

# ALASKA SUPPLEMENT



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## SIR KNIGHT RAYMOND L. BEAVER HAS DIED

Sir Knight Raymond L. Beaver, Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Alaska, 1999, passed to the Celestial Lodge above on February 10, 2009. Among his many other Masonic accomplishments, Ray was also a Past Commander, Past Illustrious Master, Past High Priest and Past Illustrious Potentate of Al Aska Shrine Temple. He was preceded in death by his wife Marilyn this past summer. A Masonic service was held in the Anchorage Masonic Center, 15th and Eagle Street at 3 PM, Thursday, February 26, 2009.

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## PREPARE NOW FOR SPRING FESTIVAL TIME

Spring Festivals are coming soon. Plan now to participate and help your Commandery grow. The true fun and satisfaction of being an active Knight Templar is a great feeling! Isn't that the real reason you petitioned? Contact your Recorder to find out when your Commandery will have its next Festival.

If you haven't taken part recently, here is the chance you've been waiting for. Anchorage York Rite Masons and Mat-Su Valley York Rite Masons will co-host the 2009 Spring York Rite Festival on April 17 & 18th in the Anchorage Masonic Center. Ceremonies begin at 6 PM Friday evening and continue at 8 AM on Saturday morning. There will not be a dinner preceding the degrees on Friday night, but Saturday will kick off with coffee and doughnuts. If you wish to be a big help, Sir Knight Dale Cain and others will be setting up for the work on Friday afternoon about 3 PM. There will be plenty of positions on the degree teams for those interested in being a part of the ritual presented. Why not offer your assistance? Now is also a great time to ask your fellow Blue Lodge members about submitting a petition. See you there.

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## THE 64TH TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE IS COMING

By the time you read this Alaska Supplement, the 64th Triennial Conclave of the of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America will be just four months away. Isn't it strange how we tend to put things off until the last minute? Now is the time to put your plans to attend the upcoming event at the forefront of your thoughts. Those of us who were able to travel to Houston in 2006

## 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 25th for May issue).

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enjoy fond memories of the experiences we had and the Sir Knights and their ladies we met. Many of these folks have become lifelong friends with whom we talk and correspond frequently.

The event will be held in Roanoke, Virginia at the Hotel Roanoke. Dates are August 15-19, 2009. Please remember to have your registration in before April 30th since fees will increase after that date.

This is a great opportunity to meet face to face with your Grand Encampment Officers and express your thoughts, desires and future hopes for Templary.

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## NOW IS A GREAT TIME TO PLAN A FUNDRAISER

It's hard to believe, but the 41st Annual Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation is drawing to a close. Has your Commandery done something to help? It's not too late to hold a dinner, "Split the Pot" or some type of function where all the proceeds go to benefit the campaign. Sure, we all contribute a dollar per year through the regular assessment, but the funds collected at a dedicated event help save "someone's" sight. That "someone" will be grateful to KTEF for the rest of their life. Please be generous! You will always be glad for the act of kindness that allows another human being to enjoy the quality of life which most of us take for granted. This additional contribution enables the Foundation to increase grants and other forms of research benefitting sight as well as making more treatment available to more patients in need. Don't put it off until next year. Do it now!!!

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## BECOME A LIFE SPONSOR OF THE KTEF

Now is a good time to become a Life Sponsor of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. By paying a one-time amount of \$30.00 to your Commandery Recorder, you and your Commandery are released from the annual KTEF obligatory \$1 assessment. If you put a dollar bill in a jar once a week, starting now, you'll have your Life Sponsorship paid for before Christmas of this year. It's painless enough and you won't be able to say, "I just can't afford it this year."

Peace and joy come to those who give and the Lord loveth a cheerful giver.