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DeMolay on the dais with the governor



Photo by W. Bro. Donald Hale

Members of the Juneau DeMolay Chapter meet Gov. Sean Parnell at the Juneau Veterans' Day celebration on Nov. 11 at Centennial Hall. The boys served as ushers at the event. Pictured are, from left, Howard Colbert, Festus LaChester, Jacob Osborn, Edgar Gonzalez, Jake Yalung and Dan McCrummen.

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From the East

What's been done, and what lies ahead

By W. Bro. Ken Vaughan

This is my last newsletter piece as a member of the officer line of Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21. It has been an interesting and personally rewarding trip through the various roles since I started attending this lodge in 2007 and becoming a steward in 2008. I thank you all for giving me the opportunity to experience this journey.

Plans are underway for Blue Lodge officer elections on Dec. 2, with a joint installation with Juneau Chapter No. 7, Order of the Eastern Star set for Jan. 3, 2015.

One of the things I seek to do is get 25- and 50-year membership awards to those who have earned them and are shown on the Grand Lodge records as not having received them. Some who have been so honored have pointed out they already received an award, but I would rather give it a second time than argue data quality with the Grand Secretary.

I have had to reach back quite a few years, and some have been in waiting to receive their 25-year honors

for so long, they've stated they'd rather wait for the 50-year point to come around. The lists of 25- and 50-year honorees are on this page. If you've been overlooked, please accept my apologies and advise accordingly, and I'll look into the matter. It's important this list not get backlogged this badly again, so I will continue to tend to it after I leave the East.

New Master Masons, and affiliates from other lodges, have kept the membership slowly growing. We have been doing a lot of degree work, and our new ability to meet on the

first and second degrees have broadened our ritual knowledge. The officer corps is strong, all good Masons serving because they want to improve themselves in Masonry. Juneau tends to be a more transient community than most, which creates challenges with moving Masons, and opportunities for new Brothers to fill leadership and ritual spots.

At the start of the year, the wardens and I spent time talking about what the

major challenges facing the Lodge were, and I asked them what I could do to best position them to move the lodge forward towards overcoming those challenges. The item identified as the largest challenge we face was finances. Our Grand Master often says "we are a fraternity with business needs." One of those business needs is the ability to pay for the places we meet. After diligent searching for angels with armored cars,

we are down to the point where we have to figure out how to do it for ourselves.

Make no mistake, the lodge is not destitute. However, the clear trend of our bank balances is downward. Our buyout of the Scottish Rite Temple Association was a major expense, which still remains to be completed. The Juneau Masonic Center Association is assessing its owner bodies a significant amount, most of which will fall to Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux as possessor of 90 percent of JMCA.

With these challenges in mind, the Lodge unanimously passed changes

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A tucked-away token of Alaskan history

Schaufler's search uncovers the trowel used to lay the Capitol cornerstone

By Bro. Charles Ward

It's amazing what you'll find when tidying up. That lost flip-flop. The car keys you had to have recut 6 months ago. A priceless piece of both Alaskan and Masonic history.

OK, the last one is much less likely than the first two. But Junior Warden Lawrence Schaufler found just such an item recently when sorting through the archives of Juneau's Masonic bodies; the trowel used to lay the cornerstone at what is now the Alaska Capitol.

"I found it wrapped in a box with other artifacts, though there was no special packaging (or labeling)," Schaufler said. "That's why it had been overlooked¹."

The trowel's significance in Masonic ritual — particularly the ceremony of laying a cornerstone² — is well established. It is used to lay the cement of brotherly love and affection³, a necessary element of a strong Masonic body, and one sometimes in short supply in the often acrimonious nature of a state legislature.

