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OPENING PRAYER OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

Beneficent Father and Grand Master of the Universe, as we gather to celebrate our accomplishments, accept and understand our failures, and elect new leadership may we do so with humility and asking for Your guidance in all we do.

We further ask your assistance in being 'all be of one mind' remembering that this phrase simply means we are obligated to work and act respectfully with one another, not to agree on everything. May the beauty of our spirits match the beauty of our beloved Alaska as we meet and work in Your name.

AMEN

ROLL CALL

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Master	MW John K. Bishop
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deputy Grand Master	RW Keith E. Herve
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Warden	RW John D. May
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Warden	RW Norman K. Gutcher
<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 Paul A. Evermon II
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grand Lecturer	VW Kevin C. Tennant PDD
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Orator	VW Albert J. Brookman PDD
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Historian	VW Roger K. Hansen PDD
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Marshal	W David J. Wilson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Deacon	W Brandon Phillips *
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Deacon	W Edsel J. Clayton
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Standard Bearer	W Michael J. Horton
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Sword Bearer	W Charles W. Ward IV
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Bible Bearer	W Kenneth R. Larimore
<input type="checkbox"/>	Senior Grand Steward	W Nicholas E. Adair
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Junior Grand Steward	W Denis M. Allen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Organist	W Richard Moulden**
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grand Tyler	W Rick Watt***

* Substituted for Thomas P. Stroozas

** Substituted for Dwight E. Morris

*** Substituted for Marlon D. Rivera

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

RW Jerome P “Jerry” Wasson
Grand Secretary

SOLEMN CEREMONIES

The public opening of the Thirty-seventh Annual Communication of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was opened at 8:00 AM on February 1, 2018, by Worshipful Brother Bradley Kiefer of Aurora Lodge 15. 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
Introduction of Representatives of Concordant Bodies and Appendant Bodies

The formal opening of the Thirty-seventh Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was opened at 10:00 AM on February 1, 2018, by Most Worshipful John K. Bishop, 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 Scott Lambries - Worshipful Master of North Pole Lodge 16

Second Session

W Alex McLain - Worshipful Master of Seward Lodge 6

Third Session

MW Carl Lindstrom PGM

Fourth Session

W Ronald Young - Worshipful Master of Matanuska Lodge 7

Distinguished Guests

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

MW Curtis Harris, Grand Master
RW Kenneth Holmes, Grand Secretary
RW Antonio Anderson, Deputy Grand Master

California, A. F. & A. M.

RW Arthur H. Weiss, Junior Grand Warden, representing MW E. R. Galloway, Grand Master

Idaho, F. & A. M.

VW Daryll W. Chitwood, DDGM representing MW William K. Curtis, Grand Master

Oregon, A. F. & A. M.

MW W. Myles McMillan, Grand Master
RW James L. Morgan, Deputy Grand Master
RW Michael J. McGuyer, Junior Grand Warden

MW Ed Bousquet PGM, Grand Secretary
MW Arthur L. Borland, Past Grand Master

Washington, F. & A. M.

MW Warren R. Schoeben, Grand Master
RW James H. Kendall, Deputy Grand Master
RW Charles E. Wood, Senior Grand Warden
RW Christopher J. Coffman, Junior Grand Warden
MW Jim V. Mendoza, Past Grand Master

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

MW Ron Yates, Grand Master
RW Barry Birch,

Japan, F. & A. M.

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

Representatives of Concordant Bodies

Al Aska Shrine Temple

Jack Clouse, Potentate

Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction

David Worel, Deputy in Alaska to the Sovereign Grand Commander

Grand York Bodies of Alaska

Dennis N. Oakland, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

Order of the Eastern Star

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

Supreme Council, Order of the Amaranth Incorporated

Honored Lady Judy Mosier, Supreme Royal Matron
Sir Knight Jerry W. Pinion, Supreme Royal Patron

Grand Court of Alaska, Amaranth

Ruth Haag, Grand Royal Matron
Richard Moulden, Grand Royal Patron

International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Miss Kendra Pierce, Worthy Advisor Nugget Assembly 13
Gabrielle Hazelton, Supreme Inspector in Alaska

Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America

Naomi Everett, High Priestess, Waheed Court No. 81

MESSAGE OF THE MW GRAND MASTER

To the Brothers of this Grand Lodge and our invited and distinguished guests; a most hearty welcome to the thirty-seventh annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska. The officers and I of the Grand Lodge thank you for making attendance at our annual communication a priority. If you are in need of anything please check with the registration desk and they will endeavor to assist you.

To all my Brothers and their ladies, who have made this year memorable, for the hospitality shown to the Grand Lodge team on our visitations, thank you so very much! Your warm receptions were greatly appreciated. The trip to Dawson and my birthday celebration in Skagway were special.

Last February you honored me to lead your team and to serve you for the past year, a most humbling honor! To serve is an honor, to lead is a responsibility. I have endeavored to keep this in mind throughout this past year, and it has been an honor to serve.

State of the Craft & Recommendations

Prior to taking office I asked the Senior Wardens to develop a Long Range Plan, and to involve the junior officers in the process. By incorporating the junior officers in the Lodge in the planning process you are developing their leadership abilities, involving them in the Lodge, and preparing them for future leadership of the Lodge. I urge all Lodges to annually update their plan, and incorporate the junior officers in the planning process. It is my belief that Masonry is obligated to develop leadership among its members and within its communities, a duty we are remiss in fulfilling. However, by this simple step we are beginning that process. I want to thank those who endeavored to develop a plan.

If we are going to sustain our Grand Lodge we must develop leadership in our Lodges. Your Grand Officers this year came to the realization that we are running very short of our energy resource. A number of beloved Brothers have been called home by the Great Architect, while others who have contributed so much are suffering burn out, from being called on to do so much. Additionally, our membership continues to decline, we now have approximately 1630 active members in our Grand Jurisdiction. Consequently, we have to make the best and most efficient use of our resources. RW Brothers Herve and May are developing plans to make better use of our limited resources.

That said they require our support and involvement, and I encourage you to be involved. I sense that we are soon to see a turnaround in membership; in the meantime we must continue the good work and keep a positive prospective.

Brothers we need to make the best and most efficient use of our energy resources, and we need to plan to make the best use of our human resources in our Grand Lodge Office. With that in mind, I appointed a special committee to make recommendations with regard to the Grand Lodge

Office manning: RW Brothers Wasson, and Grubbs, and VW Tom Schram have all stated they will be retiring in the near future. I don't think any of us fully appreciate how much they do for our Grand Lodge! We need to have a plan for our future manning needs in the office, and we need to find the most efficient and effective way to do so. I had hoped that we could combine resources with the Scottish and York Rites and we could combine while reducing work load. However the findings of the committee were that," we can cross those bridges when we come to them". Brothers we need to plan ahead, for these positions we need time for indoctrination. "Not having a plan is a plan to fail". I still have a vision where The Grand Lodge, Scottish and York Rites join in having a joint administrative person, thus lowering the work load of the officers of all these bodies while gaining efficiency and economy. I hope further consideration will be given to a plan for staffing of our offices.

I found this in the book, "For the Good of the Order":

What is the **Lodge Experience**; The model that teaches the hidden meanings of its liturgy as well as its words; the meanings are in men and how they live and understand and relate to the world and each other through their own life experiences. Such engagement requires social contact and meaningful association. This is the lodge experience.

Lodge visitations: We held joint meetings in District 5 hosted by Matanuska # 7, District 3 hosted by Aurora #15, District 1 hosted by North Pole #16, with Senior Warden Brother Scott Lambries presiding and District 2 hosted by Sterling #22. We were warmly received by all and the work was excellent in all cases.

We had individual meetings with all other lodges, we enjoyed great hospitality in southeast Alaska, and the work was excellent. On March 18th we had the honor of dedicating the new Lodge building in Juneau. The new Lodge looks great, and should serve the Brothers well.

We put off the visitation to Skagway until September 6th and tied it to a visitation to the Lodge in Dawson, and were guests to Atlinto Lodge No. 42 in Whitehorse. In May we spent two days in Kodiak where we conferred two Master Mason degrees as well as the official visit. It is rewarding to see this lodge doing degree work and working hard to build up the lodge, my compliments to them for their hard work, keep it up! On December 16th Brothers from Juneau, VW Joe Darnell, and I traveled to Ketchikan to confer the Master Mason degree on Brother Michael Duxbury.

It is always a privilege to assist a Lodge with degree work especially so when raising a new Master Mason. All in all our lodges are doing good work; those Lodges who have made an effort in planning are showing positive results as a consequence. Lodges having educational, and fellowship nights are attracting better and more active attendance.

Our last Official Visit was to Mt. McKinley Lodge in Cordova. Unfortunately, this Lodge has an ageing and shrinking membership and a Grand old building. The building is sound but in need of some repair, part of it is rented out which helps. The title to the

building has remained with the Grand Lodge of Washington all these years but they would like to transfer it to Alaska.

Up until this time we have held off pending the determination if Mt. McKinley Lodge was going to continue. The Brothers have expressed a desire to do so, and have made progress on issues related to the building. Therefore we have requested the Grand Lodge of Washington to Quit Claim the building over to Mt. McKinley Lodge. We expect this will be accomplished in the next few months.

Visitations to Concordant Grand Sessions; On June 28th traveled to Tulsa to attend the public opening of the Supreme Grand Court of Amaranth International, to honor Honored Lady Judy Mosier and MW Brother Sir Knight Jerry Pinion at their installation. In July, I was the guest of Shrine Imperial in Daytona Beach, it was hot. August 10th I attended Amaranth Grand Court in Fairbanks. In mid-August I visited Philadelphia as guest of RW Ed Weisser for two days. Ed took me to “Independence Hall”, the “Liberty Bell” and “Valley Forge” as well a grand tour of “Freemasons Hall” downtown Philadelphia. That’s a tour every Mason should take advantage of if the opportunity presents itself. Thanks Brother Ed! Next, I was guest of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Right Southern Jurisdiction in Washington D.C. for the general sessions.

Other Visitations; In late February your Grand Lodge officers traveled to Omaha for Western Conference, and Conference of Grand Masters. Both conferences were informative and useful. As a side note one of the hosting brothers from Omaha informed us that General Lemay had a Lodge room at the SAC Command center, and a bus would arrive at their Lodge and take them to the base. Another aside, they have great steaks in Omaha. In 2021 The Grand Lodge of Washington will host the conference in Seattle.

Visitations to other jurisdictions; On April 14th we were guests of Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alaska, where we were warmly received. I was privileged to visit the Grand Lodges of Oregon, Washington, and B. C., Yukon. The bobble head you see here is a gift from MW Brother “Smack” Mendoza. Additionally, our Grand Lodge was represented at Grand Lodges of California and Nevada by RW Brothers May and Herve respectively. The highlight of my foreign visitations was of course my attendance at the “Tercentennial Celebration” in London, the celebration of the 300 birthday of the United Grand Lodge of England. It was truly a grand experience and I was honored to be their guest and to be greeted by the MW Grand Master of the Most Worshipful United Grand Lodge of England, His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent, a very affable gentleman with a wry sense of humor. There were 130 visiting Grand Masters and we were introduced in order of our longevity

Necrology; Unfortunately my Brothers 57 of our beloved Brothers have been called home by the Great Architect of the Universe and have laid down their tools. We will cherish their memory forever.

Dispensations Approved
TO ALL LODGES

Subject: Approval of attendance at Church Services, Parades and Community events clothed as Masons Reference: Alaska Masonic Code Sec. 14.06

Other dispensations were granted in accordance with the Alaska Masonic Code, Section 9.02:

To Eagle River 13, and Matanuska 7 to move their meetings due to July 4th holiday

To Kenai 11 to move meeting due to Grand Lodge

To Seward 6 to move and have special meeting for degree conferral

To Valdez 4 for special election

Bylaws: Changes were approved for North Pole No.16, Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux No. 21, White Pass No. 1, Fairbanks No. 12 and Sterling No. 22.

Rulings: I made one ruling this year, with regards to “Social Media” not to be representing Masonry.

Appointments; In July VW Dave Oaks requested to be relieved of the duties of District Deputy for District 3, for personal reasons. Dave is a friend and Brother and I felt it only right to honor his request. In his place I appointed VW Joe Darnell as special deputy for District 3.

Additionally I created a “Special committee on the Grand Lodge Office” to make recommendations on future needs and staffing of said office. RW Norm Gutcher, Chair, RW James Grubbs, MW Dave Worel and VW Kevin Tennant made up the committee. Their report will be given later in the proceedings.

Brothers the highlight of my year as your Grand Master was being a guest at the Tercentennial Celebration in London. The celebration was streamed live, and W Nick Adair has downloaded it and put it on thumb drives which are being presented to each Lodge. The United Grand Lodge of England has given us permission to use it for non-commercial uses. May I encourage you to use it; it is a great opportunity for a lodge fellowship and family night. You will find it both entertaining and educational, and it is a great opportunity to present Masonry to your friends and community.

On the way to London, I stopped over in Ireland for 9 days as our representative to the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Spent the first two days in Dublin where we visited the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and attended Lodge on Friday evening. Sunday we traveled to the North of Ireland, visited Antrim, Londonderry, and Donegal counties, and two lodges where the Brothers could not have made us more welcome, and honored me with a special plaque and personalized Bottle of Whiskey from the nearby Bushmills distillery.

In all these travels lies one of the great rewards in being a Freemason; the friendship, trust and fellowship of Brothers who become instant friends. This warm fellowship is truly unique my Brothers and I will forever respect it and never take it for granted!

Appreciations; A special thank you to the Ladies of Denali 16 Order of the Eastern Star for taking over many of the duties that the Grand Master’s wife would normally handle.

Particularly, I want to thank Yolanda Lindstrom and Roxie Little for their guidance and assistance, to sisters Victoria Ault, and Iris Crothers for hosting the hospitality room and table decorations, and Lady Ann Ward for handling the bar in the hospitality room. I also want to thank the Brothers on Sessions and Arrangements, and VW Darrell Windsor and the Credentials Committee. To my Deputies you have done a great job, thank you for your support. To those Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters whose ranks I am soon to join thank you so much for all your guidance and assistance. To Jurisprudence whose guidance keeps us on track, your work is important to us all. To RW Brothers Herve, May, and Gutcher, I think we have worked well as a team thank you for being my sounding board and having my back!

To all my Brothers for bestowing on me the honor of serving you for the past year, your faith and trust I will ever hold sacred!

Finally, my Brothers it has been a great honor to serve you and our ancient craft this past year.

Thank you so much for the opportunity! Be ye all of one mind, be ye civil to one another, live in peace and may Brotherly Love prevail and the God of Love and Peace dwell with you always!

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John K. Bishop". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

MW John K. Bishop
Grand Master

Note: Vote taken by Grand Lodge body on whether Grand Master should allow, as noted in his Grand Master's Message under Dispensations Approved, to change meeting night of two lodges. Simple majority to pass. Vote cast was 50 percentage approval and 50 percentage disapproval and since there was no majority vote the dispensations were not allowed.

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.

VW Roger Hansen has completed his in-depth review of Alaska Masonic Code Section 16.16 Bylaw and a resolution to that is submitted for your vote this session. This section

has most of the duties of the Lodge secretary. As much of it is outdated and does not reflect the way a secretary does his job in today's world, please look it over and vote for the good of Masonry.

The Grand Lodge web site is running well and the updates are being posted as I receive them. Our web master is responsive to these requests. I have the End of Year Report added to the Secretaries section as a *JotForm* similar to the Monthly Report now. Hope you like it.

Again not all Dimits and Letters of Good Standing are coming to the Grand Lodge office. Most Grand Lodges want to receive communication from another Grand Lodge as a matter of their protocol procedures. Our office keeps a file copy of all Dimits and Letters of Good Standing as standard practice. These file copies have proved useful many times.

Take a look at the Grand Representatives section. You can see there are many vacancies. If you are interested in filling one of the vacancies, contact the Grand Lodge office and I am sure the Grand Master will consider your request.

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

As required by Section 3.05 of the Alaska Masonic Code, I must report that 3 Lodges did not submit their End-of-Year Reports by the January 10th deadline. I know it is a busy time of the year for everybody but without these submittals my report is incomplete and meaningless.

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

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

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

Seward No. 6	Kenai No. 11
Ketchikan No. 19	

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	Rejected	NPD	Total Loss	Net Gain/Loss	Mem 12-31-17
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	-1	34
3	0	0	2	3	4	2	9	5	11	0	0	6	22	-13	163
4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	64
5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	-2	12
6	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	-1	24
7	3	5	3	2	1	2	5	3	3	0	0	4	10	-5	95
9	4	4	1	3	0	0	3	0	5	0	0	0	5	-2	46
10	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	7	-7	153
11	5	2	2	0	3	4	7	0	2	0	0	0	2	5	92
12	3	3	5	5	1	2	8	1	2	0	0	1	4	4	72
13	2	1	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	2	3	-1	93
15	7	3	3	3	2	1	6	2	0	1	1	4	7	-1	86
16	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3	2	0	0	0	5	-3	54
17	0	0	1	1	0	3	4	1	11	0	0	8	20	-16	251
18	3	3	3	3	2	0	5	1	0	0	0	2	3	2	53
19	3	3	1	1	0	1	2	0	6	0	0	5	11	-9	44
20	0	0	2	4	1	1	6	0	2	0	0	1	3	3	101
21	1	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	5	0	0	4	9	-7	123
22	1	1	0	1	2	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	39
Total	37	31	23	30	19	16	65	19	61	1	1	37	118	-53	1667

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Grand Lodge UNITED STATES	Near Grand Lodge of Alaska	Near Other Grand Lodge
Alabama	LV. "Joe" Dees	Larry A. Hancock
Arizona	Wendal H. Kuecker	DeWitt Harvey Aurand
Arkansas	Vacant	M. Monroe Robinson
California	John P. Johnson *	Robert O. West
Colorado	Vacant	Richard Spangler
Connecticut	Vacant	Frederich R. Bruch
Delaware	Vacant	Edward M. Newth
District of Columbia	Roger A. Barnstead	C. Richard Weaver
Florida	Stanley R. Foulke	Ross Holcombe Robins
Georgia	Vacant	Bobby Joe Townsend
Hawaii	Does Not Exchange Representatives	
Idaho	Robert D. Wiseman	Lynn E. Cannon
Illinois	Mitchell R. Miller	James O. Kenagy, Jr.
Indiana	Gerald E. Browning	Jessee G. Witherspoon
Iowa	Does Not Exchange Representatives	
Kansas	Charles I. Gregg	Alfred L Lewis
Kentucky	Mitchell R. Miller	Forrest V. Dean
Louisiana	Bobby W. Alexander	Gary L Gribble
Maine	Jerry W. Lewis *	John A. Smith
Maryland	V. Clifford Darnell	John Bernard Rogalski, Jr.
Massachusetts	Gregg E. Knutsen	Paul E. Kennedy
Michigan	Vacant	Vacant
Minnesota	Vacant	Vacant
Mississippi	Daniel J. Lawn	Ed W. Quillen
Missouri	Stanley R. Foulke	Thomas K. McGuire, Jr.
Montana	Harry J. Koenen	Jack D. Anderson
Nebraska	Wayne G. Coleman	John T. Parsons
Nevada	John C. Peck	Louis Castle
New Hampshire	Edward O. Weisser	Dwight V. Meader
New Jersey	Charles V. Carlson Jr.	Edward R. Woods
New Mexico	Does Not Exchange Representatives	
New York	Don G. Chaffin II	Kenneth D. Mosher Jr.
North Carolina	Howard R. McElrath	Bunn T. Phillips, Jr.
North Dakota	Dennis Z. Morgan	Lawrence W.O. Holmes
Ohio	Vacant	Charles Spahr
Oklahoma	Vacant	Warren L McConnell
Oregon	Leslie R. Little *	John Scott Harvey
Pennsylvania	Does Not Exchange Representatives	
Rhode Island	Vacant	Raymond F. Kershaw
South Carolina	Charles E. Corbin	Thurman A Baldwin
South Dakota	Dennis Z. Morgan	Wesley F. Jarman

Tennessee	James D. Grubbs, Sr. *	A Marvin Hyatt
Texas	Jerome P. Wasson *	James Bradley (Brad) Nickels
Utah	Jared S. Decker	John H. Boyd
Vermont	Carl J. Lindstrom *	Terry M. Clifford
Virginia	Kenneth P. Owens *	Norman Lee Hoff, Jr
Washington	Roger K. Hansen *	Wendal H. Kuecker
West Virginia	Don G. Chaffin II	Clayton A Faber
Wisconsin	Vacant	Darrell Aderman
Wyoming	Does Not Exchange Representatives	

FOREIGN GRAND LODGES

Albania	Vacant	Vacant
Andorra	Vacant	Vacant
Argentina	William B. Lawrence	Jaime Rodriguez
Armenia	Vacant	Vacant
Australia - New South Wales	LV. "Joe" Dees	A.C. (Alan) Pretyman
Australia - Queensland	LV. "Joe" Dees	Philip (Phil) Park Livingston
Australia - South Australia & Northern Territory	G. Rex Plunkett	Andrew M. Hardy
Australia - Tasmania	Vacant	Kyle W.H. Wood
Australia - Victoria	Charles E. Rogers *	R.W. Brack
Australia - Western Australia	LV. "Joe" Dees	Brian Leonard Court
Austria	Paul A. Godwin	Vacant
Azerbaijan	Vacant	Vacant
Belgium (Regulierer)	Vacant	Louis Pas
Bolivia	Jerald M. Pendergrass	John Howie
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Vacant	Vacant
Brazil - Acre – Gleac	Vacant	Vacant
Brazil – Brasilia	Vacant	Vacant
Brazil – Alagoas	Vacant	Vacant
Brazil – Amapa	Vacant	Vacant
Brazil - Amazonas – Glomam	Vacant	Vacant
Brazil-Brasilia	Vacant	Vacant
Brazil – Ceara	Vacant	Theodoro Braga
Brazil – Goias	Vacant	Vacant
Brazil - Mato Grosso	Vacant	Alfredo Nunes Neto
Brazil - Mato Grosso do Sul	Vacant	Vacant
Brazil - Minas Gerais	William B. Clucas	Paulo Alves
Brazil – Parana	Vacant	Fernando Henriques
Brazil – Pernambuco	Vacant	Arana Marrocos Bezerra
Brazil - Rio de Janeiro	William R. Miller	Aledio da Silva
Brazil - Rio Grand do Norte	Vacant	Vacant
Brazil - Rio Grande do Sul	Roger A. Barnstead	Francisco Suchy
Brazil - Rondonia – Glomaron	Vacant	Vacant
Brazil - Roraima	Vacant	Vacant

Brazil - Santa Catarina	William R. Miller	Sergio Gomes Mattos
Brazil - Sao Paulo	Vacant	Geraldo Eduardo Faria
Grande Orient of Brazil	Vacant	Vacant
Burkina Faso	Vacant	Vacant
Canada – Alberta	Vacant	Clyde H. Elford
Canada - BC & Yukon	Vacant	R. Raymond Bexfield
Canada – Manitoba	Vacant	James Finlayson
Canada - New Brunswick	Dennis Z. Morgan	Thomas Wallace Hoge
Canada - Newf & Lab	Don G. Chaffin, II	Alfi'ed P. Wison
Canada - Nova Scotia	John R. "Bo" Cline *	Harris A. Pipes
Canada - Ontario	Vacant	Jack Moore
Canada - Prince Ed Isle	Dennis Z. Morgan	J. Garth Gillespie, PGM
Canada – Quebec	Vacant	James H. Ross
Canada - Saskatchewan	Vacant	Wilfred R. Stephans
Chile	Vacant	Carlos Balbontin Gubbins
China (ROC - Taiwan)	Carl J. Lindstrom *	S.S. Yuan
Croatia	Vacant	Vacant
Czech Republic	Vacant	Vacant
Cyprus	Vacant	Panayiotis M. Joannou
Denmark	Jacques G. Boily	Niels Nordskov
Dominican Republic	Vacant	Ramon Rojo
United Grand Lodge – England	John R. "Bo" Cline *	Lord Lane of Horsell
Finland	John R. "Bo" Cline *	Terho Kontio
France (G.L. Nationale Francaise)	Vacant	Yves Trestounel
Gabon	Vacant	E.A. Mbouy-Boutzit
Germany	Billy W. Harris	Arnim Schneider
Greece	Vacant	R.W. Nickolas Makris
Guatemala	Vacant	Gerardo Antonio Alvarado Cucacho
Grand Orient d’Haiti	Vacant	Vacant
Honduras	Vacant	Vacant
Hungary	Vacant	Peter Batari
Iceland	V. Clifford Darnell	Olafur Kjartansson
India	David Y. Prentice	Sisir Kr. Ghosh
Iran (In Exile)	William J. Bray	Vacant
Ireland	John K. Bishop *	David J. L. McNeill
Israel	Vacant	Yehuda Shmuelevitz
Italy	Daniel J. Lawn	Dr. Gustavo Monzala
Ivory Coast	Vacant	Vacant
Japan	Johnnie L. Wallace *	Phillip A. Ambrose *
Lithuania	Vacant	Vacant
Luxembourg	Vacant	Mathias Schroeder
Macedonia	Vacant	Vacant
Malta	Vacant	Vacant

Mauritius	Vacant	Vacant
Mexico - Aguascalientes	Vacant	Vacant
Mexico – Benito Juarez	Vacant	Vacant
Mexico – Chiapas	Vacant	Vacant
Mexico – del Pacifico	Vacant	Vacant
Mexico. Nuevo Leon	Vacant	Vacant
Mexico – Sinaloa	Vacant	Vacant
Mexico – Tamaulipas	Vacant	David Louie
Mexico – Unida Mexicana	Vacant	Vacant
Mexico – Valle de Mexico	Vacant	Vacant
Mexico-York	Lee O. Seagondollar *	Jack H. Burge
Montenegro	Vacant	Vacant
Morocco	Vacant	Vacant
Netherlands	James R. Ujioka	G. de Vos
New Zealand	Charles E. Rogers *	John B. Goulter
Nicaragua	Vacant	Vacant
Norway	Wendal H. Kuecker	Hilding Dinner
Panama	Vacant	Walter C. Watson
Peru	Vacant	Vacant
Philippines	Darrell E. Windsor	Chester Warren Y. Tan
Portugal/GLRP	Vacant	Vacant
Puerto Rico	Vacant	Vacant
Romania	Vacant	Vacant
Russia	Vacant	Vacant
San Marino	Vacant	Vacant
South Africa	James R. Herrington	Neville Klein
Scotland	Jerome P. Wasson *	William Fleming
Senegal	Vacant	Armand Agbogba
Slovenia	Vacant	Vacant
Slovakia	Vacant	Imrich Beres
Spain	Charles M. Moore, Jr.	Antonio Argemi Serrino
Sweden	Vacant	Harald Herbertsson
Switzerland (Alpina)	Vacant	Vacant
Tahiti	Vacant	Roger Watrin
Turkey	Vacant	Adnan Sutmen
Ukraine	Vacant	Vacant
Uruguay	Vacant	Vacant
Yugoslavia	Vacant	Vacant

PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE UNITED STATES

Alaska	Mark Sledge	Vacant
Colorado	Vacant	Vacant
Connecticut	Vacant	Vacant
Maryland	Vacant	Vacant
Massachusetts	Vacant	Vacant
North Carolina	Vacant	Vacant

Oregon, Idaho, Montana Inc.	Vacant	Vacant
Pennsylvania	Vacant	Vacant
Texas	Vacant	Vacant

PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE FOREIGN

Canada - Ontario	Vacant	Vacant
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* Attending Grand Lodge session.

Note: There are several Grand Jurisdictions that do not have a grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Alaska. Any Brother wishing to be a Grand Representative please contact the Grand Secretary for available foreign Grand Jurisdictions and a description of the duties of a Grand Representative.

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

(transcription of audio recording is not complete as many words in the second part of the report are not understandable and a brief synopsis for this part is presented)

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

Good morning brothers. Good morning to you Right Worshipfuls, Past Grand Masters, current Grand Masters, and visiting dignitaries.

Grand Master, as I first stated that I had no clue that you liked all of those spankings.

Brothers, I would like to take a few moments to say why I am up here. Most Worshipful Hank Dunbar is not in good shape. Like to keep our prayers and thoughts with him. He does have cancer and he is dealing with it and he agreed not to come up here and do his report as he has done for many, many, many years. So, please keep your prayers for him.

