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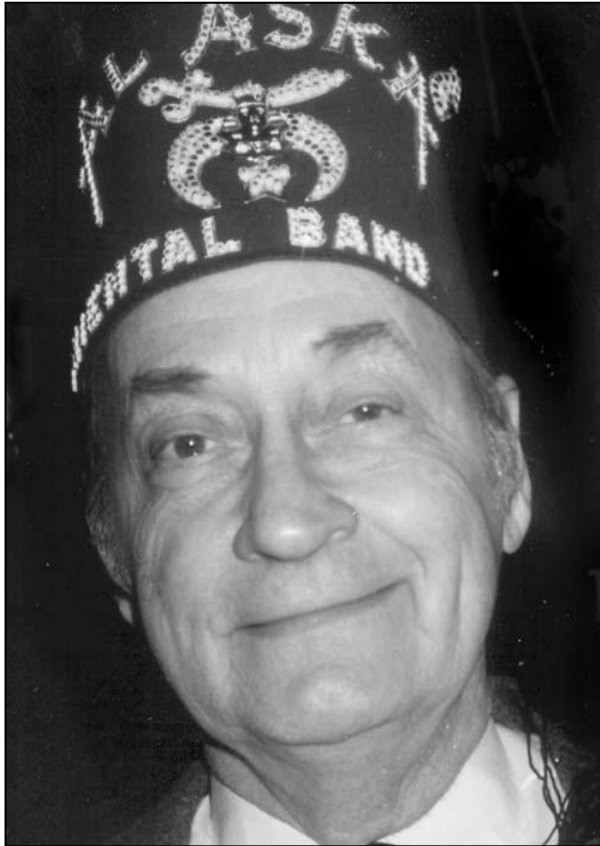
PASSING OF SIR KNIGHT VERNON HENRICKSEN

Palmer resident Vernon Alex Henricksen, 83, died Aug. 19, 2011, at home. Services were at 4 p.m., Aug. 23rd in the Palmer Masonic Lodge at 1022 S. Cobb St.

Vernon was born Oct. 29, 1927, in Mount Vernon, N.Y. He graduated from Oceanside High School in Long Island, N.Y., and attended two years of college at New York State University and the University of Alaska Anchorage. In 1954, Vern married his wife of 56 years, Ruth Crane Van De Bogart, in Woodstock, N.Y.

Vern moved to Alaska in 1959, living in Fairbanks for four years, Anchorage for 28 years, Ketchikan for a year and Palmer for 12 years. He served in the U.S. Army, worked for Al Williams Insurance, Alaska Pipeline — Liven Good Camp and Angelus Memorial Park. Vernon retired in 1995.

He was very active in the community with the Masonic Lodge, Knight Templars, York Rite, Alaska Shrine, VFW, American Legion, DAV and AMORC. He was a life member of Anchorage York Rite and a charter member of Mat-Su Valley York Rite.. Vern was a licensed HAM operator — WL7JU-Motley Group. Vern donated thousands of hours and stuffed animals to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children. He loved to fish, read and play a multitude of instruments.



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 (October 25th for December issue).

Vern loved to participate in the oriental band and visit the children's ward at several different hospitals, playing music for them.

Vern is survived by his wife, Ruth; daughter, Ruth H. Mazzella and son-in-law Silvio of Wasilla; son, Duane D. Henricksen and daughter-in-law Linda of Aurora, Ill.; daughter, Julia L. West and son-in-law Curtis of Tooele, Utah; grandchildren, Gary, Joseph, Jesse, Caleb, Joshua, Rachel, Devin, Heidi, Laura, Leanna, Veronica, Julia and David; and great-grandchildren, Anthony, Tegien and Michael. Vern was preceded in death by his son, Kevin K. Henricksen; and daughter Veronica L. Henricksen.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Alaska Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, 1730 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Anchorage, AK 99501.

Masonry has lost one of its best. We bid our Brother, Companion and Sir Knight Vern, farewell and will miss his smiling face.

MATANUSKA LODGE MAKES PROGRESS WITH REMODELING



SIR KNIGHT "BO" CLINE SURVEYS HIS HANDYWORK AND ADDS MOLDING STRIPS.

Sir Knights John R. "Bo" Cline, Dennis Oakland and many others have spent many hours to accomplish the work of beautifying the anteroom at Matanuska Masonic Temple where Mat-Su Valley York Rite holds its monthly meetings. Funds for the project have been contributed by many of the local lodge members. It takes dollars to make things happen, but someone must do the work. These Sir Knights have generously donated their valuable time and expertise to help their fraternity and add quality to the first impression new candidates and others receive when entering the lodge. Come to the valley this fall and see for yourself.