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# OCCOQUAN LODGE #310

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September 8	Occoquan Stated Communication	Proposals for Increasing Membership Dues Worshipful Michael J. King <i>Back to Tuxedos for the Officers</i>
October 13	Occoquan Stated Communication	
November 10	Occoquan Stated Communication	
<b>All Stated and Called Communications are open at 7:30pm</b>		
<b>William F. Haley, Jr. School of Ritual, every Thursday at 7pm (except 4th Thursday)</b>		

### Did You Know???

Brother and General Thomas H. Benton, Grand Master in Iowa, 1860-1862, posted federal troops around Brother Albert Pike's Masonic Library at Little Rock, Arkansas to protect its valuable contents when that city was invaded during the Civil War.



### September Masonic Profile

Initiated: January 2, 1901, Matinecock Lodge No. 806, Oyster Bay, New York. Brother and President Roosevelt visited the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania (in its present home, the Masonic Temple at One North Broad Street) on November 5, 1902, for the Celebration of the Sesqui-Centennial of Brother George Washington's Initiation into Freemasonry. Governor of New York, 1899-1901. Brother and President Roosevelt issued an Executive Order, dated, October 17, 1901 changing the name of the "Executive Mansion" to the "White House".

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## MASTERS MESSAGE: MICHAEL J. KING, WORSHIPFUL MASTER

Past Masters Night at our August Stated Communication was a very impressive event. Present were 13 Past Masters of Occoquan Lodge, plus two other members of Occoquan Lodge who are Past Masters of other lodges. Worshipful Roland Bailey was "masterful" in serving as Worship Master and with his introductions of the Past Masters. The Past Masters in the stations and places were as follows:

Worshipful Master: Roland Bailey, PM

Senior Warden: Russell Everett Thompson, PM

Junior Warden: William Larry Alexander, PM

Secretary: Robert John Bartruff, Sr., PM

Treasurer: Thomas Allison Reese, PM, PDDGM

Chaplin: Walter Roland Peterman, PM

Marshall: Charles Glenn Bosworth, PM

Senior Deacon: Donald Gordon Phillips, PM

Junior Deacon: Henry Garvey, Jr., PM

Other Past Masters present included:

Charles Lee Cooper, PM

Carl Raymond Gagliardi, PM, PDDGM

Joel R. Johnston, PM

Joel D. Klimoski, PM

Robert L. Riffe, PM

James Robert Scott, Jr., PM

On 16 August, Occoquan Lodge gained 7 new Master Masons through a "One-Day Conferral

of the Degrees in Freemasonry" sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Virginia and held at the Temple of the Alexandria Valley of Scottish Rite Masons. Special presentations were made by the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, Most Worshipful Edmund Cohen. Please join me in extending our warmest welcome to the following new Master Masons, listed below in alphabetical order:

Daniel Phillip Johnstone, Sr.

Gordon Wayne Lindgren

Shawn Robert Matz

Larry Mazur

Daniel Joseph Phillips

Jeffrey Gordon Phillips

John Clinton Swift

At the September Stated Communication we will discuss two proposals to increase Lodge membership dues. Two questions will be discussed: Is there a need to make a one-time adjustment to bring our dues up to date with today's economy? Is there a need for Occoquan Lodge to incorporate a provision in our Bylaws, now allowed by the Grand Lodge of Virginia, to automatically adjust our dues annually according to the change in the cost of living? If a majority of the members present agree to make changes, amendments to our Bylaws will be drafted for a vote at the October Stated Communication.

Earlier this year, we discussed having a Lodge picnic late in the summer to include the entire Occoquan Masonic family. I am now proposing a date for such an event: Saturday, 4 October 2008. My hopes are for this picnic to include our brethren and their ladies, our

sisters of our Chapter of the Eastern Star, our chapter of DeMolay, and our Bethel of Job's Daughter. To make it more interesting, I suggest we can have this be a pot luck event with everyone bringing their favorite dish. I would like the young gentlemen of the DeMolay and ladies of the Jobs Daughters to plan games for the young and OLD (please be easy on us old folks). This would be an ideal event to welcome our newly raised brethren, to show encouragement for those working their way through the degrees in Freemasonry, Eastern Star, Job's Daughters, and DeMolay. It will also be a great opportunity to "Bring a Friend" who is not already a Brother or Sister.

On Saturday, 23 August, Occoquan Lodge held its first Virginia Child Identification Program. This was our first attempt for this community outreach program and I believe it was a great success. While the turnout of people bringing their children for identification was much smaller than we were expecting and hoping, the event brought together many friends among our Masonic family for a day-long event. The Lodge fellowship hall was a bustle of activity. We had two complete assembly lines fully staffed with Brothers and Sisters who were ready to perform specific tasks. There were 17 of our community's beautiful children identified and that information recorded on compact disks presented to their parents. There were lots of lessons learned for our next attempt. Thank you very much to all who turned out to help. A special thanks is extended to our Sisters of the Eastern Star and the young ladies Job's Daughters and young gentlemen of the DeMolay for their assistants. A very special thanks to Brother Brett Allen Holbrook for his tireless diligence in organizing, promoting, and conducting all the activities of this event.



