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Pioneers of Alaska on October 13-16, 1960 in Seward, Alaska

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The recording begins with Harry Hughes saying that the recording is a continuation of the reading of the resolution. President Gore says that resolution number three is being presented. A man tells the grand president that he has the last resolution number 5 which the committee recommends being adopted. Grand Igloo as well as the different igloos throughout Alaska by Frank Heizelman. Resolution 5 is regarding Walter Heigel and his service to the igloo since 1954. Heigel has been faithful since he began his service. Whereas the financial status of the igloo has improved under Heigel whereas Heigel has admitted his resignation now therefore be it resolved that the Grand Igloo is assembled October 15th in Seward, extend to Brother Walter Heigel their sincere appreciation for his years to the pioneers of Alaska and express the best wishes for a long and happy retirement. There is space left for the officers to sign. The motion is seconded. Motion is passed. There is silence as the service of Walter Heigel is questioned as whether he actually did start in 1956. Using the Grand Igloo records, Mrs. Schaeffer announces that in 1956 Arthur Lutro was registered as Grand Treasurer. In 1957 the convention held in Fairbanks, Walter B. Heigel is entered as grand treasurer. Heigel was evidently elected in 1956 at the convention in Cordova. Motion is carried. Copies will be sent to Walter Heigel.

At 6:45 of the recording Gore says that the report of the Grand Secretary was heard earlier in the day. That report must be approved or rejected by the igloos. A man says that he would like to make the motion that the secretary's report be approved. There is a second. Motion is carried. The report of Bob Gore has been heard. The report is approved. President Gore says the treasurer's report must be accepted. The motion is carried. Gore says that as far as his program is concerned for the afternoon, he has run out of work. The auditing report must also be approved. There is discussion about the reports that have been presented and what still needs to be approved. Apparently the auditor's report was accepted with the treasurer's report. Gore says unless someone else wants to do some work. There is discussion between Gore and Schaeffer regarding a charter being presented to Francis Jones, president of Auxiliary 8. Now the word is that the auditing report must be approved. The motion is carried and the auditing report is accepted. Gore asks if Francis Jones is in the hall. He then asks her to come forward. Gore tells Mrs. Jones that she hasn't had any charter and she should have had one years ago. He says while he has some spare time it is his pleasure to present to her on behalf of her sisters at auxiliary 9, a charter. There is clapping and Mrs. Jones says thank you. Gore asks if there is any other business. Mrs. Schaefer says they would like to have Sister Audrey Loflace [?] come up and explain the Tanana Yukon Historical Society and their efforts to preserve pioneer history.

Mrs. Audrey Loflace begins her speech at 20:20 of the recording. She says she didn't expect to get called upon. She says the Tanana Yukon Historical Society has dedicated itself to gathering and preserving the historical data of many areas which they may find the materials of pioneers. They have been coordinating their efforts with Igloo 4 in Fairbanks. There are recordings of the history of the old timers. The information is very important. Harry Hughes has been very active. She can't stress enough the importance of gathering the information now because too much has passed through their hands. It isn't material you can pick up in history books. It is the little things that the pioneers of this country know. An interesting aspect of the research is that she took the pioneer tape recording to tape history. Charlie Jones has told a lot about his wife. She asks how many people know about Charlie running for the first legislature and she asked him what the first ballots looked like. Charlie said there were no ballots. She says in Nome was a gentleman whose father came to Alaska from Russia after an attempt to assassinate Albert [?] of Russia. The man was born in Nome and is half native and half Russian. He has significant amounts of information about early Alaska. He was one of the first 16 men on the beach on Nome. They have two hours of the man sharing his story. She says if it was not for Charlie Jones, that particular piece of history would have been lost. She recommends that every Igloo in the state of Alaska buy a tape recorder. The historical society and Igloo number 4 are going to store their recordings at the University of Alaska. They are also going to type the records out so there is a written record. There is clapping and one clap is significantly slower and louder than all of the others, possibly indicating an involvement by the clapper.

Gore thanks Audrey. Gore says in Ketchikan they made recordings but he doesn't know where they are. He says if people want to keep working [unintelligible]. The Credentials Committee is now going to present their prepared forms that reads delegates credentials and [inaudible]. The credential says that a person is duly served as a delegate to serve as a delegate at the Anchorage conference. Mrs. Schaefer says she would like to make the motion that this year's committee form should be printed in the tablet form with the gum top. She thinks it's a wonderful work of art and she makes the motion to have them promote. Auxiliary 8 seconds the motion. Motion is carried. Gore says that tonight in going through the program, there is the cocktail party starting at 6 pm. He says he's gotta go home and figure out what pants he's going to wear. At 9 pm there are the skits and the grand ball. At 130 pm the following day [Sunday] the people will convene in the hall. At 2 o'clock all business matters will be picked up. There are no more resolutions and they will pick up unfinished business. If there is no unfinished business then they will take care of the good of the order. After the good of the order they will recess and install the newly elected officers. A woman steps to the microphone and announces that the Ketchikan auxiliary will put on a skit right after 9 pm that night. All their musicians will be changing costumes. There will be a little dance. The Fairbanks and Anchorage people agree that there will be dancing, a skit, interval and then the cycle will repeat. The Seward people also have plans for entertainment at 11 pm. A man in the background discusses grand President Woodrow's plan for coming to Seward. Therefore it was necessary to Lester Gore in order to gather what information was available there in regards to the plans of their group. This would give an unforeseen and unnecessary expense. Lester Gore of Fairbanks had participated in the funeral. They feel that the expense is unnecessary and unforeseen. He moves that the igloo reimburse Lester Gore for his travels and fair to go to the funeral. The motion is seconded. Bob says to the people that they heard the motion. The

motion is carried. Gore says that when he made the trip from Ketchikan to Fairbanks for the memorial service, he did it on his own book. He felt that the Grand Igloo should be represented at the service. Gore calls a recess until 1:30 pm the following afternoon. A woman says they have decided to start promptly at 1:30 pm even though not everyone has arrived yet. She says they are assembled today to pay tribute to their departed brothers and sisters. She says they fought battles without complaint. They have been called by the Father of all of us. During the hour of in memorium, let their thoughts be genuine and pure. Let the charity be at the greatest and grievance forgotten so that as they leave the memorium they will be better in body, mind, and heart. Sister Sargent of Arms will open the Bible on the alter. The recording ends.