So, with that being said, part of my report is going to be incomplete. Grand Master, Most Worshipful (Ed. note: Hank Dunbar) has some stuff sent to him and he was trying to get this thing done. But, I guess that we will have to continue that paperwork next year at Grand Lodge sessions. But, I can report on some of the things that you know for sure.

You guys remember last year we sent out a recognition request to the Grand Lodge of Cuba and we did get a response back. And, so we believe unless we have something to do on our end we would have reciprocal recognition with the Grand Lodge of Cuba. So, that's good for people wanting to travel to Cuba and I know I'd like too.

The second part of the report relates to the history of Freemasonry in Bulgaria, recognition of one of the Grand Lodges by the Conference of Grand Masters, and to the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Bulgaria by the Grand Lodge of Alaska.

MW David Worel, PGM, made motion that we accept recognition with the Grand Lodge of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Bulgaria.

Motion seconded.

Note: After discussion, motion passed with a majority of votes to recognize the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Grand Lodge of Bulgaria.

Finally, MW David Worel, PGM, made motion to recognize the two other grand lodges within Bulgaria but was withdrawn by David Worel and those two grand lodges can seek recognition with the Grand Lodge of Alaska..

Respectfully submitted,

MW David Worel
Fraternal Relations Committee

The following picture is that of MW Nikolay Stanchev, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Bulgaria presenting a candle, symbol of recognition, to MW John K. Bishop, Grand Master of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Alaska.



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	6
White Pass Lodge No. 1	2
Tanana Lodge No. 3	8
Valdez Lodge No. 4	1
Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5	0
Seward Lodge No. 6	3
Matanuska Lodge No. 7	8
Kodiak Lodge No. 9	3
Glacier Lodge No. 10	8
Kenai Lodge No. 11	6
Fairbanks Lodge No. 12	4
Eagle River Lodge No. 13	6
Aurora Lodge No. 15	7
North Pole Lodge No. 16	5
Anchorage Lodge No. 17	9
Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18	4
Ketchikan Lodge No. 19	3
Iditarod Lodge No. 20	3
Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21	9
Sterling Lodge No. 22	5
Voided Ballots	0
Total	100

Respectfully submitted,

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

APPOINTMENT OF REGULAR COMMITTEES

Grand Lodge Standing Committees

Jurisprudence

VW Mike Starkey PDD, Chairman
MW Leslie Little PGM
MW Charles E. Corbin PGM
VW Jeffrey W. DeFrest PDD
VW Monte R. Ervin PDD

Grievance & Appeals

MW Ronald L. Ackerman PGM, Chairman
MW Jared Decker PGM
W Markus K. Ashkenasy

Finance

MW David Worel PGM, Chairman
MW Johnnie L. Wallace PGM
RW James D. Grubbs GT
W Nicholas J. Choromanski
W Jerald M. Pendergrass
W Bradley D. Kiefer
Bro. C. Daniel O'Connell, Advisor

Fraternal Relations

MW Henry T. Dunbar PGM, Co-Chairman
MW David Worel PGM, Co-Chairman

Masonic Research & Education

W Nicholas E. Adair, Chairman
RW John D. May SGW
W Joseph P. O'Conner
W Jeremy R. Harvill
Bro. Paul E. Warner

Credentials

VW Darrell E Windsor PDD, Chairman
RW Jacques Boiley PDD
VW Dennis N. Oakland PDD
W David C. Pratt
W Larry B. Fanning

Masonic Public Relations

RW John D. May SGW, Chairman
W Rodney S. Young
W Charles W. Ward IV

Masonic Youth

W Steven W. Stewart, Co-Chairman
VW David R. Oaks, Co-Chairman
W Bruce W. King
Gabrielle Hazelton IORG, Advisor

Bylaws

VW Joe Darnell DD, Chairman
MW Carl J. Lindstrom PGM
VW Joe C. Darnell
Bro. Paul E. Warner

Public Schools

Bro. Charles A. High, Chairman
W Thomas P. Stroozas

Long-Range Planning

RW John D. May SGW, Chairman
RW Keith E. Herve DGM
MW John K. Bishop GM
RW Norman K. Gutcher JGW
MW Carl J. Lindstrom PGM
RW James D. Grubbs GT
RW Jerome P. Wasson GS

Masonic Scholarship

Bro. Charles A. High, Chairman
RW Edward O. Weisser PGM
W William R. Nelson
W Thomas P. Stroozas

Leadership Training

MW Carl J. Lindstrom PGM
MW John K. Bishop GM
RW Keith E. Herve DGM
RW Norman K. Gutcher JGW
W Jeremy R. Harvill

Segregations and Reference

MW Ronald L. Ackerman PGM, Chairman
MW Carl J. Lindstrom PGM
W Thomas P. Stroozas

Appointed Sub Committees

Charters & Dispensations

Appointed on Demand

Sessions & Arrangements

VW Glenn E. Josey PDD, Chairman
W David J. Wilson
VW Joe C. Darnell
Bro. Darrell T. Duty
VW Thomas L. Schram PDD, Advisor

Wills & Endowments

W Charles W. Ward IV
W Thomas R. Lehe
Bro. Bradley D. Kiefer

Internet

RW Jerome P. Wasson GS, Chairman

Trestle Board

RW John D. May, SGW

Awards

VW District Deputies

George Washington National Memorial

MW David Worel PGM
MW John R. "Bo" Cline PGM
W Donald E. Hale

Masonic Code Review

VW Roger K. Hansen PDD, Chairman
MW James R. Herrington PGM
VW Frank G. Weiss III PDD

Military Recognition

VW Mark Sledge PDD, Chairman
W Dylan Youngblood

Grand Lodge Photographers

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

Insurance Committee

RW James D. Grubbs GT, Chairman
MW David Worel PGM
W Nicholas J. Choromanski

Deputies of the Grand Master

District 1 VW Charles E. Rogers
District 2 VW George G. Strother
District 3 VW Joe C. Darnell, Special Deputy
District 4 VW Ronald J. Robinson
District 5 VW Joe C. Darnell

REPORTS OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

RULINGS OF THE GRAND MASTER

Ruling No. 23

Ruling on Communications made by Masons, including on Social Media.

WHEREAS: The Grand Lodge of Alaska recognizes every Brother's right as an individual to express himself in any way he chooses on any issue he chooses, including those of a political and/or religious and;

WHEREAS: A Brother who wishes to speak or otherwise express himself on issues Masonic or otherwise must take care to ensure his personal opinion cannot be construed to infer a Masonic position nor reflect negatively on Masonry, and;

WHEREAS: Social media outlets in particular also have shown to be arenas where negative and disrespectful commentary, thoughts and ideas proliferate, and;

WHEREAS: Masons and Masonic institutions are committed to engaging in civil and respectful discourse, and;

WHEREAS: Masonic institutions and their representatives – when those representatives are representing or could reasonably be believed to represent Masonic institutions – are

obligated by Masonic landmarks, customs and traditions to refrain from making comments on political and/or religious issues, and;

WHEREAS: The Ancient Landmarks , Usages and Customs of Masonry are elements of the Masonic Law.

Now therefore it is the policy of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska, : A Brother representing himself in public or social media as a Mason, or in such a manner a reasonable person could view him to be a representative of Masonry or a Masonic institution, is committing a Masonic offense by making statements or commentary on political or religious matters, or comments which provoke or incite uncivil response or action.

References:

Section 1.07 Bylaw RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN GRAND LODGE, BASIS OF.

Section 3.01 Constitution GRAND MASTER, POWERS.

Section 11.01 Constitution MASONIC LAW.

Section 16.01 Constitution LODGE OFFICERS.

Section 26.01 Constitution MASONIC OFFENSE.

John K. Bishop
Grand Master
December 12, 2017

Note: This resolution did not receive the required simple majority to pass, 14.93 percentage approval to 85.07 disapproval and failed.

MOTIONS

RW Keith E. Herve, Grand Master Elect made motion that the 2019 Annual Communication of The Grand Lodge of Alaska be held in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Motion 2nd
Motion passed

RESOLUTIONS

CARRYOVER RESOLUTION 2006-8

To amend Section 7.08 Constitution of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To more clearly define the format which proposed amendments to the constitution, bylaws, ritual, and landmarks of the Grand Lodge of Alaska must be in.

WHEREAS: Significant confusion has preceded the preparation of proposed legislation to change the Grand Lodge of Alaska’s Masonic Code and ritual, and

WHEREAS: Such proposed legislation would be more apt to receive favorable consideration by the Committee on Jurisprudence, if in an approved standard form and,

WHEREAS: The workload of the Grand Lodge office would be significantly improved, if proposed legislation were in a consistent, standard, and reproducible form.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Section 7.08 of the Alaska Masonic Code which now reads:

Section 7.08 Constitution

FORMAT OF RESOLUTIONS: Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws shall be prefaced by a clear, factual, and concise statement of the purpose of the proposed legislation.

Be amended to read:

Section 7.08 Constitution

FORMAT OF RESOLUTIONS: Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws shall be prefaced by a clear, factual, and concise statement of the purpose of the proposed legislation be written in 12 point Times New Roman font. The word RESOLUTION and the year of the proposed resolution shall be in bold and centered at the top of the first page followed by the statement “To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Alaska:” Next, a clear, factual, and concise statement of purpose of the proposed legislation shall be provided, followed by the advocate’s arguments in favor of the change. The statement, “Now therefore be it resolved” shall preface the statement of proposed legislation. If the proposed legislation is amending a section in the “Alaska Masonic Code” or a portion of the “Alaska Monitor and Freemason’s Guide”, the complete section of the Code or portion of the Monitor referred to shall be reproduced in its entirety, followed by the statement “Be amended to read:” and then the section of the Code or portion of the Monitor rewritten in its amended form. Finally, the statement “Respectfully Submitted,” and the title, name(s), and lodge number(s) to which advocates belong shall complete the resolution.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Report of the Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. As it seeks to amend the Constitution it will require a ninety percent majority vote to pass. The Committee does not offer an opinion as to whether this resolution should or should not be adopted.

Note: This resolution received more than a simple majority but failed to achieve a ninety percent majority. It will be carried over to the 26th Annual Communication, February 1-2, 2007, for consideration.

Explanation: This was left out of the Grand Lodge business for the 2007 session by error of the Grand Secretary and is now submitted to correct this error.

R.W. Jerome P. Wasson
Grand Secretary

Report of the Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. As this is a carryover and it seeks to amend the Constitution it will require a 2/3 percent majority vote to pass. The Committee does not offer an opinion as to whether this resolution should or should not be adopted.

Note: This Carry-over Resolution was withdrawn by the author and authorization of the Grand Master.

RESOLUTION 2018-1

To amend Section 16.16 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to allow electronic means by which lodge proceedings may be recorded, stored, and made available in addition to the hand-written method.

WHEREAS: Minute books at one time were separate from the regular record books, and

WHEREAS: Minute books have been replaced by loose sheets of paper and electronic devices, and

WHEREAS: Some secretaries are not able to type fast enough to record the meeting minutes electronically, and

WHEREAS: Some Lodge secretaries prefer to record lodge proceedings by the hand-written method on sheets of paper to be typed and printed at a later date, and

WHEREAS: Some Lodge secretaries record lodge proceedings by electronic means, to be printed at a later date, and

WHEREAS: Electronic storage files take the place of regular minute books and take up less space than regular minute books, and

WHEREAS: Part of items 1 and 2 are restated in Section 15.07 of the Alaska Masonic Code in more detail and should reference that section once, and

WHEREAS: Item 1 should be deleted in its entirety and replaced with revised item 1, and

WHEREAS: In item 2, the first sentence should be revised to include electronic printing and to eliminate unnecessary wording as referenced in Section 15.07 of the Alaska Masonic Code, and

WHEREAS: Existing items 3 through 10 are to remain the same.

WHEREAS: Section 15.07 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code has been included for reference only and is not part of the resolution changes.

Section 15.07 Bylaw

MINUTES OF MEETINGS. The Minutes of each communication are read and corrected (if necessary) and approved by the Lodge before it is closed, and having been approved, cannot be altered or expunged. A transcript of such Minutes must be submitted to the Grand Lodge when required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 16.16 Bylaw, items 1 and 2 of the Alaska Masonic Code, which reads now:

Section 16.16 Bylaw

SECRETARY. It is the duty of the Secretary to:

1. Record in a minute book at each communication, under the direction of the Master, all of the proceedings proper to be written, and to submit the same to the Lodge for approval or correction before the Lodge closes;
2. Transcribe fairly, such proceedings from the minute book to the regular record book after they have been approved or corrected, after signing them, present them to the Master for his approval and signature. Have the record book available for reference at the stated communications. Have the record of the meeting minutes available to members of the lodge at convenient times should they request a review.

Be amended to read:

Section 16.16 Bylaw

SECRETARY. It is the duty of the Secretary to:

- ~~1. Record in a minute book at each communication, under the direction of the Master, all of the proceedings proper to be written, and to submit the same to the Lodge for approval or correction before the Lodge closes;~~
1. **Record at each communication, by either electronic or hand-written means, under the direction of the Master, all proceedings of the lodge proper to be written and submit the same to the lodge in accordance with Section 15.07 MINUTES OF MEETINGS.**
2. ~~Transcribe fairly, such proceedings from the minute book to the regular record book after they have been approved or corrected, after signing them, present them to the Master for his approval and signature.~~ **Transcribe fairly or electronically print such proceedings of the lodge and, after signing the proceedings, present them to the Master for his approval and signature.** Have the record book available for reference at the stated communications. Have the record of the meeting minutes available to members of the lodge at convenient times should they request a review.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Hansen (7, 20)

Report of the Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. As it seeks to amend the Bylaw it will require a 3/4 majority (75 per cent) vote to pass. The Committee does not offer an opinion as to whether this resolution should or should not be adopted.

Note: This resolution received the required majority to pass, 95.65 per cent for and 4.35 per cent against and was adopted.

RESOLUTION 2018-2

To add a new bylaw to Chapter 17 Lodge Membership of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to add a new section to Chapter 17, Lodge Membership by requiring elected and appointed officers to have paid their dues for the following year before installation into office.

WHEREAS: The Alaska Masonic Code requires that the annual dues of Lodge members are payable in advance before the first day of January, and

WHEREAS: The Alaska Masonic Code also indicates that if the dues are not paid by the 31st of December that the member ceases to be a member, and

WHEREAS: Too many members wait until the last moment to pay their dues, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a new section, Section 17.23 Bylaw Lodge Officer Dues be added to the Alaska Masonic Code to read as follow:

Section 17.23 Bylaw

LODGE OFFICER DUES.

All elected and appointed lodge officers shall have paid their dues for the following year prior to being installed into office.

Respectfully submitted,

Report of the Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is not in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge.

RESOLUTION 2018-3

To amend Section 12.02 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To clarify the prohibition against begging letters to permit lodges to conduct legitimate fundraising efforts.

WHEREAS: it is vital for Masonic lodges to be self-sufficient, and

WHEREAS: there is a compelling interest in ensuring Masonic lodges are not begging for funds, and

WHEREAS: the existing prohibitions against business and begging letters do not provide sufficient guidance to Lodges or Masons as to how to differentiate between legitimate requests for Masonic purposes and solicitations for business and personal ventures, and

WHEREAS: there is a legitimate need for Masonic lodges to provide basic information to their members for long-term giving purposes, and

WHEREAS: there is a legitimate need for Masonic lodges to conduct fundraising events and campaigns to provide for their long-term financial health, and

WHEREAS: there is a legitimate need for Masonic lodges to conduct fundraising events and campaigns to provide for their charitable giving and outreach, and

WHEREAS: there is a legitimate need for Masonic lodges to have clear guidance as to what constitutes a begging letter, and

WHEREAS: there is a legitimate need for Masonic lodges to have clear guidance as to what written and spoken outreach is permissible when providing basic information to their members for long-term giving purposes and conducting fundraising events and campaigns,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that AMC Section 12.02 Bylaw, BUSINESS OR BEGGING LETTERS, which now reads:

Section 12.02 Bylaw

BUSINESS OR BEGGING LETTERS

1. A Lodge shall not:

- A. Issue, furnish, or endorse a letter or document to a person or organization to be used for business or begging purposes;
- B. Solicit monetary assistance or donations of money by circular letter or otherwise from a Lodge or Mason in this or another Jurisdiction, or from the general public; or
- C. Entertain or permit to be read in Lodge a begging letter from a Mason or Lodge of another Jurisdiction or from another source unless such letter or document has received the approval of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master of this Jurisdiction, which approval must appear on the face of such letter.

Be amended to read:

Section 12.02 Bylaw

BUSINESS OR BEGGING LETTERS

1. A Lodge ~~shall~~ **will** not:

- A. Issue, furnish, or endorse a letter or document to a person or organization to be used for business or begging purposes;
- B. Solicit monetary assistance or donations of money **or other valuable thing for a commercial or personal venture** by circular letter or otherwise from a Lodge or Mason in this or other Jurisdiction; or
- C. Entertain or permit to be read in Lodge a begging letter from a Mason or Lodge of another Jurisdiction or from another source **asking for financial aid for a commercial or personal venture** ~~unless such letter or document has received the~~

approval of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master of this Jurisdiction, which approval must appear on the face of such letter.

2. A Mason shall **will** not circulate in a Lodge a petition asking for financial aid for a matter or thing not of a strictly Masonic nature **commercial or personal venture**.

3. A Lodge or Mason may circulate a letter to another Lodge or Mason seeking funds for the benefit of a Lodge project; community charity; or Masonic philanthropy, including those of concordant and affiliate Masonic organizations, as long as there is no commercial purpose or personal benefit derived from fundraising endeavor. A paid solicitor representing a Lodge, or concordant or affiliate Masonic organization may not directly solicit any Lodge or Mason of the jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted by:

W Charles W. Ward IV (21)

W Bruce W. Kling (15)

Bro. Bradley D, Kiefer (15, 21)

Report of the Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. As it seeks to amend the Bylaw it will require a 3/4 majority (75 per cent) vote to pass The Committee does not offer an opinion as to whether this resolution should or should not be adopted.

Note: The Jurisprudence Committee met at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication prior to the voting of this resolution and decided that it was not in proper form to be considered by Grand Lodge.

RESOLUTION 2018-4

To add a new section to the Alaska Masonic Code entitled Section 13.17 Constitution, ALASKA LODGE OF RESEARCH AND EDUCATION.

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To establish provisions within the Alaska Masonic Code to allow the creation of an Alaska Lodge of Research and Education.

WHEREAS: no provisions exist in the Alaska Masonic Code to address chartering a lodge of research and education, and

WHEREAS: Alaskan Masons have limited resources for Masonic research and education, and

WHEREAS: many Alaskan Lodges are isolated by their location, limiting their access to Masonic research and education, and

WHEREAS: Alaska has a community of Masons with a desire to pursue Masonic research and education in their Masonic journey, and

WHEREAS: the provisions herein for a traveling lodge of research and education will facilitate greater opportunities to enrich to the Masonic journeys of Alaskan Masons.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the following section be added to CHAPTER 13 - FORMATION OF NEW LODGES, to read as follows:

Section 13.17 Constitution

ALASKA LODGE OF RESEARCH AND EDUCATION. A Lodge to be known and designated as the "Alaska Lodge of Research and Education" may be constituted, under the following provisions:

1. The Grand Master, upon the petition of seven or more Master Masons in good standing that have demonstrated proficiency in opening and closing lodge on all three degrees, may issue a charter for the Alaska Lodge of Research and Education.
2. The Alaska Lodge of Research and Education chartered under the provisions of this Section shall not receive petitions for the Three Degrees of Masonry. This Lodge may not confer degrees on candidates.
3. The Alaska Lodge of Research and Education may exemplify degrees for the express purpose of Masonic research, study, and education. This degree exemplification work may include foreign and extinct ritual work, with the consent of the Grand Master.
4. The Alaska Lodge of Research and Education shall not have a vote in Grand Lodge, nor shall this Lodge be liable for or be required to pay per capita tax or assessments to the Grand Lodge. In lieu of annual returns, it shall instead make an annual report to the Grand Lodge. The minutes of this Lodge shall be available to the Grand Master for review upon his request.
5. Worshipful Masters of the Alaska Lodge of Research and Education are not eligible to receive the degree or title of "Past Master".
6. The Alaska Lodge of Research and Education is authorized to exist within this Jurisdiction as a "traveling" lodge, without a permanent meeting place and stated meeting time. Notice of meetings being provided a minimum thirty days' to the membership and Grand Lodge. Secure electronic meeting forums may be utilized for meetings. The Alaska Lodge of Research and Education is required to have one meeting at a physical location, annually.
7. The Alaska Lodge of Research and Education shall promulgate a Code of Bylaws for its government, which shall be effective upon its approval by the Grand Lodge Committee on Bylaws and the Grand Master.
8. All properties and funds of this Lodge will be surrendered to the Grand Lodge upon its demise.

Respectfully Submitted,

RW John D. May (4)
MW John “Bo” Cline (7)
W Bro. Nick Adair (7)
W Bro. Charles Ward (21)
Bro. John Masters (7)

Report of the Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is not in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge.

RESOLUTION 2018-5

To amend Section 15.07 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To allow Lodges the ability to present and record meeting minutes in more efficient and practical ways.

WHEREAS: it is vital for Masonic lodges to provide meaningful and informative meetings to their members, and

WHEREAS: modern forms of communication can be used to convey information in increasingly efficient ways, and

WHEREAS: it is important to give Lodges the opportunity to conduct business in a way that best suits their member’s needs, and

WHEREAS: modern methods of conducting business offer opportunities to present minutes of meetings through methods other than a reading, and

WHEREAS: the purposes of recording and approving minutes are to provide absent members a summary of the business that transpired in their absence and to provide a record of those proceedings for posterity,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that AMC Section 15.07 Bylaw, MINUTES OF MEETINGS, which now reads:

Section 15.07 Bylaw

MINUTES OF MEETINGS.

The Minutes of each communication are read and corrected (if necessary) and approved by the Lodge before it is closed, and having been approved, cannot be altered or expunged. A transcript of such Minutes must be submitted to the Grand Lodge when required.

Be amended to read:

Section 15.07

MINUTES OF MEETINGS.

1. The Minutes of each communication are read presented and corrected (if necessary) and approved by the Lodge before it is closed or at the next Stated Communication, and having been approved, cannot be altered or expunged. A transcript of such Minutes must be submitted to the Grand Lodge when required.
2. For purposes of this Section, “presented” has the following meanings:
 - a. Read at the Communication those Minutes reflect before it is closed; or
 - b. Read at the Stated Communication following the Meeting those Minutes reflect;
or
 - c. Distributed electronically to the Members and available at the Secretary’s desk, Tyler’s register or other convenient place.

Respectfully submitted:

W. Bro. Bruce Kling (15)

R.W. Bro. John May (4)

W. Bro. Charles Ward (21)

Report of the Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is not in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge.

RESOLUTION 2018-6

To amend Section 7.06 Constitution of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To allow Lodges the ability to present proposed amendments to the Bylaws and Constitution of the M.W. Grand Lodge, F&A.M. of Alaska in more efficient and practical ways.

WHEREAS: it is vital for Masonic lodges to provide meaningful and informative meetings to their members, and

WHEREAS: modern forms of communication can be used to convey information in increasingly efficient ways, and

WHEREAS: it is important to give Lodges the opportunity to conduct business in a way that best suits their members' needs, and

WHEREAS: modern methods of conducting business offer opportunities to present proposed changes to the Alaska Masonic Code through methods other than a reading, and

WHEREAS: the purposes of presenting proposed resolutions in open Lodge are to advise members of changes that may be forthcoming and so that members of the Grand Lodge may understand the views of members of their lodges prior to attending the Annual Communication,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that AMC Section 7.06 Constitution, BYLAW AND CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS, which now reads:

Section 7.06 Constitution

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

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

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

two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast thereon, it is declared adopted and at the close of that Annual Communication becomes part of the Constitution.

At least seventy-five (75) days in advance of such next Annual Communication, the Grand Secretary shall forward each proposed Bylaw and/or Constitution amendment and each carryover resolution together with the committee recommendations in full to each Constituent Lodge to be read, discussed, and studied in open Lodge. Each proposed Constitution amendment, Bylaw amendment, carryover resolution, and disposition of each, thereof, is published with the Annual Communication proceedings and circulated in accordance with Section 6.03

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.

Be amended to read:

Section 7.06 Constitution

BYLAW AND CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS. 1. The Bylaws and Constitution of the Grand Lodge may be amended, added to, or repealed at an Annual Communication and are referred to a committee, which reports thereon before a vote is taken.

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

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

At least seventy-five (75) days in advance of such next Annual Communication, the Grand Secretary shall forward each proposed Bylaw and/or Constitution amendment and each carryover resolution together with the committee recommendations in full to each Constituent Lodge to be ~~read~~ **presented**, discussed, and studied in open Lodge. Each proposed Constitution amendment, Bylaw amendment, carryover resolution, and disposition of each, thereof, is published with the Annual Communication proceedings and circulated in accordance with Section 6.03

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.

2. For purposes of this Section, “presented” has the following meanings:

a. Read at a Stated Meeting; or

b. Distributed electronically to the Members and available at the Secretary’s desk, Tyler’s register or other convenient place.

Respectfully submitted:

W. Bro. Bruce Kling (15)

R.W. Bro. John May (4)

W. Bro. Charles Ward (21)

Report of the Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. As it seeks to amend the Constitution it will require a ninety percent majority vote to pass. The Committee does not offer an opinion as to whether this resolution should or should not be adopted.

Note: This resolution was amended on the floor under recommendation of Roger Hansen, chairman, Masonic Code Review Committee prior to voting to remove the numbering of the paragraphs and to change lettered items under the second paragraph to numbered items. Voting by simple majority and amendment passed.

Note: This amended resolution did not receive a majority vote, 48.57 percent approval to 51.13 percent disapproval and was defeated.

RESOLUTION 2018-7

To amend Section 16.05 Bylaw of the Alaska Masonic Code

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To allow Lodges the ability to schedule elections and officer installations in such a manner that will allow for a proper transition of officers and will allow for maximum attendance at installation by incoming officers and, if desired, the public.

WHEREAS: selecting and installing officers are two of the most important parts of a Lodge's year, and

WHEREAS: it is important for a Lodge to have a thoughtful and smooth transition between outgoing officers and their rising replacements, and

WHEREAS: many Lodges use the occasion of installation of officers to celebrate the past and present officers with a meal, reception and the like, and

WHEREAS: many Lodges hold a public installation of officers, and

WHEREAS: the hosting of meals and receptions for Members and the public requires scheduling and planning in order to be able to be done well, and

WHEREAS the current language of the Bylaws of the M.W. Grand Lodge, F&A.M. of Alaska, require installation to be held "as soon thereafter (election) as possible," and

WHEREAS: the current language of the Bylaws of the M.W. Grand Lodge, F&A.M. of Alaska, does not provide sufficient clarity as to how rapidly after election "as soon thereafter (election) as possible" is,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that AMC Section 16.05 Bylaw, ELECTION, WHEN TO BE HELD, which now reads:

Section 16.05 Bylaw

ELECTION, WHEN TO BE HELD. The Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, and Secretary are chosen annually by secret vote. Election is by a majority of votes by members present and voting. The election must be at a Stated Communication of the Lodge held between November 1 and December 31. Officers are installed at a Special or Stated Communication as soon thereafter as possible. The installation ceremony is held in a tiled Lodge unless the Lodge by majority vote decides to hold it in public. If a public

installation is held, any part of the ceremony not proper to be used outside of a tiled Lodge is omitted. The Bible, Square, and Compass may be displayed on the altar as a Master Mason degree at public installations.

Be amended to read:

Section 16.05 Bylaw

ELECTION, WHEN TO BE HELD. The Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, and Secretary are chosen annually by secret vote. Election is by a majority of votes by members present and voting. The election must be at a Stated Communication of the Lodge held between November 1 and December 31. Officers are installed at a Special or Stated Communication ~~as soon thereafter as possible~~ **following the election, but prior to or at the first Stated Communication of the following calendar year.** The installation ceremony is held in a tiled Lodge unless the Lodge by majority vote decides to hold it in public. If a public installation is held, any part of the ceremony not proper to be used outside of a tiled Lodge is omitted. The Bible, Square, and Compass may be displayed on the altar as a Master Mason degree at public installations.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Bro. Bruce Kling (15)

R.W. Bro John May (4)

W. Bro. Charles Ward (21)

Report of the Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge. As it seeks to amend a Bylaw it will require a 3/4 majority (75 per cent) vote to pass. The Committee does not offer an opinion as to whether this resolution should or should not be adopted.

