

ALASKA SUPPLEMENT



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Pictured above are: left, Sir Knight Richard R. Olsen, and right, Sir Knight William P. Kalbach, Present and Junior Past Commanders respectively of the newly renamed Mat-Su Valley Commandery #4.

WASILLA-PALMER COMMANDERY #4 CHANGES ITS NAME

To everything there is a season, a time, a place, a reason....and changes are never ending.

In August 2003, during the 62nd Triennial Conclave, held at St. Louis, Missouri, Wasilla-Palmer Commandery, U. D., (conceived and nurtured by Sir Knight Charles E. Corbin, now Past Grand Commander of Alaska) received its charter from the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the Uni-

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 (June 1st for the July issue).

ted States of America and became Wasilla-Palmer Commandery #4.

Since that time, many changes have occurred influencing the decision to rename the Commandery: The Grand Commandery of Alaska was formed and constituted in 2004, assimilating all Commanderies in Alaska under its jurisdiction; the Sir Knights of the Mat-Su Valley applied for official dispensations to form both a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and a Council of Royal & Select Masters. These dispensations were granted in November of 2005 by the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Alaska.

In March of 2007, charters were approved for Mat-Su Valley Chapter #4, Royal Arch Masons and Mat-Su Valley Council #4, Royal & Select Masters along with permission from the Grand Commandery of Alaska to rename Wasilla-Palmer Commandery #4 as Mat-Su Valley Commandery #4, Knights Templar by a letter of revision, amending the existing charter from the Grand Encampment.

During the young life of this Commandery, it has had five Commanders: RESK Charles E. Corbin, 2001—2003; ESK Lee O. Seagondollar, 2004; ESK Littleton F. "Buck" Buxton, Jr., 2005; ESK William P. Kalbach, 2006; and ESK Richard R. Olsen who is the current Commander of 2007. The membership has grown slowly but steadily to its present count of 24 Sir Knights.

The Commandery is well known for its full form opening ceremony at the Alaska Grand York Rite Sessions the past four years, and its recognition for \$10.00+ per member donations to the KTEF, for which it has received a plaque and yearly plates since 2005. Long live Templary!

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