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DECEMBER 2009 TRESTLE BOARD

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Did You Know???

In Christchurch New Zealand, there are two natural eroded stone pillars standing at the entrance to Tumbledown Bay. Looking from the land, the one on the left is named Boaz and the other on the right is named Jachin. Leads one to believe that the founders were indeed members of The Craft.

Date	Event	Notes
December 5	Occoquan Called Communication Breakfast at 8:00am	Master Mason Degree (4 Candidates)
December 14	Occoquan Stated Communication Dinner at 6:30pm	Election of Officers
December 19	Installation of Officers 11:00am	
December 28	Occoquan Called Communication	Saint John's Day
All Stated and Called Communications are open at 7:30pm		
William F. Haley, Jr. School of Ritual, every Thursday at 7pm		



December Masonic Profile

Brother Andrew Mellon was a financier, public official, philanthropist; He helped found the Union Trust Company of Pittsburgh (1898), the Gulf Oil Corporation (1895), the Pittsburgh Coal Company (1899), the Aluminum Company of America, and the company that built the Panama Canal locks. He served as Secretary of the Treasury under three presidents and stressed policies aimed at reducing the national debt. He forged agreements with European governments for repayment of their World War I debts and served as ambassador to Britain (1932-33). In 1913 he established the Mellon Institute for Industrial Research and he endowed the National Gallery of Art (1937).

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MASTERS MESSAGE: GARON YOUNG, WORSHIPFUL MASTER

Brethren,

And now as the year is coming to a close, it has been a busy and exciting year for our Lodge. Together, we have achieved remarkable progress towards a more perfect Lodge. During the year, we have initiated 17 new Brothers and raised 14 Master Masons in carefully performed degree work. Already, several of those Brethren have proven themselves in the Degree work of the Lodge. It is clear to me that there are Brethren of sufficient dedication and zeal to lead the Lodge for years to come.

We also received the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Virginia and literally had a packed Lodge which required us to bring in additional seating. At the annual Grand Communication, our Lodge received the Grand Master's Outstanding Subordinate Lodge Award. Also at the annual Grand Communication, the Grand Master donated the gift, which our Lodge presented to him, to the Grand Lodge Museum, where Occoquan Lodge will be forever on display and hold a place of honor for perpetuity. I would like to especially thank my officers this year; for without them, we would not have been able to do the work that we have done. And I would respectfully ask that the next time you see them, to shake their hand in a show of thanks for their continued support.

There have been some small improvements made to your Lodge, the Square and Compasses on the exterior of the building was cleaned, polished and sealed; we removed the old stove and replaced it with two new stoves; the cracks in the Lodge room were repaired and it received a new coat of paint; the carpeting was steam cleaned – something that had not been done in years; and finally our Charter was reframed and double matted, which will protect it for another 100 years.

Finally Brethren, I started the year off with a Masonic story and will end with one as well. Take care and God Bless.

Very Respectfully & Fraternaly,

Garon

The Masonic Funeral

A new Worshipful Master in a small Georgia town spent the first four days making personal visits to each of the members, inviting them to come to his first Lodge meeting.

The following Thursday the Lodge was all but empty.

Accordingly, the Worshipful Master placed a notice in the local newspapers, stating that, because the Lodge was dead, it was everyone's duty to give it a decent Masonic burial.

The funeral would be held the following Monday afternoon, the notice said.

Morbidly curious, a large crowd turned out for the "funeral."

In front of the Altar, they saw a closed coffin, smothered in flowers.

After the Chaplain delivered the eulogy, he opened the coffin and invited his Brethren to come forward and pay their final respects to their dead Lodge.

Filled with curiosity as to what would represent the corpse of a "Dead Lodge," all the Brethren eagerly lined up to look in the coffin.

Each "mourner" peeped into the coffin then quickly turned away with a guilty, sheepish look.

In the coffin, tilted at the correct angle, was a large mirror.

Remember the obligation we all took my brethren attend and support your Lodge!!!!

Author Unknown

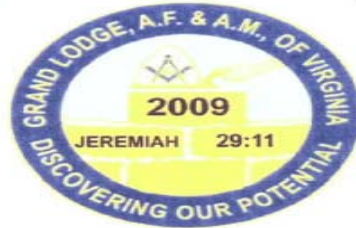


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AWARD BESTOWED ON OCCOQUAN LODGE NO. 310 BY THE GRAND MASTER OF VIRGINIA

*The Most Worshipful
Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons
of the Commonwealth of Virginia*



Outstanding Subordinate Lodge Award

To All Whom These Presents May Come; Greetings:

Know Ye, that the beloved Brethren of

Occoquan Lodge No. 310

having been recommended by the District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District 1B for the period from November 9, 2008 until November 7, 2009, and in due consideration of the diligent efforts of the Brethren in making this Lodge truly outstanding in all areas, we thank them for their work in the quarry of Freemasonry, and in joining with me during my tenure as Grand Master in

"Discovering Our Potential"

We acknowledge their efforts, and therefore render the Lodge this Outstanding Subordinate Lodge Award for their labors.



Given under our hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M., of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 6th day of November AD 2009.

Jeffery E. Hodges
Grand Master

Teste:

[Signature]

Grand Secretary



December Masonic Birthdays

Leonard J. Fisher	1947
Kyle Keen	1964
Leonard D. Jackson III	1969
Robert L. Riffe	1969
Woodson A. Sadler Jr.	1974
Larry L. Pittman	1975
Alfonso Escobar-Conde	1979
Tryst R. Hensell	1982
Michael L. Buckingham	1985
Thomas P. Winn	1991
Timothy R. Eggers	2006

COMMITTEES

Go to 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 William Alexander

WB Donald G. Phillips

Bro Raymond Lambert

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

Garon Eugene Young, Worshipful Master

Senior	James Robert Scott Jr., PM	Chaplain	Walter Roland Peterman, PM
Warden	(703) 550-0099		(703) 494-2556
Junior	Daniel Todd Andrews	Senior	Robert Thomas Boland
Warden	(703) 922-8624	Steward	(703) 919-9269
Treasurer	Thomas A. Reese, PDDGM	Junior	Robert Anthony Krolkiewicz
	(703) 590-1541	Steward	(571) 426-5406
Secretary	Robert John Bartruff, PM	Marshal	Raymond Lee Lambert
	(703) 690-0784		(703) 491-4471
Senior	Ryan Daniel Pittman	Tiler	Charles Glenn Bosworth, PM
Deacon	(310) 601-7291		(703) 494-9806
Junior	James Dale Spurlock		
Deacon	(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	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
William R. Johnson	1973	Joel R. Johnston	1992
Roland Bailey	1974	Walter J. Schwenger	1996
Robert L. Hausafus	1976	William E. Schwenger	1997
Robert L. Riffe	1977	James R. Scott Jr.	1998
John H. Oravec Jr.	1978	William L. Alexander	1999/05
Russell E. Thompson	1979	Charles G. Bosworth	2000
Herbert A. McClain	1980	Larry E. Buckner	2001
Robert L. Phillips	1983	Charles L. Cooper	2003
Thomas A. Reese	1984/95	Joel D. Klimoski	2004
Joseph O. McCourt	1985	Henry Garvey Jr.	2006
		Donald G. 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
S.T. Billingsly	