Note: This resolution received a fifty (50) percent approval and fifty (50) percent disapproval vote. As per Section 7.03 Constitution, TIE VOTE of the Alaska Masonic Code, In case of a tie vote, the Grand Master shall cast the deciding vote in addition to his regular vote. This he did and voted against the resolution being a carryover resolution and the resolution was defeated.

RESOLUTION 2018-8

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 change the fee structure of Section 9.09 for those members desiring to belong to more than one lodge and eliminate item 3 and under Record Keeping.

WHEREAS: The original intent of becoming a member of the Grand Lodge Per Capita Life Membership Fund was to enable the Grand Lodge of Alaska to pay, from the interest of the fund, a member's Per Capita fees which are presently charged to each lodge he is a member of, on an annual basis, and

WHEREAS: Most members of the Per Capita Life Membership Fund belong to more than one lodge and the interest from the fund does not cover the Per Capita costs to the Grand Lodge of members belonging to more than one lodge, and

WHEREAS: It was not foreseen that there would be a short-fall of earned interest, and

WHEREAS: The fee for becoming a member of this Per Capita Life Membership Fund and for representing one lodge would remain at one-thousand dollars (\$1000.00), and

WHEREAS: If the member desires to represent more than one lodge in the fund, the fee will be five-hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each additional lodge added, and

WHEREAS: There is no need to have a payment plan, as it would eliminate additional paperwork between the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer as well as between the Grand Secretary and the secretaries of the individual lodges, and

WHEREAS: Item 2 under **Record Keeping** would therefore be deleted in its entirety and items 3, 4, and 5 would be renumbered as 2, 3, and 4.

WHEREAS: If this resolution passes all current members of the Per Capita Life Membership Fund on the rolls as of January 31, 2018 are grandfathered and no additional payments are required.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that AMC Section 9.09 Bylaw GRAND LODGE PER CAPITA LIFE MEMBERSHIP 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 that he is a member of.

Fees for Life Membership shall be \$1,000.00, 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 earning 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.

Be amended to read as follows:

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.

~~Fees for Life Membership shall be \$1,000.00, 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.~~

Fees for Life Membership shall be \$1,000.00 for the first Lodge that he is a member of, if he is a member of additional lodges an additional fee of \$500.00 for each Lodge for which he is a member of, payable at the time of application.

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 earning 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. 2. 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. 3. 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. 4. The Grand Secretary shall issue a certificate, suitable for framing, to each member of the Fund.
6. 5. 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.

Respectfully Submitted

MW David Worel (3, 17)

RW James D Grubbs (13)

Report of the Jurisprudence Committee: This resolution is not in proper form for consideration by Grand Lodge.

Jurisprudence Committee

1st Report

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

We the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Resolution 2018-1 have considered the same and report as follows:

This resolution is in proper form to be considered by Grand Lodge. The committee does not express an opinion as to whether or not his resolution should or should not be adopted. As it proposes to change the bylaws, it requires a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Little (10, 15, 22), Chairman
Charles E. Corbin (7, 20)
Mike Starkey (3, 12)
Monte Ervin (3, 12)
Jeff DeFreest (19, 21)

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

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

Note: This resolution received the required majority to pass, 95.65 percent for approval and 4.35 percent against and was adopted.

2nd Report

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

The second report of the Jurisprudence Committee is Resolution 2018-3. This resolution was initially found to be in proper form for consideration but after the Jurisprudence Committee meeting, yesterday with the Grand Lodge officers and the committee, by unanimous consensus we have determined that resolution is not in proper form for consideration.

3rd Report

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

We the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Resolution 2018-6 have considered the same and report as follows:

This resolution is in proper form to be considered by Grand Lodge. The committee does not express an opinion as to whether or not his resolution should or should not be adopted. As it proposes to change the constitution, it requires a ninety percent majority vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Little (10, 15, 22), Chairman
Charles E. Corbin (7, 20)
Mike Starkey (3, 12)
Monte Ervin (3, 12)
Jeff DeFreest (19, 21)

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

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

Motion made by Roger Hansen to remove the numbering of the paragraphs and to change lettered items under the second paragraph to numbered items.

(Grand Master) Jurisprudence do we need the Jurisprudence Committee to rule on the amendment.

(Mike Starkey) Grand Master, we discussed this yesterday with Roger and with the Grand Lodge officers in committee and this is the approach that we authorized and it is in proper form. You'll have to vote on the amendment first and then vote on the resolution as amended.

Vote on amending the resolution passed by a simple majority of hands.

Note: This amended resolution did not receive the majority to pass, 48.57 percent for approval and 51.13 percent against and was defeated.

4th Report

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

We the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred Resolution 2018-7 have considered the same and report as follows:

This resolution is in proper form to be considered by Grand Lodge. The committee does not express an opinion as to whether or not his resolution should or should not be adopted. As it proposes to change a bylaw, it requires a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Little (10, 15, 22), Chairman
Charles E. Corbin (7, 20)
Mike Starkey (3, 12)
Monte Ervin (3, 12)
Jeff DeFreest (19, 21)

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

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

Note: This resolution received a fifty (50) percent approval and fifty (50) percent disapproval vote. As per Section 7.03 Constitution, TIE VOTE of the Alaska Masonic Code, In case of a tie vote, the Grand Master shall cast the deciding vote in addition to his regular vote. This he did and voted against the resolution being a carryover resolution and the resolution was defeated.

5th Report

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

We the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred the Grand Master's ruling regarding the use of social media have considered the same and report as follows:

This ruling is not I.A.W. with the Alaska Masonic Code, specifically Section 27.06 and 28.03 Bylaw. It states:

Any un-Masonic offense charge(s) against an offending Brother 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

It is the opinion of the committee that the use of a ruling to make a change of the bylaws and establish a Masonic offense which is not protected from Masonic charges in the Alaska Masonic Code is not a proper use for the Grand Master's privilege to issue a ruling.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Little (10, 15, 22), Chairman
Charles E. Corbin (7, 20)
Mike Starkey (3, 12)
Monte Ervin (3, 12)
Jeff DeFreest (19, 21)

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

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

As clarified by the Jurisprudence Committee this ruling may be voted upon and if approved will be placed in the section of the Alaska Masonic Code under Grand Master Rulings and Decisions.

Note: This resolution did not receive the required simple majority to pass, 14.93 percentage approval to 85.07 disapproval and failed.

6th Report

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

We the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred the Grand Master's Section on Dispensations change of date of the stated meetings of Matanuska Lodge No. 7, Eagle Lodge No. 13 (Ed. note: Eagle River Lodge No. 13) due to meetings falling on July 4th have considered the same and report as follows:

Section 9.02 which references the dispensations report is not the appropriate section for reference. This section lists the defined fees charged by Grand Lodge. This section authorizing dispensation for moving a stated meeting for very specific reasons, such as an emergency preventing a lodge meeting at its regular meeting place. Additionally in 1990 Grand Master granted a dispensation to a lodge to change the date of a stated communication for a special occasion. Jurisprudence disapproved. Grand Lodge considered and concurred with the disapproval. This is listed in the back of the Alaska Masonic Code under section titled Alaska Masonic Code Rulings and Decisions.

Many brothers from our jurisdiction have moved out of state and traveled to Alaska occasionally on vacation especially in the summer when they visited any lodge when they are here. It would be a shame for our brethren to travel all this way only to find out a lodge has changed the date of its stated communication simply because it fell on a day they considered it was an inconvenience.

According the Committee on Jurisprudence disapproved this dispensation.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Little (10, 15, 22), Chairman
Charles E. Corbin (7, 20)
Mike Starkey (3, 12)
Monte Ervin (3, 12)
Jeff DeFreest (19, 21)

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

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

Note: The Grand Lodge body concurred with the Jurisprudence Committee and the dispensations were disapproved.

7th Report

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

We the Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred the Grand Master's Appointments Section, appointment of the special deputy to perform the duties of District 3 have considered the same and report as follows;

The Alaska Masonic Code's authorized definitions defines a special deputy as a past master appointed by the Grand Master for a specific function in a designated lodge or event.

Appointing a special deputy to perform the duties of a district deputy containing multiple lodges and events far exceeds the very narrow scope of the established authority reported as special deputy.

Additionally, Section 4.05 of the Alaska Masonic Code states:

A vacancy occurring in the office of the Deputy of the Grand Master by removal, death, or other cause must be filled by appointment by the Grand Master for the unexpired term.

Finally, allowing the use of a special deputy rather than a district deputy could lead to misuse in order to circumvent the requirement of Section 4.04 of the Alaska Masonic Code, that a district deputy be a member in good standing of a lodge in the district for which he is appointed, in this case, he was not a resident of the district in which he was appointed special deputy but rather District 5 where, also he is the current District Deputy.

For these reasons it is the conclusion of the Committee on Jurisprudence that the appointment of the special deputy, in lieu of a district deputy is not in compliance with the guide lines established in the Alaska Masonic Code.

Respectfully submitted,

Les Little (10, 15, 22), Chairman
Charles E. Corbin (7, 20)
Mike Starkey (3, 12)
Monte Ervin (3, 12)
Jeff DeFreest (19, 21)

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

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

Note: The Grand Master requested the removal of the appointment of the special deputy in his Grand Master's Message in lieu of a District Deputy and not to be voted upon by the Grand Lodge body and Jurisprudence Committee allowed this action.

Grievance and Appeals

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master,

Re: Fratello Appeal

The Grievance and Appeals Committee met at 12:30 PM, January 31, 2018, to review the above referenced appeal. In the absence of MW Jared Decker (flight cancelled), Committee Chairman MW Ronald L. Ackerman appointed VW Donald E. Hale to the committee with the Approval of Grand Master John Bishop. The committee then reviewed the appeal. While the appeal may have merits, the committee ruled that it was not timely filed in accordance with Bylaw 29.02. According to the information provided the appeal should have been filed in February 2017. Therefore, the committee did not formally review the appeal and recommends the suspension be upheld.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

MW Ronald L. Ackerman PGM, Chairman
MW Jared Decker PGM
VW Donald E. Hale PDD

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 calendar year 2017 pursuant to Section 3.06 of the Alaska Masonic Code

During the past year our investments had a combined total increase of 10.6%. All of our investments are doing well with the exception of the Life Membership Per Capita Fund. We have made some changes in the portfolio but it still has not performed as well as we would like it to.

This fund has other problems. It does not cover all of the Per Capita for the members in this fund. Originally it was to cover the Per Capita for each member for one lodge; however, most of the members are members of more than one lodge. It costs \$1,000.00 to join this fund, if the fund made 5.5% interest the Grand Lodge would break even, receiving \$35.00, as we can only use 70% of the interest earned and \$35.00 is the new Per Capita Tax.

Since most Per Capita Fund members are members of at least two lodges, it becomes a deficit to our operating account. MW Worel and I wrote a resolution to change this to \$1,000.00 for the first lodge and \$500.00 for each additional lodge. This resolution was turned down as not in proper form, and not enough verbs. To date the jurisprudence has not informed me of what the proper form is and the correct number of verbs to be use.

Once again we have Lodges that do not submit their tax and insurance requirements on time. The Grand Lodge does not need or want your full tax returns or insurance policies, please only send a copy of your declaration page of your insurance policy and a copy of your Tax e-filing confirmation.

The Finance Committee met with the Grand Lodge Officers to discuss our present and our future investments and requirements of the Grand Lodge.

Donations to the Grand Lodge have dropped dramatically as well as the donations to the Alaska Masonic Foundation for Children. This is a 501 C-3 Foundation which is tax deductible and the Scholarship Fund of the Grand Lodge. Presently we only provide scholarships for the Music and Arts field. This fund could offer more scholarships in other fields if other donations are obtained.

It has been a pleasure serving as your Grand Treasurer and with the help of RW Jerry Wasson, VW Tom Schram, MW Dave Worel, and my wife, Tes, they have made my job easier to perform.

Fraternally

RW James D Grubbs
Grand Treasurer

Report of the Finance Committee

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

On behalf of the Committee I would like to thank you Grand Master for allowing us to serve you and this Grand Lodge.

Your Finance Committee met a few times this year. We managed to keep our Grand Lodge on budget.

Our Investment in 2017 excelled. Even with our conservative policy. Last year we made 8.5% to almost 20% on our different funds.

Our years went very smooth. Our Grand Master came to the Finance Committee for one issue. He was undecided on what to do with Cordova. He came to us wanting an Engineer

to look at the building for safety concerns for our Grand Lodge. We authorized the expense to send an Engineer.

Grand Master came to us again about Cordova on another expense. The committee denied that request.

I want to say, Dan O Connell, who is on our committee as an investment advisor has done a fantastic job for us. We thought he was going to retire but he has not.

We need a special thanks to RW John May, VW Dennis Oakland, MW Carl Lindstrom and W Bruce Kling for taking time and doing our Audit.

Another special thanks to RW Jerry Wasson and VW Tom Schram for helping keeping our records organized.

Is there any questions from the Brothers?

Respectfully submitted

MW David Worel PGM, Chairman
W Bradley Kiefer
MW Johnnie Wallace PGM
W Jerald Pendergrass
W Nicholas Choromanski
RW James Grubbs GT
Bro. Dan O Connell

Grand Master I ask this report be received

Grand Master I ask this report be accepted.

Audit Committee Report

MW Grand Master

We concluded an audit of the Grand Lodge's books for 2017. They are in good order, with no discrepancies.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

RW John D. May SGW, Chairman
VW Dennis Oakland PDD
MW Carl Lindstrom PGM
W Bruce Kling

Grand Lodge of Alaska Balance Sheet

ACCOUNT NO	CHECKING & INVESTMENTS	AMOUNT	TOTALS
	ASSETS		
1112	Wells Fargo Checking	18,226.13	
1140	Petty Cash	77.80	
1210	Travel Fund Acct 8851-4125	156,237.41	
1220	General Fund - 6327-9979	283,962.23	
1230	Permanent Fund 1651-6357	548,664.88	
1235	Legal Fund #3550-9701	23,145.08	
1240	Life Membership - 1211-0782	235,517.94	
1245	GL Per Capita Fund	11,475.87	
1260	Petersburg Fund	188,683.31	
	Total Assets		1,465,990.65
	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		
1401	White Pass No. 1	3.80	
1404	Valdez Lodge No. 4	3.60	
1405	Mt. McKinley Lodge No. 5	2.39	
1409	Kodiak Lodge No. 9	0.99	
1410	Glacier Lodge No. 10	11.35	
1411	Kenai Lodge No. 11	7.63	
1413	Eagle River Lodge No. 13	26.10	
1415	Aurora Lodge No. 15	174.43	
1416	North Pole Lodge No. 16	9.98	
1418	Mt. Verstovia Lodge No. 18	298.77	
1419	Ketchikan Lodge No. 19	28.15	
1420	Iditarod Lodge No. 20	0.06	
1421	Mt. Juneau/Gastineaux No. 21	193.04	
1422	Sterling Lodge No. 22	4.41	
	Total Accounts Receivable		764.70
	MASONIC SUPPLIES/INVENTORY		
1505	Alternate Proficiency Manual	39.00	
1506	Combined Stnd Workbook/wob SM	539.85	
1507	Combined Workbook	25.68	
1508	Combined Stnd Workbook/wb	170.03	
1509	Ak Masonic Code w/Binder	12.70	
1515	AK Monitor w/Binder	533.25	
1522	Further Light in Masonry	23.80	
1523	Lodge Officer Handbook Insert	4.00	
1525	GL 2016 Coins	1,652.00	
1530	List of Lodges Masonic	1,076.01	
1541	Entered Apprentice Booklet	1,387.20	
1542	Grand Master Coins 2017	1,876.00	
1544	Pocket Knives	407.04	

1550	Fellowcraft Cipher	345.22	
1551	Fellowcraft Booklet	313.69	
1560	Master Mason Cipher	249.78	
1561	Master Mason Booklet	206.91	
1570	Pamphlet - On The Threshold	272.34	
1571	Pamphlet - What I'd Like My Fr	108.00	
1575	Claudy Books - VOL I	686.09	
1576	Claudy Books VOL II	353.28	
1577	Claudy Books - VOL III	370.44	
1580	Pins - 25 Year	157.70	
1581	Pins - 50 Year	128.64	
1582	Pins - 75 Year	74.40	
1585	Pins - Widow	630.00	
	Total Masonic Inventory		11,643.05

Property and Equipment

1810	Office Furniture & Fixtures	5,673.51	
1820	Accum. Depreciation - F & F	(5,573.01)	
1830	Office Electronic/Computer Equ	25,988.60	
1840	Accum. Depreciation - Elect.	(15,364.06)	
	Total Property and Equipment		10,725.04

Total Assets

1,489,123.44

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Current Liabilities

2230	Bank of America	483.81	
2250	Def. Income - Annual Comm.	12,265.00	
2270	Def. Income - Other	305.00	
	Total Current Liabilities		13,053.81

Capital

3050	Grand Lodge Equity	2,959.60	
3130	Travel Fund	156,237.41	
3135	Legal Fund	23,145.08	
3140	Life Membership	235,527.94	
3145	GL Per Capita Life Membership	11,475.87	
3155	Petersburg Fund	188,683.31	
3160	Office Equipment Fund	1,776.46	
3170	Proceedings - Transcript, P&B	23,636.85	
3190	General Fund	283,962.23	
3195	Permanent Fund	548,664.88	
	Net Income	0.00	

Total Capital

1,476,069.63

Total Liabilities & Capital

1,489,123.44

Grand Lodge of Alaska Proposed Budget for 2018

	Revenues	2018 Budget	2017 Budget	Jan - Dec 2017 Actuals	2017 Budget VS Actuals	2016 Budget	Jan - Dec 2016 Actuals	2016 Budget VS Actuals
4100	Assessment - Per Capita	58,625.00	47,404.00	46,060.00	-1,344.00	48,412.00	44,047.50	-4,364.50
4110	Tower Lease	6,600.00	6,600.00	6,600.00	0.00	6,600.00	6,600.00	0.00
4120	Assessment- Late Fee	50.00	50.00	0.00	-50.00	50.00	0.00	-50.00
4125	Special Assessment- Legal Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4130	GM Dispensations	100.00	100.00	10.00	-90.00	100.00	20.00	-80.00
4145	GWMNM Fund Contribution	1,700.00	1,693.00	1,855.00	162.00	1,729.00	1,763.00	34.00
4150	Assessment - Petition Received	2,500.00	3,300.00	2,100.00	-1,200.00	3,300.00	3,287.00	-13.00
4160	Assessment - Degrees Conferred	550.00	700.00	545.00	-155.00	700.00	525.00	-175.00
4170	Assessment - Affils / Degrees	700.00	600.00	690.00	90.00	600.00	779.00	179.00
4175	Reinstate for NPD	225.00	300.00	225.00	-75.00	250.00	531.00	281.00
4180	Gen Contrib. / Donat	500.00	500.00	0.00	-500.00	1,000.00	400.00	-600.00
4220	Calendar Contribution	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2936.50	2,936.50
4252	Fund Raisers - Raffles	1,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	-3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	-3,000.00
4250	Fund Raisers - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4257	Fundraiser- hats	0.00	100.00	0.00	-100.00	100.00	20.40	-79.60
4253	Fundraiser- Jackets	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4254	Fundraiser Pocket Knives	500.00	0.00	175.00	175.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4262	Fundraiser-Tee Shirts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4300	Research & ED Book Sales	1,000.00	0.00	1,027.40	1,027.40			
4400	Sale of Masonic Inv	2,500.00	3,500.00	2,116.50	-1,383.50	5,500.00	2,493.12	-3,006.88
4630	GL 2017 Coins	300.00	2,000.00	310.00	-1,690.00	2,000.00	390.00	-1,610.00
4800	Interest - Special Assessment Acct	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	-10.00
4810	Int - General Savings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4812	Div-Interest -State Farm Life Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	830.00	1,389.01	559.01
4815	Div -Int- Charity Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	177.47	-22.53
4820	Div & Int-Travel Fund	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,117.10	117.10	6,000.00	6,650.22	650.22
4825	Div-Int-Perm Fund	10,000.00	8,000.00	10,204.87	2,204.87	8,000.00	9,757.74	1,757.74
4826	Div-Int- Legal Fund	950.00	700.00	969.72	269.72	500.00	967.86	467.86
4830	Div-Int - General Fund	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,882.48	882.48	5,000.00	6,160.33	1,160.33
4840	Div-Int - Life Mbrshp	11,000.00	10,000.00	11,179.21	1,179.21	10,000.00	11,772.78	1,772.78
4841	Investment Income Gains/Losses LM	0.00	0.00	8,498.72	8,498.72	0.00	-4,825.60	-4,825.60
4845	Div-Interest - Percapita Acct	100.00	100.00	113.46	13.46	100.00	207.32	107.32
4850	Investment Income Gains/Losses	30,000.00	30,000.00	149,074.54	119,074.54	30,000.00	50,608.70	20,608.70
4860	Div-Interest Petersburg Fund	3,500.00	3,000.00	3,841.81	841.81	0.00	3,825.61	3,825.61
4900	Other Income-Misc	100.00	100.00	0.00	-100.00	100.00	0.00	-100.00
4950	Reimbursed Expense - Ann. Comm	24,000.00	24,000.00	25,714.92	1,714.92	24,000.00	19,172.20	-4,827.80
4960	Reimbursed Expense- Leadership Tng	500.00	500.00	0.00	-500.00	500.00	0.00	-500.00
	Total Budget/ Gross Profit/Deviation	169,000.00	158,247.00	284,310.73	126,063.73	158,581.00	169,656.16	11,075.16

Acct	Expenses	2018 Budget	2017 Budget	Jan- Dec 2017 Actuals	2017 Budget VS Actuals	2016 Budget	Jan-Dec 2016 Actuals	2016 Budget VS Actuals
4970	Reimbursed Expense- West Conf.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Annual Comm Exp							
6005	Ann. Comm. - Banquet Expenses	23,000.00	23,000.00	24,055.53	1,055.53	23,000.00	19,072.31	-3,927.69
6015	Ann. Comm. - Entertainment	1,500.00	1,500.00	650.00	-850.00	1,500.00	500.00	-1,000.00
6020	Ann-Comm - Equipment Rental	500.00	400.00	492.00	92.00	400.00	343.98	-56.02
6030	Ann. Comm. - Printing	1,000.00	1,500.00	657.45	-842.55	2,500.00	636.80	-1,863.20
6040	Ann Comm - Supplies	450.00	450.00	242.21	-207.79	450.00	407.72	-42.28
6045	Ann. Comm. - Transportation	500.00	1,000.00	175.00	-825.00	1,000.00	0.00	-1,000.00
6050	Ann Comm - Misc Exp/Other	500.00	500.00	189.00	-311.00	1,000.00	216.00	-784.00
	Total Annual Communication	27,450.00	28,350.00	26,461.19	-1,888.81	29,850.00	21,176.81	-8,673.19
6100	Leadership Training	1,500.00	1,500.00	500.00	-1,000.00	1,500.00	0.00	-1,500.00
	PR/ Fundraising/ Masonic Awareness	6,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	-3,000.00	5,000.00	2,200.00	-2,800.00
6205	Awards Program	500.00	750.00	375.80	-374.20	750.00	98.36	-651.64
6220	Bank Service Charges	500.00	50.00	0.00	-50.00	50.00	29.00	-21.00
6225	Contributions/Donatio ns	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	-1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	-1,000.00
6230	Research & ED Book Sales	1,300.00	0.00	1,287.06	1,287.06			
6240	Inventory Cost of Goods	4,000.00	8,000.00	3,103.98	-4,896.02	8,000.00	1,080.18	-6,919.82
4401	Scholarships	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,567.88	67.88	2,500.00	2,601.08	101.08
6222	Broker Commission/ Foreign Tax	18,000.00	12,500.00	17,528.16	5,028.16	10,500.00	16,249.26	5,749.26
6227	Internet Service Expense	1,250.00	1,500.00	1,012.88	-487.12	1,500.00	1,180.62	-319.38
6255	Depreciation	600.00	1,200.00	532.70	-667.30	1,200.00	828.48	-371.52
6260	Dues & Subscriptions	2,200.00	1,200.00	2,215.00	1,015.00	1,200.00	2,118.07	918.07
6270	Equipment Rental	50.00	50.00	0.00	-50.00	50.00	0.00	-50.00
6275	Equipment Repair	150.00	250.00	0.00	-250.00	575.00	0.00	-575.00
6277	Fees - Legal / Audit GL Replacement	8,000.00	8,000.00	500.00	-7,500.00	0.00	275.00	275.00
6285	Regalia	1,300.00	1,250.00	1,267.80	17.80	1,250.00	288.75	-961.25
6301	Gr. Mstr. - Regalia	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	-1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	-1,000.00
6305	GM Expenses-Misc Out of Pocket	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
6310	Reimbursed Expense- West Conf.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4970	Annual Comm Exp							
	Ann. Comm. - Banquet Expenses	23,000.00	23,000.00	24,055.53	1,055.53	23,000.00	19,072.31	-3,927.69
6005	Ann. Comm. - Entertainment	1,500.00	1,500.00	650.00	-850.00	1,500.00	500.00	-1,000.00
6015	Ann-Comm - Equipment Rental	500.00	400.00	492.00	92.00	400.00	343.98	-56.02
6020	Ann. Comm. - Printing	1,000.00	1,500.00	657.45	-842.55	2,500.00	636.80	-1,863.20
6030	Ann Comm - Supplies	450.00	450.00	242.21	-207.79	450.00	407.72	-42.28
6040	Ann. Comm. - Transportation	500.00	1,000.00	175.00	-825.00	1,000.00	0.00	-1,000.00
6045								

6050	Ann Comm - Misc Exp/Other	500.00	500.00	189.00	-311.00	1,000.00	216.00	-784.00
	Total Annual Communication	27,450.00	28,350.00	26,461.19	-1,888.81	29,850.00	21,176.81	-8,673.19
6100	Leadership Training PR/ Fundraising/	1,500.00	1,500.00	500.00	-1,000.00	1,500.00	0.00	-1,500.00
6205	Masonic Awareness	6,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	-3,000.00	5,000.00	2,200.00	-2,800.00
6220	Awards Program	500.00	750.00	375.80	-374.20	750.00	98.36	-651.64
6225	Bank Service Charges Contributions/	500.00	50.00	0.00	-50.00	50.00	29.00	-21.00
6230	Donations Research & ED Book Sales	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	-1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	-1,000.00
6240	Inventory Cost of Goods	1,300.00	0.00	1,287.06	1,287.06			
4401	Scholarships	4,000.00	8,000.00	3,103.98	-4,896.02	8,000.00	1,080.18	-6,919.82
6222	Broker Commission/ Foreign Tax	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,567.88	67.88	2,500.00	2,601.08	101.08
6227	Internet Service Expense	18,000.00	12,500.00	17,528.16	5,028.16	10,500.00	16,249.26	5,749.26
6255	Depreciation	1,250.00	1,500.00	1,012.88	-487.12	1,500.00	1,180.62	-319.38
6260	Dues & Subscriptions	600.00	1,200.00	532.70	-667.30	1,200.00	828.48	-371.52
6270	Equipment Rental	2,200.00	1,200.00	2,215.00	1,015.00	1,200.00	2,118.07	918.07
6275	Equipment Repair	50.00	50.00	0.00	-50.00	50.00	0.00	-50.00
6277	Equipment Repair	150.00	250.00	0.00	-250.00	575.00	0.00	-575.00
6285	Fees - Legal / Audit GL Replacement	8,000.00	8,000.00	500.00	-7,500.00	0.00	275.00	275.00
6301	Regalia	1,300.00	1,250.00	1,267.80	17.80	1,250.00	288.75	-961.25
6305	Gr. Master. - Regalia GM Expenses-Misc	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	-1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	-1,000.00
6310	Out of Pocket	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
6315	GM Discretionary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6405	Travel - Grand Master	7,500.00	7,500.00	8,497.50	997.50	7,500.00	8,631.00	1,131.00
6410	Travel - DGM	4,500.00	4,500.00	5,165.00	665.00	4,500.00	5,254.00	754.00
6415	Travel - SGW	3,200.00	3,200.00	3,698.75	498.75	3,200.00	3,766.00	566.00
6420	Travel - JGW	3,200.00	3,200.00	3,698.75	498.75	3,200.00	3,766.00	566.00
6425	Travel - Grand Sec	3,400.00	3,400.00	3,732.50	332.50	3,400.00	3,777.00	377.00
6430	Travel - Grand Treas	3,200.00	3,200.00	3,532.50	332.50	3,200.00	3,577.00	377.00
6505	GM & GS Conference	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	695.00	-1,805.00
6510	GS - Misc. Expenses G. Washington	2,750.00	2,750.00	1,756.80	-993.20	750.00	1,341.98	591.98
6620	Memorial Assoc.	1,700.00	1,693.00	1,855.00	162.00	2,000.00	1,763.00	-237.00
6630	Liability Insurance	7,000.00	7,000.00	6,470.23	-529.77	7,500.00	6,450.53	-1,049.47
6635	Workers Comp. Ins	450.00	500.00	412.00	-88.00	575.00	400.00	-175.00
6690	MSA Dues	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
6700	Office Salary	13,104.00	13,104.00	13,104.00	0.00	13,104.00	13,104.00	0.00
6705	Office Account Fees Office Equip, Supplies & Exp.	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00	9,000.00	9,867.00	867.00
6710	Grand Lodge Calendar	3,500.00	1,500.00	863.85	-636.15	1,500.00	719.33	-780.67
6735	Postage & Delivery	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	800.00	0.00	-800.00
6730	Printing - Gen Forms	800.00	800.00	691.23	-108.77	1,000.00	510.81	-489.19
6745	Rent	700.00	800.00	422.91	-377.09	1,000.00	300.07	-699.93
6750	Property Taxes	5,400.00	5,400.00	5,400.00	0.00	5,400.00	5,400.00	0.00
6760	Telephone	2,900.00	2,850.00	2,822.94	-27.06	2,777.00	2,808.85	31.85
6765	Web Site Fee	600.00	600.00	578.39	-21.61	600.00	471.31	-128.69
6780	Telephone	200.00	600.00	105.00	-495.00	600.00	105.00	-495.00
6765	Web Site Fee	600.00	600.00	578.39	-21.61	600.00	471.31	-128.69
6780	Western Conference	200.00	600.00	105.00	-495.00	600.00	105.00	-495.00
6785	Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	137.25	137.25	500.00	1,034.88	534.88
6790	Corporate Taxes	500.00	500.00	0.00	-500.00	500.00	0.00	-500.00
6820	Medicare	600.00	600.00	0.00	-600.00	50.00	578.75	528.75
6821	F.I.C.A.	200.00	200.00	189.96	-10.04	200.00	189.96	-10.04
6822		850.00	850.00	812.40	-37.60	800.00	880.69	80.69

6823	State (S.U.I.)	150.00	200.00	131.04	-68.96	200.00	131.04	-68.96
6830	Federal (F.U.T.A.)	50.00	100.00	41.99	-58.01	100.00	41.99	-58.01
	Other Expenses							
8010	(Affinity Funds)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8011	IRS Penalty	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total Budget Exp/ Actual Exp/Deviation	157,054.00	150,447.00	134,772.44	-15,674.56	144,181.00	125,490.80	18,690.20
	*Distribution of Life Member Interest	11,000.00	10,000.00	11,179.21	1,179.21	10,000.00	11,772.78	1,772.78
	Net Income	946.00	-2,200.00	138,359.08	140,559.08	4,400.00	32,392.58	27,992.58

BUDGET & EXPENSE FOOTNOTES:

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

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

Masonic Research and Education

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

The Committee on Masonic Research and Education had a fantastic year in 2017, and we are looking forward to 2018 becoming an even better year.

