

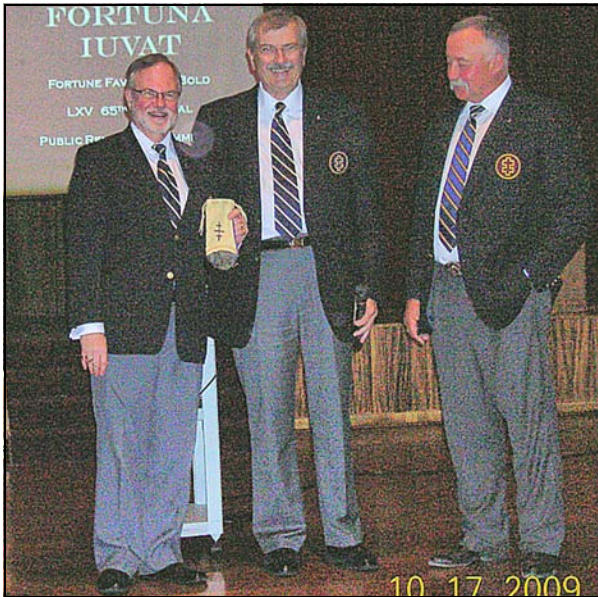


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I would like to encourage all Sir Knights to submit articles, letters, pictures, or comments for inclusion in this supplement. Articles need to be submitted to me by the 25th of the month for the next issue (December 25th for February issue).

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER HONORED AT NORTHWEST REGIONAL YORK RITE CONFERENCE



Sir Knight David D. Goodwin, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment (left) proudly holds his new buffalo “bag” souvenir presented by Sir Knight Mike Johnson, Right Eminent Northwest Department Commander (right) as Sir Knight Sid Dorris, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo witnesses the ceremony.

Sir Knight Mike Johnson, recently installed Northwest Department Commander of the Grand Encampment, made a presentation to Sir Knight David D. Goodwin, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment.

Sir Knight Goodwin had won a fund raiser raffle for a buffalo hunt in Wyoming last year. After due thought and contemplation, he decided to offer his winning ticket to the Grand Master, Sir Knight William H. Koon II, who successfully shot the animal. Sir Knight Johnson felt that Sir Knight Goodwin should be properly recognized for his generosity and arranged for him to receive this noteworthy token award salvaged after the hunt. All attendees at the conference had great fun watching the

ceremony which was auspiciously conducted by Sir Knight Johnson.

After the levity subsided, our Grand Encampment Officers presented an informative program of instruction to let Northwest Region Sir Knights know what efforts and progress are being made on our behalf to benefit humanity. We must all realize we are but a part of an organization that is striving to make a difference in the work of Templar Masonry in the United States of America.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OFFERS ENCOURAGEMENT AND GUIDANCE TO CONFERENCE ATTENDEES

Sir Knights Fred Angleton, Dale Cain, Robert Fulton, Alvin Kelley, Dennis Oakland, Lee Seagondollar and Johnnie Wallace traveled to Boise, Idaho, October 15-17, 2009 to attend this year’s Northwest Regional York Rite Conference.

Sir Knights David Goodwin, R.E.D. G. M.; Sid Dorris, R.E.G.G.; Duane Vaught, R.E.G.C.G.; Larry Tucker, R.E.G.R.; and Mike Johnson, R.E.N.W.D.C. of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America presented the Saturday portion of the conference. The Grand Master, M.E. Sir Knight William H. Koon II was traveling and could not attend.

During the past year, the Grand Encampment has effected numerous changes to the *Knight Templar* magazine through the able skills of Sir Knight John Palmer, Managing Editor. The covers, articles and advertising are now all in color and the content has been revised. The state supplements remain black and white, but the quality of the photos included is much better. The magazine now arrives shortly after the first of the month so that timely information is exactly that.

The future of Templary remains bright as membership is again steadily rising and programs such as the KTEF continue to serve those in need of vital vision services. As in the past, all Commanderies will continue to submit requests for KTEF services through their regular coordinators. The Knights Templar Educational Foundation and Holy Land Pilgrimage programs are strong and continuing to serve applicants. We must all work to continue improving where we can and remain positive.

ANCHORAGE YORK RITE CHRISTMAS TOAST

Anchorage York Rite Masons will be presenting its annual Christmas Observance at 8 a.m. on Sunday, December 20, 2009. The festivities will again be held in the Sourdough Mining Company Restaurant, located at 5200 Juneau St., Anchorage, Alaska. As always, the Christmas Toast includes a delicious buffet with many varied entrees. The cost will remain the same as previous years: \$10.00 per person or \$25.00 per families with children age 12 and under. Please come and bring a guest.