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Stockton Chapter No. 28

Stockton Council No. 10

Stockton Commandery No. 8

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

Stockton Chapter No. 28



Stockton Council No. 10



High Priest
King
Scribe
Treasurer
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

Ioannis E. Patronas
Arley Smith
John Lynch
Donald Wilcoxen, PHP
Steven Fowler, KYCH
Richard Thornton, PHP
Don Murchison
Sky Martin
Bill Alessio
Alex Mendoza
Jerry Sabaot
Richard Slater
Leland Routt, PHP

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

Dennis Meritt, KYCH
Don Murchison
John Patronas
Donald Wilcoxen, IPM
Steven Fowler, KYCH
Richard Thornton, IPM
Arley Smith
John Lynch
Bill Alessio
Leland Routt, IPM

Inspector
Officer's Coach

Leland Routt, KYCH
Donald Wilcoxen, PHP

Inspector
Officer's Coach

Steven Fowler, KYCH
Dennis Meritt, KYCH



Stockton Commandery No. 8



Delta Council 216



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

Richard Thornton, PC
Ioannis (John) Patronas
Don Murchison
Arley Smith, III
John Lynch
Donald Wilcoxon, PC
Steven Fowler, KYCH
Sky Martin
William Alessio
C.W. (Bill) Hasenbuhler
Richard Slater
Leland Routt, KYCH

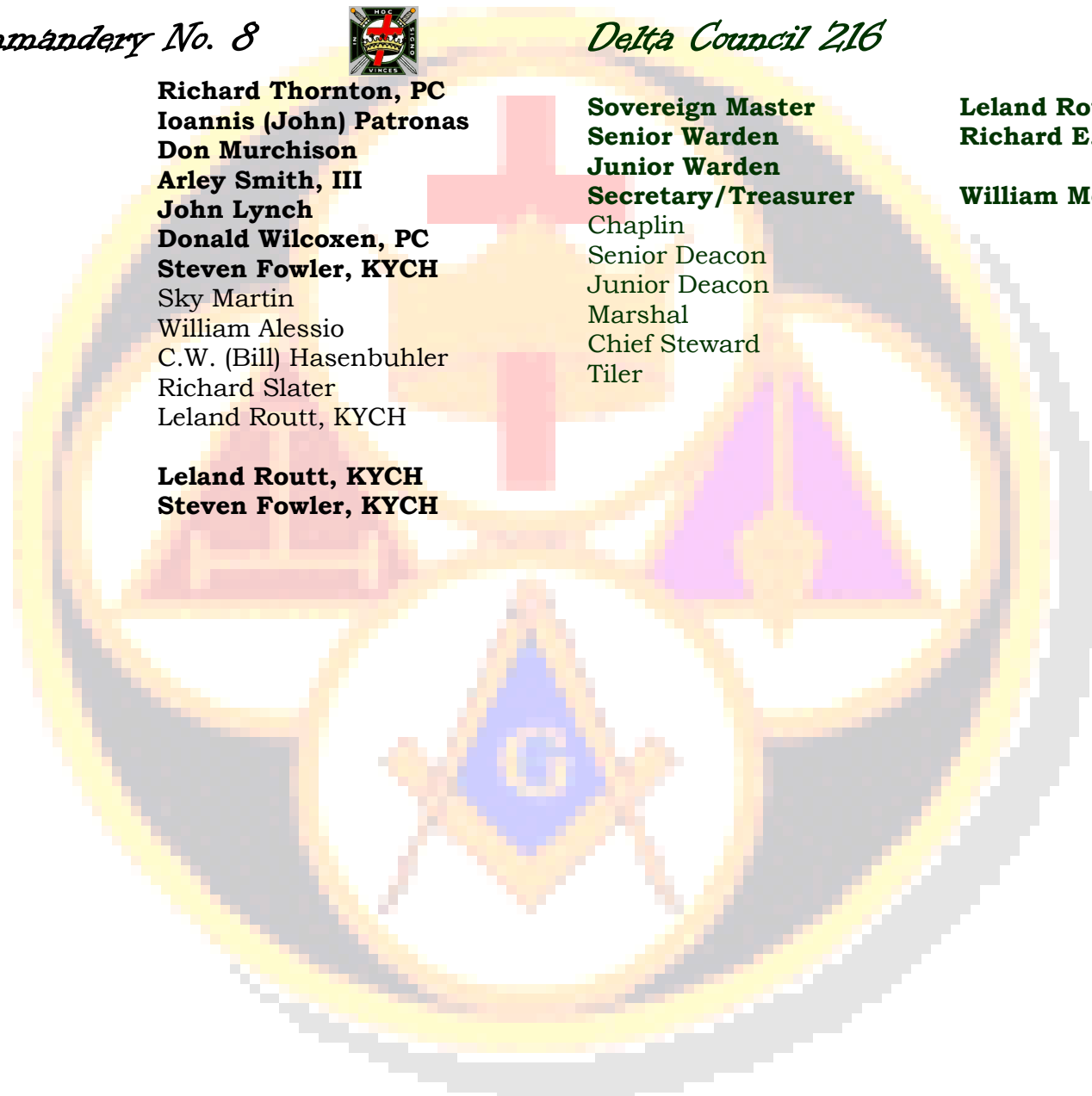
Sovereign Master
Senior Warden
Junior Warden
Secretary/Treasurer
Chaplin
Senior Deacon
Junior Deacon
Marshal
Chief Steward
Tiler

