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***Stockton Chapter No. 28
Stockton Council No. 10
Stockton Commandery No. 8***

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and May the Blessings of Heaven Rest upon
you and Your loved ones**



Stockton Chapter No. 28

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King

Scribe

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PHP

Secretary

Chaplin

Captain of the Host

Principal Sojourner

Royal Arch Captain

Master of the 3rd Veil

Master of the 2nd Veil

Master of the 1st Veil

Sentinel

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Officer's Coach

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Steven Fowler, PHP

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Jim Sanborn

David Clements

Billy Martens

Bill Blackford

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Donald Wilcoxon,

Saturday, March 26th, 2011: Breakfast at 8:00 am & Convocation at 9:00 am. Stockton Chapter No. 28 meets every odd month, January 22 (Installation), March 26, May 28, July 23, September 27, November 26, and December 17, (Elections).

Companions,

On Saturday, March 26th a date we should mark in our calendars, in 1861 Stockton Chapter No. 28 was handed a charter by Most Excellent Companion Henry H. Hartley, Grand High Priest Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, State of California. Where were you in 1861? Companion Henry H. Harley came from Sacramento No. 3 and 39 years later, Stockton Chapter No. 28 had its own Grand High Priest, Edward R. Hedges. Stockton Chapter No. 28, since inception in 1861 Stockton Chapter No. 28 has had three Grand High Priests: *Edward R. Hedges 1900; Charles W. Norton 1911; Elmer H. McGowen 1919.*

This will be a premier event to attend for Stockton Chapter No. 28. The event will begin with you in attendance, accompanied with your family. You will then sign the Guestbook, managed by the Rainbow Girls. After being seated we will have the honor of the Flag of our Country being brought in and posted in its proper place in the East by the DeMolay. After saying the Pledge we will again be honored by the Daughter of Sir Knight Albert Sicsic, who will sing our National Anthem.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Richard L. Slater
High Priest

E-mail from our Secretary: Companions,

Stockton Chapter No. 28 R.A.M. will be celebrating our 150th Anniversary at our March Convocation on March 26th, 2011 in Stockton. Our High Priest Richard Slater and our Inspector Ken Edwards KYCH have been working hard to make this event a successful and memorable one. The only thing needed now is people to show up. Please see the attached flier and RSVP with how many in your party. We have many of our Stockton youth groups participating with Stockton Bethel No. 83 preparing and serving a great meal after the presentation.

We will not be having a regular meeting that day, so the ceremony will be limited to only the Anniversary celebration.

As many of you know, 15 years ago, Stockton was in jeopardy of losing all of our York Rite Charters. Due to the hard work on many of our members, we were able to reverse the situation, and have lived to be able to have a 150th Anniversary. We are all extremely proud of the progress we have made. We would like you to join us in this celebration.

http://www.yorkriteofcalifornia.org/Newsletters/Stockton_York_Rite/Chapter_150_flyer.pdf



Stockton Council No. 10

Illustrious Master
Deputy Master
Principal Conductor
Treasurer
Recorder
Chaplin
Captain of the Guard
Conductor of the Council
Steward
Sentinel

Inspector
Officer's Coach

Ioannis E. Patronas
Bill Alessio
Alberto Siesic
Donald Wilcoxon, IPM
Steven Fowler, IPM
Arley Smith, III
John Carr
David Blundell
Bill Hasenbuhler
Leland Routt, IPM

Steven Fowler, IPM
Dennis Meritt, IPM

Saturday, March 26th, 2011: Breakfast at 8:00 am and Assembly at 10:00 am. Stockton Council No. 10 meets every odd month, January 22 (Installation), March 26, May 28, July 23, September 27, November 26, and December 17, (Elections).

We are going to have a great year, with the focus on membership and attendance. We can do this with your help, please reserve the Morning of the 4th Saturday of each and every month as the day you attend Stockton York Rite.

In 1870 (140 Years in the Past, Stockton Council No. 10 was given its charter by Most Excellent Companion Frederick F. Bars, Grand Illustrious Master, Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, State of California.

Stockton Council No. 10 has had four Illustrious Grand Masters: *Edward R. Hedges 1880 & 1881; George A. McKenzie 1884; Charles W. Norton 1907*

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Ioannis E. Patronas
 Illustrious Grand Master



Stockton Commandery No. 8

Commander
Generalissimo
Captain General
Senior Warden
Junior Warden
Treasurer
Recorder
KYCH
Prelate
Standard Bearer
Sword Bearer
Warder
Sentinel

Inspector
Officer's Coach
KYCH

Donald Murchison
Arley Smith, III
Richard Slater
Alberto Siesic
John Carr
Donald Wilcoxon, PC
Steven Fowler,

Sky Martin
Bill Hasenbuhler
David Clements
Clive Moss
Leland Routt, KYCH

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Steven Fowler,

Saturday, February 26th, 2010: (Installation): Breakfast at 8:00 am and Conclave at 9:00 am. Stockton Commandery No. 8 meets even month, February 26, (Installation), April 23, June 25, August 27, October 22 (Inspection), and December 17 (Elections).

Our Installation will occur on Saturday, February 26th. As this will be a public ceremony, we want many Knights Templar to attend.

