROOF OF SERVICE OF CITATION AND COPY OF CHARGES” as supplied by the Grand Secretary. The form shall be signed by the Brother making such service over the name of the Grand Lodge, and filed with the Grand Secretary issuing the citation.

Summons. Proof of service of the summons shall be filed with the Secretary of the Lodge issuing the citation. The proof of service of summons shall be made on the form entitled “PROOF OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS” as supplied by the Grand Secretary. The form shall be signed by the Grand Secretary making such service and is filed with the Grand Lodge.

(Section adopted date)

Section 28.10 Bylaw

WITNESSES. At the request of a party to the complaint or charge(s), the Grand Secretary shall:

1. Issue summons for the attendance of the witness(es), and
2. Issue a summons through the Master of each Constituent Lodge nearest the residence of each witness.

The expense of service of the summons and of attendance of the witness(es) are borne by the party to the complaint or charges causing such summons to issue, unless otherwise directed by the Grand Master.

(Section adopted date)

Section 28.11 Bylaw

REFERENCE TO AND JUDGMENT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS.

Reference. The Grand Lodge may, by a secret written majority vote, decide to try a party complained against in open session or to refer the complaint or charge(s) to the Committee on Grievance and Appeals to hear and report the evidence thereon with its recommendation to the Grand Lodge for final action.

Judgment. Upon conclusion of a trial in open session, or upon report of the Committee on Grievance and Appeals, the Grand Lodge renders judgment and the penalty to be imposed in accordance with Section 28.21 of the Code, if the accused is found guilty.
(Section adopted date)

Section 28.12 Bylaw

ACCUSED; PLEA OF, APPEARANCE OF, FAILURE TO APPEAR

Plea of. At the time fixed for the trial by the Grand Master, the charge(s) is/are read to the accused and his plea or answer thereto are entered upon the records of the trial proceedings.

If the accused pleads guilty to the charge(s) or any part thereof, the Grand Lodge shall:

1. Not spread the ballot on the charge(s) or any part thereof, and
2. Determine the punishment to be inflicted in accordance with Section 26.02 of the Code.

If the accused pleads innocent to the charge(s) or any part thereof, the trial shall proceed and evidence is taken on the charge(s) or any part thereof to which the plea of not guilty applies.

Appearance of. The appearance of the accused for trial proceedings upon charge(s) of un-Masonic conduct is in accordance with one of the following manners.

1. His personal appearance at the time and place fixed for the trial of which he is notified; or
2. The authorized appearance for him by any Master Mason in good standing, as counsel, at such time and place; or
3. His written communication, or that of his counsel on his behalf, filed with the Grand Secretary. The filing shall be at or before the designated time, in which he shall state:
 - A. His objections to the charge(s),
 - B. Plead guilty,
 - C. Plead not guilty, or
 - D. Set forth any matter in extenuation of the offense charged.

Failure to appear. The accused may waive his right to attend his trial by his voluntary absence. The trial may proceed in the absence of the accused, upon proof of due service on him of the citation in accordance with Section 28.09 of the Code together with a copy of the charge(s) and notice of the time and place of the trial. The due service shall be no later than ten (10) days prior to the date fixed for the trial, if served within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alaska and at least twenty (20) days if served outside the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alaska.

(Section adopted date)

Section 28.13 Bylaw

TIMELY NOTICE OF HEARINGS. The accuser and the accused shall have no later than ten (10) days written notice and opportunity to attend in person or by counsel, examine, and cross-examine all witnesses at all hearings including the taking of depositions under commission¹.

(Section adopted date)

Section. 28.14 Bylaw

TESTIMONY

By Honor or by Oath. Testimony given by a Mason is given upon his honor as a Mason. Testimony by a non-Mason is upon an oath administered by:

1. A member of the Grand Lodge authorized by civil law to administer oaths, or
2. The Grand Master or Grand Secretary.

Recorded. An audio recording shall be made of all testimony given before a Grand Lodge Trial or Grand Master’s Trial Committee. The Grand Secretary, as directed by the Grand Master, shall reduce the audio recording to writing.

(Section adopted date)

Section 28.15 Bylaw

VISITORS. A visiting Brother is not permitted to sit in attendance at a Grand Master’s Trial Committee. Only the accuser, accused, their respective counsel(s), prosecuting officer, Grand Secretary, and witness(es) while testifying shall be present before a Grand Master’s Trial Committee.

(Section adopted date)

Section 28.16 Bylaw

VERDICT IN CIVIL COURT. A guilty verdict in a criminal proceeding is, on the face of it, evidence and creates presumption of fact that a crime has been committed. However, that is not conclusive evidence of the Masonic guilt or innocence of an accused when tried by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master’s Trial Committee for an offense requiring proof of the same act(s). An admission of guilt or the preponderance of evidence in such criminal proceedings may establish a basis for the finding of Grand Lodge or Grand Master’s Trial Committee. Nothing herein shall prevent or restrain the Grand Master from determining that certain convictions, if proved, inherently give rise to a finding of un-Masonic conduct and authorize the Grand Master to order a Masonic trial.

(Section adopted date)

Section 28.17 Bylaw

WITHDRAWAL OF ACCUSER AND ACCUSED. The accuser and the accused with their respective counsel, at the close of taking of testimony and when argument of counsel is concluded, shall withdraw from the Grand Lodge or Grand Master’s Trial Committee, as the case may be, during determination of verdict and judgment. Withdrawal shall not apply to the Junior Grand Warden or other person officially designated to prefer charge(s) when the trial is in open Grand Lodge.

(Section adopted date)

Section 28.18 Bylaw

EXPENSE OF TRIAL. The expense incurred in conducting a Grand Lodge or Grand Master’s Trial Committee is in accordance with the judgment rendered. The judgment rendered shall include the assessment of costs against either or both parties, or without costs. The Grand Lodge or Grand Master’s Trial Committee, as the case maybe, shall provide an itemized listing of the assessed costs, if any, to both parties. An acquitted party shall not pay assessed costs.

(Section adopted date)

Section 28.19 Bylaw

GRAND LODGE OFFICER DISQUALIFICATION OR ABSENCE OF

Grand Master or Grand Wardens. The Grand Master may be absent at the time or trial or disqualified from discharging his duties with respect to:

1. Charge(s) preferred;
2. Presiding at the trial; or
3. Appointing a Lodge Trial Committee or filling vacancies thereon.

Causes for such disqualification are prejudice, bias, or personal interest in the event of a trial. In case of such disqualification or absence of the Grand Master, the Senior Grand Warden shall perform the Grand Master’s duties. If the Senior Grand Warden is absent or similarly disqualified, then the Junior Grand Warden shall perform the Grand Master’s duties. If the Junior Grand Warden is absent or similarly disqualified, then a Special Deputy of the Grand Master, appointed by the Grand Master, shall perform the Grand Master’s duties.

Notice of. The Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, and Junior Grand Warden, each, in that order, notifies the Grand Secretary of his absence or disqualification as described in this section, if such disqualification exists. On receiving such notice, the Grand Secretary notifies the Senior or Junior Grand Warden, as the case may be, of the absence or disqualification.

(Section adopted date)

Section 28.20 Bylaw

GRAND MASTER'S TRIAL COMMITTEE JUDICIARY POWERS AND REQUIREMENTS.

Jurisdiction. The Grand Master's Trial Committee has all the judicial power of, and is charged with all the duties prescribed by Masonic law for, a Lodge in the trial of charge(s). It has the power to set aside its judgment and grant a new trial.

Judicial Power. The Grand Master's Trial Committee has the power to:

1. Convene hearings at a time and place as designated by its Chairman
2. Hear all the evidence,
3. Adjourn from time to time, and

at the request of either party to the charge(s);

1. Cause the Grand Secretary to issue summons for the attendance of witnesses,
2. Cause the summons to be served through the Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge or other designated member of the Grand Lodge, and
3. Issue a commission¹ or commissions to take the depositions of witnesses who are not Masons or who are unable to attend the hearings on the form entitled

“REQUEST FOR SUMMONS FOR THE ATTENDANCE OF WITNESS BEFORE COMMISSIONER” as supplied by the Grand Secretary. If practicable, a commission should be issued to a Master Mason, otherwise to a discreet person authorized by the civil law to administer oaths.

Appointment of. The Grand Master, upon receiving the files of a case from the Grand Secretary in accordance with Section 27.22 of the Code, shall appoint a Grand Master's Trial Committee to try the accused upon the charge(s). The Grand Master's Trial Committee consists of five Past Masters who are members of Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction other than the Lodge of which the accused is a member. The appointment shall designate the Chairman and Secretary of the Committee. The Secretary shall keep a true and complete record of the Grand Master's Trial Committee proceedings

The Grand Master shall direct the Grand Secretary to notify the members of their appointment and of the designation of the Committee Chairman, and to transmit to the Chairman the files received from the Secretary of the Lodge which relinquished control. The Grand Master shall fill any vacancy occurring on a Grand Master's Trial Committee.

Quorum. A majority of the Grand Master's Trial Committee constitutes a quorum necessary for the conduct of the trial, however, the verdict of the Grand Master's Trial Committee as to the guilt or innocence of the accused and its judgment as to the penalty to be imposed requires a majority of the full Grand Master's Trial Committee in favor of such verdict and judgment.

Meeting. The Grand Master's Trial Committee shall not meet earlier than twenty (20) days following the date of proof of service of the citation and summons in accordance to Section 28.09 of the Code.

New Trial. The Grand Master's Trial Committee, when an accused is judged guilty of a charge, has the power to:

1. Set aside its judgment and grant a new trial on its own motion; or
2. On application of the accused if an error has occurred at the trial that is prejudicial to the accused; or
3. For other good cause shown.

The process by which a new trial is conducted shall be in accordance with Sections 28.06 through 28.21 of the Code.

(Section adopted date)

Section 28.21 Bylaw GRAND MASTER'S TRIAL COMMITTEE; JUDGMENT, PENALTY OF, EXPULSION, NOTIFICATION, ASSESSMENT OF COSTS.

Judgment. The Grand Master's Trial Committee shall, at the close of the testimony, and the reading of depositions taken by a commission, and following argument of counsel for the respective parties, decide as to the guilt or innocence of the accused. A two-thirds majority secret written ballot is required to find the accused guilty. If the accused is found guilty, the Committee shall decide the penalty to be imposed in accordance with Section 26.02 of the Code and shall render judgment in accordance with the following:

1. The Chairman without motion puts to vote by secret written ballot, the highest degree of punishment, which is expulsion.
2. If expulsion is not affirmed, the Chairman puts to vote in like manner the next highest degree of punishment, which is indefinite suspension.

3. If indefinite suspension is lost, he puts to vote in like manner the next highest order of punishment, which is definite suspension for a time specified.
4. If the Grand Master's Trial Committee fails to expel or suspend, the guilty Brother is reprimanded or censored by the Grand Master in open session of the Grand Lodge unless a new trial is granted in accordance with Section 28.20 of the Code.

Suspension While under the judgment of suspension, definite or indefinite, the offending brother is deprived of all Lodge and Grand Lodge privileges.

Expulsion. All judgments of expulsion by the Grand Master's Trial Committee, if appealed, shall be referred to the Grand Lodge by the Grand Master's Trial Committee. The Grand Master's Trial Committee shall transmit a copy of the Grand Master's Trial Committee proceedings to the Grand Lodge.

Notification of. If a judgment of expulsion by a Grand Master's Trial Committee is appealed, the proceedings which the Committee files with the Grand Secretary are referred by him to the Committee on Grievance and Appeals. In either case, the Committee on Grievance and Appeals makes a report and recommendation to the Grand Lodge in session for final action. If there is no appeal within ten (10) days, the transcript is or the proceedings are filed with the Grand Secretary for the record, but they are not referred to the Committee on Grievance and Appeals.

Assessment of Costs. The Grand Master's Trial Committee shall assess costs associated with conducting the trial against either or both parties or without costs. No costs shall be assessed against a party acquitted.

(Section Adopted date)

Section 28.22 Bylaw

GRAND MASTER'S TRIAL COMMITTEE PROCEDURE AFTER JUDGMENT.

The Grand Master's Trial Committee, no later than ten (10) days after rendering its judgment shall:

1. Transmit a copy of its judgment, and
2. A statement of costs of trial, if any,

to the Secretary of the Lodge in which the charge(s) originated. The Chairman of the Grand Master's Trial Committee and its Secretary shall certify and sign the judgment and statement of cost of the trial documents. The Grand Master's Trial Committee Secretary shall transmit a copy of the signed and certified documents to the Secretary of the Lodge which originated the charge(s).

The Secretary of the Lodge shall enter the judgment upon the records of the Lodge and communicate the date of such entry in writing under the seal of the Lodge to the Chairman of the Grand Master's Trial Committee. At the expiration of thirty (30) days following the date of entry of judgment upon the records of the Lodge, the Secretary of the Grand Master's Trial Committee shall transmit to the Grand Secretary the original record of its proceedings together with all depositions offered and/or received in evidence.

In case of an appeal from said judgment, the Grand Master's Trial Committee shall transmit to the Grand Secretary all records, depositions, and transcripts of testimony taken before it, if any, under a Certificate signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Grand

Master's Trial Committee identifying all such records, depositions, and transcripts of testimony, if any, and a statement of all costs incurred in the course of the appeal. The Secretary of the Grand Master's Trial Committee shall transmit the records, depositions, and transcripts of testimony within thirty (30) of the receipt of the Notice of Appeal.
(Section adopted date)

Section 28.23 Bylaw

SUSPENDED MASON, FURTHER DISCIPLINE. If a suspended Mason is charged with additional un-Masonic conduct not included in the charge(s) for which he was suspended, and which conduct, if proven, justifies further or greater punishment than that which he is undergoing, he may be arraigned for trial by a Grand Master's Trial Committee. If he is found guilty of the additional un-Masonic conduct by a Grand Master's Trial Committee, he may suffer additional penalty.
(Section adopted date)

Section 28.24 Bylaw

FINAL RECORD. The electronic or CD media means of providing the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge are the official announcements of its judgments, of which the parties in interest have constructive notice, and except in case of remanding for a new trial, constitute the final record.
(Section adopted date)

Part IV Disciplinary Code

CHAPTER 29 – APPEALS

Section 29.01 Bylaw

GRAND LODGE JURISDICTION. If an appeal is taken from a judgment of a Lodge trial, Lodge Trial Committee, or a Grand Master's Trial Committee, upon investigation, the Grand Lodge, if in session, otherwise the Grand Master, has the power to:

1. Dismiss the appeal, approve the findings, or affirm the judgment appealed from;
2. Modify or change the judgment or impose a penalty if the Lodge or Grand Master's Trial Committee has failed to do so; or
3. Set aside the judgment for error or informality and remand the case back to the Lodge Trial Committee for further proceedings.

(Section adopted date)

Section 29.02 Bylaw

APPEAL, RIGHT OF. The accused, the accuser, and also, in the event of a trial by a Grand Master's Trial Committee, the Lodge may, within thirty days after the date of entry of judgment upon the records of the Lodge, appeal to the Grand Lodge by filing a Notice of Appeal of the judgment with the Grand Secretary and with the Secretary of the Lodge. The Secretary of the Lodge shall notify all parties of such appeal.

Within sixty (60) days after the filing of a Notice of Appeal, the appellant shall file a

written memorandum with the Grand Secretary and with the Secretary of the Lodge stating briefly and informally the reasons for the appeal and the points upon which the appellant relies.

No later than thirty days following receipt of the Notice of Appeal, the Secretary of the Lodge, if the trial was held by the Lodge, shall transmit a copy of the proceedings in the case, including a complete transcript of the testimony and depositions taken, to the Grand Secretary.

(Section adopted date)

Section 29.03 Bylaw

COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS REFERRAL, HEARINGS, NO NEW EVIDENCE

Referral. The following items are referred to the Committee on Grievance and Appeals that shall report the facts with recommendation(s) to the Grand Lodge in session:

1. In case of an appeal, the proceedings of the Grand Master's Trial Committee or the transcript from the Lodge Trial Committee, as the case may be, and
2. All petitions for restoration coming before the Grand Lodge.

Hearings. Hearings by the Committee on Grievance and Appeals shall be held at such day, time, and location as determined by the Chairman of the Committee on Grievance and Appeals provided that:

1. The accused, accuser, Lodge, and all witnesses at the trial each shall receive written notice of the date, time, and place at least thirty (30) days in advance of the hearing, and
2. The place of hearing is held on the Wednesday preceding the opening of the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge at the place of the Annual Communication.
3. The Committee on Grievance and Appeals may wave the notice of the date, time, and place of the hearing by written consent of both the accused and the accuser.

All persons desiring to be heard upon any appeal pending before the Committee on Grievance and Appeals shall attend at such time and place of hearing.

No new evidence. The Committee on Grievance and Appeals shall not receive nor consider any evidence other than that which is contained in the transcript from the Lodge Trial Committee or in the proceedings filed by the Grand Master's Trial Committee.

(Section adopted date)

Section 29.04 Bylaw

JUDGMENT. If the Grand Lodge affirms, modifies, or changes the judgment appealed from, that action by the Grand Lodge is final. Upon receipt of notice of the action by Grand Lodge, the Lodge shall cause the same to be entered upon its minutes at its next Stated Communication. (Section adopted date)

Section 29.05 Bylaw

REVERSAL OR ANNULMENT OF JUDGMENT, EFFECT OF. If the Grand Lodge, on a review of a judgment of expulsion or suspension of a Mason:

1. Reverses or annuls the judgment, or
2. Fails to approve a judgment of expulsion or suspension, or
3. Modifies the same,

The accused is thereby restored to all of his Masonic rights, privileges, and membership. When a case is remanded for a new trial, no amendment to the original charge(s) and/or specifications may be made without giving the accused due notice no earlier than ten (10) days thereof.

(Section adopted date)

Section 29.06 Bylaw

MASONIC STATUS DURING APPEAL. In case of appeal from a judgment of suspension or expulsion, the accused is not permitted to exercise any Masonic rights (except the right of appeal from such judgment); provided that the Grand Master may, in his discretion, permit the exercise of such designated Masonic rights by the accused as the Grand Master determines. Any such permission is communicated in writing by the Grand Master to the Secretary of the Lodge in which judgment was entered. Such permission is spread upon the minutes of said Lodge. (Section adopted date)

Part IV Disciplinary Code

CHAPTER 30 – RESTORATION

Section 30.01 Bylaw

FROM DEFINITE SUSPENSION, BY LIMITATION OR PETITION. Definite suspension expires by limitation. A suspended Mason becomes restored to membership in the Lodge from which he was suspended at the expiration of the time defined in the judgment of suspension without vote or other action on the part of the Lodge. If the Lodge from which he was suspended has ceased to exist, he may, at the expiration of the period of suspension, petition for reinstatement in the Fraternity to a Lodge in whose jurisdiction he resides or to the Grand Lodge, either of which may reinstate him to good standing in the Fraternity.

A suspended Mason seeking reinstatement prior to the termination of his suspension may petition in writing to the Lodge from which he was suspended. The Lodge shall notify its membership at the Stated Communication immediately following receipt of petition and that the members present shall vote on the petition at the next immediate following Stated Communication. Upon a favorable two-thirds majority secret written ballot of the members present and voting at a Stated Communication, he is restored to good standing in the Fraternity. If the Lodge from which he was suspended has ceased to exist, he may apply for reinstatement in the Fraternity to a Lodge in whose jurisdiction he resides.

(Section adopted date)

Section 30.02 Bylaw

FROM INDEFINITE SUSPENSION UNAPPEALED FROM, BY PETITION. A Mason suspended for an indefinite time who did not appeal that judgment and who seeks reinstatement may petition in writing to the Lodge from which he was suspended. The

Lodge shall notify its membership at the Stated Communication immediately following receipt of petition and that the members present shall vote on the petition at the next immediate following Stated Communication. Upon a favorable two-thirds majority secret written ballot of the members present and voting at a Stated Communication, he is restored to good standing in the Fraternity. If the Lodge from which he was suspended has ceased to exist, the petition for reinstatement may be made to a Lodge in whose jurisdiction he resides or to the Grand Lodge, either of which may reinstate him to good standing in the Fraternity.

(Section adopted date)

Section 30.03 Bylaw

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

(Section adopted date)

Section 30.04 Bylaw

EXPULSION, UNAPPEALED FROM. A Mason expelled, whose case was not appealed to the Grand Lodge and who seeks restoration to the rights of Masonry without Lodge membership (un-affiliated), may petition the Lodge from which he was expelled for restoration. The Lodge shall notify its membership at the Stated Communication immediately following receipt of petition and that the members present shall vote on the petition at the next immediate following Stated Communication. Upon a favorable two-thirds majority secret written ballot of the members present and voting at a Stated Communication, the Lodge shall restore him to such rights. A Brother so restored is entitled to a certificate of that fact from the Secretary of the Lodge, which serves in lieu of a regular dimit in case of a petition for membership. In case the Lodge becomes extinct, the petition may be made directly to the Grand Lodge with a statement of the facts, and upon favorable action the Brother is restored to the status of a non-affiliated Mason.

(Section adopted date)

Section 30.05 Bylaw

EXPULSION, APPEALED FROM. After an expulsion of a Mason is affirmed by the Grand Lodge, he may seek restoration either to good standing in the Fraternity or to all his rights, privileges, and membership in the Lodge from which he was expelled by

petitioning such Lodge for its recommendation to the Grand Lodge in his behalf.

The Lodge shall notify its membership at the Stated Communication immediately following receipt of petition and that the members present shall consider and vote on the petition at the next immediate following Stated Communication. At such communication, if the petition is for restoration to:

1. The status of a Non-Affiliated Mason, a favorable two-thirds majority secret written ballot of the members present and voting is sufficient for such recommendation to the Grand Lodge.
2. All rights, privileges, and membership in the Lodge, a favorable unanimous secret written ballot of those present and voting is necessary for such recommendation.

In either case, if favorable, the petition is endorsed by the Worshipful Master and the Lodge Secretary under seal, in accordance with the fact, and is transmitted to the Grand Secretary at least ten (10) days before the annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

If favorable action, by the Grand Lodge is certified to the Lodge by the Grand Secretary, in accordance with Section 30.06 of the Code, the petitioner is restored either to the status of a Non-Affiliate or to all his rights, privileges, and Lodge membership, as the case may be, in accordance with the Lodge recommendation.

In case the Lodge becomes extinct, the petition may be made directly to the Grand Lodge with a statement of that fact and upon favorable action, in accordance with Section 30.06 of the Code, the Brother is restored to the status of a Non-Affiliated Mason.
(Section adopted date)

Section 30.06 Bylaw

EXPULSION RESTORATION WITHOUT LODGE RECOMMENDATION. The Grand Lodge may, by a favorable two-thirds majority secret written ballot of the members present and voting, without the recommendation provided for in Section 30.05 of the Code, restore an expelled Mason to good standing as a Non-Affiliated Mason, but not to membership in any Lodge. A Brother so restored is entitled to a Certificate of that fact issued by the Grand Secretary, which serves in lieu of a regular dimit.
(Section adopted date)

Section 30.07 Bylaw

REFERENCE. A petition for restoration, coming before the Grand Lodge, is referred to the Committee on Grievance and Appeals for its report and recommendation in accordance with Section 29.03 of the Code.
(Section adopted date)

Section 30.08 Bylaw

INTERVAL BETWEEN PETITIONS FOR RESTORATION. After a petition asking for restoration, or for recommendation to the Grand Lodge for restoration, has once been read in a Constituent Lodge, another such petition from the same party cannot be accepted by the Constituent Lodge until expiration of one year from the date of such reading,

regardless of whether the petition was rejected or withdrawn.
(Section adopted date)

AND BE IT NOW FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed GLOSSARY OF DEFINITIONS be added to the Alaska Masonic Code before the INDEX to read as follows:

GLOSSARY OF DEFINITIONS

Accused is the term used for a Mason or lodge who is alleged to have committed a Masonic offense.

Blatant Offense: Anything that is offensive, notorious, or shocking, especially in an obvious or conspicuous way.

Brother is a term used to designate an Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, or Master Mason either resident or sojourner who is not expelled.

Charges are the formal written accusations that the Accused has committed some Masonic offense and a statement of the facts and circumstances tending to support such accusations. Charges are usually lodged by the Judge Advocate.

Civil Court is any federal, state, or local administrative, civil, criminal, military, small claims, or magistrate court.

Code: The Alaska Masonic Code of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska, including rulings and decisions of the Grand Masters.

Commission: An authorization to perform certain duties or tasks, or to take on certain powers.

Complaint is a document or other information, provided by a Mason in good standing, which contains the allegation that an individual brother or a particular lodge has committed a Masonic offense. Charges can then be preferred based on information contained in a complaint.

Counsel is the duly appointed representative of either the Accused or the Prosecution during a Masonic trial and/or process. Counsel (also referred to as a representative) must be a Master Mason in good standing, but is not required to be a licensed attorney. Only one counsel is permitted for a brother authorized to have such representation.

Default If the Accused has failed to answer a charge or charges within the time specified for that purpose by the Judge Advocate, or having answered, if he fails to appear at the time and place fixed for trial, he is considered in default.

Depose To remove from office or a position of power.

Deposition A written statement by a witness made under oath, to be used as testimony in court.

Enjoined To command, order, urge, or impose with authority. To prohibit especially by legal injunction or court order.

Fragrant Offense Anything that is evil or wrong, a willful glaring violation of a promise or flouting of law or morality.

Interrogatories are defined as a process in which, at some time before a Masonic trial, a witness, upon his honor as a Mason, provides written answers to written questions submitted to him by the prosecutor and the Accused as provided for in the Trial Code.

Law unless otherwise designated, law is a term used to describe Masonic law, which encompasses the CODE, Trial Code, Bylaws, Constitutions, and a Mason's Solemn Obligations.

Mason is a term used to designate an Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, or Master Mason either resident or sojourner who is not expelled.

Masonic Offense is any violation or a failure to observe, in letter or in spirit:

1. Any Regulation of the CODE, including the Trial Code
2. A Mason's solemn obligations
3. The traditions, ancient landmarks, or usages of Freemasonry
4. The Constitution, laws, rules, or edicts of the Grand Lodge

Masonic Process or Masonic Proceedings are a form of a Masonic Trial whereby, in certain limited circumstances specified in THE CODE, the Grand Master, Judge Advocate, or Master of a Lodge may take steps to determine that a brother or lodge has committed a Masonic Offense and summarily administer disciplinary action.

Masonic Trial a Masonic trial differs greatly from a civil, criminal, or military trial. A Masonic trial is the proceeding by which a brother or a particular lodge is formally Accused of a Masonic offense and prosecuted before a Trial Commission appointed pursuant to the provisions of this Trial Code. A Masonic trial also may be a proceeding or process as provided by this Trial Code and taken by a Subordinate Lodge, the Grand Master, or the Judge Advocate.

Moral Turpitude in Masonry is defined as conduct that is considered contrary to Masonic standards of justice, honesty, or good morals.

Profane is a person who is not a Mason, or anything that is not Masonic.

Prosecution may be the process by which evidence is presented against an accused brother or lodge, or it may be the Complainant and those presenting the case against the Accused.

Representative is the duly appointed counsel of either the Accused or the Prosecution during a Masonic trial, appeal, and/or Masonic process. A Representative (also referred to as Counsel) must be a Master Mason in good standing, but is not required to be a licensed attorney. Only one representative is permitted for a brother authorized to have a representative.

Sojourner is a Mason from another Grand Jurisdiction, recognized by the Grand Lodge of Alaska, who is temporarily residing in our jurisdiction. A sojourner may also be a Mason from our jurisdiction, who is temporary residing in another jurisdiction recognized by the Grand Lodge of Alaska.

Special Deputy: A Past Master appointed by the Grand Master for a specific function in a designated Lodge or event.

The Grand Lodge or Grand Lodge of Alaska refers to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska (unless otherwise specified).

Trial is a Masonic Trial (unless otherwise specified).

Trial Commission is a group of Master Masons who are Past Masters or are currently serving as Master of a Subordinate Lodge, appointed by the Judge Advocate to perform the duties of Trial Commissioners as provided in the Trial Code.

Trial Commissioner is a Master or Past Master of a Subordinate Lodge who has been appointed by the Judge Advocate to serve on a Trial Commission. The Trial Commission

hears the evidence during a Masonic Trial, renders a verdict, and affixes punishment when appropriate, in accordance with the Trial Code.

Un-Masonic Conduct, are acts or omissions tending to impair the purity of the Masonic institution, or to cause scandal, or to degrade it in the estimation of others, or those acts or omissions, which are in any way contrary to its principals, teachings, and obligations.

Respectfully submitted:

Masonic Code Review Committee
VW Roger Hansen, (7, 20, 23) chairman
MW James Herrington, PGM (13)
VW Monte Ervin (3, 12, 16)

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 ninety percent (90%) majority to pass.

Note This resolution did not receive the required ninety per cent (90%) majority vote for passage (99 in favor and 13 against/ 88.4%) but did receive a majority vote and is a carryover resolution.

Resolution 2015 -2

To increase the annual per capita by \$1.00 per member

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To provide an annual contribution to the Alaska Masonic Library and Museum Foundation.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the Alaska Masonic Library and Museum Foundation was created on May 19, 1983 by the leadership of the Grand Lodge of Alaska, for the purpose of "acquiring, accumulating, preserving and exhibiting Masonic literature and tangible articles related to Freemasonry for use by all members of the public without restriction", and

WHEREAS, the current mission of the Alaska Masonic Library and Museum Foundation is "the acquisition and preservation of Alaska's Masonic heritage for the purpose of communicating and educating Alaska Masons and the public, without limitation, about the significant contributions of Freemasonry to society as a whole and the development of Alaska in particular", and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Masonic Library and Museum Foundation has developed into a reality and expanded over the past thirty one years through the vision of Right Worshipful Brother Gerald R. Fairley, generous material support from Anchorage Lodge No. 17 and the Alaska York Rite Bodies, and through many hours of volunteer support from numerous Alaska Masons and their families, and

WHEREAS, financial support of the Alaska Masonic Library and Museum Foundation has historically been from individual contributions and spotty at best, and

WHEREAS, operations costs for the Alaska Masonic Library and Museum Foundation continue to increase with no guaranteed appreciable income.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the annual per capita paid by constituent lodges to the Grand Lodge of Alaska shall be increased by \$1.00 per member and the amount collected from this increase contributed to the Alaska Masonic Library and Museum Foundation to support annual operational costs.

