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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

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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

Inspector
Officer's Coach

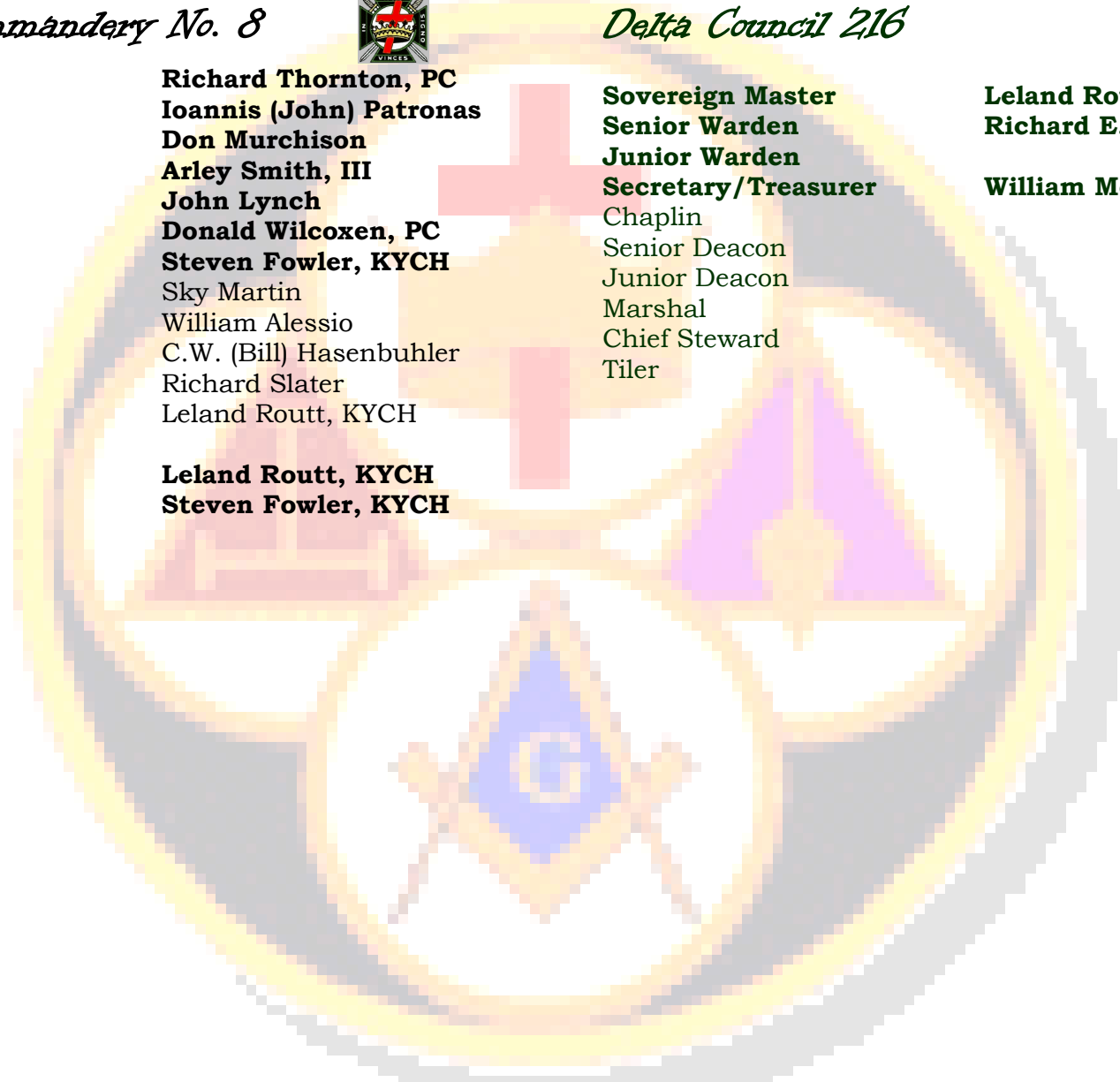
Richard Thornton, PC
Ioannis (John) Patronas
Don Murchison
Arley Smith, III
John Lynch
Donald Wilcoxon, PC
Steven Fowler, KYCH
 Sky Martin
 William Alessio
 C.W. (Bill) Hasenbuhler
 Richard Slater
 Leland Routt, KYCH

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Steven Fowler, 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



If you accidentally looked at the Calendar for the Grand High Priest you noticed that at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication October 02 through 04, we, the York Rite will give the Mark Master Degree on Friday, October 2nd at 7:30 p.m.