Leland Routt
Richard E. Thornton

William McVicker

Inspector
Officer's Coach

Leland Routt, KYCH
Steven Fowler, KYCH



Commentary

The York Rite Sessions were held April 26 through April 29, 2009 at Marriott Hotel in Bakersfield and Stockton York Rite was well represented. Brothers Steven Fowler and Leland Routt attended all sessions. The sessions began Saturday evening with the gathering of Brethren for the Allied Masonic Degree Session. Remember Delta Council No. 216, that entity we are attempting not to let fade away into the sunset.

Sunday began with the Commandery Drill Teams competition. Los Angeles Commandery No. 9 received the highest honors and will represent you, the Grand Commandery State of California in Roanoke, Virginia for National Honors. As your Commander, Stockton Commandery No. 8, we extend to them our highest congratulations and hope them the best in the competition. Sunday evening ended in the ballroom with the Grand York Rite Banquet. The guest speaker was Companion and Sir Knight Larry L. Adamson, Grand Master of Masons in California. Over 200 Masons attended the Banquet.

Monday began with Breakfast, sounds familiar as Stockton York Rite begins that way on the 4th Saturday of each month. At 8:00 am Grand Council opened with Public Grand Opening ceremonies followed by the Formal Grand Opening around 9:30

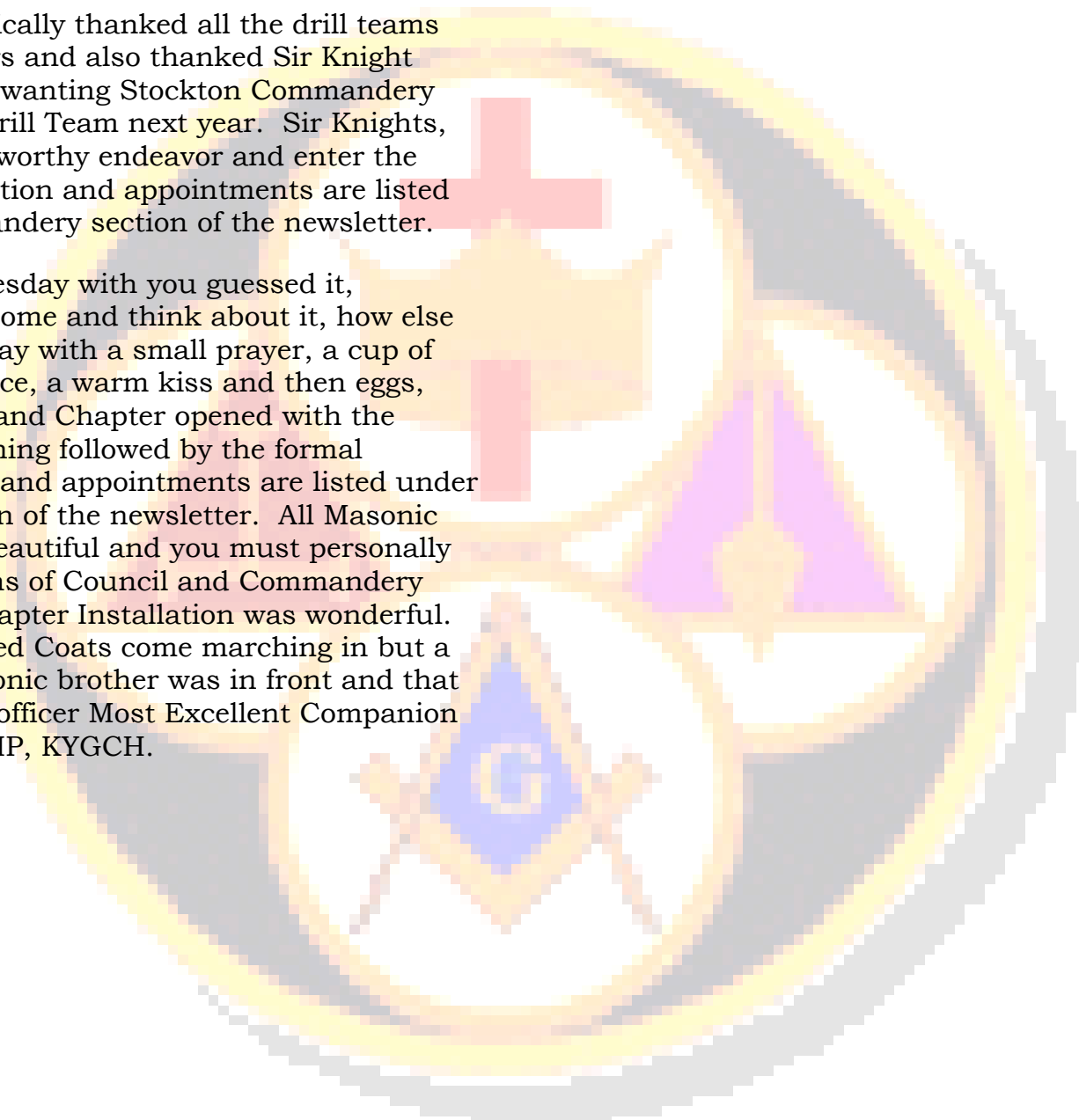
am. The public Grand Openings are fun to watch and it is an honor to be part of the Public Grand Openings. If you are recognized in the Public Grand Opening you have put a lot of work into the Fraternity and thus, you should be recognized.

Elections at the Grand York Rite Sessions always begin at 11:00 am and the Cryptic Masons elected and appointed to represent you during 2009-2010 cryptic year are listed under Stockton Council No. 10. **Please note:** it is an honor for **Steven M. Fowler** and Stockton Council No. 10 as Steven was appointed Grand Marshall North of the Grand