Respectfully submitted,

MW David Worel, GM
RW Douglas C. Teninty, DGM
RW Carl J. Lindstrom, SGW
MW John R. "Bo" Cline, PGM
MW Johnnie L. Wallace, PGM
VW Roger K. Hansen
W Jack R. Newell
W Steve F. Cords

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 simple majority to pass.

Note: This resolution did not receive the required simple majority vote for passage (52 in favor and 63 against) and is rejected.

Emergent Resolution 2015 -3

To amend Section 5.01 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code and add a new section, titled Section 5.16 Bylaw Segregations and Reference Committee to the Alaska Masonic Code.

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To amend Section 5.01 by adding the Segregations and Reference Committee to the list of standing committees and to add a new section describing the duties of the Segregation and Reference Committee.

WHEREAS: The Segregations and Reference Committee is usually appointed by the Grand Master immediately prior to the next Annual Communication to study and refer the Grand Master's Message including all Proclamations, Edicts, Rulings, and Actions, and

WHEREAS: Often there is not adequate time to study and refer the Grand Master's Message including Proclamations, Edicts, Rulings and Actions, to the appropriate committee(s) prior to the Annual Communication, and

WHEREAS: The appropriate committee(s) may not have time to adequately study and comment on the submitted items before the Annual Communication, and

WHEREAS: The Grand Lodge body usually votes on the report of the appropriate committee(s), and

WHEREAS: The Grand Master submits his Message, Proclamations, Edicts, Rulings, and Actions to the Grand Secretary, and

WHEREAS: The Grand Secretary submits all proposed and carryover resolutions to the appropriate committee for study and recommendation, and

WHEREAS: The Grand Lodge body needs to be well informed prior to their voting on the Grand Master's Message, Proclamations, Edicts, Rulings, and Actions, and

WHEREAS: The Segregations and Reference Committee should have no less than three (3) members, and

WHEREAS: The final review and recommendations of the Segregations and Reference Committee shall occur when meeting on Wednesday prior to the Annual Communication

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 5.01 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

Section 5.01 Bylaw

STANDING COMMITTEES. On the last day of each Annual Communication, just before its close, the Grand Master shall appoint the following Standing Committees to serve until the close of the succeeding Annual Communication:

1. A committee of five on Jurisprudence.
2. A committee of three on Grievance and Appeals.
3. A committee of three on Finance.
4. A committee of one on Fraternal Relations.
5. A committee of five on Masonic Research and Education.
6. A committee of five on Credentials.
7. A committee of three on Masonic Public Relations.
8. A committee of three on Masonic Youth.
9. A committee of three on Bylaws.
10. A committee of one on Public Schools.

11. A committee of seven on Long-Range Planning.
12. A committee of five or more on Leadership Training.
13. A committee of four on Scholarships

Committees 1, 2, 3, and 6 shall meet on Wednesday preceding the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. **(Section revised 1988, 2003, 2010, 2012)**

Be amended to read:

Section 5.01 Bylaw

STANDING COMMITTEES. On the last day of each Annual Communication, just before its close, the Grand Master shall appoint the following Standing Committees to serve until the close of the succeeding Annual Communication:

1. A committee of five on Jurisprudence.¹⁴
2. A committee of three on Grievance and Appeals.
3. A committee of three on Finance.
4. A committee of one on Fraternal Relations.
5. A committee of five on Masonic Research and Education.
6. A committee of five on Credentials.
7. A committee of three on Masonic Public Relations.
8. A committee of three on Masonic Youth.
9. A committee of three on Bylaws.
10. A committee of one on Public Schools.
11. A committee of seven on Long-Range Planning.
12. A committee of five or more on Leadership Training.
13. A committee of four on Scholarships
- 14. A committee of three on Segregations and Reference**

Committees 1, 2, 3, ~~and~~ 6, **and 14** shall meet on Wednesday preceding the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. **(Section revised 1988, 2003, 2010, 2012)**

AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following be added as Section 5.16 Bylaw to read as follows:

Section 5.16 Bylaw

SEGREGATIONS AND REFERENCE The Segregations and Reference Committee shall read in detail the Grand Master’s Message, Proclamations, Edicts, Rulings, and Actions and refer them to the appropriate committee(s) for review and comment. No later than ten (10) days prior to the next Annual Communication, the Grand Secretary shall forward the Grand Master’s Message, Proclamations, Edicts, and Rulings to the Segregations and Reference Committee.

Respectfully Submitted

MW David Worel (3)

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

Note: This resolution received the required majority vote for passage (74 in favor and 4 against/ 94.9%) and is adopted.

Emergent Resolution 2015 -4

To amend Section 9.09 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code.

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To amend Section 9.09 Bylaw, second paragraph beginning with Fees for Life Membership, by adding the words “per Lodge.”

WHEREAS: The original intent of this section is to help the Grand Lodge financially in the future, and to create a Grand Lodge of Alaska per-capita life membership fund that would enable the Grand Lodge of Alaska to pay, from the interest of the fund, a members per-capita fees which are presently charged to each lodge he is a member of on an annual basis, and

WHEREAS: The interest earnings of the Grand Lodge Per Capita Life Membership Fund do not cover the per-capita fees presently charged to each lodge that he is a member of on an annual basis, and

WHEREAS: The fee for life membership as indicated in the second paragraph of the section should be per each lodge that a member belongs.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 9.09 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

Section 9.09 Bylaw

GRAND LODGE PER CAPITA LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND. A member of a lodge or lodges in this jurisdiction desiring membership in this fund may do so by, applying to the Grand Secretary on a form supplied by the Grand Lodge and through the Secretary of the lodge which he is a member of, for such membership. All Fees must be paid in full prior to obtaining Membership in the Fund.

1. Upon his receiving full Membership, a member’s Per Capita fees that are presently paid by the lodge or lodges of which he is a member shall be paid by the Grand Lodge, beginning the year following his final payment and membership recognition
2. If he is a member of more than one lodge and upon full life Membership in the Grand Lodge Per Capita Fund, the Grand Lodge shall pay the Members per

capita fees jointly and in full for each lodge for which he has purchased that he is a member of.

Fees for Life Membership shall be \$1000.00, payable at the time of application. Arrangements may be made through the Grand Secretary at the time of application, to submit a \$100.00 application fee and an annual payment of a minimum of \$100.00 until the financial obligation for membership is satisfied.

Distribution of Earnings. All fees for membership are permanently invested and cannot be withdrawn, and all interest earned shall be distributed as follows.

1. 70% of the interest earned may be placed in the General Account of the Grand Lodge of Alaska.
2. The funds interest earnings shall be reinvested in the permanent, Per Capita Life Membership Fund.
3. The Finance Committee may reinvest more than the 30% but not less than 30%.
4. The per capita fees, upon full membership, shall be drawn from the Grand Lodge General Fund.

Investment. The Principal of this fund shall be invested by the Grand Lodge Finance Committee and reported upon at each Grand Lodge Session.

Record Keeping. The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer shall maintain a record of all Brothers who apply as well as to their status within the fund, as applies to their payment of fees.

1. Upon a Brother becoming a Life Member in the Per Capita Fund, the Grand Secretary shall give written notification of such membership to each Lodge that the Brother is a member of.
2. If a Brother has opted for the payment plan, the Grand Secretary shall inform all Lodges of which he is member, of his status in the fund, along with the Grand Lodge annual statement to the Lodges for reimbursement of per capita fees.
3. All Per Capita fees charged to a lodge or Lodges of which a Brother is a member and upon his being fully vested in the Grand Lodge Per Capita Life Membership Fund, shall be deducted from the Annual Statement of per capita fees sent to all lodges of which he is a member.
4. All lodges must continue to report this Brother as a member in good standing in their annual membership report to the Grand Lodge. Such lodge may make an entry in their lodge records regarding the status of a life membership in the Grand Lodge Per Capita Life Membership Fund.
5. The Grand Secretary shall issue a certificate, suitable for framing, to each member of the Fund.
6. A plaque with the name and date of Membership of all Brothers who become a Member, presently and in the future, shall be displayed at the Grand Lodge Office. **(Section adopted 2006, revised 2010)**

Be amended to read:

Section 9.09 Bylaw

GRAND LODGE PER CAPITA LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND. A member of a lodge or lodges in this jurisdiction desiring membership in this fund may do so by, applying to the Grand Secretary on a form supplied by the Grand Lodge and through the Secretary of the lodge which he is a member of, for such membership. All Fees must be paid in full prior to obtaining Membership in the Fund.

1. Upon his receiving full Membership, a member's Per Capita fees that are presently paid by the lodge or lodges of which he is a member shall be paid by the Grand Lodge, beginning the year following his final payment and membership recognition
2. If he is a member of more than one lodge and upon full life Membership in the Grand Lodge Per Capita Fund, the Grand Lodge shall pay the Members per capita fees jointly and in full for each lodge ~~that he is a member of~~ **for which he has purchased Per Capita Life Membership.**

Fees for Life Membership shall be \$1000.00 **for each lodge chosen by the member,** payable at the time of application. Arrangements may be made through the Grand Secretary at the time of application, to submit a \$100.00 application fee and an annual payment of a minimum of \$100.00 until the financial obligation for membership is satisfied.

Distribution of Earnings. All fees for membership are permanently invested and cannot be withdrawn, and all interest earned shall be distributed as follows.

1. 70% of the interest earned may be placed in the General Account of the Grand Lodge of Alaska.
2. The funds interest earnings shall be reinvested in the permanent, Per Capita Life Membership Fund.
3. The Finance Committee may reinvest more than the 30% but not less than 30%.
4. The per capita fees, upon full membership, shall be drawn from the Grand Lodge General Fund.

Investment. The Principal of this fund shall be invested by the Grand Lodge Finance Committee and reported upon at each Grand Lodge Session.

Record Keeping. The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer shall maintain a record of all Brothers who apply as well as to their status within the fund, as applies to their payment of fees.

1. Upon a Brother becoming a Life Member in the Per Capita Fund, the Grand Secretary shall give written notification of such membership to each Lodge that the Brother is a member of.
2. If a Brother has opted for the payment plan, the Grand Secretary shall inform all Lodges of which he is member, of his status in the fund, along with the Grand Lodge annual statement to the Lodges for reimbursement of per capita fees.
3. All Per Capita fees charged to a lodge or Lodges of which a Brother is a member and upon his being fully vested in the Grand Lodge Per Capita Life

Membership Fund, shall be deducted from the Annual Statement of per capita fees sent to all lodges of which he is a member.

4. All lodges must continue to report this Brother as a member in good standing in their annual membership report to the Grand Lodge. Such lodge may make an entry in their lodge records regarding the status of a life membership in the Grand Lodge Per Capita Life Membership Fund.
5. The Grand Secretary shall issue a certificate, suitable for framing, to each member of the Fund.
6. A plaque with the name and date of Membership of all Brothers who become a Member, presently and in the future, shall be displayed at the Grand Lodge Office. **(Section adopted 2006, revised 2010)**

Respectfully submitted,

MW David Worel (3)

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

Note: This resolution did not receive the required three-fourths (3/4) majority vote for passage (43 in favor and 37 against) but did receive a majority vote and is a carryover resolution.

Emergent Resolution 2015 -5

To amend Sections 12.06 Bylaw, 12.07 Bylaw, 21.05 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code and to add a new Section to the Alaska Masonic Code.

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To add a requirement that all constituent lodges and corporations obtain general liability insurance that shall hold harmless and indemnify its officers and directors and the Grand Lodge and its directors and officers.

WHEREAS: All constituent lodges are subordinate to and under the auspicious of the Grand Lodge of Alaska, and

WHEREAS: There is no requirement for the subordinate constituent lodges to have general liability insurance, and

WHEREAS: The minimum limits of liability should be as follows:

Comprehensive General Liability	\$1,000,000
Personal Injury	\$1,000,000

Property Damage	\$1,000,000
Each occurrence	\$1,000,000
Medical Expense Limit	\$100,000

and,

WHEREAS: Each subordinate Lodge shall execute and provide an indemnification and hold harmless agreement to the Grand Lodge of Alaska, and

WHEREAS: The indemnification and hold harmless agreement should cover the Grand Lodge employees, appointed and elected officers from any and all demands, claims, damages (including consequential damages), causes of actions, fines, penalties, losses and expenses, liabilities, liens, judgments, and reasonable attorneys fee, and

WHEREAS: The Grand Lodge of Alaska allows formation of separate corporations by constituent lodges for a specific purpose, and

WHEREAS: There is no requirement for the separate corporations of the constituent lodges to have general liability insurance, and

WHEREAS: The separate corporation of a constituent lodge should execute and provide an indemnification and hold harmless agreement to its constituent lodge and shall execute and provide a separate indemnification and hold harmless agreement to the Grand Lodge of Alaska, and

WHEREAS: An indemnification and hold harmless agreement shall cover the constituent lodge's appointed and elected officers and a separate indemnification and hold harmless agreement shall cover the Grand Lodge employees, appointed and elected officers from any and all demands, claims, damages (including consequential damages), causes of actions, fines, penalties, losses and expenses, liabilities, liens, judgments, and reasonable attorneys fee, and

WHEREAS: Some constituent Lodges rent buildings to hold their lodge functions, and

WHEREAS: Constituent Lodges renting space should have renters' insurance coverage.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 12.06 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

Section 12.06 Bylaw

INCORPORATION OF A BODY FOR A MASONIC PURPOSE. A Mason or group of Masons may, with permission of the Grand Lodge, organize or sponsor an incorporated body for a declared purpose. (See also Sections 21.05 and 21.08.)
(Section clarified 1988)

Be amended to read:

Section 12.06 Bylaw

INCORPORATION OF A BODY FOR A MASONIC PURPOSE. A Mason or group of Masons may, with permission of the Grand Lodge, organize or sponsor an incorporated body for a declared purpose. **Each incorporated body shall obtain a general liability insurance policy providing the following minimum limits of coverage:**

<u>Comprehensive General Liability</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
<u>Personal Injury</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
<u>Property Damage</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
<u>Each occurrence</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
<u>Medical Expense Limit</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>

The separate corporation of a constituent lodge shall execute and provide an indemnification and hold harmless agreement to its constituent lodge and shall also execute and provide an indemnification and hold harmless agreement to the Grand Lodge of Alaska. The indemnification and hold harmless agreement shall cover the constituent lodge's appointed and elected officers and a separate indemnification and hold harmless agreement shall cover the Grand Lodge employees and appointed and elected officers from any and all demands, claims, damages (including consequential damages), causes of actions, fines, penalties, losses and expenses, liabilities, liens, judgments, and reasonable attorneys fee. (See also Sections 21.05 and 21.08.)

(Section clarified 1988)

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Section 12.07 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

Section 12.07 Bylaw

INCORPORATION OF LODGES. A Lodge may form itself into a corporate body with permission from the Grand Lodge. (Section clarified 1988)

Be amended to read:

Section 12.07 Bylaw

INCORPORATION OF LODGES. A Lodge may form itself into a corporate body with permission from the Grand Lodge. **The corporate body shall obtain a general liability insurance policy providing the following minimum limits of coverage:**

<u>Comprehensive General Liability</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
<u>Personal Injury</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
<u>Property Damage</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
<u>Each occurrence</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
<u>Medical Expense Limit</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>

The corporate body shall execute and provide an indemnification and hold harmless agreement to the Grand Lodge of Alaska. The indemnification and hold harmless

agreement shall cover the Grand Lodge employees and appointed and elected officers from any and all demands, claims, damages (including consequential damages), causes of actions, fines, penalties, losses and expenses, liabilities, liens, judgments, and reasonable attorneys fee. (Section clarified 1988)

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Section 21.05 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

Section 21.05 Bylaw

TITLE-HOLDING CORPORATION. A Mason or group of Masons may, if he or they have the written approval of the Grand Master and the Committee on Jurisprudence, organize or sponsor an incorporated body for the purpose of holding title to Lodge property. When adopted, the Articles of Incorporation, in quintuplicate, and a copy of the Bylaws or an amendment thereof must be transmitted to the Grand Master, in quintuplicate, on a form adopted by the Grand Lodge. The original and two copies of each document are returned to the Lodge, indicating thereon the approval or the disapproval by the Grand Master. Such Bylaws become effective when thus approved unless rejected by the Grand Lodge at its next Annual Communication. A copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a copy of the temple Corporation Bylaws must be transmitted to the Grand Secretary for the record. The forms for Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of such title holding corporation may provide for the sharing of ownership, management, and control of real and personal property of such title holding corporation by and for the benefit of both Masons and non-Masons, or by and for the benefit of a constituent Lodge or Masons only, regardless of profit motive and tax exempt status. No right, title, or interest in real or personal property of a Lodge may be transferred to a title holding corporation unless the Articles of Incorporation thereof specifically provide that all net assets of such corporation will be distributed to such Lodge or to Grand Lodge upon dissolution of such corporation.

The title holding corporation shall obtain a general liability insurance policy providing the following minimum limits of coverage:

<u>Comprehensive General Liability</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
<u>Personal Injury</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
<u>Property Damage</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
<u>Each occurrence</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
<u>Medical Expense Limit</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>

The title holding corporation of a constituent lodge shall execute and provide an indemnification and hold harmless agreement to its constituent lodge and shall also execute and provide an indemnification and hold harmless agreement to the Grand Lodge of Alaska. The indemnification and hold harmless agreement shall cover the constituent lodge's appointed and elected officers and a separate indemnification and hold harmless agreement shall cover the Grand Lodge employees and appointed and elected officers from any and all demands, claims, damages (including consequential damages), causes of actions, fines, penalties, losses and

expenses, liabilities, liens, judgments, and reasonable attorneys fee.
(Section clarified 1988)

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following section be added to the Alaska Masonic Code:

Section 14.12 Bylaw

LODGE INSURANCE. Each Constituent Lodge shall obtain a general liability insurance policy providing the following minimum limits of coverage:

<u>Comprehensive General Liability</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
<u>Personal Injury</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
<u>Property Damage</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
<u>Each occurrence</u>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
<u>Medical Expense Limit</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>

Each constituent lodge shall execute and provide an indemnification and hold harmless agreement to the Grand Lodge of Alaska. The indemnification and hold harmless agreement shall cover the Grand Lodge of Alaska employees and appointed and elected officers from any and all demands, claims, damages (including consequential damages), causes of actions, fines, penalties, losses and expenses, liabilities, liens, judgments, and reasonable attorneys fee.

Respectful submitted,

WM David Worel

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 three-fourth (3/4) majority to pass.

Note: This resolution received the required majority vote for passage (66 in favor and 15 against/81.5%) and is adopted.

2014 Rulings

(Transcribed from audio recording)

Most Worshipful James Herrington, Past Grand Master addressing Grand Lodge

Brothers, you know last year was one of the best years of my life being the Grand Master in the biggest state- Alaska. Indeed an honor. The rulings I wrote last year, I wrote them because I thought I could provide a difference. I thought I could help the Grand Lodge. But, after consideration, in talking to several past grand masters and a very dear friend of mine who is a past master, I would like to do the following thing. Most Worshipful

Grand Master, as author of all of my rulings, I respectfully request permission to withdraw every one of them.

(Grand Master Worel called upon Most Worshipful Les Little, chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee and asked if he sees any problem with that with the Jurisprudence Committee.)

Grand Master, Les Little (10, 15, 22), we discussed this, Jim and I, from a personal standpoint of jurisprudence, he can do it. There was some question whether or not the proceedings were final assuming for 2014. I don't see any harm in it. Not at all.

(Reply of James Herrington) If I may intermit there, according to other grand masters I have talked to, I was never under the impression that my rulings had to be voted on. But, after talking to Most Worshipful Joe Dees, Harry Koenen, and some of the other grand masters, they said yes. In fact they should have been voted on and since they weren't voted on at the proper time, then I feel it is my responsibility and my privilege to resolve it.

Note: The following 2014 Rulings were rescinded at the 2015 Grand Lodge communication by MW James R. Herrington.

Ruling #1 (Revised)
Dues Cards

It is the policy of this Grand Lodge that:

1. dues cards are standard in form for all Lodges except that each Lodge's designation and address are shown,
2. dues cards are purchased through the Grand Secretary,
3. a dues card is not given an expiration date which is later than December 31 of the year following its date of issue, even though the dues may be paid up beyond that date,
4. the Lodge Secretary designates a Life or Honorary Membership card by stamping a standard dues card diagonally across its face with an appropriate stamp unless the dues card is preprinted in this fashion,
5. stamps for Life and Honorary Membership cards may be purchased at any local business selected by the Lodge Secretary, and
6. each Life or Honorary Membership card is issued annually and is given an expiration date which is not later than December 31 of the year following its date of issue.

James R. Herrington
Grand Master of Alaska
January 7, 2014



Ruling #2 (Revised)
Apron Lecture

It is the policy of this Grand Lodge that the required portion of the Apron Lecture (Alaska Monitor, page 18, and the Combined Monitor and Cipher, page 30, first paragraphs) is given in each First Degree. The bracketed portion is optional.

Work from other Jurisdictions may not be used during degree work authorized by the Grand Lodge of Alaska.

For purposes of additional information or enlightenment, work of other Jurisdictions may be used during Masonic education classes. Any additional work during these classes must be prefaced by an appropriate explanation as to its source and the purpose of giving it.

James R. Herrington
Grand Master of Alaska
January 1, 2014

Ruling #8 (Revised)
Ciphers

The policy of this Grand Lodge of Alaska with respect to the Cipher remains the same except paragraph 3 will be changed to the following:

Whereas, a Brother is not a member until he is raised in the Third Degree, signs the bylaws, and pays his dues (AMC Section 17.01 and 20.11)

James R. Herrington
Grand Master of Alaska
January 20, 2014

Ruling #10 (Revised)
Masonic Dress in Other Jurisdictions

The Alaska Monitor states that "Aprons shall be worn outside the garments." That practice shall be observed by members of this Jurisdiction when attending any Masonic function in this Jurisdiction. However, it is permissible for the apron to be worn under the suit coat, leaving the coat unbuttoned, when visiting another Jurisdiction, if that is acceptable in the other Jurisdiction and he is an affiliated or dual member of that Jurisdiction.

James R. Herrington
Grand Master of Alaska
January 1, 2014

Ruling # 18
Awards and Special Recognition

It is the policy of the Grand Lodge of Alaska that every Mason who is a member of this Jurisdiction in good standing, is eligible for any award or special recognition regardless of his position or title. All Grand Lodge forms providing guide lines for an award or special recognition will be re-written to remove any and all discriminatory criteria that excludes Master Masons, Past or Present Masters, Past or Present District Deputies, Past or Present Grand Lodge Officers, and Past or Present Grand Masters.

James R. Herrington
Grand Master of Alaska
January 1, 2014

Ruling # 19
Lodge Customs or Traditions

It is the policy of the Grand Lodge of Alaska that no Blue Lodge Custom or Tradition should violate the Alaska Masonic Code or the Standard Work (See Section 8.02 Constitution). No part of the Standard Work should be completed outside of a Tiled Lodge except as stated in Section 20.11 Bylaw.

James R. Herrington
Grand Master of Alaska
January 1, 2014

Ruling # 20
Lodge Regalia

It is the policy of the Grand Lodge of Alaska that the Apron of an elected or appointed officer may be worn only by the brother elected or appointed and duly installed into that station or place. If the elected or appointed position is vacant due to any reason and no brother has been installed into that position, the Apron will not be worn until a brother is either elected or appointed and duly installed.

The jewel of an elected or appointed officer may be worn by a brother filling that position due to the absence of the elected or appointed officer or during degree work or the vacancy of that station or place.

James R. Herrington
Grand Master of Alaska
January 1, 2014

Ruling # 21
Lodge Practices

It is the policy of the Grand Lodge of Alaska that a Lodge is either open, closed, or at refreshment. The practice of opening and closing a Lodge in short form will not be used in this Jurisdiction.

1. When the Lodge is open, the three principle Officers must remain at their stations. However, the Worshipful Master may move about the Lodge as he deems necessary to accomplish his duties as Master of the Lodge. He may not leave the Lodge unless he selects a brother to stand-in as Worshipful Master until his return. The Senior Warden remains at his station while the Lodge is at labor, except when he descends to instruct the Candidate in the manner of wearing his apron and when he steps down during the closing ceremony. The Junior Warden remains at his station while the Lodge is at labor, except when he steps down during the closing ceremony. The Senior Warden and Junior Warden may not leave their station unless they select a brother to fill-in that station until his return. The Jewel of the three stations will be worn by the brother selected to fill-in that position until properly relieved. The other exception to this rule is during the drama of the Third Degree.
2. When the Lodge is at refreshment, according to the Standard Work, the Three Great Lights of Masonry must be closed and the three lesser extinguished or turned off. Once the Worshipful Master declares the Lodge at refreshment, the Junior Warden will raise his column and the Senior Warden will lower his. Then the Lodge Officers and members of the Lodge may move about the Lodge as they feel appropriate until the sound of the gavel in the East. Once the Worshipful Master calls the Lodge from refreshment to labor, the Junior Warden will lower his column and the Senior Warden will raise his.
3. The Lodge is closed when the Worshipful Master declares the Lodge closed. The Senior Warden will lower his column and the Worshipful Master will direct the Junior Deacon to inform the Tyler and the Senior Deacon to close the Great Lights. Once that is completed the members of the Lodge may move about the Lodge as they deem appropriate.

James R. Herrington
Grand Master of Alaska
January 1, 2014

Jurisprudence Committee

1st Report

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

We, the Committee on Jurisprudence, to who was referred Resolution 2015-1 have considered the same and report as follows.

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

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

As it proposes to change both the Bylaws and the Constitution, by order of the Grand Master it will require a 90% majority to pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Little, Chairman (10, 15, 22)

Jerry Pinion (10)

Mike Starkey (3, 12)

John Johnson (3)

Steven Stewart (21)

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I move the adoption of this resolution.

Note: This resolution did not receive the required majority vote for passage but did receive a majority vote and is a carryover resolution.

2nd Report

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

We, the Committee on Jurisprudence, to who was referred Resolution 2015-2 have considered the same and report as follows.

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

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

This resolution requires a simple majority to pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Little, Chairman (10, 15, 22)
Jerry Pinion (10)
Mike Starkey (3, 12)
John Johnson (3)
Steven Stewart (21)

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I move the adoption of this resolution.

Note: This resolution did not receive the required simple majority vote and was rejected.

3rd Report

We, the Committee on Jurisprudence, to who was referred Carryover Resolution 2014-3 have considered the same and report as follows.

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

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

As a carryover resolution which proposes to change the Bylaws, it will require a simple majority to pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Little, Chairman (10, 15, 22)
Jerry Pinion (10)
Mike Starkey (3, 12)
John Johnson (3)
Steven Stewart (21)

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I move the adoption of this resolution.

Note: This resolution received the required majority vote and is therefore adopted.

4th Report

Most Worshipful Grand Master I need to explain to you the report that we are going to talk to you here next. This is the Emergent Resolution 2015-4. Many of you got a copy of yesterday. There has been another word change. It is minimal, but it clarifies more realistically what we were trying to do when we made the change yesterday.

Today you have a copy and want to go along. It's under **Section 9.09 Bylaw Grand Lodge Per Capita Life Membership Fund**, under paragraph two, it says "If he is a member of more than one lodge and upon full life membership in the Grand Lodge Per Capita Fund, the Grand Lodge shall pay the member's per capita fees jointly and in full for each lodge that he is a member of." The last four words there "...that he is a member of..." has been changed to read "for which he has purchased Per Capita Life Membership."

In other words, if he is going to be a member of more than one lodge and have more than one life membership fund in Grand Lodge he has to specifically say I want two life memberships or four, whatever and then down underneath that sentence, it says "**Fees for Life Membership** shall be \$1000.00 for each lodge chosen by the member. So, if you are a member of four lodges, but you only want to spend two-thousand bucks, you need to tell the Grand Lodge which two lodges you are going to give the life membership dollars to.

Everybody ok with that? I see that the Grand Treasurer going like that. So, apparently that must mean its ok. But, I don't know if he is interested in the money or the legality.

So, this is the 4th Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska.

We, the Committee on Jurisprudence, to who was referred Emergent Resolution 2015-4 have considered the same and report as follows.

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

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

This resolution requires a three-fourths (3/4) or 75% majority to pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Little, Chairman (10, 15, 22)

Jerry Pinion (10)

Mike Starkey (3, 12)

John Johnson (3)

Steven Stewart (21)

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

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

Note: This resolution did not receive the required majority vote for passage but did receive a majority vote and is a carryover resolution.

5th Report

We, the Committee on Jurisprudence, to who was referred Emergent Resolution 2015-5 have considered the same and report as follows.

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

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

This resolution requires a three-fourths (3/4) or 75% majority to pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Little, Chairman (10, 15, 22)

Jerry Pinion (10)

Mike Starkey (3, 12)

John Johnson (3)

Steven Stewart (21)

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I move the adoption of this resolution.

Note: This resolution received the required majority vote and is therefore adopted.

6th Report

We, the Committee on Jurisprudence, to who was referred Emergent Resolution 2015-3 have considered the same and report as follows.

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

The Committee does not express an opinion as to whether or not this resolution should or

This resolution requires a three-fourths (3/4) or 75% majority to pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Little, Chairman (10, 15, 22)

Jerry Pinion (10)

Mike Starkey (3, 12)

John Johnson (3)

Steven Stewart (21)

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I move the adoption of this resolution.

Note: This resolution received the required majority vote and is therefore adopted.

Opinion of Jurisprudence Committee

A Master or Warden of a lodge is voting that lodge's vote. Each lodge is entitled to three votes, whether in person or by proxy. If a member is an elected officer of two lodges he can only register and vote for one lodge. The other lodge must register his proxy to exercise that lodge's vote.

Jurisprudence Committee Answers to Segregation and Reference Committee

Rulings:

- Ruling 1 - We agree.
- Ruling 2 - We agree.
- Ruling 3 - We agree.
- Ruling 4 - We refer this back to segregations and reference for evaluation of rulings and decisions of 2014 for referral to appropriate committees.

Dispensations approved:

- #7 - We conclude that the Grand Master acted appropriately in accordance with the Alaska Masonic Code Section 16.13, Bylaw.

Recommendations:

1. We agree to add Segregations and Reference to the list of Standing Committees in the Alaska Masonic Code.
2. We recommend approval with revisions to better clarify the intent. (This has been accomplished with revised Emergent Resolution 2015-4)

Prince Hall Recognition:

We recommend that the Fraternal Relations Committee and/or the Grand Lodge office help find the missing documents or create documents requesting full recognition and enter same into the proceedings.

