



Stockton York Rite Newsletter

Officers for 2009

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

Ioannis E. Patronas
Arley Smith
John Lynch
Donald Wilcoxon, PHP
Steven Fowler, PHP
 Richard Thornton, PHP
 Don Murchison
 Sky Martin
 Bill Alessio
 Alex Mendoza
 Jerry Sabat

 Leland Rott, PHP



Inspector
Officer's Coach

Leland Rott, KYCH
Donald Wilcoxon, PHP

Stockton Commandery No. 8



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

Richard Thornton
John Patronas
Don Murchison
Arley Smith
John Lynch
Donald Wilcoxon, PC
Steven Fowler, PC
 Sky Martin
 Bill Alessio
 Richard Slater
 Leland Rott, PC

Inspector
Officer's Coach

Leland Rott, KYCH
Steven Fowler, KYCH

Stockton Council No. 10



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

Dennis Meritt, IPM
Don Murchison
John Patronas
Donald Wilcoxon, IPM
Steven Fowler, IPM
 Richard Thornton, IPM
 Arley Smith
 John Lynch
 Bill Alessio
 Leland Rott, IPM

Inspector
Officer's Coach

Steven Fowler, KYCH
Dennis Meritt, KYCH

Delta Council 216



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

Leland Rott
Richard E. Thornton
William McVicker

Commentary

York Rite members:

Stockton Chapter No. 28,

Stockton Council No. 10,

Stockton Commandery No. 8, and

Allied Masonic Degrees Delta Council No. 216

Grand York Rite Sessions:

Sunday, April 26, 2009 Grand York Rite Banquet

Monday, April 27, 2009 Grand Council (Cryptic Masons of California)

Tuesday, April 28, 2009 Grand Commandery (Knights Templar of California)

Wednesday, April 29, 2009 Grand Chapter (Royal Arch Masons of California)

Stockton York Rite Picnic: August 22, 2009

The December 27, 2008 elections were excellent and thanks to all Companions and Sir Knights for making a commitment and hoping each of you have an outstanding year. May the Blessings of Heaven rest upon each of you and all Brethren. This is your year; please make it outstanding for York Rite, you; and Stockton York Rite Chapter, Council, and Commandery in particular.

Sir Knight Douglas Martin extended a hearty welcome to all of us Saturday morning December 27th, which was his birthday and purchased breakfast for all. Dennis Meritt, our chef, was missing in action. Happy Birthday Sir Knight Doug.

Please and this is on my knees, with hands in a position of pleading, Please read your book and arrive prepared to fulfill your position.

Here is something to ponder and let's do it after we get practice for and Order of the Temple event completed. Let's meet on a Monday Evening, Friday Evening, or a Saturday Morning, similar to officer's practice at the Blue Lodge, and start stepping through each of our positions. I will bring refreshments and we can have a ball, and since this is informal, we will not be stepping on the toes of our Officer Coach's. On months we are holding Chapter and Council we will walk through and discuss those positions. On months we are holding Commandery we will walk through and discuss those positions.

please learn your position



Delta Council No. 216 AMD

Saturday, March 21st, Installation Ceremonies following Chapter and Council: this is the third Saturday as Commandery will be in Vallejo on the 4th Saturday.

Delta Council No. 216 meets every third month; March 21, 2009, June 27, 2009, September 26, 2009, and December 26, 2009 are the meeting dates. Elections are held in December and installation ceremony held in March. .

Need your help Brethren on Delta Council No. 216 Allied Masonic Degrees. We have 15 Brethren on the Membership Roster and we need participation, badly. For our March 21st meeting, if you have not been to an AMD meeting in your recent memory, attend. Let's see if we can turn this around and start having fun. Maybe we meet on a different day, still quarterly, but rotate the meeting places, hosted by different brothers in their home. This is just an idea, we have not met since March 2008 and we have not elected officers. As a suggestion for officers, let's use the following and this is only a suggestion.

The only Past Sovereign Masters in memory is Christopher M. Ross and I believe William M. McVicker. If you have not been a Sovereign Master, now is the time. Also, please let me know if you are a Past Sovereign Master and I will update the Roster.

Sovereign Master
Senior Warden
Junior Warden
Secretary/Treasurer
Chaplin
Senior Deacon
Junior Deacon
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Tiler

Leland Routt, PSM
Richard E. Thornton
Douglas Martin
William McVicker
Sky Martin
Steven Fowler
Don Wilcoxon

Also, we need to receive more participation, the suggestion with Chapter and Council were for the Dias Officers to wear their robes, and the suggestion for Delta Council 216 is to do a degree. Let's reach a little and put on the Royal Ark Mariner; as the origin of this degree is unknown but was known to be conferred as early as 1790. The year 1790 was a good year:

- ☠ Prime Minister of Great Britain William Pitt refuses to recognize Belgian independence.
- ☠ Construction begins on the White House.

- ✘ The first United States federal budget bill is introduced by Alexander Hamilton.
- ✘ 1790 United States Census is taken.
- ✘ Leopold II, Holy Roman Emperor starts to rule.
- ✘ 5.1% of Americans are living in centers of 2,500 or more people.



Stockton Chapter No. 28

Saturday, January 24, 2009: Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. and Installation at 9:00 a.m.

Stockton Chapter No. 28 meets every odd month, January 24, 2009 (Installation), March 21, 2009 (Stated Meeting), May 23, 2009 (Stated Meeting), July 25, 2009 (Stated Meeting), September 26, 2009 (Stated Meeting), November 28, 2009 (Stated Meeting), and December 26, 2009 (Elections).

