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## Stockton Chapter No. 28

**High Priest**

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**Scribe**

**Treasurer**

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**Royal Arch Captain**

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**Leland Routt, PHP**

**Leland Routt, PHP**

**Donald Wilcoxon, PHP**

Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011: (Installation)

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, January 22<sup>nd</sup> we held our annual installation and I am honored and proud to be your High Priest for the year 2011, Thank You. The Installing Officer was Robert A.L. Whitfield, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Council Cryptic Masons, California and Master of Ceremonies was Companion Ken Edwards, Inspector, Department 3, Royal Arch District No. 10. All the elected and appointed officers are listed above in the officers section.

In new business we discussed the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Stockton Chapter No. 28 and the activities involved. We desired to have the youth groups involved and the Demolay escort the Flag of our Country. The Grand High Priest, Ted G. Hammack has confirmed that he will be present for this most important ceremony.

During research of York Rite, I came across this article concerning Knights Templar.

The **Temple Church in London**, famed for its rare circular nave called "the Round," was built by the Knights Templar in the 12th century. It is one of only three Norman round churches left in England.

### History

In the mid-12th century, the **Knights Templar** or Red Knights (so called after the red crosses they wore) had their London headquarters at a site in High Holborn. But by the 1160s, the order outgrew the original site and purchased property near Fleet Street for establishment of a larger monastic compound.

The Temple Church was consecrated on February 10, **1185** in a ceremony conducted by Heraclius, the Crusader **Patriarch of Jerusalem**. King Henry II may have been present at the consecration. The **Knights Templar** held worship services and their **secret initiation rites** in "the Round," the oldest part of the Temple Church.

The church was originally part of a large **monastic compound** that included residences, military training facilities, and recreational grounds for the military brethren and novices, who were not permitted to go into the city without the permission of the Master of the Temple.

The order of the Knights Templar was very powerful in England in this early period. The Master of the Temple sat in **parliament** as *primus baro* (the first baron of the realm). The

Temple compound was regularly used as a residence by **kings** and by legates of the **Pope**.

The temple also served as an early **depository bank**, sometimes in defiance of the Crown's wishes to seize the funds of nobles who had entrusted their wealth there. The Temple was the scene of important negotiations leading to the signing of **Magna Carta** in 1215. Instrumental in these negotiations was William Marshal, whose effigy is in the Round.

Having started out poor, holy, and dedicated to the protection of pilgrims, the Knights Templar **grew rich** from showers of royal gifts. Their popularity waned until, in the 14th century, they were **charged with heresy**, blasphemy, and sodomy, thrown into the Tower of London, and stripped of their wealth. With the suppression of the Templars, the Knights of Malta obtained control of the Templar's property.

On Thursday 26th October 2007 the Vatican published the Chinon Parchment and Monsignor Sergio Pagano, head of the Vatican's Secret Archive stated:

"We have no intention of celebrating or rehabilitating the Order of the Knights Templar. Our job does not go beyond historical studies." He added "The trial of the Knights Templar was forced on Pope Clement and he sacrificed the Order to avoid a schism and to save the unity of the Church".

The head of the Archive denied that the parchment containing the 14th century pope's absolution of the Templars had been kept secret, noting that it had been catalogued in the Secret Archive. He stated that "The Vatican Secret Archive is called 'secret' not because the documents in it are classified but because they are private. To view them, historians must go through an application process, proving their credentials and outlining their research project."

So one might well wonder why this document never came to light earlier, or why it took a Professor to find it, however the Vatican has now acknowledged that the Templars were not heretics and that the Pope was obliged to ask pardon from the

Knights after having tortured and put all known members to death.

For 700 years the Templars have been accused as 'heretics' and have now received absolution.

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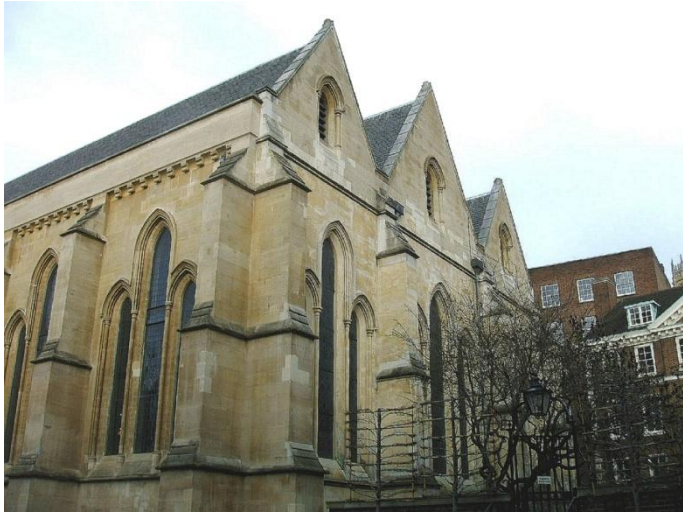
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Sincerely and Fraternally,

Richard L. Slater  
High Priest



## 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**

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**Steven Fowler, IPM**  
**Arley Smith, III**  
**John Carr**  
**David Blundell**  
**Bill Hasenbuhler**  
**Leland Routt, IPM**

**Steven Fowler, IPM**  
**Dennis Meritt, IPM**

Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011: (Installation)

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 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each and every month as the day you attend Stockton York Rite.

On Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011, I was installed as Illustrious Master of Stockton Council No. 10 by Robert A.L. Whitfield, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Council of Cryptic Masons – California who served as Installing Officer and Illustrious Junior Past Master Donald Murchison served as Master of Ceremonies.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Ioannis E. Patronas  
Illustrious Grand Master



## Stockton Commandery No. 8

**Commander**  
**Generalissimo**  
**Captain General**  
**Senior Warden**  
**Junior Warden**  
**Treasurer**  
**Recorder**  
**Prelate**  
**Standard Bearer**

**Donald Murchison**  
**Arley Smith, III**  
**Richard Slater**  
**Alberto Siesic**  
**John Carr**  
**Donald Wilcoxon, PC**  
**Steven Fowler, KYCH**  
**Sky Martin**  
**Bill Hasenbuhler**

**Sword Bearer  
Warder  
Sentinel**

**David Clements  
Clive Moss  
Leland Routt, KYCH**

**Inspector  
Officer's Coach**

**Leland Routt, KYCH  
Steven Fowler, KYCH**

Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 26<sup>th</sup>. As this will be a public ceremony, we want as many Knights Templar to attend.

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 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010, June 25<sup>th</sup>, September 24<sup>th</sup>, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

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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.

The Allied Masonic Degrees are an invitational organization, and requires membership in the Royal Arch as well as the Symbolic Lodge. Membership is limited to 27 members per council.

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**