Dissolution of Petersburg Lodge No. 23:

We acknowledge the intent of the Grand Masters agreement for the scholarship moneys is appropriate and should be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Little, Chairman (10, 15, 22)
Jerry Pinion (10)
Mike Starkey (3, 12)
John Johnson (3)
Steven Stewart (21)

Grievance and Appeals

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master,

Your Grievance and Appeals Committee is pleased to report that there have been no grievances or appeals brought to our attention during the 2014 year.

Respectfully submitted,

MW Bro. Tom Mickey, Chairman
MW Jared Decker
W Charles E. Rogers

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 2014 pursuant to Section 3.06 of the Alaska Masonic Code. The overall health of the Grand Lodge finances is very good. All of our investments have improved through 2014 despite a volatile market.

I am sorry to report that Petersburg Lodge #23 has turned in its charter and closed. We are still processing what to do with their property and money they turned over the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge Finance Committee is dealing with these issues and should have everything worked out soon. A big thank you to Very Worshipful Roger Hansen with his involvement in this issue, as he is the past lodge secretary.

I would like to stress on all lodges to get in their tax information as soon as you can. This usually takes about five minutes and can be done after the first of the year. We have one lodge that is still trying to get their tax exempt status back, this usually takes one to two years. We have one lodge that hasn't submitted their report despite several contacts with the treasurer, and this could cause this lodge not to get a vote in Grand Lodge.

The Finance Committee has met several times and has started using the Sococo meeting system which allows us to communicate via smart phone or on the computer. This gives us a lot more flexibility so we do not have to meet in person, thus saving time and travel expenses and we can meet more often if needed. All committees can use this system and I think they should. Each committee chairman can get Sococo up for their committee.

I am entering my tenth year as Grand Treasurer and I must say it has been a pleasure serving the Grand Lodge of Alaska. I would like to thank the following people for helping me perform the many tasks required: My wife Tes, Most Worshipful Dave Worel, Most Worshipful Johnnie Wallace, Right Worshipful Jerry Wasson, Very Worshipful Thomas Schram, and our advisor Brother Dan O'Connell.

Respectfully submitted,

RW James D. Grubbs
Grand Treasurer

Report of the Finance Committee

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

I would ask each of you to keep Brother Dan O'Connell in your prayers as he travels to Phoenix, Arizona for tests and treatment this next week, may he return home soon.

This past year has been a busy one for all Masons in Alaska. The Finance Committee held several meetings during the year to keep the Grand Lodge on track with the investments we hold. All funds have had increases in interest, the average for all the investments for the year was 9-11%. Due to the past years earnings in the Travel Fund you will note an increase in the funds provided to the elected officers this year. We hope this coming year will be as good.

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

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

Respectfully submitted

MW Johnnie L. Wallace, PGM, Chairman
MW Harry Koenen, PGM
RW James Grubbs
W Norman Gutcher
W Larry Wright
W Nicholas Choromanski
Bro. Daniel O'Connell

Audit Committee Report

Monday, February 2st 2015

Most Worshipful Grand Master

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

As chairman of the Grand Lodge Audit Committee I am happy to report that the committee has completed the audit of the Grand Lodge expense records including but not limited to; the hand written ledger, all bank statements, both credits and debts, and the computer generated accounting statements for the year 2014. All entries have been verified and all figures are in balance with each other. The majority of discrepancies found were simple typos and transpositions. This report concludes the audit.

VW James S. Zuke, Chairman
Audit Committee

Grand Lodge of Alaska Balance Sheet

ACCOUNT NO	CHECKING & INVESTMENTS	AMOUNT	TOTALS
	ASSETS		
1110	Checking - First National Bank	11,734.57	
1140	Petty Cash	100.00	
1150	Special Assessment-Legal Fees	306.72	
1210	Travel Fund Acct 8851-4125	136,076.99	
1215	General Charity Fund	4,387.21	
1220	General Fund - 6327-9979	267,956.62	
1230	Permanent Fund 1651-6357	435,854.01	
1235	Legal Fund #3550-9701	19,034.51	
1240	Life Membership - 1211-0782	215,735.27	
1245	GL Per Capita Fund	5,177.99	
1250	State Farm Ins -G Freeman	19,870.26	
	Total Assets		1,116,234.15
	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		
1401	White Pass No. 1	14.62	
1403	Tanana Lodge No. 3	217.50	
1404	Valdez Lodge No. 4	135.07	
1405	Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5	4.69	
1407	Matanuska Lodge No. 7	7.63	
1409	Kodiak Lodge No. 9	4.79	
1411	Kenai Lodge No. 11	7.23	
1412	Fairbanks Lodge No. 12	54.82	
1413	Eagle River Lodge No. 13	94.85	
1415	Aurora Lodge No. 15	53.40	
1418	Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18	4.81	
1421	Mt. Juneau/Gastineaux No. 21	331.96	
	Total Accounts Receivable		931.37
	MASONIC SUPPLIES/INVENTORY		
1501	Fleece Jackets	395.39	
1505	Alternate Proficiency Manual	45.00	
1506	Combined Stnd Workbook/wob SM	770.00	
1507	Combined Workbook	235.40	
1508	Combined Stnd Workbook/wb	263.72	
1509	AK Masonic Code w/Binder	19.05	
1515	AK Monitor w/Binder	170.85	
1522	Further Light in Masonry	23.80	
1530	List of Lodges Masonic	281.56	
1541	Entered Apprentice Booklet	1,611.60	
1542	Grand Master Coins 2014	3,448.96	

1543	GM 2013 GL Coins	868.56	
1544	Tee Shirts	121.32	
1550	Fellowcraft Cipher	83.05	
1551	Fellowcraft Booklet	355.60	
1560	Master Mason Cipher	451.26	
1561	Master Mason Booklet	254.43	
1570	Pamphlet - On The Threshold	149.94	
1571	Pamphlet - What I'd Like My Fr	108.00	
1575	Claudy Books - VOL I	585.00	
1576	Claudy Books VOL II	210.00	
1577	Claudy Books - VOL III	329.00	
1578	Hats 2011	143.00	
1579	Polo Shirts	350.90	
1580	Pins - 25 Year	390.10	
1581	Pins - 50 Year	389.94	
1582	Pins - 75 Year	74.40	
1585	Pins - Widow	640.80	
1590	GL 2015 Coins	2,000.00	
1592	Belt & Belt Buckle	282.00	
	Total Masonic Inventory		15,052.63
	Property and Equipment		
1810	Office Furniture & Fixtures	5,673.51	
1820	Accum. Depreciation - F & F	(5,474.68)	
1830	Office Electronic/Computer Equip	25,870.75	
1840	Accum. Depreciation - Elect.	(13,298.59)	
	Total Property and Equipment		12,770.99
	Total Assets		1,144,989.14
	LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL		
	Current Liabilities		
2230	Bank of America	1,661.63	
2235	American Express	102.47	
2250	Def. Income - Annual Comm.	8,201.00	
2270	Def. Income - Other	261.00	
	Total Current Liabilities		10,226.10
	Capital		
3050	Grand Lodge Equity	5,256.87	
3110	State Farm Ins - G Freeman	19,870.26	
3120	General Charity Fund	4,387.21	
3130	Travel Fund	136,076.99	
3135	Legal Fund	19,034.51	
3140	Life Membership	215,735.27	
3145	GL Per Capita Life Membership	5,177.99	
3160	Office Equipment Fund	1,776.46	

3170	Proceedings - Transcript, P&B	23,636.85	
3190	General Fund	267,956.62	
3195	Permanent Fund	435,854.01	
	Net Income	0.00	
	Total Capital		1,134,763.04
	Total Liabilities & Capital		1,144,989.14

Grand Lodge of Alaska 2015 Budget

Acct No.		Proposed 2015 Budget	2014 Budget	Jan - Dec 2014 Actuals	2014 Budget VS Actuals
	Revenues				
4100	Assessment - Per Capita	47,538.75	48,225.00	45,675.00	-2,550.00
4110	Assessment - Calendar	3,169.25	3,215.00	3,045.00	-170.00
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	40.00	-60.00
4145	GWMNM Fund –Contrib.	1,811.00	1,840.00	2,095.00	255.00
4150	Assessment - Petition Received	3,300.00	3,300.00	3,350.00	50.00
4160	Assessment - Degrees Conferred	700.00	700.00	695.00	-5.00
4170	Assessment - Affils/ Degrees	600.00	600.00	990.00	390.00
4175	Reinstatement for NPD	250.00	250.00	87.00	-163.00
4180	General Contrib./ Donations	1,000.00	1,000.00	100.00	-900.00
4252	Fund Raisers - Raffles	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	-3,000.00
4250	Fund Raisers - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4257	Fundraiser- Hats	100.00	100.00	50.00	-50.00
4253	Fundraiser- Jackets	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4254	Fundraise- Polo Shirts	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
4262	Fundraiser-Tee Shirts	0.00	0.00	60.00	60.00
4400	Sale of Masonic Inventory	5,500.00	5,500.00	4,526.05	-973.95
4630	GL 2015 Coins	2,000.00			
4800	Interest - Special Assessment Acct	10.00	10.00	0.00	-10.00
4810	Interest - General Savings	0.00	0.00	0.13	0.13

4812	Div-Interest -State Farm Life Insurance	830.00	830.00	856.26	26.26
4815	Div -Intertest - Charity Fund	200.00	200.00	232.94	32.94
4820	Div & Interest - Travel Fund	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,642.57	642.57
4825	Div-Interest-Permanent Fund	8,000.00	8,000.00	9,426.23	1,426.23
4826	Div-Interest- Legal Fund	500.00	500.00	967.64	467.64
4830	Div-Interest - General Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00	6,366.34	1,366.34
4840	Div-Interest - Life Membership	10,000.00	10,000.00	11,152.45	1,152.45
4841	Investment Income Gains/Losses LM	0.00	0.00	1,861.65	1,861.65
4845	Div-Interest – Per capita Acct	100.00	100.00	206.82	106.82
4850	Investment Income Gains/Losses	30,000.00	30,000.00	66,527.32	36,527.32
4900	Other Income-Misc	100.00	100.00	33.00	-67.00
4950	Reimbursed Expense - Ann. Comm	24,000.00	24,000.00	23,425.02	-574.98
4960	Reimbursed Expense- Leadership Tng	500.00	500.00	0.00	-500.00
4970	Reimbursed Expense- West Conf.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Budget/ Gross Profit/Deviation	154,359.00	153,120.00	188,511.42	35,391.42
Acct No.	Expenses	Proposed 2015 Budget	2014 Budget	Jan-Dec 2014 Actuals	2014 Budget VS Actuals
	Annual Communication Expense				
6005	Annual Comm. - Banquet Expenses	23,000.00	23,000.00	21,819.70	-1,180.30
6015	Annual Comm. - Entertainment	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,250.00	250.00
6020	Annual Comm. - Equipment Rental	400.00	400.00	311.10	-88.90
6030	Ann. Comm. - Printing	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,849.45	-650.55
6040	Ann Comm. - Supplies	250.00	250.00	202.61	-47.39
6045	Annual Comm. - Transportation	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	-1,000.00
6050	Annual Comm. - Misc. Exp./Other	500.00	500.00	249.44	-250.56

	Total Annual Communication	28,650.00	28,650.00	25,682.30	-2,967.70
6100	Leadership Training	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	-1,500.00
6205	Public Relations Masonic Awareness	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	-5,000.00
6220	Awards Program	700.00	700.00	259.75	-440.25
6225	Bank Service Charges	50.00	50.00	45.00	-5.00
6230	Contributions/Donations	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	-1,000.00
4401	Inventory Cost of Goods	8,000.00	8,000.00	1,675.01	-6,324.99
6227	Broker Commission/ Foreign Tax	10,500.00	10,500.00	13,210.89	2,710.89
6255	Internet Service Expense	900.00	900.00	1,315.86	415.86
6260	Depreciation	1,200.00	1,200.00	976.88	-223.12
6270	Dues & Subscriptions	1,200.00	1,200.00	2,667.97	1,467.97
6275	Equipment Rental	50.00	50.00	157.50	107.50
6277	Equipment Repair	575.00	575.00	118.00	-457.00
6285	Fees - Legal / Audit	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6301	GL Replacement Regalia	1,250.00	1,250.00	561.75	-688.25
6305	Gr. Master. - Regalia	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,184.80	1,184.80
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	6,500.00	6,500.00	7,435.70	935.70
6410	Travel - Deputy Grand Master	3,500.00	3,500.00	4,123.80	623.80
6415	Travel - Senior Grand Warden	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,667.85	467.85
6420	Travel - Junior Grand Warden	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,667.85	467.85
6425	Travel - Grand Secretary	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,711.90	311.90
6430	Travel - Grand Treasurer	2,200.00	1,900.00	2,211.90	311.90
6505	G. Master & G. Sec'y Conference	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
6510	Gr. Secretary - Misc. Expenses	750.00	750.00	99.00	-651.00
Acct No.	Expenses	Proposed 2015 Budget	2014 Budget	Jan-Dec 2014 Actuals	2014 Budget VS Actuals
6620	G. Washington Memorial Assoc.	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,095.00	95.00
6630	Liability Insurance	7,500.00	7,500.00	6,943.00	-557.00
6635	Workers Comp. Insurance	575.00	575.00	480.00	-95.00
6690	Masonic Service Assoc.	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00

	Dues				
6700	Office Salary	13,104.00	13,104.00	13,020.80	-83.20
6705	Office Accounting Fees	9,000.00	9,000.00	8,917.00	-83.00
6710	Office Supplies & Exp.	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,012.00	-488.00
6735	Grand Lodge Calendar	800.00	800.00	0.00	-800.00
6730	Postage & Delivery	1,000.00	1,000.00	851.82	-148.18
6745	Printing - General Forms	1,000.00	1,000.00	247.33	-752.67
6750	Rent	5,400.00	5,400.00	4,950.00	-450.00
6765	Telephone	600.00	600.00	524.70	-75.30
6780	Web Site Fee	600.00	600.00	1,030.64	430.64
6785	Western Conference	0.00	0.00	172.38	172.38
6790	Miscellaneous	500.00	500.00	0.00	-500.00
6820	Corporate Taxes	50.00	50.00	0.00	-50.00
6821	Medicare	200.00	200.00	188.76	-11.24
6822	F.I.C.A.	800.00	800.00	807.24	7.24
6823	State (S.U.I.)	200.00	200.00	130.20	-69.80
6830	Federal (F.U.T.A.)	100.00	100.00	42.00	-58.00
8010	Other Expenses(Affinity Funds)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8011	IRS Penalty	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Budget Exp/Actual Exp/Deviation	130,554.00	130,254.00	116,486.58	- 13,767.42
	*Distribution of Life Member Interest	10,000.00	10,000.00	11,152.45	1,152.45
	Net Income	13,805.00	12,866.00	60,872.39	48,006.39

BUDGET & EXPENSE FOOTNOTES:

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

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

Travel Overage is from Travel Fund Interest Disbursement.

Masonic Research and Education

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

The committee consisted of Worshipful Don Hale, Brother. Joseph O'Conner, Worshipful Joe Dahl, Worshipful Nick Choromanski, Brother Nick Adair, and myself.

We were tasked to produce a monthly educational paper to be disseminated to the Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction for the purpose of education and discussion. The content must be monitorial as it would be open to any degree and the public. I found this restriction to be limiting in what we could present to our Lodges. None-the-less we endeavored to produce papers that would be educational and hopefully inspire Masonic discussion. In all the Brothers produced ten papers that were submitted to the Grand Master, and the Grand Secretary for dissemination to the Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction. We hope these papers were found useful and did inspire further research among and by the Brothers.

While all the members of the committee made meaningful contributions, I would like to particularly compliment Worshipful Brother Eduardo B. Quimpo, Brother Joseph O'Conner, and Brother Nick Adair for the fine papers, which they produced. On behalf of all the Brothers; thank you for your hard work!

Grand Master I ask this report be received.

Grand Master I ask this report be accepted.

Fraternally submitted,

RW John Bishop, Chairman

Masonic Public Relations

(Partially transcribed from audio recording)

Most Worshipful Dave;

The Public Relations Committee met Wednesday. The meeting included incoming members Charles Morgan and John May. The new committee- all in one, and we've got an idea that you liked and I don't like taking credit for any ideas that weren't my idea so I want to introduce Worshipful Brother John May to come up and talk and you'll see we plan to give more than lip service to this year's problems and point out the names that are obligated to protect women within our powers to do so. And, now I would like to call on Worshipful Brother John to come up and present the idea.

Most Worshipful Brothers, good afternoon. Our Illustrious Brother Albert Pike once said: "What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal."

Freemasonry has played a critical role over the course of American history; our members have recognized matters of international importance and have effected positive change through their actions. Public education, hospitals, are just some of the projects Masons have tackled at a local level. The American Revolution and the Marshall Plan which helped to rebuild Europe after WWII were initiated by Masons. The historical evidence is clear: Freemasonry has kindled the fire of positive change for humanity.

In the coming weeks and months, one word will be mentioned with increasing frequency in the greater Masonic community: Civility.

Our Most Worshipful Grand Master spoke of it in his address, and the Conference of Grand Masters of North America and the Grand Lodges of Oregon and California are working on ways Masons can lead our nation back to a place where civil interaction and discourse are the norm.

But, even if our Most Worshipful Grand Master had not spoken of it, even if conferences and grand lodges were not taking action on it, the need for Alaskans to act against perhaps the most uncivil of deeds would still be obvious. That awful happening is the scourge of domestic violence sweeping the great land of Alaska.

The purpose of this report is not to present the awful numbers and sad statistics of this epidemic. They are well known to many and easily available to all. Our hope for this message is to remind us that, as men, we have a responsibility to act against domestic violence, and, as Masons, we have an obligation to do so.

In the coming weeks, this committee will endeavor to come up with a plan of action that can be implemented at both the Lodge and Grand Lodge levels so we as Masons can be effective leaders to boys and men in our communities regarding this societal issue. We will welcome your input and ideas, as they will be necessary to make this venture a successful one. You may ask, "Why is the Public Relations Committee presenting this?" Rest assured we are not promoting this plan as a public relations campaign. We put it forward because it must be done and we as Masons can do it.

However, whether it is this effort, our social gatherings, our esoteric work, or our tries to better understand our history, we cannot explain and promote our institution to our brothers and the public without this works to shine further light upon. And, the nature of this project is such that it cannot work unless growing numbers of boys and men know of it and know enough about it so they want to be a part of it.

We ask for your prayerful support as we launch this enterprise. We will listen with an attentive ear to your thoughts as we put our tools to work to prevent domestic violence in Alaska.

Now is the time for Freemasonry to be the example; to once again lead our great nation.

Fraternally submitted this sixth day of February 2015.

VW Donald E. Hale, Chairman
W John May
Bro. Charles Ward

Masonic Youth

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipfuls, Very Worshipfuls, Worshipfuls and Brothers all;

I have good news and some not-so-good news. I will start with the not-so-good news.

Bethel #1 is the only Job's Daughters Bethel in Alaska. Although there are eight members, only three to five are in regular attendance for the meetings. This does not meet the requirements for an operative Bethel, so it is now under reorganization.

Two of these girls attended Supreme this past summer. They did very well for a small Bethel, winning a total of ten ribbons: five Gold, three Silver, and two Bronze in the Ritual Competition and the Arts and Crafts Competition.

To become a member of Job's Daughters, previously, a girl must have or had a direct familial line to a Mason. This meant she must be related, by birth, to a father, brother, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, or cousin who was/is a Mason. Now, adoptive and step fathers are included in this line. I ask you to look to your own families. Surely you have a daughter, niece, or cousin between, the ages of ten and twenty-one who would qualify. To keep our organizations functioning, it is up to us to encourage family members and friends to take an interest in promoting our youth organizations. To continue as an operative Bethel, we need people to provide adult supervisor. This in turn supports our own adult organizations with future, and knowledgeable members.

We need to find ways to encourage financial support for these young ladies. Traveling out of state to Supreme events is very expensive. The girls have fund-raising events, but they are insufficient to meet the needs. The local lodges provide help, but it is still not enough. Remember, this little Bethel represents all the Masons of Alaska; we all need to help the cause.

Now to the good news:

January 2014, Juneau Chapter received letters to temporary begin a chapter.

Dale Gillian retired as State Executive Officer and left to live in Hungary, while his son attends college in that country.

Bruce Kling was appointed Personal Representative to Grand Master of DeMolay International

May 2014, Steven Stewart and Bruce Kling attended jurisdictional leadership training at DeMolay Headquarters, International, and Kansas City. Steven was then appointed Deputy Executive Officer.

Finance:

Al Aska Shiners pledged support in the amount of \$1000, paid \$550.

Anchorage Scottish Rite pledged, \$1000, paid \$1000.

Anchorage York Rite pledge \$1000, paid \$0.

Reorganizing Support, Anchorage #17 paid \$50, Al Aska Shriners paid \$50.

Juneau Scottish Rite pledged full support for the Juneau Chapter.

Youth Membership totals:

Beginning of the year, nine, ending of year, eleven, for the entire state of Alaska.

Arctic Chapter in Fairbanks beginning of the year, four, ending of the year, one, with three at majority.

Kenai Chapter at large, beginning of the year, four, ending number remained the same

Anchorage chapter beginning of the year, one member, ending of the year, zero, with one at majority

Juneau Chapter beginning of the year, no members, ending of the year, six, plus one who transferred out of state

Membership Totals:

- Adults -eleven
- Arctic Chapter, Fairbanks: zero
- Alaska at large, Kenai: zero
- Anchorage Chapter: three
- Juneau Chapter: seven
- Jurisdiction: one
- Oregon: one for on-line DAD training

Activities:

In June, Brother Sawyer Gillilan was awarded the Degree of Chevalier, by the International Supreme Council. He was the first Alaskan in years to obtain this honor. The In Vesture Ceremony was held in Anchorage, with the assistance of Senior DeMolays, and Scottish Rite and York Rite Officers.

As mentioned above, Sawyer, along with his father and mother, has moved to Hungary, while he is attending college.

Juneau Chapter participated in events with the Rainbow, during the International Order of Rainbow for Girls Grand Assembly held at Juneau, Alaska.

Juneau Chapter initiated seven new members, and presented a fifty-year pin to Barry Blumenthal

Opportunities:

Donation of meeting space.

Juneau Chapter is receiving full financial support.

Initial contact with Prince Hall Masons.

Mutual support offered from other Masonic youth groups.

Challenges:

Financial resources.

Adult leadership.

Recruitment: adult, youth, and the tools needed for recruitment.

Unknown demographics of the Masonic community.

Local and district leader support.

More good news:

Rainbow seems to be in the best shape of all the groups, as far as I can tell we have very active assemblies: Fairbanks #1, Anchorage #13, and Juneau #3.

As I was unable to attend the 52nd Grand Assembly in Juneau, Most Worshipful Dave attended in my place. He came away with great stories, even if he did forget his Rainbow suspenders.

Rainbow is thriving at the present time, but they have the same challenges as the other groups.

Respectfully submitted,

RW Douglas C. Teninty, Chairman

VW Thomas Schram

Gabbie Hazelton, Consultant

Bylaws

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brothers all.

The Bylaws Committee had a quiet year. The only request for bylaws review was from Juneau-Mt. Gastineaux Lodge No. 21. The following changes were reviewed:

- Name and address of the lodge.
- How officers are elected and appointed and conflict of interest of officers.
- Date and place of stated communications.

- How fees for the degrees and dues are established and life memberships.
- Committees.
- Charity.
- Masonic building trust.
- Whistleblower policy.
- How amendments to bylaws are processed.
- Dissolution of lodge property.

All changes were recommended for approval by the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith E. Herve, Chairman

Fred O. Sandgren

Andrew Hodnik

Public Schools

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

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Report of Grand Chaplain (Necrology)

Eternal God

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

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

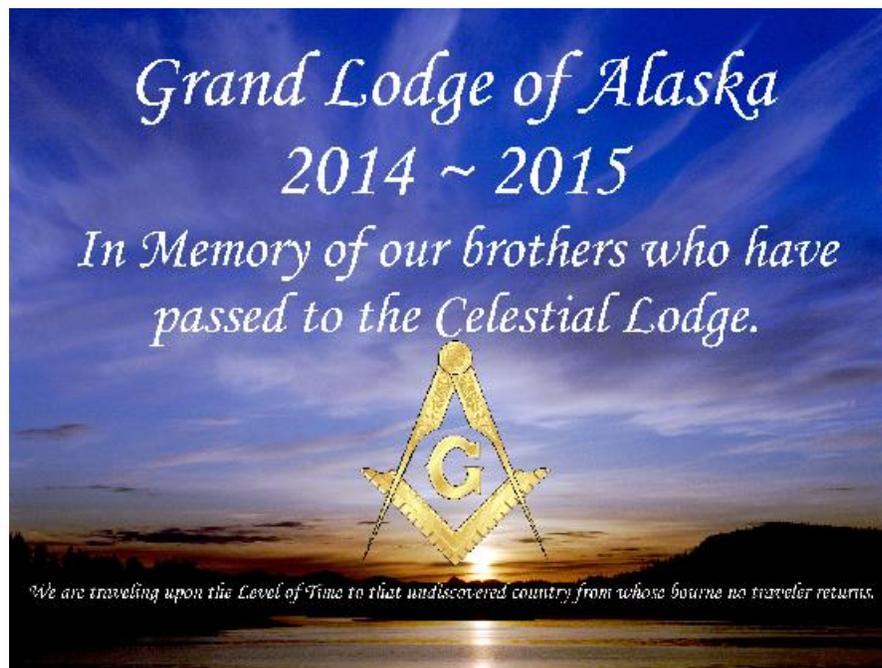
Especially we praise you for whom you have graciously received into your presence.

To all of these grant your peace.

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

Amen

The following Brethren have laid down their working tools, as reported by the Constituent Lodges in their monthly reports for 2014. Some of our deceased Brothers may have belonged to more than one Lodge. Only one Lodge is shown here.

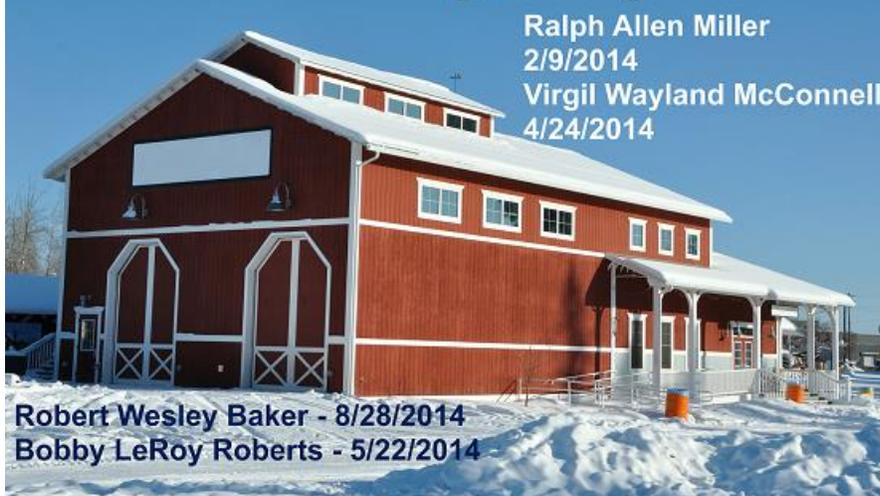


*White Pass Lodge Number 1
Skagway Alaska*



Doyle Warner Mills - 9/30/2013 James D. Hester - 1/1/2014
Forrest Walter Bates - 8/3/2013 Elmer Edwin Reece - 5/8/2014

*Tanana Lodge Number 3
Fairbanks Alaska*



Ralph Allen Miller
2/9/2014
Virgil Wayland McConnell
4/24/2014

Robert Wesley Baker - 8/28/2014
Bobby LeRoy Roberts - 5/22/2014



Tanana Lodge Number 3
Fairbanks Alaska

Norman Dudley Comfort - 8/28/2014
Dallas Guilkey - 11/22/2013

Walter Deloy Johnston - 7/6/2009
Earl Henry Knight - 11/14/2014
Daniel Kosta Lushin - 6/20/2014
Vern Earl McConnell - 8/16/2014

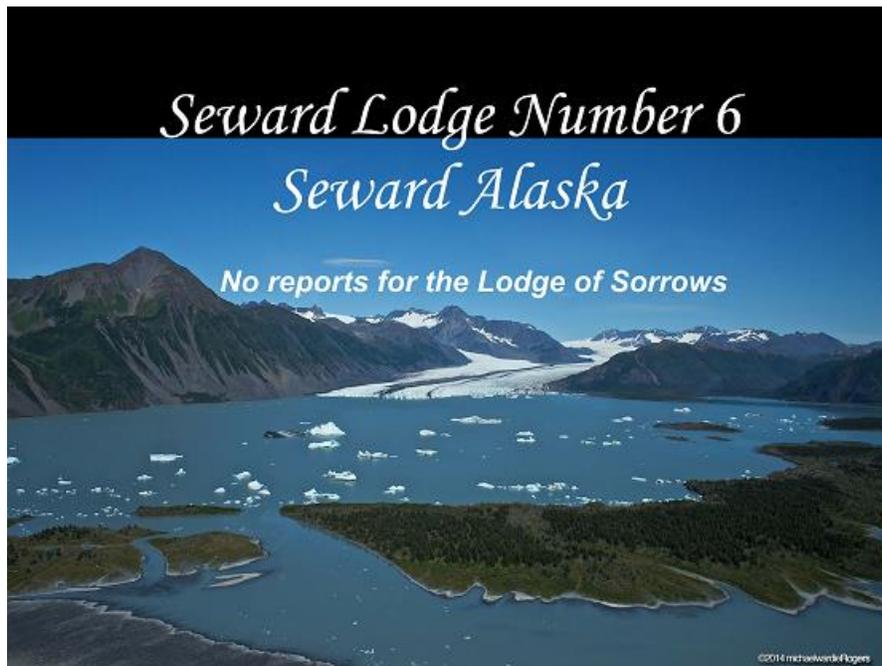
The image shows a vibrant display of the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights) in shades of green and purple over a dark landscape. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, elegant script font.



