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**KNIGHTS TEMPLAR AGAIN JOINS WITH THE SHRINE IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY**

The sounds and smells of machinery and livestock greeted spectators and participants at the annual INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE IN WASILLA, ALASKA. The recently renamed MAT-SU VALLEY COMMANDERY #4, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR members mounted the ALASKA SHRINE TEMPLE trailer and set off to place Masonry before the public. This is the third year for the event in which ALASKA SHRINE was kind enough to ask the Commandery and other concordant bodies to represent themselves and celebrate our nation's birthday.

It had always been the desire of Sir Knight William D. Little (passed away in March of 2006) to enter his two miniature donkeys pulling the cart to represent our Commandery in this parade. This year, the task was finally accomplished by his daughter Suzanne Wolcott and her family. The donkeys, named Yukon Jack and Klondike Kate, performed their duties in a very apt manner, thus fulfilling Bill's wish and putting Mat-Su Valley Commandery in the public eye. Needless to say, the tiny donkeys were a big hit with all the spectators. We can only imagine the smile that would have been on Bill's face. We miss him greatly and know that we will all be together again one day in our Savior's Kingdom. This one's for you Bill!

Jack and Kate await the parade



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 (August 1st for the September issue).



Left to right: Sir Knights Dennis Oakland, Senior Warden and Lee Seagondollar, Recorder of Mat-Su Valley Commandery #4 prepare for the 4th of July Parade at Wasilla, Alaska, representing Knights Templar in Alaska.

**THE ALASKA STATE FAIR IS COMING SOON**

**Sir Knights ATTENTION:** The Alaska State Fair is just around the corner. Don't forget to call your Commander or Recorder to volunteer for a shift or two to represent your Commandery at the MASONIC INFORMATION BOOTH. The fair dates are August 24th—September 3rd. Your help is appreciated and Templary will benefit!

The Grand Encampment has a new web site located at [www.knightstemplar.org](http://www.knightstemplar.org) The next time you are online, check out the site and let us know you have visited us by signing our guest book.