Council, State of California. Now the big question that should immediately pop up; the Inspector introduces all visiting Grand Officers and since Steven is the Inspector – we have to watch this one. Installation began at 5:00 pm, with a tradition that should be adopted by Stockton Council No. 10, Stockton Chapter No. 28, and Stockton Commandery No. 8 – when the installing Marshal picks up the jewel, representing the office into which that officer is to be installed, his wife takes the jewel and puts it on her husband's neck – beautiful.

The following day (Tuesday) began with Breakfast (feed the masses – get them content and happy first) with the Public Grand Opening of the Grand Commandery followed by Grand Commandery Formal Opening around 9:30 am. During the business session several awards, discussions, and elections were held. During discussion of the Drill Teams, Sir Knight Richard Cooper, Past Grand

Commander publically thanked all the drill teams and their members and also thanked Sir Knight Steven Fowler for wanting Stockton Commandery No. 8 to enter a Drill Team next year. Sir Knights, let's support this worthy endeavor and enter the competition. Election and appointments are listed under the Commandery section of the newsletter.

Then began Wednesday with you guessed it, Breakfast, but to come and think about it, how else would we start a day with a small prayer, a cup of coffee, a smiling face, a warm kiss and then eggs, toast, and etc. Grand Chapter opened with the Public Grand Opening followed by the formal opening. Election and appointments are listed under the Chapter section of the newsletter. All Masonic Installations are beautiful and you must personally see the installations of Council and Commandery but this Grand Chapter Installation was wonderful. Not only did the Red Coats come marching in but a true friend, a Masonic brother was in front and that was the installing officer Most Excellent Companion William Wine, PGHP, KYGCH.





