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# OCCOQUAN LODGE # 310

## MARCH 2009 TRESTLE BOARD

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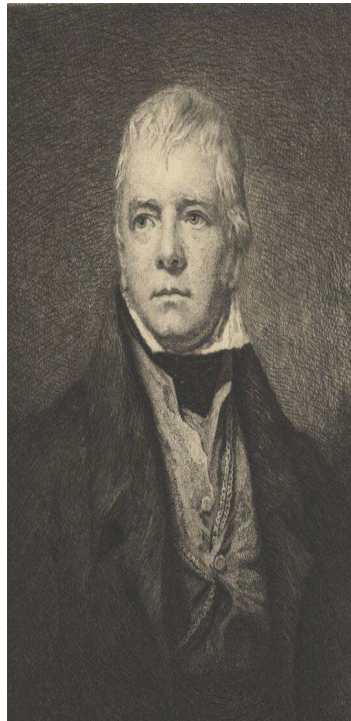
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#### Did You Know???

No one knows when Freemasonry began. The first written reference to Masonry as an organization appeared in 1356 when a Code of Mason Regulations was formally drawn up at the Guildhall in London, England. In 1376 we find information about the London Masons' Company and it's interesting to note its early evolution. According to Grand Lodge, it leased in 1463 some land and buildings for 99 years, and the buildings were converted into the first Masons' Hall. (In the 99th year it purchased this property outright); in 1472 the company was given a Grant of Arms with the motto "God Is Our Guide," later changed to "In the Lord is all our trust." The Arms, but slightly changed, remain part of the Arms of the United Grand Lodge of England today.

Date	Event	Speaker
March 9	Occoquan Stated Communication Nomination of Trustees	
March 14	Division Leadership Conference Alexandria Scottish Rite Temple, Alexandria, VA	
<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>		



#### March Masonic Profile

Bro. Sir Walter Scott stepped quickly into prominence in the lodge, and before receiving the second degree acted as Junior Warden, in the absence of that official, on the 25th and 30th of January, and also on the 4th of February. On the 20th of March he was passed F.C., and two days later was raised to the Degree of M.M. He again acted as Junior Warden, *pro tempore*, on 29th March and 3rd April, and on 10th April as Depute Master. At the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, 27th December, 1754, within a year of his initiation he was elected and installed Senior Warden. The minutes of the meetings at this period were signed by the R.W. Master and Wardens, and Bro. Scott's signature, as Junior Warden, *pro tem.*, 1754, and as Senior Warden in 1755, appears in the Minute Book nineteen times.

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**MASTERS MESSAGE: GARONE. YOUNG, WORSHIPFUL MASTER**

Brethren,

On February 2, we conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree on Brother Gregory Porch II, our youngest member of the Lodge (both Masonically and literally – he's 18 years old), and in doing so we now have three generations of the Porch family as current members on the active rolls of our Lodge.

At our Stated Communication, we will be voting for the Masonic District 1B District Deputy Grand Master for calendar year 2011.

Also, at our Stated Communication we will be soliciting nominations to elect three new Trustees, in order to be in compliance section 2.69 of the Methodical Digest which states "The Trustees shall be elected by the Lodge. The Lodge shall then apply to the courts of the state, certify that the members named were elected by the Lodge." By way of background, WB Norm King volunteered his time and spent several hours at the Circuit Court Land Office at the Prince William Judicial Center to research the court records pertaining to the listed Trustees of Occoquan Lodge. The only information that he was able to locate, was a referral to Deed Box 121, listed on page 220. The Deed is

dated December 24, 1951 and conveys the land for one thousand dollars to "S. Ellis Davis, Thos. F. Joyce and B.W. Brunt, Trustees of Occoquan Masonic Lodge, Number 310, of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, at Occoquan." Unfortunately, WB King was unable to find any further court orders appointing any new Trustees.

The 2009 Division Leadership Conference will take place at the Scottish Rite Temple, Alexandria, VA on March 14. Registration will begin at 8:30. All Lodge Officers are encouraged to attend, but all Master Masons are also invited to attend as well.

I would also like to mention that the official philanthropic project of Job's Daughters is Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment or HIKE, which was created in 1985 to strengthen voluntary support for hearing-impaired kids. It is a program that supplies hearing devices to children with hearing impairments between the ages of newborn and twenty years whose parents are unable to meet this

special need financially.

Occoquan's Bethel, Bethel #55, are currently taking pledges and/or donations for this wonderful cause and will be travelling to Virginia Beach on March 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> to HIKE along the beach to earn their pledges/donations.

It should be noted that all donations are tax deductible. Checks should be made payable to GGC of VA (Grand Guardian Council of Virginia) with a notation in the memo line of "H.I.K.E." and can be mailed to the Bethel Guardian at 3040 Fox Lair Drive, Apt. 103, Woodbridge, VA 22191 or left in the Bethel's mailbox.

Finally, I am happy to announce the newest member to our Masonic family. On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, Brother Robert Boland's wife, Ruthanne, gave birth to their baby girl Elizabeth Ellen. Both mother and daughter are doing exceptionally well.

