

Alvin Masonic Lodge No. 762 A.F. & A.M.



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NEWSLETTER

It was summer, then you blinked and now it's the Christmas holidays.... Where did the year go? The next newsletter will be *January 2013*! But for now, let's slow down a bit and simply enjoy a holiday season that is supposed to make us reflect upon peace on earth and good will toward our fellow man. It's a time for self-reflection, but we will talk more about that later.



The lodge will be DARK on Thursday, December 6th due to Grand Lodge being in session. The next Stated Meeting will be Thursday, December 20th. All Brothers are welcome to join us.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! A special visitor will be making an appearance to meet everyone.



Family Night, Thursday, December 13th is our Christmas Dinner together. Lodge Masons, OES, and DeMolay will be sharing this special evening of fellowship! Please come out and join your Masonic Family. Bring the little ones for this special night. Dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. Be sure to bring a camera! There are always some great photo opportunities to be had.

← Do you think he asked Santa for a 'Red Ryder BB Gun'?

What about this little guy who's not a happy camper at the moment? →

You can make your own caption for this photo.

And of course, lodge business must continue. It's time to send in your 2013 lodge dues. Dues are \$100. Be sure to send your dues payment. I've been sending emails and notices. It's a slow process but working well. Thank you to all who are endowed members or have already sent your dues to me. The lodge definitely appreciates the postage donations we received! Every



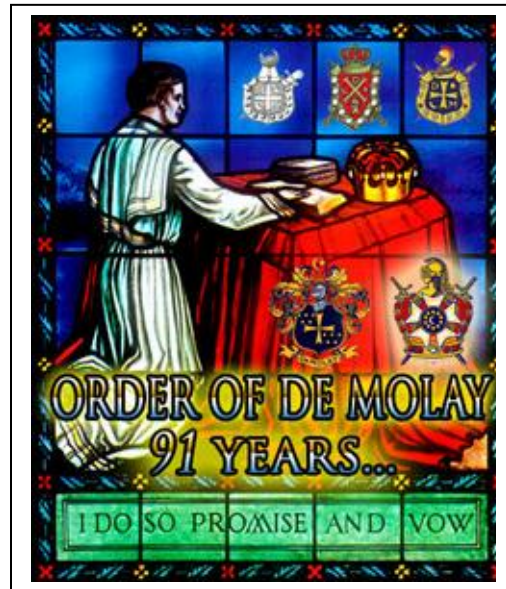
donation has truly helped. If you live in town, stop by the lodge prior to any stated meeting and I will give you your card. We would love to have you with us in lodge again, plus, you can enjoy the fellowship. For the brethren that are out-of-town, ill, or have conflicting work schedules, I will gladly mail it to you. I'm also using this opportunity to properly update our official records, as well as Grand Lodge records, with correct mailing addresses, telephone numbers, and email, so I have asked everyone to provide updates. There is nothing worse than having an endowed member's card returned because of a wrong address -- or being unable to locate a brother for an award.

Arlene Squires, Worthy Matron, OES #15



I didn't receive any news announcements from OES for the month of December, but check our website's calendar <http://www.alvinlodge.org/calendar.html> .

Mark Peebler, Advisor, John Wayne Chap. # 3667



The John Wayne Chapter # 3667 is alays busy with some type of activity...



On December 1, the John Wayne DeMolays and Pearland Rainbows made a "Toy Run" to the Shriners Burn Hospital in Galveston. They brought some well needed, happy spirit to a lot of kids that have little to be happy about at the moment. Acts such as this displays character truly worth noting!

Check our lodge website calendar for their posted activity dates or go to their Facebook page noted at the end of this newsletter.

How about having breakfast with Santa? Bring your young ones to the lodge and give them a treat!



