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## ANCHORAGE COMMANDERY #2, KT AND MAT-SU VALLEY COMMANDERY #4, KT CELEBRATE THE 2010 CHRISTMAS TOAST OBSERVANCE



Left to right: Sir Knights Dale S. Cain, P.C., Grand Prelate; Dennis N. Oakland, Commander, Mat-Su Valley #4; Jack R. Newell, Commander, Anchorage #2; Mitchell R. Miller, Grand Commander and Lee O. Seagondollar, Grand Captain General prepare for the responses of the 2010 Christmas Toast.

The annual Knights Templar observance of the Christmas Toast was held in the Sourdough Mining Company Restaurant of Anchorage, Alaska at 8 AM on Sunday, December 19, 2010. Alaskan Knights Templar responded to the toasts from the Committee on Religious Activities and the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. A fabulous buffet feast followed the solemn ceremony to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ and our family blessings.

## BECOME A LIFE SPONSOR OF THE KTEF THIS YEAR

By paying a one-time amount of \$30.00 to your Commandery Recorder, you and your Commandery are released from the annual KTEF \$1 assessment. Ask about doing your part to help in this beneficent program today. You'll help save sight.

## 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 (April 25th for June issue).

## IT'S SPRING FESTIVAL TIME

Spring Festivals are here now! Plan to participate and help your Commandery grow. The true fun and satisfaction of being an active Knight Templar is a great feeling! Isn't that the real reason you petitioned? Contact your Recorder to find out when your Commandery will have its next Festival.

If you haven't taken part recently, here is the chance you've been waiting for. Anchorage York Rite Masons and Mat-Su Valley York Rite Masons will co-host the 2011 Spring York Rite Festival on April 1 & 2, 2011 in the Anchorage Masonic Center. Ceremonies begin at 6 PM Friday evening and continue at 8 AM on Saturday morning. There will not be a dinner preceding the degrees on Friday night, but Saturday will kick off with coffee and doughnuts. If you wish to be a big help, Sir Knight Dale Cain and others will be setting up for the work on Friday afternoon about 3 PM. There will be plenty of positions on the degree teams for those interested in being a part of the ritual presented. Why not offer your assistance? Now is also a great time to ask your fellow Blue Lodge members about submitting a petition. See you there.

## SPRING IS ALMOST HERE

Now is a good time to get started planning that Commandery Family Barbeque or some type of activity to get together for the warmer weather. Don't let the time pass you by! Fellowship is one of the greatest parts of Templary. When was the last time you brought the family on an outing to meet some of your fellow Sir Knights? One of the many reasons fraternal groups form is to share their camaraderie. Why not include those you love most? It makes them feel you are not leaving them at home to go and enjoy your time without thoughts of how they might enjoy theirs as well. Family is our greatest blessing!

## 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. This may be the last year the booth operates unless more organizations pledge the support of their time and funds to make it possible. It takes more than just verbal commitment to keep Masonry in view of the public. Think about it. The decision is yours! Just a small part of a day at the fair is all it takes to be a part of this endeavor.