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ALASKA'S NEW GRAND COMMANDER



Sir Knight Mitchell R. Miller, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Alaska, 2010-2011.

Sir Knight Mitchell R. Miller is the new Grand Commander of Alaska for 2010—2011. He is a Past Commander of Alaska Commandery #1, Knights Templar at Fairbanks, Alaska. In 2004 he served as Most Excellent Grand High Priest Royal Arch Masons of Alaska and in 2006 as Most Illustrious Grand Master Cryptic Masons of Alaska.

Sir Knight Mitch believes it is of utmost importance to support all the appendant bodies to which you belong and sets as his goal for this year to promote Knighthood and visit as many Knights Templar functions throughout the United States as possible.

While in Oklahoma, he attended a Class B Opening Inspection at Capitol Hill Commandery. The Commandery conferred the Order of the Temple. Capitol Hill Commandery won the state competition on March 19, 2010 and then performed a Class A opening at the Oklahoma Grand York Rite Sessions on March 23rd and 24th.

He is planning on visiting the Grand Commandery Sessions of Kentucky September 16-18, 2010

and the Northwest Department Grand York Rite Sessions on October 14—16, 2010 at Boise, Idaho.

If you wish to contact Sir Knight Miller, he can be reached at mitchellrm@gci.net or by telephone at (907) 378-1920.

REMEMBER THE INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

Don't forget to participate in the Independence Day Parade in your community. The Knights Templar Commanderies need to be visible in their support of our country and one of the best opportunities is to be a part of your local 4th of July Parade. Join Mat-Su Valley and Anchorage Commanderies if you are in the Wasilla area

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 25th of the month for the next issue (July 25th for September issue).

WHAT'S NEW FROM MAT-SU VALLEY COMMANDERY #4



As we arrive at the mid point of 2010 with all of our summer events at hand, we reflect on the first half of the year to assist us in setting a course correction for the remainder of the year. Alaska York Rite Masonry is currently in a period of transition to a better Rite. As we strive to improve our ritual work, degree work and expand our Masonic education programs, we find there is never enough time to “do it all”, but we work none the less and try to do our best. As Eminent Commander of Mat-Su Valley Commandery, I am delighted to see the enthusiasm exhibited by our newer, as well as our older members. We are always seeking to do better by not surrendering to complacency and falling back into the bad habits of cutting corners, ie: shortening the ritual, so as to “move things along” or omitting uncomfortable steps for the sake of convenience. Rituals, and the lessons within them are the reason most of us come to the Temples in the first place. With that, I look forward to the rest of this year's gatherings, the lessons, the fellowship and the process that “makes good men better.” This is the role that Templary plays within that realm.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Dennis N. Oakland, Commander
Mat-Su Valley Commandery #4, Knights Templar

THE ALASKA STATE FAIR IS COMING SOON

Contact your Commandery officers and discuss making a donation of time or funding to help the Masonic Information Booth. It's worthwhile and helps answer the questions the public has! Call Dennis Oakland at (907) 746-4848 for information.