



Old Dominion Commandery No. 11

<http://www.vayorkrite.org/kt/kt11.htm>

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CHARTERED DECEMBER 12, 1872 - ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

A.O. 886-887

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

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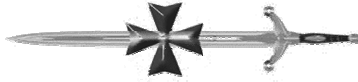
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From the Apartment of the Commander

General Order No. 2004 - 2

PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE

Stated Conclave Wednesday, May 26, 2004 - Opens 7:00 PM in short form in the North Lodge Room for the conferral of the Order of the Red Cross.



For those who are fascinated, as I am, by archeological and other historical investigations which study the hard evidence of the Bible, and who have access to the internet, a very interesting discussion can be found on the internet at <http://members.aol.com/FLJOSEPHUS/testimonium.htm>.

This site provides considerable recent scholarly analysis of the long-controversial statements some have attributed to the historian, Flavius Josephus, regarding Jesus being the Messiah and appearing to his disciples on the third day after crucifixion. Other scholars have concluded that these statements were added to Josephus's work by a later Christian copyist and taken from Luke's Gospel. Study of this is particularly interesting and appropriate during this time.

Another website which should be of interest to all Knights Templar is that of the Religious Liberty Commission of the Evangelical Association at <http://www.worldangelical.org/textonly/3persecanalysis.htm>

This site opens with the following statements: "Let me start by saying that many people find it very surprising, even unbelievable, that in today's world the largest group of people being persecuted for their faith are Christians. This seems all the more unusual because Christianity is the world's largest religion. I am fully aware that other religions, whether Buddhist, Hindu, Muslim or others also suffer in various contexts, and we shall address these situations in subsequent articles. However, for the present we will focus on Christians, due to the urgency of the situation. Incredibly, more than 200 million people in over 60 nations are being denied their basic human rights for one reason only: they are Christians. The main reason Christians are being persecuted today is the simple fact that Christianity is growing fastest in countries where human rights are being violated or do not exist." In view of our commitment, I commend these sites to you.

Sir Knight John Shroeder
Commander

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

MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

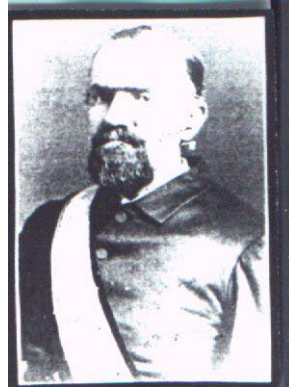
Sir Knights, our numbers are diminished by a number of demits and suspensions during the past year. If we are to continue the march started by our predecessors 132 years ago, we need to bring more Christian Masons to petition our Commandery. If you inform them, EVERY CHRISTIAN MASON SHOULD WANT TO BE A KNIGHT TEMPLAR.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 12-14, 2004 – The Grand Commandery of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
May 26, 2004 – Stated Conclave Old Dominion Commandery #11

THEY MARCHED THIS WAY BEFORE US

By Sir Knight Robert D. McMarlin, PGC



For the year 1878 – '79, the recently formed Old Dominion Commandery selected Joseph Hopkins, pictured above, as Commander. Sir Knight Hopkins was one of eleven candidates given the Orders by Old Dominion during 1872 commencing with the Red Cross which was conferred on November 20, 1872. The dues had been set at \$5 and fees for the Orders at \$40. [The Bureau of Labor Statistics suggests that a dollar in 1878 was worth \$14.85 in 1991 - 1993 dollars so this would have made the dues worth about \$75 annually and the fees worth about \$594.00 in 1991 – 1993 dollars.] Like many of the future members, S.K. Hopkins was a businessman, operating a grocery at 5 North Fairfax Street. His home was at 61 South Lee Street.

At the June 1878 meeting a resolution was introduced amending Sect. 3, Article 5, of the by-laws to reduce the fees for the orders to \$30 instead of \$40. Also, a Committee was appointed to determine the costs for construction of cases in the Asylum to hold the members' uniforms. At a called meeting July 17, the Commandery presented Em. S. K. Reed, PC, a new sword and ordered that the account of the presentation be printed in the *Alexandria Gazette*. He gave his old sword to the Commandery, saying that henceforth only this sword would be used to give the accolade, a pledge which is kept to the present day. The old sword had a wooden hilt covered with tortoise shell which had to be replaced with an ivory hilt when it was restored in 1968 because tortoise shell was no longer being manufactured.

On September 3, the Sir Knights with their ladies made a moonlight cruise on the river aboard the steamer *Mary Washington*. On September 24, they knighted seven petitioners including A. W. Armstrong, who later served as Commander.

In preparation for the annual Grand Conclave, held that year at Grice Commandery No. 16 in Norfolk, an order was issued October 9 requiring the Commandery to drill twice each week in the Agriculture Building. Also, on motion, the Command ordered that the practice of exchanging badges at the Grand Conclave be discontinued.

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