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KNIGHTS TEMPLAR MEET AND GREET AT ALASKA STATE FAIR MASONIC INFORMATION BOOTH



Left to right, Sir Knights Dennis Oakland, Will Ottman and Ted Hutchinson are seen at the booth ready to greet visitors at the 2012 Alaska State Fair .

Members of Anchorage Commandery #2 and Mat-Su Valley Commandery #4, K.T. again united to help staff the Masonic Information Booth at the 2012 Alaska State Fair in Palmer. This photo found Sir Knights Dennis Oakland and Ted Hutchinson, Past Commanders of Mat-Su Valley #4 and Will Ottman, Generalissimo of Anchorage #2, greeting fair goers and offering informational literature to Masons and Non-Masons alike passing by the booth.

This annual effort by Alaskan Masons and other concordant bodies helps answer questions from those attending. The booth was staffed this year by Order of Eastern Star, Alaskan Masons, Order of Amaranth and others. A true explanation of Masonic organizations must be made available to the public. In this way, an informed person who has asked questions and received accurate facts is better enabled to make a good decision when considering possible pursuit of a petition.

Our sincere thanks go to Sir Knight Dennis Oakland who has set up and been in charge of the booth for the last five years. Dennis is retiring from that responsibility this year. **APPLICATIONS FOR BOOTH CHAIRPERSON MAY BE SENT TO: MATANUSKA LODGE #7, F&AM, P.O. BOX 297, PALMER, AK 99645.**

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 (October 25th for December issue).

ALASKA YORK RITE MEMBERS TO ATTEND NORTHWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

The Northwest York Rite Regional Conference will be held October 18, 19 & 20, 2012 at Boise, Idaho. Alaskan delegates will attend and bring back timely information for York Rite organizations. Sir Knight David Dixon Goodwin, newly installed Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America and his new staff of officers will present plans for the 66th Triennium. Alaska looks forward to being an active part of this great historic time in the ever changing development of the fraternity of Knights Templar Masonry. If you would like to attend the Northwest Regional Department Conference, please see the web site: <http://www.york-rite.info/conferences/nw2012.pdf> for complete information and registration form. Last date for reservations is October 5, 2012.

SIR KNIGHT MICHAEL B. JOHNSON IS NEW GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, U.S.A.



Sir Knight Michael B. Johnson was elected Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America at the 65th Triennial Conclave held at Washington, D.C. in August. Sir Knight Mike is the Past Northwest Department Commander from Crowheart, Wyoming. He is a familiar face to Alaskan York Rite Masons, having attended our Grand York Rite Sessions for the last three years in Anchorage. We are very pleased to see him attain this office since he will be bringing the Grand Encampment Triennial Conclave one step closer to our part of the country and we welcome the fine and friendly leadership continuity he has provided us as Knights Templar in Alaska. Congratulations Mike!