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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 (August 25th for October issue).

## SUNNY SKIES GREET COLONY DAYS PARADE

The weather was unbelievable at the City of Palmer's Colony Days celebration on Saturday, June 8th. The parade started 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 make Masonry visible to the public eye. This is something we must do more frequently. It is a great way to spend a Saturday morning with your fellows and reminds the public who we are and jogs their memory of Alaskan Pioneers who were Masons from the early days when the Colony Project was first begun here in the Matanuska Valley.



Masons prepare to take part at the Colony Days Parade in Palmer



Some of the happy Colony Days Parade Riders: Left to Right are Brethren John R. "Bo" Cline, Jerry Pendergrass, Mitch Coulthard, Tom Lehe and Bruce Downs

## YORK RITE CONTINUES GROWTH WITH PLANS FOR FALL FESTIVALS

The coming of the Fall Festival Season is upon us. Mat-Su Valley York Rite Masons and Anchorage York Rite Masons are preparing to welcome new candidates. The life blood of any Chapter, Council or Commandery is to encourage its members to actively seek new growth. Let us not forget that we must also strive to retain our present ranks. Attrition will always take 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 remind each other of the comradeship which we enjoy and the value we place in our current Companions and Sir Knights. When did you last tell your closest comrade how much his friendship and companionship means to you?

Join us November 15, 16, 2013 at Anchorage Masonic Center for the Festival.