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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 (November 25th for January 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 2010 Alaska State Fair in Palmer. Opening day found Sir Knight Dennis Oakland, Commander of Mat-Su Valley #4 and Captain General 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.

This is an annual effort by Alaskan Masons and other concordant bodies to help answer questions from fairgoers. Many individuals frequent the grounds to see what the event offers. The booth was staffed this year by Prince Hall Affiliate Masons, Order of Eastern Star, Alaskan Masons, Order of Amaranth and others.

Masonry has been viewed in both a positive and negative tone by many people throughout the United States for reasons of information and misinformation. It is so important that a true explanation of its attributes be

available to the public. In this way, Masons have the opportunity to represent the fraternity for what it truly is, and an informed man who has asked questions and received accurate facts is better enabled to make a good decision when considering his choice for possible pursuit of a petition.

ALASKA YORK RITE MEMBERS TO ATTEND NORTHWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

The Northwest York Rite Regional Conference will be held October 15, 16 & 17, 2010 at Boise, Idaho. Alaskan delegates will attend and bring back timely information for York Rite organizations. The officers of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, USA will present current information to aid Commanderies in this second year of the 65th Triennium. Alaska looks forward to again being a part of [this annual event in York Rite Masonry.](#)

HAVE I HELPED MY COMMANDERY THIS YEAR?

We always hear the phrase: *"You only get out of an organization what you put into it!"* These time honored words have been utilized by many. Perhaps it's time to look at Templary membership as an investment of character building. Do we carry our dues card as a duty to ourselves or as proof of what we are? Do we consider a Templar to be an example of what we as a Commandery represent or what we believe we should be? It is a Christian oriented Masonic organization. Are we truly living up to its precepts and purposes?

When we pay our dues each year, a dollar of that amount goes to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. The purpose of the foundation is to assist those in need of eye care they absolutely cannot afford. We pay our contribution willingly and help to provide that assistance. Could we be doing a bit more than that? Have you ever helped someone to avail themselves of this opportunity? It is a very rewarding experience. The process is not complicated. It simply involves completion of an application form which requires the person in need to answer some simple questions and supply a small amount of information to determine eligibility. You can obtain an application form and get the necessary information on the steps to follow from your Commandery Recorder or Commander. Why not consider this task your personal project for this year? It will give you a sense of being a good man and devoted Templar. You will help another human being, help your Commandery and add another stone toward building your character. It's also a very Christian thing to do.