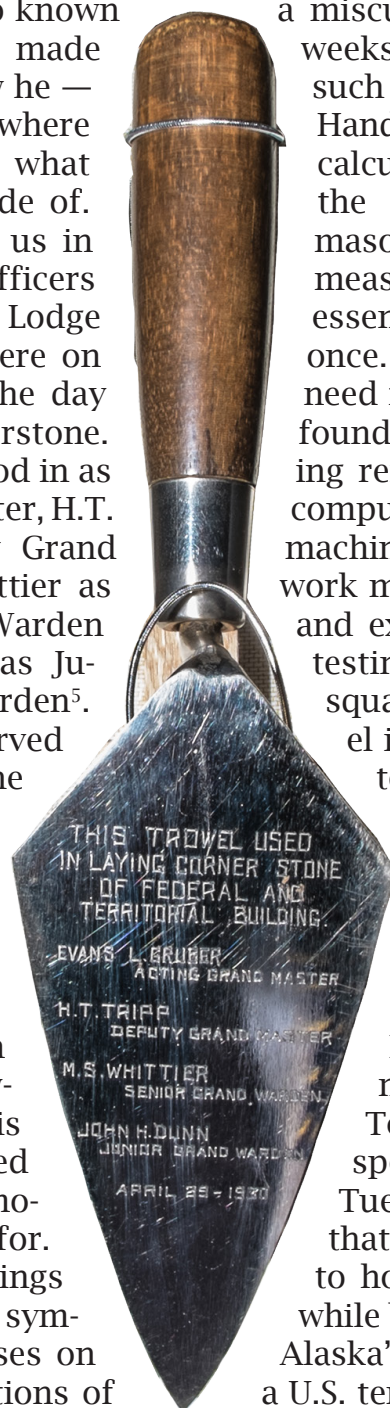
However, there's not much known about how Mt. Juneau Lodge No. 147 acquired the trowel used at the ceremony to set a firm foundation

for what was then the Alaska Territorial and Federal Building⁴. There are no known records of who made the trowel or how he — or they — did it, where it came from or what material it is made of. All the tool tells us in 2014 is who the officers from the Grand Lodge of Washington were on April 29, 1930, the day they set the cornerstone. Evans Gruber stood in as acting Grand Master, H.T. Tripp as Deputy Grand Master, M.S. Whittier as Senior Grand Warden and John Dunn as Junior Grand Warden⁵. Whittier also served as chairman of the Lodge's Cornerstone Committee, along with W.P. Scott and John Rustgard⁶.

While not much is known about the trowel itself, there is more recorded about the ceremony it was created for. Cornerstone layings are designed with symbolism that focuses on the ancient traditions of operative Masonry. In the Dark and Middle ages, stones

were put in place through grueling physical labor, and a miscut slab could ruin weeks or months of such demanding work. Hand tools and paper calculations defined the limits of stonemasons' precision, so measuring thrice was essential before cutting once. Today, while the need for a firm physical foundation for a building remains unchanged, computers and heavy machinery make the work much more smooth and exact. The ritual of testing the stone with square, plumb and level is now symbolic of testing the moral character of man instead of the physical character of the building⁷.

George A. Parks, the governor of the Alaska Territory, gave a speech on that rainy Tuesday afternoon that similarly looked to honor Alaska's past while building its future. Alaska's organization as a U.S. territory, connecting the Interior to the coast by rail and radio communication





Above: The Capitol's cornerstone shortly before its temporary removal in 2013 (photo courtesy of Wayne Jensen). **Opposite page:** The trowel used to lay the cornerstone (photo by W. Bro. Donald Hale).

ranging from Ketchikan to Barrow all contributed to the need for a permanent Capitol building, he said⁸. (Prior to the building of the Capitol, the Territorial Legislature met in rented spaces throughout Juneau, including the former Elks Lodge downtown⁹.)

Parks also laid out plans for Alaska's future, including a comprehensive road system and the need to attract more and different industries to the territory¹⁰.

"I believe that the laying of this cornerstone which is part of the imposing structure that is to house the administrative offices in our Territory is a fitting tribute to the progress that we have made and my sincere hope is that it will serve as a source of inspiration to all Alaskans

and create throughout our great Territory a firm resolve to strive for greater achievements in the future," he proclaimed that day¹¹.

(One potential for Alaskan progress — statehood — is absent from the published account of Parks' speech that day¹². Though Judge James Wickersham — Alaska's non-voting Congressional delegate — introduced the first Alaska statehood bill in 1916, statehood talk didn't become serious until after World War II, when the Great Land's population grew rapidly thanks to a greatly expanded military presence in Alaska¹³.

