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# OCCOQUAN LODGE #310

## APRIL 2009 TRESTLE BOARD

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### Did You Know???

In 1954 Martin's Station Lodge No. 188 of Virginia was opened 952 feet below the surface of Cumberland Mountain in Cudjo's Cave, which lies between Cumberland Gap, Tennessee and Middleburo, Kentucky. 345 Masons were present and a MM degree was conferred.

Date	Event	Speaker
April 13	Occoquan Stated Communication	Jeffrey Eugene Hodges, 164th Grand Master of Masons in Virginia Dinner at 6:30pm
May 2	Occoquan Called Communication Conferral of EA Degrees	

**All Stated and Called Communications are open at 7:30pm**

**William F. Haley, Jr. School of Ritual, every Thursday at 7pm**



### April Masonic Profile

“Freemasonry is more than an organization to which you can say you belong. It is a way of life we choose. There are many different associated organizations which come under the umbrella of Freemasonry, each having a special appeal, philanthropy and organizational structure; all having a common goal of uniting people of good moral character into a lifelong journey of improvement. Improvement of themselves, their families and their communities is why Freemasonry remains an essential component of the fabric of any stable society.” -Jeffrey Eugene Hodges, 164th Grand Master of Masons in Virginia

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**MASTERS MESSAGE: GARON YOUNG, WORSHIPFUL MASTER**

Brethren,

Please join us at our April Stated Communication, as **we will be receiving Grand Master Jeffery Eugene Hodges for his Official visit to our Lodge.**

During our March Stated Communication, we were unable to vote for the Masonic District 1B District Deputy Grand Master for calendar year 2011. Unfortunately, the nominee(s) were not received in time, therefore we will be voting for the Masonic District 1B District Deputy Grand Master for calendar year 2011 at our April Stated Communication.

Likewise, we were unable to solicit nominations to elect three new Trustees, in order to be in compliance section 2.69 of the Methodical Digest, so we will be soliciting nominations for three new Trustees at our April Stated Communication.

Please join me in congratulating Worshipful Brother Russell Thompson for being elected as the Worthy Patron for the Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter 59. Both Worshipful Brother Russell Thompson and Worthy Matron Karlene Saenz were installed on 13 March.

With space being limited, I would like to devote the rest of this space to publishing Grand Master Jeffery Eugene Hodges biography.

Most Worshipful Jeffery Eugene Hodges was born in Norfolk, Virginia, on May 10, 1957. He graduated from Menchville High School in Newport News, received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of

Richmond and a DDS Degree in Dentistry from the Medical College of Virginia. Brother Hodges has been in private practice in Charlottesville since 1983 and previously worked as a clinical faculty member of the Medical College of Virginia School of Dentistry.

Brother Hodges was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 on August 26, 1985. He is a Life Member in Perpetuity and served as its Worshipful Master in 1996. He is also a Life Member in Perpetuity of Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, Mount Jackson Lodge No. 103, and Peyton Randolph Research Lodge No. 1774. He is a honorary member of Chester Lodge No. 94 and Mariner Lodge No. 215. He was District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District 18 in 1999. He is the Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, near Virginia. He was elected Grand Junior Deacon in 2004 and installed as the 164th Grand Master of Masons in Virginia on Saturday, November 8, 2008, in Richmond, Virginia. His Masonic theme for the upcoming year is "Discovering Our Potential."

He is a member of the Valley of Lynchburg and the Valley of Richmond, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, where he received the Knight Commander Court of Honor in 2007; Keystone Royal Arch Chapter No. 58; Charlottesville Commandery No. 3; Acca Shrine Center, A.A.O.N.M.S.; Richmond Court No. 16, Royal Order of Jesters; and the Royal Order of Scotland. He is a Past President of the Piedmont Shrine Club and Past Commander of the Acca Mini Patrol and Past Patron of Queen Esther Chapter No. 14, Order of the Eastern Star. He is a

Life Member in Perpetuity of Fredericksburg Chapter No. 545, National Sojourners, and several Lodges in the Grand Lodge of Scotland. He served as Chairman of the Bicentennial Committee for Widow's Sons' Lodge No. 60 in 1999.

Brother Hodges is a recipient of the Eagle Scout Award, Boy Scouts of America. He holds membership in the American Dental Association, the Virginia Dental Association and the Charlottesville/Albemarle County Dental Association.

He is married to the former Susan Elaine Lascola of Newport News, Virginia, and resides in Charlottesville. They are the proud parents of a son, Jason, and a daughter, Ashley. He is an active member in First United Methodist Church.

Finally Brethren, I have asked the Stewards to prepare a special meal for this special event, and hope that you all join us in welcoming the Grand Master to our Lodge, if within the length of your cable tow.

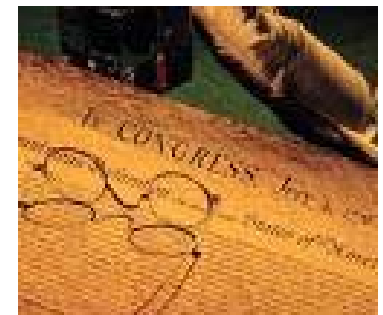
If any member is having difficulty with transportation to the Lodge, please contact me and I will arrange for fraternal assistance in this matter.

Very Respectfully & Fraternaly,

Garon



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-Garon Young



MASONIC NEWS: EAST BAY RHODE ISLAND

**A FRATERNITY WITH SECRETS,  
NOT A SECRET FRATERNITY**

An organization steeped in tradition as old as the pyramids with millions of members worldwide congregates down the street but goes mostly unnoticed, undetected. The organization impacts their communities in which they operate, even if they do not tout their good deeds.

