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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 (March 25th for April issue).

MAT-SU VALLEY YORK RITE MASONS HOST A ONE DAY WINTER MINI-FESTIVAL



Front row left to right are: Sir Knights Jackie Carl, Eminent Commander, Dylan Youngblood, member of class, Dennis Oakland, Generalissimo, Richard Groen, member of class, Chad Marino, Sword Bearer, Richard Olsen, Past Commander. L to R rear row are: Sir Knights Mitchell Coulthard, Junior Warden, Ted Hutchinson, Captain General, Fred V. Angleton, Past Grand Commander and Jimmie McGoldrick, Sentinel.

January 10, 2009—Palmer, Alaska—Sir Knight Fred V. Angleton, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Alaska made a special visit to assist the Mat-Su Valley York Rite Masons in putting on a Winter Festival. The candidates were both members of the United States Army and are now serving an overseas assignment in Afghanistan. Because of military commitments, they were not able to participate in the Fall Festival held at Anchorage in last November.

Matanuska Masonic Temple was filled with light and vitality as members of the Mat-Su Valley York Rite Masons gathered to initiate two new members into their ranks.

The day began at 8 AM with the conferral of the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons Degrees, followed by the conferral of the Degrees of the Council of Royal and Select Masters. A welcome recess for lunch found everyone downstairs in the dining room for soup and sandwiches. It was a modest but filling meal and no one complained of hunger afterward.

The Order of the Red Cross was conferred at 1 PM with the Degree of Knight of Saint Paul or Mediterranean Pass and the Order of Malta immediately afterward. A short break allowed the time to set up for the Order of the Temple.

The Order of the Temple was completed at about 4 PM, pictures were taken and all departed for the trip home.

This was a monumental undertaking to coordinate and perform all work in a single day, but necessary to accommodate our candidates so that they might be able to become York Rite Masons and still meet their obligations for the defense of our country. We also wish to thank Sir Knight Chad Marino, another of our number, who departed immediately after the Festival and is also serving with the United States Army in Afghanistan. We wish them Godspeed and a safe return.

We salute them for their dedication and service. It is because of these brave Knights and all United States Military Service Members that we are able to pursue and enjoy our freedoms here in America.

2009 ALASKA GRAND YORK RITE SESSIONS

Don't forget to register for the 2009 Alaska Grand York Rite Sessions to be held at the Sheraton Anchorage Hotel March 5, 6, & 7, 2009. The information can be found on-line at www.alaskayorkrite.org/2009%20Registration.html

This year's Annual Conclave promises to be one you won't want to miss. Some great entertainment is planned for the event. Sir Knight Lawrence E. Tucker, Right Eminent Grand recorder, and Sir Knight James C. Herndon, Right Eminent Northwest Dept. Commander will be representing the Grand Encampment.

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