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MESSAGE FROM THE WEST: GARON YOUNG, SENIOR WARDEN

Life Membership In Perpetuity

Section 5.03 of the Methodical Digest states "Life Membership Fees. The Life Membership Fee shall be equal to sixteen (16) times the amount of the Annual Dues and assessments of his Lodge at the time of the purchase, or \$300.00, whichever is greater. Dues for the year in which he purchases the Life Membership must have been paid before the purchase, and are not included in the 16-year calculation, except when the purchase is in memory of a deceased member."

With our current annual dues being \$58.50 times sixteen (16), a Life Membership In Perpetuity (LMIP) at Occoquan Lodge would cost \$936.00. With the current economic situation being what it is and gas prices being at an all time high; most hard working Brothers don't have an extra \$936.00 just lying around. The average male life expectancy is 75.7 years; with that being the case a Brother who is in his middle 20's would pay \$2,925.00 during his life time; likewise a Brother who is in his middle 30's would pay \$2,340.00, and a Brother who is in his middle 40's would pay \$1,755.00. So it would seem to be more cost effective to purchase a LMIP. Occoquan Lodge has a program that will enable every Brother to make regular installments into an account, until he reaches \$936.00. However, you must pay your annual dues until payment for LMIP is submitted. And should the annual amount of our dues increase, then the LMIP would be recalculated on that increased amount. There is no set amount required to be submitted for installments. You decide the installment amount based on what you can pay "without material injury to yourself or family."

LMIP is also a gift that keeps on giving, because a percentage of the LMIP generates income which is returned to the Lodge. So, you see, LMIP benefits both you and the Lodge. You save money on your dues over the long haul in several ways; the Lodge earns a little interest on the investment purchased by the Grand Lodge with your LMIP payment. Now we're not talking about a great deal of money, but as we all know every little bit helps. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, the Lodge Secretary, or the Lodge Treasurer.

On the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free & Accepted Masons of Virginia Website, which can be found at <http://www.grandlodgeofvirginia.org/> some of the Commonly Asked Questions concerning LMIP are:

**Q. What are the advantages of buying a LMIP?**

**A.** First, it benefits you in that you will never again have to remit dues to your Lodge. Second, it provides an endowment that will continue to pay your Lodge, in perpetuity. Thus, you benefit in that you will no longer be subject to dues increases and your Lodge benefits in that it will have income, in the amount of your dues, forever.

**Q. How do future dues increases affect my LMIP?**

**A.** Once you purchase your LMIP, you will never again have to pay dues. Neither will you have to pay for future dues increases. Effectively, your LMIP "freezes" your dues at the current level. Thus, your Lodge will receive funds from LMIP each year based upon the dues in force at the time you purchased your Life Membership.

**Q. How much does it cost?**

**A.** Your current dues must be paid. Then, the LMIP can be purchased at sixteen times your current dues at the time you pay for it. Thus, if you elect to make installment payments, and your Lodge has a dues increase, the cost is sixteen times the dues at the time you make your final payment. For example, assume Lodge dues are \$50. The LMIP would cost \$800 (16 x \$50). If you make installment payments towards the \$800 cost, and your Lodge increases its dues to \$55 before you make your final installment payment, then your Life Membership costs goes up to \$880 (16 x \$55). It will obviously benefit you to make your final installment payment before any dues increase takes effect.

**Q. How are the funds invested? Am I assured that I will never have to pay dues again?**

**A.** The funds are invested by a professional money manager. He utilizes diversified investments to both maximize income and hedge against investment risk. The manager is supervised by the LMIP Committee to assure compliance with established investment goals. By using conservative investment goals, we can assure the long term stability of the Plan, which will preclude you from ever having to pay dues again.

**Q. How do assessments by Grand Lodge affect the LMIP?**

**A.** The 1996 Grand Lodge session approved a change to the LMIP Plan, so that assessments do not affect LMIP participants. Thus, LMIP participants are not affected by increases in either dues or assessments.

**Q. How is my LMIP affected if I transfer membership to another Lodge?**

**A.** A LMIP purchased with Lodge funds can be transferred only upon approval by vote of the Lodge and agreement of all parties. Your LMIP may be transferred to a "new" Lodge, if they vote to accept it. Different dues levels in subordinate Lodges may make it difficult to transfer your LMIP. Additionally, your LMIP will only transfer to another Virginia Lodge. However, if you have dual membership, you must pay dues in the second Lodge, or buy a second LMIP. With two LMIP's you will actually be endowing two Lodges in perpetuity.

