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The recording starts with Harry Hughes saying that this is the second part of the second session of the Grand Igloo...the recording stops and starts again. Gore says that the five minutes is up. Gore says he brought his report to an end but if anyone wants to know what he did ask him. Gore asks if there is a report from the Grand Trustees and Secretary Schaeffer says no. Gore says he would like the report of the Grand Historian.

Secretary Schaeffer begins reading the report of the Grand Historian at 2:10 of the recording. The report begins by expressing an apology from the Grand Historian for being unable to attend the conference. He says he doesn't feel able to attend the session. He has missed only two or three sessions in the past 50 years. One thing he believes is that in all cash and other assets should be placed in the hands of the grand trustees. Al should be placed in a special account and not spent unless deemed necessary by the proper authorities. He believes all historical materials should be stored and protected against loss and fire. He says he has a large steel cabinet in Igloo 19 that he was authorized to purchase years ago when he started to collect historical materials. The steel case went through a fire but only a few things were disturbed. Water caused some of the papers to be discolored but not destroyed. Should the grand igloo decide to have the valuable stored at another location he will go through the documents and organize them and he will ship the case. He trusts that much may be accomplished at the session. His eyesight isn't so good. He hopes to be with them next year. Best wishes from Will H. Chase from Cordova, Alaska.

Gore says that he, Otto, and Dr. Chase had the same idea for the preservation of documents. Gore more than ever believes in his suggestion of the proper order. He says Chase is a grand historian for life and Chase needs help. Gore would suggest that the incoming grand president appoint an assistant to the grand historian. That could require no change whatsoever from the constitution. He would like a report of the grand secretary.

At 6:07 of the recording Mrs. Schaeffer presents the grand secretary's report. She says the supplies on hand as of October, 10 1960. There is an aptly supply of the following: Grand Igloo installation books, auxiliary rituals, igloo rituals, annual report forms, grand igloo constitution and bylaws, delegate forms, delegate proxy forms, memorial booklets, veterans cards, life membership cards, transfer cards, clearance cards, receipt books, warrant books, treasurer receipt books, one grand igloo seal, four metal cups, 62 certificates, ample supply of past grand president, minute sheets, igloo application blanks, 200 envelopes, 18 file holders, buttons, pins, 16 past igloo buttons, 55 igloo buttons, 127 auxiliary pins, three

boxes of dr. chases books, 1 wooden trunk with lock and key, metal file, secretary business ledger, typewriter. Signed by Theo McKenna, Grand Secretary.

Gore calls upon the grand recorder at 8:15 of the recording. The recorder says she has 47 grand igloo badges. Three member badgers without ribbons, 1 typewriter, four metal card files, one four drawer metal file, one charter from bethel, several grand igloo reports, 7 membership books, carbon paper, 1400 cards, 1 box igloo 13 Tanana supply after igloo folded up, 217 igloo applications, 126 auxiliary applications. Typewriter was 123 dollars. She discusses the discounts they received when making the purchase. She had 22 applications from Wrangell recently. Juneau igloo and auxiliary were top on new members for the year. There is clapping.

Gore says they have since yesterday enjoyed having delegates from Nenana and Valdez. They will be listed as delegates on the roll call of delegates. Charlie drones wishes to take the microphone for a brief moment. There is plenty of time according to gore so he calls Charlie forward. He says that auxiliary one asked him to extend to the pioneer men and women sincere thanks for the entertainment provided at the last grand igloo meeting. The real advertisement is the word of mouth. He attended the meetings at Ketchikan, Seward, Anchorage, Fairbanks and they have been a wonderful thing in his life to meet people with similar ideas like him. He thanks them very much and his heart goes out to the pioneers. There is [loud] clapping. Another man says he would like to have brother Jones explain the resolution. Jones says the resolution was about trustees regulating the amount of time required to live in the pioneer's home. He says people will live in Alaska for a couple months each year for five years and then try to say that they lived in Alaska for five years. He says he lived in Nome and actually lived there and people from Nome agree with him about the living standards. He says that's the facts. He says his daughters belong to the auxiliary and his son is a pioneer. Gore thanks Charlie Jones.

Gore says that he believes the delegates from Valdez and Nenana have all signed up and paid their money. He says he is going to do the roll call of delegates at 19:15 of the recording. Robert D'armond, Otto Copper, Lester Gore, Carl Oxfeld, Jans Jorgenson, Ed Sweeney, Walter B. Heigel, Theo McKenna, Linda Schaeffer, George Parks, Joseph Renard, Isaac woodman (absent), Saul Leary, Axel Edmund (absent), Howard Thorn, Howard Stable is absent, Max McGilbert, Luther Dunbar absent, Axel Edmund absent, Luther Dunbar, Thomas Norton absent, Mike Walsh absent, Charles B. Jones absent. Auxiliary 1 has Joy Boyd [?] present. Igloo 4 of Fairbanks president Paul Raymond is present. Delegate at large Sid Gore is present. Art Harry present. Jack Brooks is present. James Crawford is absent. Frank Young Sr. is present. Tom Jones is present. Robert E. Sheldon is absent. George Patench [?] is present. Andy Wicken is present. Frank young Jr. is present. Chuck Wood is absent. Robert Field is present. Harry Hughes is present. Jack Crook is present. Henry Brockman is present.