"There's been a lot of talk ... about the impact of the federal government on the territory," said Wayne Jensen, an

architect at Jensen Yorba Lott Inc., the Juneau architectural firm in charge of ongoing renovations at the Capitol. "I think this is really a telling cornerstone that goes to show really what that meant. The person with the largest letters at the top of the cornerstone is the secretary of the treasury, an appointed ... federal official. Second to that is a federal employee, the architect working for the secretary of the treasury. And at the bottom of the list, in the ... smallest font, is the territorial governor, George Parks¹⁴.)"

The current state of the cornerstone is symbolic of both its nod to Alaska's tradition and the path of progress Parks called on Alaskans to follow. It's been removed,

temporarily, from the southeast corner of the Capitol as part of a \$33 million¹⁵ renovation project scheduled for completion in 2016¹⁶.

"They did a good job 80 years ago — I'm giving them credit for getting it right the first time. This renovation we're doing should add another 80 years to the building¹⁷."

Most of the current work on the Capitol focuses on making the building more earthquake-resistant, while other projects include insulating the building, asbestos abatement and replacement of crumbling sandstone bricks¹⁸.

"It'll look the same to most people; it'll actually look more like it did in 1931," after its original construction, Jensen said¹⁹.

The stone will be returned once the work is completed, though it's not decided if it will be back in in its original place or reset on a free-standing base²⁰.

As for the recently found trowel, Schaufler mounted it in a shadow box for more appropriate display. Howev-

er, its use in cornerstone layings is not finished. It will be used on April 4, 2015 to set the cornerstone of the Juneau Masonic Center, the coming home for Masonic activity in



Photo courtesy Alaska State Library Historical Collection
Gov. George Parks delivers an address at the laying of the Cornerstone on April 29, 1930. In the lower left corner of the picture is Evans Gruber, who stood as acting Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Washington that day.

Juneau.

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Centennial year comes to a close

By W.P. Lawrence Schaufler

As this year, the 100th anniversary of the chartering of our Juneau Chapter No. 7, comes to a close, Worthy Matron Vicki Atzei and I would like to thank you all for the love and support you have shown us throughout the

year. We have been proud to serve as you in the East during this historic year, and we are humbled to sit in the same seats where so many great Worthy Matrons and Patrons have sat and lead this chapter over the years.

We also thank all of those members who attended our wonderful centennial cele-

bration last May, helping us commemorate our history and accomplishments during the last 100 years.

The Eastern Star chapters of Juneau have a rich and interesting history that we hope to keep alive in stories, pictures, and artifacts. By the way, if

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in bylaws to help us meet the financial needs of our brotherhood. Part of those changes will be a structure for an endowment to accumulate gifts, and invest them for the future replacement of major components of our soon-to-be home at 9315 Glacier Highway, such as a roof

or furnace. Expect to hear more on this endowment and other fund-raising efforts as we move forward into a new year with new officers in new roles.

We are a fraternity with a future full of challenges, but also opportunities. It is both of these that make it a

great time to be a Mason in Juneau.

Thank you all for a memorable time working my way through the line, more especially V.W. Bro. Harley Clough and W. Bro. Claude Roberts for giving me some extra special help along the way.

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Juneau-Douglas Shrine Club



By Noble Claude Roberts

The Juneau-Douglas Shrine Club spent most of fall winding down a little after the 6-month season of selling tickets to raffle a boat, with proceeds benefitting the Al Aska Patient Travel Fund.

This was a joint effort with the Sitka Shrine Club that netted a total of \$118,537.90 after expenses for the Travel Fund. The Sitka Shrine Club saw the idea through from start to finish, and we were happy to assist in the effort.

Several JDSC Nobles, with mini-scooters, traveled to Sitka to take part in the Oct. 8 Alaska Day Parade. The Juneau-Douglas club missed out on this fun time for the last couple of years due to Alaska Day falling on a weekday and less-than-favorable ferry schedules, so it was great to be able to take part

in 2014. Sitka even created a new Noble, Eric Swanson, while we were there. Many JDSC members know Swanson, as he's also a member of the Juneau Valley Scottish Rite bodies.

The club elected its 2015 officers at its Oct. 22 meeting. Ed Kalwara will serve as president, John Barnett as First Vice President, Mer'chant Thompson as Second V.P., Jim Robinson as Treasurer and Claude Roberts as Secretary. Installation is scheduled for Jan. 7, 2015.

