

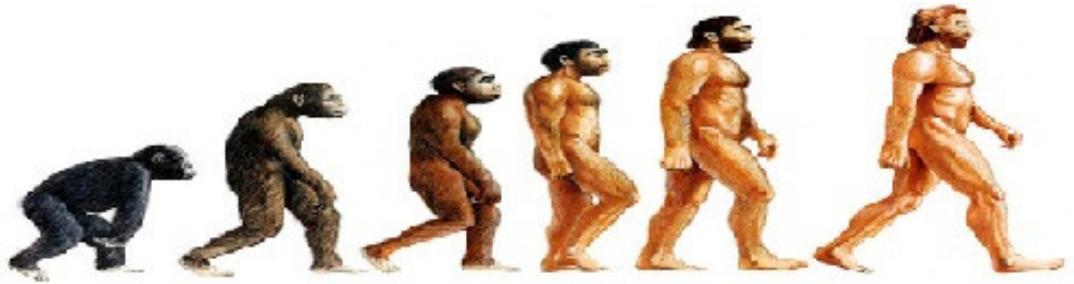
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ASHBURN-STERLING LODGE NO.288

September 2014

Special points of interest:

- **D2 Picnic 9/20 RAIN OR SHINE**
- **Walk to End Alzheimer's 9/28**
- **Scottish Rite Fall Reunion 10/18 and 10/25**



FROM THE EAST

Evolution vs Tradition

Which came first, the chicken or the egg? The chicken, because the Great Architect of the Universe didn't want to sit on an egg.

Evolution has been widely accepted as a law of science. All species evolve or become extinct. From childhood we are urged to educate ourselves to improve our intellect, exercise to improve our health, and work to improve our situation. We seek to improve our organizational skills, efficiency, and creativity. As masons we seek to improve ourselves in all aspects of life.

Improvement, or evolution, is all around us. And yet one could argue that the institution of masonry itself couldn't be more resistant to change.

At times it seems we are so steeped in tradition that we outright refuse to evolve. Species that don't evolve...become extinct.

This dichotomy, this constant struggle, could be a lesson in itself. After all, nothing in masonry is accidental. The relationship between Yin and Yang are that neither can exist without the other. No good without evil. No day without night. Neither is static, but is instead constantly changing, flowing in and out of each other, acting and reacting to

each other. They are said to be in balance as long as the changes are small allowing the other to adjust, react, accept the change.

If the goal of masonry is to take good men and make them better, then as an institution we need to be open to improvements. Balance is possible if we change slowly, but refusing to evolve guarantees extinction.

Jason Matchett

Worshipful Master



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Stated Communication
2nd Tuesday—7:30pm



WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

For the past several years, Masons in Loudoun have come together to support the Walk to End Alzheimer's in Northern Virginia. Last year, we raised over \$5000 and lots of awareness for both Alzheimer's and for Masonry.

Please join us again as we unite in support of this worthy endeavor. Join and encourage others to join our team even if you are unable to walk with us. You can still raise awareness and donations by being a part of the team! It is open to all (friends and family, masons and non-masons).

If you are going to walk with us (once around Reston Town Center), it is stroller and kid friendly, please join us afterward for refreshment and fellowship at one of the TBD establishments. And don't forget to wear something masonic!

DETAILS:

2014 Walk to End Alzheimer's Northern Virginia

Date: Sunday, September 28

Location: Reston Town Center 11900 Market Street

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Reston, VA 20190

Route Length: 1 and 2 miles

TEAM: Loudoun Masons

LINK: <http://act.alz.org/goto/Masons>

Please JOIN the team!

Alexandria Scottish Rite Fall Reunion

The Fall Reunion for the Alexandria Scottish Rite will be held the weekends of Oct 18th and 25th. Twice a year the Alexandria Scottish Rite performs the 4th through the 32nd degrees. Membership in the Scottish Rite is open to all Master Masons in good standing. All those wishing to join in the learning opportunities and activities of the Scottish Rite, the "University of Freemasonry," should be submitting their petitions.

For more information, contact our Lodge Scottish Rite Representative Brother Raymon Bacchus. The petitions can be downloaded on-line at <http://alexandriascottishrite.org/howtojoin.php>

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- **Sept/Oct Calendar**

9/16—Master Mason Degree @ 7pm

9/20—District 2 Masonic Picnic

9/23—Master Mason Degree @ 7pm

10/14—October Stated Meeting

Check out the District 2 Calendar on our website for the latest information.

DISTRICT 2 MASONIC PICNIC

The District 2 Picnic at Franklin Park is in Purcellville on Sat, Sept 20th. RAIN or SHINE. If you attended last year, then you might remember the heavenly smell from Brother Chuck Wyant's giant smoker. He will be blessing us with the fruits of his labor again this year.

We suggest bringing a lawn or camping chair to sit in, but the pavilion does have plenty of picnic tables if you prefer. There will be some outdoor sport equipment and toys for the kids to enjoy in the expansive lawn, a horseshoe tournament for the big kids, a playground, and it is all conveniently located close enough to the restroom facilities.

Bring your family, bring a friend, bring a friend's family. Just bring your appetite (and a side dish or dessert to share).

We will also be collecting non-perishable food items for the Loudoun Interfaith Relief!

We look forward to seeing you on Sept 20th!

Sincerely & Fraternally,

Piedmont Commandery No. 26
 Hamilton-Thompson Lodge No.37
 Potomac RAC No.88
 Olive Branch Lodge No.114
 Freedom Lodge No.118
 Metropolitan Lodge No. 161, PHA
 Ashburn-Sterling Lodge No.288
 International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, Ashburn Assembly No.11
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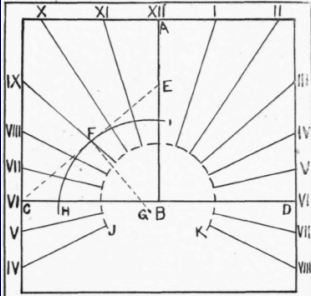


**Please join us
 at the Oct Stated
 for a special
 dedication !**

Did You Know?

“It is not the strongest or the most intelligent who will survive but those who can best manage change.”

— [Charles Darwin](#)



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Jay R. Marshall
9/13/1950
Richard F. Marshall
9/13/1950
Wayne H. Gladden
9/11/1974
James W. Cravotta, Sr.
9/22/1976
Charles L. Waddell
9/9/1977
William P. Fosdick, PM
9/21/1988
Adam J. Sutton
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