Valdez Lodge Number 4
Valdez Alaska

Rex Kay Brown - 8/12/2014

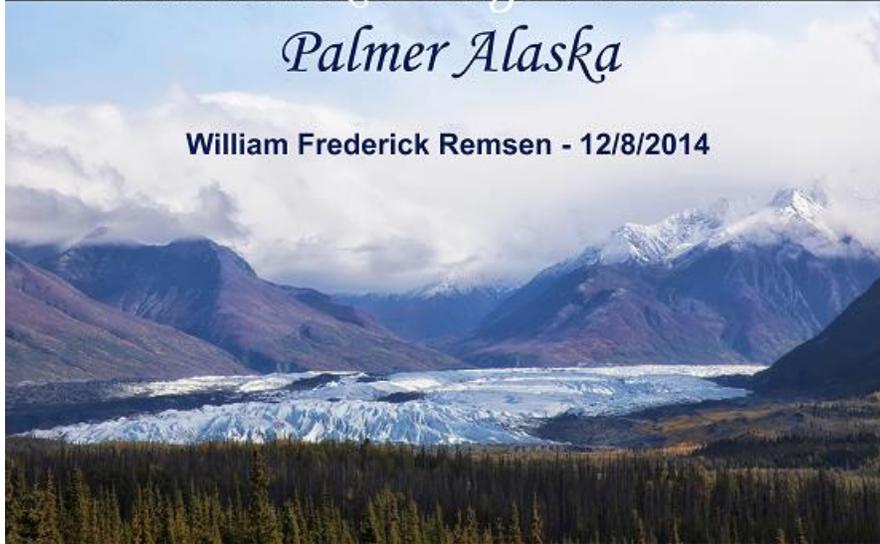
The image is an aerial photograph of the town of Valdez, Alaska, situated on a peninsula. The town is surrounded by steep, forested mountains and a large body of water. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, elegant script font.



Matanuska Lodge Number 7

Palmer Alaska

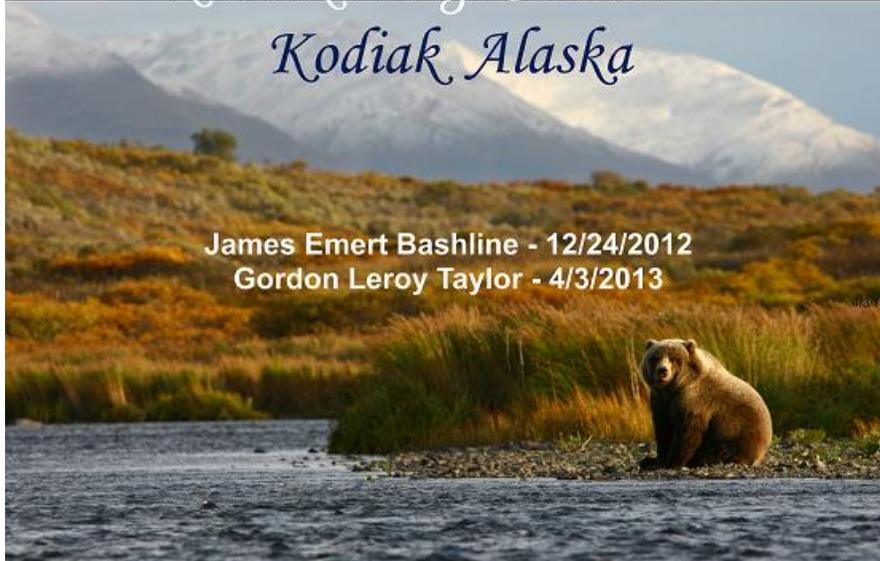
William Frederick Remsen - 12/8/2014



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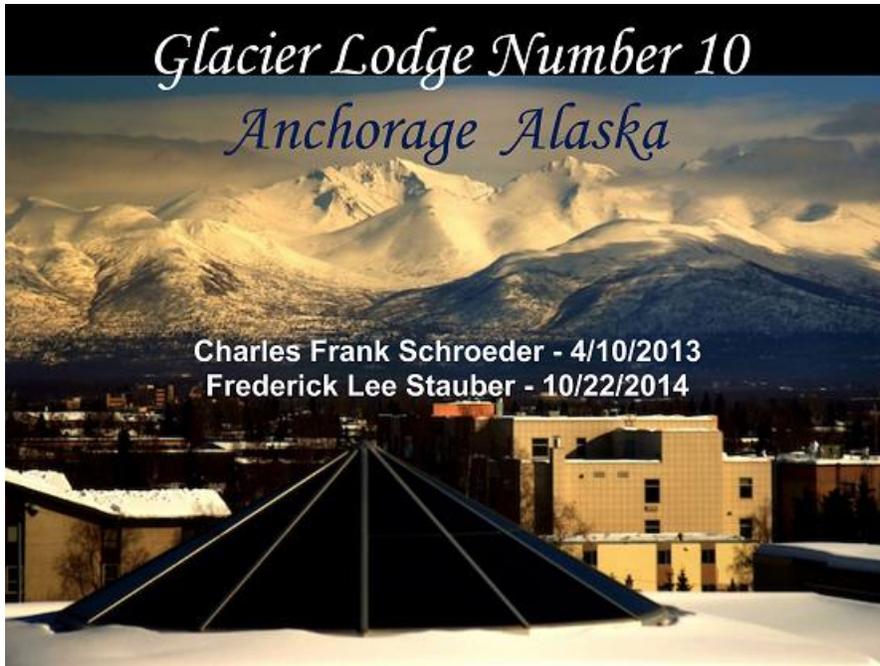
Kodiak Alaska

James Emert Bashline - 12/24/2012
Gordon Leroy Taylor - 4/3/2013



Glacier Lodge Number 10
Anchorage Alaska

Charles Frank Schroeder - 4/10/2013
Frederick Lee Stauber - 10/22/2014

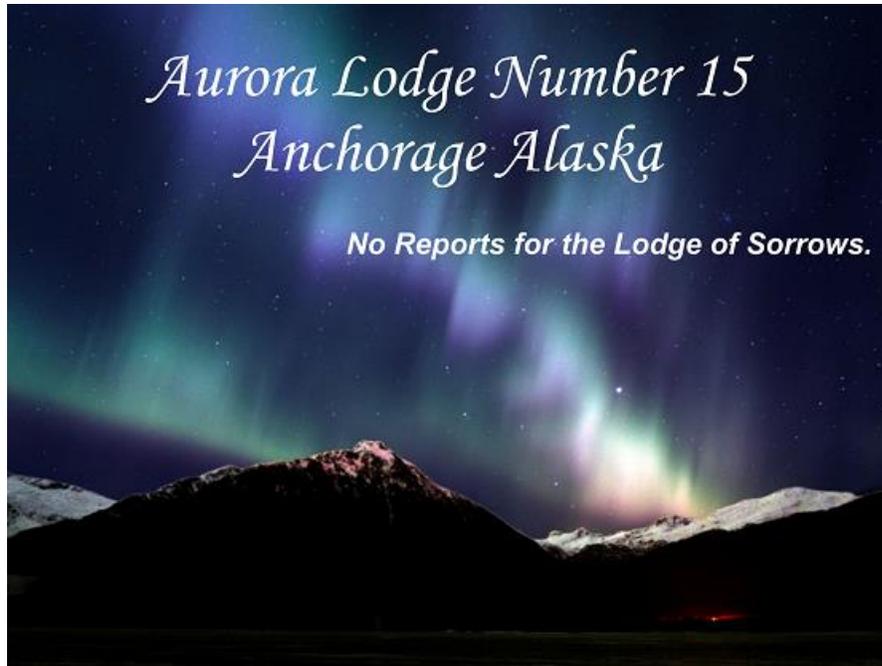


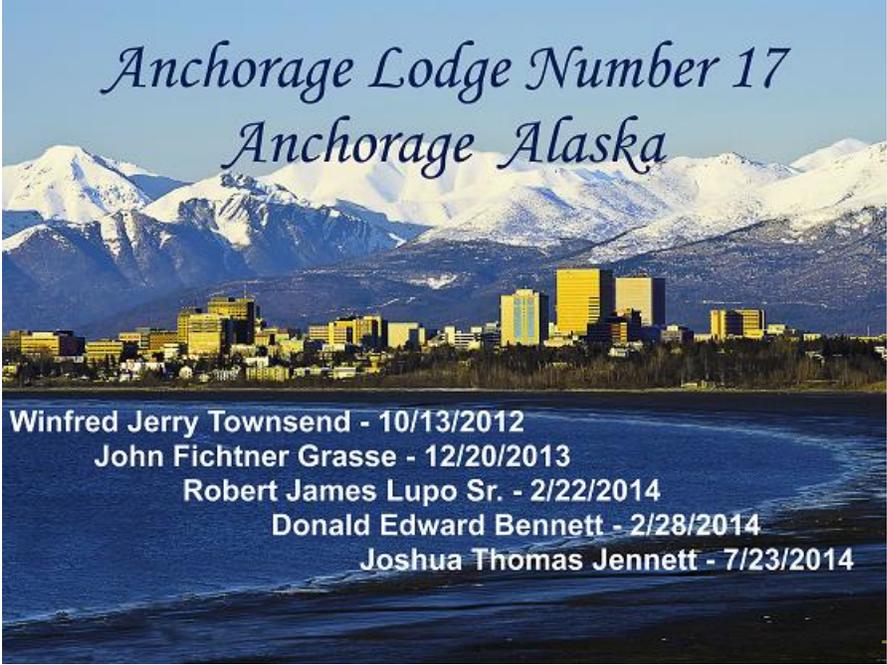
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Soldotna Alaska

Donald R. Jones - 9/6/2013









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Anchorage Alaska*

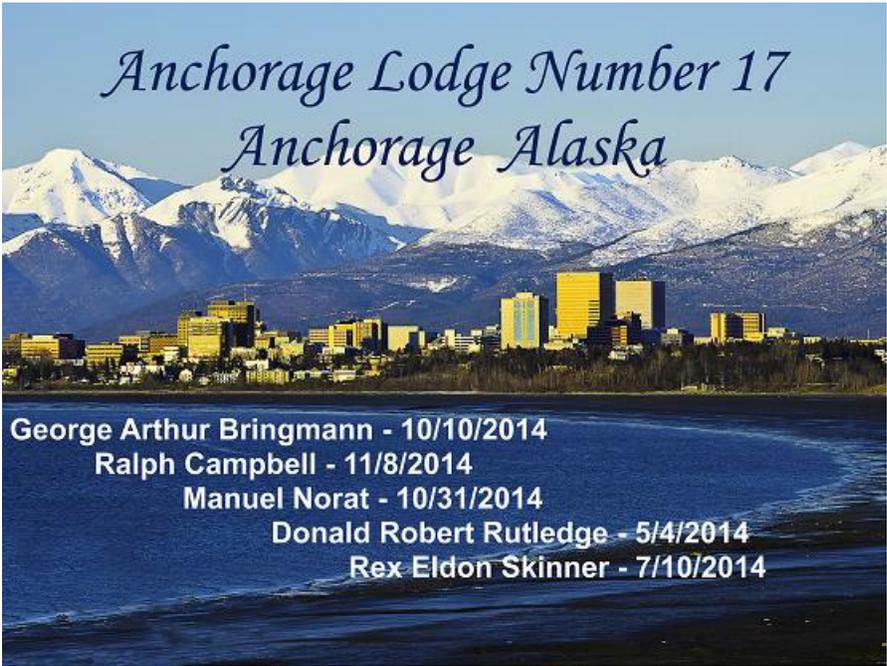
Winfred Jerry Townsend - 10/13/2012

John Fichtner Grasse - 12/20/2013

Robert James Lupo Sr. - 2/22/2014

Donald Edward Bennett - 2/28/2014

Joshua Thomas Jennett - 7/23/2014



*Anchorage Lodge Number 17
Anchorage Alaska*

George Arthur Bringmann - 10/10/2014

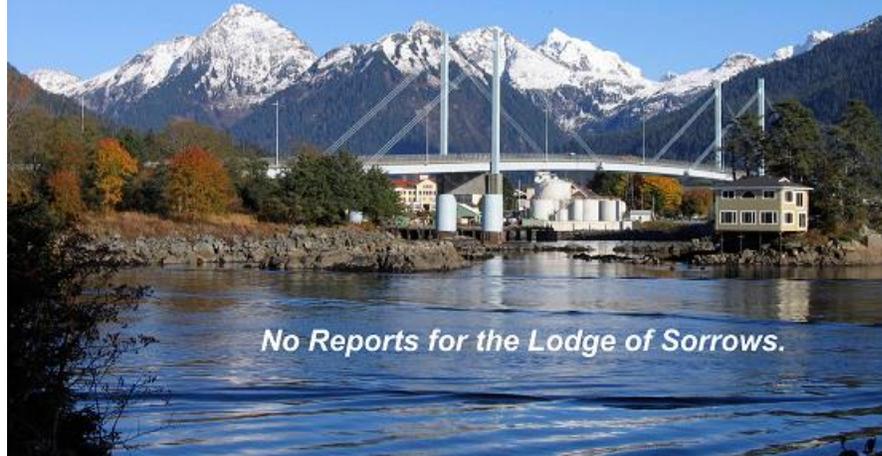
Ralph Campbell - 11/8/2014

Manuel Norat - 10/31/2014

Donald Robert Rutledge - 5/4/2014

Rex Eldon Skinner - 7/10/2014

*Mt. Verstovia Lodge Number 18
Sitka Alaska*



No Reports for the Lodge of Sorrows.



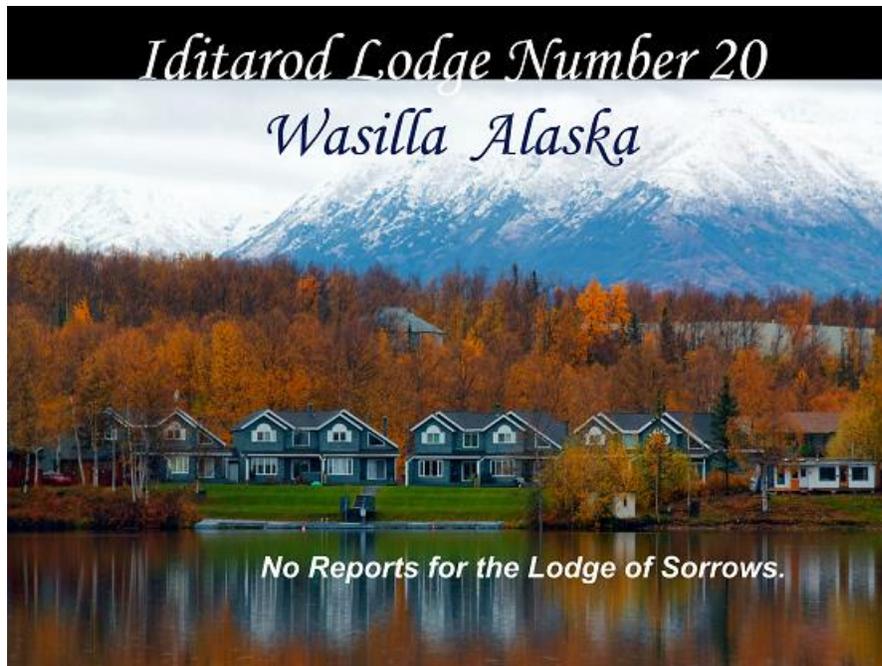
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Lodge Number 19
Ketchikan Alaska*

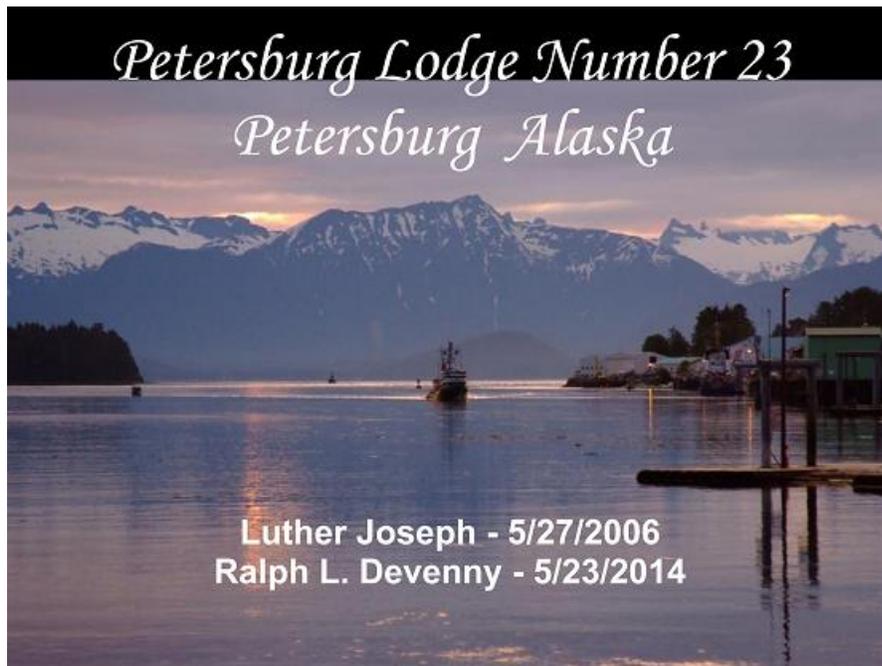
**Ernest John Anderes
5/17/2014**

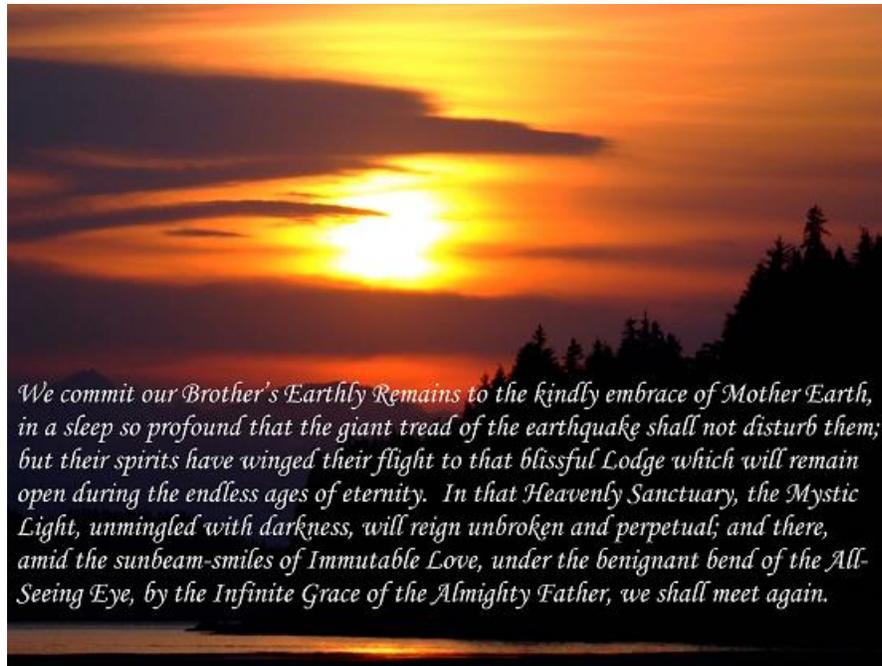
**John Howard Grainger
7/7/2014**

**Calvin Ernest Anderes
9/8/2014**

**Robert Orwin Davidson
10/20/2014**







We commit our Brother's 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.

To a house not made with hands

Anderes, Calvin Ernest
Anderes, Ernest John
Baker, Robert Wesley
Bashline, James Emert
Bates, Forrest Walter
Bennett, Donald Edward
Bringmann, George Arthur
Brown, Rex Kay
Campbell, Ralph
Comfort, Norman Dudley
Cunningham, Robert Everett
Davidson, Robert Orwin
Devenny, Ralph L.
Devon, James
Goldstein, Robert William
Grainger, John Howard
Grasse, John Fichtner
Guilkey, Dallas
Hendricks, Jacob J.
Hester, James D.
Jennett, Joshua Thomas
Johnston, Walter Deloy

Jones, Donald R.
Joseph, Luther
Knight, Earl Henry
Lupo, Sr. Robert James
Lushin, Daniel Kosta
McConnell, Vern Earl
McConnell, Virgil Wayland
Miller, Ralph Allen
Mills, Doyle Warner
Norat, Manuel
Reece, Elmer Edwin
Remsen, William Frederick
Roberts, Bobby LeRoy
Rutledge, Donald Robert
Schroeder, Charles Frank
Skinner, Rex Eldon
Smith, Charles Estelle
Stauber, Frederick Lee
Stevens, Charles Douglas
Taylor, Gordon Leroy
Townsend, Winfred Jerry
Vincent, John Robert
Winders, Joseph Patrick

*.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.*

Prayer by Grand Chaplain after Necrology Report

*Most Glorious God, author of all good and giver of all mercy.
Pour down thy blessings upon us all.
We beseech Thee and strengthen our solemn engagements with your
size and sincere affection.
Endue us with fortitude and resignation in this dark hour of our sorrow.
May the present instance of mortality remind us of our short tenure of our
earthly existence and draw us more closely to Thee, our holy refuge in Thee.
But, when the silent moment shall arrive that which we too must quit this transitory
Scene that livening prospect of thy mercy will dispel the gloom of death.
And, after our departure, hence, in peace and in Thy favor we may be received in thy
everlasting kingdom to enjoy the just rewards of a virtuous and well-spent life.
AMEN*

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

W Keith E. Herve
Grand Chaplain

Report of Grand Lecturer

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

Greetings Most Worshipful Grand Master David Worel, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Douglas Teninty, Grand Lodge Officers, Esteemed Guests, and all Brethren here from near and far. It has been a pleasure and privilege serving as Most Worshipful Dave's Grand Lecturer this past year. Ritual work is special to me and it was truly enjoyable and an honor being able to travel around the state to see and participate in the ritual work in our Alaska Lodges.

As I mentioned last year, Alaska is a very big state and we are a young Grand Lodge, with limited financial resources. Regardless, I was able to visit Southeast Alaska Lodges and was privileged to attend Lodges in the Anchorage area, where I assisted Iditarod #20 with Brother Melvin Thomas Jennings Entered Apprentice Degree, and attended two Glacier Lodge Fellow Craft Degrees for Larry Gene Barham and Victor Craig Temple.

As Grand Lecturer, I was able to be a resource for and provided assistance to Worshipful Masters and other Lodge Officers in my own lodge and others around the state. I leveraged technology such as Face Time & Skype to help several Entered Apprentice Masons (one in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and another with Petersburg Lodge) with their proficiency, with the goal of conferring their 2nd Degree as soon as it becomes possible. I also sought guidance from Most Worshipful "Bo" Cline, Very Worshipful James Zuke, and others around the state to learn about those brothers actively striving to improve the work. As one would suspect,

the Lodges needing the most assistance are often the most remote and difficult to get to.

Should I have the opportunity to continue serving the Grand Lodge, I hope to work with the incoming Grand Lecturer to identify and develop Brothers in my District who are passionate about the ritual work and to make better use of technology such as Sococo to provide a secure place for instruction in cyberspace.

Due to the size of our Great State, it is difficult for the Grand Lecturer, who is engaged in his usual vocation, to help our remote lodges who need assistance. Therefore, I would like to make the following recommendations and ask the Grand Master to charge his deputies and officers to support them.

During the last 24 months, I observed that all thriving Lodges had active and committed candidate coaches, head coaches, and brothers interested in Masonic education and ritual.

As Grand Lecturer, I tried with some success to develop a resource bank of proficient ritualists, to serve as "Assistant Grand Lecturers," to help the Grand Lecturer reach out to lodges needing and desiring to improve their ritual work. Other grand jurisdictions, such as New York, have the formal position of "Assistant Grand Lecturer" because they have more lodges. We need assistants because we have more ground between lodges. I would like for the Alaska Grand Master to consider establishing a working Grand Lecturer's committee and empowering the Grand Lecturer to appoint assistants as they are identified.

The District Deputies are already charged to help with this work, but we are also fortunate to have a number of Past Masters and Past Grand Masters who excel in degree work and are active in Masonic education. Some are already acting in the capacity I describe.

The Grand Lecturer should strive to visit as many lodges as possible, but he should stay in close contact with members of his resource bank to see how lodges in their areas are progressing.

The Grand Lecturer should also make use of technology to bring our remote Brethren to him and to provide a secure place for their instruction. The Grand Lodge has invested in a computer application called Sococo that allows members to securely see and speak with each other online. Some of you are already aware of and work with Sococo which acts as a secure virtual meeting place through the Internet. Right Worshipful Doug Teninty introduced me to this valuable tool and I wish I had realized its value sooner. As assistants and ritualists are identified in lodge they should be invited to join Sococo, thus allowing the Grand Lecturer to provide good and wholesome instruction simultaneously to multiple Lodges across the state at little cost other than time.

Initially, the goal will be just getting Brothers active in our struggling Lodges needing help. No matter what the Grand Lecturer does the Brethren across the state must devote some time to practice and instruction. Otherwise the ultimate goal of learning and memorizing the "Alaska Work" will not be achieved.

Due to the sheer size of our great State and limited financial resources, I believe a plan of this type is most practical at this time. I look forward to working with my successor to implement these plans and improve the work.

Grand Master I request that this report be received.

W Donald E. Hale
Grand Lecturer

Report of Grand Orator

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

Grand Master
Good Morning Brothers.

1. How many here have a smart phone or tablet with them.
2. How many of you have received or sent messages during the session?
3. How many of you have been a Mason for more than twenty years?

Changes:

At my first Grand Lodge in 1985, one of the Senior Grand Warden's duties was to receive messages and notes from the Tyler. During a break in proceedings he would pass those along, or if they were of an emergency nature he would have the Junior Grand Deacon deliver it to the appropriate brother. With your little device today, assuming you have silenced it so it doesn't bother the rest of us, you're getting messages in real time. It's only your sense of duty and honor as a Mason how well you pay attention to the Grand Lodge session.

Grand Lodge proceedings, financial spread sheets, membership records, and reports are now computerized, and this year we'll have electronic voting on resolutions. No more questions about proxy numbers, or reconfirmation of hand counts; votes will be tabulated and seen almost immediately.

Most lodges today have embraced the convenience of having computerized their records and communications. Email notices, texts, and electronic database changes have all enhanced record keeping and reduced costs for our lodges.

One wonders what our ancient brethren would think about these changes. Perhaps they would consider it heretical for us to rely on machines for so much of the record keeping they painstakingly undertook. Prior to the universal use of a typewriter, most lodge minutes and records were almost a work of art in their calligraphy and organization.

While we've seen these changes in Masonry, the foundation of our craft to educate and dispense light and knowledge, not only to candidates, but amongst ourselves hasn't changed.

We came to the Craft hoping to improve ourselves, and that the insights gained would help us in our relationships with the world, and our fellow brethren. We also desired to associate with like-minded, thinking men, and while that hasn't changed, other changes will continue to occur within our fraternity.

Education being one of our purposes, I'll ask:

1. How many of you read our Grand Lodge bulletin when it's published?
2. How many of you read other Masonic publications regularly.
3. How many of you belong to a research lodge or other organization and read their publications?
4. Only slightly joking: **how many here read?**

Without critically reading there is no analytical growth and you condemn yourself to the rut of your own perceptions. You never expand your outlook on the world or expose yourself to new viewpoints, ideas, and concepts; not only in Masonry, but in the many avenues of your life as a citizen and member of the human condition.

In American Masonry we have seen a reduction in membership, some places have apathetic and lackluster participation in meetings, and consolidation of failed lodges regularly occurs. Many great Masonic edifices built in the past have had to be sold as their owners have had to downsize. These changes to our craft are ones we don't desire but a reality just the same. We've seen outright invitations to membership, lodge open houses, fund raising schemes for public charities, and bumper sticker slogans on vehicles, but the decline still occurs.

This isn't the case in most of the European, and non-English speaking parts of the world. Possibly the change needed is to return some of the mystery and fellowship our early speculative brethren sought when they approached the West Gate. Through the efforts of Traditional Observance lodges, European concept lodges, the Masonic Restoration Foundation, and some research lodges the last few years we've seen some advances in Masonic study.

I have been happily surprised by some of our newer brethren in their curiosity about the symbolism of the Craft and think that is regenerating some interest in the research of our historic roots. Some of our new brethren delve into publications like the Masonic Society Journal, the Square Magazine, and research lodge papers. They are regularly searching internet sites such as "Phoenix Masonry, the Craftsman, Pietre Stones," and finding some of our older publications such as "The Builder Magazine", hoping to learn some of the deeper concepts of Masonry. And, Grand Lodges are starting to provide graduated study programs for members wishing to learn our historic and esoteric roots. There, the study materials are evaluated for the correctness of their content and the member receives critiques on his new found knowledge with every lesson completion.

Some of the following books and papers provide further insight and understanding about our fraternity and its current status. They also contain some ideas for changes I think could be beneficial for us. I encourage you to read them, otherwise their concepts are for not and they might just as well be a pile of dead trees.

Two papers written in 1968 addressing our issues by Most Worshipful Brother Dwight Smith titled: “Whither are we traveling” and “Why this Confusion in the Temple”

The booklet: “Laudable Pursuit” by Knights of the North.

“Observing the Craft” by Worshipful Andrew Hammer

William Preston’s “Oration on Masonry” in the October issue of our bulletin, given in the 1700’s

And, Right Worshipful Thomas W. Jackson’s talk to The Conference of Grand Masters of North America in 2013, also published in our bulletin last spring.

Their focus is to stimulate you to think; if you can think. Consider the state of the craft in Alaska. I’ll point out that not all lodges in this jurisdiction are on solid foundations, either financially, membership numbers, or in participation. I think we may need to reinvigorate Masonry in Alaska considering some newer concepts, while keeping our principals.

Concepts such as:

1. Is Masonry too cheap and are we guarding the West Gate.
2. Ritual; Are we giving the candidate value for his funds”
3. Grand Lodge legislation and its methodology.
4. The festive board.
5. Elitism in the craft

I refer you to the October issue of our Grand Lodge bulletin “Light from The Great Land” where these subjects were presented. I won’t go into all of them but will mention the festive board and Elitism briefly.

I have a particular fondness for the festive board which seems to have fallen into some disuse in American Masonry; and that’s a shame. Many Masonic scholars think the festive board and its fellowship was probably one of the main attractions of the craft by our early speculative brothers near the end of the operative period. This was a time when all the early craft guilds were in decline. After visiting some lodges where the festive board is used regularly, I believe it enhances the Masonic experience and helps in bonding the brothers in fellowship and to the lodge. Lodges should be encouraged to use it regularly both for education and fellowship.

