

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



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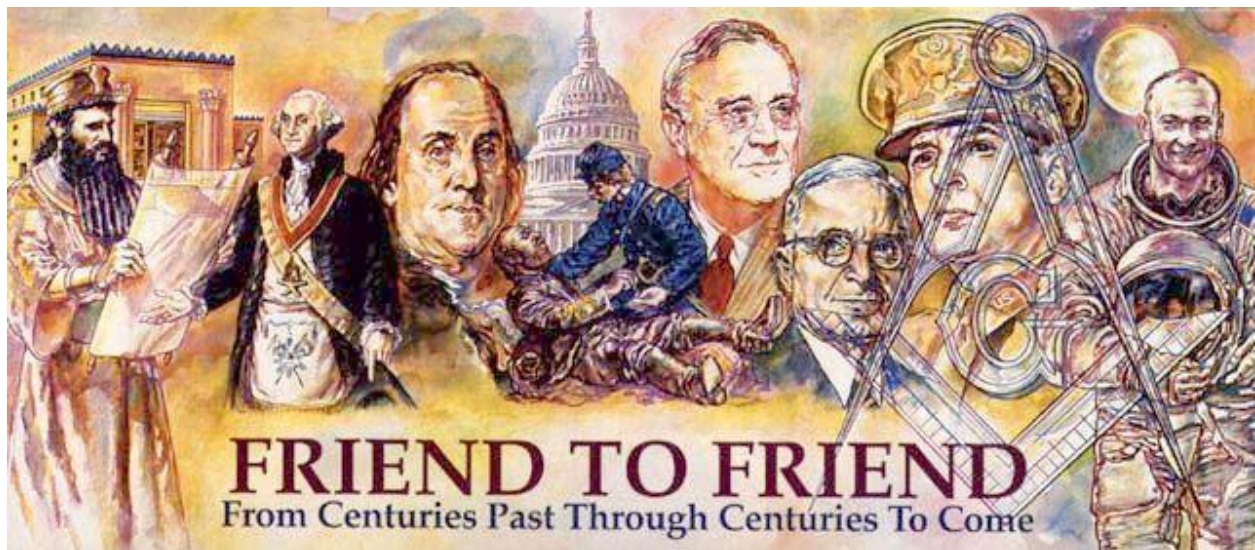
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NEWSLETTER

**We are coming out of summer** although you wouldn't know it by the heat. This is Texas though, so why am I surprised it's still so hot. Kids are back in school (*watch out in those school zones*) and we are entering the peak time for hurricanes. Isaac drenched Louisiana and Mississippi, and from the newscasts it shows recovery will not come quickly. Say a prayer for those folks who have suffered, lost everything, and are living in shelters. And be sure to give thanks for our safety. The season's not over so always be prepared to do what is necessary if a hurricane comes our way.

**Being a Mason is more than carrying the card.** The brothers of Abilene Lodge # 559 proved it: Over a month ago I asked if anyone had some spare file cabinets they could donate because I needed them in the secretary's office. My thanks to Bro. Jimmy White for immediately contacting me and donating three file cabinets. But the day I was supposed to receive them, Jimmy's 94 years old great-uncle (a 50 yr+ Mason), took a turn for the worse health wise. Unfortunately, the great-uncle, living in West Texas, passed away. Our condolences go to the family. But one final request he made was to have a Masonic Funeral Service. The completion of this request then fell to Jimmy.

Bro. White called upon Abilene Lodge # 559 to perform the service. They didn't hesitate—and drove 70 miles to do so. Not only did they perform the burial service, but they remained and assisted the family with the funeral so the family could have its own time to grieve. I was told the brothers of Abilene Lodge #559 were professional, respectful, dignified, caring—the accolades go on.

Some Masons won't drive two miles to come to lodge, while these brothers drove 70 miles to give a burial service. To me, this is an excellent example of Masonry at its best.



**Two Alvin Lodge brothers could use your prayers and good thoughts:** Bros. George Alston and Bill Pannell. George came through his surgery well and is anxious to get back on the golf course. As for Bill, he's still working through a number of medical issues that must be addressed. We wish them both the best

and I know they would appreciate your prayers. There's more in our Masonic family who need our prayers, but I don't have their names. Please let me know so I can include them as well. One additional name I know of is my uncle, Carl E. Starkey, a 60+ year Mason, in Baytown, TX. He's undergoing some rough chemo treatments and your prayers and good thoughts would truly be helpful.

**One of our brethren, Buddy Glass, is on his way to Afghanistan.** Retired from the Marine Corps, Buddy will now be working for a private contractor. Buddy will be missed in many ways! He was our Senior Steward and did a fine job (*even though we gave him a hard time about his cooking skills*), plus he was always present whenever the lodge needed help. Stay safe, Buddy. *Semper Fi.*

**We've been busy** with lodge activities and from the events that are planned it appears we will remain busy for quite a while:

**The official visit of DDGM 31-A, Charles M. Kinsey**, is scheduled for the Alvin Lodge on our Stated Meeting night, Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome to join us in the meal and meet the DDGM, but this will be a Master Mason's meeting starting at 7:30 p.m. Attire should be appropriate for meeting Grand Lodge Officers.