September Masonic Birthdays

Frellsen Reese	1949
Glen B. Keith	1957
Herbert Sprung	1963
Joseph M. Dunivin	1964
Thomas A. Yarbrough	1965
Roland Bailey	1968
Robert C. Hausafus	1969
John S. Giltner	1970
Charles A. Harrover	1971
Joel D. Klimoski	1974
Benjamin W. Fravel	1975
Rondal C. Phillips	1979
Ralph F. Sahagun	1992
Christopher A. Powell	1994
John R. Palmer	1994
Larry E. Buckner, Jr.	1995
Robert C. Nelser	1997
Jon E. Thornburg	1997
Trevor S. Meade	2002
Curtis H. Hoagland	2003
Daniel T. Andrews	2004
Skippy W. Linton III	2005
Raymond L. Lambert	2006
Stephen B. Roche	2006
Damian A. Dobard	2007
Joseph M. Venable	2007

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**Blood Coordinator:**

WB Larry Alexander:  
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**Funeral:**

WB Larry Alexander

**Temple and Grounds:**

Bro Raymond Lambert  
Bro James Scott, Sr:  
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**Trustees:**

RW Leon Troyer:  
WB Robert Rife  
WB Charles Bosworth

**Lodge Scheduling:**

Bro Timothy Eggers

**OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

Occoquan Chapter	4th Fri, 8 pm
Order of Eastern Star	
Bethel #55	1st & 3rd Tue 7:15 pm
International Order of Jobs Daughters	
Occoquan Chapter	1st & 3rd Wed, 7:30 pm
International Order of DeMolay	

**Occoquan Lodge #310**  
**Chartered February 10, 1910**  
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<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Robert John Bartruff, PM</b> (703)690-0784	<b>Marshall</b>	<b>Charles Glenn Bosworth, PM</b> (703) 494-9806
<b>Senior Deacon</b>	<b>Daniel Todd Andrews</b> (703) 922-8624	<b>Tiler</b>	<b>Raymond Lee Lambert</b> (703) 491-4471
<b>Junior Deacon</b>	<b>Timothy Richard Eggers</b>		

**Living Past Masters**

Mark M. Shepherd	1953	Jack N. Roach	1986
Lawrence E. Nail	1954	Kenneth Touloumes	1987
James G. Alls	1960	Jay R. Waldman	1988
Lovic McElroy	1962	Ralph L. Bennett	1989
Charles W. Dean	1966	Wayne K. Simpson	1990
Marvin L. Perry	1968	Walter R. Peterman	1991
Charles W. Fisher, Sr.	1969	Joel R. Johnston	1992
William R. Johnson	1973	Walter J. Schwenger	1996
Roland Bailey	1974	William E. Schwenger	1997
Buford T. Walters	1975	James R. Scott, Jr.	1998
Robert L. Hausafus	1976	William L. Alexander	1999/05
Robert L. Riffe	1977	Charles G. Bosworth	2000
John H. Oravec, Jr.	1978	Larry E. Buckner, Jr.	2001
Russell E. Thompson	1979	Charles L. Cooper	2003
Herbert A. McClain	1980	Joel D. Klimoski	2004
Edward L. Hensel, Jr.	1981	Henry Garvey, Jr.	2006
Leon S. Troyer	1982	Donald Phillips	2007
Robert L. Phillips	1983		
Thomas A. Reese	1984/95		
Joseph O. McCourt	1985		

**Honorary, Fifty Year and Life**

**Honorary Members**

Roland Bailey	Charles Bosworth
Leonard J. Fischer	Edward L. Hensel, Jr.
Joel R. Johnston	Harold H. Mattice
Lawrence E. Nail	Frellsen Reese
Marvin L. Perry	Robert L. Riffe
Thomas A. Reese	Milton L. Sholley
Mark M. Shepherd	Leon S. Troyer
Russell E. Thompson	Norman W. King
Buford T. Walters	

**Fifty Year Members**

Wilbert L. Fronk	Leonard J. Fischer
Charles Holbrook	Alexander Krasich
Lawrence E. Nail	Harold H. Mattice
Frellsen Reese	Paul S. Jacobson
Mark M. Shepherd	James Robert Scott
Emery B. Trott	Milton L. Sholley
Louis Lang	Zachary Ruiz
Norman W. King	James A. Buckner
Federick D. Jenkins	Arthur H. Goding

**Life Members**

William L. Alexander	Roland Bailey
Nathan D. Bozarth	Larry E. Buckner
Larry E. Buckner, Jr.	John M. Carria, Jr.
Phillip C. Clarke, Jr.	Phillip C. Clarke, Sr.
Dale R. Cyr	Loyd E. Davis
Richard E. Dudley	Joseph M. Dunivan
Donald L. Dyer, Jr.	John S. Giltner
Charles A. Harrover	Joel R. Johnston
Kyle Keen	Herbert A. McClain
Walter J. Schwenger	William E. Schwenger
James R. Scott	Thomas M. Sessions
Thomas P. Winn	Donald L. Epperson
Lawrence E. Nail	Robert V. Reese
Russell E. Thompson	Daniel T. Andrews
Leonard D. Jackson	Robert Bartruff
Michael J. King	