



Sir Knights,

Let's label this as a well intention York Rite News Letter, which I have every intention of publishing on a monthly basis. If you have news about or concerning the York Rite Bodies or you have news you want all to see, then send it to me and we will publish the article. Now that sounds like newspaper talk, but help me to keep this going – send me your article.

Delta Council No. 216, AMD: a Masonic organization well known far and wide, held its first meeting in over two years and it was a blast, from what yours truly understands, I was not there but an outstanding Mason, whom is always in the lead in Masonry, Leland Routt, was elected Master, William McVicker – Secretary, Don Wilcoxen – Treasurer. Wonder if Leland has told Leslie yet? At the next quarterly meeting of Delta Council No. 216, Ian Martin will be presenting a research article for publication.

Stockton Chapter No. 28: running smooth as silk with Ian Martin as High Priest with the rest of the officers: King Richard Slater, Scribe Chris Ross, Treasurer Donald Wilcoxen, Secretary Steven Fowler, Chaplain Richard Thornton, Captain of the Host, John Patronas, Principal Sojourner Sky Martin, Royal Arch Captain Don Murchison, Master Third Veil Arley Smith, Master Second Veil John Lynch, Master of 1st Veil Alex Mendoza, and Sentinel Ken Edwards.

Stockton Council No. 10: also, running smooth as silk with Leland Routt as Illustrious Master, with the rest of the officers: Deputy Master Ian Martin, Principal Conductor of the Work Richard Slater, Treasurer Donald Wilcoxen, Recorder Steven Fowler, Chaplain Dax Martin, Captain of the Guard John Patronas, Conductor of the Council Arley Smith, Steward John Lynch, Sentinel Ken Edwards, and Organist Carl Meiske.

Stockton Commandery No 8: now this is questionable as to how it is running with your Commander Richard Thornton, Generalissimo Chris Ross, Captain-General John Patronas, Senior Warden Don Murchison, Junior Warden Dax Martin, Treasurer Donald Wilcoxen, Recorder Steven Fowler, Prelate Sky Martin, Standard Bearer Arley Smith, Sword Bearer John Lynch, Warden Richard Slater and Sentinel Ken Edwards.

- ‡ **April 26** we must all arrive at the asylum spick and span, shower taken, hair combed, uniforms pressed, shoes dusted, and all officers, with their books, must be in attendance. Our **annual inspection** is taking place and Sir Knight Ken Edwards will be doing the honors.
- ‡ **For the April 26th conclave**, we will be going through the ritual, please review your lines (Opening, forming the lines, rehearsal, forming triangle, and rehearsal of duties). The biggest part of the ritual is for the Commander and Captain-General; most have 1 to 2 sentences – let's do it without the book; but again it is very impressive with the book in your hand, drawing your sword and trying to read at the same time.
- ‡ **Annual Grand York Rite Sessions** are being held from April 26th (reason for the inspection) to April 30th, 2008 in beautiful downtown Bakersfield. Monday April 28th is the Grand Commandery Opening, Tuesday April 29th is Grand Chapter Opening, and Wednesday April 30th is Grand Council Opening.
- ‡ The festival in Sacramento this year, June 14, will have as the main participants for the **Order of the Temple, Stockton Commandery No. 8**. A separate email will be going out with suggested parts and practice times; if you absolutely cannot be a part of the Order of the Temple, my condolences to your widow; unless your name is Leland Routt and he will be in Russia, but will participate in our practices. All practices will be held at Sciots at the fantastic price of \$25.00 per month and the chapeau will be passed around.
- ‡ **Two brand new Sir Knights** was knighted March 22nd at Vallejo; please congratulate them when you see them at our conclave.
- ‡ While at Vallejo, a discussion was held with the **President of the Festival** and we should be doing the **Order of the Temple** for the festival next year – Saturday March 28th – all necessary paperwork has been submitted. The Order of the Temple was done by California No. 1 and they done fantastic work.
- ‡ While reading the **California Cipher**: never sitting down contented while our fellow-creatures around us are in want, especially when it is in our powers to relieve them, without inconvenience to ourselves.
- ‡ **Have you noticed**, during Chapter, Council, or Commandery, if we address John Patronas as Captain, we would be half right. In all bodies he is either Captain of the Guard, Captain of the Host, or Captain General. Yes Sir Captain.