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ASHBURN-STERLING #288 MASONIC LODGE

May-Jun 2013

Special points of interest:

- **May 18th—District Picnic**
- **Check our Calendar of Events**
- **We have a Facebook Page!**

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FROM THE EAST

AND in the blue corner is Ashburn-Sterling #288.

Brethren, Spring has arrived with new challenges and more opportunities to excel.

I feel like we are champions competing against apathy, indifference, and the war on tolerance. This year has been interesting to observe the actions of the brothers who have dedicated themselves to various aspects of our great fraternity. Some, whom I thought may not come to the forefront, have raced to the ring, jump in it and are currently there to win the battle to

reform and implement change. As Master of the Lodge and one who has a hat, I take it off and bow to you. Thank you and keep up the great work you are doing.

Stop for a minute if you will and review your commitment. We have now had four stated meetings, several called degrees, and four special events. We have enjoyed bowling night, an evening with Ben Franklin, Irish evening, and game night. Soon, more degree work and the district picnic on May 18th at Franklin Park in Purcellville.

How many of these events have you attended? Have you thought of bringing in a new friend to introduce him to our great group? No? Why not?

If ever there is a time of renewal it is now. We, as a lodge, are making changes and enjoying the many opportunities to interact outside of the lodge room, expanding our relationships and gaining more light from tours and travel. I hope you join us. We all look forward to it.

Gregg Schwarz

Worshipful Master

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- **District Picnic, Franklin Park, Purcellville VA —May 18, 2013 12:00PM**

Our annual district picnic will be held on Saturday, May 18th at Franklin Park in Purcellville. Setup begins at 11:30am, Lunch will be served at 1:00pm, and we have the covered pavilion until the park closes. The pavilion is right next to the playground, horse shoe pits, and bathrooms.

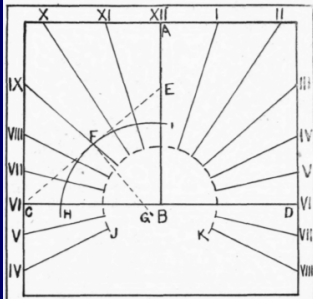
We had a great turnout last year and look forward to making it a bigger and better event this year. Bring the family and bring a friend for some great food and good fun. And bring a covered dish or dessert to share! Contact EVENTS@AshburnSterling288.org for info.

FROM THE WEST

Fantastic Voyage

I heard a song the other day, a song I have heard a thousand times. Today it sounded different. Today it meant something different.

“Come on y’all, let’s take a ride. Don’t say anything, just get inside. It’s time to take you on another kind of trip, because you can’t have the hop if you don’t have the hip.” (slightly edited). This verse made me think about my entrance (initiation) into Masonry.



"A man only learns in two ways, one by reading, and the other by association with smarter people."

Will Rogers

I didn't know what I was getting myself into, but I climbed aboard for the ride. I knew it would be a different kind of journey, one that would fill in the empty parts of my current journey through life.

I highly doubt the gangster rapper was referencing Masonry, but one of the things we are taught in Masonry is that meaning can be derived/assigned/found anywhere and everywhere. Masonry acts as a tour guide imparting behind the scenes knowledge and pointing out objects of beauty in otherwise

ordinary scenery. There are simply different signs to navigate by, wisdom to contrive, strength to support and beauty to adorn all great and important undertakings. For me, this journey now feels different. It feels more complete, more fulfilling, more fantastic.

Life isn't all about the destination. (Are we there yet?) It's about making the most out of the voyage for however long it lasts. Make it a fantastic one.

Jason Matchett, SW

MASONIC MILESTONES

May:

Hubert F. Sprouse—40yrs
 Thomas O. Mitchell—40yrs
 John L. Jensen, III, PM—36yrs
 Barry F. Felton—29yrs
 Charles E. Lipscomb, PM—28yrs
 James D. Drake, Jr—28yrs
 Thomas R. Crist—23yrs
 Brian C. Beers—8yrs
 Steven Hanley, Jr—6yrs
 Jason R Burns—6yrs
 Shawn L. Breegle—5yrs
 Xavier A. Santiago—5yrs

Jason W. Banks—5yrs

Vince S. Williams—1yr

June:

Eugene R. Puffenberger, PM—60yrs
 Rosser B. Nance, Jr, PM—48yrs
 Manuel R. Sams—45yrs
 James C Gore, Jr, PDDGM—41yrs
 Robert A. Hoffer—17yrs
 Terry J. Sutton—15yrs
 Collin G. Schwarz—6yrs
 Nabil K. Abdallah—4yrs

Raymon W. Bacchus—3yrs

Ward M. Giannini—3yrs

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Freedom #118 Fellowship@7pm Stated@8pm	4
5 Ashburn-Sterling Rainbow Assembly Fellowship@6pm Meeting@7pm	6 Olive Branch #114 Fellowship@7pm Stated@8pm	7	8 Ashburn-Sterling Demolay @8pm	9 Piedmont #26 Ritual Practice @7pm	10	11
12	13 Potomac RAC #88 @ LOUDOUN Chapter Fellowship@630pm Stated@730pm	14 Ashburn-Sterling #288 Fellowship@630pm Stated@730pm	15	16 Hamilton-Thompson#37 Fellowship@630pm Stated@730pm	17	18 District 2 Picnic Franklin Park, Pur- cellville @Noon
19 Ashburn-Sterling Rainbow Assembly Fellowship@6pm Meeting@7pm	20	21	22 District School @7pm Freedom	23 Piedmont #26 Fellowship@630pm Stated@730pm	24	25 VA CHIP @ Ashburn Farm Festival
26	27	28 Ashburn #288 MM Degree @ 7pm	29	30	31	

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*"Associate with men of
good quality if you
esteem your own
reputation; for it is
better to be alone than
in bad company."
George Washington*



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