One of the first things the Committee was charged with was to assist lodges in ways of providing Masonic Education to their membership. We sent education programs to each of the Alaskan Lodges in order to provide different ideas for Masonic Education, and to give each lodge an idea of something to talk about.

The first program was an open discussion walk through entitled "The Three Ruffians." This program was intended to create an open discussion on the subject. The purpose of the open discussion was to facilitate a form of discussion in the "Socratic Method," whereby each Mason and their lodge as a whole would be able to look further into the allegory and the mysteries of Masonry. We were able to provide this around the first quarter of 2017.

The second program was a presentation on "Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs" called "The Craft of Self-Actualization." The purpose of this presentation was to provide an in-depth psychological examine of the Craft of Masonry, and by definition, what makes "good men better."

For anyone that are interested, both of these presentations are available from the Masonic Research and Education Committee. Please let me know.

At the beginning of 2016, the Masonic Research and Education Committee revitalized the Grand Lodge Newsletter, "Light from the Great Land." After a couple of issues were released, I was informed by VW Dennis Oakland that our publication has changed into a "high-quality Masonic Magazine" and that we should have some copies printed.

Well, this evolved into a quarterly subscription, and was officially printed in the fourth quarter of 2016, and presented to members of the Grand Lodge. We were able to do this again this year. If you would all take a moment to look in your Alaska Grand Lodge "schwag-bags," you will see a copy of the most current publication of "Light from the Great Land."

On the cover of this magazine, you will notice that it is the "Alaska Masonic Research and Education - Symposium Edition." This is a "transcription," if you will, of the Symposium held on Saturday, November 24th, 2017 at Matanuska Lodge No. 7, in Palmer, Alaska.

Presentations were given by Bro. John Masters, myself, RW John May, and MW John R. "Bo" Cline. Each presenter spoke in their own way of helping to educate, understand, and revitalize Masonry within our lodges, the Craft as a whole, and most importantly, the reason we are Masons.

Even with quarterly issues of the magazine being provided, and the Masonic Research and Education Committee providing a symposium for further Masonic Education, we still need help. Many Masons across the state have provided articles for publication over the course of 2017, and we appreciate all of the submissions. But, we would like to have more. If you have an article you would like to submit to "Light from the Great Land," please let us know. This magazine is for all Alaskan Masons.

This is a magazine made by Alaskan Masons, contributed to by Alaskan Masons, and for Alaskan Masons. What that means, is that the appendant bodies, as well as other Masonic organizations are welcome to submit articles and information to us for publication. This includes Prince Hall Masons, the Scottish Rite, the York Rite, the Shrine, Amaranth, Eastern Star, Rainbow Girls, Job's Daughters, and DeMolay,

Currently, the magazine is available on the Grand Lodge of Alaska's Website, under "Light from the Greatland." Anyone can download the magazine in PDF format. It is also available by subscription. If you want a printed copy of Light from the Greatland, subscriptions for four quarterly issues are available for \$30.00 per year. This cost, is only to cover the cost of printing and mailing.

Finally, the Research and Education Committee planned to bring W Shawn Eyer, editor of the Philalethes Journal, as a special guest speaker to our 2017 symposium, but due to scheduling circumstances, Bro. Eyer was not able to make it in 2017.

But don't count us out! A couple of years ago, the Masonic Research and Education Committee presented each of the Alaska Lodges an opportunity to help bring Br. John Nagy to Alaska to present his "Building Better Builders" workshop. This was a resounding

success, where seven lodges contributed \$250 each to this cause. Any Mason that attended the Building Better Builders Workshop can tell you that it was well worth the effort.

This year, we will be looking for a similar contribution for any of the lodges that would like to assist in helping bring Bro. Eyer to Alaska to speak about the Washington Masonic Memorial, and an open presentation and discussion on Esoteric Masonry.

It has been an honor to serve and chair this committee. The accomplishments of the Masonic Research and Education Committee come from the continued efforts of the Masons who have supported us and extended their efforts to make this possible. And, with the support of the Grand Lodge and the assistance of the brethren, we look forward to an even better year in 2018.

We would like to give special thanks to the following Alaskan Masons for their Magazine Contributions:

VW Albert Brookman
W Paul Evermon
VW Monte Ervin
Bro. John Masters
MW John R. "Bo" Cline PGM
W Charles Ward
VW Ed Rogers
Prince Hall Brother Anthony April
Ms. International Job's Daughter Taila Gouge
W Jeff Bolstad

We would also like to thank our current Grand Lodge Officers for their quarterly messages, and musings.

RW Norm K. Gutcher JGW
RW John D. May SGW
RW Keith Herve DGM
MW John K. Bishop GM

Last but not least, RW Jerry Wasson for quality assurance.

Grand Master, I ask that this report be received.

Grand Master, I ask that this report be accepted.

Respectfully Submitted,

W Nicholas E. Adair PM
RW John D. May SGW

Masonic Public Relations

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

During 2017, the Committee on Public Relations made efforts to build on the objectives for the Committee as laid out in the Grand Lodge Long Range Plan. Specifically:

1. Champion local Masonic Awareness campaigns
2. Develop and implement an on-line strategy
3. Develop original digital content to launch a Masonic Awareness media campaign
4. Continue stewardship of traditional public and press relations outlets

In July, it became apparent that our work had stalled due to constraints on time and resources.

Recommendations:

1. A couple new movies (“Terra Masonica” & “33 & Beyond: The Royal Art of Freemasonry”) have been produced that portray the positive nature of Masonry. These, as well as productions from sister jurisdictions, offer potential avenues to promote Masonry.
2. The internet and social media are powerful outlets to raise Masonic awareness. This Committee has been repeatedly denied access by the existing admins to the “Grand Lodge of Alaska” and “Alaska Masons” Facebook pages. As such, these pages never develop much traffic and have become stagnant. We recommend that new admins from this Committee be added to these pages, and that an additional webmaster or two be added to administer the Grand Lodge website.
3. There has been discussion that Al Aska Shrine is moving forward with their own PR campaign and desires to share resources with the Grand Lodge for this effort. We recommend that the Grand Lodge support this effort to consolidate and make better use of our already limited resources.
4. Appointment of Public Information Officers to provide assistance to Grand Lodge and constituent lodges for crisis communications and stewardship of traditional media outlets.

At this late date, we regret to report that the Committee has failed to achieve our objectives for 2017, and therefore submit a "negative" report.

Respectfully submitted,

RW John May, SGW (4)
VW Joe Darnell, DDGM (7, 13, 20)
W Charles Ward (21)
W Rodney Young (15)

W Steven Stewart (21)

Masonic Youth

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

Masonic Youth Committee meeting, Wednesday, January 31, 2018, 12:30 PM at Hilton Hotel, Anchorage, Alaska.

We discussed the various Masonic affiliated youth groups around the state, reviewed several youth related activities sponsored by Masonic lodges in Alaska, and Grand Lodges actual support of Masonic youth.

1. Rainbow: Anchorage is strong and growing; Juneau is active but with limited membership; and Fairbanks meets informally. Grand Assembly is planning a statewide activity this June and will try to incorporate Jobies and DeMolay.
2. DeMolay: Anchorage is inactive; and Juneau is less active. DeMolay Alaska has transferred its jurisdiction to Washington DeMolay.
3. Jobs Daughters: The Supreme Council for Job's has suspended the Charter for the Bethel in Alaska

Other Masonic youth related activities:

1. Boy Scouts: Anchorage transferred charter to a non-Masonic organization; Fairbanks sponsors Sea Scouts; and Palmer sponsors a Cub Scout pack.
2. Battle of the Books: in Anchorage by Glacier Lodge
3. Books for Bikes: In Palmer by Palmer Lodge
4. Scholarships: several lodges

Condition:

1. Status Masonic Youth Groups are in decline and very dependent on a few adult volunteers
2. Poor communication is fairly common in all the groups. Email lists are haphazard or inconsistent and managed by a sole person, who may leave/die, leaving groups to "start fresh," losing followers. I prefer for a person to have the information, and not read it, than never get it. I don't want to become "spam" but we have to get our activities out there.
3. Excited about Grand Lodge's newsletter's willingness to include youth group submissions, and will be turning in Kendra's remarks from Opening Session.

Conclusion:

Grand Lodge level of support is unknown and Masonic Youth is not relevant to the GL's Mission.

Fraternally,

Bruce Kling
Gabrielle Hazelton, advisor

Bylaws

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

The Bylaws Committee received requests from six Lodges to change their Bylaws this year.

1. White Pass Lodge #1, Skagway – Dues
2. Fairbanks Lodge #12, Fairbanks – Dues, life membership.
3. North Pole #16, North Pole – Dues, Masters Charity Fund.
4. Mt. Juneau – Gastineaux Lodge #21 Juneau – amend & add to Bylaws.
5. Sterling Lodge #22, Sterling – Dues & Fees.
6. Matanuska Lodge #7 Palmer – meeting night change due to holidays.

Respectively Submitted,

VW Glen E Josey, Chairman
MW Carl J Lindstrom, Chairman
Bro Paul E Warner
VW Joe C Darnell

Public Schools

No report from the Public Schools Committee was received.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Report of Grand Chaplain (Necrology)

Eternal Father,

Life is a mysterious eternal journey that began before we were born and continues after of our death. In our time here below, we take the physical part of our journey both with others and alone. But our spiritual path must be a solitary one.

We ask for knowledge and wisdom that we might understand more of life's mysteries and learn to be the people you would have us be. Help us understand the purposes of our individual lives and then give us the courage to act on that knowledge.

Death is the greatest of life's mysteries for no man truly knows from whence he came or where he shall go next. We are a people of faith and give You praise and glory for the promises you have made to us.

Finally, we ask that You receive into Your loving arms all our departed loved ones, more especially our Brother Masons, in the sure and certain knowledge that we may someday join them there.

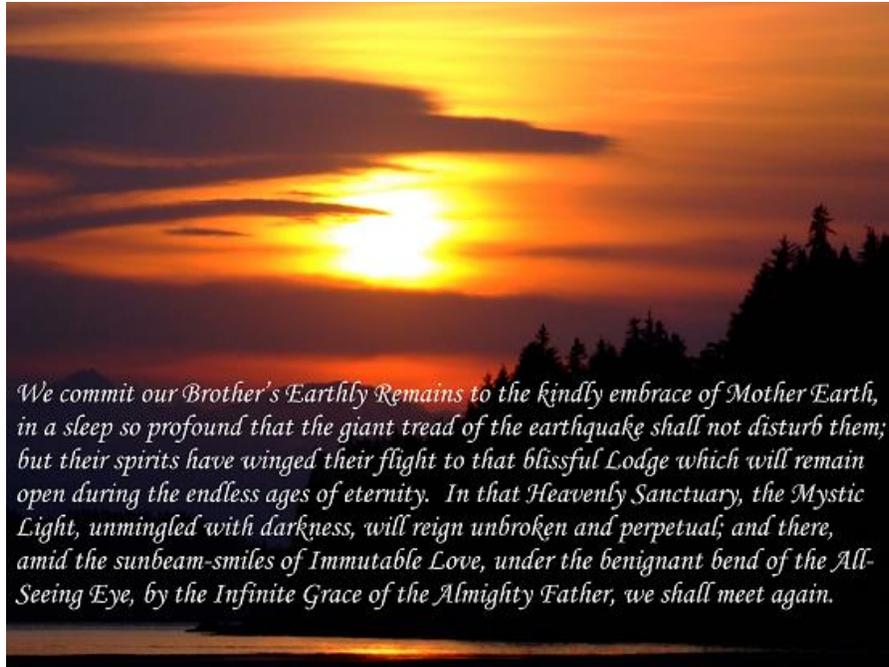
AMEN



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 No. 1	
Donald Patrick Frizzell	6/23/2017
Tanana Lodge No. 3	
Roy Heidel	9/27/2013
Ruben Oliver Tallant	4/12/2016
Michael Dale Thurman	1/4/2017
Frederick Herbert Savage	2/18/2017
Lloyd William Triggs	3/23/2017
Donald Walter Winters	5/23/2017
Lewis Leroy Harman	7/30/2017
Yvaneck Ivan Tremblay	8/23/2017
Charles Elmore Vickers	9/9/2017
Paul Leroy Newcomer	12/28/2017
Hartwell Spain Roberts	12/28/2017
Valdez Lodge No. 4	
Jefferson Davis Bailey	4/1/2017
Mt. McKinley No. 5	
Gilbert Lund Utness	10/7/2009
Eugene Harold Gillenwater	5/9/2013
Matanuska Lodge No. 7	
Keith Owen O'Donnell	9/8/2015
William Richard Coleman	11/11/2016
Larry David Wright	4/12/2017
Kodiak Lodge No. 9	
Bobby Hamlin Hood	1/20/2010
Emil Fox Vinberg	5/4/2016
Anthony James Perez	1/30/2017
Emil Fred Lentz	5/16/2017
Glacier Lodge No. 10	
Harold Charles Hutchins	1/7/2013
Jackie Gene Crumbley	3/18/2014
Virgil Clarence Fey	10/3/2015
Gerald Angeles Protzman	11/26/2016
Alvin Eugene Stringfield	12/26/2016
Donald William Cripps	4/28/2017
Charles Fred Adams, Sr.	7/4/2017
Kenai Lodge No. 11	
Vaughn Dee Myers	7/17/2017
Fred Harold Moody	8/5/2017

Edwin Saltz	12/27/2017
Eagle River Lodge No. 13	
John Henry Freie	3/11/2017
North Pole Lodge No. 16	
Robert Eugene Minor	9/10/2017
Anchorage Lodge No. 17	
James Joel Pruitt	4/13/2011
Dudley Armol Johnson	6/29/2011
Edward Oliver Stillie	11/28/2013
Jack Tessier, Sr.	12/13/2013
Willard Paul Wiggins	12/6/2015
George Mor	4/18/2016
Clifford E. Roberson	1/23/2017
Bruno Johnson	3/10/2017
Glen Earl Josey	5/5/2017
Forest Lee Bullington	6/1/2017
Erwin Kunkel	7/27/2017
Ketchikan No. 19	
Marvin Samuel Bird	7/16/2016
Harold Daniel Muth	2/23/2017
Vernon Dale Simpson	4/21/2017
Paul Baker Boyd	5/30/2017
Jack David Freitag	10/3/2017
Robert Leroy Hogben	11/26/2017
Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux No. 21	
Robert Wayne Gray	4/15/2015
Ellis Theodore Price	5/7/2016
Edward Leo Nygard	1/21/2017
Clark Ernest McHuron	5/2/2017
George Henry Messerschmidt.	11/17/2017
Petersburg Lodge No. 23	
William Dennis Haines	1/21/2017



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.

*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 the Grand Chaplain following Necrology Report

Great Architect of the Universe,
We ask that our Brothers who have laid down their earthly working tools
be admitted to Your Lodge above.
We vouch for these men, not perfect men, but good men who tried to be better men.
Let their journeys continue as they grow in your Light
and take up heavenly working tools.
We ask for comfort for those of us still here below
who grieve the loss of their presence among us.
Finally, we ask for healing mercies
for all our ill brothers and family members.
AMEN

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

W Paul Evermon
Grand Chaplain

We shall cherish their memories forever, so mote it be.

Report of Grand Lecturer

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

I'm not exactly sure why the Grand Master asked me to be the Grand Lecturer this year. Major life events and business growth didn't allow me to travel much. I don't like or feel particularly gifted at writing or speaking, yet, here I am. Finding a topic relevant and interesting to this room of what to me represents the best and brightest, was a challenge for me. I'm certain if the Grand Master only wanted a Masonic lecture as it relates to ritual then he wouldn't have picked me for the job. I love Masonry and our ritual but right behind family, my business has been my life for the last 20+ years. To say I was busy with both last year would be an understatement. Thank you Dave.

Keeping in mind my limited time to devote to my duties this past year, my goal was to have something thought provoking, relevant as well as a subject to which I have some experience to present to this Grand Lodge session. Something different. Having written and labored over several topics, any one of which could take an hour to cover. Which I won't, but unfortunately doesn't allow me to fully cover the topic I'm about to share with you. So forgive me if it seems incomplete, because it is. And forgive me for not having all the answers, because I don't. Like the characters in one of my favorite novels, *The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy*, a question can often be more informative than the answer. The humorous answer of 42 explains very little to our intrepid heroes of this book, but the question; What is the meaning of life, the universe, and everything, described the nature of the people asking the question? Truth seekers, curious about the universe around them and their place in it. They took so long and spent such disproportional time on the answer, that they forgot the very question, rendering the answer, meaningless. So, for the next few minutes, I ask you to think about the questions I'm going to raise and hopefully these will generate discussions amongst us and our elected leadership who together may find answers no single person could ever come up with on their own.

I took a hard look at our past proceedings and tried to find a reoccurring theme and the two most popular discussions, at least for the last 5 years or so, were on membership and money or more specifically, running lodges like a business and our membership declining at an alarming pace, owning a franchise and serving on a national advisory council, providing guidance on ad fund money. Myself along with six other elected franchisees and our franchisor, recently spent two days pouring over marketing opportunities to ensure we efficiently spend royalty dollars and hopefully grow all our businesses as a brand. One of the main things we look at and spend thousands of dollars finding the answer to, is what our product is and who is our customer. That got me to thinking. What if we looked at Masonry solely from a business perspective? More specifically, from a business marketing perspective since our Grand Lodge and independently owned and operated Lodges quite resembles the franchisor / franchisee model I work with.

So there's our first two questions: What is our Product and who is our customer? Those are important because finding the answers to either can transform a company. I've witnessed this in my own and several others.

Most of you know I'm in the glass business; auto, home, business glass, both wholesale and retail. I have another division as well which opened last year and is a small manufacturing plant making insulated glass units. If I asked you all what my product is, most of you would likely say... Glass. But you'd be wrong. After much research, my product is, "how the customer feels when the job is done." That's my product that we spent thousands of dollars figuring out. That's what we concentrate all our marketing efforts on to invite customers because, business goes where it's invited. The way I invite customers, is with marketing. This phrase changed my company. Changed how we do business and we grew as a result.

Masonry and Grand Lodges already have a marketing plan, whether they know it or not and whether they want it or not. The world is looking at us through the eyes of the internet. Last year I canceled all my yellow pages and have zero presence in any of the books. Over 80% of my calls are generated from the internet and I know this because I have tracking numbers. 8% of my sales goes into marketing of some kind but most of it is internet based. So, whether it's the grand lodge web page, a conspiracy theorist warning the world about our ambitions to run it, or even a social media post from someone in Masonic regalia or a guy wearing a fez carrying a sign we might not want to align with as a Mason. This is how most of the world is forming their opinions of Masonry today.

So, how do we reach our target audience? Once we figure out who that is, obviously we're not going to run ads but, if not that, than what? Maybe it's time to think further outside the box than ever. I'm in no way suggesting we need to innovate Masonry, but developing a marketing plan may present an opportunity to invigorate, help focus, and refine our mission statement to attract new members. I don't have the answer but I have the questions. Who's our customer? What's our product?

In closing, my ninety-two year old grandma recently told me she didn't want me to do her banking online because she didn't trust the internet. I explained to her, every transaction, every report, her balances and vital information are already online. And it is, you're just not looking at it. Not looking at it doesn't change the fact it's already there and like that example and by the same definition, we are already marketing Masonry to the world. Our web pages on the internet, social media, and our presence at public gatherings. We have a presence but are young men finding us? Is our marketing campaign saying what we want it to say to represent our fraternity? Ask a stadium full of high school seniors, what is Freemasonry and unlike 50 years ago, the front of mind recognition of our fraternity is virtually nonexistent compared to back then.

So what's the answer? Like I said in the beginning, I don't have the answers but, I hope I've asked the right questions. We have a marketing department at Grand Lodge called the Public Relations Committee. Maybe that's a place we can start developing our message and possibly transform our company based on a focused campaign on who we are and what we do. What is Masonry? How would you explain it to millennials? Our customer whether we like it or not.

What is our Product? Masons – Throughout history, making good men better. Your product; raising men to be Master Masons is not easy to define. Especially to those unfamiliar with

your fraternity. It's forbidden to ask, or invite a man to join, so developing a campaign based on inviting men to join, is impossible. You have a noble product, men would jump at the opportunity to purchase, if they only understood the significance. Even millennials, who actually rate very high on the importance of being part of a workplace or organization they can feel a sense of alignment with, can't find you. They are searching for something but don't know who you are. Can you describe what it is to be a Mason in a few words, one sentence, a paragraph, a book? When you can capture the feeling of being a Mason in a few words and get 90% of Masons to buy into the description, you're half way there to being able to describe your product

Who is our customer?

And finally... What are we already marketing to the world right now?

VW Kevin C. Tennant PDD
Grand Lecturer

Report of Grand Orator

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

Thank you Grand Master for this opportunity to serve your grand lodge, it is indeed my pleasure to serve you as your Grand Orator.

From darkness to light the mysteries of Freemasonry, which have been hidden from ages and generations, upon which the universal order of Freemasons is founded. Science was the father of Freemasons and religion its mother. It was born in the early dawn of creation. From the day Masonry was born it had to contend, against the darkness of ignorance.

Masonry is old and yet Freemasonry has come to the present age brighter than ever. And, like the sun will forever shine, and it can repose in the bosom, of its creator, the almighty God.

Like salmon returning to their mother stream, we likewise gather. Like gathering of angels, we start the day. We gather with hope and anticipation, the more we gather, the more complete our lives become. Riding the sea of uncertainty, we must move forward to survive, then Masonry can give, rise to our lives in so many ways. We all need people around us, who raise our standards and remind us of the moment runs high. Learn to be happy now, else you will run out of time, "no man has become great on his own."

Intelligence is the door to freedom and alert attention to the mother of intelligence. The best way to capture the moment is to listen. Pay attention! Masonry offers a way for us to take charge of the direction and quality of our lives, including our perspective on what means to connect to people around us and our work. The study of Masonry is very satisfying, working with men wanting more from life. Masonry encourages the deep to come to the surface and enrich your life to do more.

We have all known great sadness, but also great joy. The future is yours, but tomorrow is not yet here. Your search continues for more understanding about life and you will continue to grow and bring strength to us for things we wanted, Masonry! We are the results. Get on board today. The path to understanding will come. I am encouraged to search for the wisdom of Masonry is close by. Alas, it is not too early to saddle the wild horse of Masonry, our dedicated lives will find the way. As we move through life we understand.

I think the best understanding comes in time, so complex. Why all the head scratching? The biggest mountain, we have to climb is creating interest in Masonry, to not be replaced. So what is next? We are proud to do the work under the Square and Compasses. What is the difference between a reason and an excuse? Sometimes I feel like a clam with a shell. But, inspiration comes to me, knowing great men from my life past, I have a rich life and experienced beauty.

We remember those who have gone and will not share the cares of today. Masonry will share lives, risks, and success. When we advance seeing the march of Masonry before us, the moment of wisdom arrives, as we start to understand. We, the survivors of Masonry will gather on another day. We walk together for a short time, sharing our dreams.

Our disciplined journey takes us in many directions. The vision of ancient brothers are dusted and polished, we are new again in our rich traditions of Masonry. Collective minds move together in wisdom. Our reason for coming here seems more clear, a taste in presentation of our written word.

I want to expand my knowledge of Masonry. It will shine a light into the darkness of tomorrow. Our lives are like a stream flowing in the same ocean, feel the strength of lives, well spent with a strong purpose. The open road of Masonry is theirs so strong. Today was in wonder, alas, after the rest and tomorrow the answers yet to come. Yet come they will, Masonry can crystalize your life in so many ways. We work for the vision of what it might be.

Here lies the heart of Masonry, men who stand together, to do the work with men from the past, laying the foundation for the work. We best do part of our earthly experience, consists of ending entices by both good and evil, and then learn how to choose, good over evil. How could we become learned Masons if we did not have instructions from our ancient brothers. By the very history of Masonry, we will make the choice to understand what is good and what is evil. We find peace, happiness, and freedom as we make the right choice.

The rising tide lifts all boats and there is no short cut to glory. Masonry is whole and yet never finished. The search for more light continues. Hope is said to represent strength. Light is a symbol of knowledge and that faith began when reason ends and soon before you, know it, the candle will burn out, and all people laugh in the same language and remember, when in doubt, don't!

You cannot stop the waves, but you can listen to the surf.

Thank you Grand Master for the opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,

VW Albert Brookman

Report of Grand Historian

Showed a few slides of The Masonic Clubs of the District, Territory, and Territory of Alaska and location of the first Masonic Hall in Fairbanks.

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

While conducting research for documenting the Masonic clubs within the District, Territory, and State of Alaska, I was given a term paper by Ellen Lester titled *Frederick Sloane Sargent* concerning his life, who supposedly fathered the first Masonic Lodge in Alaska – Alaska Lodge 14 located in Sitka. In the paper, there is a reference to the Report of The Grand Historian in the 1949 Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Washington.

When I was in Kodiak also conducting research for my document on Masonic clubs, the Kodiak Historical Society gave me a picture of Sargent's Masonic apron. This peaked my interest, why did they have it when he was supposedly in Sitka and if he moved to Kodiak why is he mentioned as being the first Master of the Lodge. As I started to do some research of my own, I found some items not entirely correct as noted in the above mentioned documents. Also, according to the meeting notes of Alaska Lodge 14, which the Alaska Masonic Library and Museum has in its collection, there is no mention of a Frederick Sargent.