Stockton Chapter No. 28

Saturday, May 23, 2009: Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. and Convocation at 9:00 a.m.

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Let's create a standing offer, an offer **without hesitation, without "strings"**. If two or more companions desire to practice, a place of your choosing, to strengthen our knowledge of the ritual, let's do it, send an email or call and for an hour or so we can have fun. Your decision

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS - 2009 GRAND CONVOCATION:

GRAND OFFICERS

Grand High Priest **Philip A. Hardiman**
Sacramento Chapter No. 3

Grand King **Ted G. Hammack** Kern River Chapter
No. 75

Grand Scribe **James W. "Bill" Allen Jr.** Tyre
Chapter No. 130

Grand Treasurer **Jerrold A. Wohlfarth**, PGHP
Triangle Chapter No. 155

Grand Secretary **Kenneth G. Hope** HPGHP Triple
Tau Chapter No. 33

Grand Lecturer **Frederick G. Kleyn III** San Diego
Chapter No. 61

Grand Chaplain North **Douglas W. Young Sr.**
Woodland Chapter No. 46

Grand Chaplain South **Bruce E. Hudson** San
Gabriel Valley Chapter No. 100

Grand Captain of the Host **Robert V. Wright, Jr.**
Oxnard Chapter No. 86

Grand Principal Sojourner **Gary W. Spriggs** Nevada
Chapter No. 6

Grand Royal Arch Captain **Jon D. Humphreys**
Sacramento Chapter No. 3

Grand Master of the Third Veil **David E. Sokol**
Shasta Chapter No. 9

Grand Master of the Second Veil **Robert A. Morrison**
Shasta Chapter No. 9

Grand Master of the First Veil **Bruce R. Galloway**
Shasta Chapter No. 9

Grand Orator **William B. Jefferies** Chico Chapter
No. 42

Grand Marshal North **Tipton C. Kindel** St. James
Chapter No. 11

Grand Marshal South **Dennis T. Dyer** Oxnard
Chapter No. 86

Grand Soloist **Gregory A. Voetsch Jr.** Sacramento
Chapter No. 3

Grand Musician **Richard A. Wilson** Sacramento
Chapter No. 3

Grand Sentinel **Howard L. "Hap" Evans** St. James
Chapter No. 11

Assistant Grand Secretary **Albert M. Lewis** Triple
Tau Chapter No. 33

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS INTERNATIONAL AWARDS

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL IN SILVER

Kenneth G. Hope Triple Tau Chapter No. 33

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL IN BRONZE

David P. Glass Delta Chapter No. 27

GRAND HIGH PRIEST DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

Jerry V. Journeay Oakland Chapter No. 36

James A. Beddal Chico Chapter No. 42

Gerald C. Cypert Hanford Chapter No. 74

David J. Kussman Orange County Chapter No. 73

Harry W. Cutting Riverside Chapter No. 67

HIGH PRIEST OF THE YEAR

High Priest for the State **James S. Redpath** Marin
Chapter No. 102

High Priest of the Year Department #2 **W. David
Hanisch** Delta Chapter No. 27

High Priest of the Year Department #3 **Harold E.
Brown** Kern River Chapter No. 162

High Priest of the Year Department #4 **James M.
Sunseri** Orange County Chapter No. 73

High Priest of the Year Department #5 **John S.
Gamache** Tyre Chapter No. 130

SECRETARY OF THE YEAR

Secretary of the Year for the State **Alan D. Miller**
Tulare Chapter No. 71

Secretary of the Year Department #1 **Jerome M. Miller** Oakland Chapter No. 36

Secretary of the Year Department #2 **Robert M. Reynolds** St. James Chapter No. 11

Secretary of the Year Department #4 **Edward G. Nelson** Oxnard Chapter No. 86

DISTINGUISHED MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Charles L. Schubert Orange County Chapter No. 73

Donald J. Herzog Sebastopol Chapter No. 117

MEMBERSHIP EXCELLENCE AWARD

Casey W. Norris St. James Chapter No. 11

Chapter with the highest percentage increase in membership (8.6%) **Oxnard Chapter No. 86**

Chapter with the highest number of new members (29) **Signet Chapter No. 57**

RUSSELL D. ROBERTS PERPETUAL TROPHY

K. Mark Harris Doric Chapter No. 66

F. Allan Weinstein Palo Alto Chapter No. 93



Stockton Council No. 10

Saturday, May 23, 2009: Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. and Assembly at 10:00 a.m.