Juneau-Douglas Shriners mark the holiday season with a pair of events. On Nov. 15,



Top: The Juneau-Douglas and Sitka Shrine clubs raised more than \$118,000 for the Al Aska Patient Travel Fund by raffling off a custom-made boat (Photo by Noble Claude Roberts). **Above:** Nobles from the Al Aska Temple took part in the Alaska Day Parade on Oct. 18 in Sitka. They are, from left, Eric Swanson, Harley Clough, Ill. Sir Dave Oaks, Ill. Sir Jeff Polizzotto, Charles Ward and Ken Cassell.

the club hosted its annual Turkey Bash. This event was for not just the Juneau Masonic Community, but also seniors in town who may not have another Thanksgiving to attend. This will be followed with the Christmas lunch, set for 11:30 a.m. on Dec. 17 at the Moose Lodge.

A thank you, and a goodbye

By W. Bro. Lawrence Schaufler

A decade ago, in May 2004, I started on my Masonic journey in Juneau by receiving the Entered Apprentice degree, conferred by Worshipful Master Russ Shivers, Senior Warden John Barnett, Junior Warden Don Hale, and Secretary Stephen Wright, all of whom served as wonderful mentors for me and to whom I am forever grateful. They — along with Jim Devon and his exquisite recitation of the installation ceremony and the wealth of knowledge offered by Harley Clough, our master ritualist — were my role models in learning the ritual. Their devotion to the quality of our ritual was an inspiration which I still try my best to live up to.

As we come to the end of this year, and my second go-round as junior warden, I unfortunately have to report, with great sadness, that this is also the end of my adventure in Masonry here in Juneau. My family and I plan to relocate to Denver, Colo. in January 2015, where I will begin a new journey with the lodges there. I will greatly miss all of my Masonic family

here and those brothers and sisters I have come to know throughout the state.

I first thought about becoming a Mason when I decided to join the Order of DeMolay back in 1985, in San Diego, Calif. My grandfather and his father were both Masons, and I aspired to someday wear the lambskin apron as well. But because of college and some personal reservations, I chose not to join Masonry at the time.

My mind changed because of two events. First, I met Don Hale, who was presenting the Masonic award at the Science Fair. I was reminded of the philanthropic efforts and community support that were central to Masonry and which I strongly believed in. Second, I met a young Juneau Mason (unfortunately I cannot remember his name, and I never saw him again after that night) who was a black man. Growing up around the California Lodges, where there

was a fairly significant separation between the “George Washington” Lodges and

the “Prince Hall” lodges, I never could quite grasp how the fraternity justified promoting the virtues of equality and brotherly love and yet maintained a fairly inviolable separation of race. This was the “personal reservation” that primarily prevented me from joining as a youth.

Yet Juneau (and Alaska in general) was a much different Masonic environment. Here black men and white men (and men of every race) were welcome to join the Lodge, and not just because there was no Prince Hall lodge in the area.

Furthermore, there was a strong bond between the Alaskan F&AM and Prince Hall lodges, and an evident display of brotherly love between all of the Masons. I have seen members go from one to the other, and I realize now that although there



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New plans in place for a new year

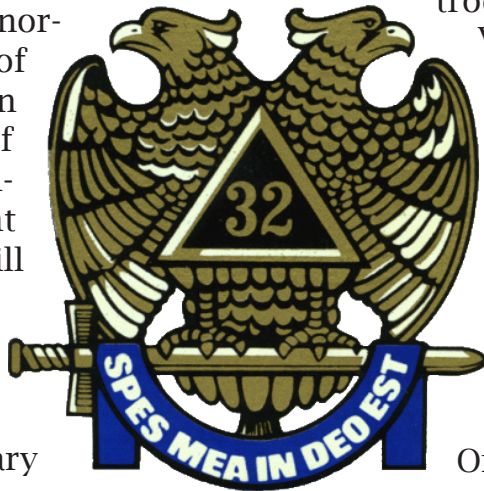
By Lawrence Schaufler, 32°, KCCH

The end of the year brings transition and a new slate of officers. In addition to the normal turns of the chairs in the Valley of Juneau bodies, the Orient of Alaska will have a new deputy and the Valley will see a new secretary as I step down for my next Masonic adventure. Ill. Bro. John Barnett has offered to step into that role and I know he will

continue to enhance the reunions each year. It will be amazing to see what they look like in another 10 years.

