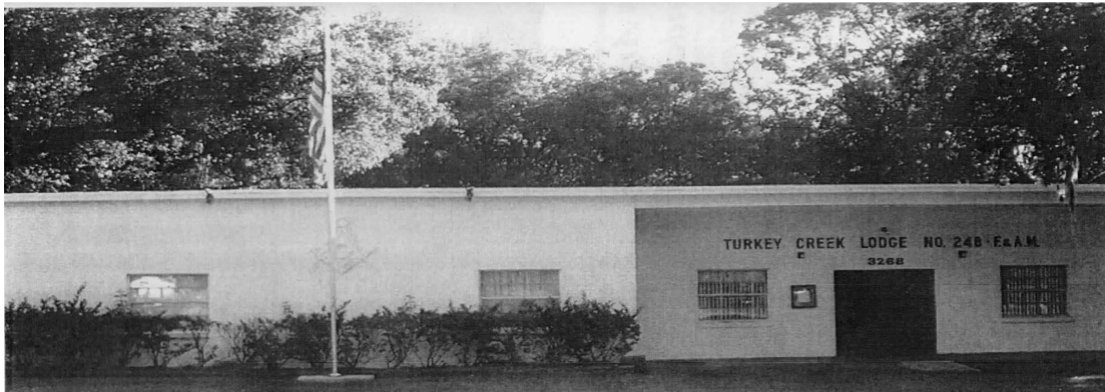


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Past Masters



W.A. Hooker, 1921-23*
T.H. Bell, 1924-25*
W.M. Hartin, 1926-27*
H.C. Creemer, 1928-30*
R.L. Sheffield, 1931-32*
W.L. Armstrong, 1933-34*
C.G. Ash, 1935*
E.W. