



Old Dominion Commandery No. 11

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From the Apartment of the Commander:

General Order No. 2004 - 3

Old Dominion Commandery will visit Arlington Commandery June 4th. Stated Conclave will be Wednesday, June 23, 2004 in the North Room of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial with a light supper at 6:30 PM. The program will deal with the Knights of St. John. Also in June, the Commandery will participate in the St. John's Day program of Alexandria Washington Lodge No. 22 at Gadsby's tavern at 6:30 PM on Thursday evening, June 24th. All Sir Knights are called to attend both events.

We will escort the procession of the Lodge from Gadsby's Tavern to Christ Church, attend the evening service, and return. For those desiring to participate in the St. John's festival dinner at the Tavern, tickets may be obtained from any of the Lodge officers for \$35.00. Those unable to attend the dinner and Table Lodge, may depart upon return to the Tavern.



Congratulations to our own **Sir Knight Mark Underwood** who was installed as Grand Junior Warden at the Grand Conclave. Thanks to the excellent leadership of **Sir Knight David Morris** and the efforts of members of Old Dominion, at the Grand Conclave we won the Ivan Clayton "Pat" Myers Award *Summa Cum Laude* for ritualistic competency and the rotating Wooding Trophy for the most outstanding Commandery based upon points received through the DDGM's evaluation report. Thanks to the leadership of **Sir Knight Gilbreath** and the magnanimity of our members, we also won the trophy for per capita contributions to the Holy Land Pilgrimage. Well Done! These awards will be on display for the year.



At our May Conclave, we conferred the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross upon Companions Brendan Burns, Keith Butler and Douglas Wood and two Companions from Piedmont Commandery, with Eminent Commander Don McAndrews of Piedmont, and Eminent Commander Elias Semaan of Arlington Commandery both filling roles in the cast, along with Eminent Sir Knight Jamil Gabro of Arlington Commandery. **Sir Knight Gilbreath** is commended for his excellent conferral of the degree as Sovereign Master and as Degree Master and Director of Work. Thanks also go to **Sir Knights Pablo Rocha** and **David Morris** who equipped the Companions and arrayed the asylum.

We also accepted with regret the resignation of Sir Knight Robert Bartruff and appointed Sir Knight James Stevenson to be Warder.

Sir Knight John Shroeder
Commander

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

MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

Sir Knights, we have started three candidates on their journey to the Order of the Temple, the culmination of the York Rite quest. This number does not begin to replace the number lost last year. 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

***June 4, 2004* – Visit Arlington Commandery No. 29**

June 23, 2004 – Old Dominion Commandery #11 Conclave

June 24, 2004 – Old Dominion Commandery #11 at Gadsby's Tavern



** Eminent Commander Elias Semaan has chosen as his theme for Arlington Commandery to explore the persecution of Christians throughout the world. Their June 4th Conclave will feature Professor Robie Roy, a Security Analyst and Coptic leader, speaking on that subject. The program will be open to family members as well as Sir Knights. Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM at the Arlington Temple at U.S. Route 50 and South George Mason Drive.



FURTHER ACCOUNT OF OLD DOMINION COMMANDERY IN 1878

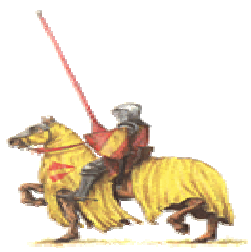
(Cont'd. from May 2004 Orders account of travel to Grand Commandery)

[The pilgrimage to Norfolk was a happy affair, and it took eleven pages for Sir Knight Alexander to record it in his journal.] “The commandery assembled in full dress at the asylum at 3 o'clock and, preceded by Professor Donch's Band and escorted by the Alexandria Light Infantry of the Virginia State Guard, marched through the city to the wharf where they boarded the steamer Mary Washington. The compliment paid by the Alexandria Light Infantry in escorting the Commandery to the boat was peculiarly of worth and consideration when it is remembered that the Commandery is debarred from returning the compliment in kind and our friends knew it. After steaming into the channel, the Commandery was mustered and the following [list of 32 members, five male guests and eight ladies] responded. There was dancing, [music from Donch's Band], food, and talk until eleven. {By then they were too tired to do anything but retire. By the time Point Lookout was passed, they were all asleep.]

“The Grand Commandery assembled at 10 am Wednesday and one of their first acts was to “elect our Sir Knight F. A. Reed the Grand Standard Bearer.” [That evening the Knights attended a reception and ball tendered by Grice Commandery No. 16.]

[On Thursday there was more parading, dining and fun. On Friday, they visited and marched in Portsmouth. Departing Saturday by steamer, the Commandery docked at Fortress Monroe and, accompanied by the ladies, marched to the quarters of General Getty, Commandant, to pay their respects.]

“On arrival at Alexandria early Sunday morning completely exhausted, they immediately departed for their respective homes.” (Excerpted By Sir Knight Robert D. McMarlin, PGC)



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