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**SIR KNIGHT MELVIN BURGAN CELEBRATES  
75 YEARS OF MASONRY**



**Sir Knight Melvin Burgan (left) is congratulated by Most Worshipful Brook Cunningham, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Arizona after being presented with his 75 year pin.**

Sir Knight Melvin Burgan was awarded his 75 year pin as a Master Mason. His pin was presented to him by Most Worshipful Brother Brook Cunningham, Grand Master of Arizona.

The pin was presented at Burgan's home in Yuma, Arizona. Worshipful Brother Burgan received his 50 year pin at Yuma Lodge in September of 1990.

Burgan, now 97, was born in Creet, Illinois on December 7, 1914. WB Burgan was initiated on January 7, 1937, Passed on February 12,

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).

1937 and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on March 4, 1937 at Mt McKinley Lodge No. 183 in Cordova, Alaska. He was found proficient on March 18, 1937 and later became a life member of Matanuska Lodge No.7.

He was also a member of Palmer Chapter No.8, Royal Arch Masons in the early 1970s.

Melvin is a Life Member of Anchorage York Rite Masons and was Exalted as a Royal Arch Mason on April 7, 1942 and Knighted as a Knight Templar on May 6, 1944. He never became a Cryptic Mason since the Council of Royal and Select Masters were not in Alaska at the time he was active in York Rite Masonry.

WB Burgan was a Charter Member of Matanuska Lodge No. 293 in Palmer, Alaska, being the 6th signer of the petition requesting the constituting of the lodge. He served as the 3rd Worshipful Master in 1953 of Matanuska Lodge No. 293 while under the jurisdiction of The Grand Lodge of Washington State.

He was employed by the Alaska Railroad. After retirement he and his wife moved to Yuma, Arizona to live.

**ALASKA GRAND YORK RITE SESSIONS HELD AT  
THE ANCHORAGE MASONIC CENTER**

"Can we afford it?" This is a question we are constantly asking ourselves every time we go to make a major purchase nowadays. Putting on the Alaska Grand York Rite Sessions is no different. As the U.S. economy has changed so drastically in the last few years, we must change with it or cease to exist. The cost of hotel and convention space has fast approached the point of eliminating the possibility of holding an annual meeting for many organizations. Ours is not a group with deep pockets. If we hope to continue this event and keep costs for registration and meals within the price capabilities of our members, something had to change.

This year's Grand Session utilized the Anchorage Masonic Center at 15th and Eagle Streets in order to try to curb expenses somewhat. Most meals were served in the building and the monies previously paid to the hotel utilized went to the Masonic Center and some to those groups who prepared and served the food. We sincerely hope you who attended found this necessary change satisfactory. We hope to see you again next year in Fairbanks. Bring your parka.