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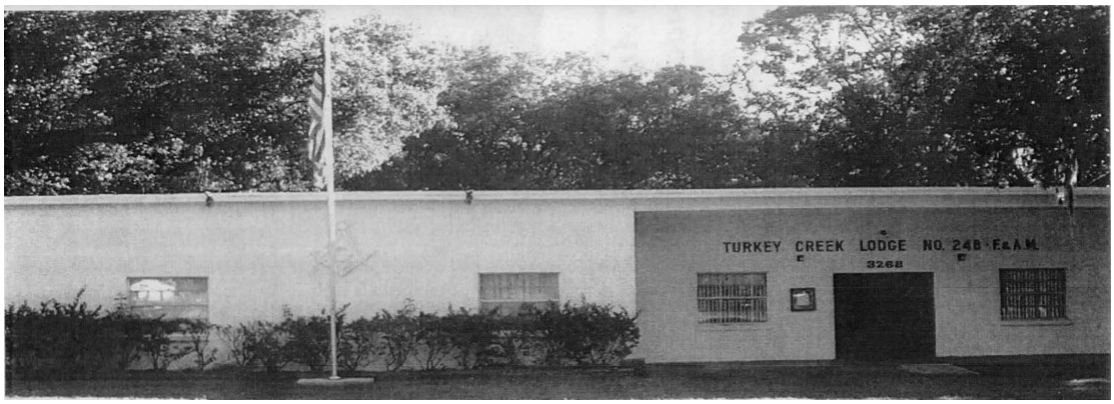


Officers 2017

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 Charles Tucker
Senior Steward George Grosskopf, Sr ~ Junior Steward Taylor Clark
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

My brothers.

This is my last Trestle Board and it has an great honor to have your Worshipful Master for the year. I would like congratulate Brother Jon Childers on his election to the east and hope he has an even more successful year than we did this year. The installation of officers will be at 5 pm on January 20th, please come support our new line. We will also have an Entered Apprentice degree on January 9th and a Fellowcraft degree on the 23rd. I would like to announce a big heartfelt thank you to the officers of 2017 for hard work and dedication to the craft. And to the degree team, you guys rock. You kept on going even when there was no time get practice in and for working with a crazy schedule and multiple degrees in 1 day. Have yourself a very blessed year.

Fraternally,

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

From the West

Happy Holidays, my Brothers!

Fraternally,

Jonathan Childers
Senior Warden

From the South

Brothers,

2017 has come and gone. First off, I want to thank all of you for a wonderful year. We can't be a lodge without our brothers. I also want to thank you for allowing me to serve as your Junior Warden this year and thank you in advance for the opportunity to serve as your upcoming Senior Warden. I feel we have a good line up of officers for the ensuing year and look forward to working with each and every brother in the lodge. We got a lot accomplished this past year and hope to do even more this year.

Please join us for our January family night if your cable-tow allows. Our meal will begin at 6:30. We will be having baked ziti and garlic bread. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share to go along with the meal. Bring your friends and family to have some delicious food, good times, and great fellowship.

And last but not least, if you haven't been to lodge in a while, please come join us at our stated communications held on the 1st Tuesday of each month. Meals start at 6:30 with the meeting afterwards to begin at 7:30. If you don't have a way, or need help getting to the lodge, please let us know and one of us will definitely make sure you get there.

I hope this trestle board finds you well, and hope to see you at lodge!

Fraternally,

Dennis Hall
Junior Warden

From the Secretary

Brethren,

Elections of Lodge Officers for 2018 took place at our December stated communication and the results are:

Worshipful Master – Jonathan Childers
Senior Warden – Dennis Hall
Junior Warden – George Grosskopf Jr
Treasurer – W∴ Larry Gillespie
Secretary – W∴ Robert Phillips
The Worshipful Master-elect announced the following appointments:
Chaplain – W∴ Jack Holloway
Marshall – W∴ John Fincher
Senior Deacon – Charles F Tucker Jr
Junior Deacon – George Grosskopf Sr
Senior Steward – Taylor Clark
Junior Steward – James R Shelley
Tyler – W∴ Arthur J Ahrens III

Installation of officers will start at 5:00 pm on Saturday, January 20, 2018, followed by the meal.

The lodge had several members suspended for non-payment of dues (SNPD) December 27, 2017; although, not as many as in past years. Brothers, there is an easy way to never become SNPD --- BECOME A PERPETUAL MEMBER!!! If you want to become a perpetual member, see your secretary. He has the forms necessary for you to get started. Perpetual membership is 20 times the annual dues (lodge dues plus per capita) in effect when the forms are completed and accepted by Grand Lodge. Payment of perpetual membership may be made in lump sum or spread over a five-year period. If you chose to spread the payment over five years, you will also be required to pay the annual assessment in addition to the perpetual payment.

