

# ALASKA SUPPLEMENT



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## ALASKANS ATTEND 2006 NORTHWEST REGIONAL DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE AT BOISE, IDAHO



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GRAND HIGH PRIEST**

**The Northwest Regional York Rite Conference was held in Boise, Idaho, October 19-21, 2006. Nine Alaskan York Rite Masons traveled to Boise. Companion Leonard C. Bibler, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, represented the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Alaska; Sir Knight Fred V. Angleton, Right Eminent Grand Commander, represented the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Alaska; and Companion Mitchell R. Miller, Most Illustrious Grand Master, represented the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Alaska.**

**Sessions were opened by Companion Louis E. Bartrand, Right Excellent Deputy General Grand High Priest welcoming all conference attendees. Brief intro-**

**ductions of visiting dignitaries followed. A formal banquet was held on Friday evening. Welcoming remarks were given by all Grand Representatives.**

### THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR BREAKOUT SESSION

**On Saturday, the sessions were divided between the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Encampment. Since I could not attend but one session, I report on K.T.**

### FROM THE EDITOR

I would like to encourage all Sir Knights to submit articles, letters, pictures, or comments for inclusion in this supplement. Articles need to be submitted to me by the 1st of the month for the next issue (January 1st for February issue).

Following is a brief synopsis of the Grand Encampment presentation which included information from Sir Knight William H. Koon II, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master and Sir Knight David D. Goodwin, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo:

Knight Templar membership has declined in the last two decades to the point it was necessary to raise our per capita by \$5.70 (from \$3.30 to \$9.00) effective October 1, 2007. In passing this increase by vote of the members present at the 2006 Grand Encampment Triennial Sessions in August, we will be able to be fiscally self-sustaining and eliminate the unpopular fund raising campaigns (cards and labels) used in the past by the end of next calendar year. The primary expense of Grand Encampment operating figures (54%) is the "Knight Templar Magazine." This will allow us to concentrate more funds toward the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and grant program to ophthalmic research and treatment.

At present, we are experiencing a renaissance of Masonry and all bodies are growing at an encouraging rate.

The Veteran's Service Bar is now officially authorized for wear on the uniform by Knights Templar who have served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces.

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