“Get excited about making your Mark” and increase the membership of the York Rite; your Chapter and quite possible Council, and Commandery.

Please, do get excited about making your **“Mark”** and become involved in your Chapter, Council, and Commandery; you will learn a lot and as a side benefit, you will forge friendships that will endure a lifetime. Attend and get involved in the York Rite.

“The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in California believes its degrees have great additional fraternal Light to offer a Master Mason. We hope you will give this invitation to explore the York Rite your serious and careful consideration.”

Stockton Council No. 10

Saturday, July 25 2009:

Breakfast at 8:00 am and Assembly at 10:00 am

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.

Due to all the discussions in Chapter, the Council meeting was quite short. Council was opened by Illustrious Master Dennis Meritt, couple of business items was completed and then we closed.



Stockton Commandery No. 8

Stated Conclave is Saturday, June 27, 2009:

Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. and Conclave at 9:00 am

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.

It is almost time for Commandery and your Commandery has been busy, very busy and Sir Knights, thank you for your participation.

We started off the evening of May 23rd with the Squire Ceremony for the Stockton DeMolay, conducted by the Martin Family. Sir Knight Ian did a super ceremony followed by Sir Knight Doug, Sir

Knight Sky, and Sir Knight Bill Alessio. Thank you Sir Knights.

Then, the evening of May 30, we did the Flower Talk for Cloud 7 Rainbow Assembly in Woodbridge. Both of these, the Squire and Flower Talk ceremonies, are very impressive. Sir Knight Leland did a super job, as well as Sir Knight Steven, and Sir Knight John Carr. Thank you Sir Knights.

Then....Saturday, June 13th, 12:30 pm, Stockton Commandery No. 8 put on the Order of the Temple in Sacramento. Your Commandery did a super job and each of the new Sir Knights received an excellent introduction into the world of Knights Templar.

We began the day with breakfast at the Golden Ox Diner in beautiful downtown Lodi. After breakfast we carpoled to Sacramento Masonic Temple, in downtown Sacramento. At 10:00 am we began our final practice and at 11:10 the Chamber of Reflection was started.

Your Commandery, Stockton Commandery No. 8 gives thanks to our hermits, who did an excellent job, Sir Knights Doug Martin, Charlie Lewis, and Dave Blundell.

Our Commander for the event was Sir Knight Wes Martin, Generalissimo Ian Martin, and Captain General Leland Routt. Our Prelate, Steven Fowler did a wonderful job. The stage crew was Dennis Meritt and John Patronas. Our Marching Crew for

the Prelate Escort, Guards, and Triangle Guards, of who did an outstanding performance were Sir Knights John Carr, Dax Martin, Arley Smith, Dan Sissel, Doug Martin, and John Lynch. Don Murchison did an outstanding job as Senior Warden and Sir Knight Doug did his usual wondrous rendition of the flag ritual.

Nine Knights Templar were knighted at the Sacramento Festival, all very enthusiastic about York Rite. One of them was named Eric Hardiman, nephew of our Most Excellent Companion and Grand High Priest, Phillip A. Hardiman. Your Commander had the pleasure and honor of Knighting Eric.

Commentary

The York Rite Sessions had many groups and discussions to offer and a lot was learned. If you can possibly attend one of these sessions, please do because what you get out of these sessions are more than you will ever give. The friendships formed are priceless.

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.

Another suggestion also came from our Recorder and our Inspector – let's do an Order of the Temple at Stockton Masonic Temple: this has not been done at the Stockton Masonic Temple in over 30 years. What a way to get us back on the map. This is being planned for in the October time frame.