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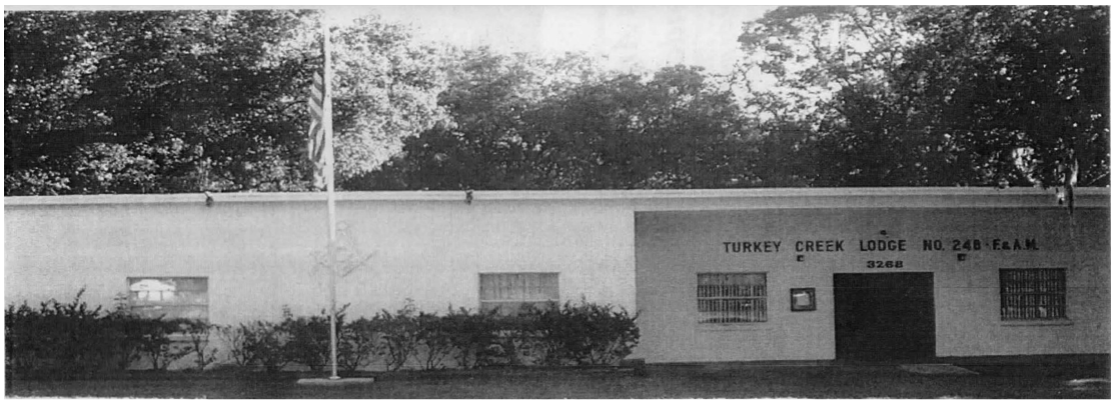

Officers 2017

Worshipful Master John Fincher
Senior Warden Jonathan Childers ~ Junior Warden Dennis Hall
Treasurer W. Larry Gillespie, PM ~ Secretary Robert L.T. Phillips, PM
Senior Deacon George Grosskopf, Jr ~ Junior Deacon Christopher Aronson
Senior Steward Charles Taylor ~ Junior Steward George Grosskopf, Sr
Chaplain Jack Holloway, PM ~ Marshal Arthur J. Ahrens III, PM
Tyler Kenneth Minton, PM

Past Masters

W.A. Hooker, 1921-23*	A.O. Baynard, 1962*	I.D. Vance, 1997
T.H. Bell, 1924-25*	K.H. Hinson, 1963*	C.L. Hill, 1998
W.M. Hartin, 1926-27*	W.T. Simmons, 1964*	L.R. Gillespie, 1999
H.C. Creemer, 1928-30*	W.W. Wingate, 1965	J.F. VanBrocklin, 2000
R.L. Sheffield, 1931-32*	L. Prichard, 1966	J.B. Sampson III, 2001
W.L. Armstrong, 1933-34*	S. Williford, 1967*	T.L. Steele, 2002*
C.G. Ash, 1935*	J.H. Shiver, 1969*	S.T. Yebba, 2003
E.W. Simmons, Sr, 1936*	W.R. Gillespie, 1970	J.A. O'Hara, 2004*
O.E. Baynard, 1937*	J.B. Vanders, 1971	D. Atkin, 2005*
C.H. Farnsworth, 1938*	W.R. Gillespie, 1972	J. Cooper, 2006
J.A. Studstill, 1939*	C. Sheffield, 1973*	A. Hammell, 2007*
L.E. Swatts, 1940*	K.K. Johnson, 1974*	K.W. Minton, 2008
T.N. Gaskins, 1941*	M.B. Langford, 1975*	John Barnes, 2009*
J. Mindedahl, 1942*	J.R. Morgan, 1976	Ray Manus, 2010
P.S.Tyson, 1943*	F.M. Jones, 1977*	Alan D. Lively, 2011
N.R. Henley, 1944*	T.E. Hinson, 1978	James B. Bryant, 2012
P. Blondalillo, 1945*	G.R. Langford, 1979	Robert C. St. John, Jr. 2013
R.C. Colson, 1946*	T.D. Bevlin, 1980	Robert L.T. Phillips, 2014
H.C. Ham, 1947*	G.H. Lipsey, 1981	Arthur J. Ahrens III, 2015
T.B. Brown, 1948*	R.L. Locke, 1982*	Brice Cross, 2016
T.L Frierson, 1949*	G.D. Varnadore, 1983	
C.L. Carpenter, 1950*	B.H. Thornton, 1984*	
W.F. Smith, 1951*	M.E. Deshong, 1985*	
H.B. Whitehead, 1952*	W.H. Scott, 1986	
C.G. Pate, 1953*	H.B. Roberts, 1987	
J. Jenne, 1954*	L.J. Varnadore, 1988*	
J.S. Griffin, 1955*	C.L. Karppe, 1989*	
J.W. Yates, 1956*	L.M. Lee, 1990	
J.C. Davis, 1957*	B. Joyce, 1991	
C. Thompson, 1958	R.M. Visconte, 1992	
E.W. Simmons Jr, 1959*	M.E. Deshong, 1993-94*	
J.E. Evans, 1960*	B.W. Douglas, 1995*	
J.L. Hill, 1961*	J.T. Robinson, 1996*	

