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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 (April 1st for the May issue)

ALASKA YORK RITE LOSES TWO OF ITS FINEST MEMBERS



Pictured above are: left, Sir Knight and Companion David Burgess, and right, Sir Knight and Companion Charles Van Etten; both of whom were life members of Anchorage York Rite Masons and ever familiar faces at our yearly Grand York Rite Sessions.

MIGM and MEPGHP Dave Burgess passed away February 4, 2008 due to diabetes complications. He was in the VA hospital in Helena, Montana and many of his family members were with him. He was installed as Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Montana last June and was Past Commander of his Commandery. He had many friends around the country and Canada. If you didn't know him by name, you at least knew that he was, "the guy from Montana that takes all the pictures."

Sir Knight Charles Van Etten, Most Puissant Past Grand Illustrious Master of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International, laid down his working tools in September of 2007. Charlie was a Past Grand High Priest and a Past Commander. His funeral service was held in his hometown of Gowanda, NY and there was standing room only with many also standing outside the church. Much praise was offered for him both as a Mason and a fellow citizen. He was Worshipful Master of his Blue Lodge on both its 100th and its 150th anniversaries. Charlie died at the fair in New York doing what he enjoyed; helping his Masonic family. He was an active "Rainbow Dad." He had a heart attack and a stroke with complications. He will be missed by all of us in Alaskan York Rite Masonry. He was the epitome of what Masonry represents. All who knew him looked forward to his presence each year.

The March 6,7,8, 2008 Grand York Rite Sessions in Fairbanks will be feel the emptiness left by the passing of these two great friends.

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