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SIR KNIGHT STAN WOODIN CELEBRATES 95TH

Sir Knight Stanley L. Woodin marked another birthday on May 25, 2012. He has been an active member of Templary for 27 years. He is a past Senior Warden of Mat-Su Valley Commandery #4, Knights Templar, a charter member and one of the founders of the Commandery. He is a 50 year Mason and Past Master of Matanuska Lodge #7 at Palmer in 1993.

Congratulations, Stan and thank you for your many years of service to Masonry.



Happy Birthday Stan!

ALASKA'S GRAND COMMANDER MAKES OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE MATANUSKA VALLEY

Sir Knight Lee O. Seagondollar, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Alaska made his official visitation to Palmer's Mat-Su Valley Commandery #4 on Wednesday, June 13, 2012. The Grand Commander was welcomed with the Commandery's usual fine dinner before the conclave. The evening's cuisine was Cambodian Chicken Curry and rice specially prepared by Sir Knight Bruce Downs' wife Bonna. If you weren't there, you missed a great meal! The Grand Commander was conducted into the asylum by Sir Knight Dale S. Cain, Eminent Grand Prelate and presented to Commander, Sir Knight Jim McGoldrick. Sir Knight McGoldrick invited the Grand Commander to the east and made proper introduction.

Sir Knight Seagondollar thanked the Commandery for his accommodations and spoke on the subject of Sir Knights Albert Pike and Albert Mackey and how they were instrumental in changing the name of the General Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, USA to the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, USA. He talked of the history of Templary dating back to the 1850s time period, the importance of our historic roots and how we are affected by our past as well as our current participation in events we attend and sponsor.

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 (August 25th for October issue).

THE ALASKA STATE FAIR IS ALMOST HERE

It's not too late! Contact your Commandery officers and discuss making a donation of time or funding to help the Masonic Information Booth. It's a worthwhile effort and helps answer the questions the public has! On top of that, you will have a good time visiting with fairgoers, your fellow Masonic Brethren and get a chance to sample some of the great cuisine available only at the fair. Who knows, you might even find a bargain purchase at one of the many vendor booths and pick up an early Christmas or birthday gift for your loved one. Call Dennis Oakland at (907) 746-4848 or e-mail him at dennis86@mtaonline.net for information.

COOL WEATHER FOR COLONY DAYS PARADE



Sir Knight Lee Seagondollar awaits the start of the Colony Days Parade

The weather was a bit cool and breezy this year at the City of Palmer's Colony Days celebration on June 9th, but at least the rain and wind waited until the event was over. The parade began at 11 AM and was well attended by people from Anchorage, Eagle River, Palmer and Wasilla. Masons from five Blue Lodges and lots of members of many concordant bodies were well represented riding the Mat-Su Shrine trailer. It was a great way to spend the morning and reminds the residents of the Matanuska Valley that many of the original colony families had Masonic roots.

This is something Valley lodges do each year along with our participation in the annual Independence Day Parade. If your lodge or concordant bodies were not a part of this parade, now would be a good time to make plans to be a part of next year's events. Come out and join us. It's great fun and helps Masonry's image.