Fraternally and Zealously,

W∴ Robert Phillips, PM
Secretary
813.230.7682

January Birthdays

William Miles Bierce
Edgar Earl Lariscy
David James Mason
Richard Murray Visconte Jr
Charles Fredrick Tucker
Donald Tracy Varnadore
Duke Bass Fortesque
James Eldridge Barnes Jr
John Paul Fincher
Charles Fredrick Tucker Jr

January Master Mason Anniversaries

William Miles Bierce
Donald Tracy Varnadore

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **1/2 Stated Communication – Turkey Creek Lodge**
- **1/9 Entered Apprentice Degree – Turkey Creek Lodge**
- **1/15 District School of Instruction – Tampa Lodge, No. 240**
- **1/16 Family Night – Turkey Creek Lodge**
- **1/19 Masters & Wardens – John Darling Lodge**
- **1/20 Installation of Officers – Turkey Creek Lodge**
- **1/23 Fellowcraft Degree – Turkey Creek Lodge**

Lodge News

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

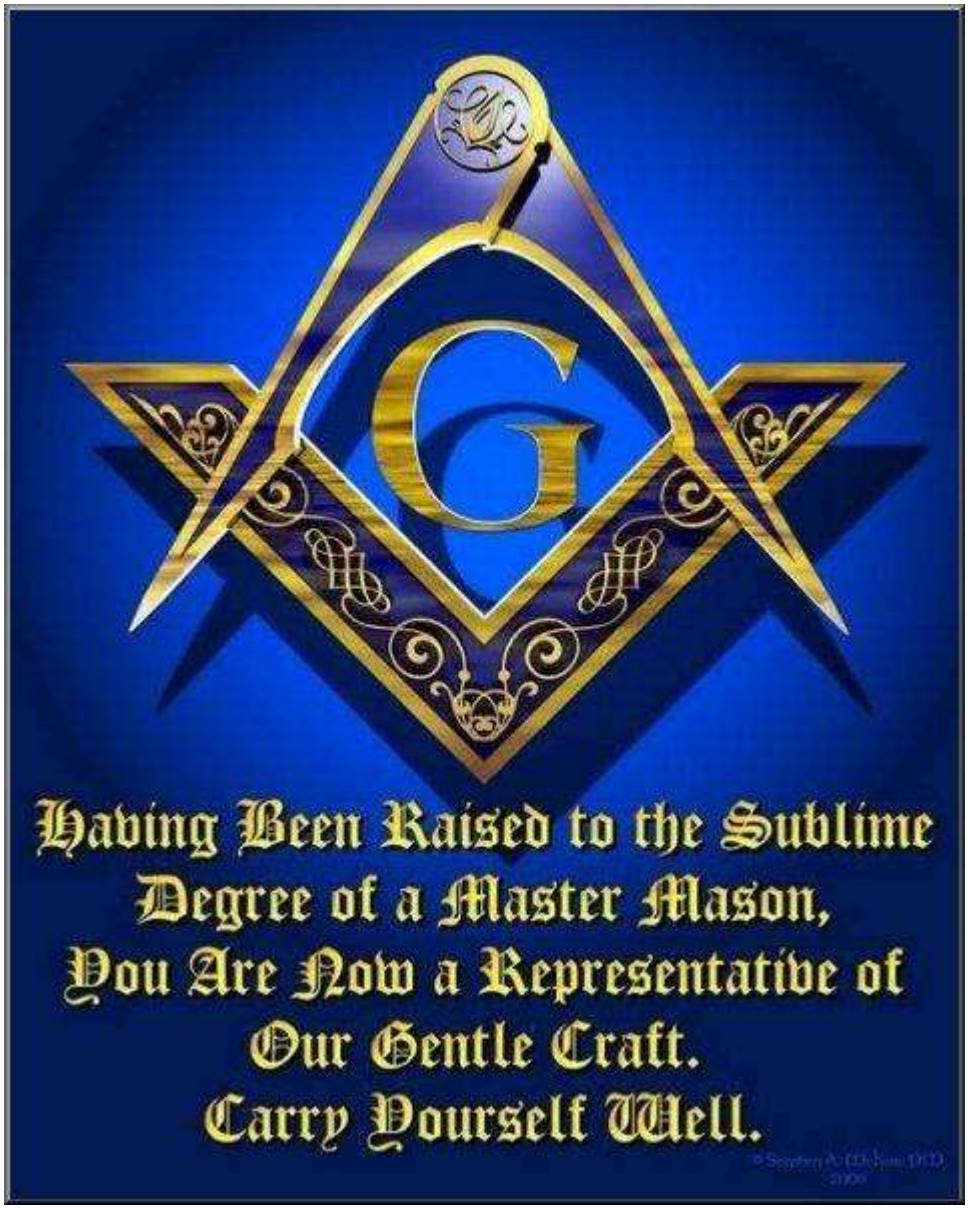
Lodge Degree/Floor Work Practice
2ND and 4Th Tuesdays of the Month

Lodge mentor(s)

W∴ Robert L.T. Phillips

Catechism Instructors

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


Having Been Raised to the Sublime
Degree of a Master Mason,
You Are Now a Representative of
Our Gentle Craft.
Carry Yourself Well.

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