Auxiliary 8 Fairbanks roll call. Entire auxiliary except Andy Sheldon and Linda Hassle are present. Igloo 6 from Juneau everyone is present with the exception of William Leeney [?], Trevor Davis, Henry Greene, and Herman Porter.

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Igloo 5 is absent. Igloo 7 Valdez is present except William Fritch. Igloo 9 Seward present except Russell Painter. Auxiliary 9 Seward is absent. Igloo 10 flat absent. Igloo 13 transferred to Fairbanks. Igloo 15 present except James L. Johnson, Emery Cockle. Auxiliary 4 of Anchorage present. Igloo 16 Ketchikan present except Nicki Neem [?], Jack [unintelligible], Charles Swiffel, Nelson Brown. Auxiliary 7 Ketchikan present. Igloo 17 Nenana present except Philip Argyle [?]. Igloo 19 Cordova present except Herman Kael [?]. Auxiliary 5 Cordova present except Betty Cochran. Igloo 21 of Wrangell is absent. Igloo 22 of Sitka is absent. Igloo 26 of Petersburg is absent. Auxiliary 10 of Petersburg is absent.

Gore thanks Mrs. Schaeffer. He says that at 6 pm is a cocktail party at the Seward's Elk's club but on the ticket it says 7 pm. Sully says it doesn't make any difference. The 6 pm is for the early birds. A woman in the crowd asks Gore a question that is inaudible. The Grand Ball tickets don't say where the Grand Ball is going to be. Gore says that the Grand Ball is going to be at the present location. A woman in the crowd announces that some of the auxiliaries' plan on having some skits performed before the Grand Ball. The skits are going to be performed at 9 pm. The Grand Ball is going to start at 10. Gore asks if there are members of the auditing committee present. Bill Engler [?] is present. Gore asks bill to come forward.

Bill explains the efforts of the auditing committee at 33:15 of the recording. Bill says that the auditing committee has done the audits of the books and two of the committee participated in the meetings while he stayed behind and wrote up the report. The books have not been signed yet but will be. The Grand Igloo Pioneers of Alaska only had a few errors in bookkeeping. The total worth of the igloo is \$10,342.96. Gore says he is going to call for the report of the nominating committee. The nominating committee wishes to report that they met last evening and they announce all the names of the stations. The Grand Historian has confirmed the positions. A roll call of all of the officers is named. There is a correction that Frank Young Sr. is the Grand Trustee and not Frank Young Jr. Gore asks if there are any nominations from the floor for any of the officers. Gore says if there aren't any then they might as well call for the election. Mrs. Schaeffer says since she is up for election she cannot cast the ballots. Gore calls Bobby to come up and take the Grand Secretary's spot for a moment. Gore says since there is one nominee only for each office, the nominee is closed and the secretary has been instructed to hand out the ballot with the names of the officers nominated from the nominating committee. Gore asks Bobby to cast the vote. Bobby hereby casts the ballot for each officer nominated.

At 41:20 of the recording Bobby lists those who are up for nominations which include: past Grand President Lester Gore of Ketchikan. Grand President Carl Arsfeld of Anchorage. First Grand Vice President Jim Jorgenson of Fairbanks. Second Grand Vice president Ed Sweeney of Juneau. Grand Chaplain Paul J Seward. Grand Secretary Theo McKenna of Fairbanks. Grand Treasurer Tom Cashen of Juneau. Grand Historian Will B. Chase of Cordova. Grand Sergeant of Arms Sam Young of Ketchikan. Grand recorder Linda Schaeffer of Fairbanks. Grant trustee for three years Frank Young Sr. of Fairbanks. Grand Trustee for three years WF Keller of Anchorage. Gore says that the vote has been casted. Gore says Saul Urie [?] is the Grand Chaplain and is now a one year trustee so there is no conflict.

Gore says it is quarter after 11 and people probably want to move around so he calls for a recess until two o'clock and then he requests the report of the resolutions committee. Any new resolution that

should be presented must be presented by 2 o'clock this afternoon. A man in the crowd mentions the Grand Igloo in Cordova. Much of what the man says is inaudible but the crowd laughs and claps. Gore says he is thinking about accepting invitations for the next convention. It will only take a couple minutes and the crowd says that they would like to do the invitations now. There are invitations from Anchorage and Ketchikan. Gore doesn't want them read again. Bob Gore steps up and says he is Vice President of Ketchikan Igloo 16. Bob Gore says on behalf of Igloo 16 and Auxiliary 7 they wish to withdraw their invitation to host the 45th Grand Convention in favor of Anchorage invitation. The recording ends.