In the essay, it is noted that Sitka's new government began on November 25, 1867, approximately one month after the transfer of Alaska from Russia to the United States. It is also noted that the military commander acted as Governor of the new territory and that three members of this government, who were also Masons, were authorized to start a Masonic lodge, one being the Worshipful Master Brother Frederick Sargent who was also the Recorder of the Council.

As indicated in the book titled "Alaska's Urban and Rural Governments" by Thomas Morehouse and others, Soon after the Alaska purchase, the people of Sitka set up a "City Provisional Government" with the consent of the American military commander. The government was composed of a mayor, council, fire department, and a court. While the formal record of this first local government suggests order and progress, the reality was otherwise as laws were ignored by soldiers as well as the citizens. The military not only failed to provide law and order, but contributed much to the crime and violence. Both

officers and enlisted men were frequently drunk and disorderly, thereby creating chaos and fear in the community and reprisals occurred from the Natives who were special targets of assault. It is also noted that the military charged with maintaining order in Alaska between 1867 and 1884 had extremely limited means and authority: the commonest wants of daily life and trade remained unmet for lack of legislative action; no squatter could acquire title to land; no creditor could collect debts; no dying could will their possessions; no lovelorn could marry; and no murderer could be tried. This being said, it is not directly mentioned in the 1949 Report of the Grand Historian that authorization was required to start a Masonic Lodge and who would care if it was started without authorization anyway.

According to the 1949 Report of the Grand Historian, dispensation was granted on April 14th, 1868, with Brother Frederick Sargent Worshipful Master, Brother C. B. Montague Senior Warden, and Brother T. G. (Pat) Murphy Junior Warden. Even though he was appointed as Master of the new lodge, he had been sent to Kodiak by the company that he was working for approximately one week prior to the Dispensation of Alaska Lodge Under Dispensation. Bro. Sargent never came back to Sitka and he, along with his wife, is buried in Kodiak.

Even though he was appointed to be Master of the new lodge, he never served in that position. It is noted in the 1868 Grand Lodge of Washington Proceedings, Grand Master James Biles (spelled Beles in the essay) issued the dispensation as follows:

“On the 14th of April, I granted a Dispensation to Alaska Lodge, Alaska Territory: F. Sargent, W. M., C. B. Montague, S. W., and Patrick Murphy, J. W., with others. Being unacquainted with any of the brethren who petitioned for this Lodge, and Bro. W. H. Wood then being in Steilacoom, but on the eve of departing to Alaska, desired to join in the petition, upon which I thought best to authorize him, if he found it proper, to organize said Lodge. This he did, and has acted as Master since, Bro. Sargent having removed from the Lodge jurisdiction.”

As indicated in the 1869 Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the Territory of Washington, under the section titled DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS, the following was made:

“At our last annual Communication, the Grand Secretary was authorized “upon proper showing and the payment of dues and fees by the Lodge, to issue a charter to Alaska Lodge, U. D. Soon after the close of the session the annual returns and dues of that Lodge were received, accompanied by a request from the Lodge, that instead of a charter a dispensation issue authorizing the Lodge to continue labor until the next (present) annual Session of the Grand Lodge. The Dispensation was accordingly issued October 13, 1868.”

Within these proceedings it is noted that “Your committee would also renew the recommendation that a charter be granted to Alaska Lodge, U. D., upon the like conditions as above. It is noted in the Proceedings under the Returns of Lodges that the Alaska Lodge was given the number 14 and the delegates from Alaska and Whidby Island Lodge were admitted to seats in Grand Lodge, with full representative powers” (Friday, September 17, 1869).

It is noted that in the Grand Historian Report of the 1949 Grand Lodge of Washington Proceedings that, “The Army was withdrawn in 1877 and shortly thereafter the charter of the Lodge was revoked. The Army may have withdrawn in 1877 but the charter was not revoked in 1877.

According to the 1871 Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the Territory of Washington, Brother D. C. H. Rothschild submitted the following resolution, which on motion, was adopted by the Grand Lodge:

Resolved. That the MW Grand Master be requested, at as early a day as practicable to inquire into the status of Alaska Lodge No. 14, and if, deem it advisable and promotive of the honor and best interests of Masonry, to recall, or arrest the charter of said Alaska Lodge.

It wasn't until, as noted in the 1873 Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the Territory of Washington that Grand Master Granville O. Haller revoked the charter on the 18th of October, 1872 as noted in the following:

The recommendation of the Special Committee, to whom was referred last year so much of my address as related to Alaska Lodge, having been adopted by the Grand Lodge, it became my duty to take such steps, “as will serve to prove or disprove the charge, etc.

Both oral and written statements have been received which confirmed my worst fears. With the strongest dislike to revoke charters, I felt it my duty under the circumstances, and, on the 18th of October A. L. 5872, I directed our R. W. Grand Secretary “to issue the mandate revoking the charter of said Alaska Lodge No. 14 and require the charter, books, implements and property of all descriptions, to be turned over to Brother George A. Edes, of Sitka, etc.”

On the 28th of October, I signed the Mandate, addressed to the WM, Wardens, and brethren of Alaska Lodge No. 14, made in conformity to my directions: also, another document addressed “to all whom it may concern” appointing Bro. George A. Edes, Collector of Customs at Sitka, Alaska Territory, to receive the charter, books and property appertaining to Alaska Lodge.

The Worshipful Master of Alaska Lodge, Brother William H. Wood – who has repeatedly served this jurisdiction as R.W. Deputy Grand Master, with great ability; who has served, also, as R. W. Grand Secretary; and who, by his early training in the army, and in this Grand Body, fully understands the relations between the M.W. Grand Lodge and Subordinate Lodge, and necessity for obedience to plainly expressed orders – did take upon himself the responsibility to disobey the mandate, and alleges that “Bro. Edes is an unaffiliated Mason, and out of seven Masons, not members of the Lodge, he is the only one who desires or who has endeavored to injure the Lodge, etc.” Bro. Wood took upon himself to retain the Bible, chart (and, after the loss of the steamer *Geo. S. Wright*, we are informed by him that he had sent in her the “jewels, gavels and ashlar”) and holds possession of a part of the Hall.

On the 2nd of January last, I gave the necessary directions to R.W. Grand Secretary to cause our R.W. Junior Grand Warden to prefer charges against Br. Wm. H. Wood, late W.M. of Alaska Lodge, and to summon him to appear at this Convocation for trial. I need hardly say that I shall always feel responsible to the M.W. Grand Lodge of Washington for my official acts – and in vindication of my appointment of Brother Edes, point with pride to the fact that he has occupied the exalted position of, and is now a Past Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons in Oregon.

I have endeavored to maintain and enforce the principle while honored with the prerogatives of Grand Master, that it is not within the power of individuals, nor of a Subordinate Lodge, to resist the mandate of the M.W. Grand Master, but should any party of Subordinate Lodge feel aggrieved, that they can bring the subject before the M. W. Grand Lodge for revision, and if necessary, reversal of such mandate.

In justice to Bro. Wood, I should say that he has written letters expressing regret, and stating his inability to incur the expenses necessary to appear before us to answer to the specification filed against him. The papers relating to this case, in my possession, are herewith turned over to our R. W. Grand Secretary for future reference if deemed necessary.

In taking these steps, I have simply intended to vindicate the Supreme authority of the Grand Master, but, while I submit the case, I would ask the most charitable construction to be placed on Bro. Wood's conduct.

It is also noted in the same Grand Lodge proceedings the Committee on Grievance and Appeals submitted the following report:

We the Grievance Committee of the Grand Lodge of Washington Territory, having had the matters of Alaska Lodge No. 14, referred to us for consideration and examination, beg leave to report:

1. That we find the following facts with reference to Lodge property, to-wit: A school house, upper story and ante-room, leased in 1869, for the term of 99 years with power to sublet; and to rebuild in case of destruction by fire, with their undivided interest in the property, lease not recorded. Therefore upon the face of this paper it appears that we have practically a Lodge and ante-room, when the lease for the same shall have been properly recorded.
2. A note payable on demand, date May 17, 1873, from Patrick Burns to the Grand Lodge of Washington Territory for \$356.15 without interest, endorsed upon the back; \$32.00 for services as Tyler. Said note secured by a mortgage on a lot, and with a building containing a saloon and restaurant.

Mortgage defective in this: first, not acknowledged according to the laws of Washington Territory; second, not recorded.

We find that the last meeting of Alaska Lodge was on October 17th, 1872; that the loan was made by W. H. Wood, as acting W. M. of said Lodge, on May 17th 1873-eight months subsequent to the last meeting of the Lodge.

We find a quantity of Lodge property as per schedule hereunto annexed marked A, now in the possession of a man named Levy, delivered to him by Geo. A. Edes.

In view of the premises your committee would respectfully recommend that our M. W. Grand Master - elect, take charge of all the before mentioned papers; and send lease by first opportunity to Sitka by safe hand for record; second, send note and mortgages, note if possible to be negotiated or collected; if not practicable, then to get a new note bearing interest and secured by new mortgage properly drawn and executed; If this be impracticable, then one preserved mortgage, properly acknowledged and recorded, after which these paper be returned.

As to the things enumerated in Schedule A, we would recommend that they be sold immediately, except the aprons which shall be sent down with papers and proceeds to our Grand Master at the earliest opportunity.

In respect to the charges against Bro. W. H. Wood and his conduct with reference to the management of the Lodge finances and property we submit without recommendation.

Without delving further into the written material, it is not known if Bro. W. H. Wood was tried in front of the Grand Lodge.

As far as Bro. Sargent's apron is concerned, it is noted in the term paper:

“Frederick S. Sargent's 32nd Degree Mason's Apron, Jewels, and Ribbon stating the he Fathered the first Masonic Lodge in Sitka, Alaska in 1868. The display may still be at the Seward Masonic Lodge. His granddaughter, Corinne, assumed the display box was made by the Seward Lodge, with the box's contents donated by her uncles or older brothers.”

The picture of the apron in the essay is the same as that picture provided by the Kodiak Historical Society.

Finally, it is noted in Appendix III, item 4 that states as follows:

4. Mason's early years – to find more information of proceedings about the Most Worshipful Frederick Sargent, write to:

Right Worshipful Walberg Tonstad, Grand Secretary F & M
Grand Lodge of Washington, 47 St. St. Helens Avenue
Tacoma, Washington 98402

Bro. Frederick Sargent was appointed as Worshipful Master of Alaska Lodge 14, but never served as the Master of that Lodge and there is no record of him ever having an appointed or elected position within the Grand Lodge of Washington Territory. Also, while living in Kodiak, there was no known Masonic activity within the community. He passed to the celestial lodge on March 19, 1911 which is prior to the formation of the first Masonic club in Kodiak by about 15 years.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Hansen
Grand Historian

Charters and Dispensations

No report from the Charters and Dispensations Committee was received.

Leadership Training

A negative report was made.

Military Recognition

No report from the Military Recognition Committee was received at the time of publication, however, see the presentation of Military Recognition Award for awards given out.

George Washington National Memorial

No report from the George Washington National Memorial Committee was received.

Wills and Endowments

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipfuls, Very Worshipfuls, Worshipfuls, Brothers all:

The Wills and Endowments Committee took on the task of creating a master list (attached as an appendix) of funds held by the Grand Lodge and its constituent lodges. The committee holds three hopes for this list, once finalized:

Provide information about how Brothers can direct their donations and estate plans to fund the parts of Masonry they hold most dear.

Provide information to relatives of deceased Brethren who wish to make gifts on behalf of their loved ones.

Encourage lodges to consider and review their current financial plans to ensure they have properly delineated and accounted for funding “pools” that ensure money is spent for its intended purpose.

The Committee received input from R.W. Bro. James Grubbs, V.W. Bro. Mike Starkey and W. Bro. Ken Vaughan, and thanks them for the provided information. One goal for the Committee in the coming year is to expand the list to include information from all constituent lodges, and perhaps information from appendant and concordant bodies as well.

Other goals for the Committee in 2018 include:

Creating mechanisms for Brothers to make long-term contributions to Masonry in Alaska. These may include:

- Annuities that allow Brothers to make a lump-sum payment, then receive annual payments for life.
- Dedicated donation plans that allow Brothers to make small, periodic payments over time that add up to large donations when completed.
- Providing information to Brothers and their financial planners about planned giving opportunities.

Assisting interested lodges in their creation of funding pools dedicated to particular needs.

Finally, the Committee notes, with certain specific exceptions, donations to Grand Lodge and constituent lodges are not generally tax deductible. We understand the desire to contribute to charitable and educational causes both within and outside Masonry, both for tax purposes and for the increased confidence a donor has his money will go to “a good cause.” The Committee believes, and hopes the Brethren will agree, Masonry is a good cause. We would encourage Masons to consider giving plans that include the “nuts and bolts” operations of the Grand Lodge and your lodge or lodges, even though those donations are not tax deductible. Future Masonic endeavors in Alaska will need to be funded from multiple sources, including contributions beyond yearly dues and occasional assessments.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted:

W Charles Ward (chairman)

W Bro. Thomas Lehe

W Bro. Bradley Kiefer

Long-Range Planning

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

Vision Statement

To meet the needs of the members of our constituent Lodgesⁱ by providing quality leadership and education. To be the first choice of men who will contribute to the strength of our organization and enhance its ability to achieve its vision.

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

Mission Statement

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

What is this document?

This document is the long range plan for the MW Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Alaska, and serves as the strategic blueprint for the future prosperity and longevity of Masonry in Alaska. This document identifies Strategic Priorities within Alaskan Masonry, as well as a prioritized list of objectives and action items needed to achieve these priorities to safeguard the future of Masonry in Alaska.

What is “Long Range”?

Plans that foster changes in behaviors and attitudes require time. Research indicates that behavioral changes for individuals generally require seven to ten years to become established and effective - the new normal conditions. Organizational changes generally take longer. The best plans are dynamic and adaptive; being open to changes and refinements as they are developed, implemented, and revised.

Long Range Plans (LRPs) are decadal in scope, and adaptive, being open to additions and revisions. LRPs must accommodate the values and needs of the members of the constituent lodges in order to be effective, while still protecting the core values of the Masonic Landmarks. A revision of the plan, objectives, and actions needed to achieve the Strategic Priorities should be performed periodically (such as every three to five years); and adjustments considered for incorporation with the agreement of the Grand Lodge. This long range plan is reviewed annually, and updated as is necessary and required.

Cornerstones

The Vision and Mission Statements are based on Masonic Landmarks, which exist within the Grand Lodge of Alaska, and Freemasonry as a whole. These Landmarks include:

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

The Vision and Mission Statements guide our actions toward our Strategic Priorities. These issues are not new, but our plans to resolve them are new and proactive, consisting of strategic objectives and action items, and are detailed in the following document to achieve the outcomes inherent in the Vision and Mission Statements.

Strategic Priorities

Strategic Priority 1: Membership

Masonic membership is declining throughout the United States. The Grand Lodge of Alaska has experienced about a 21% decline in membership from 2006 to 2016. We need to resolve this issue. Membership is built on the “Three R’s”: Retention, Restoration, and Recruitment.

1. **Retention:** We will retain our members by providing our constituent lodges with tools to develop lodge excellence and leadership, to coordinate quality meetings and events, and invigorate mentorship and Masonic education.
2. **Restoration:** Restoring past members to our lodges merits our attention. Past members exhibited an interest in Masonry at one time in their lives; it is befitting to reengage their interest and involvement.
3. **Recruitment:** Masons do not recruit. Masons are the example, which good men should desire to emulate. Presenting ourselves as just and upright Masons, we raise awareness of Freemasonry, and represent the Fraternity as gentlemen. Grand Lodge must educate our Lodges on acceptable awareness techniques.
4. **Leadership:** This is essential in all Masonic endeavors. We need to train and encourage leadership in all aspects of lodge activities, including in opening and closing, degree work, activities, and long range planning. The Grand Lodge is also facing a generational gap that will adversely impact leadership continuity in both the Grand Lodge and Blue Lodges.

Strategic Priority 2: Quality

From time immemorial, Freemasonry has been regarded as the gold standard amongst fraternal organizations, and has included some of the world's greatest men amongst its members. It is therefore incumbent upon this Grand Lodge to strive to maintain that tradition of quality and esteemed reputation for which Freemasonry has been so distinguished across the world; an honorable society of noble gentlemen and celebrated leaders.

Strategic Priority 3: Finance

Over the years, our income from membership has declined, while the cost of doing business has increased. More immediately, expected retirements within the Grand Lodge office will occur within the next few years, creating the need to hire an office staff and accountant.

Strategic Objectives & Action Items

Strategic Objective 1: Lodge Leadership & Development

Grand Lodge presides by the will and pleasure of the constituent lodges. The primary function of the Grand Lodge is diplomatic recognition, namely to ensure the regularity of the constituent lodges. Grand Lodges would be remiss to assume that the maintenance of regularity rests solely upon the constituent lodges. As such, this Grand Lodge exists to serve and support the individual lodges that constitute it.

Grand Lodge, its officers and committees must work hard to serve the best interests of the Blue Lodges and the Craft. We must support new lodges, new technology, and new concepts. We need to evolve how our leaders manage and regulate our lodges. We need to encourage a flexible framework that encourages innovations in how our lodges function and what they offer their members. Leaders must have a duty and responsibility to advance Masonry and our Blue Lodges.

Grand Lodge has a primary mission to serve and support our Blue Lodges, and to encourage, involve, and develop Alaska's future leaders.

Lodge Leadership & Development Objectives

1. Develop and implement a Lodge Officer training program.
2. Encourage, involve, and develop our future Blue Lodge leaders.
3. Develop and implement a Lodge Excellence and Management program.
4. Evolve the Alaska Masonic Code (AMC) to support new lodges, new technology, and new concepts.
5. Provide consultation services to the constituent lodges.

Lodge Leadership & Development Action Items

1. Develop and implement a Lodge Officer training program.
 - a. Develop a series of Leadership programs.
 - Create exercises to hone leadership skills.
 - Utilize storytelling to create a vicarious experience to facilitate leadership development. Attending Brothers should be able to relate to their personal experiences to facilitate leadership growth.
 - b. Develop a series of Lodge Officer training programs.
 - Facilitate development of lodge officers proficient in lodge leadership, management, and education.
 - Include a curriculum for District Deputies.
 - c. Deliver the Leadership and Lodge Officer training programs over Sococo, at Lodge Officer training seminars, and as requested.
2. Encourage, involve, and develop our future Blue Lodge leaders.
 - a. Develop a Lodge Officer on-boarding program.
 - Provide examples of how new officers can become involved.
 - Encourage lodges to embrace opportunities for emerging leaders to take charge.
 - b. Develop a Lodge Officer mentoring program.
 - Establish regular discussion forums between emerging leaders and experienced leadership over Sococo to interact and share ideas.
3. Develop and implement a Lodge Excellence and Management program.
 - a. Research best practices for lodges and related organizations.
 - b. Develop a series of Lodge Excellence and Management programs.
 - Deliver these programs over Sococo, at Lodge Officer training seminars, and as requested.
 - Develop a workshop based on this program series.
 - Include topics on quality meetings, events, and activities.
4. Evolve the AMC to support new lodges, new technology, and new concepts.
 - a. Grant a new charter to the Masonic Code Review Committee to develop resolutions to the AMC that will deregulate, simplify, and create flexibility needed to support innovation, technology, and new ideas.
5. Provide consultation services to the constituent lodges.
 - a. As requested.

Strategic Objective 2: Masonic Education

“One thing and only one thing a Masonic Lodge can give its members which they can get nowhere else in the world. That one thing is Masonry... The Master whose instruction program is strictly Masonic has to send to the basement for extra chairs for most of his meetings.” - “The Master’s Book” by MW Carl H. Claudy

“The very essence of the Masonic doctrine is that all men in this world are in search of something in their own nature which they have lost, but that with proper instruction and by their own patience and industry they may hope to find. Its philosophy implies that this temporal world is the antipodes of another and more real world from which we originally came and to which we may accelerate our return by such a course of self-knowledge and self-discipline as our teaching inculcates.” - “The Meaning of Masonry” by W. L. Wilmshurst

Masonic Education for Alaska Masons must include lodge planning, lodge management, lodge leadership, financial processes, understanding the history of the Craft, and the meaning of the esoteric work (our degree work).

Masonic Education Objectives

1. Develop a series of Masonic Education programs.
2. Manage and publish the Grand Lodge magazine - “Light from the Great Land”.
3. Coordinate the Masonic speakers program.
4. Coordinate an annual Masonic Research & Education weekend retreat.
5. Create Masonic Education opportunities for all Alaska Masons.

Masonic Education Action Items

1. Develop a Masonic Education program series.
 - a. Include short presentations (5-10 minutes) for delivery at local lodge meetings.
 - b. Longer presentations and programs for delivery at educational events and over Sococo.
 - c. Garner feedback from the Blue Lodges.
2. Manage and publish the Grand Lodge magazine - “Light from the Great Land”.
 - a. Encourage Alaska Masons to produce and submit original work for publication.
3. Coordinate the Masonic speakers program.
 - a. Endeavor to bring a Masonic guest speaker to Alaska, annually.
 - b. Develop and implement a traveling Masonic speakers programs.
4. Coordinate an annual Masonic Research & Education weekend retreat.
 - a. Schedule of events should include Masonic speakers, ritual work and education, Masonic intercourse, and fellowship.
 - b. The retreat program should include a Festive Board.
5. Create Masonic Education opportunities for all Alaska Masons.
 - a. Encourage the development of Lodge Education Officers.
 - b. Utilize Sococo to host online Masonic Education events and Masonic study groups.
 - c. Develop a curriculum and references for developing Masonic education topics consistent with the Alaska Monitor, degree work, and Officer’s guide.

Strategic Objective 3: Civility and Remediation

“...we, as the Freemasons of North America, will be true ambassadors of civility in society. We can demonstrate our relevance in our communities. We can say, with conviction that, due to our efforts, our world is a better place.” – MW Russ Charnovia, PGM - California

*“By improving harmony, we will improve retention, restoration, and recruitment.”
– MW John K. Bishop*

Civility is defined as formal politeness and courtesy in behavior or speech. All Masons are encouraged to emulate civility within their Lodges, work places, and their everyday lives, thereby setting an example for the betterment of their communities.

Civility and Remediation Objectives

1. Develop and implement a civility program
2. Develop and implement a remediation program

Civility and Remediation Action Items

1. Develop and implement a civility program.
 - a. Encourage individual Masons to make a conscious effort of one daily act of civility.
 - b. Encourage the Blue Lodges to host a local civility event.
2. Develop and implement a remediation program.
 - a. Investigate a program for conflict resolution between brothers and lodges.
 - b. Recommend a system of mediation.
 - c. Investigate training in techniques to maintain harmony and avoid acrimonious behavior.

Strategic Objective 4: Finance

*“We need to manage our Lodges as if they are a business.”
- MW Dave Worel, Past Grand Master*

Grand Lodge must stress on the importance of financial planning to our Lodges and membership. Basic elements of lodge operations, such as an annual budget and annual audit are necessary, regardless of the size of the lodge. Furthermore, the long-term fiscal health of our constituent lodges and this Grand Lodge requires that we educate our membership strongly on trusts, wills, and endowments.

Finance Objectives

1. Develop a wills and endowments program and guide for giving.

2. Research and develop strategies towards the creation of an endowment fund for the Grand Lodge.
3. Explore fundraising opportunities to bolster Grand Lodge finances.

Finance Action Items

1. Develop a wills and endowments program and guide for giving.
 - a. The Grand Lodge of Alaska must have a structured process to encourage members to provide lasting financial gifts, to including estate planning and other financial instruments.
 - b. Promote and market the life insurance policy program started by MW Gene Freeman.
 - c. Include a list of other Masonic entities (with tax identification numbers) for charitable giving, such as Rite Care, AASR, York Rite, Shrine, scholarships, etc.
2. Research and develop strategies towards the creation of an endowment fund for the Grand Lodge.
3. Explore fundraising opportunities to bolster Grand Lodge finances.

Strategic Objective 5: Masonic Awareness

Good men are interested in Masonry, but they may not know how to become a Mason or they are inundated with misinformation that casts an unfavorable shadow on the Fraternity. Masonic Awareness must be raised; we must engage in a campaign that is driven towards creating and disseminating information that accurately portrays Masonry.

Masonic Awareness Objectives

1. Develop a program for local Masonic Awareness campaigns.
2. Develop an onboarding program for perspective candidates and new Masons.
3. Develop and implement an online strategy.
4. Develop and implement an Alaska-wide Masonic communication plan.

Masonic Awareness Action Items

1. Develop a program for local Masonic Awareness campaigns.
 - a. Work with and encourage individual Blue Lodges to plan and execute a Masonic Awareness event.
 - b. Local Masonic Awareness campaigns need to represent Masonry with decorum.
 - c. Offer support to the Blue Lodges to develop and implement local Masonic Awareness campaigns.
 - d. Encourage local Blue Lodges to identify and pursue opportunities for cornerstone laying ceremonies.
 - Facilitate support for cornerstone laying ceremonies.

- e. Encourage local Blue Lodges to consider participating in volunteer activities, with established community service organizations.
- 2. Develop an onboarding program for perspective candidates and new Masons.
 - a. Six Steps to Initiation: revise it for Alaska. Specifically, lodges must get to know perspective candidates before they are initiated.
 - b. Provide candidates and new Masons with a better knowledge of Masonry.
 - c. Create an inclusive atmosphere for perspective candidates and new Masons.
 - d. Establish expectations for both the candidate and the Lodge.
- 3. Develop and implement an online strategy.
 - a. Building relationships with our existing Social Media and Website admins.
 - b. Help the Blue Lodges with their Websites and Social Media accounts.
 - c. Develop and implement a Search Engine Optimization (SEO) strategy, utilizing white hat SEO tactics.
 - d. Coordinate the online strategy and pool resources with other Grand Lodges.
 - e. Monitor trends and metrics of our online analytics.
- 4. Develop and implement an Alaska-wide Masonic communication plan.
 - a. Disseminate information of Masonic events and activities to our members.
 - b. Continue stewardship of traditional public and press relations outlets.
 - c. Develop and disseminate Public Service Announcements (PSAs), as requested.
 - d. Handle crisis communications, as requested by the Grand Master.

Strategic Objective 6: Alaska Masonic Family

"Let us trust God, and our better judgment to set us right hereafter. United we stand, divided we fall. Let us not split into factions which must destroy that union upon which our existence hangs." – Patrick Henry, 1799

Our jurisdiction, Alaska, presents several diverse challenges which include our vast geography, small population, and fluctuating economy. The entire Alaska Masonic Family draws from the same pool of limited resources. We must coordinate our efforts to share our resources, in order to prevent burnout amongst our members and spreading ourselves too thin.

Alaska Masonic Family Objectives

- 1. Develop a unified plan to coordinate our plans, priorities, and resources.
- 2. The Unified Plan.
- 3. Support for Masonic Youth programs.

Alaska Masonic Family Action Items

- 1. Develop a unified plan to coordinate our plans, priorities, and resources.

- a. Develop an agenda for the initial meeting using this plan as a framework.
 - b. Invite all entities of the Alaska Masonic family to meet, invite them to offer feedback, and develop a unified plan.
2. The Unified Plan.
- a. Common priorities, objectives, action items, and resources.
 - Coordinate use of resources to eliminate duplicated efforts, lost time, and waste.
 - Coordinate efforts should leave more time at meetings for topics with Masonic substance and sharing in fellowship.
 - b. Facilitate better communication between the Alaska Masonic family.
 - Master calendar of meetings, events, and activities.
 - c. Shared events to encourage involvement and participation.
3. Support for Masonic Youth programs.
- a. Encourage and support the Masonic Youth organizations in Alaska in the development of a long range plan.
 - Draft plans to revitalize DeMolay in Alaska, and expansion of the program.
 - Draft plans to revitalize Jobs Daughters and expansion of the program.
 - Draft plans to revitalize the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and support expansion of the program.
 - Identify areas where support is required from the Alaska Masonic Family.
 - b. Include the Masonic Youth organizations in the development of and future revisions to the Unified Plan.

History of the Current Plan

Trestle Board: 2018

The report presented at the 2018 Annual Communication made minor revisions to the 2017-2018 LRP. Senior Grand Warden, John May presented a report of this effort to the Grand Lodge during the 2018 Annual Communication.

