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Sir Knight Littleton F. “Buck” Buxton, Jr., REGC, makes his official visit to Mat-Su Valley Commandery #4, Knights Templar



Left to right: Sir Knights Littleton F. “Buck” Buxton, Jr., Right Eminent Grand Commander of Alaska and Jackie D. Carl, Commander of Mat-Su Valley Commandery #4 confer for a moment during the official visitation.

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 (August 25th for September issue).

OFFICIAL VISITATION

Sir Knight Littleton F. “Buck” Buxton, Jr, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Alaska made his official visitation to the newest Constituent Commandery of Alaska on June 10th. The Grand Commander participated in a brief ceremony to remove the black drape from Mat-Su Valley Commandery’s Charter, marking the end of the official period of mourning for the loss of Most Eminent Past Grand Master Richard Burditt Baldwin who passed away in February of this year. Sir Knight Buxton spoke of the importance that we rescind the requirement for membership dues from our Sir Knights currently serving in foreign lands defending our country and freedoms. Almost 10% of our members are in that category. He also talked of the difficulties Alaska’s Commanderies are experiencing with participation of membership in current activities and Commandery programs. It is extremely necessary that we each make an extra effort to be in communication with those who might need some assistance in overcoming problems which keep them from regular attendance. Now, more than ever, Templary needs the strength and support of its ranks to grow and prosper. Please remember the widows of our departed Sir Knights and let them know we have not forgotten the relationships we enjoyed while their spouses were with us.

His closing words were to express the pride he holds for Templary and that we need only let him know how he can help us in maintaining the welfare of our Commanderies.

ALASKA STATE FAIR MASONIC INFORMATION BOOTH

It’s that time of year again! As you read this article, the Alaska Masonic Information Booth at the 2009 ALASKA STATE FAIR (August 27th—September 7th) is still looking for participants to help staff the booth. Please call your Commander, Recorder or Sir Knight Dennis Oakland, Booth Coordinator at: (907) 746-4848 and volunteer to work a shift or two. This is your chance to help Templary grow in Alaska. Commanderies who desire to donate and share in the costs of funding the booth may send a check for \$125.00 to: Matanuska Lodge #7 Fair Booth Fund, P.O. Box 297, Palmer, AK 99645-0297. The purpose of the booth is to place Masonry, its Concordant and Appendant Bodies in the public eye and to provide information.