* ***Deceased***

"Our Past Masters Are The Backbone Of Our Lodge"

From the East

Brothers,

Happy New Year, Brothers. If you were unable to make the 2017 officers installation on January 7th, you missed a good time. We had a great turn out. The January family night will be followed by a presentation for the Scottish rite presented by Worshipful Ahrens. And the February family night will be followed by a flag folding presentation presented by the Durant high school JROTC. The officers and myself are looking forward to a great year, and hope to see attendance increase as the year progresses. If you haven't been in lodge in a while, we would like to extend a warm invite to come back and meet some of our new brothers who have joined us. I'm sure they would like to meet you. I am honored to have the opportunity to represent Turkey Creek lodge as its Worshipful Master, and I pray and hope to meet all of our brother's expectations.

Fraternally,
John Fincher, Worshipful Master
Turkey Creek Lodge No 248, F&AM
(863) 727-6320 - cell

From the West

Brothers,

Happy New Year, Brothers! I hope you all had a great holidays. If through out the year anyone would like to reserve the lodge for an event, feel free to call me and I will put it on the calendar. I hope starting next month to set up little projects and work days thru out the year. I hope to see you all at next month's meeting.

Fraternally,
Jonathan Childers
Senior Warden

From the South

Brothers,

Happy New Year Brothers! I hope you all had a wonderful time with family and friends during the holidays.

If you are interested in helping provide a main dish for our family nights, now is the time to sign up on the sheet provided on the bulletin board. Currently the only month taken is February. Pass the word along about our family nights and come on out for great food, fun times, and wonderful fellowship. If you are able, bring a dish to share! Meal begins at 6:30.

If you are aware of anything that is needed for the kitchen or supply room, please put it on the dry erase board located at the kitchen.

If you haven't been to lodge in a while, come out and join us for our monthly meetings. The meals this year will be at 6:30PM and provided by the ladies of The Eastern Star with our stated communication to follow at 7:30PM. Let's make this a great year and support our lodge!

Fraternally,
Dennis Hall
Junior Warden

From the Secretary

Brethren,

Circumscribe is coming! Whether you want it to come or not, Circumscribe is coming! According to Grand Lodge, the Secretary's Portal is being shut down January 25th and Circumscribe will be all that is left.

What that means to you that have not yet set up your account on Circumscribe is that you will get a permanent ID card with no photograph, whether you set up your account or not. If you later want an ID card with your Photo on it, or to correct incorrect information currently in the system, you will be charged for the new ID card.

Brethren, it does not make one whit of difference to me as Secretary whether you set up your account or not. It will not change how I do business as a Secretary. I still have access to your account, whether the information is correct or incorrect. However, for your benefit, you may wish to set up your account to preclude a blank ID card or a card being issued with incorrect information on it.

If you need assistance setting your account up, please contact me.

