



# Old Dominion Commandery No. 11

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**Commander's Orders – October 2008**  
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*“Be Thou Faithful Unto Death  
And I Will Give Thee A Crown Of Life”*

A.D. 2008-2009

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Sir Knights:

Thanks very much to all who provided support to the Commandery for the *Order of Malta* in September. Our six candidates are now ready for their final journey of the Templar Orders which will occur on Saturday, November 1, 2008. We will gather at 8:00 am and get started promptly, no later than 9:00 am, opening in Short Form, commencing with the Chamber of Reflection. Please contact **ESK F.J. Pepper**, PDDGC, Order Master, to assist in some parts as we still have some spots open. He can be reached at (703) 823-2311 or fjpeppermd@aol.com. We cordially invite and welcome our visiting Sir Knights from Arlington, Piedmont, Winchester and Fredericksburg Commanderies on this special day. **A practice has been scheduled for Saturday, October 25, 2008 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm in the Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 “South” Lodge Room.**

This is the tentative cast list as it currently stands:

Commander .....	Jeff Burcham	Generalissimo .....	Jim Ryan
Captain General .....	Joe Bongiovi	Senior Warden.....	George Gilbreath
Junior Warden .....	George Bierman	Prelate .....	F.J. Pepper
Warder .....	TBD	1 <sup>st</sup> Hermit.....	John Shroeder
2 <sup>nd</sup> Hermit .....	Jim Stevenson	3 <sup>rd</sup> Hermit .....	Buck Pape
1 <sup>st</sup> Guard.....	Bob Mayer	2 <sup>nd</sup> Guard .....	Joel Ratliff
3 <sup>rd</sup> Guard .....	TBD	Reader .....	Keith Butler
Prompter.....	Carl Gagliardi	Sentinel.....	TBD
Sepulcher Guard.....	TBD	Director of Work.....	Pablo Rocha

Addressing the decision to move the Commandery, there were twelve (12) voting members present for the discussion and vote. As Commander, I recused myself from the vote in the event of a tie. The secret ballot was collected, and there were found to be ten (10) Sir Knights voting **in favor** of the move, one (1) Sir Knight voting **against** the move and one (1) **abstention**, *passing the proposal with an overwhelming majority*. As a result, **Article I** of our bylaws now reads the following:

**The Stated Conclaves of Old Dominion Commandery No. 11 shall be held at the Kena Shrine facility located at 9001 Arlington Blvd, in Fairfax, VA on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm.**

Our final Stated Conclave in the North Lodge Room at the Memorial will be this month’s meeting on **Wednesday, October 22, 2008 at 7:30 pm** for the Official Visit of the Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Sir Knight **Jeffrey Glen Burcham**. Dinner will be before-hand starting between 6:30 and 6:45 pm. Be advised that **we will be opening in Full Form for the October 22 Conclave**.

We will hold the fore-mentioned Order of the Temple on Saturday, November 1, 2008 in our usual location in the North Lodge Room of the Memorial (as a Called Conclave). The Order will be the *last* event our Commandery holds in those facilities. In the intervening weeks between November 1<sup>st</sup> and the subsequent Stated Conclave on November 19, 2008 at our *new venue at the Kena “Anek” facility*, (date moved forward by one week under dispensation for the Thanksgiving Holiday), we will be moving the Commandery property to its new home. Please contact me at 703-669-6202 if you have vehicles with a large storage capacity to help move the big items and storage cabinets. A moving schedule will be organized soon – and we’ll have to work around Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter during that intervening time.

Again, it is with sincere regret that we must leave our home of so many years but, ironically, during the course of our discussion, it was noted that our rent was *once again* raised from \$210 to **\$220.50** per month just prior to the September Stated Conclave, only reinforcing our unending financial dilemma. The discussion is now complete, the decision has been made. Tradition must now, *in this one case*, yield to fiscal responsibility. We look forward to embracing our neighbors and brothers at the Kena Shrine, where we hope to have a healthy and thriving relationship going forward into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

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

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

**NOTIFICATION**

ESK **Frank Dunaway**, PC, has moved down to Florida with his wife Connie and will no longer be able to serve in the capacity of trustee. That being the case, we will be holding elections for a new trustee to complete the balance of ESK Dunaway’s term through 2010 at our Stated Conclave on October 22, 2008, during the Grand Commander’s visit.



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George D. Gilbreath, KTCH, KCT \*

**EYE FOUNDATION CHAIRMAN**

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Jason W. Snyder \* 1971  
Richard L. Parler 1973  
Abner F. Teague 1982  
Ervin S. Becker \* 1985  
George D. Gilbreath, KTCH, KCT \* 1987  
Carl R. Gagliardi \* 1988  
Walter P. Benesch 1990  
Granville C. Canard, Jr. 1993  
Frank R. Dunaway Jr. \* 1995  
George D. Seghers 1996  
Mark W. Underwood, DGC 1997  
F. J. Pepper \* 1998  
Pablo A. Rocha 1999  
Matthew T. Szramoski \* 2000  
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Douglas J. Snow 2002  
David C. Morris 2003  
John Shroeder, Jr. 2004  
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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, October 23, 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

**\*\*\* Saturday, October 25, 2008 \*\*\*** – **Commandery Ritual School – Old Dominion Commandery No. 11**  
Practice for the Conferral of the Order of the Temple  
George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria, VA – **South Lodge Room**  
**1:00 pm – 3:00 pm**

**\*\*\* Saturday, November 1, 2008 \*\*\*** – **Called Conclave – Old Dominion Commandery No. 11**  
Conferral of the Chamber of Reflection and Order of the Temple on multiple candidates  
George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria, VA – North Lodge Room  
**Gather at 8:00 am and Conclave at 9:00 am**

**Friday, November 7, 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, November 19, 2008** – Stated Conclave – Old Dominion Commandery No. 11  
**Thanksgiving and Charity:**  
ESK **George Gilbreath**, PDDGC, KTCH, KCT for the Holy Land Pilgrimage Program and  
RESK **John Wigglesworth**, PGC for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation  
**NEW LOCATION: Kena Shrine Anek Facility, 9001 Arlington Blvd, Fairfax, VA**  
Dinner at 6:30PM and Conclave at 7:30pm  
**\*\* November Stated Conclave has been changed under dispensation for Thanksgiving \*\***

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

**2008-2009 Stated Conclaves of the Asylum:**

23 April 2008	<b>22 October 2008 *</b>
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

\* October Stated Conclave is scheduled visit of Grand Commander to Old Dominion Commandery No. 11

\*\* November Stated Conclave has been changed for Thanksgiving  
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)