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## ALASKA COMMANDERY #1 WELCOMES GRAND COMMANDER AT VISITATION IN FAIRBANKS



Fairbanks, Alaska—Sir Knight Lee O. Seagondollar, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Knights Templar of Alaska with members of Alaska Commandery #1, at Fairbanks Masonic Temple on September 18, 2012. L to R . Are Sir Knights Lloyd Triggs, Eugene Freeman, Harry Telling, Lee Seagondollar, “O D” Odsather, Monte Ervin and Mike Starkey. Not pictured is Sir Knight David Worel, who graciously served as cameraman.

Sir Knight Lee O. Seagondollar, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Alaska made his official visitation to Fairbanks at Alaska Commandery #1 on Tuesday, September 18, 2012. The Grand Commander was welcomed with the Commandery’s usual fine dinner before the conclave. The evening’s meal was homemade deluxe burrito and salad specially prepared by the ladies of Fairbanks members. The dessert of delicious pineapple upside down cake with whipped cream was a real treat! The Grand Commander was conducted into the asylum by Sir Knight Eugene Freeman, Past Commander and presented to Acting Commander, Sir Knight Mike Starkey. Sir Knight Starkey, Generalissimo, was acting for Sir Knight Ed Rogers who was out of town. Sir Knight Starkey made proper introduction of the Grand Commander

Sir Knight Seagondollar thanked the Commandery for his accommodations and spoke on the subject of the history of the Grand Encampment. It is seldom mentioned that Sir Knight Albert Pike, so instrumental with his work in the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction,

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).

was also involved in work serving the Grand Encampment. Sir Knights Albert Pike and Albert Mackey were both noted in the 1859 Triennial proceedings as being part of the committee responsible for recommending changing the name of the General Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A. to the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A. The confusion of each state or territory having its grand body called a Grand Encampment prompted the General Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A. to enact revisions to its regulations, resulting in states adopting the name of “Grand Commanderies.” Thereafter, the word “General” was dropped from the nationally governing body and it became simply the “Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America.”

The Grand Commander talked of further history of Templary dating back to the 1850s time period, the importance of our historic roots and how we are so greatly affected by our past as well as our current participation in events we attend and sponsor.

## ANCHORAGE COMMANDERY #2 VISITATION



Anchorage, Alaska—Sir Knight Lee O. Seagondollar, Right Eminent Grand Commander visits Anchorage Commandery #2. Back L to R Sir Knights Johnnie Wallace, Dennis Oakland, Dan Hawkins, Bruce Kling and Dave Hunt. Front .L to R Sir Knights Jim McGoldrick, Lennie Bibler, Chuck Ashcraft, Lee Seagondollar, Buck Buxton, Steve Warner & Jack Newell. Not pictured is Sir Knight Richard Olsen, cameraman.