Addemdum - Brethren, I received the following update to Circumscribe on Friday, January 13th. Take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

ID Card Update

We are approaching the final data migration on January 27, 2017. As all Lodges are undergoing new Officer Installations, the final migration of date is pending, and to avoid re-printing ID cards with errors, production of all permanent ID's has been postponed until **February 28, 2017**.

This new deadline will give all Lodge Secretary's (returning and new) to review, verify and edit all member data following the final migration, specifically Title and Post Titles. Additionally, it will allow all members to review and verify their information and make any final revisions to their picture and address.

The first permanent ID card is issued at no charge; however, all other replacement cards requested by Brothers after the February 28th deadline will cost $5.00 each.

Mailing of permanent ID cards will resume on **March 6, 2017**.

Fraternally and Zealously,
W∴ Robert Phillips, PM
Secretary
813.230.7682

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **2/7 Stated Communications**
- **2/14 Degree Practice**
- **2/20 District School of Instruction – Tampa Lodge, No 240**
- **2/21 Family night**
- **2/28 Degree Practice**
- **2/17 Masters & Wardens – John Darling Lodge**

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Lodge News

Degree Team Members NEEDED! See W∴ Arthur J. Ahrens. for training and positions.

Lodge Degree/Floor Work Practice
2ND and 4Th Tuesdays of the Month

Lodge mentor(s)

W∴ Robert L.T. Phillips

Catechism Instructors

W∴ Ray Manus
W∴ John Fincher
Houston Tucker
George Grosskopf, Jr

2017 Installation of Officers

The installation of the Officers of Turkey Creek Lodge No 248, Free and Accepted Masons was held on Saturday January 7th, 2017. Additional pictures are posted to the Lodge's Facebook page, https://www.facebook.com/TurkeyCreekMasonicLodge248/

Committees

Committee	Chairman	Members
Finance	Bro. Jonathan Childers	• W∴ Larry Gillespie, • W∴ Arthur J. Ahrens III, • W∴ Robert L.T. Phillips, • Bro. Dennis Hall
Vigilance	Bro. Jonathan Childers	• Bro. Dennis Hall, • Bro. George Grosskopf, Jr, • Bro. Christopher Aronson
Health and Welfare	W∴ Jack Holloway	• W∴ Robert L.T. Phillips, • W∴ Thurman Bevlin
Petitions	W∴M∴ John Fincher	• Bro. Jonathan Childers, • Bro. Dennis Hall, • Bro. Charles Tucker • W∴ David Mason
Masonic Education	Bro. Jonathan Childers	• W∴M∴ John Fincher, • Bro. Dennis Hall
Board of Relief	W∴M∴ John Fincher	• Bro. Jonathan Childers, • Bro. Dennis Hall, • Bro. George Grosskopf, Sr, • Bro. Christopher Aronson
Charity	W∴M∴ John Fincher	• Bro. Jonathan Childers, • Bro. Dennis Hall
Lodge Property	Bro. Jonathan Childers	• Bro. Dennis Hall, • Bro. Charles Tucker, • Bro. George Grosskopf, Jr, • Bro. Christopher Aronson
Investigating		• Appointed as needed
Catechism Instructors	W∴ Ray Manus	• W∴M∴ John Fincher, • Bro. Houston Tucker, • Bro. George Grosskopf, Jr
Lodge Mentor	W∴ Robert L.T. Phillips	
Lodge Instructor	W∴ Arthur J. Ahrens	
Attendance and Membership	W∴M∴ John Fincher	• Bro. Jonathan Childers, • Bro. Dennis Hall, • W∴ Robert L.T. Phillips
Transportation	W∴M∴ John Fincher	• Bro. Dennis Hall, • Bro. George Grosskopf, Jr
Emeritus	Bro. Dennis Hall	• Bro. George Grosskopf, • Bro. Charles Tucker, • Bro. Christopher Aronson
Special Events Coordination		• Appointed as needed

Remember Brothers it is the actions and spirit of ourselves that make a man a Mason