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Pioneers of Alaska Convention Pt. 1 on October 13-16, 1960, in Seward, Alaska

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The recording begins with Harry Hughes saying that it is Saturday morning and it is the second business session of the Grand Pioneers at Seward, Alaska. The session will start shortly. Gore says he has some announcements to make. One is that a number of Ketchikan group members are going back to Anchorage on the bus at 8:30 am on Monday. There is room for four. If anyone wants to go along with that trip there is room for them. Notify Sam Young at the Hotel Greenwald if they are interested. Some ladies exchanged coats at the smorgasbord last night. There is an announcement of dolls being raffled by the Ketchikan auxiliary. There are 70 options of dolls and tickets are 50 cents apiece. A woman is heard on the recording saying not to take time to sell tickets now, to wait until the meeting is done. A man says that he also has an announcement to make. He would like to extend a thank you the Grand Igloo for initiating the candidate to Igloo 4 at the last meeting. Therma [inaudible] makes an announcement stating that she wishes to apologize to William Stoltz and his committee for objecting to a form for delegates. There were several mistyped forms. Several old delegate forms were used. William Stoltz can contact Selma Smith Auxiliary 4 Anchorage for a new issue which no Igloo or Auxiliary member can copy. If they are lost, misplaced, or made out in error the secretary and president [inaudible]. She asks for Bill, Selma, Ruth, Pearl, and Art to accept her apology. There is applause.

At 7:20 President Gore says he has been thinking of the auxiliary's suggestions for improvement. Gore's suggestion is one that will be short and sweet. Gore discusses appointing new people. Secretary Schaeffer has more correspondence. She read a letter from Ketchikan. The correspondence is an extension of an invitation from Igloo 16 and Auxiliary 7 of Ketchikan. The invitation is for member to attend the Grand Igloo session in 1961 in Ketchikan. Igloo 16 will extend this invitation from the floor of the Grand Igloo session held in Seward October 14-16. The members intend to provide the same southeastern hospitality that was evident during the last session held in Ketchikan. An enjoyable time is guaranteed. The correspondence states Ketchikan is the Salmon capital of Alaska.

There is another letter from Igloo 15 of Anchorage signed by Kyle Osfeld [?], President, and Francis H. Lobby, President of the Auxiliary. The letter is an invitation to have a 45th annual convention at Anchorage, Alaska. Suggested dates for presidential approval are September 28th-October 1st, 1961. That is all of the correspondence.

The Madam Secretary is asked to read the resolution that they presented. The Resolution is number 1 proposed by President Gore. Proposed amendment to the constitution of the Pioneers of Alaska. The resolution is regarding property and assets of igloos or auxiliary's that are no longer functioning and the

process of transferring ownership of the property to the Grand Igloo. The use and purposes of the aforementioned properties shall be determined by the Grand Igloo. The trustees of the property are also discussed in relation to the Grand Igloo. The doctrine recommended by the resolutions committee is signed by Thor Oswald, Audrey Office, Dora [inaudible], Charles Jones, Frank Shelhorne, and W.C. Arndt. The 24 hour period has passed since the resolution was passed. There is also a Resolution number Two. The Resolution Two is handed to the secretary. Resolution Two is submitted by Igloo Number 13, Anchorage. Article 3, section 6. The resolution discusses the process in which a Grand President must be replaced if the Grand President must step down. The resolution is also signed by the resolutions committee. Resolution number three is also presented. A male member of the committee, it is unclear who, says that the committee felt that the resolution three should not be adopted. Resolution number 3 is via igloo 15 anchorage proposes a memorial regarding the Pioneers' Home in Sitka. To the Governor of Alaska, the President of the United States, to the speaker of the state house and representatives. For as the Pioneers' Home in Sitka was seen as a long time home of the Pioneers of Alaska. Whereas the eligibility requirements established in 1912 of a minimum of five years residency in Alaska. The present eligibility requirement of 5 years has resulted in a population populating the home. Some of the population is undesirable. The undesirables are a detriment to some of the long term residents seeking to live in the Pioneers' Home. The resolution is attempting to change the requirements of Alaskan residency from 5 years to 15 years. The resolution committee requests that the resolution does not be enacted. Gore says that will come up in its usual order of business.

The report of the Grand Treasurer is called upon at 20:30 of the recording. Secretary Schaeffer reads the report dated October 6th, Anchorage Alaska, 1960. The bank of Juneau is discussed. The current balances in the bank accounts are announced. Transfers and dates are addressed. First National Bank in Juneau is mentioned. First National Bank has no balance. The grand total is \$10,342.96. Signed by Walter B. Heizen, Grand Treasurer. Gore says that in the report the trustee discusses the default of the bond. Gore says that the Pioneers need the money because they don't want to be in default. Walter Heizen is resigning. The efforts of Walter Heizen are discussed.