Fellow Charles Ward has introduced the new VMAP program that is being proposed by the Supreme Council. VMAP came from the Scottish Rite Leadership Conferences held in Portland, Ore. Biloxi, Miss. and Williamsburg, Va. and awards val-
leys for hitting certain benchmarks in several categories. 2015 should bring excit-

ing new things for the Valley, in addition to the potential spin-up of the VMAP program, the Valley plans to implement a member rewards program that we have discussed for some time. In addition, the Valley will maintain its sponsorship and support the Juneau DeMolay Chapter, as it continues to blossom and grow. A class of Master Craftsman II students is also scheduled to start, with a class of Master Craftsman III students a possibility. And, our Knights of St. Andrew continue to serve, with plans to host a second observance of the Feast Day of St. Andrew and again ring bells for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign.



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anyone would like copies of our historical slideshows, please don't hesitate to ask. We've also enjoyed performing initiations this year that went off very smoothly, thanks to our wonderful

group of officers, and congratulations to our new members. We hope you will get as much out of being a member of OES as we all do. Have a happy holiday season and a Merry Christmas!

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4. a celebration

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Avoid the trap of negative attitudes

By Bro. Paul Moran

When the nights draw in, it is easy to feel ill at ease. The days are colder and gloomy. This year, several brothers have moved on; some to broaden their horizons, some to warmer climes and some to join the Celestial Lodge.

Our coffers our elder brothers so carefully nurtured are slowly emptying. Our average age seems to be creeping up and the light of our Lodge flickering. Sometimes it seems that we are fighting a delaying action against the inevitable dissolution of our Brotherhood.

It is easy to fall into this line of thought and it is a trap.

Look to our successes this year: Rainbow continues to shine and DeMolay is off

to a spectacular start. Our youth organizations believe in us and are eager to pitch in. The popularity of the Knights of St. Andrew and the stellar fundraising success of the Juneau-Douglas Shrine Club shows that our

brothers are eager to serve. Scottish Rite continues to hold successful reunions, showing a thirst for further light.

On the whole, it was a darn good year.

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and fertilize them with traditional Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux spirit. We mourn those that have passed, but take comfort they are at labor in the Celestial Lodge and will be there to greet and mentor us when it is our turn, as they

did so well here.

And as our brothers cycle out, a greater number of good men have joined our lodge eager to serve with freedom, fervency and zeal.

No, we are not getting the Rolls Royce building. We shall have to make-do with a Cadillac that will meet our needs — and even have some extras — while still allowing us to make our monthly payments.

Yes, our coffers are diminishing. We will have to do more fundraising, but guess what? Many of our brothers have skills, for example, we have many brothers that are fine operative woodworkers, carvers, chefs and the like. Even schlubs like myself can sweep up after them or do dishes.

We've also shown, time and again, a propensity

for being able to do hard work when called on.

Don't let your special character and values, the secrets that you know and few else do stay hidden. Don't let your light get swallowed up by despondency.

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was likely once a separation between the organizations, now we are truly one band of brothers.

Through my journey I have had the honors of: conducting many members through initiation, including several of our recent past masters; serving in just about every blue lodge office at some time or another; conferring degrees on new candidates; delivering the degree lectures; serving as a Lodge and Grand Lodge committeeman; trying my best to serve as Lodge Historian and Archivist; and even being appointed as a Grand Lodge officer, to which I was deeply humbled. I am proud to have served as presiding officer of the Juneau Scottish Rite and the Scottish Rite Temple Association, as well as Worthy Patron of the Juneau Eastern Star Chapter. I have sat on the Rain-

bow and DeMolay advisory boards, and I was even initiated into Rainbow wearing a dress and make-up.

I have done my best to support Masonry in this town, and my fellow brethren, over the past decade, and I will miss you all dearly. Truly my biggest regret over leaving is that I will not have the opportunity to serve you as Master of Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21. However, I hope that my service over the past decade has helped further the Lodge and Juneau Masonic Community in some meaningful way. There have been rough times: saying goodbye to our home of many decades; having to persevere polarization over critical (and very emotional) issues; trying my best to adhere to two separate Masonic virtues — supporting a family member while also trying to promote unity

among the brethren — when the two were in direct conflict; and doing everything I can to keep one of our bodies alive when faced with the prospect of closure. Yet the good times far outweigh the challenging ones. We have persevered through it all, and this Lodge will continue to do so, for another century and beyond.