Freemasons, or Masons for short, are members of a charitable fraternity that has been operating since the 1700s in America, but may have been formed as far back as the Middle Ages. There are approximately 5,000 in Rhode Island.

To be one, a member must be male, over the age of 21, and believe in God. Members cannot ask outsiders to join — interested men must ask to be considered. Though they are affiliated with religion, masonry is not a religion. They require a man to believe in God but do not allow talk of politics or religion.

One of the biggest defining characteristics a man must have is that he “be in good standing” in his community — meaning, he must be a good man. Background checks and family meetings between a man and lodge members are conducted before that person will be accepted into the fraternity.

“We build better people, make good men better,” said Hiram Jamiel II, a Mason and Warren resident.

East Bay Masons think there has been a rise in membership during recent years. After World War II, numbers dropped off, however some think the movement is gathering steam and is far from withering, especially in Midwestern states. There are young men joining every day, say members.

Freemasonry has a colorful history. Warren’s Masonic lodge, Washington Lodge No. 3, located on Baker Street, is the second-

oldest Freemason lodge in the country. It was authorized in 1796 and housed 53 members; 21 were sea captains.

To build the building, they took oak beams from British frigates that sank in Newport Harbor. They were floated up from Narragansett Bay and into the Warren River by Sylvester Child. In 1914, a Rhode Island School of Design student, Max Mueller, redecorated the lodge and painted an Egyptian motif taken from a Boston Library copy of the “Book of the Dead” and the “Papyrus of Ani” along the meeting room’s walls. It is still used as an active meeting space.

There in the lodge, members meet at least once a month and discuss charitable projects and socialize. For members, it’s an enjoyable experience because they get to meet with like-minded men.

Rumors

Members say the general public may have some understanding about what the organization does, however there are a lot of misnomers concerning Freemasonry. Some of the misperceptions involve money.

“Some people think we have a big pile of gold,” said Mr. Jamiel.

**Because a large number of presidents were Masons, Mr. Jamiel said people wonder if Masons have a large amount of money accumulated from Revolution days. He says the truth is that through endowments and member dues, Masons are able to give back to the community.**

**To read more about popular Mason rumors, pick up the March 18 edition of the Warren Times-Gazette.**

**April Masonic Birthdays**

<b>James G. Alls</b>	<b>1955</b>
<b>Russell E. Thompson</b>	<b>1957</b>
<b>Leonard M. Deavers</b>	<b>1962</b>
<b>Leonard S. Kimmell Sr.</b>	<b>1963</b>
<b>William M. Henry Jr.</b>	<b>1966</b>
<b>Harlin G. Turner</b>	<b>1969</b>
<b>Larry E. Buckner</b>	<b>1969</b>
<b>Cecil C. Taylor Jr.</b>	<b>1973</b>
<b>Merrill W. Gitlin</b>	<b>1978</b>
<b>John E. Moore</b>	<b>1988</b>
<b>Edward A. Callaway</b>	<b>1993</b>
<b>Manuel A. Wilks</b>	<b>1995</b>
<b>Marcus D. Ellis Jr.</b>	<b>1995</b>
<b>Glenn P. Kelth</b>	<b>1996</b>
<b>Jeremy M. King</b>	<b>2002</b>



**COMMITTEES**

Go to [www.OL310.org](http://www.OL310.org) for contact information

**Masonic Home:**

Bro Bradley Rees

**L.I.W. and Asst:**

WB Roland Bailey and

WB Russell Thompson

**L.E.O.:**

RW Carl Gagliardi

**Blood Coordinator:**

WB Larry Alexander

**Funeral Coordinator:**

WB Larry Alexander

**Temple and Grounds:**

Bro Raymond Lambert

Bro James Scott, Sr

Bro Daniel Johnstone

**Trustees:**

WB Robert Rife

WB Charles Bosworth

**Lodge Scheduling:**

Bro James D. Spurlock

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**OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

Occoquan Chapter Order of Eastern Star	4th Fri, 8 pm
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Bethel #55 International Order of Jobs Daughters	1st & 3rd Tue 7:15 pm
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Occoquan Chapter International Order of DeMolay	1st & 3rd Wed, 7:30 pm
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**Occoquan Lodge #310**

Chartered February 10, 1910

Garon Eugene Young, Worshipful Master

<b>Senior</b>	<b>James Robert Scott Jr., PM</b>	<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>Walter Roland Peterman, PM</b>
<b>Warden</b>	<b>(703) 550-0099</b>		<b>(703) 494-2556</b>
<b>Junior</b>	<b>Daniel Todd Andrews</b>	<b>Senior</b>	<b>Robert Thomas Boland</b>
<b>Warden</b>	<b>(703) 922-8624</b>	<b>Steward</b>	<b>(703) 919-9269</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Thomas A. Reese, PDDGM</b>	<b>Junior</b>	<b>Robert Anthony Krolkiewicz</b>
		<b>Steward</b>	
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Robert John Bartruff, PM</b>	<b>Marshal</b>	<b>Raymond Lee Lambert</b>
<b>Senior</b>	<b>Ryan Daniel Pittman</b>	<b>Tiler</b>	<b>Charles Glenn Bosworth, PM</b>
<b>Deacon</b>	<b>(310) 601-7291</b>		<b>(703) 494-9806</b>
<b>Junior</b>	<b>James Dale Spurlock</b>		
<b>Deacon</b>	<b>(703) 491-3700</b>		

**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

**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	Jeremy M. King