



**Stockton York Rite**  
**340 East Market Street**  
**Stockton, CA 95202**

## *Stockton York Rite Newsletter*

### *Officers for 2008*

#### *Stockton Chapter No. 28*

**High Priest**

King  
Scribe  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
Chaplin  
Captain of the Host  
Principal Sojourner  
Royal Arch Captain  
Master 3 Veil  
Master 2 Veil  
Master 1 Veil  
Sentinel

**Ian Martin**

Richard Slater  
Chris Ross  
Donald Wilcoxon, PHP  
Steven Fowler, PHP  
Richard Thornton, PHP  
John Patronas  
Sky Martin  
Don Murchison  
Arley Smith  
John Lynch  
Alex Mendoza  
Ken Edwards, PHP

#### *Stockton Council No. 10*

**Illustrious Master**

Deputy Master  
Principal Conductor  
Treasurer  
Recorder  
Chaplin  
Captain Guard  
Conductor Council  
Steward  
Sentinel  
Organist

**Leland Rountt, IPM**

Ian Martin  
Richard Slater  
Donald Wilcoxon, IPM  
Steven Fowler, IPM  
Dax Martin  
John Patronas  
Arley Smith  
John Lynch  
Ken Edwards, IPM  
Carl Meiske

**Inspector**

**Officer's Coach**

**Leland Rountt, KYCH**

**Donald Wilcoxon, PHP**

**Inspector**

**Officer's Coach**

**Steven Fowler, KYCH**

**Dennis Meritt, KYCH**

#### *Stockton Commandery No. 8*

**Commander**

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

**Richard Thornton**

Chris Ross  
John Patronas  
Don Murchison  
Dax Martin  
Donald Wilcoxon, PC  
Steven Fowler, PC  
Sky Martin  
Arley Smith  
John Lynch  
Richard Slater  
Ken Edwards, PC

**Sovereign Master**

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

**Leland Rountt**

Richard E. Thornton  
William McVicker

**Inspector**

**Officer's Coach**

**Ken Edwards, KYCH**

**Steven Fowler, KYCH**

**Inspector**

**Officer's Coach**

# *Editorial Commentary*

An open letter to **York Rite** members, Stockton, California:

- Stockton Chapter No. 28,
- Stockton Council No. 10,
- Stockton Commandery No. 8, and
- Allied Masonic Degrees Delta Council No. 216.

The Stockton York Rite Newsletters', for the last several editions, have carried words of wisdom and the effort was to convey those words as wisdom.

Masonry is a foundation, a society of friends and brothers among whom no contention should ever exist. The effort was to raise attendance at the York Rite functions, as many of our Blue Lodges have seen increases in attendance. Many lodges' across California has seen an increase in participation and the desire was to see this increase of participation extended to the York Rite. This is truly a volunteer organization, as all Masonic Bodies are: an organization where you and only you, rise up and say, I want to become a member, I want to become an officer. We have an excellent group of core York Rite Members whom have a lot on their "plate". All of them are active in their Blue Lodges, active in the York Rite, active as Inspectors and etc.

Chapter and Council for the month of September and Commandery for the month of October could not open because of lack of attendance. Truly, writing those words hurt; York Rite only meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, monthly, for approximately 4 hours.

There will be more in the December Newsletter about the upcoming elections.

May you and your loved ones have a very happy Thanksgiving Day and may God Bless each of you.



## **Delta Council No. 216 AMD**

Saturday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, following Chapter and Council

Delta Council No. 216 meets every third month, i.e. March, June, September, and December. Elections are held in December and installation ceremony held in March.

Please, we need your participation



## **Stockton Chapter No. 28**

Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 9:00 a.m

Stockton Chapter No. 28 meets every odd month, i.e. January, March, May, July, September, and November. All York Rite Bodies meet in December for elections and Stockton Chapter No. 28 installation ceremony held in January.

November 22<sup>nd</sup> is the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday and it is time for Chapter to meet. We begin by a wonderful breakfast prepared by our own chef, Dennis Meritt. Remember, business attire and review your books (at least open them). Make your commitment, let's open Chapter.



## **Stockton Council No. 10**

Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 a.m

Stockton Council No. 10 meets every odd month, i.e. January, March, May, July, September, and November. All York Rite Bodies meet in December for elections and Stockton Council No. 10 installation ceremony is held in January.

November 22<sup>nd</sup> is the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday and it is time for Council to meet. We begin by a wonderful breakfast prepared by our own chef, Dennis Meritt. Remember, business attire and review your books (at least open them). Make your commitment, let's open Council this month.



## **Stockton Commandery No 8**

Stated Conclave is Saturday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m

Stated Conclave for Stockton Commandery No. 8 occurs every even month, i.e., February, April, June, August, October, and December. All York Rite Bodies meet in December for elections and Stockton Commandery No. 8 installation ceremony held in February.

A Knight Templar is a man, 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 what may be his condition in life or station in society.

The above paragraph says a lot about a Knight Templar, says a lot about a Mason, and says a lot about us, because we are Masons and we are Sir Knights. Think about the above paragraph; if we were not right with God, would we be a Mason, a Knight Templar?

On Saturday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding our Christmas Observance, the birthday of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, you and your loved ones are invited, attend this ceremony, all decked out in your uniform. Also, in attendance will be:

Robert C. Coe, KCT, KYGCH  
Right Eminent Department Commander  
Southwestern Department  
Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America

Remember; we do not meet until the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in December as a Commandery, please review your book, find your lines, review your lines, and get ready. Attire for all Commandery Conclaves is your uniform, not blue jeans.