Very Respectfully & Fraternally,

Garon



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## BROTHER RYAN DANIEL PITTMAN, SENIOR DEACON

Recently, as I sat studying for my Warden's certificate, I began to wonder, "Why must we make these tremendous feats of memory? Why do I deserve to be tortured like this? Am I somehow a lesser man by not remembering that the word is "ye" and not "you"? So I set out to uncover why I had to flex my mental memory muscles so thoroughly. What I found is far too extensive and enlightening too fully capture in this short space, but please allow me to share some of it.

Memory was an important part of life for the common man during the formative years of speculative Masonry. Purveyors of oral tradition used memory as a means of teaching and learning, and it was (of course) a good method for protecting and imparting those things that were too secret to be written down; however, the advent of "modern" printing made memory less important for the masses.

The discussion of memory as art (rather than necessity) was first addressed by the Greeks, as the orator Simonides of Ceos (556-468 BC) was referenced on ancient tablets as the inventor of a system of memory aids (mnemonics) and Cicero (106-43 BC) wrote that nothing was of "greater value than [memory]." The 15th and 16th centuries saw the true elevation of memory to an art (tied to mysticism), and it was certainly in fashion. Giulio Camillo (1480-1544 AD) in France was spreading the art of memory throughout Europe via his "Theater of Memory" (L'idea del Teatro [1550 AD]), and even built wooden memory temple models. Giordano Bruno (1548-1600 AD), Dominican Monk and writer on the art of memory became widely famous during this same period for his elaborate system of mnemonics and travelling lectures on the subject. Camillo's and Bruno's general ideas advocated tying words (such as parts of a long speech or ritual) to a physical place (such as a room in a temple or building) and certain objects or symbols; this introduced memory as an architectural framework (in which we can see obvious Masonic parallels).

A Scotsman, Alexander Dickson (b. 1558 AD), who was a

disciple of Bruno during his time in England (circa 1583 AD), later traveled throughout the British Isles giving practical lessons on improving memory and his teachings heavily influenced William Fowler, who in turn taught the art of memory at the court of King James VI. A member of the King's Court (who undoubtedly heard Fowler speak) was Masonic Master of Works William Schaw (1550-1602 AD), famous for his statutes (1598 and 1599 AD) that formerly governed Freemasonry in Scotland. Schaw's statutes stated that "those masters most perfect and worthiest of memory testing others" should administer such tests to their fellow Masons (and that Brothers should be excluded or fined if they did not pass). Schaw was attempting to bring the art of memory to Freemasonry; it was intended to lead to spiritual advancement, to knowledge of the divine, and help Masons strive for mystical enlightenment. It was also at that time that the art of memory was identified with the cardinal virtue of Prudence.

So, in the final analysis, it appears Bruno led to Dickson, who led to Fowler, who led to Schaw, who was key to the art of memory being adopted by early Freemasons. And with this short history lesson, I soon saw that it is not just the ritual, but the memorization itself that has deep meaning in my own Masonic journey. Tomorrow, when I am trying to keep straight whether I am "presenting" or "extending" the compasses, I'll have to share a smile for Brother Schaw, and thank the Great Architect for another opportunity to be perfect!

### March Masonic Birthdays

Samuel Clinton O'Daniel	1967
Edgar Jackson Clark	1975
James Dale Spurlock Sr.	1980
Orval Daniel Shepherd	1981
Hobart Charles Hornauser Sr.	1992
Bruce David Jones	2003
Jose Saul Rubio	2005
Brett Allen Holbrook	2008



**COMMITTEES**

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WB Russell Thompson

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WB Larry Alexander

**Funeral Coordinator:**  
WB Larry Alexander

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Bro James Scott, Sr  
Bro Daniel Johnstone

**Trustees:**  
WB Robert Rife  
WB Charles Bosworth

**Lodge Scheduling:**  
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**OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

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

**Occoquan Lodge #310**

**Chartered February 10, 1910**

**Garon Eugene Young, Worshipful Master**

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<b>Junior</b>	James Dale Spurlock		
<b>Deacon</b>	(703) 491-3700		

**Living Past Masters**

Mark M. Shepherd	1953	Jack N. Roach	1986
Lawrence E. Nail	1954	Kenneth Touloumes	1987
James G. Alls	1960	Ralph L. Bennett	1989
Lovic McElroy	1962	Wayne K. Simpson	1990
Charles W. Dean	1966	Walter R. Peterman	1991
Marvin L. Perry	1968	Joel R. Johnston	1992
William R. Johnson	1973	Walter J. Schwenger	1996
Roland Bailey	1974	William E. Schwenger	1997
Robert L. Hausafus	1976	James R. Scott Jr.	1998
Robert L. Riffe	1977	William L. Alexander	1999/05
John H. Oravec Jr.	1978	Charles G. Bosworth	2000
Russell E. Thompson	1979	Larry E. Buckner	2001
Herbert A. McClain	1980	Charles L. Cooper	2003
Robert L. Phillips	1983	Joel D. Klimoski	2004
Thomas A. Reese	1984/95	Henry Garvey Jr.	2006
Joseph O. McCourt	1985	Donald Phillips	2007
		Michael J. King	2008

**Honorary, Fifty Year and Life****Honorary Members**

Roland Bailey	Charles Bosworth
Leonard J. Fischer	Russell E. Thompson
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	Norman W. King

**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	Federick D. Jenkins
Russell E. Thompson	James A. Buckner

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Russell E. Thompson	Daniel T. Andrews
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