



Old Dominion Commandery No. 11

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Non nobis, Domine, non nobis, sed tuo da gloriam

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From the Apartment of the Commander:

General Order No. 2004 – 4

The July Conclave of Old Dominion Commandery will open in short form at 7:00 P.M. on July 28th to confer the Order of Malta in the North Room of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial with a light supper at 6:30 P.M. Rehearsal for the Order will be at 7:00 P.M. on July 14th.



The Commander Salutes...

> the efforts of all Sir Knights who participated in the inspection June 23rd by our District Deputy Grand Commander, Sir Knight Jamil Gabro, who was pleased with the results of the inspection.

> All Sir Knights who participated in the escort of the procession of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 June 24th and then attended the St. John's Day Service at Christ Church. These events strengthen our relationships with the community and with our Constituent Lodges.

> All Sir Knights who participated in the Commandery conferral of Order of the Red Cross and also of the Mark Master and Past Master Degrees by Mt. Vernon Royal Arch Chapter No. 14 on July 6th, thereby strengthening our relationship with the Chapter which is our primary source for Commandery membership.

> Old Dominion Sir Knights who participated in our fraternal visit to Arlington Commandery No. 29 on June 5th and were treated to a very interesting and inspiring power point presentation by Professor Robie Roy on the situation of the Coptic Christians and their organized charities to aid Coptic orphans. They also enjoyed the fellowship and hospitality of our Arlington Commandery Brothers.

> all Old Dominion members who have re-located from our area and maintain their active membership in support of Old Dominion No. 11.

MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

The first priority of the Grand Commander is membership. In order to strengthen our Membership efforts, I have appointed three of our Sir Knights to leadership of the Membership Committee, Sir Knights Carl Gagliardi, Thomas Little and Mark Underwood. Each of these Sir Knights will have copies of Commandery information pamphlets and petitions for membership. However, every member of the Commandery is a member of this Committee and should not reduce his efforts to enlist new members. Old Dominion Commandery Ambassadors to the Lodges in our area will also be appointed. Active participation in Symbolic Lodge and Chapter activities and degrees is an excellent platform to invite Brothers and Companions to complete their York Rite journey by becoming Knights Templar. If we are to continue the march started by our predecessors 132 years ago, we need to bring more Christian Masons to petition our Commandery. If you inform them, EVERY CHRISTIAN MASON SHOULD WANT TO BE A KNIGHT TEMPLAR

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - UPCOMING EVENTS

GRAND COMMANDER'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO DIST. 3

Our Grand Commander, Sir Knight Jay L. Cotner, will make his official visit to our Third Chivalric District at Arlington Commandery, 1 South George Mason Drive, Arlington, on Saturday evening, August 14th. All Sir Knights and their Ladies are invited and encouraged to attend the dinner and meeting. Dinner tickets will be \$15.00 per person.



THE OLD DOMINION IN HISTORY

Excerpted by Sir Knight Robert McMarlin, PGC

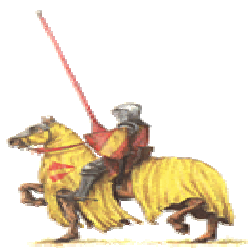
“At the annual election of officers on June 19, 1882, S.K. E. E. Downham was elected Commander and was installed by V. E. Sir Knight Reed, our first Commander, who was now in the Grand line. Sir Knight Downham had interests in at least two firms, E. E. Downham and H. Green, and E. E. Downham and Co., wholesale liquor dealers, at 13 King St. While President of the City Council in 1880, he was instrumental in organizing the centennial celebration of Alexandria. He was director of the German Building Association and a director of the Alexandria Library. Sir Knight Downham was also one of the original members of Washington Monument Association of Alexandria whose successor, the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, finally produced the Temple on Shuter's Hill. S.K. Downham was also a member of the Mt. Vernon Avenue association, a group which had a magnificent idea for building a grand highway from D.C. to Mt. Vernon. Sir Knight Downham served two terms (1877 – 1879) as Master of Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 120. Born in Bridgeton, N.J. in 1839, he came to Alexandria in early manhood. In the 1880s, he lived at 411 N. Washington St. He was elected mayor and served 1888 – 1890.

“At the October meeting, a letter from Columbia Commandery No. 2 in D.C. was read. It was an invitation to join their Templars in a parade to Garfield Fair. At 9:30 A.M. November 30, 1882, the Commandery assembled at the asylum for march to the A. & F. Railroad station. Taking the train, the Commandery arrived at Washington at 10:30 and was received by a detachment of Washington Commandery No. 1 and Columbia No. 2 and escorted to the Masonic Temple. At 11:30 the lines were formed and the parade took up the line of march from the Temple by way of 9th Street to K Street, thence west to the circle near Georgetown and thence, via Pennsylvania Avenue to the Capitol and on the east front of that building were reviewed by the Grand Commander, R. E. Sir Knight Peyton S. Coles.

“Some years after his term as Commander, Sir Knight Downham was appointed to the Grand Line, rising to Grand Commander of Virginia. He served in this capacity from October 12, 1893 to November 15, 1894. He continued to faithfully serve the Commandery after his term as Commander, for the next 37 years. He and Sir Knight Alexander were regularly appointed as escorts for important visitors being received into the asylum. Finally, at the age of eighty-two, he was called to the Father September 17, 1921 and interred at Presbyterian Cemetery, Wilkes Street.”

Does the reader know of a Commandery that can muster a company, or even a squad, which can march the distance to the East front of the Capitol, where the reviewing stand stood? ____ Sir Knight R. D. McMarlin, PGC

**WITH PRIDE IN OUR PAST AND FAITH IN OUR FUTURE,
CONTINUE THE MARCH**



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