**The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Alvin Lodge Car & Bike Show** was held Saturday, August 11, 2012, at National Oak Park in Alvin, TX. For being our first car & bike show, this was an excellent event. We had 77 registrants, vendors of all types, two bands, and a lot of good folks out volunteering and visiting. Yes, it was hot that day but fortunately no rain, (although, a cloud or two would have been nice.) We learned a lot from the show and our hopes are to improve next year's event in many ways. Once Bro. Robin Winslett puts the photos on our website, <http://www.alvinlodge.org>, you can check out the fine cars and motorcycles that were entered in the show. Pick a car or a motorcycle out from the photos and tell your spouse you decided what you want for Christmas!

**Alvin Lodge Name Tags** are available now. They have a magnetic clip (which *really* holds tight) and no more pins and clips to hold it to your shirt. We have the sign up form in the lodge dining room or you can contact Craig Woodard (832-643-0568) for more details.



**We are also working on the making of good baseball type caps with our lodge name and number on them...** I saw one and it looks sharp. More to come on ordering these once we get the kinks worked out of this project.

**Our lodge brisket sales have begun!!** We've received great compliments on them in the past and we definitely intend for them

to be good this time. A lot of hard work goes into cooking these briskets so aside from selling them, we will need volunteers to help with the cooking. I attached documents with this newsletter that provides further information and will assist in tracking the briskets you sell. Craig Woodard and Paul Pool will be glad to answer any and all questions you may have. Their telephone numbers are listed on the flyers.

**Don't forget Family Night on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month at the lodge.** We combine the lodge Masons, OES, and DeMolay for these nights and always have a great meal and fellowship. This month the program is in remembrance of the events of '9-11'.

**A Grand Secretary School** is set for September 29<sup>th</sup> at Holland Lodge.

**The MWSA (Masters, Wardens, Secretary Assn)** meets at our lodge on the second Wednesday of each month unless otherwise noted. Next meeting should be September 12<sup>th</sup>.



**The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Danbury Masonic Lodge Car & Motorcycle Show** will be September 22<sup>nd</sup> at Skrabanek Park in Danbury, Texas.... Be sure to come out for the event. I attached a flyer on the show with further information, but if you need to talk to someone about sponsorship or taking part in the show, call Rick Carter 281-435-0126 or Jeff Rosier 409-761-9181. Volunteers are welcome too!

**On September 1<sup>st</sup> at the Alvin Rotary Park, the El Mina Shriners and Arabia Shriners** will be holding a fish fry from noon to 6 p.m. and all are invited to attend. I attached a flyer with this newsletter for further information.

**The El Mina Shrine Circus is coming!** It starts in Beaumont at Montagne Center at Lamar University on September 15th and 16th. Saturday performances are 1:00, 4:30 and 7:30PM. Sunday Performances are at 1:00 and 5:30PM. After Beaumont, it heads to Galveston Island and sets up at Moody Gardens Convention Center for the 22nd and 23rd of September. Saturday Performances are 1:00, 4:30 and 7:30PM. Sunday Performances are at 1:00 and 5:30PM. Then the circus finishes up in Brazoria County on Monday the 24th in Angleton at the Brazoria County Fairgrounds with shows at 4:00 and 7:00PM. Everyone loves a circus, especially kids. This is a great opportunity to bring a smile to their faces.



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MON - SEPTEMBER 24  
BRAZORIA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS  
MON - 4:00 & 7:00

The flyer features a central illustration of a circus band in white uniforms with red plumes, standing in a line. Above them is a red banner with the text 'CIRCUS SPECTACULAR' and 'Produced by Cindy Mayley'. Below the band are two tigers. To the left is a clown's face, and to the right is a person riding an elephant. The background is yellow with red stars and a red border.

**Is it written in stone?** Well, the memory of anyone you wish to honor can be engraved in a brick and displayed upon our lodge walkway wall. Our **“Build a Wall of Fame” brick program** is ongoing and the wall is looking great, steadily getting bigger! For \$100 a brick you can place your name, a loved one’s name, or anyone’s name on a brick that will be displayed for years to come so everyone who walks into our lodge will see it. You can download the flyer and order sheet at <http://www.AlvinLodge.org>. If you have questions, send an email to our lodge and I will insure Bro. Robin Winslett receives them. He is coordinating this worthy project.

*Arlene Squires, Worthy Matron, OES #15*



I didn’t receive any news announcements from OES for the month of September, but check our website’s calendar. OES stated meetings are scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month.

*Mark Peebler, Advisor, John Wayne Chap. # 3667*



The John Wayne Chapter # 3667 has been busy this summer with trips to Austin and winning awards. I didn’t receive any special news announcements for upcoming events but they have ongoing activities. Check our lodge website calendar for posted dates.