Today I came clothed as a Master Mason. No gaudy apron or gold collar. I did this to point out that we are all brothers; we were all presented the lambskin; and we then stood as just and upright Masons who meet on the level. We must not forget the foundation our craft is the commonality of man and universality of brotherhood. There should be no separation by rank, class, or distinction. We elect some to lead for only a short time and expect them to return to the ranks of from whence they came. I always enjoyed the story told of Most Worshipful Brother Harry Truman, who when asked what he would consider his greatest pleasures after stepping down from the presidency, replied “returning home, then to be able to sit amongst the brethren of my lodge”. I don’t know if this is just a Masonic legend but the sentiment should be the same for everyone who has been elevated for a time in our craft. In Masonry there are no executive bathrooms, dining areas, or officers clubs; though some past officers sometimes act as though there are. A Past Grand Master from Wisconsin visited

our lodge a few years ago and only after examination were we aware he was a Past Grand Master. He had never indicated his title on our visitor's card and when we mentioned it he thanked us and said he was just proud to be welcomed as another visiting brother. A few years ago one of our distinguished brothers was visiting a lodge where there was some discussion as to the title to use for his introduction. He said "what's the matter with Brother?" a perfect Masonic sentiment. Most brothers who have had the honor of leading our craft have similar feelings and are not particularly hung up on their titles. However, we still owe them the deference they deserve for stepping forward and undertaking the cost and effort to help guide the fraternity for a time.

In a recent Scottish Rite publication from Denver were several questions every good Mason should ask himself if he wishes to remain what my dad often referred to as being well grounded.

- First: Am I being the best Mason I can possibly be?
- Second: What more can I do to serve my lodge and fellow brothers?
- Third: Is there a brother to whom I can lend a hand or an ear in time of need?
- Fourth: Did I inadvertently say or do something today that may have unintended consequences?
- Fifth: What can I do to circumscribe my passions?
- Finally: If I'm an officer, are my actions upholding the honor of the title bestowed on me?

I've put out a lot out for your consideration, but I would like you to think about where we are today and where are we going. I'll leave you with this:

Thomas Edison once said "Five percent of the people think, ten percent think they think, the other eighty-five percent would rather have a slogan than think".

I thank you Brothers; I have no slogans for you so please be among the five percent.

Respectfully submitted,

VW Monte R. Ervin

Report of Grand Historian

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



Thank you for lending me your ears my Brothers, I have come here and said many times that the history of the Grand Lodge of Alaska can be found in many places: some expected and others unexpected.

In boxes on shelves, in boxes in garages, mantel pieces, attics, old cupboards and places where only the Grand Architect of the Universe knows.

With that in mind I will tell my story.

On Monday the 29th, 2014, I was attending the Installation of Officers of Renaissance Lodge No. 312 in Redmond, Washington. Renaissance Lodge is rather special in Washington, as it is always a table lodge. Meetings are short and then it is off to the festive board to enjoy the rewards of good fellowship and good food.

The Lodge meets in a rundown Eagles Hall that isn't the best building in town. Sometimes the roof leaks, etc. The furnishings for the lodge room are sparse and Spartan to say the least. Some of you may have been there a time or two.

As it happens I was early and so I helped the Master set up for the installation which required us to dig through one of those old cupboards I am always talking about. It took some time but we finally found everything we needed to hand the Master during the ceremony. Or at least I thought we had. We did miss the Charter which had to be searched out mid ceremony before it was found.

One of the things that we came across was one of the most enormous top hats I have ever seen with the name "James A. Williams" in it, size 14 or something like that. It was in fact

the top hat of our first Grand Master James A. Williams, the one he was covered with on that fateful day of February 5, 1981 after being installed in the Oriental Chair and the one he wore during his year in the Grand East of the first Grand Lodge of Alaska.

Grand Master Williams left the hat with Renaissance Lodge as a gift before he retired from coming to lodge due to his advanced age and ill health. The hat got lost track of and had been in that cabinet for some time. The Master suggested I might like to return it to Alaska. I of course thought that was a great idea.

Not only did the Brothers of Renascence Lodge No. 312 vote to send the hat north to Alaska but they also voted a budget of \$150.00 dollars for a plaque to explain where it was and how it got back Alaska.

Here is the hat which I present to you Most Worshipful Grand Master. Officially it is a gift to the Alaska Masonic Library and Museum Foundation.

That is my report. I know I had intended to talk about something else, but who could resist and opportunity like this?

Thank you Grand Master for this opportunity to serve the Grand Lodge of Alaska.

VW Bro. Roger A. Barnstead
Grand Historian

Charters and Dispensations

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

Leadership Training

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

Subject: Report of the Grand Lodge Training Committee

Grand Master and Brethren, the Grand Lodge Training Seminar was conducted on February 8, 2014 at the Anchorage Masonic Center in Anchorage, Alaska. The subjects taught and the instructors are as follows:

Standard Work – Most Worshipful James Herrington
Six Steps to Initiation – Worshipful Brother Joe Terice

Will & Endowments – Debra and Alan Sandar of Wells Fargo Investments
Lodge Officer – Very Worshipful James Zuke
Budget Planning – Most Worshipful David Worel
Public Awareness – Worshipful Brothers Charles Ward and John May
Lodge Etiquette – Right Worshipful Douglas Teninty

The training seminar went very well and was very receptive by the brethren in attendance.

The Grand Lodge Training Seminar for 2015 will be conducted tomorrow on February 7, 2015 at the Fairbanks Masonic Center with the following subjects and instructors:

Six Steps to Initiation – Worshipful Brother Joe Terice
Coaching and Mentoring – Right Worshipful James Zuke
Transactional Analysis – Most Worshipful Jerry Pinion
Public Awareness – Worshipful Brothers John May and Charles Ward
Standard Work and Masonic Code – Most Worshipful James Herrington

Respectively submitted,

MW Jerry W. Pinion, Chairman
MW David Worel
RW Douglas Teninty
RW Carl Lindstrom
RW John Bishop

Grand Master, the committee requests this report be received.

Grand Master, the committee requests this report be included in the proceedings.

Military Recognition

No report from the Military Recognition Committee was received at the time of publication, however, see presentation of Military Recognition Award for awards given out.

George Washington National Memorial

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

Wills and Endowments

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

Introduction

It is our understanding that the purpose of our committee is to encourage planned giving by the brethren to the Alaska Grand Lodge and/or their home/local lodge. Another goal would be to encourage planned giving to our Grand Lodge's philanthropic or charitable endeavors (e.g. scholarships).

What is Planned Giving?

Planned giving, sometimes referred to as gift planning, may be defined as a method of supporting non-profits and charities that enables philanthropic individuals or donors to make larger gifts than they could make from their income. While some planned gifts provide a life-long income to the donor, others use estate and tax planning techniques to provide for charity and other heirs in ways that maximize the gift and/or minimize its impact on the donor's estate.

Thus, by definition, a planned gift is any major gift, made in lifetime or at death as part of a donor's overall financial and/or estate planning.

By contrast, gifts to the annual fund or for membership dues are made from a donor's discretionary income, and while they may be budgeted for, they are not planned.

Whether a donor uses cash, appreciated securities/stock, real estate, artwork, partnership interests, personal property, life insurance, a retirement plan, etc., the benefits of funding a planned gift can make this type of charitable giving very attractive to both donor and charity.

What are the three types of planned gifts?

- 1) First, outright gifts that use appreciated assets as a substitute for cash;
- 2) Second, gifts that return income or other financial benefits to the donor in return for the contribution;
- 3) Third, gifts payable upon the donor's death.

Our proposal today will focus on gifts payable at the donor's death.

Typically, donors are given incentives to make planned gifts because they can be "tax advantaged," meaning that their estate will receive special tax treatment or advantages because the gift is made to tax exempt entities such as the Shriner's Children's Hospitals. The problem for the Grand Lodge and our local Lodges is that they are not tax exempt (e.g. 501 (c) 3). This is why the Shriners are very strict about bifurcating hospital fundraisers from fraternal fundraisers.

The problem for the Grand Lodge and our local lodges is that we need to grow and improve our financial condition, but we are not tax exempt. Therefore, planned gifts to the Fraternity will not receive the favorable tax treatment as those made to our charities. That does not mean we should not encourage them.

One of my local (Juneau) Brothers, Very Worshipful Brother Harley Clough, is often heard saying that we are living off the work and contributions of our ancient brethren and that we should follow their example of giving to ensure the future financial solvency of our lodges. Brother Harley and other local brethren have set the example for us. Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge #21 recently benefited from a substantial gift made by the Caleigh Estate. The Caleigh's were very active in Juneau Masonry. Their gift is helping make our new Juneau Masonic Center a reality.

So for us, fraternal giving is equally important as charitable giving. Both should be encouraged. The Fraternity must be financially sound to continue our good works of charity and making good men better.

The Grand Master's Legacy Circle.

Most planned giving programs have a way to recognize donors. The idea is simple. The purpose is to make people think about giving and perhaps giving something of value when they are finished with it.

- In my previous career, I was a financial & estate planner. During that time I was on the board of directors for the Munroe Regional Hospital Development Foundation in Ocala, Florida and SEARHC Foundation in Juneau, Alaska. I chaired the Planned Gifts Committee.
- During my time on the Munroe board I developed a recognition program called The Legacy Circle.
- People become a member of the Legacy Circle by signing an attestation that they have made a planned gift of cash, appreciated securities/stock, real estate, artwork, partnership interests, personal property, life insurance, a retirement plan, etc. worth \$5,000 or more to the foundation.
- If they wished, they were recognized with a crystal paper weight, named on the donor wall, and invited to a foundation luncheon each year.
- I would like to propose that the Alaska Grand Lodge institute a similar program, perhaps called The Grand Master's Legacy Circle when a Master Mason attests that he has made a planned gift valued at \$5,000 or more as described above.
- We would rely on the donor's word as a Master Mason.

- The recognition could be similar to what I have described and perhaps there could be an annual recognition luncheon with the Grand Master at Grand Lodge.

I request that this report be received Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Respectfully submitted,

W Donald E. Hale, Chairman

W Joe Trerice

Long-Range Planning

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

This Long-Range Plan is reviewed annually, and updated as is necessary and required. In the 2014 plan the following points are modified and or updated, along with additions believed to best serve the Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction.

1. Vision Statement. No change
2. Mission Statement we added two words
 - a) **Alaska** to clarify that the Plan refers to Alaska Lodges
 - b) **Viable**, means capable of success or continuing effectiveness. This was added to the duties of our Lodges.

Mission Statement now reads.

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

3. History of the current plan no changes
4. Anchor point. Civility was added
5. Strategic Imperative 1 Membership the committee added:
Leadership: is essential in all Masonic endeavors. We need to train and encourage leadership in all aspects of Lodge activities; in opening and closing, degree work, active ties, and long-range planning.
6. Action Items, Civility is added:
Civility means Politeness and Courtesy to encourage all Masons to promote civility within their lodges, work places, and their everyday lives for the betterment of their communities.
7. Strategic Imperative 2 Finance and Financial Health No changes.
8. Strategic Imperative 3 Masonic Educations The committee added:
Develop a curricula for training district deputies, and providing them with tools available to them for accomplishing their duties.

Develop a program for training and developing lodge officers proficient in areas of lodge leadership, management, and education.

9. To be determined

Pursue the development of the "Sococo" program, to promote education communications throughout the jurisdiction, focusing first on District Deputies, and then lodge officers. Lead contact: Right Worshipful John Bishop.

Accomplishments, for 2014:

Grand Lodge website updated.

Introduction of "Sococo".

Grand Master it has been a pleasure to work on this committee for you. It is the committee's hope that we performed well for you.

Respectively submitted,

RW Carl Lindstrom, Chairman

MW David Worel

MW James R Herrington

RW John Bishop

RW James D. Grubbs

RW Jerome P. Wasson

RW Douglas C. Teninty

Grand Master I ask this report be received.

Grand Master I ask this report be accepted

Internet

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

Having the officer and other information updated for 2014, at around August of the year, a new website having been constructed, my tenure ended as webmaster and that job was given to Worshipful Brother James Brooks who became the new Internet Committee Chairman. All updates then became his responsibility.

The old webpage now has a redirect page so that anyone pointing their browser to it would automatically be sent to the new website, but with the option of continuing to the old site for information purposes and at the direction of the Grand Master will be completely disappear from the Internet.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Internet Chair and all the best to the new team. I am sure they will do a great job.

Respectfully submitted,

VW Dennis Oakland, Chairman
Internet Committee 2011-2014

(The following report on the new website was transcribed from an audio recording.)

Most Worshipful James Herrington, Past Grand Master's comment on the Grand Lodge of Alaska web site development.

Most Worshipful Dave and I started about two years ago actually looking at websites. We actually called the guy in to help us do public relations work. The first thing he said was, "Until you get a decent looking website, I cannot help you."

So, Dave and I started looking. He took half of the states and I took the other half and we looked at every website we could find. We came up with several we liked and, honestly, I wanted to get this accomplished during my year but it just didn't seem to happen that way. Last year he gave me permission to do it, so I started working on it. The young lady that did it, her name is Courtney Brooks. She is the wife of Worshipful Brother James D. Brooks, who is a Shriner.

But, between her and I, we developed that website to take a little out of each state we liked and we compiled it all together. Then, once we got it to where I thought it should be, then we sent it to the Grand Master and we sent it to the Grand Lodge Secretary. They gave us their opinions, getting tweaks to it, few changes, and it was finally approved by him to be launched on the internet.

At that it was no longer my baby. It was turned over to the Grand Lodge Secretary who has full control of the website at that time. If you have any suggestions or improvements, any ideas how to make it look better, contact the Grand Lodge Secretary and Courtney Brooks will make it happen.

I think, if, you guys see her she is a smart young lady and please give her a pat on the back. It was all hers. I just gave her a few ideas of what I thought it should look like and she did it. She did ninety-nine per cent of it. So, give her the credit. I think she deserves it and thank you very much Most Worshipful.

Sococo Report

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

Sococo is a communications program developed by Masons for communications and video conferencing. It provides a means for two or more people to communicate or video conference in person while geographically at a distance. These communications can easily be kept private.

At this time a number of Grand Lodge officers and committee members have been signed up in the program, and more will be in the near future. We anticipate that the District Deputies to find this a very useful tool. Among the Grand Lodge officers we have used the program to discuss the “Long-Range Plan”, and to meet with committees.

When holding a meeting, the parties enter one of the video rooms and when everyone is present close the door for privacy. Should anyone wish to enter, they can knock and you can choose to admit them or not. In this way it is secure and we could use it for coaching at a distance. While on line with this plan; pictures, diagrams, and documents can be brought up on screen and shared with those attending and edits made to them by the person who brought them to the screen.

In the future we expect we will also use this tool for district meetings, coaching, and even lodge officer training. I believe this program will assist us in solving some of our unique logistic problems, provide better lodge officer training, and be a real asset to the jurisdiction.

Most Worshipful Dave Worel brought this program to the Grand Lodge, and is checking on the cost structure of the program for future budget considerations.

To sign up for this program, I sent an e-mail to Sococo support with an e-mail address of the person to be invited. They then sent an invitational e-mail to him. Open the e-mail and sign up it's that simple.

Caution: do not leave the camera and or the microphone on when you are not on Sococo! Any activity in the room, (conversation, phone calls, video, etc.) could be available to anyone on Sococo!

I ask that this report be accepted,

Respectfully submitted,

John Bishop
Junior Grand Warden

Trestle Board

No report from the Trestle Board Committee was received at the time of publication

Segregation and Reference

1st Report

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

We the Committee of Segregation and Reference to whom was referred the “Grand Master’s Message” have reviewed the same and report the following:

That, the following sections be referred to the committees as listed:

Ruling #1 to Jurisprudence, Bylaws and Finance.

Ruling #2 to Jurisprudence and Bylaws

Ruling #3 to Grand Secretary with appropriate time to prepare.

Ruling #4 to Jurisprudence, Bylaws and Finance

Dispensations Approved

#7 to Jurisprudence and Bylaws, (See Appointments)

Recommendations

Both to Jurisprudence and Bylaws

The fine to the three Lodges that did not attend the George Washington Masonic Memorial trip to Finance.

Appointments.

Past Grand Master Henry T. Dunbar to be Special Deputy. To Bylaws to see that proper Bylaws were followed under Section 16.22

Prince Hall Recognition

To Jurisprudence and Research and Education (this important information should be in the files somewhere in Anchorage maybe in the library & museum)

Electronic Balloting

To Finance.

Dissolution of Petersburg Lodge No. 23

To Jurisprudence, Finance, and Scholarship Committees Sec. 5.15.

We recommend the remainder of the Grand Master’s Message be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

MW Fred V Angleton, Chairman, (11)

W Joe Ragsdale (6, 11)

WB John Strother (11)

2nd Report

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

We the committee on Segregation and Reference, to whom was referred the Message of the Grand Master, have considered the same and report as follows:

That the entire report be adopted as approved and/or disapproved as voted on at the 34th Annual Communication in Fairbanks, Alaska on 6 February 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

MW Fred V Angleton, Chairman, (11)
W Joe Ragsdale (6, 11)
WB John Strother (11)

Ritual

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

Alaska Masonic Code Review

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brethren all:

The Masonic Code Review Committee reviewed Part IV Disciplinary Code of the Alaska Masonic Code in its entirety (chapters 26 through 35). The Committee took upon the daunting task of re-writing the disciplinary code to ease the process of conducting Masonic trials by combining chapters and sections, adding new sections, deleting sections, clarifying existing sections, attempting to add consistency between sections, and revising vague wording throughout the judicial code. In order to do so, the committee reduced the amount of chapters from ten to five. It was also decided, in order to eliminate confusion as to the meaning of terminology not only within the Part IV Disciplinary Code but also within the rest of the Alaska Masonic Code, a Glossary of Definitions should be added to the Code as well, but not as a separate chapter or section..

Coordination of this review and recommendations of the possible changes to the Disciplinary Code has been made in conjunction with the Jurisprudence Committee as provided in Recommendation #2.

The Committee wishes to thank the following Grand Lodges of: Hawaii, Kentucky, Maine, Montana, Washington, and Wisconsin for making their Masonic Codes available for review.

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

Respectfully submitted,

VW Roger K, Hansen, Chairman
VW Monte Ervin
MW James R. Herrington, PGM

Masonic Scholarship

No report from the Masonic Scholarship Committee was received at the time of publication, however, see presentation of Grand Lodge Scholarship Recipient for award given out.

Reports of the District Deputies of the Grand Master

District 1

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

District Deputy Annual Meeting for 2014.

15 May 2014

Meeting was held at Tanana Lodge #3 but was hosted by North Pole #16

Matt Thompson of North Pole was the only Master who could not attend of the four lodges in District One. All lodges were well represented, however, with just about every Warden, Secretary, and many members present totaling about twenty-two men in attendance.

I opened the meeting by talking about Grand Lodge initiatives, focusing on two of my favorites; long-range planning and running lodges like a business. I felt that mentioning the messages, sent me from the Grand Master was my principal reason for calling the lodges together. I focused on those two because I believe Valdez and Fairbanks suffer in these areas and to contrast, North Pole does well and Tanana could be the example for any lodge to follow. A discussion on the subject ensued and I felt the Master of Fairbanks was way more receptive to these ideas coming from another lodge instead of a Grand Lodge Representative.

On that subject, I have to say that Worshipful Brother Hodnick, Master of 12, was the most negative person in the room. At one point of the discussion on running the lodge like a business, he actually walked out and I wasn't sure he was coming back. He did come back after his Secretary, Jim Leflore, went after him. I spent more time with Brother Hodnick than every other Master combined during my two years as District Deputy. His tumultuous relationship with his Secretary and Treasurer made for some long conversations.

Having a budget, working profit and loss statement, and balance sheet is as necessary for a lodge as it is any business. Without these things, a lodge could be operating at a loss and not even know it until it is too late. Even Tanana had a deficit and is taking measures to correct it. Fairbanks is operating with one as well and may be on the brink of shutting down if things don't change. Valdez Lodge with John May as Master has done a remarkable turn a round from the previous years. They have the three things mentioned above as well as a marketing plan, which we all thought was brilliant! Things are definitely improving in Valdez.

On the lighter side, I followed with a slide show of about 200 photos I had taken at the George Washington Masonic Memorial. Tanana had just installed a big screen TV in the lodge room and we sat and looked at photos and shared stories from the trip. Several members in the room were on the trip and we talked for about half an hour while looking at the pictures.

Open discussion and question and answer session followed with the following being the items the lodges wanted me to bring to the Grand Master:

1. We took a historical look at dues and came to the conclusion that we have devalued ourselves as a fraternity. In today's dollars, dues were as much as \$1,000.00 to join Tanana 100 years ago. What does it say for ourselves when we are constantly doing first degrees on guys that we never see again? If it's such a small amount to be abandoned, we end up wasting our time on guys with no conviction on being a member. The consensus of the group was we need to raise dues and make the initiation fee an amount that means something. A guy should have to save up for and have meaning and not just be willing to abandon it without thought. Perhaps Grand Lodge should look at it like a business and track the number of first degrees, second degrees, and new members that complete all three.
2. Observing the Craft was talked about and is recommended reading for all Masons. We discussed how the many clubs and different dependent bodies serve as more of a distraction to blue lodge Masonry.
3. In conclusion, I asked if there was anything I could take back to Grand Lodge. The only thing brought up was a "Hand Out" that was supposedly promised years ago from Grand Lodge describing what a Mason is. It was to be an elevator speech, if you will about Masonry directed towards non-Masons. Very Worshipful Mike Starkey would like to see that product because he believed it would help promote the fraternity without recruiting members.

Fraternally,

VW Kevin Tennant
District Deputy for District One

District Deputy Official Visits

Tanana #3

14 May 2014

There were twenty-two members in attendance with the typical being about ten to fifteen for stated meetings with degrees bringing in about twenty.

Dinner was excellent and well attended by members and a few families. Dinners are made for every meeting including all degrees and is a huge draw as well as a source of income. The Junior Warden collects about \$2,000.00 a year in profits from meals. The meeting was well run and professional with the Worshipful Master firmly in charge of this lodge and providing an excellent example of leadership for all of the officer line. I was made most welcome in lodge with only a small amount of familiarity since I am a regular attendee of this lodge.

I've heard visitors exclaim on several occasions the ritual performed in this lodge was the best they'd ever seen. Books are never used and the ritual is above average for any lodge I've ever visited.

All required printed material was maintained by the lodge secretary and available to the membership.

Respectfully submitted,

VW Kevin Tennant
District Deputy

Valdez # 4

1 August 2014

The meeting was well attended due to careful planning on the part of the Worshipful Master and communicating the events in the newsletter and e-mail blast throughout the state. In remote sections of the state like Valdez, planning several events in one weekend bring in a larger more diverse crowd. Ladies are more likely to attend when there is an abundance of activities geared towards them and again, communicated succinctly and well in advance. Valdez excelled in marketing their lodge this year and the careful, long-range planning paid off with almost thirty brothers in attendance.

The hospitality area set up the night before the meeting, activities throughout the day of the meeting, the dinner prior, and the meeting itself were all top-shelf. Families are included in all activities and dinner was packed with members, wives, and kids making dinner a pleasant welcoming experience.

Valdez took a major hit in the previous year for poor ritual and had nowhere to go but up from that low. Not only have they improved but went from needing much improvement right

past average to what I would consider GOOD work. It was obvious the entire lodge has been practicing without books for opening and closing. Degree work was outstanding with many other lodge members helping out this small lodge.

This lodge does not conduct very many degrees a year being in such a small town. All required printed material was maintained by the secretary and available to all members. The only improvement I could recommend would be to find out what Tanana is handing out to their candidates and see if any or all could be adopted for their use.

Respectfully submitted,

VW Kevin C. Tennant, District Deputy
District One

North Pole Lodge #16

19 May 2014

Attendance at North Pole varies greatly with as few as three and as many as twenty showing up for stated meetings. Weather and other activities influence attendance with virtually every member being a dual member with Tanana. There has been a decline in attendance for about three years, which appears to be recovering. Again I've noticed when a Master serves more than one year and in this case, three, there is a marked decrease in attendance during that time.

North Pole is and always has been a laid-back lodge. The atmosphere is pleasant and welcoming. My expectations were met with a nice dinner and great conversation. The meeting was well run. I do not believe there is a long-range plan. I think this lodge is more social than business and that is not necessarily a bad thing but more planning and money management would not hurt.

Being a life member of this lodge I've seen the ritual fluctuate between average and good with an occasional drop to needing improvement. With most members holding dual membership in Tanana where quality work is the norm, the expectations for all members is held to a high standard. Not always meeting, but corrections are common from the older members to maintain good work. A few open books from time to time during degrees but all in all a good experience for most candidates going through the degrees.

All required printed material is maintained by the secretary and available to all members. I would like to see more of the additional material that is handed out to candidates in other lodges of this district, handed out here as well.

Respectfully submitted,

VW Kevin C. Tennant, District Deputy
District One

District One Deputy Assessment of Lodges

Tanana Lodge# 3

12 November 2014

Tanana is actually receiving the benefits of its first ever, recycled Master. Like many things in nature, a cyclic tendency for extreme levels of excitement and attendance can be observed in many lodges. These swings can occur over many years. Tanana is coming out of a distinct low in attendance and excitement level as can be documented by the number of degrees performed each year over the last five years. While not the only determining factor, it is a key indicator of the vitality of a lodge. The Master, Wardens, and entire officer line are the epitome of teamwork and long-term thinking. The efficiency, camaraderie, and professionalism displayed during stated meetings could be an example for all lodges to follow. I would say the leadership from Very Worshipful Ervin has provided the catalyst for these positive trends and will likely carry on for many years due to the systems and policies in place, to ensure continuity for upcoming officers to follow.

Being able to open on any degree for stated, has been fully embraced by the officers and members over the past year. Rare is the occasion that stated is even opened on the Master Mason Degree due to new Entered Apprentice's and Fellow Craft's in attendance. More and more family members have been welcomed at dinner and the Junior Warden has turned a profit this year from dinner donations. Again, a welcome change from years past. One negative result of being able to open and conduct business on the First Degree is we now have a permanent Entered Apprentice who attends lodge meetings and all First Degrees but has no intention of progressing further or ever paying dues.

Stated meetings are always well attended with rarely less than twenty men in attendance. I have not attended a single one of the many degrees where there was not more than enough members for all parts of the degree. A welcome change from past degrees where several parts would be assigned to a single member. All work is done from memory and adheres to Alaska work. No open books in lodge, ever.

Very Worshipful Ervin has provided an excellent example of how to run an interesting meeting. Incorporating Masonic education and libations while at refreshment, keep interest levels high with discussions lively and entertaining. I have no doubt upcoming officers will follow his lead in this area and attendance continues to increase.

Stated business is conducted professionally, concise, and brief. Allowing more time for positive and lively discussion on more important issues makes stated meetings, (well, let's call it what it is); less dry. Simply having a budget can cut out a lot of unneeded discussion during a meeting. Having a long-term plan, brings a lodge together by providing direction. Tanana knows where it's going and members appreciate it. Dinners have been a real draw for members and family alike with Eastern Star preparing meals and benefiting from the donations. Guests are always welcomed and shown respect by the Senior Deacon and members. Actually going to refreshment during stated meetings allows for a nice break as well as a chance for the Junior Warden and Stewards to perform their respective tasks during refreshment. Even a somber event such as recognizing the death of a member, has been

elevated from simply reading a scroll, to an actual payment of respect with a scripted memorial service and prayer written by Very Worshipful Ervin.

Stated meetings take even longer than ever but pass by with barely a nod to a timepiece because they are interesting and lively.

Finances are handled like any multi-million dollar business. They operate with a budget and have a long-range plan in place. Officers are involved at all levels in the decision making process thus insuring continuity in the coming years. Masonic education takes place during stated meetings, at refreshment downstairs, and even at dinners attended by members and their family. This lodge is always well represented at Grand Lodge and is frequently outspoken during voting due to the amount of discussion that occurs in lodge after resolutions are sent out.

VW Kevin C. Tennant, District Deputy
District One

Valdez Lodge # 4

14 June 2014

Lodge Officers: I believe that this lodge fell into a kind of slump. Being such a small town, there are precious few candidates in any given year. With the same people meeting month after month for stated and little reason to practice ritual, this lodge stopped caring about opening and closing lodge and soon forgot how to. Not that any of the brothers here didn't care deeply about the craft, they just lost their passion for ritual slowly and imperceptibly over time. That was 2013. Now with John May as the new Master, he has renewed not only their passion for ritual but also embraced a long-range plan and a budget as well as some cutting edge marketing tools for their lodge.

At the Grand Master's Official Visitation in 2013, this lodge could not even do a standard opening. In 2014 they did an excellent opening and closing. This lodge is the most improved lodge in District One during my two years as the deputy,

Attendance: Their monthly attendance is around four to five men. Their meals are well attended by family with kids and wives there often. For functions, like District Deputy and Grand Master Visitations, they were carefully planned around other major events, ensuring a packed house. By combining Valdez Days and the accompanying Shrine Parade with the Grand Masters Visitation and the Entered Apprentice Degree, they were able to draw a huge turnout. The marketing and planning that Worshipful Brother John has done is to be commended. All the members are to be commended for their hospitality, which was the best.

Quality of Overall Evening: I've already mentioned hospitality but it's worth mentioning again how good it was. It was a great time and I look forward to my next visit to this lodge and the brothers in Valdez.

Grand Lodge Initiatives: It should be noted that Worshipful Brother John made the trip to the District Deputy meeting in Fairbanks and shows his commitment level to Grand Lodge. They

now have a working budget, long-range plan, and ritual has made an incredible rebound from past visits. Many members were in attendance for Grand Lodge as well.

Resources: All required resources were available.

Proposed Course of Action: I do not have anything I would recommend except to continue on the path they've recently chosen. Continuity will be the key and bringing in new members will provide the reason for ritual practice.

VW Kevin Tennant, District Deputy
District One

Fairbanks Lodge # 12

18 December 2014

Lodge Officers: The Master, Wardens, Secretary, and Treasurer are all recycled officers from this lodge and Tanana. This lodge struggled to have enough members present to open lodge for both my years as Deputy. 2013 and 2014 were a rough couple of years as the Master and Secretary did not work well together. There was a leadership shortfall for several years and a lack of direction resulting in very few willing to step up and serve in the office line. I've mentioned it before and I'll say it again; when a Master serves more than one term, the lodge is in trouble. Reports were occasionally late but for the most part submitted on time.

