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Stockton Chapter No. 28

Stockton Council No. 10

Stockton Commandery No. 8

340 East Market Street

Stockton, CA 95202

May Brotherly Love, Relief & Truth Prevail and May the Blessings of Heaven Rest upon you and your loved ones



Stockton Chapter No. 28

High Priest

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Treasurer

Secretary

Chaplin

Captain of the Host

Principal Sojourner

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Master of the 3rd Veil

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Breakfast at 8:00 am & Convocation at 9:00 am. Stockton Chapter No. 28 meets every odd month on the fourth Saturday, January (Installation), March, May, July, September, November, and December, (Elections).

Companions

As you may recall, during our last Chapter meeting, I proposed the following.

“We have about two months before the next Chapter & Council meeting and between now and the next meeting I would like to propose we all take time to reflect on what we are doing or not doing for our community. Charity is one of the most basic tenets of Freemasonry. Whether it might be collecting clothes or food for our less fortunate or fund raising for a woman’s and children shelter or working with the local charities (Salvation Army), surely there is something we can do. Please think this over and we’ll discuss it at the next Chapter & Council meeting.”

Since our last meeting, it was brought to my attention that Companion Thornton currently operates a food bank, through Ebenezer Congregational Church, in Lodi. The food bank has need of food donations. I have contacted Target Stores in Spanos Center, Stockton and they have agreed to contact the food bank or myself as donations become available.

Charity as we know is one of the most important tenets of OUR FRATERNITY. The opportunities of giving or helping those less fortunate are, I believe, gifts from Our Creator. I would suspect that all of us have at one time or another has experienced such a gift.

Whether it is telling stories to entertain children, donating money to charities, operating a food bank or providing memberships, for children to the YMCA or YWCA, there are all sorts of charitable endeavors we as Freemasons can do.

Be assured that the undertaking of any act of charity is not for recognition or reward. The act is the reward.

Our next Chapter meeting is this month (7/23/11). Let’s discuss what we can do for charity, in our community.

This year Companion Arley Smith was selected to receive the MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Sincerely and Fraternaly

Richard L. Slater, HP



Stockton Council No. 10

Illustrious Master
Deputy Master
Principal Conductor
Treasurer
Recorder
Chaplin
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Conductor of the Council
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Arley Smith, III
John Carr
David Blundell
Bill Hasenbuhler
Leland Routt, IPM

Inspector
Officer's Coach

Steven Fowler, IPM
Dennis Meritt, IPM

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Companions; just a little thought on the History of Cryptic Masonry. In part copied from the Grand York Rite Web Site of Cryptic Masonry – www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org

ORIGINS OF THE DEGREES As in many of the Masonic degrees, the origins of the degrees of Cryptic Masonry are shrouded in mystery. Yet, they have attained a substantial growth and one out of every two Royal Arch Masons is a Cryptic Mason.

Nearly two hundred years ago the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master appeared. Traveling Masonic lecturers throughout the East were conferring them upon Masons, while engaging in instructing in Craft (Lodge) and Capitular (Chapter) degrees. Even one Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite included the degree of Select Master as one of its "detached" degrees. But,

these beautiful degrees were not to remain detached for any length of time. The state of Connecticut bore the first Grand Council in 1819. In Virginia and West Virginia the degrees developed in the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons where they still remain. In the 1870's a General Grand Council was formed for the United States of America. Today this Grand Council numbers most of the Grand Councils in the United States, as well as the western section of Canada.

This year Companion Alberto Sicsic has been selected to receive the MASTER OF ISH SODI AWARD.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Ioannis E. Patronas
 Illustrious Grand Master



Stockton Commandery No. 8

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Captain General
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Junior Warden
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Standard Bearer
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Arley Smith, III
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Alberto Sicsic
John Carr
Donald Wilcoxon, PC
Steven Fowler, KYCH
Sky Martin
Bill Hasenbuhler
David Clements
Clive Moss
Leland Routt, KYCH

Inspector
Officer's Coach

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Steven Fowler, KYCH

Breakfast at 8:00 am and Conclave at 9:00 am. Stockton Commandery No. 8 meets even month again on the Fourth Saturday, February, (Installation), April, June, August, October (Inspection), and December (Elections).

At our last conclave, June 25, 2011, Sir Knight Richard E. Thornton, PC was awarded the CALIFORNIA KNIGHTS TEMPLAR MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL.

While reading the California Supplement from the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, I had to read the first two paragraphs' of our Eminent Grand Commander again; and these paragraphs are (especially the last sentence – God bless our Flag, our Country, and the men and women who serve to keep us free.):

Happy Birthday United States of America! Sir Knights once again we come to that time of year when we celebrate the birth of our great nation. There will be parties, picnics, and parades. The great Flag of America will be flown and displayed in every town and city. Our great national emblem, Old Glory, is found appropriately displayed in Churches, Schools, Court Rooms, and Lodge Rooms where those gather who place the flag second only to God.

Let us not forget how our forefathers gave us the Grand Old Flag, to be preserved for us by their children and by their children's children; it is the grandest Flag of them all because of the traditions entwined within its folds. Remember the things symbolized by this flag; free government, free schools, free speech, a free press and free public assemblage. These are things worth striving for, and, if need be, worth dying for. God bless our Flag, our Country and the men and women who serve to keep us free.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Donald Murchison
Eminent Commander

A Knight Templar is a Sir Knight, right with God, Country, Family, and neighbor; honest with himself and others, ever ready to lay down his life, if need be, in the service of truth, justice, righteousness, and the American way of

life. A Knight Templar has pledged to follow the banner of his Order and the American Flag wherever they lead in human service, no matter his condition in life or station in



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Delta Council No. 216 meets every third month; March, June, September, and December are the dates of Stated Meetings. Elections are held in December and installation ceremony held in March.

August 5, 1933, this Grand Council took as its date of formation January 14, 1892, since this date was the beginning of the Allied Masonic Degrees in America with the formation of the Sovereign College of Allied Masonic and Christian Degrees at Richmond, Virginia, that on April 16, 1932, the subsequent establishment of a Grand Council of Allied Masonic Degrees of the United States of America occurred in Salisbury, North Carolina, and that the union of the two bodies was drawn up and entered into July 18, 1933, and was ratified by the North Carolina Grand Council August 5, 1933 and was ratified by the Sovereign College at Norway, Maine August 24, 1933, and became effective as of September 7, 1933.

Commentary

Excerpt from Steve Fowler email: If you are interested in purchasing a blazer, I would recommend you contact Max Luy at maxluy@hotmail.com and purchase it from him. He's a fellow York Rite Mason from San Francisco and has the best prices available. Please mention that you are from Stockton York Rite. I don't get any kickback, but I did tell Max that I would try to direct some of our business his way. Your business with him may pay off for a younger Companion in the future.

His price is about \$75.00 plus shipping for sizes up to 48. You'll have to negotiate with him regarding larger sizes.

Please save his e-mail address if you want to spread your purchases out over a few months.

“Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are earned in their dealing with one another, sympathy that begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason.”

WBro.