In 1867 (144 Years) Stockton Commandery No. 8 opened its doors by receiving its charter from Sir Knight Isaac J. Titus, Eminent Grand Commander Knights Templar, State of California.

Stockton Commandery No. 8 has had four Grand Commanders; *Isaac S. Titus 1867; Edward R. Hedges 1881; James T. Langford 1930; Robert W. Bussman 1989.*

Sincerely and Fraternally,

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



Delta Council No. 216 AMD

Sovereign Master
Senior Warden
Junior Warden
Secretary/Treasurer
Chaplin
Senior Deacon
Junior Deacon
Marshal
Chief Steward
Tiler

Richard E. Thornton, PSM

Saturday, March 26th, 2010, June 25th, September 24th, December 17th. Delta Council No. 216 meets every third month; March 27, June 26, September 25, and December 25 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

We just received word from Companion and Sir Knight Steve that all of our dreams for Stockton York Rite just came true. We are now one of the centers for York Rite Festivals. Now, all of us must step forward to support your Stockton York Rite. Posted is the email received from Steve.

Companions and Sir Knights,

An important message from Sir Knight and Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of California:

Please pay heed, it looks like we will be hosting the York Rite Festival in March of next year. Let's make this happen. We now have more time to get prepared.

Steve

To all:

This email should clarify many questions;

Last night the East Bay York Rite convened in Lafayette with excellent attendance from just about all York Rite Bodies in the East and North Bay.

The Spring Festival planning which has moved through several target dates in April, mostly because of site availability and the conflict of the weekend of April 23rd (Easter Observance on the West Coast) has been cancelled for this year. There is too much of a direct overlap with the Sacramento Bodies efforts to conduct a successful Festival and the Palo Alto Festival dates are now set for May 7th and 14th.

The East Bay YR Organizations have decided to make a concerted

effort starting in 2012 to help Stockton get off the ground as a new center for a Spring Festival. This will be coordinated through our companion Steve Fowler and his YR presiding officers. We will contribute Degree Teams until a transition can occur to more local degree teams. This will allow YR Degrees and Orders to be held each year in Sacramento, Stockton, and then Palo Alto, with the Fall Pilgrimage to follow in the regular October slot. It offers a variety of dates and locations, almost in succession, for a YR Body and more importantly to a candidate to complete the YR journey. The hope is that the Valley of Stockton and those YR Bodies south of it will start to adopt a Degree Team to contribute to their own area so that they will have their own Festival each year without having to travel long distances to process more of their potential new members.

August 6th will be the date for the Grand YR Reception in Alameda. The Chairman and Master of Ceremonies for this event is Excellent Companion Tony Yuson, high Priest of Ancient-Antioch Chapter #31. Tony will make his selections for the remaining cast for the event. Please place this date on your calendar today. The time will be the same as always, 2:30 social, 3pm start, and finish around 6pm.

The Honoree at this year's Fall Festival in Alameda will be our esteemed Companion and Sir Knight Sid Cerates for his significant contributions in years past.

In addition, and for reasons that are more far reaching in depth, Companion and Sir Knight Sid Cerates was also selected to become the 3rd recipient of the East Bay YR Lifetime Achievement Award. This award will be given from time to time with the highest standards of time, contribution, and character. Companions and Sir Knights David Shull and Miles Thompson are the only past recipients. The date is set for September 17th (Saturday), and the time will be 3pm. The site for the ceremony is expected to be Crow Canyon Lodge and SK Bud Warder is trying to secure that date and facility today.

We have requested that all dais officers of the various YR Bodies now remember that we have two important festivals quickly approaching and if you have potential candidates for your

organization to get their petitions filled out, signed, and voted upon at your next meeting. DO NOT wait for October! These men can become YR Masons starting next month in the Sacramento area, to be followed by Palo Alto. Not all brothers can make an exact date so give them options ASAP so they can schedule their availability accordingly.

Grand Sessions - May 21-25, Gr. Commandery on Monday, Gr. Chapter on Tuesday, and Gr. Council on Wednesday (yes, I expect all of you to be there on Wednesday this year).

IMPORTANT - Our Right Eminent Grand Commander Dave Kussman has brought the Grand Encampment Easter Observance to the West Coast for the first time. This is his huge dream which is about to come true. He needs the support of his own home state in this enormous national undertaking. The time-frame is the weekend of April 22-24. The site is the LA Shriners Auditorium. The central Hotel is the Radisson and there is a full program surrounding this event which includes a tour of the Getty Museum, A YR Banquet, and the Easter Observance Service. Golden Gate Commandery, California Commandery, Petaluma Commandery Sir Knights are looking into participating with a mass car/buspool. If you have an interest, email me back asap.

The East Bay York Rite Association meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 730pm at the Acalanes Masonic Hall in Lafayette (Moraga Road). **All are invited** and encouraged to attend. Much can be learned and you can be an integral part of the forward planning process.

Sorry for the lengthy email but hopefully this bring everyone up to speed and in sync with each other so we are all walking down the same path together.

Fraternally,

Bob Whitfield
Vice-President, East Bay York Rite Association