Chapter 28 was opened in due form: Ian Martin High Priest, Richard Slater King, and Wes Martin filling in as Scribe. Ian, our High Priest, was back visiting his family during school break and Richard Slater, our King was not away on business.

Elections were held with the nominating committee recommending a slate of officers and all were elected by acclamation. Installation of your officers will be held on January 24, 2009 so bring your wife, family, neighbor, favorite enemy and wear your Sunday best on a Saturday. Companions please come and support your officers.

Your officers for Chapter No. 28 are Ioannis E. Patronas High Priest, Arley Smith King, John Lynch Scribe, Donald Wilcoxon Treasurer, and Steven Fowler Secretary. Appointed officers were announced as Richard Thornton Chaplin, Don Murchison Captain of the Host, Sky Martin Principal Sojourner, Bill Alessio Royal Arch Captain, Alex Mendoza Master of the Third Veil, Jerry Sabat Master of Second Veil and Leland Routt Sentinel.



Stockton Council No. 10

Saturday, January 24, 2009: Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. and Installation after Chapter has completed, installing officer will be Most Illustrious Grand Master Fredrick J. "Tiny" Potter.

Stockton Council No. 10 meets every odd month, January 24, 2009 (Installation), March 21, 2009 (Stated Meeting), May 23, 2009 (Stated Meeting), July 25, 2009 (Stated Meeting), September 26, 2009 (Stated Meeting) November 28, 2009 (Stated Meeting), and December 26, 2009 (Elections). All York Rite Bodies meet in December for elections.

Stockton Council was opened in due form with a full slate of Dias Officers: Leland Routt – Illustrious Master, Ian Martin – Deputy Master: and Richard Slater Principal Conductor of the Works – not bad.

Elections were held with the nominating committee recommending a slate of officers and all were elected by acclamation. Installation of your officers will be held on January 24, 2009 so bring your wife, family, neighbor, favorite enemy and wear your Sunday best on a Saturday. Companions please come and support your officers.

Your officers for Council No. 10 are Dennis Meritt Illustrious Master, Don Murchison Deputy Master, John Patronas Principal Conductor of the Works, Donald Wilcoxon Treasurer, and Steven Fowler Recorder. Appointed officers are Richard Thornton Chaplin, Arley Smith Captain of the Guard, John Lynch Conductor of the Council, Bill Alessio Steward, and Leland Routt Sentinel.



Stockton Commandery No 8

Stated Conclave is Saturday, February 28, 2009: Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. and Installation at 9:00 a.m. Installing Officer will be Robert C. Coe, KYGCH, KCT, Right Eminent Department Commander, Southwestern Department, and Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

Stated Conclave for Stockton Commandery No. 8 occurs every even month, February 28, 2009 (Installation), April 25, 2009 (Stated Conclave and Inspection), June 27, 2009 (Stated Conclave), August 22, 2009 (Stated Conclave), October 27, 2009 (Stated Conclave), and December 26, 2009 (Stated Conclave and Elections). All York Rite Bodies meet in December for elections.

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 what may be his condition in life or station in society.

On Saturday, December 27th Commandery opened with Leland Routt Generalissimo, John Patronas Captain General, Don Murchison Senior Warden, and Douglas Martin as Junior Warden.

During opening ceremonies, Leland Routt, our new Commandery Inspector and acting Generalissimo conducted Robert C. Coe, KCT, KYGCH, Right Eminent Department Commander, Southwestern Department, Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America who was received under an Arch of Steel.

Sure glad Robert C. Coe attended, his body added warmth to the room as we again had no heat. He agreed to return and be installing officer, but only if we had heat. The Inspector promised heat would be available even if he builds a fire in the center of the room. Sure am glad we pay the same amount of rent as the other bodies but we get no heat, must be because we wear funny chapeaus.

Commandery, each position had to be elected, not by slate. The nominating committee recommended John Patronas for Generalissimo, Don Murchison for Captain-General, Arley Smith for Senior Warden, John Lynch for Junior Warden, Don Wilcoxon for Treasurer, and Steven Fowler for Recorder. The appointed officers were announced: Sky Martin Prelate, Bill Alessio Standard Bearer, Richard Slater Warden, and Leland Routt Sentinel.

We moved to the third floor of the Stockton Masonic Temple and held our Christmas Observance and this was a beautiful time. With hearts held in their hand with pride and humility, every Knight Templar in attendance participated in the Christmas Observance while their family, friends and neighbors watched. The

ceremony was opened with a welcome speech, followed with readings by Sir Knight Ian Martin, Sir Knight Steven Fowler, and Sir Knight Leland Routt. Sir Knight Douglas Martin did a wonderful, beautiful tribute and reading of Saint Luke and was immediately asked to participate in the Observance next year.

A special Christmas tribute by Robert C. Coe was added to Christmas Observance with his Christmas Message. Because of the wonderful time everyone had at the Christmas Observance we really have to do this before Christmas next year.

The Commander then broke with tradition and raised his glass and toasted all the Sir Knights for their contribution to Stockton York Rite and Stockton Commandery No. 8. Again, tradition was broken, and his glass was raised once more with humility with a toast to Sir Knights Steven Fowler, Leland Routt, Ken Edwards, Don Wilcoxon, Dennis Meritt, William McVicker, and Douglas Martin for their efforts to and for Stockton York Rite.