

Old Dominion Commandery No. 11

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Commander's Orders – November 2008

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*"Be Thou Faithful Unto Death
And I Will Give Thee A Crown Of Life"*

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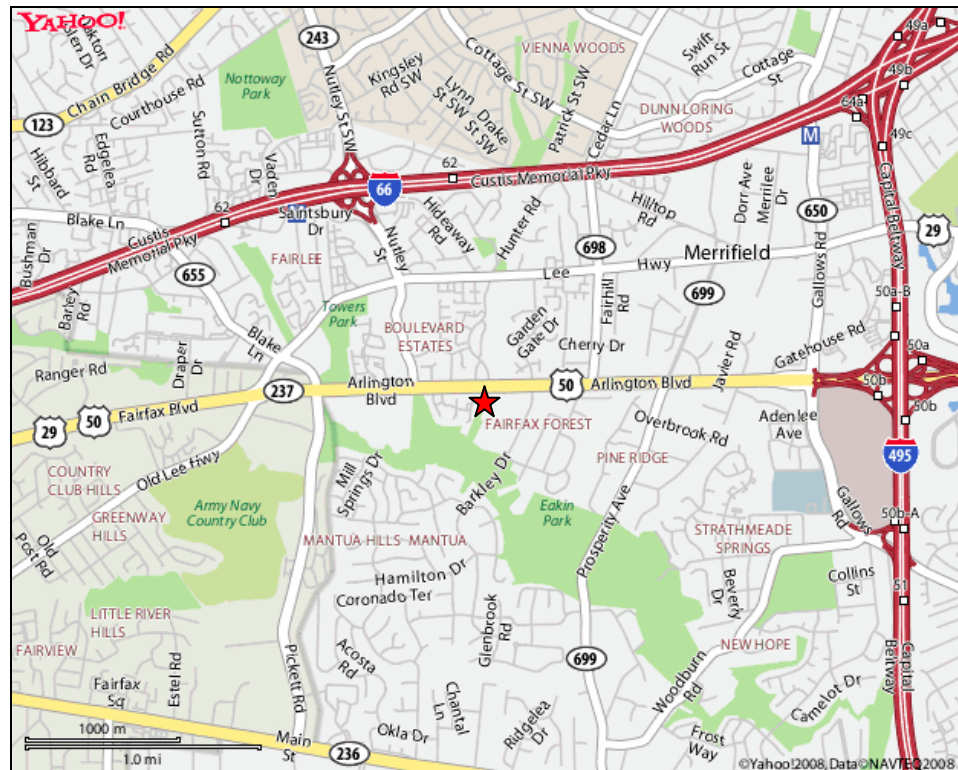
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Sir Knights:

Thanks very much to all who provided support to the Commandery for the *Order of the Temple* at the beginning of the month, particularly to **FJ Pepper** as Order Master for organizing the day and **Jeff Burcham**, Grand Commander of Knights Templar of the Commonwealth of Virginia for conferring the Order from the East. We now have five new Sir Knights in our ranks and many more to come. I would also like to thank the following Sir Knights for helping out with the Commandery move that day – **David Morris, Pablo Rocha, Keith Butler, John Shroeder, Carl Gagliardi, FJ Pepper, John Bullach, Mani Singh** and several of our newest Sir Knights, **John Olson, Adam Duncan, Kevin Homan** and **David Berger**. Thank you all for your tireless support of Virginia Templary.

Sir Knights, our next Stated Conclave will be at our new location at the **Kena Shrine "Anek" facility** located at **9001 Arlington Blvd, Fairfax, Virginia 22031-2601**. I have included a map to our new location west of the Capital Beltway and south of Rte. 66:



As this month is the month of Thanksgiving, I thought it appropriate to have our November Stated Conclave program on the charities of the Knights Templar, being that of Holy Land Pilgrimage and the Eye Foundation. I have asked ESK **George Gilbreath**, PDDGC and RESK **John Wigglesworth**, PGC, respectively, to speak on these two important philanthropies.