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.

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Grand Assembly:

- **Grand Master** **Mark R. Sandstrom** Foothill Council No. 42,
- **Deputy Grand Master** Martin F. McKeay Redwood Empire Council No. 46,
- **Grand Principal Conductor the Work** Robert A. L. Whitfield Oakland Council No. 12,
- **Grand Treasurer** James G. Baum, MIPGM Redwood Empire Council No. 46,
- **Grand Recorder** Kenneth G. Hope, (H) MIPGM Shekinah Council No. 35,
- **Grand Director of Ritual** Fenton R. Mereness San Jose Council No. 20,
- **Grand Chaplain** (North) Karl A. Krummell Gateway Council No. 13,
- **Grand Chaplain** (South) Roni Zulu Signet Council No. 57,
- **Grand Captain of the Guard** Raymond D. Godeke Orange County Council No. 14,
- **Grand Conductor of the Council** Richard W. Williamson King Solomon's Council No. 29,
- **Grand Steward** David L. Chesebro San Luis Obispo Council No. 38,
- **Grand Sentinel** Jack H. "Jay" Devers Jr. Pomona Council No. 21,
- **Grand Orator** John L. Cooper III King Solomon's Council No. 95,
- **Grand Marshal (North)** **Steven M. Fowler** Stockton Council No. 10,
- **Grand Marshal** (South) James M. Mason Riverside Council No. 67,
- **Grand Soloist** K. Mark Harris Oakland Council No. 12,
- **Grand Organist** Ernesto C. Balba Jr. Pomona Council No. 21,
- **Grand Bible Bearer** George R. Wheatley Sr. Azusa Council No. 80,
- **Grand Standard Bearer** George E. Whitmore High Desert Council No. 127, and
- **Assistant Grand Recorder** Albert M. Lewis Shekinah Council No. 35.

Ritualist for Department #3 Paul E. Weamire Valley
Council No. 27

The following awards were presented:

Cryptic Mason of the Year Kenneth G. Hope

Adult Leadership Award Patty Lawler

GRAND MASTER of ISH SODI AWARD

K. Mark Harris Oakland Council No. 12
Thomas A. Krummell Roseville Council No. 54
Richard A. Parks Visalia Council No. 43
Dan H. Wasson San Luis Obispo Council No. 38
Robert W. McNamara Orange County Council No. 14
James G. Baum Oasis Council No. 64

ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER OF THE YEAR

F. Allan Weinstein Palo Alto Council No. 51

RECORDER OF THE YEAR

David C. Hollowell San Diego Council No. 23

DISTINGUISHED MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Charles L. Schubert Orange County Council No. 14

MEMBERSHIP EXCELLENCE AWARD

Casey W. Norris Amador Council No. 31

RITUALIST OF THE YEAR

Ritualist for the State Rafael Hernandez Omega
Council No.11
Ritualist for Department #1 Charles A. Rodey II
Ventura Council No. 15



Stockton Commandery No 8

Stated Conclave is Saturday, June 27, 2009: Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. and Conclave at 9:00 a.m.

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 his condition in life or station in society.

Drill Team: Three years ago, Sir Knight Chris, Leland, and other Sir Knights discussed forming a drill team for Stockton Commandery No. 8. We wanted to re-enter the mainstream of Knights Templar of California, in front of and center with Los Angeles Commandery No. 8, California Commandery No. 1, and several others. The discussion was a little early but excellent as that was the beginning of the foundation. Now participation is excellent, we are

having sideliners at all of our conclaves; our extracurricular activities are well attended and now's the time to bring the formation of a drill team to the front burner. A suggestion came from our recorder, when we have a drill team that can at least put on a D team, we will re-enter the realm of a viable Commandery. Let's do this.

