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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 (November 25th for January issue).

Sir Knight Russel G. Hintz Passes Away



Sir Knight Russel G. Hintz and his wife Flo enjoy the banquet at the Grand York Rite Sessions at Fairbanks in March 2008 when he served as Grand High Priest.

Russel Gilbert Hintz, 77, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend peacefully left us on Monday, Sept. 14, 2009, after a brief illness. Russ was born Jan. 10, 1932, in San Francisco where he later met and married his true love, Florence. He served his country in the Merchant Marine and the U.S. Army. Soon after their sons, Russ and Mike were born, the family moved to Fairbanks. Their daughter, Kelly, was born here, and they called Fairbanks home for more than 50 years.

Russ was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on April 23, 1986, and served as Worshipful Master of Tanana Lodge No. 3 and North Pole Lodge No. 16. Russ served as Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection in 1989; was invested with the rank of Knight Commander Court of Honor in 2001; and coroneted

a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason in 2005. A member of the Fairbanks York Rite Bodies, Most Excellent Companion Russ served as High Priest of the Royal Arch Chapter No. 1, Illustrious Master of Arctic Council of Cryptic Masons No. 2 and Commander of Alaska Commandery No. 1 Knights Templar. Russ later served as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alaska in 2007-2008. As a member of the Farthest North Shrine Club, Russ was active helping with the hospital's children's parties, frequently appearing as a clown named "Captain Hook" after he lost his arm in an accident. Russ was a member of the Midnight Sun Chapter No. 6 Order of Eastern Star and was serving as its Associate Patron at the time he passed away.

Russ was so very proud to be a Mason, proud of his brothers and all of the great deeds he and his brothers were able to accomplish. He was a hard worker and a perfectionist in his trade as a union carpenter of Local 1243 and a millwright. Russ was never too busy to lend a helping hand to friends and neighbors and will be deeply missed by all.

He is survived by his wife, Florence; sons and daughters-in-law, Deborah and Russell and Michael and Becky; daughter and son-in-law, Kelly and Gary Bravo; granddaughter, McKinsey Bravo; and grandsons, Gary Ray Bravo and Zachary and Michael Hintz. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 20, at the Masonic Lodge, 427 11th Ave. The family requests memorial donations be sent to Portland (Ore.) Shrine Hospital.

Official Visitation of Anchorage Commandery No. 2



Sir Knight Littleton F. "Buck" Buxton, Jr., Right Eminent Grand Commander of Alaska made his Official Visitation to Anchorage Commandery No. 2 on Friday, September 18, 2009. The Grand Commander was escorted into

the Asylum by Sir Knight Dale S. Cain and presented to Eminent Commander Alvin S. Kelley for introduction. Sir Knight Kelley greeted him and invited him to the East where Sir Knight Buxton gave an informative talk on the events of the 64th Triennial of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, United States of America at Roanoke, Virginia. Alaskan Knights enjoyed keeping abreast of the latest news in Templary.