

# Alaska Supplement

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*After conferring Royal Arch Chapter Degrees, June 2013*

*Tyler Smyth, Jack Newell, Johnny Wallace, Jim McGoldrick, Lee Seagondollar,  
Bruce Kling, Dennis Oakland, Mitchell Coulthard.*

*And our new Royal Arch Masons: Steven Whittle, J.D. Jeffers, and Ronald Young*

## CONFERRING OF THE YORK RITE DEGREES

In June of this year, we took a new approach at conferring the degrees to our candidates. The degrees were conferred in order for the new candidates to be able to attend the following stated meetings. In June, the Royal Arch Degrees were conferred in time for the candidates to attend the next stated meeting of the Chapter.

In July, the Council Degrees were conferred in time for the candidates to attend the July Stated Council Meeting.

We are continuing this trend in August for the degrees of the Commandry, and Knights Templar will be conferred at our Stated Meeting in August.

Please help us to congratulate our new Royal Arch Masons.



## 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 1st of the month for the next issue. (October 25st for the December issue.)



## ALASKA YORK RITE MASONS MOURN THE PASSING OF REXFORD A. "JIM" JOHANSEN

Rexford A. "Jim" Johansen, Jr., 77, passed away July 12, 2013 at Providence Alaska Medical Center after a short illness.

Jim was born August 3, 1935 and was a retired Journeyman operating Engineer with the International Union of Operating Engineers in 1988. He was also a Journeyman electrician with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1547 from 1993 until he retired in 2002.

Jim was also a member of the Alaska Mining Association and the Alaska Trucking Association. He worked as a commercial fisherman, in mining, on the dew line and in the oil industries from 1952 until 1989.

What he wanted most to be remembered as was a Mason. He was a member of the Scottish Rite, York Rite, Blue Lodge and the Alaska Shriners and did patient intake for the Shrine Hospital every year. He helped many people and was always there to lend a helping hand.

Jim was an accomplished artist and did a one man show in the 1970's at the Anchorage Museum. He did ink, charcoal and water color drawings of Alaska and Alaskan Native people. He also carved with wood and soapstone.

He had a quest for learning and never stopped taking classes to learn and update his skills.

He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and family. Seeing them always brought a twinkle to his eye. He enjoyed helping people.

A celebration of life was held July 28, 2013 at 2pm at the Alaska Shrine, 1930 E Northern Lights Blvd.

Jim is survived by his wife Virginia "Ginny" Johansen; sons Rex A. Johansen, III and Shelby D. Johansen his daughter Deborah Moore, Cathie Kuczmariski, Lucy Von Ieda and Elizabeth "Beth" Babarerch; brother Jerald Johansen; sisters Barbra Brown and Marva Johansen. He has eleven grandchildren, ten great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren whom he loved dearly.