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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 25th of the month for the next issue (October 25th for November issue).

## KNIGHTS TEMPLAR HELP WITH ALASKA STATE FAIR MASONIC INFORMATION BOOTH

Members of Anchorage Commandery #2 and Mat-Su Valley Commandery #4, K.T. again united to help staff the Masonic Information Booth at the 2009 Alaska State Fair in Palmer. Opening day found Sir Knight Dennis Oakland, Generalissimo of Mat-Su Valley #4 and Senior Warden of Anchorage #2, busily greeting fair goers and passing out informational literature to Masons and Non-Masons alike who stopped by to see the booth.



**Masonic Information Booth at the 2009  
Alaska State Fair in Palmer**

## ALASKA YORK RITE MASONS MOURN THE PASSING OF SIR KNIGHT EMMETT V. ROETMAN

Sir Knight Emmett V. Roetman, born October 20, 1921, passed to the Celestial Asylum above to be with our Savior on Friday August 28, 2009. His Lady Gwendolyn preceded him in death April 10, 2007. Sir Knight Roetman founded Automatic Welding & Supply in 1958 near Merrill Field in Anchorage. Two years later he moved the business to Post Road. In 1963 Automatic Welding & Supply relocated to the current location, and during the 1970's, the company expanded its facilities. In 1970 Automatic Welding & Supply diversified its supply line to meet contractors' needs. The business then posted steady gains. An accident in 1981 during work on a fuel tanker trailer killed one man and damaged buildings. Emmett chose to retire that year, selling the business to his cousin Vern Christianson, Dale Davidson and Lloyd Walton.

Sir Knight Roetman was Past Master of Matanuska Lodge #7, F & AM in 1987 at Palmer, Past Master and 50 year member of Anchorage Lodge #17 in Anchorage and Past Potentate of Al Aska Shrine in 1989. He was Past Venerable Master of Anchorage Valley Scottish Rite, a life member of Anchorage York Rite Masons, Charter Member of Mat-Su Valley York Rite Masons and Past Sovereign of Alaska Conclave, Order of the Red Cross of Constantine. Emmett was also a member of many other Masonic related organizations.

Sir Knight Roetman's passing leaves a great void in our hearts and the ranks of Masonry in Alaska. Farewell Dear Frater and safe journey.

## ALASKA YORK RITE GRAND OFFICERS TO ATTEND NORTHWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

The Northwest York Rite Regional Conference will be held October 15, 16 & 17, 2009 at Boise, Idaho. Alaskan delegates will attend and bring back timely information for York Rite organizations. The new officers of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, USA will present plans for the 65th Triennium. Alaska looks forward to being an active part of this great historic time in York Rite Masonry.