I thank you all for the brotherly (and sisterly) love and kindness you have shown me. I have always considered my Masonic “family” here to be a very important part of my life and will remain a part of me. I appreciate all of the opportunities and support I have received here, and I look forward to visiting in the future and seeing the newly remodeled Lodge building that we all have been dreaming about for the past 7 years.



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Are we prepared for progress?

By W. Bro. Ken Vaughan

Plans for our new home at 9315 Glacier Highway took a recent twist that may prove to be a net positive for the project, but will require continued support from all to manage appropriately.



Spunky Sprouts, a day-care center that rented the current buildings from the Juneau Masonic Center Association, ceased operations suddenly on Oct. 1. JMCA is negotiating with the day-care's owner to collect part of the past rent and future expected earnings. It's clear JMCA will not see all of the income it expected to from the lease, which was scheduled to end on Feb. 15, 2015.

This, coupled with the ongoing expenses of renting our lodge room for much of 2015 and the costs of maintaining the property at 9315 Glacier Highway, make it more important than ever the organizations that own JMCA (Mt. Juneau-Gastineaux Lodge No. 21, Eastern Star Chapter No. 7 and the Juneau-Douglas Shrine

Club) make their yearly assessment payments as quickly and as fully as possible.

At their October meeting, JMCA trustees voted unanimously to proceed with the construction and remodeling of our new home, the last reasonable opportunity for a "go/no-go" decision. The "all-in" bet is the Juneau Masonic Community will figure out how to pay for the ownership and operation of the new-to-us building and site. Annual costs to own, run and maintain the building will range from \$30,000 to \$40,000 a year, not including the long-term maintenance that must be planned and budgeted for. The success of this project depends on our learning from our own past and the pasts of other Masonic organizations so this "all-in" bet pays handsomely.

The upshot of our tenant's early exit is building construction can begin on schedule and perhaps a bit earlier. By the time this newsletter is published, JMCA anticipates having submitted the plans to the City and Borough of Juneau for code review and having prepared a bid package for contractors to mull over.

The brown building at 9315 Glacier Highway is much closer to being demolished, and at less cost than once thought required, perhaps much less. An inspection revealed there is no asbestos in the building, which eliminates the need for expensive abatement efforts. Additionally, Capital City Fire and Rescue officials have expressed interest in conducting a controlled burn of the building for training purposes. This idea is still in its early stages, but if it comes to fruition, demolition costs would be reduced even further.

Other changes at the property include shutting off all utilities and continued removal of diseased and overgrown trees.

All of this leads to the April 4, 2015 cornerstone ceremony and subsequent celebratory activities in Juneau. Schaufler, who serves as de facto historian for several of the Masonic bodies in Juneau, recently presented the Blue Lodge with the trowel used in 1930 to spread the cement on the cornerstone which anchors what is now the Alaska State Capitol. The 2015 cer-

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emony is believed to be the first such ceremony for a Masonic building in Juneau as there is no evidence a cornerstone was laid at the old Scottish Rite Temple.

Another lesson from history is the need for a building operations plan. Establishing rules for building usage, storage of items and other day-to-day needs will be the task of a Building Operations Committee, which is currently seeking input for the new guidelines. One current operations issue that remains a challenge is

ensuring trash is removed at the end of every meeting. The Blue Lodge's stewards advise it is not uncommon to find garbage with an unpleasant odor awaiting them upon their arrivals at our lodge room.

As we get ready to move into the new year, JMCA gets ready to say good-bye to Sandy DeLong. She's given six years of service to get the Juneau Masonic Community ready for its new home, and her efforts will be missed when she terms out in December. We will

also miss Blue Lodge trustee Lawrence Schaufler and Bob Heflin, a non-voting trustee from Scottish Rite. Both brothers are moving from Juneau in the near future.

Others members will reach the ends of their terms as well, though they remain eligible for reassignment as a trustee. Doug Harris completed the term of our departed friend and brother Bob Cartmill, and Charles Ward is finishing the traditional 1-year term of the Shrine Club president.

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