



# 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 Wilcoxen, PHP**  
**Steven Fowler, KYCH**  
 Richard Thornton, PHP  
 Don Murchison  
 Sky Martin  
 Bill Alessio  
 Alex Mendoza  
 Jerry Sabaot  
 Richard Slater  
 Leland Routt, PHP



**Inspector**  
**Officer's Coach**

**Leland Routt, KYCH**  
**Donald Wilcoxen, PHP**

### 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 Wilcoxen, IPM**  
**Steven Fowler, KYCH**  
 Richard Thornton, IPM  
 Arley Smith  
 John Lynch  
 Bill Alessio  
 Leland Routt, IPM

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

**Inspector**  
**Officer's Coach**

**Leland Routt, KYCH**  
**Steven Fowler, KYCH**

### Delta Council 216



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

**Leland Routt**  
**Richard E. Thornton**  
**William McVicker**

# *Commentary*

**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:** Let's have a York Rite Family BBQ. Need volunteers to help organize, plan, cook, and so forth.

**please learn your position**

# PLEASE LEARN YOUR POSITION

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

**Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, Installation Ceremonies following Chapter and Council: this is the third Saturday as Commandery will be in Vallejo on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 for Delta Council No. 216 Allied Masonic Degrees. Do not know what else to say, cannot think of any thing to say brilliant nor full of wisdom but very simple, Need Your Help.

Our Council meets four times a year on the fourth Saturday in March, June, September, and December; we have not met since March 2008.

When we gather as a “society of friends and brothers” we learn from each other and we earn each other’s friendship and brotherly love. What we do and the way we act can be shown to us from many different ways; I was talking to a group of strangers, about Masonry, who we were and so forth. With the exception of one, the rest knew nothing of Masonry but the one stood up and said he was admitted to Shriners Hospital with 70 percent burns when he was a kid. This is why we are Masons.

How do we keep AMD alive and well within our Masonic Family?



## Stockton Chapter No. 28

**Saturday, March 21, 2009: Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. and Stated Meeting at 9:00 a.m. THIRD SATURDAY**

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).

Notice: Companions, our stated meeting is on the third Saturday because the Commandery, your Commandery will be in Vallejo on the fourth Saturday at the Bill Tool Springtime Festival doing the Order of the Temple. This will be a magnificent Order of the Temple because Wes Martin will be the Commander, Steven Fowler will be the Prelate, Douglas Martin will be doing the Flag Tribute, and we have three great hermits.

Also, this meeting will be the first meeting with John Patronas, High Priest, Arley Smith, King and John Lynch, Scribe. Attend and support your officers for 2009.

Leland Routt and Steven Fowler will be dressed in Tuxedo's to commemorate the occasion, no actually, they are heading north at 10:00 for official chapter duties; as Inspector and Deputy Grand Lecturer.

Now the next question; how do we lessen our dependency on the "book"? We do not open the ritual book except when we are attending chapter meetings and then when we do open the book, we ask "what page"?

I will make an offer, an offer **without hesitation, without "strings"**. If two or more of you want to gather, a place of your choosing, and strengthen our knowledge of the ritual, I will be there to help you. You decide.



## Stockton Council No. 10

**Saturday, March 21, 2009: Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. and Stated Meeting at 10:00 a.m. THIRD SATURDAY**

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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This will be the first meeting with Dennis Meritt, Illustrious Master, Don Murchison, Deputy Master, and John Patronas, Principal Conductor of the Work. Attend and support your officers for 2009.

As stated under Chapter musings Leland Routt and Steven Fowler will be dressed in Tuxedo's to commemorate the occasion, no actually, they will not be in attendance, as they will be on the road by 10:00 for official chapter duties; as Grand Chapter Inspector and Deputy Grand Lecturer.

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## Stockton Commandery No 8

**Stated Conclave is Saturday, April 25, 2009: Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. and Installation 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 what may be his condition in life or station in society.