The Master accused the Secretary of overstepping his duties. I was receiving phone calls and e-mails to this effect frequently. My determination is the Secretary did in fact overstep his authority. What I could not say for certain was whether it was due to the Secretary's strong personality or the Master's complete lack of leadership. Funds were not handled properly and \$800.00 was missing for several months until it was finally found. The Treasurer never came to lodge as far as I know and would not hand over the checkbook at the Master's request. With no active Treasurer, the Secretary assumed this role and for years the lodge lost the 'checks and balances' put into place by having this duty divided between two men.

Attendance: Three men typically constitute the total attendance here. Very Worshipful Mike Starkey and Worshipful Brother Jim LeFlore have held this lodge together and without either of these men, the lodge would have failed completely years ago. It's sad that more of the membership hasn't come forward to help save their struggling lodge. Even when notice was sent out to the membership on important, contentious votes to be held, it would draw out maybe three additional men. During degrees, most parts are filled by members of Lodges 3 and 16. In the last few months I've noticed the Senior Warden attending lodge regularly at Tanana which will make it much easier for him to get the help he needs filling positions during degrees by showing up for their meetings as well.

Quality of Overall Evening: The few active men remaining in this lodge are to be commended. Yes, some mistakes and poor decisions were made during my time as deputy but I do not question anyone's motive to be anything other than desperate to keep the lodge going. These die-hards are the only thing standing between them losing their charter. I will be attending this lodge more frequently in the coming years to support their decision to do everything possible to grow membership and save Fairbanks #12.

Grand Lodge Initiatives: Very little time has been devoted to anything other than staying alive. They are now working from a budget and developing a long-range plan thanks to Worshipful Brother Harvil.

Resources: All required resources were available.

Proposed Course of Action: If Worshipful Brother Harvil had not joined this lodge and become Master of it on virtually the same evening, I would have strongly recommended they voluntarily hand in their charter. I'm certain the membership would have offered no one willing and able to meet the challenge. Even with a strong leader, this lodge's days are numbered unless things change. I foresee a lot of contention from the life members who were assessed additional dues last year and have not paid. This put a life member in non-payment of dues status. The latest financial forecast has the lodge running out of money in about three years. Long before the money runs out, a decision should be made as to the fate of this lodge or options will be even more limited. Some challenges that must be faced are:

1. Life membership fund cannot support per capita payments due to free life memberships handed out to all Past Masters without the funds being transferred to an account. This makes merging with another lodge burdensome on the other lodge as they inherit this liability.
2. A membership that does not participate in degrees or stated meetings. The most I've seen at any meeting is five brothers. Many nights it was just three.
3. After Worshipful Brother Harvil has served his year as Master, there is no one to step in behind him. If this lodge can't get a proper Junior and Senior Warden elected, develop and implement a long-range plan, it is doomed.

It's been suggested that Fairbanks 12 become a daylight lodge. Older members that don't travel at night or shift workers would benefit from this and possibly make the lodge more viable. They meet in Tanana's building so they need something to differentiate between the two lodges or, in my opinion, have no reason to exist other than meeting on a different night of the week.

My idea is to move this lodge to Delta Junction. The idea was presented at my District Deputy meeting and promptly shot down. My reason to even suggest this is, again to get this lodge out of Tanana's shadow and have a purpose to even exist. There are many active members and potential members in Delta with a large enough population to support a lodge. I think this is a viable alternative to shutting down and fits into the logical distribution of lodges in District One having a lodge in Fairbanks then North Pole, Delta, and finally Valdez.

VW Kevin Tennant, District Deputy
District One

Lodge Officers: The Master and Wardens, with few exceptions are all recycled officers from this lodge, Tanana, and Fairbanks. 2013 and 2014 were a rough couple of years as the Master and Secretary did not work well together and there was some definite contention there. There was a leadership shortfall for several years and a lack of direction resulting in very few willing to step up and serve in the line. I've mentioned it before and I'll say it again; when a Master serves more than one term, the lodge is in trouble and it takes a lot of effort to get back up on step. Reports were occasionally late but for the most part submitted on time.

I found at one particular degree for a new Entered Apprentice, that he was not properly vetted. I would use the term 'pencil whipped'. The man thought he was joining a union to learn how to lay bricks. He was certainly not of a caliber that I would welcome as a brother in this fraternity to put it bluntly. He fortunately never came back after that night. There was another instance where a petition for affiliation was not done correctly while I was visiting. I knew the brother and signed it but later found out it was not signed by the petitioner, no money accompanied it and no investigation was done. Short cuts that should not be taken according to our code even if intentions are good.

The current Master has done a great job of bringing back some formality to the meeting while still maintaining that small town social aspect that makes this lodge so fun to attend. I would like to think it's serious when it's needed but always breaking out into laughter at a moment's notice.

Attendance: While at an all-time low in the beginning of 2013, I've noticed a steady climb with a fairly dramatic increase near mid-2014. I've seen as many as twenty men for stated meetings with easily that many for degrees. Degree nights are a combination of Fairbanks Lodge and Tanana Lodge with just a few true North Pole Lodge members. That being said, this is not meant as a negative. In fact, a majority are dual members and shows just what this lodge is all about. Many Masons live in North Pole, work in town, and it's great to be able to attend lodge without driving all the way back to Fairbanks.

Quality of Overall Evening: I've always seen good work in this lodge. A few dips in performance from time to time but overall very few open books in this lodge. Few non-dual members are doing any lectures and rely heavily on outside help to conduct degrees. Not necessarily a negative, just a fact. Meals are Spartan and bachelor-like with no women attending ... ever. I won't go so far as to say this is wrong but it seems to fit this ledge very well. Most every member there attends other Masonic functions in the valley with their spouses.

Grand Lodge Initiatives: For such a small lodge, I'm always impressed by the number of voting members at Grand Lodge and serving in Grand Lodge appointed positions. This lodge is run like a business with a long-range plan and a working budget. They have a mile of road nearby that they clean twice a year and a sign indicating it as such, making a visible presence in the community. Their annual turkey shoot is growing in popularity each year and could

develop into quite a fund raising opportunity should they wish it to go in that direction. It was attended by two Grand Lodge officers in 2014.

Fund raising could be a shortfall for North Pole. It would be a great opportunity to raise the bar and maybe do a Grand Lodge fundraiser once a year. As attendance has increased I would fully expect to see this happen in 2015.

Resources: This lodge has raised only two Master Masons in the last two years. This can be looked at as unhealthy but I'm not certain I would draw that conclusion in this case. This lodge grows through affiliation more than any other method. All materials are properly maintained by the secretary that I would expect to see in any lodge of this jurisdiction. I would mention John Scwindler as an incredible coach these last two years. He's stepped up to help members of this lodge and others down in Delta Junction. I should make note that this Deputy is a life member of this lodge and quite proud of it. I would like to believe my assessment has not been swayed by that fact.

Proposed Course of Action: North Pole needs to come to terms with its identity as more of a social lodge in a very small town than as a large growing lodge. Fund raising is lacking and often builds a sense of self-worth that this lodge has found itself lacking in many times over the years. More attention needs to be directed at investigating new members.

VW Kevin Tennant, District Deputy
District One

District 2

Most Worshipful Grand Master Dave Worel:

Year-end Assessment Report on the collective Lodges in District #2

The following is the year end assessment report concerning the Lodges in District #2 for the year 2014.

Seward Lodge #6: I have attended this Lodge several times during the year. The Ritual Work of the Brethren is good.

Seward Lodge has problems - financial and lodge building maintenance. They have very little money. Most of their money has been spent in making emergency repairs to its lodge building heating system and paying required bills, taxes, etc. During the winter of 2012 and 2013 their furnace failed, thus the heating and water pipes froze and burst, causing water damage to the interior - mold and mildew, peeling paint, and sheet rock damage, etc., resulting in a dispensation for Seward Lodge #6 to hold their meeting in Kenai #11's building, Soldotna, Alaska for 2013 and 2014.

They are seeking a building in Seward, Alaska in which to hold Lodge, however, prospective buildings are very limited.

In 2014, the Brethren of Seward #6 placed their lodge building on the market for sale. I was informed they have had only two prospective buyers look at the property with no action. In October 2014 they dropped their price.

During the examination of [what they presented as] the Lodge books, several discrepancies were noted. The books are to be re-examined on January 6, 2015 after their Stated Communications. Worshipful Master Billy Harris informed me by telephone a receipt book has been purchased and is being used. Their books need to be re-examined later in 2015 to ensure correctives are in place. A report on the attempts to examine the Lodge books was submitted to the Most Worshipful Grand Master Dave Worel on October 22, 2014. An additional report for January 6, 2015 examination of the books will accompany this report.

Seward Lodge needs to ensure their books [checks and balance procedures] are in place and are kept current. Further, file monthly reports with Grand Lodge Secretary. Also, develop a long-range plan for the Lodge; however, this will be arduous to accomplish given their current problems.

The average monthly attendance for Seward #6 Stated and Special Communications while it has been meeting in Kenai Lodge #11 building is ten brethren. This is because there are several members who live in the Soldotna and Kenai areas that will not drive to Seward, Alaska for Stated Communications. Further, the Lodge has added three new members [dual] to their membership roll this year, which should see their average attendance increase.

This will be Very Worshipful Brother Billy Harris' consecutive year as Worshipful Master. It should be a good year for Seward #6, especially "if" they sell their lodge building and secure a location for their lodge to meet in Seward, Alaska.

Kodiak #9: It was my honor and privilege to visit Kodiak Lodge #9 the day prior to and as well as on the date of the Grand Master Official Visitation.

While all appears to be well with this Lodge; however, appearance is not everything. The main king-pin or individual on which this Lodge revolves and depends is Most Worshipful Brother Jared Decker. He currently is the Secretary and the position of Treasurer for the Lodge added to his mantel. While this is not financially in the best interest of the Lodge, it seems no other brother will step forward and assume the Treasurer position.

Apparently, Most Worshipful Jared Decker continues to keep Kodiak Lodge #9 operational. Yet, during my visit, Most Worshipful Jared Decker related he was getting very tired of performing both the Secretary and Treasurer's duties and he, himself was getting where he could not carry the load further. His health is not the best and appears to be less active than when I saw him in 2013.

Based upon our conversation, I suspect Most Worshipful Decker will not accept further positions within the Lodge, and because the brethren will not take on the responsibility of the Lodge, I suspect Kodiak Lodge #9 will be turning in their charter.

Kenai Lodge #11: I have visited this Lodge often. The ritual work of the brethren is good to excellent.

The officers of Kenai #11 hold training classes on each Monday evening each week for all Masons who needed help, including candidates in their degree work.

The average attendance per communications was ten brethren.

Kenai Lodge needs to develop a long-range plan, appoint a brother to write articles covering the Lodge activities, and send them to the Grand Lodge for its newsletter.

During the examination of the Lodge books, several discrepancies were noted. Procedures and actions were placed into effect to correct them. A report was submitted to Most Worshipful Grand Master Dave Worel.

Sterling Lodge #22: I attend this Lodge when I am in the area. Usually I make all communication meetings. The ritual work of the Brethren is good to excellent.

Over the past year, Worshipful Paul McConnell has held briefings over the Alaska Masonic Code (2010) and held short briefings over selected portions of the Alaska Masonic Code (2010). Articles from the Alaska Masonic Code were also read at each of the communications over the year.

The average attendance for Sterling Lodge #22 communications was fourteen brethren. Also, Sterling Lodge #22 has added one Master Mason to their membership roll this year.

With Very Worshipful Glen Josey as Worshipful Master of Sterling #22, I think it will be a great year for growth for the Lodge.

Over all it was a good year for District #2.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

VW Bill Roberts, District Deputy
District Two

District 3

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

Most Worshipful Brother Dave Worel,

As District Deputy of District #3, I have visited three of the lodges in District #3; Glacier Lodge #10, Aurora Lodge #15, and Anchorage Lodge #17 multiple times. I have also been available by telephone, text, and e-mail for the Worshipful Master of all three lodges and made myself available to them for any questions, concerns, or advice. I have found all three lodges to be quite different from each other and likewise having different needs than each other. All the lodges also seem to be very independent, however, disorganization and the lack of knowledge as to how I could help them, seems to prevail in some cases.

In the few times I visited Glacier Lodge #10 I found a few new faces this year. Glacier Lodge has been down in numbers when it comes to newer active members. They have finally been able to get a few new members initiated and have even raised a brother who seemed to have great interest in being active. I met two of their newer and much younger members, they seemed very eager but they also seemed very unaware of the big picture of things in the lodge and/or Masonry. The greatest concern I have for Glacier Lodge is not only the very low numbers but also the fact that they need to fill at least half the positions to do a degree with people who are not members of their own lodge. To compound this situation many other brethren in the district who generally help out lodges in need in regards to degree work say they feel they are getting tired and worn-out when it comes to degree work. They have simply become over-loaded at times and feel they aren't just helping when needed but rather it's the norm for them to have to help. Glacier Lodge's officer line-up is also quite empty for the usual reason of low numbers. Hopefully the newer members will become interested in participation and help resolve some of these issues. I was disappointed while attending a Stated Communication that was opened on the first degree, for two very new members who were in attendance, because the lodge was not able to offer Private Grand Honors to a recently passed brother.

Aurora Lodge #15 continues to hold an education meeting every other month with some success. Although it hasn't seemed to change much in their membership numbers it has been enjoyed by the members who currently attend. Aurora Lodge continues to be in a better position when compared to some of the other lodges in the district, however their membership appears to be reduced from last year. Over the past few years many of their older members who were once fairly active seem to have disappeared. As their Master sought private consultation from me as the District Deputy on several occasions this last year, they are suffering from quite a bit of internal conflict between members at times. Many of those who are staying active are doing well and continue to push on, always seeking to improve the lodge's situation with things like membership and degree work. Most recently at their January Stated Communication a motion was made to file charges and/or a complaint against me, the District Deputy, by Worshipful Brother Joe Dahl who insisted that I was interfering with their lodge's business. Either most of the lodge agreed or didn't pay any attention to the motion and just threw-up their hands upon voting because the motion passed.

As a member of Anchorage Lodge #17, I am most familiar with this lodge. Trying to look in from the outside and be unbiased, I find this lodge not without troubles, but still being the most balanced of the District #3 lodges. Witnessing several degrees this year, ritual work seems to be in good condition. Unfortunately about half of the brethren raised were active duty military and received orders to permanent change of station from Alaska. Additionally the lodge lost its Jr. Warden to a health concern. Another brother quickly stepped up to fill the position. On a better note Anchorage Lodge did install a full officer line and continues to be able to cover all the positions needed to deliver all three degrees. Small, well thought-out changes seem to be getting worked into this coming year for Anchorage Lodge. One of them being the "Six Steps to Initiation". A large group discussion this last fall resulted in a great majority of the lodge members requesting more fellowship. In the coming year the new Worshipful Master has planned one fellowship night every month. The results of these changes in the future will be interesting and important for the years to come in Anchorage Lodge #17.

As for Mt. McKinley Lodge #5, I was not able to attend with the Grand Master during his official visit. However as I did speak with their secretary and as I understand it, the lodge seems to be almost non-functional. They are reported to have almost no active members and have not been able to even open lodge for quite some time.

Lastly, I make remark on the subject of the District Meeting. In January of this year I held a district meeting for District #3 at the Anchorage Masonic Center. The subject of choice was decided upon in advance by the three new Worshipful Masters. They chose to discuss the subject of fellowship. The discussion of fellowship in the lodges and in the district, along with how it could have positive effects was debated for almost three hours. Interestingly enough the subject of how the lodges are creating stress and strain between each other was also talked about at great length.

Most Worshipful Dave, I thank you for this honor to serve Alaska Masons.

VW James S. Zuke
District Deputy, District #3

District 4

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master Worel;

It's been a Masonically busy and interesting year in Southeast Alaska. Kari & I had the pleasure of accompanying you on most of the Grand Lodge visitation this year in District 4; and to attend the Grand Lodge of Alaska opening at George Washington Memorial Lodge back East. The latter has to be the highlight in my Masonic experience to date. Additionally, I was able to represent you on a couple visits to Mt Juneau #21, as well as holding District Deputy of the Grand Master conference calls to conduct virtual visitations.

It was exciting to see three Master Mason degrees done in Juneau on the same day. It was frustrating to see the challenges being faced by the Brothers of Ketchikan Lodge, and I was saddened by the loss of Petersburg Lodge, and the surrender of their charter.

White Pass Lodge #1 remains a small stable lodge, and has a number of young Masons now at the helm. They are learning the ropes with the help of veterans like the Most Worshipful Ron Ackerman who remains active and engaged in Skagway. They also benefit from their continued close relations with the Whitehorse Lodge in the Yukon Territory of Canada. They reported their books were in order.

Mt. Verstovia Lodge #18 definitively reported that accounts were audited for 2014 and found to be in proper form and in balance. The past year has been a busy one for Mt. Verstovia #18, with many of their members pitching in to help out with their various activities. They continue to be small, but busy in and around our community. Sitka's lodge awarded five bicycles to deserving third graders who were selected by their teachers as good citizens, classroom helpers, and hardworking students. They donated funds to local charities, student music groups, as well as national Masonic concerns, and four scholarships to graduating Sitka students. Donations totaled over \$6,000. And, they performed an internment ceremony for our departed Brother Most Worshipful John Granger. Although it was a sad and solemn event, it was brightened by the overwhelming attendance from brethren across the state, who came to pay their respects to such a great man and Mason.

Ketchikan Lodge #19 had big challenges in 2014, and some continued internal strife. Despite these challenges one new Master Mason was raised, who along with a few active and dedicated Masons there provide a glimmer of hope for improvement in 2015. During 2014 Ketchikan #19 struggled getting attendance to practice degree work and often had more than a few ciphers open during Lodges and degrees. Two members dimited. They also had a number of financial and leadership challenges. Although there are some new officers at the helm, and some of the better rental space in the lodge building is finally rented, conditions remain pretty fragile in the First City. An internal audit was reportedly being conducted this month with the changing of the guard.

Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge #21 had a lot of activity in 2014, and big plans for 2015, including a cornerstone event for their new permanent Lodge. The Lodge has an excellent newsletter and quite a few activities were reported on during 2014. One such recent event, too late for their newsletter, right at the tail-end of the Masonic year – twenty-one friends and family gathered for remembrance of St. John the Evangelist. There was discussion of the history of his adoption by Mason's guilds in the late 1500s and we resumed the ancient practice of remembering one of our adopted patron saints. Also, Honorary Worshipful Master Lawrence Schaufler was nominated by the Past Masters Committee and was included in the ballot by unanimous consent of the Lodge. Worshipful Brother Schaufler is moving to Colorado and this was his last meeting in Juneau. He would not be in Juneau for the scheduled installation and was installed as Honorary Master. This is only the fifth time in the 112 year history of Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge where we elected an Honorary Master. Juneau reported they were in the process of finalizing their annual audit. They remain a vibrant and growing lodge in Southeast Alaska, and one I am proud to call my home Lodge.

It has been a pleasure to serve as your Deputy in District 4.

Fraternally,

VW Jeffrey DeFreest

District 5

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master,

This is my “End of Year Report” for 2014

It has been my pleasure to serve you during your 2014-15 term as Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alaska. I wish that my efforts could have been more concentrated for the Grand Lodge and its welfare, but unfortunately my family demands were extremely high and much unexpected. I now have my brother in a safe home in Arizona and he is doing well. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this trying period.

Your Official Visitation to District #5, held at Matanuska Lodge in Palmer was very well received. Many nice comments came from both the Alaska Grand Lodge constituent Brethren and the Brethren of the Prince Hall Affiliate Grand Lodge of Alaska in attendance.

I have done my best to stress and promote your 2014 theme of “Long-Range Planning.” Several of the District #5 lodges are working hard toward looking to the future of their plans and programs, including the encouragement of the younger members in learning lectures, charges, and ritual work which is constantly in demand to confer degrees and other ceremonies.

Eagle River Lodge #13 continues to experience their growth and shrinking membership attendance due to a sizeable number of the members being military and transferring to and from Alaska bases and posts. I do not foresee a lot of change in this trend and expect the recycling of Past Masters and other officers will be the “norm” for this lodge. They are continuing to initiate new Masons and are performing good ritual work.

Matanuska Lodge #7 in Palmer is enjoying a marked increase in monthly attendance and is gaining in younger members. I believe this is due in a large part to the efforts of consistently good ritual work and Masonic education presentations put on by its officers and general membership. With each year’s “fifth Tuesday” programs and observances involving table lodges plus great cuisine, more attendance is becoming the trend. Guest speakers are now a regular part of their dinner meetings. I say these things, not because it is my home lodge, but the numbers speak for themselves. This is a lodge to emulate.

Iditarod Lodge #20 is struggling to maintain itself. It is being assisted by members of Eagle River and Matanuska Lodges. Worshipful Brother Eldon Jenkins is serving as Master, Very Worshipful V. Clifford Darnell is serving as Senior Warden, and Worshipful Brother Richard Grant is serving as Junior Warden for the 2015 year. There are a small number of younger men entering the officer's line, but this year will be a trying time for the lodge. I do not have a plausible solution to recommend. We, in the other District #5 lodges, shall be endeavoring to provide them with assistance in ritual work and lecture presentations as much as possible.

All three lodges had regular elections for 2015 officers and successful installations during December.

Thank you for the opportunity to serves as Deputy for District #5. If I may be of further help, please do not hesitate to ask.

Respectfully and fraternally,

VW Lee Seagondollar

Alaska Masonic Children's Foundation Meeting

(Transcribed from audio recording)

Annual meeting of the Alaska Masonic Children's Foundation was called to order by President MW John R. "Bo" Cline.

Roll Call

President	John R. "Bo" Cline	Here
Vice-President	Jerry Pinion	Absent
Treasurer	James Grubbs	Here
Secretary	Jerry Wasson	Here
Director	James Herrington	Absent but came later
Director	David Worel	Here
Director	Doug Teninty	Here
Director	Carl Lindstrom	Here

Reading of last year's minutes.

Recommendation from Treasure for scholarship is \$1,000 but depends on what we collect as donations. I think we are getting another \$1,000 donation. I think his check is in the mail. Ed Weisser said he was going to send his check anyway even though he couldn't come.

President asked, "What is the value of the endowment right now?" Treasurer said that it was \$47,709.37. We paid out \$1,000 and the market value went down and our total change was a minus 0.2 but it came back up in January (2015).

President asked, “And the money for scholarships, does this come from the earnings. Treasurer answered “correct.”

Treasurer: At the moment I can only say about \$1,000 and that be one scholarship and now with the other fund, once we get it squared away, this is for visual, arts, and music. We will have to wait until we that all squared away.

Report from the Scholarship Committee

Haven’t got one yet.

Old Business

- Charitable solicitations – registration with the State and required by all states. Has anything been done to accomplish that? This will not apply to us since we are not soliciting externally but rather internally. Should contact the state and still look into this.
- To establish a committee to review and recommend changes to the bylaws.

New Business

A biennial report is due since we are a registered corporation every other year. Since we were founded on an odd year our report is due this year. It has to be in by July 2nd and if filed later there is a \$25 fee we have to pay for late filing. As soon as we have a new slate of officers as board members, that is the time to file it.

President discussed a time line concerning the Alaska Masonic Children’s Foundation.

Discussion of recommendation that the Grand Master be the president of the Alaska Masonic Children’s Foundation and that the Deputy Grand Master be the Vice-President, The Treasure and Secretary be the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary respectively. The President has no authority.

Discussion on selection of who runs charity committee and possibility of several scholarships under the scholarship committee.

Discussion of Bikes for Books Program in the schools.

Deputy Grand Master gave president the authority to contact and give guidance to the scholarship committee.

Jerry Wasson and David Worel volunteered to review the bylaws.

Recommendation for a resolution to adjust the direction and guidance of the scholarship committee by March 1.

Recommendation to keep board of directors as status quo and add John Bishop and the new Junior Grand Warden. Motion moved and passed.

Officers to be:

President	John R. "Bo" Cline
Vice-President	Doug Teninty
Treasurer	James Grubbs
Secretary	Jerry Wasson

President will look into the management of the foundation and the impact of the bylaws by March 1.

President indicated that we need a mid-year meeting.

Motion to adjourn, seconded, and carried.

Alaska Masonic Corporation Meeting

(Transcribed from audio recording)

Grand Master David Worel declared the Alaska Masonic Corporation meeting opened.

Roll Call

Carl Lindstrom	here
Doug Teninty	absent
David Worel	here
Jerry Wasson	here
James Grubs	here'
John Bishop	absent at roll call but came later

Reading of previous minutes

New business

- Discussion if the Grand Lodge is going to do any recording of the proceedings and do you want visual recording or not. Some grand masters want visual recording of their installation. There is no problem having audio recording. Consensus that no video recording of session unless the Grand Master wants it. There will be no video recording of this session as the Grand Master doesn't want anybody to see his screw-ups in the Grand Lodge session.
- Secretary wants to know about what is the corporation going to do for his storage area or place of storage. Discussion followed. Storage of items in the existing building is at a premium. The future of the Grand Lodge is to have its own building. Possibility to re-construct a building at the corner of the previous office for office and storage

area. The Corporation may need to talk to David Hunt if possibility of selling lot to Grand Lodge.

Carl Lindstrom asked if there was a possibility of putting a storage area on the lot next to the museum and office. However, Jerry is going to look for a storage place.

Need to check with zoning if going to put another building with office and rental offices in it. May be able to ask for a waiver of the zoning.

John Bishop made motion that this corporation form a committee to research this whole thing and look at a long-term property for the Grand Lodge and what out options are.

Motion seconded

Discussion followed and it was mentioned that the zoning would need to be light industrial and a zoning waiver may be granted.

Motion carried.

Roger Hansen (visitor) indicated that he would go over to the Municipality of Anchorage and get everything one needs to know about that lot, i.e., zoning, legal information, owners, and requirements for building a building on the existing structure.

- Grand Master made motion that the future Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, Doug Teninty and Carl Lindstrom be the chairman and co-chairman for the 2015 Alaska Masonic Corporation.
- Motion seconded and Motion carried

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned.

Alaska Masonic Library and Museum (AMLAM) Meeting

Annual Meeting
February 4, 2015

Annual Meeting called to order by John R. "Bo" Cline.

Roll Call:

Reading of previous annual meeting minutes (February 5, 2014) by Secretary Roger Hansen.

Reading of special meeting minutes (September 6, 2014) by Secretary Roger Hansen

Old Business

1. Report by Johnnie Wallace:

Contacted Morgan Stanley and filled out forms for account.

Account balance is \$76,309.63 and there is no activity but the account keeps growing. Checking account is \$11,371.84 as of October 31, 2014. Paul Eberman and Hank Dunbar's names were removed from account and Roger Hansen and Johnnie Wallace's names were put on account. Roger Hansen has objected to putting his Social Security number on the account but Johnnie Wallace indicated that Morgan Stanley requires it.

2. Kenai Lot

Assessed value is \$2200 and property tax is \$21.94 and needs to be paid.

3. Miscellaneous Business

Bo Cline has put together a finance committee.

Johnnie Wallace will go back through the archives to look at how the investment was set up.

Monte Ervin said that he will look through Glenn Pruitt and John Ingram's files for information.

Bo Cline indicated that he had filed the taxes for 2013 by E-File and that taxes for 2014 need to be filed by December 15, 2015.

Johnnie Wallace gave a proposed budget where the annual rent is \$1200/year.

Discussion followed on the budget and will also look into insurance.

Joe Dahl indicated that he had taken a look at different programs for research and is looking into joining the Masonic Library and Museum Association. He was emphatic about getting rid of the York Rite director and can't get into the mail box. He indicated that some things come through the museum and a couple things are donated to the museum.

Bo Cline indicated that Joan can't make it. He read a modified version of the Mission Statement.

He recommended Masonic Library and Museum Association membership. The Biennial Report with the State of Alaska is due. He reviewed the solicitation letter with those present. It didn't get sent out last year as anticipated, but will be sent out soon.

New Business

1. Fill positions of the Directors.

Discussion on why to be on the board.

Roger Hansen said that he would not be filling the Secretary position.
Five positions to be filled and nominations were held.

Bo Cline

Monte Ervin

John May

No other positions filled.

Motion made to accept, seconded, and passed.

2. Quarry Project Phase II to be held September 18 to 20, 2015 in Indianapolis, Indiana. The three participants in this year's conference are The Masonic Society, the Masonic Library and Museum Association (MLMA), and the Masonic Information Center (MSANA).
3. Budget to be proposed and Johnnie Wallace recommended it be a draft.
4. Fund raising activity: Solicit a chairman for some fundraising event. John May volunteered as chairman.
5. Jack Newell volunteered to work on the webpage.
6. A list of initiatives was presented:
 - a) Collection of Howard Stable writings of Scottish Rite.
 - b) An Alaskan History symposium on May 23.
 - c) Creation of a center for American Freemasonry.

Motion made to approve, seconded, and motion carried.

7. Election of Officers for 2015
 - a) President - John R. "Bo" Cline
 - b) Vice President - John May
 - c) Treasurer – Johnnie Wallace
 - d) Secretary – Steve Cords

Meeting Adjourned

Alaska Masonic Library and Museum (AMLAM) Report

The tape recording was hard to understand along with the echo and therefore no transcription was made. Worshipful Joe Dahl reiterated what had transpired in the Alaska Masonic Library and Museum meeting.

Awards

James A. Williams Award

The James A. Williams Award honors the Alaska Lodge with the largest number of Master Masons raised during the year 2014. This year's award goes to Tanana Lodge 3 with eight Master Masons raised.

Buckley C. Hazen Award

The recipient of the Buckley C. Hazen Award for the largest percentage membership growth was presented to Aurora Lodge 15 having 4.8% membership growth for the year 2014.

Military Recognition Award

The following names of military personnel with their branch and a State of Alaska Trooper are recognized for the year 2014.

Air Force	SSGT Shaun Nickel
Army	SSGT Luis A. Pagan
Navy	ET2 Charles T. Johnson
Marines Corp	SGT Oscar Garcia
Alaska State Trooper	Nick Hayes

Grand Master's Award for Excellence

The Grand Master's Award for Excellence was earned by the following Masters in 2014:

W J. L. Burnham	Skagway Lodge 1
W Monte R. Ervin	Tanana Lodge 3
W John d. May	Valdez Lodge 4
W Timothy C. Paris	Eagle River Lodge 13
W Jeff Wilson	Aurora Lodge 15
W Gary Greener	Anchorage Lodge 17
W Kenneth D. Vaughn	Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge 21

Mason of the Year

Mason of the year for 2014 was awarded to Worshipful John D. May.

