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THE FACES ON THE WALL

Who are they? In many cases, the question is: Who were they? When we climb the stairs and enter the anteroom of our temple building, most often, we can see the photos of our Past Masters, Past Grand Masters and Past Commanders. In older lodges there may be a hundred or more. Do you (did you) know them?

How many names can you recall? What thoughts come to your mind when you hear those names? What did you and they do together that made a difference in your life and the life of someone else? Many of us were greatly affected by the actions of one of these men. What great contributions did they make to Masonry and to Templary. Perhaps one of them was part of the reason you have enjoyed Masonry so much.

Look into the eyes of those who have gone before us and helped to make our craft flourish. Those who have passed to the celestial lodge can be remembered in our daily devotions, but what about those who are still with us? Do they need the help and the encouragement they once gave us? How many are still coming to lodge or to your Commandery Conclaves?

As we age and our physical capabilities are less cooperative with our mental desires, we usually tend to make choices of what we would like to do and what we may have to give up. The chances are that many of the older Masons may either come out only occasionally or are not able to get out and drive at night. Why not call a brother and Sir Knight you have not seen for a while and invite him to accompany you to the next scheduled stated meeting or Conclave? It might be that all they need is some of that kind assistance you have promised as Mason to extend to every brother. Maybe it is time to return the favor. Let us always remember each other.

The faces on the wall will be only silent photos to most who observe them, but to us the beneficence those faces provided will last forever in our hearts and Masonry will continue to be the oldest fraternal organization in the world. —Ed.

THE 2010 ALASKA GRAND YORK RITE SESSIONS ARE HISTORY

Watch for full coverage in next month's issue.

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 (April 25th for June issue).

SIR KNIGHT JOHN ERICKSON, JR. REACTIVATING DEMOLAY



SK John Erickson, Jr.

Palmer, Alaska—Sir Knight John Erickson, Jr. has begun work to reactivate the Order of DeMolay in the Matanuska Valley. After many years of inactive status, Sir Knight John Erickson, Jr. has scheduled a reformative kick off meeting for all boys ages 12 to 20 interested in joining the Order of DeMolay in the Mat-Su Valley. The first informational meeting will be held on Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 7 PM in Matanuska Masonic Temple located at 1022 S. Cobb Street in Palmer.

The Mat-Su Chapter of the Order of DeMolay was one of the most active in the state of Alaska during the 1980's -90's. Sir Knights Stanley L. Woodin, Russell W. Sanders and Littleton F. "Buck" Buxton, Jr. were some of the most remembered Chapter "Dads" who served as Advisors. During the mid '90's the interest and participation of the boys began to decrease until finally the Chapter ceased all activities. Several attempts have been made over the last ten years to revive the Chapter, but have not succeeded. John plans to involve the boys in a number of exciting activities which will be pointed toward keeping interest high and maintain participation. We wish to congratulate John on his quest and have high hopes that he will be very successful.

If you, the readers of this article, know of any boys in this age category living in the Wasilla/Palmer area, please make an effort to inform their parents of this opportunity.

If you are a Sir Knight who might be able to serve as a DeMolay Advisor, to assist, please contact Sir Knight John Erickson, Jr. at (907) 841-1139 or by e-mail at: jericksonj@hotmail.com