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## SUMMER IS IN FULL SWING AND THE FISH ARE JUMPING



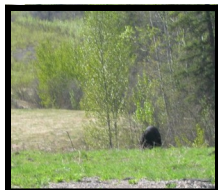
The gorgeous sun is rising and the day promises good weather for a summer outing in the far north of the great land of Alaska

I hope you are all enjoying the opportunities of an Alaskan summer. Now is the time we all yearn for during the cold months of winter. I snapped these pictures on my way to do a little fishing near the Denali Highway in late May. The snow had mostly cleared except for the southern exposures and the grayling fishing bug had its grip on my mind.

Many Alaskans think salmon is the sacred quarry and little else matters, but if you want to have some fun without the crowds and fewer bears, this is a good experience with rewarding results. Just the chance to get away and spend some time with what God has created

is in itself fulfilling. Several years ago, I had the opportunity to spend part of a day with Sir Knight Walter Soboleff, whom we lost in the spring of 2011. Walter had a way with words when it came to envisioning why we are here on this earth. He said, "Look around you and consider everything you see. It is all created for your enjoyment; the land, the waters, the sky, vegetation and the wildlife. God worked very hard to make what you see. Many people take it for granted and rush through their lives, hurrying to get where? Once your time here comes to its end, you may have a moment to look back and think about what you saw, what you did and what you might have done. This is a beautiful place with much to see and many opportunities to experience a lifetime of wonder. Ask yourself if you did everything you could do and when your time has passed, what did you do for the land and its resources? We are the stewards of this world and the keepers of our brothers. It is our duty to serve God and His people as well as ourselves."

God willing, may we all be able to look back with fond memories of our duties well done. Thanks, Walter. —Ed.



Black Bear



Caribou

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## 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 (July 25th for September issue).

## REMEMBER THE INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

Don't forget to participate in the Independence Day Parade in your community. The Knights Templar Commanderies need to be visible in their support of our country and one of the best opportunities is to be a part of your local 4th of July Independence Day celebration. It's not too late to join Mat-Su Valley and Anchorage Commanderies if you are in the Wasilla area. It's an easy ride on the trailer and fun to see the crowd. Call Lee Seagondollar (907) 775-1276 for last minute information.

## 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.

## COMMANDERY CONTINUES GROWTH WITH PLANS FOR FALL FESTIVAL

The coming of the Fall Festival Season will be upon us before we know it. Anchorage Commandery #2, KT is preparing to welcome new candidates on November 16 & 17, 2012. A Commandery must encourage its members to actively seek new members while remembering that we need also strive to retain our present ranks. Attrition takes its toll with the call of the Grand Architect who welcomes his children to their just reward. We cannot stay His will, but we must constantly share with each other the comradeship which we enjoy and the value we place in our current Sir Knights. Is your Commandery continuing to grow or at least maintain its strength? Our survival depends upon our willingness to demonstrate to others what we value most in Templary. Each of us knows a brother in our own lodge who would make a valued Sir Knight. Why not ask him to join you at dinner before your next Commandery Conclave to enjoy the fellowship and learn more about Templary.

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