Humanitarian Service Award

The Humanitarian Service Award for 2014 was presented to Gabrielle Hazelton.

Gabrielle De Long Hazleton began her career with Rainbow at age thirteen when she joined Juneau Assembly No. 3, International Order of The Rainbow for Girls. She held many offices in the local assembly and served as Worthy Advisor for three different terms.

In 1987 she assumed her first Grand Office as Grand Page to the Grand West at the twenty-sixth annual session held in Juneau. Subsequently in 1988 she was appointed to the Grand Executive Board, in 1989 to the office of Grand Patriotism. She was elected to the office of Grand Charity in 1990. The following year, 1991, she was elected to the office of Grand

Worthy Associate Advisor. She ended her career as a Rainbow girl in 1992 by taking her Majority at the thirtieth annual session held in Wrangell, Alaska.

Even though her Rainbow career was over as a Rainbow girl, she remained active as a Majority girl supporting the local Juneau assembly. At the 1994 Grand Assembly session in Juneau, she served on the hosting committee as registration chair and participated in the baby dedication ceremony, in which her daughter, Sorcha, was dedicated. From 1995 through 1998 she was co-editor of the Aurora, which is the state Grand Assembly publication. From 1996 through 1998 she served as Mother Advisor of the local assembly. In 2005 she became Grand Mother Advisor for Brandon Wigfield and Grand Worthy Advisor of Alaska. In 2005, Supreme Assembly appointed Gabrielle to the office of Acting Supreme Deputy for Alaska and officially became Supreme Deputy in 2006. In 2014 she was appointed by Supreme Assembly to serve as Supreme Inspector.

Lifetime Achievement Award

The Lifetime Achievement Award for the year 2014 was presented to Worshipful James R. Griffith

Secretary of the Year Award

No Secretary of the Year for the year 2014 was awarded.

Grand Lodge Scholarship Recipient

The recipient of the Masonic Scholarship is Anna Thompson. She is attending the University of Victoria, Victoria Canada.

Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scholar Award

(Transcribed from audio recording)

This award was presented to Brandon Ray Sampley of Tanana Lodge 3 for the year 2014.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Presentations

(Transcribed from audio recordings)

Presentation of two gifts to Most Worshipful David Worel by Most Worshipful Nikolay Stanchev, Grand Master

The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Bulgaria, Most Worshipful Nikolay Stanchev presented two items, a St. Nickolas icon and a mask from Bulgaria to Most Worshipful David Worel.

Presentation of columns to the Grand Lodge by Most Worshipful James Herrington, Past Grand Master

Most Worshipful James R. Herrington, Past Grand Master and Assistant Tyler presented to the Grand Master for the Grand Lodge a set of hand crafted wood columns by Ken Vaughn.

Presentation of apron to Brother Tim Jellison by Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge

Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge thought that Brother Tim Jellison should be properly clothed with an apron to represent Alaska and presented him the apron through the Grand Master.

Presentation of certificate of appreciation to Most Worshipful Dave Worel from George Washington National Masonic Memorial

Most Worshipful John R. "Bo" Cline, for the George Washington National Masonic Memorial, presented a certificate of appreciation to Most Worshipful David Worel for his interest and support of the George Washington National Masonic Memorial.

Presentation of cufflinks to Most Worshipful David Worel from the United Grand Lodge of South Wales

Very Worshipful Sam Strykowski, representing the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of South Wales, presented Most Worshipful David Worel a set of cufflinks.

Presentation of Masonic symbol to Most Worshipful David Worel from Most Worshipful Russ Charvonja, Grand Master of California

Most Worshipful Russ Charvonja presented a Masonic symbol – point within a circle with two parallel perpendicular lines to Most Worshipful David Worel to help remind you of our teachings of our craft.

Presentation of Emeritus title to Dwight Morris, Grand Organist

Grand Lodge thanked Dwight Morris, Grand Organist, for all the years that he has played the piano for the Grand Lodge sessions and therefore, bestowed upon him the title of Emeritus so that he can retain the title of Worshipful Dwight Morris forever.

After receiving the award, Worshipful Dwight admitted that he had the Grand Master's gavel all along. Where upon, Grand Master David Worel exclaimed, "You're the One!!!" (Much laughter followed)

Presentation of two gifts from Most Worshipful Ed Bousquet, Past Grand Master of Oregon

Most Worshipful Ed Bousquet Past Grand Master presented to Grand Master David Worel a hand-tooled wallet and fleece lined pillow/blanket.

Brother Jerry Wayne Lewis' 50 year presentation

Most Worshipful Grand Master David Worel presented a 50 year membership pin and card and a 50 year certificate for Scottish Rite to Brother Jerry Wayne Lewis. Most Worshipful Grand Master David Worel said that it is not often that we get to give a 50 year certificate and pin to a brother and therefore extended Private Grand Honors to him.

Presentation of Crystal Gavel to Most Worshipful Doug Teninty by Most Worshipful Russ Charvonja, Grand Master of California

Most Worshipful Russ Charvonja, Grand Master of California presented Most Worshipful Doug Teninty with a crystal gavel after being elected as Grand Master of Masons in Alaska.

Contributions to Grand Lodge of Alaska

Contribution From:	To:	For:	Amount
Glacier Lodge No. 10	Grand Lodge	Travel Fund	\$ 1,000.00
Kenai Lodge No. 11	Grand Lodge	Discretionary Fund	150.00
North Pole Lodge No. 16	Grand Lodge	Travel Fund	500.00
Anchorage Lodge No. 17	Grand Lodge	Travel Fund	1,264.00
Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18	Grand Lodge	Fine	1.00
Sterling Lodge No. 22	Grand Lodge	Operating Fund	250.00

Kenai-Soldotna Shrine Club	Grand Lodge	Operating Fund	90.00
Ed Weisser	AMFC	Scholarship	1,000.00
Sam & Pam Strykowski	AMFC	Scholarship	300.00
		TOTAL	\$4,555.00.

Raffle winners

Bolo tie Jason Green from Valdez Lodge No. 4
 Past Masters Watch Tim Jellison

Speeches by Distinguished Guests

Honorable John Eberhart, Mayor of Fairbanks

(Transcribed from audio recording)

Good morning on this very crisp Fairbanks winter morning.

I heard you say that we also have people from Australia. That is where my wife is from. After twenty-three years in Fairbanks, she's started out "when are you going to retire? You know Emerson Road is pitted. They want to get away for the winter. Kooley Kaba. Ga Day Mate.

Welcome to our community, the golden heart city of Fairbanks. We respect the organization, its impressive millions of men in every race have come together. For centuries it's creating a spirit of fellowship. I understand that Freemasonry includes a collective of ethical conduct emphasizing moral and social values plus that of brotherly love. I further understand that that every Mason stands equal among his brothers regardless of his walk in life and no one is turned away because of their financial need.

It is an honor that you are meeting here in our golden heart city of Fairbanks to celebrate your ideals, truthfulness, and benevolence. I also understand and we all know that your organization does a terrific amount of charitable and good works for our community.

I admire the credible work that you do including distressed Masons and their families. We also observe that you are involved with many projects, community activities, and volunteer activities. I understand that many Masonic lodges as well as Shriner's hospitals and those types of programs and those worthwhile endeavors that volunteers and good work that you do for our community are very important to us. It has a significant impact in our cities, in our states, and in our country.

At the city of Fairbanks we are busy. We are working hard to try to improve our resident's quality of life, to ensure equality, and to promote any inclusive lofty cultural communities.

I have been mayor for about a year and a half now and last year a few of the things we undertook at the city for the first time; we tried to meet the goals like talk about a set of quality of life, more inclusive communities, ensuring equality, and we started something called the Fairbanks Diversity Council, a fifteen member public body. It includes a good mix of people of all ethnic and diversity groups and make sure we understand their concerns and issues and that they have a voice. That council is also charged with coming up with a diversity action plan to the city, making sure that there is equal opportunity and inclusiveness in our community.

We started a work-study program for high school students. We're the first one in Alaska to do this through the school district where students now come to us and they work in some of the departments part-time to get credit. They help us out, they learn skills, and get an insight into the government.

In south Fairbanks, which has been traditionally a poor area and a troubled area, we are currently looking at neighborhood improvements trying to revitalize that whole area and hand-in-hand we are looking at introducing community oriented policing. We are going to start in south Fairbanks.

The new police chief is very big on community oriented policing. All over the United States, for a number of reasons we are seeing lots of disrespect and distrust in communities and their police. We need to restore that. We need to get to know each other's neighbors better and understand each other better and try to perform better relationships.

We also started last year what we call an expanded community services patrol. You might have seen these vans running around the town. It's a downtown association-Fairbanks Community Services Patrol. They take incapacitated persons into protective custody. If somebody is incapacitated due to inebriation or otherwise, we want to make sure they don't get hurt and they don't die because a number of people freeze to death in past years. That's not good. We want to prevent that.

The volunteers do good work, such as your organization performs, illustrate the goodness of the human heart and the best in mankind. I hope you have a fruitful conference, for sharing ideas, for making new friends to reestablishing bonds that you had if you haven't met before, strengthening your comradery, being able to discuss your ideals, and the good work you perform for us.

Unfortunately, I need to run off to a meeting with the city council members-we have some big issues coming up for our meeting Monday night. So, I wish I could stay longer, but I want to thank you very much for whatever you do for our city, for our state, and for our country. Enjoy your conference. Thank you very much.

**Most Worshipful Jerry W. Pinion, Past Grand Master's Response
to Mayor Eberhart**

(Transcribed from audio recording)

Thank you Mayor Eberhart for your warm welcome from all of our friends in Fairbanks. This is a great beginning for our 34th Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Alaska.

Thank you for sharing this day with all the brothers and friends from around the world. The weather is beautiful!

We Alaskans have learned when we have sunny days during winter, we usually have very frosty mornings. I want our friends from Bulgaria and Australia as well as our brothers from Canada and the United States, especially Arizona and California to experience and cherish the winters of Fairbanks by scheduling a low of -39 degree temperature and -42 degree tomorrow night.

Thank you for your hospitality and warm friendship.

Respectfully,

Jerry Pinion, PGM

**Most Worshipful Nikolay Stanchev, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of
Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Bulgaria**

(Transcribed from audio recording)

I hope everybody to understand me.

So, Most Worshipful Brother David Worel, Grand Master of this Grand Lodge of Alaska, your honor the mayor of the town-this worshipful town, the worshipful masters and grand masters of the visiting bodies, the Right Worshipful Brother Grand officers, Very Worshipful Brothers, Worshipful Brothers, Brothers from all the world, the dear ladies all here I this room.

My name is Nikolai Stanchev and I am the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Bulgaria. Bulgaria is a small, if you don't know that, Bulgaria is a small country, small but beautiful on the Balkan Peninsula in the southeast Europe.

And, you ask me why do these two brothers fly this long trip to be here. And, I can only, at least to you, all you know the ancient backgrounds are the basic principles of Freemasonry. They are written in the book of our Right Worshipful Brother Albert McKay (not understandable) of Freemasonry. It is this brother from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina.

So, one of these basic principle (not understandable) is that Masonry is the road to civility and we all the brothers are in one with no change. Se we believe that Masonry is a road to

civility and all the brethren, no matter where they live, no matter at what weather conditions they work, all brothers are Masons and they work together because all brothers have one common goal. All brothers share common ideas and all brothers have the common good. That's why it is our common understanding and we have the brotherly love to give to the brothers of the Grand Lodge of Alaska and to give our respect to all your brothers.

Second reason, we again, the previous years found the body, we met one brother from the Grand Lodge of Alaska twice. First in Baltimore at the Conference of Grand Master of North America after that in Alexandria in George Washington Masonic Memorial and the second time at the Word Conference in Bucharest, Romania.

Even though we had the chance to welcome this brother in our lovely country (not understandable) and we spend unforgettable days visiting with (not understandable) with him with our brothers from our Grand Lodge. (not understandable) days we were able to see the brotherly love. We understand is the bond of this brother. I'm speaking to the Most Worshipful Brother David Worel, your Grand Master.

We the brothers of the Grand Lodge of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Bulgaria and the United States also that Brother David is a grand Mason and he has something more. We think that he is the brother with a vision. What he is doing and I am sure he will do of for the Masonry all over the world. Thank you brothers for what you are doing with respect to your efforts.

Janelle von Birgelen, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Most Worshipful Grand Master Mr. Worel, Grand Lodge of Alaska, friends:

Why should you support a youth organization? Maybe you were in DeMolay. Maybe your daughter, sister, mother, aunt, or grandmother was a Rainbow Girl or Job's Daughter. This list of possibilities goes on and on. No matter your reason, may it be big or small youth organizations continue to need your support. Support comes in many different forms. It may mean donating to or attending a dinner, attending an installation, it can be as simple as attending a regular meeting. Support doesn't have to be grand and extreme, sometimes even the smallest acts lend the greatest impact.

Masonic youth organizations are the next generation of the Masonic family. In any given meeting you may have future members of Eastern Star, Order of the Amaranth, Ladies of the Oriental Shrine, Scottish Rite, and in the case of DeMolay, there are definitely future Masons. This in it of itself is a great reason to show your support of the youth organizations. Your presence, or the knowledge of your support plays a great role in a Masonic youth's tendency to continue involvement when they reach and pass majority age. As a member of a youth organization you are told about the other concordant bodies, but most often we don't actually know that much about the other members of our Masonic family.

We live in a time where involvement in organizations under the Masonic umbrella does not seem to be as widely accepted or as mainstream as it used to be. This is an unfortunate truth

because I have seen, heard, and witnessed just how amazing and life changing the involvement in an organization under the Masonic umbrella can be. Too often we work to squash the rumors that circulate, and are not able to truly show people how wonderful their organizations are. One of the ways that I see to bring Masonic affiliation back to the forefront is to increase our membership. In increasing membership it is not only finding new faces to add names to rosters, it is equally if not more important to remember your current members. Retention is as big a part, and some might even say a bigger aspect of membership than recruiting. We are already a strong set of organizations, but there is always room for improvement.

The theme of this year's Grand Session is "Finding Yourself in the World of Rainbow." Rainbow offers girls the tools to get ready for life. One of the main components of this creed is leadership. Coincidentally leadership is one of the core values that Grand Lodge is focusing on. Leadership is vital to every organization. It is something that we will use in the work force and I know it is something that all of you have used in your life. The Masonic family fosters leadership. The blossoming leaders of the youth organizations are the leaders of tomorrow and the future both in and outside of the Masonic family.

In keeping with this year's theme of travel, I have had the privilege to travel to many different places visiting many members of our Masonic family. With each trip I saw how strong and welcoming the Masonic family is. No matter where you go you are welcomed as a member of the Masonic family. With each trip my love and yearn for travel continued to grow, each trip reminded me that the opportunities are endless. As members of this wonderful Masonic family, the opportunities that are opened to us are endless. I know that if I were not involved in Rainbow, I would not have the same opportunities and I ask you to reflect on and remember all of the opportunities that the Masonic family has given you.

I leave you with this challenge. In the next year attend at least one meeting, one dinner, or one event put on by a youth organization, you never know how far that show of support will go.

On behalf of Mrs. Hazelton, Supreme Inspector, I invite you to the fifty-third Terrific Traveling Grand Session, June 25-27, in Anchorage. I know you will have a productive and successful Grand Communication.

Steven E. Crane, Grand Councilor, DeMolay International
(Transcribed from audio recording)

Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, all the Grand Officers:

I am very pleased to be here for the second year in a row in Alaska. One time, fifteen years ago, when Alaska was part of my region and visited up here quite a bit and now I come back for a visit.

I bring you greetings on behalf of about 125,000 young men who are managed by about 5,700 adult volunteers in twenty-three countries, speaking eleven different languages. We are experiencing an explosive growth in DeMolay around the world. Last year and a half we had the countries Uruguay, Paraguay, Peru, Bolivia, Serbia, Romania a couple years ago. We have pending requests from the Grand Lodges of Cuba, Guatemala, Honduras, Venezuela, Argentina, Estonia, Latvia, Russia, and Ukraine- those are kind of a problem right now, and Ivory Coast of South Africa. I forgot Taiwan.

So, the growth of DeMolay around the world is explosive and even beyond our capabilities to meet their needs. When you start thinking about going to these other countries, how do you translate the ritual? Fortunately I found a way to translate the Russian ritual because a certain individual seated to my right up here has a wife who apparently speaks pretty good Russian. But, we get those complicated issues of how you translate the ritual into the various languages that you need. How do you put on adult training? How do you do all of those things? It becomes a very complicated process to deal with.

Unfortunately, we are not seeing that same revolution in the United States. We just seem to kind of float along in North America. We haven't figured out how to get out of the doldrums. It's quite different to watch how DeMolay is viewed in other grand lodge jurisdictions. The view is quite differently than here in the U.S.

DeMolay is a recruiting process. So, if you are in the Grand Lodge of Montegrosa de Sol in Sao Paulo, Brazil, every five DeMolay that come into the organization are assigned a Master Mason and his job is to watch those young men over the course of their career in DeMolay. When they reach the age where they are permitted to join the lodge, that Master Mason will come back to the lodge and tell them that "Johnnie" is going to join, "Joseph" is not going to join, "brother Abraham" is going to join. And, the lodge will waive the degree fees and dues for that young man until he graduates from college. So, they look at and find young men who are going to be architects, doctors, dentists, engineers, and professors and they bring a very select group of individuals into their lodge.

So, Masonry is quite different. Those of you who have been outside of the U.S. recognize that our degrees cost and our annual dues cost are minuscule in comparison to most of the lodges around the world. Lodges that I visited in Casa Grande, Brazil-our main leader for DeMolay-his dues are \$500 U.S. per month but with these dues they operate a school. Public schools are not a part of the process down there. So, they can operate a K-12 grade school. They look for the best and brightest of those young men that are going to those schools. They bring them into DeMolay and they bring them into the lodges. It is a different way of viewing DeMolay.

I am very pleased to see Rainbow up here. Rainbow and Job's are a typical part of DeMolay. For same reason, the young men are happy to be around a bunch of young girls. I guess I'm getting old and forgetful what that was about. Anytime we can get both of those organizations going together, the symbiotic processes, it really is advantageous.

Grand Master, thank you very much for your invitation to come up here again this year. I really appreciate it.

**Victoria C. Ault, Supreme Royal Matron, Supreme Council, Order
of the Amaranth**

(Transcribed from audio recording)

Thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master

Grand Lodge of Alaska, Brethren, Sisters, friends all, it's good to be back again speaking for Amaranth as Supreme Royal Matron and the Supreme Royal Patron returned from our trip to the Philippines and able to meet the Past Grand Master there who is their Grand Secretary. They're very interested in Alaska. Maybe sometime we'll get a representative from there to come here.

Amaranth is a social fraternal association and to join the men have to be a Master Mason and the ladies need to have a relationship to a Master Mason. Rainbow and Job's Daughters, when they reach majority are free to join. And, then there is a group called the Triangle which is only found in New York and they are also welcome to join us as soon as they reach majority.

Our philanthropy is diabetes research. Now research is a little esoteric. You and I don't necessarily see it as it is going on. But, any of your medical conditions, how many conferences have your doctor done research for finding help as a cure for it. So I am sure we work with our scientists for a cure for diabetes.

Amaranth is the largest single contributor from the group to the American Diabetes Association. I'm sure (not understandable) Del and I were in Washington DC to lay a wreath to the unknown soldier in November, we had a meeting with the American Diabetes Association and found out lots of things they are doing with our research money. We fund three scientists who are doctors every three years. (not understandable) of the trio we have been working with and three more scientists or doctors will be selected who are working in the field of that evidence research.

If you look around the room and ask people to stand, I'll bet most of us know or somebody or perhaps a family member, who has diabetes or is watching their diet so they don't get diabetes. It really is very important and that research has helped create a few things that has helped diabetes.

In a current research, one of the things is a test tube to all of us, particularly if you are diabetic that have their vitamin D level checked. One of our scientists is working on the test just discovered that your level of vitamin D (not understandable) may not help you to be a diabetic but may help you feel better when your vitamin D is at the proper level. So, mention that when you have your next physical.

We are international in that we are found in the Philippines, Australia, United Kingdom, and we're still working on Brazil. It was interesting to hear the many questions that DeMolay had. We had hoped that this year we would get those courts started in Brazil, but it hasn't happened yet. It has something to do with recognition by their grand master and the place that is interested has enough people to start five courts if we could just get them recognized. So, it won't be on my term when it happens, but in the next few years we hope to have a large showing of Amaranth in Brazil.

Our foreign countries and even Canada have their diabetic funds for their own country. In the U.S., we give it to the American Diabetes Association. But, (not understandable) for his diabetes in Canada. The Philippines use it in the Philippines and of course the United Kingdom uses it within themselves. So, we're not taking all of their money over to the U.S.

We'd like to say that our Supreme Session will be in Seattle, June 21st through the 24th and we are expecting your Grand Master, when it happens, to be there on the Masonic family night which is Sunday the 21st. Everybody is welcome, everybody whether you are a Masonic or not. So, if you are in Seattle, we'll be at the Double Tree at the airport on Sunday night the 21st what we call Masonic family night which we should have representatives from all over the Masonic family.

I wanted to have my session in Alaska. If anybody wants to come to Alaska, until they find out what it costs plus we need to have a hotel that can house any of the session with all the main meals all in one place. They don't like to have transportation from a hotel to the session. So, that's why I am doing it in Seattle for where it was several years ago.

I do hope many of you will come. We have tried to use some of the Alaskan names for our people. Our Grand Royal Matrons and Grand Royal Patrons are the "North Stars" for the ladies and the "Midnight Suns (Sons)" for the Grand Royal Patrons. And, the greater person is the head of a state or province because not everybody has states. And, the people that help them out are the (not understandable) Matrons and Patrons are the "Prospectors." Our four officers are call the "Gold Nuggets." I used the "Polar Bear" in the response for my animals. Sir Knight Del has used the "Wolf" which is Alaskan too. So, we are trying to pull Alaskan things in and show Alaska.

So, let's have a whole lot of y'all come down from Alaska and our session in Seattle. Thank you so much.

(Not understandable) when I was at Grand Lodge, I made some purchases. Here is a little something from (not understandable) crystal with a grand compass. Thank you so much. We sure need some men members. Come on men! At the local level, the ladies can fill the men's stations, but on the state and provincial level and country level we need men.

Thank you so much.

Lee O. Seagondollar, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alaska

(Transcribed from audio recording)

Good morning. I'll try to keep this short and to the point.

I am the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alaska. We will have a conference, we call our grand sessions this next month in March 5, 6, and 7 with the hotel in Anchorage in the Marriott downtown with the meeting held at the Anchorage Masonic Center at 15th and Eagle.

As stated previously all of the organizations have particular charities and we try to sponsor and create interest in and the Royal Arch Masons have an organization called the RARA for Royal Arch Research Association. This is primarily geared toward research in auditory perception particularly with the young fold who are in school when quite often problems arise in the student's learning curve that the instructor in the class gives the direction and when the student heard was what the instructor said or what they understood was not exactly that.

There are various types of filters that have been used with the hearing apparatus for the hearing impaired but it's not specifically limited to that alone. So, that where the money goes and have had a good reception with progress being made there.

I thank you for the opportunity to speak and look forward to the rest of the Grand Lodge session. Thank you.

Illustrious Christopher M. Fratello, Potentate, Al Aska Shrine Temple

(Transcribed from audio recording)

Most Worshipful thank you very much. I must say that this was unexpected, completely unexpected. I'll keep it short and sweet too.

I'm the Potentate for the Alaska Shriners. I am pleased to be up here and thank you very much. The Alaska Shriners operates a network of twenty-two hospitals, most of you probably all know that. We have fun, we help the kids, and have a good time doing it.

Hope you have a great session and thank you very much.

**Most Worshipful Johnnie Wallace, Past Grand Master, Response
to Introduction of Past Grand Masters of Alaska**

(Transcribed from audio recording)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brothers all, quite a pleasure to speak on behalf of all of the grand masters of Alaska. The two honorary past grand masters that we have with us today, one is not able to be here, he has a meeting outside.

We want to thank you for the honor of presenting us before the brothers and the honor of being able to work with you this year. It has been a great pleasure. We thank you for all the courtesies and we hope you have a successful term, the rest of what short-lived it is. One more day.

Thank you very much.

**Most Worshipful L. V. "Joe" Dees, Past Grand Master, Response to
Introduction of Grand Representatives**

(Transcribed from audio recording)

Most Worshipful Grand Master. Today, it is my extreme pleasure to respond on behalf of the Grand Representatives. This is an important task. These brothers try to stay in touch with their counterparts. To keep informed of what's going on in other jurisdictions. Sometimes this means that sometime it is difficult to do. We still have openings that need to be filled. If you would like to be a representative, please call the Grand Lodge officer for availability and state and functions (not understandable) that we need filled.

Again, thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master for allowing me to respond for the Grand Representatives.

**Very Worshipful William Roberts, District Deputy to the Grand
Master #2 Response to Introduction of District Deputies**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful Sirs, Past Grand Masters, Very Worshipfuls, Worshipfuls, Distinguished Guests, and Brothers all.

Our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Dave Worel asked me to speak as the representative for the District Deputies and I am quite honored to be asked.

When our Immediate Past Grand Master, Most Worshipful James Herrington asked me to be the District Deputy for District #2, I was quite honored and pleased. Though I was quite unaware of what the job consisted. I soon found out. When I attended respective Lodges of the district, I learned I had immediately become the "authority" on the Alaska Masonic Code, on what Grand Lodge was up to, as well as what the Grand Master was doing! This was very surprisingly to me because I had rarely contacted or visited the Grand Lodge office or with

the Grand Master, nor did I have a thorough working knowledge of the Alaska Masonic Code before becoming the District Deputy. Though, you can bet I became more familiar with the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge office administration, and the Alaska Masonic Code.

Therefore, when our present Grand Master, Most Worshipful Dave Worel asked me to be the Deputy for District #2, I thought, well, this should be a fairly easy year. I got this Deputy thing down. Well, was I ever so wrong! I found out each Grand Master is different. Each has his own way of doing things, his own personality, needs, wants, etc. Each Grand Master approaches the responsibilities of his office somewhat differently. While their supervisory styles were different, they were able to kept us busy: becoming quite familiar with the "new" District Deputy Handbook and the Alaska Masonic Code; visiting the lodges within the Districts; reviewing each lodge's books for 'checks and balance' procedures in accordance with the Alaska Masonic Code; helping lodges when possible; relating guidance and direction; and obtaining data for quarterly District Reports, etc.

Representing the Grand Master is a great pleasure and honor indeed. It has given me a deep appreciation for the tremendous responsibility we Masons have placed upon our Grand Master.

Most Worshipful Grand Master we wish you well in the years ahead and we thank you for the privilege of being your Deputies

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

VW William (Bill) R. Roberts, DDGM #2

**Worshipful George Seghers Executive Director of George
Washington National Masonic Memorial**

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, my Brethren it is a pleasure and an honor to be here and to address the Grand Lodge.

I bring you warm fraternal greetings from the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association and our President, Most Worshipful Brother Donald G. Hicks, Jr., Past Grand Master of Massachusetts. First and foremost, I thank you for the support you gave to the Memorial in the past, the support you are giving now and into the future. Thanks to Past Grand Master "Bo" Cline for serving on the board and thanks for the outstanding attendance at the George Washington Birthday Gala last year with sixty-three Alaska Masons in attendance.

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial was conceived and constructed as a physical representation of the admiration and respect that Freemasons hold for him in whose honor and memory it was erected, our first President, and surely our foremost Freemason, Brother George Washington. Washington's life was a journey of not only self-improvement,

but also a journey of improving and uplifting the lives of the citizens of the then newly formed nation, the United States of America. It is fitting and proper that our Masonic forefathers created this truly magnificent Masonic National Memorial.

For those of you who have not visited the Memorial, it is a large lighthouse-looking building, more than 330 feet high and set nearly a mile inland from the Potomac River. Now, you could say a lighthouse located nearly a mile inland is not practical and a lighthouse dedicated to George Washington is somewhat odd as he was a farmer, soldier, statesman, and not a sailor or fisherman.

However, since I have the great privilege and honor to work at this Memorial lighthouse, I know its real purpose. The purpose of the Memorial is to shine light into the darkness and gloom, to project hope and to illuminate a safe passage. For although lighthouses warn ships of dangerous rocks and reefs, they also guide seafaring men into safe harbors and bright futures.

The George Washington Masonic National Memorial is modeled after the Lighthouse of Ostia, which was the ancient port of Rome. For over a thousand years, into Ostia came the wealth and wisdom of the ancient world, from the time of Cincinnatus and St. Paul to Constantine the Great. But, a greater lighthouse, one of the wonders of the ancient world, guided others to Alexandria, Egypt where its great library was filled with the world's knowledge. And, in our Masonic allegory, a lighthouse guided workers, and materials, including the cedar wood of Lebanon into the port of Joppa to build the Temple of God in Jerusalem.

Now, the light that shines from the lighthouse in Alexandria, Virginia is not the light of fire as was the Lighthouse of Ostia. Its light is the Light of George Washington's character; the Light of Freemasonry. It is the Light that calls good men to be better, it is the Light that reminds the world of Freemasonry's noble history.

The Memorial's Light began illuminating the world in 1932, more than eighty years ago, yet its Masonic Light began in the distant past. It is the Light that inspired the first Freemasons in the British Isles to form lodges and grand lodges. It is the Light that spread American Freemasonry from a few lodges and a few dozen brothers in 1750 to thousands of Lodges and millions of Masons today. It is the same Light that illuminates this Grand Lodge and will, God willing, shine through Masonic lodges for generations to come. It is the Light, that when rising in the East, calls us to labor, illuminates our work throughout the day, and guides us from labor to rest, as it sets in the West.

The Light that shines from the Memorial is the very Light that a young George Washington received in the Lodge at Fredericksburg in 1752. It is the Light that spurred him into action as a young surveyor, a farmer at Mount Vernon, and as our Commander-in-Chief during our War for Independence.

This Light shown through Washington when after ultimate victory, as the American Cincinnatus, he surrendered his Commission to the Continental Congress and returned to

Mount Vernon. Yet guided by the Light, Washington returned to public service as our first President of the new United States of America. Until his untimely death, it was the Light that guided all his actions.