Our next Stated Conclave will be pushed forward by one week under special dispensation to Wednesday, November 19, 2008, at our normal meeting time of 7:30 pm. Refreshments will be provided, as usual, ahead-of-time.

Finally, the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight **Jeff Burcham**, would like everyone to be aware of the Festival of Rites that will be taking place on three Saturdays on **January 17** (Royal Arch), **24** (Commandery) and **31** (Scottish Rite), **2009**, when all the Degrees and Orders of both the York Rite and Scottish Rite Masonry will be conferred. The closest one to us is in Richmond at the following address:

**Northside Masonic Lodge
4000 Woody Drive, Richmond, Virginia 23222-1770**

Registration commences at 8:00 am each Saturday morning and the Degrees/Orders begin at 9:00 am. Details and the petition for the Festival can be downloaded from the Grand Commandery website at <http://www.virginiaknightstemplar.org/> under the "Festival of Rites" and "General Order No. 10". We already have a number of brethren and companions attending this special event. This is a rare opportunity to help boost our numbers for the future. Please support the Grand Commander and your Commandery in this special endeavor.

I look forward to seeing you again in the coming months.

Courteously,
Sir Knight James M. Stevenson
Eminent Commander 2008-2009/890-891



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Carl R. Gagliardi * 1988
Walter P. Benesch 1990
Granville C. Canard, Jr. 1993
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George D. Seghers 1996
Mark W. Underwood, DGC 1997
F. J. Pepper * 1998
Pablo A. Rocha 1999
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- Revelation 2:10

ARE YOUR DUES OVERDUE?

Please check your dues card. If it does not read “December 31, 2008,” then it is out of date. You can upgrade your card by sending in your dues to our Recorder, ESK **Carl R. Gagliardi**. Or, better yet, come out to the next Stated Conclave and pay in person, then stay for the fellowship. Applying for a Life Membership in Perpetuity is also welcome and helps your Commandery into the future!

MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

Membership Committee – EVERY Sir Knight is a member of THIS Committee!
Don’t replace yourself, CLONE YOURSELF.

“EVERY CHRISTIAN MASON SHOULD BE A KNIGHT TEMPLAR”

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, December 4, 2008 – Stated Conclave – Piedmont Commandery No. 26 (Fourth Thursdays)
Manasseh Lodge No. 182
9810 Cockrell Rd., Manassas, VA
Dinner at 6:30 pm and Conclave at 7:30 pm
** **November Stated Conclave has been changed under dispensation for Thanksgiving** **

Friday, December 5, 2008 – Stated Conclave – Arlington Commandery No. 29 (First Fridays)
Arlington Centennial-Glebe Lodge No. 81
1 South George Mason Drive, Arlington, VA
Dinner at 6:30 pm and Conclave at 7:30 pm

Wednesday, December 17, 2008 – Stated Conclave – Old Dominion Commandery No. 11
Christmas Libation
NEW LOCATION: Kena Shrine Anek Facility, 9001 Arlington Blvd, Fairfax, VA
Dinner at 6:30PM and Conclave at 7:30pm
** **December Stated Conclave has been changed under dispensation for Christmas** **

**Stated Conclaves of Old Dominion Commandery No. 11
are on the 4th Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm unless otherwise listed**

2008-2009 Stated Conclaves of the Asylum:

23 April 2008	22 October 2008
28 May 2008	19 November 2008 **
25 June 2008	17 December 2008 ***
23 July 2008	28 January 2009
27 August 2008	25 February 2009
24 September 2008	25 March 2009

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Under Special Dispensation (which, in 2008, would normally fall on November 26)
First Stated Conclave at our new location at the Kena Shrine “Anek” facility

*** December Stated Conclave is expected to be changed for Christmas
Under Special Dispensation (which, in 2008, would normally fall on December 24)