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ALASKA'S NEW GRAND COMMANDER



Sir Knight Littleton F. "Buck" Buxton, Jr., Right Eminent Grand Commander of Alaska, 2009.

Sir Knight Littleton F. "Buck" Buxton, Jr. is the new Grand Commander of Alaska for 2009. He is a Past Commander of Mat-Su Valley Commandery #4, Knights Templar at Palmer, Alaska. In 1980 he served as Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons in Alaska.

Sir Knight Buck believes it is of utmost importance to be an active member of all the appendant bodies to which you belong and sets as his goal for this year to promote this ethic to members of the Grand Commandery of Alaska. The Blue Lodge is our lifeline and source of new Sir Knights. Please endeavor to be an active supporter of your Lodge as well as your Commandery.

To assist Constituent Commanderies, Sir Knight Buck plans an active schedule of visitations and encourages regular communication between all Commanderies and Grand Commandery Officers. You may contact him by e-

mail at: buxton@mtaonline.net. Please look for his words of encouragement and planned visitation to your Commandery in next month's issue of this supplement.

ALASKA GRAND YORK RITE 2009 SESSIONS

The members of Alaska's Grand York Rite Masons met at the Sheraton Anchorage Hotel in Anchorage, Alaska on March 5th, 6th, and 7th. The Grand Commandery held its 6th Annual Conclave on Saturday. As in the past, the greatest treasure of the event was meeting and spending time with our own as well as visiting Sir Knights from other states.

Companion Jay A. Leonard, Deputy General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International attended the sessions representing Most Excellent Companion Emory J. "Smokey" Ferguson, General Grand High Priest.

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 (May 25th for July issue).

Companion Lawrence O. Weaver, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work of the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International attended the sessions representing Most Puissant Companion Joseph J. "Joe" Vale, General Grand Master.

Most Eminent Companion Stanley N. McIrvine, Grand Master General of the Convent General Knights of the York Cross of Honour and a member of Anchorage York Rite Masons again favored us with his attendance and kind words of wisdom. He is always an inspiration to York Rite Masons wherever he travels.

Most Eminent Companion Luther A. "Alvin" Hill, Sr., Past Grand Master General of the Convent General Knights of the York Cross of Honour and a member of Anchorage York Rite Masons also spoke, making the proceedings of the Grand Sessions a memorable event for all present.

The Grand Sessions were concluded with a fine banquet and awards presentation. Next year will see the event again hosted at the Sheraton Anchorage Hotel on March 4,5,6, 2010. We hope to see you there.

Sir Knights Lawrence E. Tucker, Right Eminent Grand Recorder and James C. Herndon, Northwest Department Commander represent the Grand Encampment of the United States of America

Those attending the 2009 Grand Sessions had the pleasure of hearing the messages presented by Sir Knight Lawrence E. Tucker, Right Eminent Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. Sir Knight Tucker brought greetings from Sir Knight William H. Koon II, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of knights Templar of the United States of America. It was very encouraging to receive his comments and information from the Grand Encampment. He is inspired by the positive membership growth made by the Grand Commandery of Alaska. Sir Knight Tucker was accompanied by his wife Judy. Sir Knight Herndon extended his congratulations to all Alaskan Templars on the 6th anniversary of their Grand Commandery. He spoke of his enjoyment in working with a successful group of Sir Knights. The past three years have been very rewarding and productive. All Sir Knights and their ladies enjoyed the Grand Sessions and are encouraged to plan on attending the 64th Triennial Conclave in Roanoke, Virginia this coming August.