The next order of business is the report of the Grand President. Gore says that he is required to make a report under Article Four Section One. Gore says that he made the report in the hotel room after the various cocktail hours and he isn't sure he can read his own writing. He says anyone wanting to go to sleep is perfectly welcome to. He says it is with deep regret that he is residing at this session. He says deep regret because the Grand President Arthur Lutor looked forward to the session. He asks the members to rise and share a silent moment in honor of Arthur Lutor at 28:00 of the recording. One thing Arthur desired was provision in the constitution regarding the property of the igloos which may pass. Igloo number 4 had a memorial service for Lutor and Gore believes it is his responsibility to represent the Igloo at that service and that is what he did. While he was there he did not anticipate any requests for a speech because he was sure that Fairbanks had all the speeches already set up. When the request was made however, he did do a speech. Lutor was brought into Ketchikan in February and he was going to make official visits to various igloo locations. Gore has tried to do that but circumstances that he didn't have control over stepped in. Gore said early in May this year he couldn't get his home visits in. Gore says that doesn't mean anything to the assembly but he does owe an explanation of why

Gore hasn't done what Arthur had wanted to do and why he didn't do the work that Gore that wanted to do. He says if any of the delegates want to change the resolution or if any member of the resolution committee wants to change it they should try as soon as possible. He says he hopes the resolution is a starting point. He says he thinks the constitution is important. It did seem to him that the constitution was not a sufficient provision in the event of the death of the Grand President. Anchorage Igloo is the one who proposed to change of the provision. Gore says he approves of that resolution and he thinks that's the one that should be voted upon. Gore says he thought the constitution should be changed. He says instead of reprinting the constitution he wanted something added to the constituted about the provision as a way to save money.

At 34:40 of the recording Gore says what he wanted to do before he found out how much work was going to be required and that he felt change would come about this section was send a draft to all of the officers and auxiliaries and igloos for any suggestions that they might have or if they have overlooked anything. He is still trying to do that. He does have some background on what should be done because he worked on the constitution and the rituals. He knows that Max and Irene have thought about the changing and appointment. Since they have background then it is his recommendation that some of their work is already done and of course another member of the Ketchikan group should be the third member of the committee. He says this for the same reason that Arthur Woodrow appointed them in the beginning. He says everyone has to sit down at the table and work together. That is his suggestions for the next grand president.

At 37:00 he says he has another suggestion. It seems to him that all records have some historical value. Dr. Chase at one time reported that a lot of his records were water damaged. Gore got to thinking as the next Grand President that the committee should get into touch with officials at the University of Alaska to seek their cooperation in placing the records in the library at the university. The library is going to be there from time on. The librarians are trained and can catalog. Later on when everyone is gone, any members of the future have some place to go to seek information about what was done in the earlier days. That is a suggestion only. The new Grand President can be put to work. He says were growing all the time with continuous growth. It's not only the people who came 25 years ago who want to join the Pioneers. There are a lot in Ketchikan that say two more years and they can join the Pioneers. Of course the sons are coming on and they want to be members. Gore didn't become active until sometime last war. Sunday morning there was breakfast in Seattle and there were two seats and he kept one. Shortly after that a woman came in with a baby who was one and there was only one seat and that was the one that was next to him. The baby grabbed the silver and she took it away. As soon as Gore finished he held the youngster so she could have her breakfast. At that time he had been working hard that week and he didn't have a chance to get a haircut. He finished and was about ready to reach over and he grabbed his paper. And she said the reason why he keeps grabbing for things is because Gore looks exactly like his grandfather. Gore said from then on he thought he was too old to be taking care of anybody's kid. He got his check and went on. He came down the Ketchikan that summer and went right to join the Pioneers.

At 42:30 of the recording he says he seems to think that he is looking through the program and the Pioneers don't have to go out and find people to do all the work, they can have their sons do all of the

work. He says everyone has sons who are coming along. The University of Alaska might not allow the records but his thoughts are the Grand Secretary are already there and it is going to be a lot of work to separate the records. It is something for the igloo to think about, they don't have to do it. But he is in a position to put his own ideas. As acting grand president he has tried to [unintelligible]. He tries to keep all of the officers and auxiliaries from getting loose. He wants to express his thanks to the people who have helped him keep everything in order. In attempting to get the properties of the igloo straightened out. Before he went south he was sent the names of the last members and officers of the igloos not in existence. He followed that up by writing to the post masters in each unit. He got a reply from every one. They remembered some but it was impossible to find out because of the years that had passed the present location of those who moved away. There were names given about the ones who had died. He wants to give an official thanks to the postmasters. They didn't have to do that. Since they are pioneers of Alaska they went out and did more than they were required to do.

At 48:05 of the recording Harry Hughes says there is one minute before he changes the tapes.

Gore discusses the differences in the rituals for the igloos and the auxiliaries. The committee is authorized to work on the ritual of the igloo only. The ladies are little more formal than the igloo and gore thinks that's the way they want it. He says that will be up to the new president to direct them to what should be done. Another thing he wanted to get started that was started was the naming of the mountain, mount Anthony [inaudible]. Anthony was one of his good friends. With the cooperation and assistance of the delegation including Senators Gruening and Bob Bartlett, there is now a mount Anthony [inaudible]. The recording ends.