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# OCCOQUAN LODGE #310

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October 6	Occoquan Called Communication	Conferral of an Entered Apprentice degree
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 "Buzz" Aldrin, a member of Clear Lake Lodge #1417 in Texas, when he stepped onto the surface of the moon, carried a special deputation from his Grand Master to claim the moon as being in the territorial jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Texas. And so it is.



### October Masonic Profile

Initiated: November 19, 1861, Magnolia Lodge, No. 20, Columbus, Ohio. Owing to Civil War duties, Brother James A. Garfield did not receive the Master Mason's Degree until November 22, 1864 in Columbus Lodge No. 30, Columbus, Ohio. On October 10, 1866, he Affiliated with Garrettsville Lodge No. 246, Garrettsville, Ohio, serving as its Chaplain in 1868-1869. Brother Garfield then became a Charter Member of Pentalpha Lodge No. 23 of Washington, D.C. on May 4, 1869; in fact, he was one of the Petitioners for the Lodge Charter.

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

At the September Stated Communication we discussed three proposals regarding membership dues and degree fees. The questions discussed were: (1) Is there a need to make a one-time adjustment to bring our dues up to date with today's economy? (2) Is there a need to incorporate an automatic cost-of-living adjustment for our dues? (3) Is there a need to increase the fees charged candidates for degrees? After a lively discussion, most members present agreed that we need more information. A committee, chaired by Worshipful Roland Bailey, was formed to study our income and expenses over the past five years and report back to the Lodge in October. WB Bailey was also charged to evaluate the needs for the Lodge in the near future and recommend a plan of action.

At the Stated Communication, I provided written reports that indicated that Occoquan's dues are very close, but slightly below, the average amounts charged by other lodges in Masonic Districts 1A, 1B, and 54. It was also pointed out that the cost of items provided to candidates is more than the amount it receives for the degrees in Freemasonry. There is also an error in the Bylaws that needs to be corrected relating to the fees charged candidates for each degree.

The Lodge will revisit these issues at the October Stated Communication. I am sure the discussions will continue to be lively, passionate, and meaningful. Please come and contribute, or at least here the issues first hand.

Masonic education is an important activity of Freemasonry. As the Master of the Lodge, I am working on a plan for an education program that breaks down the rituals and lectures into short programs for Stated Communications and for presentation at our schools. I hope to explore the meanings of the many symbols and allegories and to facilitate discussions on what these lessons mean to us in context with today's environment.

We have seen the value of the "Word of the Month" presented each Stated Communication by Worshipful James Robert Scott, Jr. I hope these will continue next year and on into the future. I recently read, with great interest, an article titled "Thoughts from a Young Mason," published in the March-April 2007 edition of the *Scottish Rite Journal* in which Brother G. Cliff Porter, 32° expressed his beliefs of what young Masons want from Freemasonry in difference with "what old Masons believe young Masons want." It was very enlightening and I believe worthy of consideration within Occoquan Lodge. Bro Porter points out three of the many misconceptions more mature Masons have towards young Masons:

*Young Masons want everything easier and faster, which leads to one-day raisings, watered down ritual, and little or no memory work.*

*Young Masons want or need low dues.*

*Young Masons want it to be easy to get in.*

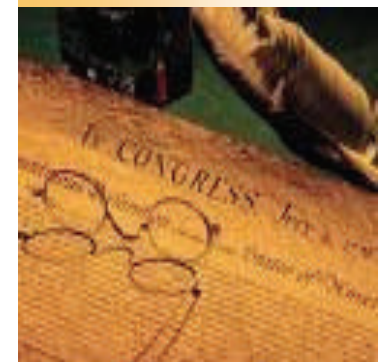
Bro Porter's article dispels these misconceptions with his perspective, as a 34-year-old, Scottish Rite Mason, of what young Masons really want. I mention this here, because it is my sincere belief that the future of Freemasonry, in general, and Occoquan Lodge in particular, rests with the diligent pursuit of what the Brethren (both young and old) want from their association with this noble fraternity. I concur with what has been said so many times by so many brothers, that the key to good attendance at lodge meetings is exciting, engaging, and interesting programs. Interesting and engaging programs at our meetings must be supplemented by an opportunity to learn more about Freemasonry. This learning includes an exploration of the meaning of the many symbols and allegories of Freemasonry and, more specifically, to evaluate what they mean privately to each of us. There should be an opportunity for this learning at Stated and Called Communications and at as many other times and venues as we can provide them.

I hope to, once again, tap the vast knowledge and experience of our Past Masters to plan and implement a Masonic Education program for Occoquan Lodge. I will invite all within the circle of these communications to join us in the work and benefits of such a program.



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-Michael J. King



FREEMASONRY IN THE WORLD

**Culture department takes notice of Freemason Lodge Building**

KARACHI: The Sindh culture, tourism and social welfare department has decided to demolish a semi-constructed Sindh wildlife board office building that lies on the premises of a protected heritage site, the historical Freemason Lodge Building.

Culture Secretary Shams Jafrani revealed that the advisory board decided to demolish the office in its previous meeting and now, since the board has finalized its decision, it will not waste any time waiting to complete the formalities of the decision.

Standing adjacent to the Governor House near the Karachi Press Club, the 150-year-old Freemason Lodge is adorned with Freemason symbols and was designed by an architect in the British era. At the moment, the building holds wildlife conservation and game inspection offices and a wildlife museum on the ground floor while a wildlife library is housed on the first floor.

The beautiful wooden stairs are still in the same position and have not been infected by termites. These wooden stairs start from the base of the supporting columns at the main entrance of the building and then divide into two parts, each part leading into the opposite entrances of the library hall.

In the middle of the building, there is a square hall with an elevated roof and small rooms are located in the four corners of this hall. All four rooms as well as the main hall are in good condition.

The history of the building reveals that the Freemasons used it as a meeting place till the late eighteenth century. In 1820, it was converted into a Masonic Temple but in 1880, it was again converted into Lodge Hope. The office bearers of the time installed marble nameplates, revealing the history of the building and these plates are still in place.

In the early 1990s, the building was allocated to the Sindh wildlife department who, in the late 90s, authorized the construction of the wildlife board offices beside the main hall of the Freemason Lodge Building. After a heavy sum was allocated, construction began but was halted when the Sindh culture department interrupted.

“I don’t remember the exact year, but I think in 2001, this historical building was declared a protected heritage site under the Sindh Cultural Heritage Act of 1994,” said Jafrani, adding that orders were issued to stop construction as the heritage act prohibits any construction within the premises of any building declared a protected heritage site.

Jafrani revealed that a great sum of money has been allocated to carry out a detailed renovation of the building. “The Sindh wildlife department has allowed the renovation and allocated the necessary funds,” he said, adding that wildlife department officials have been asked to vacate the premises and demolish the semi-constructed building and the Freemason Lodge.

**October Masonic Birthdays**

<b>Juette E. Ryals</b>	<b>1961</b>
<b>Buford T. Walters</b>	<b>1969</b>
<b>Richard E. Dudley</b>	<b>1969</b>
<b>Avrom D. Lewis</b>	<b>1970</b>
<b>David G. Brickley</b>	<b>1975</b>
<b>Ronald F. Grob</b>	<b>1976</b>
<b>Bruce C. Pilch</b>	<b>1977</b>
<b>Charles H. McNabb</b>	<b>2000</b>
<b>Jeffrey W. Smith Sr.</b>	<b>2007</b>



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RW Leon Troyer:  
WB Robert Rife  
WB Charles Bosworth

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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	

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<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

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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	