Breakfast with Santa

Saturday December 15, 2012 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.
at

Alvin Masonic Lodge #762 A.F. & A.M.
111 W. Blum St. Alvin, Texas 77511

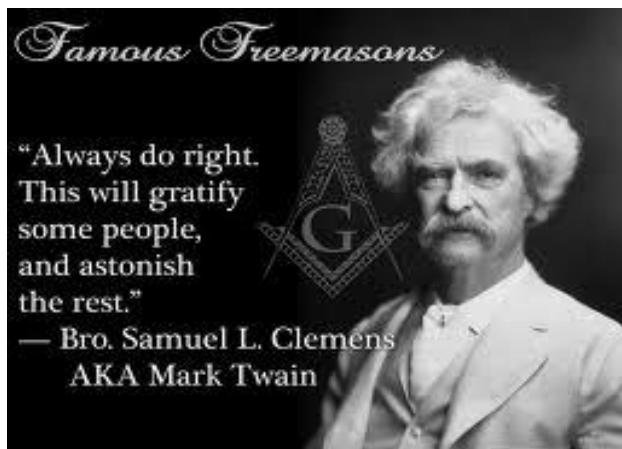
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Have you volunteered lately? Not just at the lodge (although we definitely can always use help in many ways), ***but volunteered to help anywhere!*** When we help others without asking anything in return, we are making the world a better place for us, our children, and our children's children. ***Always remember, YOU can make a difference.***

November's newsletter photograph quiz was answered by Brother Mark Peebler. Congratulations!



“Always do right...” That's quite a statement when you stop to think about it.



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

“Self Reflection...a Christmas reminder”

We live in a world that is daily wrought with problems, some of which are our own making, and others that we have little control over. To say our lives are fast-paced is an understatement. We rush through the holidays as if they were Olympic events. We go to work, come home burned out, and spend hours worrying about what tomorrow will bring. We waste hours simply maintaining the status-quo because change might create further problems for us....

But a wise man once told me that worrying serves no true purpose, and if I properly took care of ‘today’ then ‘tomorrow’ would take care of itself. You see, we do not have control over *tomorrow*. We only have control over *now*.

Throughout the Christmas holiday we hear phrases such as “Peace on Earth” and “Goodwill toward Men.” This is a time for us to reflect upon doing *what is right*, as Brother Mark Twain once said. It’s also a time to truthfully ask ourselves if we have *been* doing what is right. After all, we *are* Masons and took such obligations to do so.

Acts of kindness, generosity and thoughtfulness are not just for the holidays. Doing what is right, what should be performed in our personal actions each day should be the norm – not the oddity. We, as Masons, are builders. History has clearly shown this. Our hands have been involved in every aspect of the building of America. If we slump into the character of ‘maintaining the status-quo’ in everything, especially ourselves, then we are no longer building. Our lodge is a good example. I once read that lodge officers must build upon the accomplishments of previous lodge officers in order to constantly move forward and have a sound, progressive lodge. If you are simply marking time until your term is over and your responsibilities are passed onto the next year’s officers, then you have taken office for all the wrong reasons. Too many lodges across Texas have lost their members’ interest because of a ‘*maintaining the status-quo*’ attitude.

When the New Year arrives and everyone reflects upon their lives in this and other past years, will they view progress? Was personal building accomplished? Did the lodge progress? Or was it another year of maintaining until the next year’s election? How many wasted New Year Resolutions will you make that will never be followed through?

Do what is right. Leave your mark on the world through accomplishments whether they are big or small. Don’t postpone doing the right thing if it needs to be done now. One small accomplishment, added to a multitude of small accomplishments, leads to a great accomplishment. And remember, if you do what is right now, the problems of tomorrow will be far less.

“So Mote It Be”

The following website links are for your use. Our internet presence is very active. We post lodge information there and a large number of people are reading and using them as an informational stop. This technology is helping us get the latest news to you in the swiftest manner!

Alvin Lodge Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Alvin-Lodge-762-Ancient-Free-and-Accepted-Masons/>

Alvin Lodge Website: <http://www.alvinlodge.org/>

Alvin Lodge Calendar of Events: <http://www.alvinlodge.org/calendar.html>

Alvin Lodge Email: AlvinLodge762@gmail.com

John Wayne Chapter # 3667, Order of DeMolay Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/John-Wayne-Chapter-3667-Order-of-DeMolay-Alvin-Texas/483169650391>

That's all the news I have. Hope the newsletter has helped in some way. **If you have a story or news you would like to share, send it to me at our lodge email address so I can post it.** I want everyone to know about our Masonic family's accomplishments. Send me your feedback on the newsletter. Something in particular you would like to see in it?

Sincerely and fraternally,

Glenn