Trestle Board: 2017-18

The report presented at the 2017 Annual Communication developed Strategic Priorities, objectives, and action items for revision to the LRP. This revision of the plan sought to provide SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, and Timely) objectives and action items needed to ensure the future prosperity of Masonry in Alaska. These objectives and action items, in-turn, offer developmental opportunities for Masons throughout Alaska, through identification of necessary actions to develop a plan to implement the Vision and Mission Statements in manners consistent with the Alaska Masonic Code. Junior Grand

Warden, John May presented a report of this effort to the Grand Lodge during the 2017 Annual Communication.

Why Make a Change: 2012-13

The 2012-13 elected officers of the Grand Lodge of Alaska took a hard look at the Long Range Plan that was in-effect. The results of the evaluation indicate that the existing plan was not resulting in meaningful action; it was overly complicated for generating actions needed to advance the Grand Lodge into the future. The elected officers worked to generate Vision and Mission Statements that reflect the issues they saw before of the Grand Lodge, and to provide three Strategic Imperatives for actions in future years.

The report presented at the 2013 Annual Communications explained the work of the Elected Officers, and provided the framework for a long range plan. This revised plan sought to provide structure to present the work needed to advance Masonry in Alaska into the future, by creating opportunities for each Grand Lodge Officer, Grand Lodge committees, constituent lodges, and individual Masons throughout Alaska, through identification of necessary actions to develop a plan to implement the Vision and Mission statements in manners consistent with the Alaska Masonic Code. Senior Grand Warden Dave Worel presented a report of this effort to the Grand Lodge during the 2013 Annual Communication. The Grand Master accepted the report.

Internet

No report was received from the Internet Committee was received.

Sococo Report

No report was received from the Sococo Committee was received.

Trestle Board

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

The Committee on the Trestle Board continued to enjoy success in 2017, by coordinating the publication of the Grand Lodge magazine “Light from the Great Land” with the Committee on Masonic Research & Education. Many Alaska Masons, including members from the Research & Education committee, contributed articles for the magazine.

It gives me great pleasure to report that “Light from the Great Land” continues on its course as a high-quality Masonic magazine. Several of Alaska’s Masonic bodies are now requesting to join in the publication, in an effort to consolidate our resources and efforts into this outstanding periodical.

We are in the process of determining a path forward in this respect. We are seeking to find a balance that best serves Alaskan Masonry, while continuing our efforts to elevate “Light from the Great Land” towards becoming a respected journal for scholarly Masonic work.

W Nick Adair has been doing a tremendous job with the lay-out and graphics. RW Jerry Wasson has been instrumental as our proofreader. And, we are honored to have W Charles Ward joining our team in 2018 to provide his expertise with editorial duties.

A hard copy of the winter 2017 edition has been placed in each of the Annual Communication grab bags. “Light from the Great Land” is currently available electronically on the Grand Lodge website, and hardcopies of this quarterly periodical will be offered to the brethren this year on an individual basis for \$30 per annual subscription.

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

Grand Master I ask this report be received.

Grand Master I ask this report be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

RW John May (4), Chairman
RW Jerry Wasson (13, 20)
W Nick Adair (7)

Segregation and Reference

(transcribed from audio recording)

Thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master.

I’d like to compliment you on your year and your officer’s year. It has been a great pleasure to serve you.

During your last speech, just a minute ago, you had twenty-two paragraphs that you went through pretty fast. Most Worshipful Brother Carl Lindstrom and myself went over the pages and we only found two paragraphs that had to be referred to the Jurisprudence.

Starting at where you put down State of the Craft, we went from there down. We started numbering each paragraph individually. It wasn’t hard, he has it all out there, each paragraph. So we did it right away. Went down twenty-two paragraphs. We found paragraph fifteen,

Dispensations Approved, needs to be looked at by Jurisprudence. Over on Appointments, paragraph eighteen also needs to be looked at by Jurisprudence.

Grand Master, I ask that this report be accepted.

MW Ronald Ackerman PGM, Chairman, (1, 21)

MW Carl Lindstrom PGM (6, 22)

W Thomas P. Stroozas (11)

Ritual

No report from the Ritual Committee was received.

Alaska Masonic Code Review

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

There was no code to review and therefore the Alaska Masonic Code Review committee has a negative report.

Respectfully submitted,

VW Roger K, Hansen PDD, Chairman

MW James R. Herrington PGM

VW Frank G. Weiss III PDD

Masonic Scholarship

No report from the Masonic Scholarship Committee was received

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 1 Mid-Year Report

District 1 is alive and well. Three official visits were scheduled before summer. Visits were made to NP #16 and Fairbanks #12 but the visit to Tanana #3 was canceled/rescheduled

because of an unexpected surgery that left me unable to attend. The plan is to visit the remaining two lodges this fall when members are back to more normal routines.

Summer slows much of the lodge business in the interior as many members are either vacationing or busy with family requirements. However, many members are still meeting regularly for stated and making plans for get-togethers such as the Turkey Shoot and Golden Days events in both Fairbanks and Valdez.

Information about Masonic Research and Education was discussed at stated meetings I attended and I push the information during my official visits as well as encouraging long-range planning.

For the most part, harmony prevails and civility is well and alive throughout.

Respectfully;
VW Bro Ed Rogers District 1

2017 Visits

May 15, 2017

North Pole Lodge 16

Attendance: There were 8 members in attendance – one petition was read. Most officers can be counted on for regular attendance.

Quality of Overall Evening: North Pole is a small lodge that shares space with the local Lions Club. On the night of my visit, several committee updates were shared. I heard from the following; Turkey Shoot, Highway Clean-up, Lions' Club Liaison, Dues Committee, and the Building Committee, (North Pole is researching opportunities to have their own facility). Discussions of participating in local parades and events were also discussed. With only 8 members present, they surely had a lot going on. The meal was well received and like always the fellowship before, during, and after was second to none.

Quality of Ritual: There are several “newer” Master Masons in key position – but even so, the ritual work observed met standards and would be rated as Average. Although Stated is only once per month, they meet every Monday for fellowship, practice, and to discuss potential/upcoming events.

Resources: Resources from Grand Lodge were readily available from the secretary. All officers and most members were armed with Handbooks and Monitors. Wardens discussed long range planning and Lodge improvements.

In Summary: North Pole #16 is a small lodge with many members located outside the local area. I personally feel the lodge has some very well intended officers up – and – coming who will continue to improve the overall health of the lodge. If, in the future they are able to obtain their own facility, I think it will only entice growth and pride in their lodge. Overall, it is a good lodge with great men who only have the best of intentions at heart.

VW Brother Ed Rogers, District Deputy

December 12, 2017

Valdez #4

Quality of Overall Evening: Valdez has struggled in the past and recently saw their Master–elect resign this year before installation for personal reasons. Regardless, this being the Deputy’s visit coupled with installation of new officers, the attendance for the evening was well represented. Three Grand Lodge Officers, (Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, and District Deputy), were present. Between myself and RW Brother Keith Herve, and help from lodge members, officers were installed and the overall evening was a great success.

Quality of Ritual: Opening, closing and business meeting was performed by the Lodge. RW Brother Keith was installing Officer and I filled other positions for installation. The Senior Grand Warden is a member of this lodge and was installed as Master. I have no doubt ritual will continue to improve under his leadership.

Resources: WM John May will no doubt provide a variety of education and information to his lodge. As a Grand Officer, he has numerous ideas and resources for improvement and I have already witnessed new motivational plans to promote growth and learning.

In Summary: Valdez is a small lodge with challenges. The Master, W John May, will no doubt provide leadership and mentoring needed to motivate members. If they continue to foster the growth of the new members I feel they will continue to improve the overall health of the lodge. Overall, the fellowship is always great and hope it continues to grow – Valdez is a great Lodge with the small town closeness most of us enjoy.

VW Brother Ed Rogers, District Deputy

District 1 End-of-Year Report

District 1 is alive and well. Elections and for all Lodges except Valdez #4 went well. Valdez requested special dispensation for special elections because the Master - Elect declined after elections due to personal hardships. Permission was granted and Valdez will proceed with elections and installation before the New Year. I will attend and either preside or participate in Valdez, Fairbanks, and North Poles’ installations. A personal conflict makes me unavailable to attend Tanana’s installation.

All new officers are excited to start their year’s work and long range planning seems to be working as Wardens moving forward are echoing Past Master’s visions.

North Pole voted prematurely to allow a new member – letter of good standing from home lodge was not yet received. The voting was recanted and will be placed on hold until required documentation is in hand.

We will continue to push the Grand Master's vision of Civility and Masonic Education into the New Year as that is the true essence of our success. For the most part, harmony prevails and civility is well and alive throughout the District.

Respectfully,

VW Brother Ed Rogers District Deputy

District 2

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master John Bishop:

Subject: District Deputy 2 First Quarter 2017 Report

My honor to report the excellent work the respective lodges are doing in MW Grand Lodge of Alaska District 2 as follows:

Seward 6:

1. Two (2) New E.A.
2. One (1) petition to be investigated / voted on.
3. Participating in 2017 Kenai Masonic school scholarship.

Kodiak 9:

1. Forwarded Grand Master Award of Excellence form.
2. Propose using Sococo as a tool to communicate with Kodiak.

Kenai Lodge 11:

1. One (1) petition investigated.
2. Three (3) petition affiliations / dual membership.
3. Senior Warden taking the lead for the 2017 Kenai Masonic school scholarship.
4. Masonic education at stated meetings.
5. Three (3) member attended February's Homer Masonic Club Meeting.

Sterling 22:

- One (1) F.C. returned open lodge proficiency.
- Two (2) E.A. initiated One (1) from Sterling 22 and one (1) from Seward 6.
- Contributed to local food bank.
- Participating in 2017 Kenai Masonic school scholarship.
- Three (3) member attended February's Homer Masonic Club Meeting.

Homer Masonic Club:

- Raised \$2,200.00 donated to local hospice.
- Meeting agenda well organized.
- Holding monthly meeting as scheduled.

- Appears club is carrying E.A. (no F.C. at this time) as members of club. Plan to work with the club official requesting E.A. and future F.C. be in a subcategory on their reports.
- With diplomacy introduce the club officials to the Grand Lodge code as it pertains to Masonic clubs.
- Club needs help with coaching. Propose the following:
 - Using Sococo as a coaching tool. (With the Grand Master approval?)
 - As a trial traveling to Homer once a week for three (3) months.

District Deputy 2 Proposed Projects:

Lewis award resolution with MW Carl Lindstrom.

Possible first responder application feed in November.

MW at our district deputy meeting after Grand Lodge my understanding of the closing charge and prayer only could be performed in any degree because it was a written document. Question has arose if the cipher work after the charge from the west, south, and east can be used? My answer was no because this work is enciphered.

Fraternally yours,

VW John G. Strother DD#2

Subject: District Deputy 2 Second Quarter 2017 Report

My honor to report the excellent work the respective lodges are doing in MW Grand Lodge of Alaska District 2 as follows:

Sickness and Distress

MW, District #2 has suffer a great loss with VW Brother Glen Josey passing. Our district has had its share of sickness and distress in recent weeks. We have had two brothers medivac'd to Anchorage with cardiac issues, one of our Ladies diagnosed with two cerebral aneurysms, and just reported today, a brother was bitten by a dog and required 25 sutures and another brother undergoing cardiac testing. I would encourage all brethren throughout the jurisdiction to have Medevac insurance. The cost for a family is \$50.00 to \$100.00 dollars annually.

Seward 6:

1. One (1) E.A. Initiated
2. One (1) E.A. Returned Proficiency / Fellowcraft Degree in the fall
3. Presented \$1,000.00, 2017 Kenai Peninsula Masonic school scholarships at the annual Seward school awards
4. Mason's and Shriner's participated in Seward's 4th July parade
5. Ongoing upgrades and maintenance to the Seward Masonic Cemetery
6. Fellowship with Kenai 11 / Sterling 22 at Eastern Star potluck
7. Working on insurance compliance with the Grand Lodge

Kodiak 9:

Raffled off a gun raising \$1,000.00 for the Woman Resource center in Kodiak

Kenai Lodge 11:

1. Senior Warden became the proud father of a future MM. The Mason's and Shriner's ladies organized a baby shower and spaghetti feed. Funds were raised and good time was had by all in attendance.
2. Three E.A.'s initiated, one (1) from Seward 6 and two (2) from Kenai 11
3. Pot / Desert action
4. Chili cook-off / feed / fellowship
5. Mason's and Shriner's combined efforts for the annual highway clean up
6. Mason's and Shriner's participated in Kenai 4th July parade and Soldotna's progress days
7. Presented 13 ea. \$1,000.00 Scholarship at the 2017 Kenai Peninsula Annual Masonic School awards and 33 outstanding students
8. Masonic education at stated meetings
9. Fellowship with Sterling 22 / Seward 6 at Eastern Star potluck

Sterling 22:

1. Sad to report the passing of VW Brother Glen Josey. As a teacher, a coach, a leader, and **devotion** to the craft, Glen inculcated the true meaning of Masonry to his less informed brothers **exemplifying** "That House Not Made with Hands Eternal in the Heavens". (2 Corinthians 5:1). God speed our thoughts and prayers are with Glen and family.
2. One (1) Master Mason raised
3. Community fish fry (x2)
4. Annual highway clean up
5. Participating in 2017 Kenai Peninsula Masonic school awards sponsoring \$1,000.00 scholarship.
6. Fellowship with Seward 6 / Kenai 11 at Eastern Star potluck

Homer Masonic Club:

1. Sad to report the passing of VW Brother Glen Josey, member of this club. Prayers for Glen and family.
2. One (1) E.A. Returned Proficiency / Fellow Craft Degree in the fall / Continuing coaching EA post lecture.
3. One (1) E.A. Initiated
4. Presented \$1,000.00 2017 Kenai Peninsula Masonic Scholarship at the annual Homer school awards.
5. Meeting agenda well organized. New meeting schedule as follows: Motion made and passed: Stated Communication (business meeting) on the 1st Thursday of the month going forward. The second meeting of the month will be for Masonic Education and fellowship. (Club Dark July – August)
6. The leadership of this club is in compliance with Grand Lodge code as it pertains to Masonic clubs.

7. Masonic education is being taught and discussed at each stated meetings using Short Talk Bulletins.

District Deputy 2 Proposed Projects:

Lewis award MW Carl and I are scheduled to meet and review our work in the next week or so. Hopeful to return a final product soon.

Peace and Harmony

MW John, my number one goal is to promote peace and harmony. I am happy to report that all Lodges / Shrine Club on the peninsula are working together through degree work, community events, and special Easter egg hunt for Hope, Frontier Service, and all Shrine kids on the Peninsula, and most importantly fellowship. We are trying to put together a shooting event and have some interest in first responders in local disaster preparedness

Fraternally yours,

VW John G. Strother DD #2

District 3

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master Bishop,

Upon being appointed as Special Deputy of District #3 in July, I have visited Glacier Lodge #10, Aurora Lodge #15, and Anchorage Lodge #17 several times. I did my best to be available to the three lodges for any questions, concerns, or advice they might have. The three lodges are unique from one another; each with different strengths and weaknesses.

Mt. McKinley Lodge #5: I was able to attend your Official Visit to Mt. McKinley Lodge.

Glacier Lodge #10: The few times I visited this year, Glacier Lodge was unable to open without help from the sidelines. The lack of active membership is a concern. That being said, this lodge is far from beyond hope; they have a newly elected line which has great energy. The lodge is actively exploring new technologies and new ways to energize membership. Glacier Lodge is financially sound. It will take some time but, I believe that Glacier lodge is moving in the right direction.

Aurora Lodge #15: Out of the three times I visited Aurora Lodge the most due to degree work. Aurora Lodge has been very active throughout the year conferring degrees. They have a good core membership which attends regularly. The lodge is financially sound. The biggest concern with this lodge is its record keeping. Aurora lodge is actively taking steps to fix this issue. I'm confident this will be resolved but it may take a little time.

Anchorage Lodge #17: From what I observed during my visits Anchorage Lodge appears very well run. They perform good ritual, their stated meetings and activities are punctual and well organized. The lodge is financially sound. My concern for Anchorage Lodge is their

aging membership (a concern for all lodges statewide) and lack of new members. Anchorage Lodge has not conferred a degree in over a year.

I believe the lodges in District 3 are moving in the right direction, my only suggestion would be a few joint activities involving all the lodges.

Respectively submitted

VW Joe Darnell
Special Deputy, District 3

District 4

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

Most Worshipful Grand John Bishop;

Summary Report for District Four

I do not have very much to report thus far for 2017. I have not visited any of the Lodges in my district besides Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux 21. I have contacted the Masters and Secretaries of the four Lodges in my district and introduced myself to them and encouraged them to come to me for any help or advice that they might need.

I have been working with W Charles Ward regarding questions he has had and it is helping me learn things too. The only thing that I have noticed that may need attention in Juneau is a bit of friction between the secretary and the Master. This friction was very apparent on occasion last year during the construction of the new building, and the secretary definitely had his own plans and agenda. W Ken is currently down south for some months, and with Dan McCrummen sitting in as secretary, things are going much more smoothly.

I am planning on visiting the Lodges in my district once with you, and at least once more on my own over the course of the year.

Fraternally,

VW Ronald J. Robinson

District 5

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

Most Worshipful Grand John Bishop:

Second Quarter Report (March-June)

Matanuska Lodge 7 continues to lead the other two lodges in regards to Masonic education. Eagle River Lodge 13 is seeing more participation at their stated meeting and Iditarod Lodge 20's Holding Corp. is being revitalized.

Matanuska Lodge 7 and Iditarod Lodge 20 have newer young members becoming more active. Both lodges have conferred at least one degree this quarter. As for the grand lodge training, yes for Matanuska Lodge 7, no for Eagle River Lodge 13 and kind - of for Iditarod Lodge 20.

Iditarod Lodge 20 did not have their stated meeting in June due to a communication mix up between the Master and Wardens. I have completed my Official Visitation at Matanuska Lodge 7 and Eagle River Lodge 13 will my visit to Iditarod Lodge 20 in September/October. I continue to visit lodges as much as possible and continue your civility message.

I'll be scheduling a district Master/Wardens meeting August/September (I missed doing it before summer). I'm looking at scheduling a district Rusty Masons Degree in the fall. My main goal for the remainder of the year is ensure that the elected line of all three lodges will be strong for 2018 (November elections).

Summary of Lodges attended:

March

1. 6th Stated Eagle River 13 Masonic Education, Brother Godden – Obligation
2. 8th Stated Matanuska 7 Masonic Education, W Adair – 1st degree officers
3. 16th Stated Iditarod 20 Masonic Education, Brother Godden – Obligation



Juneau Lodge dedication

4. 17th -18th Juneau Grand Master's Official Visitation and lodge dedication.
5. 28th Mat #7 Second Degree

April

1. 3rd Eagle River 13 Stated meeting Masonic Education. W Adair – Politics, Religion, and Civility
2. 4th Matanuska Lodge 7 Stated meeting Masonic Education. – French revolution
3. 5th W John Freie's funeral – Eagle River 13 conducted the service
4. 8th DeMolay Installation; Tracy, California
5. 10th Mt. Oso Lodge 460 Stated Meeting; Tracy, California
6. 18th Juneau Lodge 21 Stated meeting
7. 20th Iditarod Lodge 20 Stated meeting

May

1. 1st Eagle River Lodge 13 Stated meeting
2. 2nd Matanuska Lodge 7 Stated meeting, District Deputy Official Visitation, Masonic Education. – Masons in the west



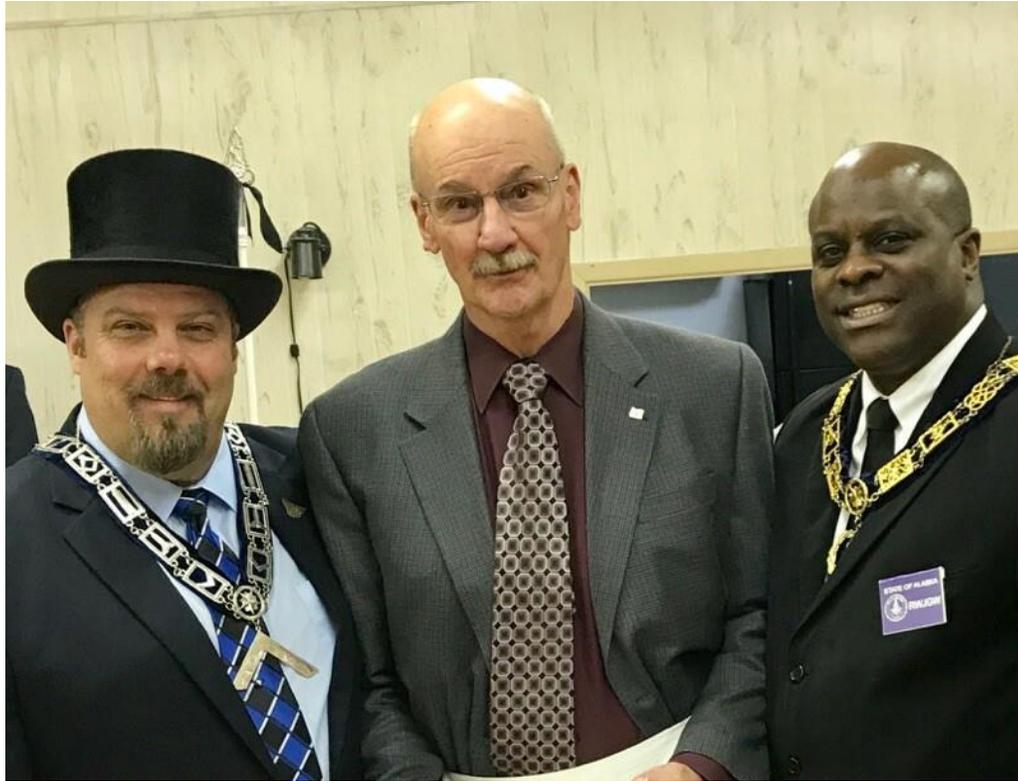
3. 5th Presented "Teacher of the Year" at Chugiak High School assembly for Eagle River Lodge 13
4. 9th Matanuska Lodge 7, First degree



5. 17th Books for Bikes



6. 18th Iditarod Stated, presented 50 year pin (courtesy for Oregon) to Brother John Glass (retired Alaska State Trooper Colonel), RW Anthony April assisted.



7. 25th Iditarod #20 Second Degree



June

1. 1st VW Glenn Josey Memorial Service



2. 5th Eagle River Lodge 13 Stated meeting – District Deputy Official Visitation
3. 17th 100 Year Celebration Anchorage Lodge 17

Alaska Masonic Children’s Foundation Meeting

(transcribed from audio recording)

Annual meeting on January 31, 2018, David Worel presiding.

Minutes from last year read by Jerry Wasson with no additions or corrections. The minutes were approved.

Old Business:

Jerry Wasson indicated that it was probably his failure of looking over the bylaws. David Worel and Jerry were supposed to be looking at the bylaws.

John Bishop wanted a list of charities and non-profits along with their numbers. We only have one charity and this is it The Alaska Masonic Foundation for Children.

Discussion followed on scholarships.

Keith Herve indicated that we need to get the word out that we have two scholarships available. It was indicated that Charley High was doing a pretty good job sending out letters to all the schools. It was mentioned that Ed Weiser was not able to attend and that the committee is to donate his money to the general fund. It was indicated that no scholarships were given out last year. Discussion followed about members of the committee not coming to committee meetings at Grand Lodge. If you can't come forward, give your inputs to the committee.

Motion made by Jim Grubbs to authorize \$2000 for scholarships. Motion passed.

A snap shot on the investments was given by Jim Grubbs. Stated with \$52,387.97 and along with the \$1000 donation from Ed Weiser along with the value increased we ended up with \$57,190.60.

David Worel discussed about the investments having a fixed rate and about 40 grand like super - duper - ultra conservative. Finance committee, this year had authorized us to change our policy a little bit to at least a little but more moderate but not so ultra conservative. Thoughts? Finance committee authorized 20 percent to invest and motion made to use 20 percent for investments and motion passed.

Raising money was then discussed.

Discussion then followed on expanding committee to somebody in industrial arts and counselors.

Worel: Besides elections, anything else to come before us?

Jerry Wasson asked if anybody knew of any person up north that would be interested in the scholarship committee having an educational background.

Discussion followed on those brothers who dimitted from Ketchikan Lodge and why and where they joined.

Elections:

John May to be a Director and David Worel to be President.

Motion made by David Worel to keep everyone and add the Junior Grand Warden. It was so moved. Carl Lindstrom to leave the committee and John Bishop to take his place.

Jerry Wasson indicated that we are in compliance (not understandable) with both of our foundation corporations.

Meeting adjourned by David Worel, President.

Alaska Masonic Corporation Meeting

(transcribed from audio recording)

8:05 AM January 31, 2018

Previous meeting minutes were read by Jerry Wasson, Secretary.

Question about Grandview and Secretary liking it but having to work around it to produce cards. MW Bo Cline will assist in making a mail merge system to where dues cards can be printed. Grandview doesn't have a module that they can put in it since they say everybody prints dues cards differently so didn't tackle that problem.

Also, there still are some lodge secretaries that won't log on to it.

Secretary indicated that yesterday, the Grand Lodge office got the last of the end-of-year report from Seward. He also indicated that he is going to put in a resolution next year to do away with that statistical chart. He has never had all the data from lodges in all the years he has been Grand Secretary. What good is the chart if you don't have all the data for the year?

Grand Master brought up the issue of Cordova's building. The Grand Lodge of Washington's Grand Secretary, Sam Roberts, has been notified that the building needs to process a quit-claim deed to the lodge. Grand Master indicated that we got an agreement from the lodge for an agreement on a time line and they have been accomplishing things according to the time line, such as the buried fuel tank in the ground. They need to straighten out their banking account and also want the native organization to show they have insurance to cover exercise room so we don't have a liability. The siding on the building needs some work. The lodge has 40 to 50 thousand in the bank to help cover repairs and they are still getting rent from the native corporation. The lodge is started thinking about cost of the building and hope to peddle it.

Briefing on how to use credit card mileage fund and need to contact Grand Treasurer. It was originally set up to help the district deputies in Southeast. Grand Master felt that the Grand Lecturer should get around to the distant lodges as well as the district deputies for more visibility and that the mileage used from the fund to be used judiciously.

It was noted that DeMolay is now under Washington and pretty hard to justify money for the youth groups when the youth groups can't keep going.

As far as the Grand Lodge Per Capita is concerned, Secretary feels that the idea by the Grand Master to put a moratorium on it is a wrong way to go about it but rather it should be promoted. The Secretary indicated that there is now an item in the Grandview programs that indicates per capita members. Also, it is best to show members of the lodges what the advantages to this fund are. It was suggested that the Grand Master put in a resolution to take care of it.

Discussion about Jurisprudence Committee followed. That committee needs to provide feedback to the resolution's writer as to why it is not in proper form and to do it as early as possible so that it can be corrected to be in Grand Lodge. The thought is that the Jurisprudence Committee needs to have a time line for accountability and it needs to get the resolutions in a timely manner for proper review and to work with the writer of the resolution.

It was brought up that the people selected to be on committees should be committed to work on it.

Grand Master under new business brought up that concerning Dwight Morris to be Grand Musician Emeritus and to bring it before the Grand Lodge body as a vote. The board is recommending Dwight Morris as Emeritus. It was brought up whether a vote in Grand Lodge was necessary to elect Dwight Morris as Musician Emeritus and if it had been done before. Keith Herve asked who is going to play the music during the sessions.

It was suggested to get with Bo and Jim on writing a guide for resolution format and that the Grand Secretary needs to work with Jurisprudence and Bylaws committees and then Finance Committee.

Grand Master adjourned the meeting at 8:54 AM

Alaska Masonic Library and Museum (AMLAM) Meeting

Annual meeting February 31, 2018 at 4:00 PM

John D. May present
Jack Newell present
Monte Ervin present
Charles Edwards present
Roger Hansen present
Johnnie Wallace not present

The two previous meetings minutes were read by John May and the minutes as read were approved and passed.

There is approximately 84,000 dollars in investments but checking account is going down and suggestion was made to transfer money to cover current expenses.

Question was made on the actual endowment?

Motion made to transfer from the Morgan/Stanley account 2,000 dollars to the checking account to cover bills as defined. Jack Newell made motion, Charles Ward 2nd and passed.

At this time Roger Hansen, Curator, gave a brief report as to what he has been doing at the Library and Museum.

New Business:

The future vision of the library and museum was discussed. However, there is no mission statement

Charles Ward asked who are going to be officers for 2018 and who are the board members and there date of office.