Through the generations, and since the Memorial Associations' founding in 1910, the Light of Washington's virtues, as made manifest in the great granite Memorial that bears his name, remains a strong and bright beacon. It lights the way and calls every Freemason into better actions, to avoid the dangers of vice, and to guide all Americans toward Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

My Brethren, I am sometimes asked what the Memorial does for the Craft or what it means to the current generation of Freemasons regardless of long service or being newly raised. Indeed, I have also heard some older brethren remark that young men today don't join the Craft because George Washington joined over 250 years ago.

As men and as Masons they are free to speculate, but this is what I believe. The men who join the Craft do so for three reasons. First, they aspire to be good men, men of high ideals and good actions. They wish to earn the same respect they have for the men they discover to be Freemasons. Second, they wish to be a part of history, and not a spectator. They desire to share the honorable traditions of an organization with meaningful rituals, an ancient history, and a pantheon of heroes. And, third, they are eager to be called to some great enterprise and be inspired to do charitable work beyond the mundane cares of life. These good men wish to be better and, in turn, to labor in an honorable society to make better communities and a better world.

In other words, today's young Masons are much the same as the young George Washington. He was inspired by the men who he knew to be Freemasons, he wished to be a better man, he wished to be counted as a member of an ancient and honorable society, and he greatly wished to be of service to his community and to God. Today's young men, like George Washington, want the badge of a Mason as "*a never-ending argument for nobler deeds, for higher thoughts, for greater achievements.*"

Today the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, Freemasonry's Lighthouse, continues to shine the Light of Washington's character and the Light of Freemasonry. As long as men are drawn to its Light, the Memorial will inspire men to become Freemasons. But not simply Freemasons, but to be good and true men, to be like George Washington, an honest, upright, and just man.

Brethren, I am certain the Light of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial will continue to shine from the high hilltop along the Potomac River. It will stand for generations to come, unmovable, a beacon from the past and into the future.

But, unlike other lighthouses, the Memorial needs men not simply to keep its Light shining, but to amplify and perpetuate the virtues of George Washington, thereby spreading the Light of Freemasonry. It needs good Freemasons to call men to be better, to join an ancient and

honorable tradition, and to inspire them to good works.

Fiat Lux, Brothers, Fiat Lux

Thank you my Brethren, please come and visit your Memorial.

Very Worshipful Sam Strykowski, United Grand Lodge of New South Wales

(Transcribed from audio recording)

Good morning gentlemen.

Most Worshipful I thank you for the use of the invitation to attend. It was afforded to me in 2013. I was here for my son's wedding and at the same time thank you for including me as my appointment as your representative near our grand lodge, The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales. I represent my new found friends and I thought it appropriate of me to come here and introduce myself and find out who was the representative near you lodge, I have been in and made arrangements to leave very soon.

Most Worshipful Dave, I bring you fraternal greetings from our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Derek Robson and he has asked me to present you with, with, with, with this set of cufflinks which represent the new United Grand Lodge of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory. They are only issued to (not understandable) and being an occasion and that I have been asked to represent you he asked me (not understandable) we took it upon ourselves to provide you with a set of cufflinks which are all appropriate, the seal of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales and most of you find the opportunity to wear them one of these times.

I had intended, with my wife, to come up here to attend this grand communication. The Grand Master was also into the invitations and declined and asked me to be his representative. This caused a few problems in Australia and New South Wales because we tend to have strange protocol. The only person that would represent the grand master is somebody with the title "Right Worshipful" and me carrying "Very Worshipful" caused a few eyebrows to be raised until the grand master pointed out that he has the right to appoint anyone irrespective of the protocol. That satisfied some of the (not understandable).

So, my wife and I hadn't fully intended to come here as your representative and be the representative of the grand master. That was solved by Derek as everything was laid on as a representative at this time. And, this wasn't in my schedule, there was no way am I that sort of person to come along (not understandable). So, I have a small donation and I want to offer it to the Grand Lodge of Alaska for them to give maybe to the library, or to your children, or to the (not understandable) from my wife and myself as a small donation to whatever charity you see to give it to.

Thank you.

May I say a few more words>

Grand Master: "Go ahead."

Australia and Alaska, we have the same name in common. Both of the names start with an "A" and ends with an "A." But there are no other countries that call the "bush" the "bush." When I came here in 2013, I was immediately attracted to the fact that you call the "bush" the "bush." That makes us very close. One of the reasons it makes us close, I was reading the reports from the previous communication and your Grand Historian, Very Worshipful Roger Barnstead reported in 2013 told a joke. It's very close to home because of the similarity between Australia and Alaska. Now, if you've forgotten the joke, I would like to very quickly say it. A young fellow just made a Mason goes home to his wife and his wife said, "What happened?" He said, "I can't tell you it's a secret." She said, "You must be able to tell me something." He thought for a moment and said, "Well yes there are three parts of people; there are the walkers, there are the talkers, and there are the holy men." She said, "What do they do?" And, he said, "The walkers walked me around the lodge room, the talkers instructed me on what to say and how to say it." And she said, "yes and the holy men?" He said, "They all sit up there on the stage and their heads in their hands and saying, Oh my God! Oh my God! Oh my God!" Now that is identical to our grand lodge and our lodge meetings and that's what makes us the same.

I don't know whether you've heard of an aviator called (not understandable). He was an Australian and he was a fighter pilot during the First World War. He decided, during the Second World War, there was 10,000 pound prize each year for the first person to fly from England to Australia.

He purchased an aircraft which was called a kangaroo, a Blackburn kangaroo. He intended to fly to Australia to win the 10,000 pound prize with a couple of stops. (Not understandable) your aviator that you asked, you don't know how to fly from one place to another. They wouldn't let him fly.

So, he sold the plane to another Australia, who was a photographer. The guy that bought the plane, the photographer crashed it. He wasn't a very good pilot and he eventually made his way to California and he flew planes in the 1920's and the 30's and was a stunt pilot. The photographer, he took photographs and became very famous and he decided after taking photographs of his Australia desert, he would go to Alaska to take photographs in Alaska.

He purchased two aircraft-three engine Fokkers. Not being a very good pilot he crashed one. He broke his arm so he decided he didn't want to fly anymore and looked around for someone to sell the planes too. (Not understandable) not the only one decided to buy the planes from him. So he went to Alaska and had to get the plane out of where it was locked and of course the damaged one he finally dragged it out of Alaska and took it to California. The U.S. government helped him put new propellers on it.

The plane was called the "Detroit" and that was the name of the sponsor who had organized the photographer. So, (not understandable) we call Smitty. Smitty renamed the

plane “The Southern Cross,” and got a crew together. He flew it from the west coast of America across the Pacific to Australia. The furthest person to fly the Pacific.

Now if it wasn’t seventeen people here (not understandable) to a city called Brisbane. What they failed to realized is that that aircraft is on permanent display in a hanger at Brisbane International Airport. So anybody who wants to go and see a little bit of Alaska, it’s there at Brisbane’s airport called “The Southern Cross.” That brings Australia and Alaska a little bit closer together.

Most Worshipful, that there is my little tale and nothing Masonic about it. I think we’ve had stories from more illuminated persons than me talking about Brother Love, Relief, and Truth. I just thought that I would tell you a couple stories about (not understandable).

Thank you.

Jeff DeFrest, Alaska Grand Chapter of Widow’s Sons

(Transcribed from audio recording)

I bring you greetings from the Alaska Grand Chapter of Widow’s Sons. I would first like to ask the Widow’s Sons, and with your permission, the Widow’s Sons stand. And, with this group for those who are not aware the Widow’s Sons in the Grand Chapter, Masonic motorcycle riders and there are a quite a few of us in this room. We have about forty-five or so members and would like to bring greetings from our new president elected last year, James Grubbs. And, he asked me to make a presentation here.

I want to point out one thing in the group of people around the room here. We’ve got fellowship, and comradery across the state every year riding a challenge ride usually in May around the Memorial Day holidays.

Last year a group of Masons met in Watson Lake and the Yukon Territories and this year our rides plan to go to Tok and the challenge ride over the Memorial Day holidays. There will be riders coming from as far as Ketchikan which is about 1,300 miles by road or Alaskans go by ferry with riders from Kenai, riders from Fairbanks, from Anchorage, all of the states and I want to make sure to bring that up to Grand Lodge. Have the opportunity.

And, finally I wanted to go through, we had fourteen founding members and a number of the founding members are in the room. One very important part and I wanted to say one of the founding members is Most Worshipful David Worel. And, so, with that our very first Widow’s Sons to become a grand master. We wanted to present you with this (not understandable) to put on dash as a reminder of (not understandable).

Most Worshipful Russ Charvonja, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of California

(Transcribed from audio recording)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, short-timer, Brethren all.

On behalf of the 55,000 Masons of California, I congratulate you on a very successful and rewarding year. You have truly led this jurisdiction with vim and vigor and great insight and you've helped your lodges to grow in terms of their leadership and they succeeded finally. And, I think that you know that you can bask in the knowledge in a job very well done.

The skit last night was disturbing (laughter). But, I've been watching you all year and trying to live vicariously through you but as of last night I've decided it is no longer a good idea (laughter). You really have to question those lodges that you been.

I hope you'll excuse my fancy wrappings out here, but I bought something at the gift store here. You know, when you walk into a lodge you've obviously plenty of symbolism. But, there is one symbol that always means more to me than any of the others. And, as you are trying to figure out how to open this, that is the point within the circle.

The point, of course, representing us, its individual means to always try to improve and we realize that we always need some assistance and so we draw the circle with the compasses to keep our passions within due bounds to act civilly toward one another. And, we recognize that while that is a helpful reminder to us, that often times does not apply enough and that we sometimes need others. And so we have those two parallel perpendicular lines that are said to represent our two saints, Saint John the Baptist and Saint John the Evangelist.

Mostly to me those two lines have another meaning when I walk into a lodge and see that Masonic symbol. I am automatically reminded my Masonic mentors. Men who over my twenty plus years of being a member of the craft has helped steer me and keep me going in a path that I have chosen. And, even with those mentors constantly guiding us we still sometimes need some additional assistance and that of course is the volume of the sacred law, for our divine guidance that we cannot materially err.

Most Worshipful, I hope that this will be displayed some place where it helps to remind you of our teachings of our craft and this was really a phenomenal year we've had. Since you've tried to steal my thunder-San Francisco, California is proud to be the host of the World Conference of Regular Grand Lodges this coming November 18th to the 21st.

We, Most Worshipful Dave said yesterday, had the pleasure of being a group meeting this last year, last May, and one incredible experience we've never shared as friends and brothers.

So, we have brochures here. The website is really simple, just remember it is World Conference of Regular Masonic Grand Lodges dot com. The acronym is WCRMGL.com. We hope to see all of you with us. It will be a time you will not forget the rest of your lives. So, will look forward to you to join us. And, we invite Most Worshipfuls, Right

Worshipfuls, all of you to join us for our annual communication in Sand Francisco just a month before that, October 9th through the 11th.

Again Most Worshipful, It's been a pleasure serving with you as we help to repair our world and bring civility back into society. Now that you are very close to being a has-been, I have a lot of work for you. So take a couple days rest and roll up your shirt sleeves and bring it with you to work.

Thank you for being such a great example to us.

Most Worshipful Sam Roberts, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Washington

(Transcribed from audio recording)

Grand Master David Worel to the brethren, after introducing Most Worshipful Sam Roberts, said "Whatever he tells you, do not believe him!

I have money for everyone here. (Laughter followed.)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, (not understandable) brethren all. It's a real pleasure for me to be here. We have certainly enjoyed the hospitality. We have always certainly enjoyed coming up and meeting the brethren of Alaska, half of whom live in Washington, the other half live in Arizona. (not understandable) of you guys coming all the way to visit your own grand lodge.

We are so proud to be joined (not understandable) the number of jurisdictions in the Western Conference as well as other jurisdictions in a civility movement. Brethren, I have a couple of questions. Have you witnessed in the last thirty days acts of disrespect, uncivil behavior, vandalism, and road-rage? We're not going to take a vote but I know you have. We've seen it. These things, people have no patience or respect for other people and it's getting worse. It's not getting better.

The jurisdiction that began to look at civility first decided who we were going to work with: Churches. Brethren, in my opinion, the churches have kind of given over to more entertainment than they have salvation and (not understandable).

Schools. We are so bound, hand bound, by rules and regulations in our school districts that most teachers are even afraid to yell at or talk in a loud voice. And, God forbid if you should even touch a child! They have no time, money, or desire any more to teach a child right from wrong, respect, and disrespect. Bullying in our schools is rampant, rampant! You'll read about it every day. And you read about the results of what happened when a student decides that he has been disrespected and he is going answer the only way he knows how, by arming himself and throwing in the towel.

Okay, where's the next door. Ah, the Parents. Brethren, if you're still working, you don't have money or time. I know what it takes to support your family. There is very little time

left when the mothers and fathers to instill all the virtues that we were given. Good luck! Nothing that's all. We have what the rest of the world truly, truly needs and we have it in our obligation and in our charter already. From the very beginning from an Entered apprentice you have promised to respect, to be patient, tolerant, obedient, all of the virtues that our society needs today.

And, it's a real pleasure joining it today with a conservative group of Freemasons who are committed to bringing civility back to our society. Alaska is one of those who have my appreciation and applause. Thank you.

Most Worshipful, it is indeed an honor and pleasure to be counted as one of your friends. At our last annual communication, I saw poor Most Worshipful David standing there all alone and I asked are you waiting on something and he said yes, I'm just going to stay a couple extra days in downtown Wenatchee and just wander around. (Sam Roberts) Well that tour is about an hour and half. What are you going to do after that? He said. "Well I don't know. I have to fly out of Seattle."

So, I loaded him and all his stuff and took him back to Seattle. I'll let you explain how packed the vehicle was and he'll say at some point about this wide and turned sideways.

Indeed it has been a pleasure. Thank you for counting me as one of your friends, my Brother.

**Most Worshipful Philip Durell, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of
British Columbia and Yukon**

(Transcribed from audio recording)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, brethren, when you said a very good friend of mine you can't possibly mean me. But then he said BC and Yukon. I thought you had renamed the region up here.

Grand Master Worel: I tried.

What was it, Alaska and the Yukon, Grand Lodge of Alaska and the Yukon?

Grand Master Worel: When I was at the Grand Lodge of Washington and I gave greetings on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Washington and the Yukon, you should have seen the look on his face when I said that.

That's alright, maybe the brethren from the Yukon wanted to join Alaska. Can't blame them. That's one of the reasons why you see quite a number of grand lodge officers from British Columbia and Yukon up here because we maybe down in the lower mainland of Vancouver but we really do appreciate up here the relationship between Alaska and the Yukon.

That is very, very special. I came up for International Days in Dawson City. It was really very, very special, the relationship up here is special. That's why we come back. We really do appreciate the friendship in your jurisdiction.

A couple of things I'm very happy to hear what Most Worshipful Sam Roberts said (not understandable), civility, (not understandable) and what Most Worshipful Charvonia said. We got all three of them so, and your Grand Master almost (not understandable) something that is truly important, very, very important.

One of the best things about it, we've been searching for a long, long time to be relevant in society and there is one thing that is not followed through and it is not part of organized religions that we can do. That is to raise the awareness of civility. Of course we had better make sure that we are fine examples of civility in our own lodges too first. Some cases, (not understandable) case of incivility-private piques and quarrels in our lodges and that is bad brethren. But, when it is amongst brethren we agree to disagree.

One thing remainder that I looked into here (not understandable). I am talking about remote. In our technology related to remote action. It struck me that we in British Columbia and Yukon have that we call Action College of Freemasonry and we have actually developed a number of courses with full requirements. And this last year, the directors agreed to open that to brethren of other jurisdictions should they so wish. We call it our Constitution on our Code. We would have to modify those sections for you to work for your grand lodge if that would be the case.

But most of the stuff is generic for every jurisdiction. So that may be of interest to you. And, if you are interested, you may contact our Grand Secretary's office for further information.

Our team in British Columbia and Yukon fiftieth appears to be spotted by the quality of the leaders. The number of wires, I chose that for our theme. One thing is I believe that inspiration is daunting that really motivates people and I've heard it said that the grand master's responsibility is to motivate. But, you've heard it, it's everyone's responsibility.

If you think about retention, why is it that we lose people? It's because we haven't got those people engaged in Freemasonry. Once you get people engaged then it's inspiration. So, it's your responsibility and for a grand master, I only found out this, this year, I had no idea before. The inspiration is human. Humans do what we do because it's really important. It's within you. It's within our ritual.

Most Worshipful Brother Sam talked about that respect. Within your heart that is where your Freemasonry resides. If that intellectual, some people have a great intellectual capacity, others got less, but everyone has the same heart. That's where your Freemasonry resides.

You do not need a university degree to know and often live by. That's why we can be relevant in your body. (Not understandable) vehicle of the civility movement as a way for us.

Think about it. Get out there. That's the way to be visible in your community to help that way. Good works and charity that are all the result of who we are inside. Who we are men

of like minds and right (not understandable).

Thank you very much.

Most Worshipful Ed Bousquet, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Oregon

(Transcribed from audio recording)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, thank you for the honor indeed.

Brethren, a couple things that ... good news and bad news about being asked to speak so late. The bad news is that these very good speakers have spoken before you. The good news is that you get to make notes. I have some notes here that I am going to make sure that I don't miss any of them.

Now something was missing when we got back from lunch, about a gavel. Now, I would like to appear before you in white gloves and apron and proclaim my innocence and I don't know anything about it. The quest is, why would anybody leave a \$40,000 gavel on a table here? (Laughter)

Another one at this point directly to the Grand East, you know where... from Oregon we brought up our electronic voting system. I am proud to report we got every voting thing back except one. But we did locate it. It's at the Grand Master's house. (Laughter)

So, I got you a lot of insured to work with here and I have another one. The Grand Master just gave me his (?) to sign the check. My name's on it and his name's on it. Anyone want to go out for drinks? (Laughter)

So we got some other things. Yesterday, the Grand Master seems to have started a new tradition by asking or requiring his immediate Past Grand Master to carry his luggage. First thing to be a Master and Past Master long enough you don't do that because the guy behind you might be remembering that he's Grand Master. You may have started something that you do not want to do buddy. (Grand Master retorted but was not understandable) (Laughter) Anybody out here reminding the Past Grand Master of that?

I'd like to bring greetings to you from the 25,000 Masons in Oregon, but unfortunately we only have about 8,000. But, our Grand Master does send his greetings, Most Worshipful Michael Wade. He is a general manager of an irrigation district in Oregon so he is pretty busy working and couldn't come up and nobody else wanted to come up here and join us and enjoy this balmy warm weather of Fairbanks.

Our Grand Master's message this year is "Masonic Pride and How to Show Your Masonic Pride." Now there are many types of Masonic pride because we're all aware. I think there is internal pride and external. External where we wear out hats to Home Depot or (?) or anything else to proclaim to your brothers you are a Mason. You will get some inquiries from some or other comments that are about your paraphernalia.

Probably more important is the internal. There are three principal tenets. We think we can all probably agree with pretty important is our internal pride. We take our internal pride in our ritual. We take pride in our journal work. We take pride in doing unto others. We take pride in being truthful. All of those are wonderful things that we can use in conducting with the civility movement as the dual (not understandable) to go out and tell the people who we are and what we represent.

I'm a firm believer in the civility movement and maybe you don't know, some of you know, I'm the Grand Secretary of Oregon and I don't have a lot of time to spend on the civility movement. I know that Jerry will back me on that.

I think that a lot of the greatest hopes, and you can see it in this group a little bit is that if this fraternity is going to grow, we have to depend on the young people. Now, some of us have been around a little longer than others but what we see in this room is a nice solid core of young people coming into this fraternity. We had the same thing in pockets of areas in Oregon some lodges that are very strong with young people coming in, you wonder, why everybody can't do that. Everybody can do that, but they have to make it interesting in people coming and quite surprisingly they won't. They're more interested in the morality, the history in Masonry. What we stand for, what we stood for so long.

Many young men come into our fraternity, they had single parents, they don't necessarily have had a strong male influence and they see the moral (not understandable) of them when they come into the fraternity. We have to keep them coming back. If they just go in and get the song-and-dance or if they are treated to ice cream and cookies after a boring meeting, they're not coming back.

Brothers, if you can come up within your long-range planning committee to be a part of this. To come up with ideas-programs which the grand lodge could support to keep the interest in the new people coming in because when they first come, they are all pumped up and ready to go. We cannot let that die, we have to keep it going.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I have a couple of gifts for you from Grand Master Ray. One of these is a hand-tooled wallet probably which you can give to Kathy to take care of the money. The other, this is because it is so warm up here, the Grand Master (not understandable) fleece lined. This doubles as a blanket or pillow. You probable need this more than she does.

Most Worshipful, thank you.

Most Worshipful David Worel commending Jacques Boiley on making the furniture used in the lodge.

(Transcribed from audio recording)

Brethren, this brother right here deserves a little bit of recognition. This furniture that you see right here being the altar, the stations, and the chairs, he made these for Tanana Lodge

No. 3. When I was the Worshipful Master of that lodge he presented that. He made all that furniture. Just fantastic! A true craftsman. Thank you very much.

MW Mike Manning, Grand Master of Arizona

(Transcribed from audio recording)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge officers, Brothers all;

Last year I had the opportunity to attend the Grand Lodge of Alaska. It was a thrill, but there was a problem. My wife had an extraction of one of her teeth and she could not fly. But that wasn't the real problem. The real problem was that the Grand Lodge of Alaska in Anchorage occurred on February the 7th which was out fifty-fifth wedding anniversary.

It took me awhile to become welcome in my home again. But that's okay. I told her that I had to come here for Jim and Dave. Highly unlikely either of them will ever be welcome in my home.

But, seriously it was great, had a good time. She's here with me this year. She would be the tall blonde, the tallest one in the parade with that gigantic hat. That's Maggie.

I bring you greetings from the well over 100,000 Masons in the state of Arizona, 7,700 are Arizona Masons all the rest are Canadians (much laughter).

Thank you so much on behalf of Maggie and myself for the hospitality and the good fellowship and friendship extended to us. I was assured that when you come to Fairbanks that the weather outside would be cold and harsh and the temperature inside this room would be warm and friendly. And, it is absolutely the truth. We had a great time, thank you so much and have a great rest of your meeting. I'll try not to get in your way.

MW Arthur G. Shoemaker, Grand Master of Idaho

(Transcribed from audio recording)

Most Worshipful Dave and Grand Master-elect Brother Doug, Brethren all:

I bring you greetings from the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Idaho (not understandable) 3,600 active Masons.

I want to point out a couple of brothers here from Alaska. One of the main reasons I made the effort and my wife that we thoroughly enjoyed. One of them is you new Grand Master-elect. Brother Doug has been down in our grand lodge for the last four years. We (not understandable) appointed when we were moving up the line inducted in the Junior Grand Warden's station. Brother Doug, I wish you the best. And, above all may our heavenly Father always watch over, guide, and protect you.

The other one is your brother who is also a brother there in Idaho and he's the representative from Alaska to Idaho, Brother Bob Wiseman. If he didn't come down to Idaho and bring that delicacy of salmon, both salmon and (not understandable) I'm convinced our grand lodge communication would be half the size we get because the number of brothers we get to come especially for that treat. Brother Bob, on behalf of your Brothers in Idaho, I thank you.

Brethren, I want to thank you very much for the warm hospitality and friendship truly have been extended to me and my wife. We thoroughly enjoyed, this is our first time up in to the interior part of Alaska. We've been along the coast before but if I could attest earlier, it might be cold outside but the warm reception we feel inside we truly appreciate always. Now truly that is what our fraternity is about.

Brethren as you listen to the various reports and discussions, I could assure you, you don't have any problems that are strictly unique to Alaska. Those problems are discussed in all of those states. At the Rocky Mountain Conference of which we are a member of, I can assure civility has been discussed the last two-three years that define topics.

The seven Rocky Mountain States that joined together developed a core-type policy that we've taken back to our individual lodges as a major topic of discussion, tied in with education. Discuss it with your brothers and obligations we took at the altar. If they live up to that obligation not only in the lodge but also will broaden the world and they truly will make a difference.

I also heard discussions were in work regarding their lodges: they have active lodges, lodges that are struggling, maybe faced with disbanding or merging in the future. We have the same issues. But, I can assure you those lodges are growing. We actually have positive growth in a fourth of our lodges. Those lodges that have active programs in the community, they have actually lodges with family. They take pride in their ritual and in their Masonic lodge building. They're proud to be Masons. They're showing that and as a result of that, they're showing young men they're Masons in the community and they are getting petitions.

Our age of our grand lodge has been slowly rising over the years. We're bringing in enough younger men that we've stopped that trend. We're on the level plateau and I'm convinced in a year or two we are going to see it start to reverse. So, those are positive things. But, it is because we are showing the community that we are out there rather than hiding ourselves behind closed doors.

So, again, I thank you for your hospitality. It has been a pleasure to be here and may the good Lord be willing, I will be back to see Brother Doug presiding next year.

Brethren, I thank you.

Worshipful Ralph Easley, Grand Lodge of New Mexico

(Transcribed from audio recording)

Most Worshipful, Officers, Brethren all, I bring you greetings from Most Worshipful Kevin Schwebel, Grand Master of Masons in New Mexico, Land of Enchantment, U.S.A. You can come to visit us there and you don't need to bring a passport.

Kevin's theme for the year is "Back to the Basics." The last couple of days you've heard me relate a lot of words to that theme like obeying, what you promised at the altar, guarding the West Gate properly.

I think we need to get back to work and do things the right way and we'll make more Masons and keep the Masons that we have. Lodges, in our state, that are doing the proper work are retaining their members and the ones taking the short cuts obviously are not doing so well.

My statement is "The easier it is that we can make a Master Mason, the easier it is for them to walk away." With that, I met Most Worshipful David down in Arizona. We fell into a friendly relationship mostly at the bar (Grand Master David Wore said "I was drinking cranberry juice!") Cranberry juice yeah! Talked about a lot of things. But, he said if I come up there to Alaska he would come down to New Mexico. So, I made it Dave. Alaska looks great. I've been outside for about five minutes.

I've had a great and enjoyable time here, me and my wife. (Not understandable) you and Kathy, your hospitality was great.

I have brought you a little gift-a bottle of wine and I brought you a rock from New Mexico. What that does, it holds the wine. You take the wine out and drink it, put a little candle in there, and it becomes a real romantic scene. The rest is up to you.

Thank you brothers. We've had a great time up here and sure like to come back again.

Grand Master David: Next year, next year it will be in Anchorage.

Worshipful Brother Ralph: Will it be warmer?

Grand Master David: No! (Laughter)

Most Worshipful Curtis Harris, Grand Master, Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alaska

The tape recording was hard to understand with the echo and therefore no transcription was made. However, prior to joining Most Worshipful David Worel in signing the compact between the two Grand Lodges in Alaska, he talked about brotherly love and friendship between the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alaska and the Grand Lodge of Alaska and his desire to be in Fairbanks for this important and prestigious event.

ELECTION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

(Transcribed from audio recording)

The following are the results of the election of officers for the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska.

Grand Master: 117 votes cast, 59 votes for a majority

Blank	1 vote
Doug Kennedy	2 votes
John May	1 vote
James Grubbs	1 vote
Mike Starkey	1 vote
Monte Ervin	1 vote
Carl Lindstrom	3 votes
No confidence	3 votes
Doug Teninty	104 votes (station accepted)

Deputy Grand Master: 117 votes cast, 59 votes for a majority

Blank	1 vote
John (?)	1 vote
David Worel	1 vote
Carl Lindstrom	114 votes (station accepted)

Senior Grand Warden: 114 votes cast, 58 votes for a majority

No confidence	3 votes
Carl Lindstrom	1 vote
Keith Herve	2 votes
John Bishop	108 votes (station accepted)

Junior Grand Warden: 112 votes cast, 57 votes for a majority

Blank	2 votes
David Worel	2 votes
John Bishop	1 vote
David Oaks	1 vote
Don Hale	1 vote
Norm Cutcher	1 vote
Bruce Kling	1 vote
James Zuke	1 vote
John May	1 vote
Keith Herve	101 votes (station accepted)

Grand Treasurer: 116 votes cast, 59 votes for a majority

Blank	1 vote
Dan Amundson	1 vote
Jerry Wasson	1 vote
James D. Grubbs	113 votes (station accepted)

Grand Secretary: 113 votes cast, 57 votes for a majority

Blank	1 vote
Mike Starkey	1 vote
Cliff Darnell	1 vote
Tom Schram	1 vote
Dan Amundson	6 votes
Jerome P. Wasson	103 votes (station accepted)

INSTALLATION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

An open installation for the 2015 - 2016 officers for The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was conducted at the Fairbanks Westmark Inn on February 6, 2015.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Welcome and Introduction of Installing Officers by MW David Worel, PGM.

INSTALLING OFFICERS

Installing Master	MW Henry T. Dunbar
Installing Marshal	MW James R. Herrington
Installing Marshal	MW Johnnie L. Wallace
Installing Chaplain	MW Jerry W. Pinion
Installing Secretary	MW Les Little
Installing Keeper of the Jewels	MW L. V. "Joe" Dees

ELECTED OFFICERS

Grand Master	MW Douglas C. Teninty (Linda)
Deputy Grand Master	RW Carl J. Lindstrom (Yolanda)
Senior Grand Warden	RW John K. Bishop
Junior Grand Warden	RW Keith E. Herve
Grand Treasurer	RW James D. Grubbs (Tes)
Grand Secretary	RW Jerome P. Wasson (Sandy)

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Grand Chaplain	VW Jeffrey W. DeFreest (Kari)
Grand Lecturer	W James S. Zuke (Charise)
Grand Orator	VW Monte R. Ervin (Debbie)
Grand Historian	VW Roger K. Hansen
Grand Marshal	W Steven W. Stewart (Lisa)
Senior Grand Deacon	W Nicholas J. Choromanski (Tammy)
Junior Grand Deacon	W Mitchell L. Coulthard (Yvonne)
Grand Standard Bearer	W Jack Newell (Wendy)
Grand Sword Bearer	VW Al Brookman (Georgene)
Grand Bible Bearer	W James R. Griffith
Senior Grand Steward	W John D. May (Cecilia)
Junior Grand Steward	VW William B. Roberts (Karen)
Grand Organist	W Dwight E. Morris (Deanna)
Grand Tyler	W Charles W. Ward

DISTRICT DEPUTIES

District 1	VW James M. LeFlore (Karen)
District 2	VW Ralph S. Sterling (Sandra)
District 3	VW Mark A Sledge (Lisa)
District 4	VW Done E. Hale (Barbara)
District 5	VW Marvin K. Gutcher (Bette)