

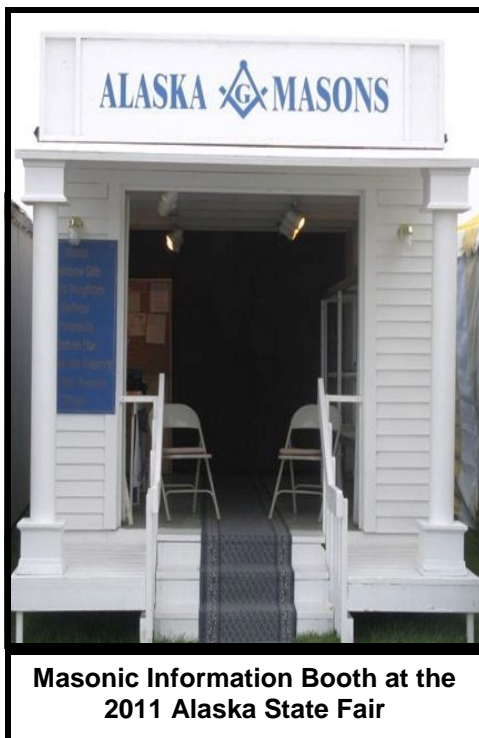


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MASONIC INFORMATION BOOTH AT THE ALASKA STATE FAIR DRAWS INTEREST OF CROWDS



Brethren and Sir Knights,

I am pleased to say that the Alaska State Fair has concluded and the Booth is put away for the year.

This was an inordinately chilly fall at the Fair this year. The weather, combined with the current economic conditions, caused many would be spectators to just stay away.

We had fewer adult visitors to the Information Booth this year than we have had in past years, but there seemed to be a higher level of sincerity among those interested in the Craft. We had lots of fun this year and almost every shift went off without a hitch. Everyone did a great job in making sure their scheduled commitments were met.

Thank you all for another great year at the State Fair.

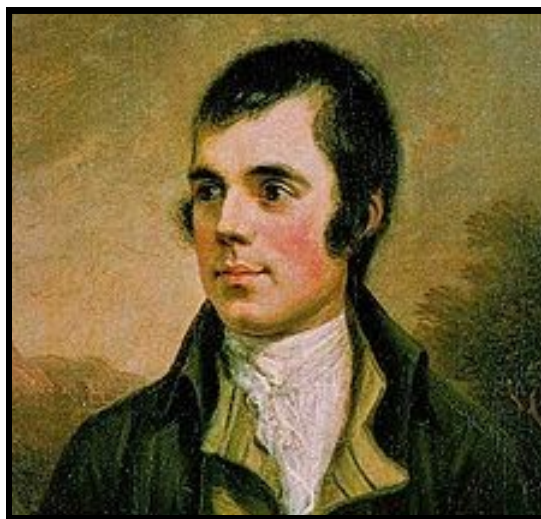
For the first time in many years, the fair booth was moved from off the fairgrounds to the parking area behind the lodge building in Palmer. After affixing the wheels and installing a brand new hitch receiver, Brother J. D. Jeffers, with his 1 ton truck, made a precarious 5 mph tow down the Glenn Highway to the lodge.

This move will save us hundreds of dollars in moving and storage fees annually. Since we derive no income from the booth, every dollar counts! We will also begin renovations on the booth, such as shortening it, (thereby reducing its weight), installing new axles, fresh paint, etc...

Special thanks go out to the Sir Knights who represented both Anchorage No. 2 and Mat-Su Valley No. 4 Commanderies for their shifts.

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).

ALASKAN MASONS PLAN FOR ROBERT BURNS OBSERVANCE IN JANUARY 2012



ROBERT BURNS - 1759-1796 - SCOTTISH POET, LYRICIST, FARMER, FREEMASON

Brothers Gary Satterfield and Tom Lehe of Matanuska Lodge #7 F. & A. M. in Palmer are coordinating efforts to hold a birthday observance of Brother Robert Burns. A dinner and toast celebration is in the works. The date and location will be announced in the January issue of this magazine. Tickets should be available soon. For updated information please call Brother Gary Satterfield (907) 357-3047 or Brother Tom Lehe (907) 354-2541.

If well received, perhaps this event may become an annual Masonic event in the Matanuska Valley.

FALL FESTIVAL SPLIT INTO TWO WEEKENDS

Anchorage York Rite was compelled to divide this year's Fall Festival into two separate dates. The change was prompted by an unexpected conflict of scheduling which could not be avoided.

The Capitular Degrees were held as previously announced, on Friday, September 30th beginning at 6:30 PM in the Anchorage Masonic Center. The Cryptic Degrees of the Council were held on Saturday, October 22nd beginning at 8:30 AM with coffee and doughnuts. After a short break for lunch, the Chivalric Orders of the Red Cross, Knight of Malta or Mediterranean Pass and the Order of the Temple were presented by members of both Anchorage and Mat-Su valley York Rite.