2018 Charles Ward

2019:

2020: (?), Johnnie Wallace, Charles Ward

2021 (?)

Elections:

Jack Newell - President

Charles Ward - Vice President

Roger Hansen - Secretary and Executive Director/Curator

Johnnie Wallace – Treasurer

Need to identify others to be one board at second meeting. Date of second meeting to be determined by Jack Newell

Jack Newell made motion to close. It was seconded, and meeting adjourned at 5:02 PM

Alaska Masonic Library and Museum (AMLAM) Report

(transcribed from audio recording)

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

As you might have guessed this is not going to be exactly a well-rehearsed speech. I'll try to be brief. AMLAM had its annual meeting yesterday and Brother Jack Newell was elected our president of the board. I was elected vice-president and Johnnie Wallace was elected treasurer and Brother Hansen is going to be our secretary and continuing on as our executive director.

Just simply two things:

1. If you have not had a chance to go by and see the museum and the library over at 15th and Eagle, I strongest suggest you do. Roger has put a ton of work over the last few years cleaning things up, sorting, and putting things where they need to go. He has done a tremendous job. I'm sure he would be happy to show off what's there.

2. Also mentioned that we do have some vacancies on the board so, if there is interest from anybody to serve as a director on the board of AMLAM, please see me or any of the others and we'd be happy to discuss your wishes and we'll get you on the board.

Thank you very much.

Charles W. Ward
Vice-president

Special Committee on Staffing

(transcribed from audio recording)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipfuls, Very Worshipfuls, Brethren all.

Grand Master asked myself and Most Worshipful Worel and Most Worshipful Teninty to look up what we can do and the word "energy" has been used in regard to getting our work done at various levels. The Grand Master has coined that, used talking about people. The brothers that do the work. The brothers that are available to work and the fact that across the fraternity, at least in North America and certainly in this grand jurisdiction and many others, the membership for a variety of reasons has been declining and against the energy the resources available to do their work is declining and also unfortunately often that results in the old adage that ninety percent of the work is done by ten percent of the members. There is some truth to that, the percentages are not quite right but there is relatively few of the total membership that actually step forward to do the work.

My two points and part of this was included in the Grand Master's Message (not understandable). But, the grand lodge office, both our Grand Lodge Secretary and our Grand Lodge Treasurer have stated that they have, after several years of these roles, they are thinking, now, possibly some point in time to move on and in the backroom, Very Worshipful Schram does a very wonderful job in the office as administrative assistant. There again he doesn't want to do that till he drops. I don't think so. He has already made that statement.

The first part of this kind of goes to some thoughts as how to deal with change over. Two offices there, the Grand Lodge Secretary and the Grand Lodge Treasurer, both have tremendous impact on how this Grand Lodge operates and this great deal of detailed work, day to day work, things that have to be done. If somebody comes into one of those positions, there is a tremendous learning curve.

Without going into a huge detail, the section of the Code that speaks to the Grand Lodge Secretary responsibilities, 3.05, the Grand Lodge Secretary is authorized to have such stenographers and other assistants as may be necessary to get the work done. Current situation, the grand administrative assistant is Very Worshipful Tom Schram and also in that is Very Worshipful Roger Hansen as the librarian that falls under that same category. There

is in the budget a stipend, as I understand it to a large extent, is passed onto Brother Schram, the salary for his assistance there.

The real challenge is we don't want to have a sudden catastrophe. We want a smooth transition and the thought here is that perhaps we need to give some thought to coming up with a...once the individual has scheduled for his retirement, can we get that individual or nominate a committee, whatever to find someone to work with him as a training for the last several months, last year to learn those duties so when the transition happens it's not a monumental learning curve for the individual who is already chosen and moving towards that transition.

And, how do we do that? Does it require a resolution be accomplished by an administrative action? How can the potential successor be identified. I think we need to give some thoughts to the committee to work on and bring back some recommendation for another year.

The other part of this declining energy, if you will, and I am going to speak a little bit because I'm involved in at least two of the bodies that have been mentioned as participating in some potential combining administrative efforts over the years.

As a potentate and as Master and personal (not understandable) Scottish Rite, the subject had come up as to could or would there be an option because each of the bodies has the administrative function some of which are pretty routine functions and would it be possible to have a shared administrative functions that are not necessarily filled by function but administrative actions that needs to be done. And, some of the others, the Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine all have decline. The Shrine has a particular issue with the HIPPA requirements covering the files on the patients. So, that specialty would have to be considered.

But the whole thing boils down to, the declining energy availability, the declining membership. Is there a way that we can combine some of these more routine activities to improve over the efficiency of the services of the combined fraternity offering to the community? And, that's the real question that summarizes the entire report.

How can the Masonic fraternity in Alaska work together and continue to provide current of great levels of service to the membership and to the public in the face of long-time declining membership.

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

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I request that this report be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

RW Norman Gutcher SGW
MW David Worel PGM
MW Doug Teninty PGM

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 2017 and was presented to Fairbanks Lodge 12 for raising five (5) Master Masons.

Buckley C. Hazen Award

The recipient of the Buckley C. Hazen Award for the largest percentage membership growth was presented to Fairbanks Lodge 12 for the year 2017 with a growth of 5.5 per cent.

Military Recognition Award

The recipients of the Grand Lodge Military Recognition Award for the year 2017 are:

U.S. Army Alaska

Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year
Staff Sargent Brett Nichols

Soldiers from across U.S. Army Alaska competed in a grueling 5-Day Adventure to determine the non-Commissioned Officer of the year. Competed tasks including a 50 question written exam, land navigation, physical training test, night orienteering, marksmanship, leader reaction course, and many other objectives. Through it all Staff Sargent Brett Nichols rose to the top and was selected USARAKS NCO of the Year.

U.S. Coast Guard:

EM1 Devon J. Ogg

During the period 1 January to 31 December 2017 Petty Officer (P.O.) Ogg shared specialty knowledge with numerous non-rates that were considering going to EM-A school, allowing them to shadow him on jobs, giving them first-hand experience of what tasks are performed by Electrician's Mates. P.O. Ogg further mentored superiors and subordinates on the benefits of pursuing an education and has assisted members in utilizing Tuition Assistance, the Post 9/11 GI Bill, and United Services Military Apprenticeship Program (USMAPS). After graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Public Safety and Emergency Management with a 3.96 GPA, EM1 Ogg immediately started his capstone at Grand Canyon University working towards a Master of Science in Information Technology Management and currently has a 4.00 GPA. In keeping with P.O. Ogg's exemplary work ethic, he earned his second certification of completion in Apprenticeship as a Maintenance Electrician, from the United States Department of Labor through USMAP.

Displaying outstanding professionalism and dedication P.O. Ogg voluntarily stood by as USCGC CHANDELEUR's Assistant Engineering Petty Officer for 25 days, fielding

questions and making routine maintenance decisions. He exhausted more than 40 man hours conducting an unprecedented Ship’s Service Diesel Generator (SSDG) change out onboard CGC CHANDELEUR, a task requiring in-depth electrical comprehension due to the complexity of the wiring system. Once completed, CGC CHANDELEUR was able to parallel both SSDG’s to the switchboard, a task that had not been accomplished in over 10 years. Furthermore, P.O. Ogg expended more than 400 man hours conducting preventive maintenance onboard Coast Guard cutters NAUSHON, CHANDELEUR, and MUSTANG. Identifying thirty specific items as critically overdue that if not completed would have ultimately disabled the cutters. Volunteering to travel to Ketchikan, Alaska, P.O. Ogg conducted over 51 man hours within a four-day span to assist CGC NAUSHON with troubleshooting correcting the steering system calibration, throttle control system, and hot water heater. All three discrepancies would have disabled the cutter, hindering the return to homeport after a 10-month long dry dock. Your diligence, commitment, and dedication to the Coast Guard are in keeping with our service motto, Semper Paratus.

Grand Master’s Award for Excellence

The Grand Master's Award for Excellence was earned by the following Masters in 2017:

Nicholas E. Adair	Matanuska Lodge 7
David J. Wilson	Aurora Lodge 15
Thomas L. Schram	Anchorage Lodge 17
Joe C. Darnell	Iditarod Lodge 20
Charles W. Ward IV	Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge 21

Mason of the Year

The Grand Lodge of Alaska Mason of the Year Award is presented once each year by the Grand Master of Masons in Alaska to one member of a constituent Lodge of the Grand Lodge of Alaska for outstanding and exceptional service to Masonry in Alaska.

Past or present Grand Masters and elected Grand Lodge Officers in the advancing line are not eligible for this award. This award will not be awarded posthumously. Strong emphasis will be placed on service to “Blue Lodge” Masonry during the period of the current Grand Master, but recommendations should contain all available information. Anyone may submit a recommendation.

The Grand Lodge of Alaska Mason of the Year Award for 2017 was awarded to VW Brother Joe C. Darnell, Eagle River Lodge No. 13 of Eagle River, Alaska.

Humanitarian Service Award

The Grand Lodge of Alaska Humanitarian Award is presented once each year by the Grand Master of Masons in Alaska to a person within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alaska for outstanding humanitarian service to Masonry in Alaska. The award is for exceptional brotherly/sisterly love and compassionate assistance extended to members of the Masonic community including concordant and appendant bodies. The person must be a member of a Masonic lodge or a member of a concordant/appendant body under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge Alaska. Strong emphasis will be placed on service to a “Blue Lodge” and/or the Grand Lodge of Alaska during the year of the current Grand Master. Recommendations should contain all available information. This award will not be awarded posthumously and does not have to be awarded each year. Anybody may submit a recommendation.

The Grand Lodge of Alaska Humanitarian Award for 2017 was awarded to Cecilia May of Valdez, Alaska

Lifetime Achievement Award

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

The Grand Lodge of Alaska Masonic Lifetime Achievement Award for 2017 was awarded to V. Clifford Darnell of Big Lake, Alaska.

District Deputies Leadership Award

District 1	W Scott Lambries
District 2	W Valentine J. Nikolas
District 3	Bro. James Lee Reno Dennis
District 4	W Charles W. Ward IV
District 5	Bro. Ronald E. Godden

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Presentations

Contribution From:	Item:	From:
MW Ron Yates	Trowel	BC/Yukon
Bonnie/Amaranth	Chocolate Square & Compass	Grand Court of Alaska
Nikolay	Gavel	Bulgaria
VW Daryll Chitwood	Plaque	MW William Curtis/Idaho
RW Art Weiss	Glass panel	MW Bruce Galloway/CA
MW Myles McMillan	Coasters & Pin	Grand Lodge of Oregon
W Nick Adair	Bottle of Vodka	Masonic Research & Educ.

Contributions to Grand Lodge of Alaska

Contribution From:	To:	For:	Amount
Charles Ward	Grand Lodge	Travel Fund	\$ 250.00
Kenai Lodge 11	Grand Lodge	Travel Fund	Promised \$1,000.00
Kenai Lodge 11	Grand Lodge	Travel Fund	\$200.00
Valdez Lodge 4	Grand Lodge		Promised \$200.00
Sterling Lodge No. 22	Grand Lodge	Travel Fund	\$250.00
		TOTAL	\$1,900.00.

Raffle winners

Scott Lambries	Drew first prize and elected to receive the \$1000.
Denis Allen	Drew second prize and elected to receive a rifle
Mike VanDeGrift	Drew third prize and elected to receive a rifle
Ron Ackerman	Drew fourth prize and received \$500
Keith Here	Drew fifth prize and received \$250

Speeches by Members and Distinguished Guests

Jack Clouse, Potentate of Al Aska Shrine Temple

(transcribed from audio recording)

On behalf of the Nobles of the Al Aska Shrine, we want to say that we are here to support our fraternal organizations, each and every one. We hope to be the best temple that we can be in 2018 and hope that we can support our lodges, and anytime that any lodges need any support, please contact us, through Dale Caine, and I'll make sure we can have somebody there to be with you and support them.

David Worel, Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction

(transcribed from audio recording)

Good morning Brothers and Sisters, Right Worshipfuls, Past Grand Masters, current Grand Masters.

It really is an honor to be here. Like our Grand Master was saying, I was part of the team when he first came on as the Junior Grand Warden, and it really is indeed an honor to be here to see you finish up your year as Grand Master. It is an honor.

As our Illustrious Potentate said, we are here to support the whole fraternity. It is a family. Doesn't matter if it is Shrine, Scottish Rite, York Rite, whatever, it's our Masonic family and we all are (not understandable). We need to work together as a team effort.

And, so, on behalf of the Scottish Rite Masonry here in Alaska, we pledge to help Keith this year. Anything we can do for you coming up, providing that you do get elected. (laughter) God help ya!

But (not understandable) wants to keep working together, we'll strive and keep our quality membership here in Alaska with our fraternal charities.

Again, thank you brothers and sisters.

Linnea Wood, Sales Manager, Hilton Hotel

(transcribed from audio recording)

Well, hello everyone, welcome. My name is Linnea Wood. I am the Senior Sales Manager here at the Hilton Anchorage and we are just so deeply humbled and honored to be hosting your event. This particularly... my grandfather was a Mason. I'm getting to work with your organization and learn a little more about it and has been such a fantastic experience.

We hope you enjoy your stay and we hope that everyone has a comfortable and enjoyable experience. If there is anything we can do to assist you in any need, please let me know. So, welcome and thank you so much again.

Dennis Oakland, Grand York Rite Bodies of Alaska

(transcribed from audio recording)

Greetings everyone from the Grand Commandry of Alaska. We'll be having our sessions in Fairbanks March 1, 2, and 3. Registrations are available on our website, alaskayorkrite.org. We are here to support our blue lodges first and where ever appendant concordant bodies, your favorite, help us get to work. We have a lot of work to do in this jurisdiction (not understandable) together.

So, thank you very much. Appreciate your support and we will see you soon. Thank you.

Claudia Johnson, Order of Eastern Star

(transcribed from audio recording)

Good Morning! On behalf of your Order of Eastern Star, I bring you greetings and best wishes for this successful session the next couple of days. Thank you.

Judy Mosier, Supreme Council, Order of the Amaranth, Inc.

(transcribed from audio recording)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, brethren and friends, I bring you greetings on behalf of the Supreme Council of the Order of Amaranth, Incorporated.

I want to thank the Grand Lodge of Alaska for providing me with such a marvelous partner. Whatever training you have given him, has certainly benefited our organization.

I know you are probably familiar with Amaranth, so I won't go into that, but I just want to tell you how important our organizations working together are. We may be in a bit of a decline, but like you, we do so much good in our communities. Amaranth shares its diabetic research and we have given \$16,000,000 since 1979 and every cent has gone to research.

Those of you who have need of an insulin pump, it was on some of Amaranth's dollars that that was developed. We are currently sponsoring four projects that Sir Knight Jerry and I were in Texas, we had an opportunity to visit one of our researches. He's studying mood control and that is very important for a diabetic on how to prevent the loss of limbs.

I just can't thank you enough for all of the support Alaska has given to us. Your Grand Master came to our installation down in Tulsa, Oklahoma and we certainly appreciate that time and we know wherever Jerry is back in Alaska he does have our love and support. So, thank you again.

Jerry Pinion, Supreme Council, Order of the Amaranth, Inc.

(transcribed from audio recording)

Thank you Grand Master. I wish you the very best during your session and you did come to our installation in Tulsa. I'm so honored for him to come as my Grand Master and make remarks during our installation. Thank you Grand Master.

Kendra Pierce, Worthy Advisor of Nugget Assembly 13 Rainbow for Girls

Grand Master Mr. Bishop, Grand Lodge of Alaska and friends

Good morning. My name is Kendra Pierce and I am Worthy Advisor of Nugget Assembly 13, here in Anchorage. I am honored to be here this morning, especially because Mr. Bishop is one of the first Masons I met after joining in (?).

The prompt from Mrs. Hazelton was: why should the Masonic Community sponsor youth organizations and specifically, Rainbow Girls. Everything I thought about regarding Rainbow and the Masonic Community brought me back to one idea, the future. To support the Rainbow Girls is to support the future.

The members of my generation, and my current Rainbow sisters, will become leaders in their homes, churches, schools, communities and more. Leaders require many characteristics; the most important are confidence, integrity, and conviction.

Standing here, now, I realize very clearly that I would not have been comfortable or able to do this when I joined Rainbow. Through my Assembly, I have learned how to speak before others. I have learned composure, poise, enunciation, and how to present myself with pride. I have gained confidence. Rainbow taught me how to speak, prepare reports, and ask for help and advice from others when I need it.

I have made great strides in growing myself, and as I look at the members of my Assembly, I see their growth as well. It gives me a great joy to see those younger than me grow and advance, advance their own lives and become comfortable with themselves. In a time of turmoil in the lives of teenage girls, Rainbow offers solace. It is a place where we all work together and support each other. It is a place where young ladies who are entering a new time in their life can turn to those older than them for guidance, knowing that they only have the best interests for each other at heart. It truly is an organization that bridges generations, and wisdom can be shared. It is a group that supports each other endlessly, helping everyone from age 11 to age 20, and beyond, gain confidence and grow.

Rainbow teaches integrity and honesty. You have to be able to be honest with yourself and with others. Rainbow teaches that in many ways. With our fundraisers, we are trusted to accurately record transactions and secure all money entrusted to us. We are trained to live up to high expectations. We are assigned tasks, or volunteer to be the chairs for different events, and we are expected to follow through and do everything needed to have a successful event.

Part of integrity, in my opinion, is humility. To be able to ask for help when you need it, knowing that help from others will protect your integrity, and the integrity of what you represent, because you are not lying and trying to cover up errors caused by lack of knowledge or understanding. We learn while we are young that it is okay to ask for help from anyone who can help you. It is part of what contributes to being a good leader, being able to ask for help and to delegate, because a leader is not able to do everything and help others effectively.

The last point I make, is that of conviction. The ability and willingness to stick to your guns. Rainbow teaches us many lessons during our initiation. I invite all of you to attend an initiation, and hear our lessons in full. We make our vows to keep our lessons true through our lives, lessons based on those your Masonic order teaches: Love, the lesson to love fully and selflessly, knowing that it is one of the ways we can be more like our creator. Religion, that it should be taught as love and service, and help others; Nature, that we owe part of our lives to being out of doors; Immortality, knowing that if we do right in life and live by the words of the Holy Bible, we will live forever with our Father in Heaven; Fidelity, the loyalty to others and the ability to have others trust you, knowing that it will not be betrayed; Patriotism, knowing that we need to defend our flag and honor our country. The last bow station is Service, my favorite station. It teaches us to offer ourselves as living sacrifices to those in our community. We are taught to hold fast the hand of faith, to have hope, knowing that there is a plan we may not yet know, and to give charity to others when we are able, because one day we may be the ones in need of a helping hand. We are taught to hold all of these lessons dear, and I believe they teach us conviction. At the least, they are convictions in my life to do better, help others, protect our planet which is our earthly home, and to believe in my opinions. Rainbow has taught me how to stick strongly to my convictions and how to fight for what I believe in and what I aim to do. More so than anything, Rainbow has taught me endless and selfless dedication to any cause I believe in.

Looking into the windshield of the future, help us ensure that there is a Rainbow on the horizon, for our communities, country, and our Masonic family. I invite you to Nugget #13's installation of officers, Saturday, 2 PM. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent Rainbow, it is truly a great honor for me. On behalf of the 35 Alaska Rainbow Girls, I wish you a successful communication.

Thank you, and good evening.

Ruth Haag and Richard Moulden, Grand Court of Alaska, Amaranth

(transcribed from audio recording)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brothers, Friends, we bring greetings from the Grand Court of Alaska Order of the Amaranth. We're the appendant body composed of Master Masons, their female relatives and friends. Our goal is the principles of Masonry, promote friendship, and fraternity.

As our Supreme Royal Matron said, our goal, philanthropic project is to support the Amaranth diabetes foundation. It's the largest non-corporate sponsor of the American Diabetes Association.

All of our funds go directly to diabetes research projects and help further present and cure diabetes. Our courts in Anchorage and Fairbanks are busy raising funds to help support the cause. We're also having a good time making chocolate for sale as well as we are recycling, and working at the fair.

This year we're especially honored because our Supreme Royal Patron, Sir Knight Jerry Pinion is from Alaska, and oh yes he is also a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alaska and you've met her, his partner for the year is Judy Mosier, is from Washington State.

These two are doing an excellent job at leading our organization. They are also bringing honor and attention to Alaska and the Masonic fraternity here.

Our best wishes for the present Grand Lodge session and for the continued success of the Grand Lodge of Alaska.

Thank you for the honor of bringing greetings from the Grand Court of Alaska.

Kevin Dornan, Past Grand Chaplain of British Columbia and Yukon

February 1, 2018

(transcribed from audio recording)

Greetings from British Columbia and Yukon. I would like to say one thing before I get started. Actually I've been I most places of the planet from India, Asia, Europe, the Caribbean, and many parts across your fine country. Yesterday, when I was flyng in the clear blue sky, the pilot said over the radio you might want to open you blinds and look out your window and the majestic scenery I saw, I've never seen anywhere else on this planet. You're quite lucky to live in a beautiful place on this earth.

Most Worshipful Bishop had heard my speech down at the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon communication in June and he's asked me to come here and do that today when we are in open lodge. He also sent me a quick email if I could do a little intro to it and I thought to myself, how on earth I am going to do that. If I take too much information out of it, I'm just going to say the speech twice.

He said to me that my speech had inspired him a little bit and that led me to think, you know, I was inspired to give the speech too and where I was inspired was actually my grandfather on my father's side. He was an extremely tolerant man and I would like to first of start with the definition of tolerance.

In the dictionary, tolerance is the ability or willingness to tolerate something particular the existence of opinions or behaviors but one does not necessarily agree with. It is the vicinity of beliefs or practices different from our own or conflicting with one's own.

I was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland, in 1972 and we have a thing called the “troubles” that erupted there in 1969 that had been brewing for almost a century. These “troubles” had almost reached the boiling point for my parents and they decided in 1979 that the four kids now and they were getting out. My dad was a doctor and he signed on for the research grant at the University of British Columbia and he left in 1980. In 1981, my mother and I and my three other siblings, we followed.

In those times when you were introduced to somebody in Northern Ireland, the first thing they would ask you if you didn’t know them is “what is your last name, what street you live on, and what part of town do you live in?” And, from that information that is how they formed their opinion of you. There was very little tolerance to speak of.

My grandfather, though, was a Freemason and he was a Freemason who practiced universal tolerance as we are taught in the confines of our lodge rooms. He belonged to Lurgan Lodge in County Armagh, and I believe it was number 24. He was a railroad worker for the majority of his life and a devoted husband and father to his wife and seven children.

His lifelong, best friend, however, was actually from the other side of town with a different last name than any of the men sitting next to him in pews on Sunday morning. I know that here in a free country like the United States of America and Canada it doesn’t mean much to us. But, in that place at that time that was a really big deal. It was frowned upon by most, as several people (not understandable) with it and with my grandfather and grandmother over it.

My grandfather’s best friend had completely different opinions on politics, on the religious views, and even on the trouble that existed in Northern Ireland at that time. But, this, however, had no effect on their lifelong friendship and their loyalty to one another.

We live in a time and a place that we can express our opinions with little to no consequences. But, my grandfather, the opposite was true and his lifelong friendships came at a cost.

Towards the end of his career, the number of commuters using the railroad was diminishing because a new bus system had been put into place and therefore downsizing had happened for all the railroaders. Within a few weeks of my grandfather achieving his full pension and retiring, he was let go by his superiors.

My mother said that a few of the superiors had taken issue of all of his tolerant views. Now let go with only a partial pension, he was financially strained and he had to seek work as a sixty year old man who had never done anything other than work the railroads for almost twenty-five years.

He took a job driving truck, or a lorry as they call them in Northern Ireland, delivering bricks, mortar, and other construction materials to job sites all over the province of Ulster. But, his failing health and the heavy lifting nature of the job forced him to retire at sixty-five. Within weeks of that retirement, he died of a heart attack and a stomach full of cancer. To this day, my mother has difficulty telling me this story because she feels he got a raw deal, because of the man he was.

When I went and visited her, a couple of weeks ago, to make sure that I got the points of this down correctly, even at seventy-three years of age, she was moved to tears. But, tolerance in those times could have an even greater cost. If you were branded as a sympathizer, you could have been in danger

Today the consequences of tolerance in our free nation costs us nothing. Yet sometimes, many of us will choose to be intolerant, not only in our daily lives but even in our (not understandable) amongst our brethren.

I would like to propose a tolerance of the greatest tool of a Mason we have in our tool chest. It can be the bond of understanding that binds two brothers together. It communicated but, grace and mercy and it can be used in all friendship and conflict.

I am going to stop there, but here today in open lodge, I am going to delve further into Masonic tolerance. I will be discussing what our ritual teaches us on this and our civilization. We will take a look at how our modern tolerance has morphed into a form of agreement as opposed to a form of understanding while allowing us to uphold our own convictions and opinion.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, thank you.

February 2, 2018

(transcribed from audio recording)

(not understandable) yesterday with Most Worshipful Curtis Harris address. I was inspired and it's a good thing that I'm from a different country because I'd be stealing some of his material.

Okay, yesterday, in my first address just shared a personal story about my grandfather's troubles he had experience and would eventually force my mother and father to leave my homeland of Northern Ireland to come to Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Today, I'm going to share a little about my own personal story.

It is my pleasure this morning to address you guys on the topic of tolerance. I would begin with a brief story that illustrates tolerance or the lack thereof in my homeland. Secondly, I will follow with the definitions of tolerance. I've described of what erroneously become in today's culture is compared to what it actually means. Third, I will describe what tolerance means to me as a Freemason and pose a few questions that have challenged my own behavior regarding tolerance. And then lastly, I will be revisiting my personal story and further tell them to my response, to my lack of tolerance that I experienced.

My wife and I had been on and off church goers for the majority of our twenty-two years of marriage together and we started going to a church a couple of years ago, and the minister there, we felt was fantastic. The church was growing at an alarming rate to the point where they didn't actually own the building and so they were renting a building. They had to start renting more building just to house the people.

My wife said you know we sort of got into the church as it is starting to grow. Kevin, I really want to become a member. We've got to come now. Okay we can do that. So we went to the membership class and filled out all the appropriate paperwork and then it came time for our interview with the church. What they did, they sent one of their satellite pastors over and they would meet with you. It just so happened on that weekend, I was out of town on Vancouver Island with our Grand Master visiting as I quite often like to do. And, so, the interviewer came and my wife was interviewed and about a week later came back and she was accepted as a new member and they rescheduled me to meet with one about three weeks later.

I went through the interview with the side pastor. We talked about a lot of things and in the end he said to me, "you know Kevin, everything is great here, but what are you passionate about?" Okay, well I'm passionate about sports, I'm a professional referee. I'm passionate about, I really love cars, all types of cars particularly American cars, got a few of them in my collection. What I am really passionate about, what I like in my life is Freemasonry. My family here has a long history in Freemasonry and I love it.

He said, okay, very interesting, great. I'll (he as taking notes of everything I was saying) go back and report to the board and report back to you in about a week. I got a phone call a week later, (not understandable). I recognized the voice, hey look, how you doing? I'm doing okay. I heard his tremor in his voice. I don't know how to say this Kevin, I know your wife is already a member, but this time we will not be accepting Freemasons part of our church. Your membership was rejected.

At first (not understandable) I was disappointed, mostly I was embarrassed. What am I going to tell my kids? Why is mummy a member of the church and you're not? (not understandable). What am I going to tell my family? What am I going to tell my friends that I attend that church with all the functions with? Suddenly, I realized, you know it's in all of us. As human beings we tend to be afraid of what we do not understand. And, every Freemason in this room, I'm sure has a similar story to this and can relate to what I am talking about.

Yesterday, I gave you the definition of tolerance. I'm going to read it to you again. Tolerance is the ability or willingness to tolerate something in particular the existence of opinions or behaviors but one does not necessarily agree with. It is the sympathy or indulgence for the lesser practices differing from or conflicting with one's own.

For myself, I like to set the fires in saying I'm always willing to help someone with whom I may not always agree; to protect and listen to their opinions that I disagree with; and always be willing to give a response for my own view which will always be communicated with gentleness and respect.

From an early age, the office on intolerance isn't instilled in our color, in our religion, in our culture, in our nation. Sometimes even in the political party we are born into all of it. In an attempt to avoid being branded as opinionated, intolerant, or even a bigot, new tolerance as modern society defines it, has morphed in to an insistence that no one should hold first to a conviction. It proposes we should believe in being in agreement at all times, on all perspectives, and that frees us from that nasty label of being intolerant.