Let's create a standing offer, an offer **without hesitation, without "strings"**. If two or more Sir Knights desire to practice to strengthen our knowledge of the ritual, let's do it, send an email and for an hour or so we can have fun. You decide.

The above offer was made for Chapter, Council, and Knights Templar because as we improve our ritual, the more confidence and fun we have during our meetings and conclaves. Your Commandery does the Order of the Temple and does it very well and we do many things very well, just look at the list that was compiled for your reading enjoyment of the last newsletter.

And talking of Inspection, please remember we will do the **Opening, Rehearsal of Duties, and closing, using our memories; as books will not be allowed.** We can do this, we have done this in the past and we will do this in the future.

Grand Conclave:

- **Grand Commander William D. Robertson**
Pacific Commandery No. 3

- **Deputy Grand Commander** David J. Kussman
Orange County Commandery No. 36
- **Grand Generalissimo** Casey W. Norris Vacaville
Commandery No. 38
- **Grand Captain General** Howard W. "Bud"
Ramsey San Jose Commandery No. 10
- **Grand Senior Warden** Myron A. Tisdell Redding
Commandery No. 50
- **Grand Junior Warden** Carlos H. Gonzalez Los
Angles Commandery No. 9
- **Grand Prelate** Fr. Charles E. Maier Orange
County Commandery No. 36
- **Grand Treasurer** O. Reed Bollin, PGC Golden
West Commandery No. 43
- **Grand Recorder** Kenneth G. Hope, (H) PGC
Golden West Commandery No. 43
- **Grand Standard Bearer** Fenton R. Mereness
Vacaville Commandery No. 38
- **Grand Sword Bearer** Stephen E. Alderete St.
Bernard Commandery No. 23
- **Grand Warder** Harold N. "Hal" Barker Auburn
Commandery No. 52
- **Grand Sentinel** James H. McKasson Vacaville
Commandery No. 38
- **Organist** John E. Vanderby Golden Gate
Commandery No. 16

KNIGHT TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

James G. Baum High Desert Commandery No.79

KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE

Charles R. Waterman, Jr. Vacaville Commandery
No. 38

Albert M. Lewis Golden West Commandery No. 43

COMMANDER OF THE YEAR

William A. McBroome Eureka Commandery No. 35

RECORDER OF THE YEAR

John A. Argue Ventura Commandery No. 18

DISTINGUISHED MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Charles L. Schubert Orange County Commandery
No. 36

Ronald C. Perry Orange County Commandery No.
36

MEMBERSHIP EXCELLENCE AWARD

Casey W. Norris El Dorado Commandery No. 4

Commandery with the highest percentage increase
(16.7%) **High Desert No. 79**

Commandery with the highest increase in the
number of members (34) **Los Angeles No. 9**

DRILL TEAM COMPETITION

Class "B" Los **Angeles Commandery No. 9**

Class "C" 1st Place **Orange County Commandery No. 36**

Class "C" 2nd Place **California Commandery No. 1**

Class "D" 1st Place Champion **Golden West Commandery No. 43**

AWARD OF APPRECIATION

For services rendered to the Knight Templar Eye Foundation

Sir Knight **W. David Hanisch**

Lady **Helen** and Sir Knight **Dan R. McDaniel**

For services rendered to the Knight Templar Drill Committee

Sir Knight **Arthur C. Meigs**

CROSS & CROWN AWARD (Stockton Commandery No. 8 should be in the competition for this award as your Commandery, Stockton Commandery No. 8 accomplishes a lot – read the list of accomplishments. The next newsletter the list will be updated and published again. Let's see what we can do to push us over the top and get your Commandery this award).

Commandery of the Year for Department 2 **Los Angeles Commandery No. 9**

Commandery of the Year for Department 3 **San Luis Obispo Commandery No. 27**

Commandery of the Year for Department 7 **Auburn Commandery No. 52**

Commandery of the Year for Department 8 **Eureka Commandery No. 35**

COMMANDERY OF THE YEAR

Los Angeles Commandery No. 9

OUTSTANDING MEMBERS OF THE RITUAL STAFF

Sir Knight **Steven M. Fowler**