The following are website links and addresses you may want to retain as Favorites in order to get to them quickly. Our Facebook page is very active. We post lodge information there and always have people reading it and asking questions. Our lodge website is going to be updated and continually have the latest information posted on it...Our lodge is growing and this technology is helping us get the message out!

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>

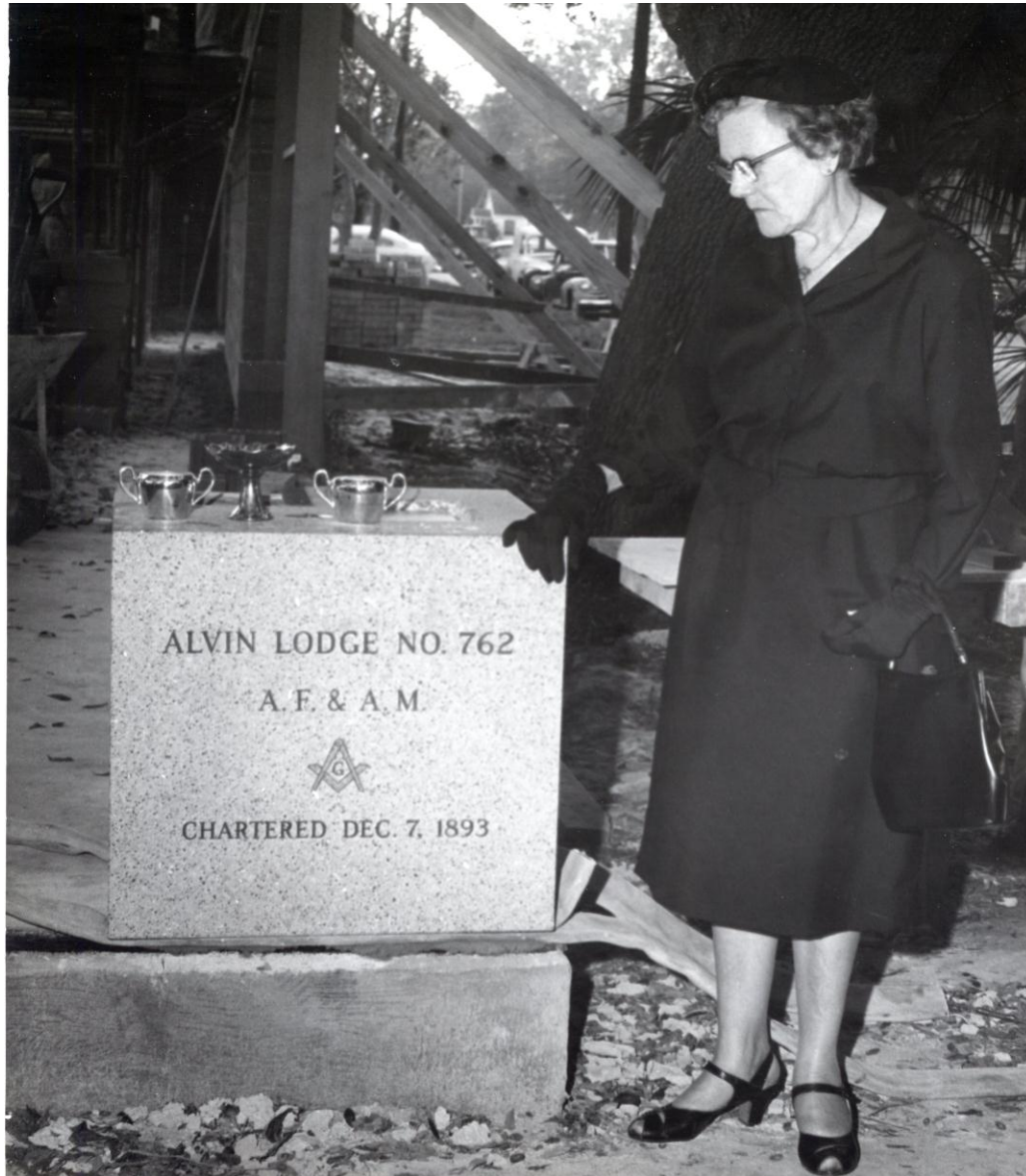
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That’s all the latest news I have. Hope the newsletter has helped in some way. If you have a story or news you would like to share, send it to me at our lodge email address. I will be glad to post it.

**Have you volunteered lately?** Not just at the lodge (*although we can always use help*), 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. As an author, I chose to work in our schools and be a “Reading Buddy” to help children who do not get the assistance at home as they should. The smiles on their faces are my reward, but at the end of the year when they are reading as well as the other kids, that is worth more than gold to me. ***You can make a difference.***

And before I close, I have included a photograph from a 1958 'cornerstone leveling' ceremony. The lady is standing next to the cornerstone that she donated—for our lodge. **Does anyone know her name?** I do. And if you do, send me your answer and I will post it in the October newsletter.



*Sincerely and fraternally,*

*Glenn*