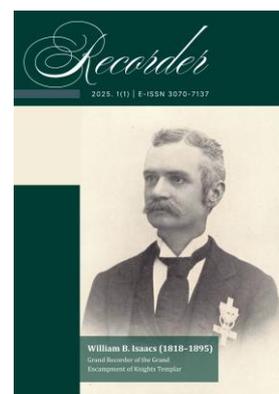


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Uniform of DeMolay Commandery No. 4 – Exposition No. 011 (Feb. 2, 2025)

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Abstract. Exposition No. 011, presented on February 2, 2025, highlights the rich heritage of DeMolay Commandery No. 4, founded in Lynchburg, Virginia, on November 30, 1826. As the Commandery approaches its 200th anniversary in 2026, the exhibit focuses on its distinctive uniform traditions that emerged during the late 19th century, a period of active development in American Masonry. The showcased uniform includes a knight's apron and a dress coat marked "4 VA," identifying the wearer as a member of Commandery No. 4 of Virginia. The exposition emphasizes the continuity, symbolism, and historical significance of Templar regalia within one of the oldest commanderies in the United States.

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On February 2, 2025, Exposition No. 011 was presented at the Museum of the History of the American Knights Templar.

On November 30, 1826, DeMolay Commandery No. 4 was founded in Lynchburg, Virginia, and next (2026) year it will celebrate its 200th anniversary.

In the last quarter of the 19th century, as the Masonic movement developed, DeMolay

Commandery No. 4 established its own uniform distinctions by statute.

The exposition features the uniform of a knight from DeMolay Commandery No. 4 with a knight's apron. The dress coat bears the inscription "4 VA", which stands for "Commandery No. 4 Virginia."





