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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 (June 25th for August issue).

ANCHORAGE AND MAT-SU VALLEY YORK RITE MASONS HOLD SPRING FESTIVAL

ALASKA GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Greetings Sir Knights,

It is with a great deal of pleasure and humility that I serve as your Grand Commander for 2009. Our Grand Commandery will soon be six years old. It seems like just a few short months ago that I was with the delegation at the 62nd Triennial of the Grand Encampment in St. Louis where we were chartered as The Grand Commandery of Alaska. It was a very emotional and memorable event for me.

As we embark upon this sixth year, let us reflect upon the hard work and extensive amount of time that has been put forth to make our Grand Commandery grow. My goals this year are very simple: Keep up with the past, in that we are gaining in membership and becoming closer to 100% Life Sponsors supporting our beloved Knights Templar Eye Foundation. It would be great for every member of the Grand Commandery of Alaska to be Life Sponsors of the Eye Foundation. Those of you, who are not, should contact your Commandery Recorder and make that commitment now. Sir Knights, it is only \$30 and is a tax deductible donation.

I plan to visit each Alaskan Commandery sometime during the year. Notification of the visitation dates will be sent as soon as I can get the schedule finalized. I will contact the Recorder and Commander of the respective Commanderies.

Again Sir Knights, let me stress the need for membership. Talk to your Blue Lodge Masons and let them know what Templary means to you and every Christian Mason. May God Bless you and keep you safe.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Littleton F. "Buck" Buxton, Grand Commander of Alaska



April 18, 2009 — Newly Knighted Candidate Sir Knight Willard Ottman is pictured in front at the Spring Festival group photo. 2nd row from left: Sir Knights Eugene Prentice, PC; L. F. "Buck" Buxton, Grand Commander; Leonard Bibler, PGC; Dale Cain, PC. Rear row from left: Sir Knights Fred Joiner; Dennis Oakland, Senior Warden; Lee Seagondollar, PC; Alvin Kelley, Commander; Tom Millar, Generalissimo; Johnnie Wallace, PC and Frank Lee.