A most wonderful time was had by all Sir Knights, their ladies, families and friends, as over 40 Sir Knights and their Ladies attended the open installation of your officers for 2009. I was speechless and mumbled several times due to the many sideliners in attendance. I believe I thanked each of you several times for attending and again, I thank each of you for attending. This was a magnificent installation, installation of your officers for 2009. Thank you.

Many "old" and "new" faces, all decked out in their Knight Templar uniform were present; Robert Coe, Fenton Mereness, Bill Purcell, Wes Martin, Don Wilcoxon, Ian Martin our Junior Past Commander, and many others, thank you.

The Installation Ceremony was one of the better ceremonies in recent memory. Not due to the number of people attending but due to the enthusiasm of the people in attendance. I have attended Knight Templar Installations having a greater number of Sir Knights in attendance but not with the happiness and joy that Stockton Commandery No. 8 displayed. This was and is the basic reason this newsletter was started, to keep all of Stockton York Rite informed and create greater attendance. There were times when Stockton Chapter No. 28, Stockton Council No. 10, and Stockton Commandery No. 8 could not open due to lack of attendees, and it is my hope and wish that these days are behind us and that this newsletter assisted in a small way.

Stockton Commandery No. 8, the Commander and Officers extend its appreciation and thank you to the Installation Team and Grand Officers that attended the Open Installation. These Sir Knights, Companions, and Brothers are what Masonry is all about, giving of their time for the betterment of Masonry; Faith, Hope, and Charity, Charity to our fellow men. The Sir Knights in attendance were:

**Right Eminent Department Commander Robert C. Coe KYGCH, KCT**  
Southwest Department Commander, Grand Encampment of Knights Templar,  
United States.  
Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, State of  
California

**Sir Knight Fenton Mereness KYCH**  
Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, State of California.  
Department Commander (Department 6, ours)  
Grand Director of Ritual, Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, State of California.

**Sir Knight James H. McKasson KYCH**  
Assistant Director of Ritual, Department 6, Grand Commandery of Knights  
Templar, State of California (our department)

**Sir Knight Steven Fowler KYCH**  
Inspector, Department 6 Division A, Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, State  
of California  
Deputy Grand Lecturer, Department 3, Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, State  
of California

**Sir Knight William Purcell**  
Inspector, Department 5 Division B, Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, State  
of California  
Assistant Grand Lecturer Department 3, Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, State  
of California  
Inspector, Cryptic Arch 9, Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, State of California

**Sir Knight Leland Routt KYCH**  
Inspector, Department 6 Division B, Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, State  
of California  
Inspector, District 10, Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, State of California

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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 we do it very well, but we do many things very well, just look at the list that was compiled for your reading enjoyment of the last newsletter.

This is why I discussed commitment many times during the several prior newsletters. Commit yourself to that portion of the York Rite that you enjoy and

the whole of Stockton York Rite will be that much better. Thank you. With the above offer I am not stepping on our Officers Toes, I am retired and have made a commitment to myself to put more time into Masonry because that is what I truly enjoy.

Our next Stated Conclave is Saturday, April 25, 2009, which is the time for our annual inspection. After this inspection, we will hold the annual inspection in October, giving the Inspector more than 2 minutes to write the report because the annual York Rite Sessions begin the next day.

Annual York Rite Sessions; the Grand Council meets on Monday, April 27, 2009, Grand Commandery on Tuesday, April 28, 2009, and Grand Chapter on Wednesday, April 29, 2009. It would be a proud day for Stockton York Rite, for the Dias officers to be in attendance during their specific session; i.e., the Chapter Dias Officers to be in attendance on Wednesday, Commandery Officers to be in attendance on Tuesday, and Council Officers to be in attendance on Monday.

During our conclave on April 25, 2009, we will do the Opening, Rehearsal of Duties, and Closing – without the book, period. Again, reference my offer in the above paragraph.