New tolerance is blind to its shortcomings as it believes it holds the moral high ground and can never be questioned. It suggest that being tolerant of another's position, belief, or practice the things you have to believe or agree with but practice. This is not tolerance, as society defines it. This is agreement.

Now, tolerance postulates but, if another's practice does not conform to my own view or mine to theirs and mine is more accepting and mine is more inclusive, then I hold the moral high ground. Neutral arts makes me the more accepting. We the more moral superior one and you the biased you (not understandable), and you the intolerant.

The scary thing about this is that it results in a form of anti-intellectualism which begins with the idea that one is so smart, so morally superior, so educated, and so well informed that he cannot even bear to hear an idea or concept that he disagrees with. We stop asking what is the best concept, argument, or idea on the other side of my agreement that we fail to sharpen even our own ideas.

Warren Buffet was asked what mistakes he had done in life. He listed many. At the very end finally he said, the worst mistake of all involved not understanding other people as well as I should have. If you cannot bear to hear an opinion, idea, or concept you disagree with, can you fully understand that person? New tolerance is a contradiction with Masonic tolerance on how we even are taught inside a lodge room. Our ritual proclaims Freemasonry is characterized by universal tolerance not universal agreement.

When installing a chaplain, for example, in the Canadian work, he is told it will be your duty to lead the devotional exercises of the lodge which should be practiced in that spirit of universal tolerance. That distinguishes our institution!

How true is such works? Without such tolerance it would be impossible for brotherly love to exist. In Masonry, no person can be told what to believe especially when it comes to that very personal nature of a belief in a higher power or a supreme being.

Inside of our craft, we have many different facts of belief and yet we exist in peace and harmony. One of the best evenings that I have ever had in Masonry was when I was out of town sitting at a hotel room with three other brethren. After everyone else had retired for the evening, we got into a discussion about the Great Architect of the Universe and all of us had very different (not understandable). Each of us share our perspectives through the discussion and hours passed and near morn.

It was an amazing night. Ideas were shared. Where these ideas came from, were defined and understanding of each other as brethren were achieved.

The next time, as I drove home, I am so thankful for that discussion. It encouraged me to research my brother's perspectives. I learned their point of view and it actually required that I reconsidered a few of my own feelings.

In the Canadian work, an Entered Apprentice is invested with his apron and given the apron charge. It here is that a new initiate is given his first lesson on art. He is told he must never enter a lodge where there is a brother who he has a variance or has feelings of animosity towards. He must invite his brother to withdraw so that they may endeavor to settle their differences amicably. So that peace and harmony will always prevail. One can argue that tolerance is the true meaning of the Canadian work E. A. apron charge.

If we are tolerant, then, we have the respect of others ideas and actions and that will allow us to sit together in harmony. It is one of the first things we are taught.

What is the difference between having an opinion and being opinionated? If we use tolerance to smit the ideas of others without listening to their views can we conclude that our view is correct? Perhaps, they make a point that we have never been considered. If we were intolerant, do we not and the universal pursuit of knowledge.

Hellen Keller once said, “The highest result of education is always hard.” If we were intolerant, how can we learn from each other’s brothers? How can we understand each other’s brothers? How can we become better brothers for one another?

Just revisiting my church membership story, I still attend that church. One Sunday a month I do the take down with my wife and kids, pack everything up. I volunteer for the fundraisers and I am able (not understandable) several good charities that I work for and raise money for and actually had that side pastor, who had to deliver the bad news that I couldn’t be a member of this church, I had him and his wife over to the place for New Years and we sat to the wee hours of the morning just talking.

I conclude, I believe that if you believe your opinion on any issue is one-hundred percent unsullied that, by definition, is actually arrogance. Albert Einstein said “Peace can only be achieved through understanding. Laws alone cannot secure freedom of expression. But, the hope that everyone can present his views without penalty, there must be that spirit of tolerance. We must stand for tolerance. Not in it erroneously modern interpretation of agreement, but in its original definition.”

In the address to the brethren, in the Canadian work, it says a Lodge of Freemasons is a temple of peace, harmony, and brotherly love. Nothing is allowed to enter that has the remotest tendency to disturb the quietude that is pursued. Our meetings are intended to cultivate and enlighten the mind. To induce the habit of virtue, to strengthen those fundamentals of our order brotherly love, really and truly.

Last year, 2017, it was the three-hundred year anniversary of our great institution. I believe the tolerance Freemasons has practiced for three-hundred years is as relevant today as it has ever been in our history. Understanding one another cannot be approached without true Masonic tolerance that we Freemasons have been taught.

Thank you Most Worshipful.

MW Warren Schoeben, Grand Master of Washington, Response to Distinguished Guests

(transcribed from audio recording)

Well, only through the past (not understandable) it has indeed been a pleasure each year to come here to the Grand Lodge of Alaska and traveling with Most Worshipful Brother John, the last few years was indeed a pleasure along with my counter parts from each of these jurisdictions.

I like being at the Grand Lodge of England, there again, two, three-hundred years of Masonry filled with traditions and customs that will survive. And, will look forward to another three-hundred with the help of each and every one of you active brothers.

RW Arthur H. Weiss, Junior Grand Warden of California

(transcribed from audio recording)

Thank you Most Worshipful, brethren all. Thank you for the opportunity to say a few words this morning of what's going on in the jurisdiction of California.

It's an exciting time right now in California. We just kicked off a new year and on behalf of Most Worshipful Reese Galloway, Grand Master of Masons in California. Most Worshipful, I'm pleased to say we've kicked off the year not only with the celebration in London that Most Worshipful got to attend. But, we have already got this year constituted seven new lodges in our jurisdiction and we have twelve more under dispensation and we are looking forward to chartering at least eight of these a year from now. So we've put a lot of focus on increasing a number of lodges which is bringing in a larger number of our young men into the fraternity today. So, that's kicked off and going well for us right now.

The other thing that they are doing is looking forward to areas of service, one to our Asian brethren, via our Masonic homes. We're taking on a new thrust in mental care in order to fight the effects of Alzheimer's, dementia, and we're setting up an increased level of care for our brethren who need that within our jurisdiction.

The other thing that we've just done is kicked off a major fund raising campaign to start making an even bigger impact in our communities within California specifically in the public education system. We have focused, within the last five years in increasing the literacy levels in California in the most challenged school districts and he have brought in a program called "Raising a Reader" which has been extremely successful because of its conformant which causes parents to have to get involved with the student. And, as the student K through 3 learns to read, many cases in our lower performing school districts, we're finding we are teaching parents to read at the same time. The program has been fantastically successful and so our fund raising campaign is doubling the impact in California within the next five years. So, a couple of aggressive activities and Most Worshipful, thank you for the opportunity to speak.

MW Curtis Harris, Grand Master, Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alaska, F. & A. M.

(transcribed from audio recording)

I think the first thing that I'll say Most Worshipful, what is the chances of that? Something I've never seen. First of all let me say Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge officers, visiting dignitaries, wardens, brothers all, good afternoon to you. (Response by Grand Lodge body – good afternoon.)

On behalf of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alaska and its Jurisdiction, first of all I would like to say we do love you, each and every last one of you. We are happy to be here. We always have a welcome place for you in our hearts and in our jurisdiction.

I want to speak to you about something in regards to “whitewashing and being washed white.” Some of you, how am I going to say it, educated a year's different. You've been around during a time frame you know what they call the “whitewash.” You can think about it. You can go out there to a picket fence and put a whitewash on it. Right? But, what happens when it rains? It's gone, so “whitewashed” and “washed white,” there's a difference, don't you agree?

We look at it how...let's just look at our country. So, let's have a show of hands. So if you can think about it, it's our country. Let us say right now we have a kind of little issue that's putting it mildly. Don't you agree? So, we have a few issues right here that we all don't agree. To look in this room we're probably not on the same political point, which is okay, it doesn't matter.

The President, we all know, whether we like the President or we don't like the President doesn't matter. Right? He is the Commander-in-Chief. Right? Brethren, he is our Commander – in – Chief and if he puts us back in uniform we will serve this country regardless. That's a beautiful think about being a veteran. Right?

Think about being a Mason. I look at some of the things that apply to this country here. Depends on where you were (not understandable), whether you like DACA, or such an extent (not understandable). So, some of us, we work and pay taxes, all of us. (not understandable) making 10 million new tax payers. We're all right about that (not understandable) retired we just did, others may not be so much. As far as the wall, started out as one-billion, went to fifteen-billion, now looking at twenty-eight-billion to build this wall. Right? I'm sure that the union people inside the room making twenty-eight billion is a pretty good number. Right? Putting America to work. Putting twenty-eight-billion back into DACA. That's okay, reinvest it.

So, that's a good thing for it (not understandable) there's something of a pride in our profession who understand numbers and the thought of everybody having insurance. It's a great thing. Right? We have people who don't have insurance. Who pays that bill? That will be us. Right? These little things, so we look all around the country and see politics as we know is a lasting thing. There is a lot of people.

So, we look at our fraternity here. The beautiful thing about it is that especially, our fraternity division isn't what we're looking for. What is it that brings us together? What we're looking? It's that unity thing. Right?

Masons have a nasty habit of trying to find what is the one thing that we both agree upon – who best can work and agree. Right. We look for that one thing we come together on and it will be a great job today. Whereas, outside these walls are individuals, they look as if I'm going to win - you're going to lose. There will be an issue right there.

So, I came originally, my original jurisdiction was Georgia jurisdiction, south of that Mason Dixon Line. My district deputy, who came here, his original jurisdiction was Georgia jurisdiction. So, they still do not have recognition. It is need of it down south. It is what it is and hopefully our grand kids, great grand kids will be Masons and that will be taken care of here.

So, upon coming to Alaska, I was in for a shock here. There's a change right here in Alaska in 1997 and behold in 1997 we had just signed an agreement between the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alaska. So, there was a good change there. Changes do occur a little bit in our fraternity and that is okay as long as we have a positive change so we can do something with that.

So, in my case, I believe being a Prince Hall Freemason, you have a (not understandable) problem there. Just being a Freemason makes me even more proud because I got brothers, regardless whether they are Prince Hall or not Prince Hall, we got some gentlemen been Grand Masters, Past Grand Masters, other jurisdictions other than Alaska jurisdiction, I can call him brother. And only can do that can truly classify yourself as a Freemason when you can look at brother's, yes the color and see his face as a brother and everywhere I go, it is a beautiful thing that hasn't always been. So, fraternity does changes as time goes along.

But, Masons look for that positive change, that positive change what can we do to make it better. Even little changes, as time goes along in Freemasonry. Beautiful things here.

So, I look at myself and time as I first served as Grand Master when I first came here Most Worshipful Ackerman presided as Most Worshipful, and all of your: Most Worshipful Pinion, Most Worshipful Herrington, Most Worshipful Worel, Most Worshipful Teninty, Most Worshipful Lindstrom, and now Most Worshipful Bishop. So when I look at myself and I think about all the things happened since the time when I first presided as Grand Master in Alaska, each and every one of you gentlemen, the beautiful thing about this jurisdiction is that is never changed. The brotherly love has always been there. Everyone has always made myself and my jurisdiction feel welcome. We pray we have had equal reciprocity that we always feel welcome.

One thing it did for me is that your Deputy Grand Master there, I came, I think it was an initiation, a gentleman was initiating his son. You were presiding in the East so it was kind of funny thing alright. So, I was walking down the lodge line and trying to find where I sit and I think you saw me and kind of had mercy on me and kindly pointed to the left. Right?

Because, in a Prince Hall lodge, grand masters always sit in one place in the East. So, there is a difference in how your grand lodge works.

So, just you know then any time a Prince Hall Grand Mater comes over he is going to look around, when our custom is to sit in the East. We were building the dikes (much laughter).

So, it was a kind of funny thing. But, your custom is that the Grand Master sits where he sits, kind of peanut gallery piece. It's a beautiful thing my brothers it really is and I reflect on my years I've been Grand Master. I reflect on all those years and think about all those wonderful brothers that I have met; all the wonderful things that I have actually experience; and I feel that I have a more rich tradition, shall I say to my Masonic resume because I have brothers that I (not understandable) and all my Prince Hall Grand Masters (not understandable) can't say that.

So, I let them know that the Masonry we have in Alaska we feel we're just better than you are (laughter). But, I feel like I'm (not understandable) than you. So, the beautiful thing for those Grand Masters that I believe are here: MW Ackerman, Pinion, Herrington, Worel, Teninty, Lindstrom, and of course you presiding, can you come up here Most Worshipfuls.

(G. M. Bishop: Brother Herrington is quite ill. Thank the Lord he's not here or we would all be contaminated. Other than that, I wish he was here.)

So, what I am going to do is give you all something and obviously Most Worshipful Herrington as well. Again, we talk about whitewashing and washed white. Anybody can talk about those. Right? Every body's country can talk about it being an American citizen. But, everybody in this country doesn't look at it the same way. So, when we talk about whitewashing and washed white, whitewashing is you claim brotherhood but don't practice it. Whitewashing, when you put it to the litmus test, it goes away.

When you've done the true good things as a Mason does then that is when you actually have been washed white. That's when you truly are what you professed to be. In this grand lodge and every man that I've met in this jurisdiction has always been a pleasure to say as a Mason has been washed white. I have never been called to think other of anything less of any Mason in your jurisdiction, sir.

So, I have these things I'd like to give to all of your past grand masters. Just a little memento of our appreciation of how much I have enjoyed working with them, knowing them, and just thinking a little Masonic chalk right there (not understandable) something you can trace it.

So, one more thing about this thing before I do go. A lot of you have probably seen that movie, what's that called. The retired chief justice? Well, I would like you to know this will be my last year as Grand Master. I am retiring and stepping down. A lot of you know my Deputy Grand Master, Greg Holmes and I look forward putting all the weight on him and do what you past grand masters do (not understandable) working (not understandable).

But, one of the last things, I ...this is one of the books of Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Alaska edition regards to you Most Worshipful to peruse at your leisure (not understandable).

You know the poem of the year, the C.D, (not understandable). I expected your poems, I never expected to hear sound effects. You've done a wonderful reading of those poems and I appreciate this.

Thank you.

MW Ron Yates, Grand Master of British Columbia and Yukon

(transcribed from audio recording)

Wow! I was just saying to my deputy grand master, we'd better watch what we are saying in our farewell speeches. (laughter) You might get smacked. (laughter)

Interesting afternoon, it really is. I must say that this year has been a fantastic year. In the privilege of becoming grand master, the third week in June, and had my first official visit in District 11 which is in the Yukon at Dawson City. I personally did that as my first official visit because I heard rumors about the Grand Lodge of Alaska taking over the Yukon so it's going to be called the Grand Lodge of Alaska and Yukon. So, I felt compelled to do my first visit up there as a sovereignty visit (laughter) just to let them guys from Alaska know that the grand master is watching.

So, what happened, the next time, a month later, I had the privilege of flying up to Fairbanks and spending some time with your deputy grand master and he showed me your fair land up north. Different springs and that. And, we just had a great time and we got together and went together...we drove together with the rest of the grand line of Alaska to Dawson City. The whole grand line came along. And, it was at that time before we crossed the border into the Yukon that this grand master got arrested as a prisoner of war (laughter) and your grand senior deacon, of course, said he wanted to take me and show the little guy off to the Canadians of what they got as a prisoner of war.

So, we dealt with the International Days in Dawson City and then we...I got taken down to... no actually in Dawson City I got bunked up with your grand master so that he could keep an eye on me that I didn't go anywhere. That was kind of sweet, wasn't it?

So, anyway, then of course they proceeded to carry me on down to Whitehorse. We had a meeting down there. I got to say to our Prince Hall Grand Master that once you enter the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon you do sit in the East. Not only the grand master but the past grand master. So, you're welcome anytime to the grand jurisdiction of British Columbia and Yukon.

So, we had a great time there and then we carried on down to Skagway for your grand master's official visit to Skagway and he honored me and recognized me as the grand master. It was a great time and I managed, the next morning, to escape. I caught a plane from Skagway to Juneau and I got out of town to Seattle.

So, all kidding aside, I must comment the brothers of Alaska and the brothers of the Yukon for the work they do with each other and for each other. There are lodges in both jurisdictions that would not survive without each other's help. I commend both jurisdictions for the cooperation that's going on not only this past year but in the past. And, I see you have one of your brothers is now the Worshipful Master of Yukon Lodge, Monte. And, I thank you very much for taking that position and helping out. He had an installation there and it was an honor for me to be there with you. So, good luck my friend.

Grand Master, thank you very much for your time and thank you brothers for allowing me to have some fun with you. Thank you.

MW Warren Schoeben, Grand Master of Washington

(transcribed from audio recording)

Most Worshipful Brother John, Most Worshipfuls, Past Most Worshipfuls, Right Worshipfuls, Very Worshipfuls, Worshipful Brothers, and all.

It is indeed a pleasure to be here today, once again as we travel through these jurisdictions we learn a lot and we go along.

My theme for the year is "Communication to Educate." Got a lot of education today. (laughter). Thank you. (laughter).

Once again, in the information that we take back home again and we learn by it. We've got a number of things that as we travel through the jurisdictions that we find out that we are very similar.

But, the topic that I am going to talk about is regards to communication and social media, we have the same issues in Washington State. There again, too, where do you draw the line? We haven't set up any guide lines to control the social media but we have the same issues, people that are abusing their privileges.

We had a situation last year during Most Worshipful Brother Jim Mendoza's year, we guard the firearms. This was a situation where it was discussed with the elected officers rather than "big brother" making the rules for the lodge and the brethren in our jurisdiction. The lodges will make up their decisions on how they will handle it.

Washington State is somewhat different to Alaska. Eastern Washington and the peninsula are a little bit more prone firearms, whereas the I 5 corridor with Seattle/Tacoma did not so much. So, rather than make a ruling that somebody likes somebody not likes that they didn't like grand lodge. So, once again with social media, along with the firearms, rather when we have to come in and make rules is when they abuse their privileges.

We all hear the (not understandable) against them, they don't like it. So, the only thing we can do is try to make certain our lodges and the brothers in our jurisdiction are aware that we are there to help them, not to set rules in front of them.

The past four years I have been able to travel with many brothers of the jurisdictions: Oregon, Washington, California, Alaska and it's been truly a memorable experience.

I'd like to thank each and every one of you for making that journey with me and making it very enjoyable and memorable for all.

Most Worshipful John, once again, I would like to thank you for all that you have done for the fraternity and it's been incredible traveling with you. Thank you very much.

With that, we have a little real estate problem we will be looking to take care of. Hopefully, in the near future. We will look forward, it won't be on your watch, but we'll let somebody else take care of it for you.

Thank you very much.

MW W. Myles McMillan, Grand Master of Oregon

(transcribed from audio recording)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipfuls, Brothers all. I bring you greetings from the great state of Oregon and also brought you the voting utensils, I believe.

Anyway, Oregon's faring, I believe, quite well this year. We're getting closer to that membership breaking point. So, still down on the hill slide with folks at the breaking point.

We've had a nice quiet year this year. Somewhat of a change from several years in the past. I appreciate that.

The theme that I had this year was brought on from a little bit of my background. I managed a sawmill for nineteen years and then I retired from that and went into the hardware business. So, I kind of tossed around themes that would fit my background. So, I chose "Tools That Make a Difference." And, thinking tools of the square and compasses really do make a difference. And, throughout the whole year, I heard so many different relations to tools the Masonic family had. We heard the Rainbow advisor, we heard it from Brother Kevin Dornan yesterday. It fits into almost every talk we hear from the podium (not understandable). And, we do have so many tools in our tool boxes that we can use.

Greg Morris made a comment back in, I believe 2008, that 58 per cent of the philanthropic funds raised by the Masonic family benefit the public. 58 percent of the philanthropic funds the Masonic family raised benefit the public. Now, we all know the good share of that is the Shrine hospitals. We're not going to deny that. Those of us who are Shriners know they do a tremendous amount of fund raising.

But, it's still is a tremendous sum of money that (not understandable) and it just goes to show in that manner how important those tools are that we have at our grasp and they do, undoubtedly, without a doubt make a difference in the lives of not only the Masonic family but the public in general.

I don't like to say the term "charge" but I can't think of anything else that fits this. I charge each and every one of us to continue to keep those tools working. It makes no difference whether we are in blue lodge with the square and compasses, in Amaranth, Scottish Rite, York Rite, we all have a set of tools that we use with that organization and they all make a really, really big difference.

I think that it is up to us. It's our obligation to continue along that path of existence. I look forward to raising that 58 percent up to 65 or 70 percent. I think we can pretty easily do it. It takes each and every one of us working that direction.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I have had an excellent time this session. First time to I've got to come up to the Grand Lodge of Alaska. I've been to Alaska several times but the first time to make the grand lodge session (not understandable).

Thank you.

VW Jeffrey DeFreest, Widow Son's Motorcycle Club

(transcribed from audio recording)

Hello Brothers one and all. Most Worshipful Grand Master, my Brothers, I'd like to say welcome from the Widows' Sons in Alaska, our grand chapter. We are (not understandable) strong in the state. We have now the sitting president of the, well actually the riding president of the Widow's Sons. We carry our fellowship across the state borders, across the continent, and also into our neighboring country of (not understandable) Yukon. We haven't made a name to it yet but we're going (not understandable).

Our challenge ride every year through Southeast (not understandable). Our Southeast brothers ride along with the brothers from the interior, Fairbanks, Anchorage, Kenai. And by getting together we usually meet in the Yukon at Beaver Creek. This year it's going to be a little more interesting, take a side trip (not understandable) and our trip is going to be through Beaver Creek and also Top of the World Highway, come out on Dawson City, and dropping down from Dawson City we go back to our original position, Whitehorse, and then come back home to Southeast, or Interior, or wherever we're going.

So, anyway, I want to say thank you for the opportunity to say our greetings from us and say anything else I didn't mention. We have about forty members. All the Widow's Sons stand up. You can see this is a good representation here. Appreciate you being here as well.

I want to say thank you to the Widow's Sons and the nice presentation made last year in our headquarters (not understandable) at the Scottish Rite library and with our charter. Thank you.

Alright, thank you Most Worshipful Grand Master.

VW Ed Rogers, Response to District Deputies

(transcribed from audio recording)

Grand Master: Ed would you like to speak for the deputies.

Most Worshipful, of course. I love the way you put everyone on the spot (laughter)

Grand Master: I want you to feel what I feel sometimes.

Worshipful sirs, distinguished colleagues up here, it has been my honor to serve all of you and we look forward to being able to help out as much next year as did in making you successful.

Thank you very much for allowing us to be such an important part of your year.

Thank you sir.

VW Daryll W. Chitwood, DDGM Grand Lodge of Idaho

(transcribed from audio recording)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, honored guests, honored members, brethren all.

I am from the Grand Lodge of Idaho as the District Deputy, District 13, and as a member of Glacier Lodge 10, here in Anchorage. It is my honor to have a few moments to discuss Idaho and Masonic Grand Lodge of Alaska.

On behalf of Brother William A. Curtis, Jr., Most Worshipful Grand Master of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Idaho, I extend greetings, congratulations, and best wishes to all the brethren in Alaska.

In December of 2017, the Idaho Grand Lodge celebrated their 150th anniversary. The Grand Lodge of Idaho started in 1867 in Idaho City, a mining town in the foothills about forty miles northeast of Boise. You can get an idea, upper desert, arctic desert at times. There are about 30,000 people in Idaho City at that time. They were mining lead and mining silver. And, in December of that year, three lodges, one of which had received authorization through the Grand Lodge of Washington and two lodges that had received the authorization from the Grand Lodge of Oregon, traveled to Idaho City.

Back in 1867, when you traveled was on foot, on horseback, and in wagons. In some cases you can travel part of the way by railway. But, in December, these brethren came to Idaho City and started the Grand Lodge of Idaho and since then there have been grand lodges and grand lodges and grand lodges. And, we think back to those brethren who were dedicated to the craft, spent their time, their energy, and their monies to establish our organization in the territory.

There are times that we get frustrated when our airplane is delayed, or even get on I 5, 405 and we are delayed. Think about those brothers who traveled through that winter to establish the grand lodge.

Now, 150 years ago they did that. Thirty-seven years ago, here in Alaska, brethren came together and established the Alaska Grand Lodge. I know there is at least one of those brethren that are here today. Ask any brother who a part of that initial grand lodge to please stand up. Those brethren are the foundation of this grand lodge and every member of this grand lodge can thank them for their hard work overcoming the challenges they had during the varying and (not understandable) process to establish the grand lodge that is now thirty-seven years old.

I would, at the approval of the Grand Master, all the brethren be upstanding and give these brothers a hand of applause (clapping). Thank you brothers, be seated.

One last thing when we look 150 years back to the Idaho Grand Lodge and looking at today, every member of the lodge, of that grand lodge and as here in Alaska, every member needs to be dedicated to moving our organization forward. Making sure we are successful year after year and that, in another 150 years the Alaska Grand Lodge will still be here.

Thank you brethren.

MW Carl Lindstrom PGM, Response to Past Grand Masters

(transcribed from audio recording)

Most Worshipful Grand Master, on behalf of the Past Grand Masters here, a little late to tell you we got troubles in Grand Lodge. But, we're here to let you know the Past Grand Masters are to help you anyway we can. And, brethren here, that goes to every one of you, the lodges, and the members. You got it (not understandable) help you out as much as we can.

ELECTION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

The following are the results of the election of officers for the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska at Anchorage, Alaska on February 2, 2018.

Grand Master: 97 votes cast, 49 votes for a majority

Darnell	1 vote
blank	2 votes
Keith Herve	94 votes (station accepted)

Deputy Grand Master: 97 votes cast, 49 votes for a majority

blank	1 vote
Warel	1 vote
Starkey	1 vote
Darnell	1 vote
John May	93 votes (station accepted)

Senior Grand Warden: 96 votes cast, 49 votes for a majority

Starkey	1 vote
Ward	2 votes
blank	2 votes
Darnell	3 votes
Norm Gutcher	89 votes (station accepted)

Junior Grand Warden: 96 votes cast, 49 votes for a majority

Al Brookman	1 vote
Charles Ward	36 votes
Joe Darnell	59 votes (station accepted)

Grand Treasurer: 116 votes cast, 59 votes for a majority

Starkey	1 vote
blank	2 votes
Wasson	2 votes
Worrel	2 votes
Kiefer	1 vote
Darnell	1 vote
Jim	1 vote
Grubbs	88 votes (station accepted)

Grand Secretary: 97 votes cast, 49 votes for a majority

Sesswas	1 vote
Oates	1 vote
blank	2 votes
Schram	2 votes
Grubbs	2 votes
Wasson	86 votes (station accepted)

INSTALLATION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

An open installation for the 2018 - 2019 officers for The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska was conducted at the Hilton Hotel in Anchorage on February 2, 2018.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Welcome and Introduction of Installing Officers by MW John K. Bishop, PGM.

INSTALLING OFFICERS

Installing Master	MW Les Little
Installing Marshal	MW Fred Angleton
Installing Marshal	MW Dave Worel
Installing Chaplain	MW Johnnie Wallace
Installing Secretary	MW Carl Lindstrom
Installing Keeper of the Jewels	MW Ron Ackerman

ELECTED OFFICERS

Grand Master	MW Keith Herve (Gay)
Deputy Grand Master	RW John D. May (Cecilia)
Senior Grand Warden	RW Norman Gutcher (Bette)
Junior Grand Warden	RW Joe C. Darnell
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	VW John P. Johnson
Grand Orator	W John C. Barnett (Lori)
Grand Historian	VW Roger K. Hansen
Grand Marshal	W Scott Lambries (Cindy)
Senior Grand Deacon	W Jeremy Harvill (Stacy)
Junior Grand Deacon	W Kenneth Owens (Nina)
Grand Standard Bearer	W Brandon Phillips (Lisa)
Grand Sword Bearer	W Gary Evans
Grand Bible Bearer	W Kenneth R. Larimore
Senior Grand Steward	W Doug Harris
Junior Grand Steward	W Denis M. Allen (Fatra)
Grand Organist	W Dwight E. Morris (Deanna)
Grand Tyler	W Marlon D. Rivera (Judith)

DISTRICT DEPUTIES

District 1	VW Charles E. Rogers (Debi)
District 2	VW John G. Strother (Brenda)
District 3	VW David J. Wilson (Elizabeth)
District 4	VW Ronald J. Robinson (Juanita)
District 5	VW Nick Adair (Michelle)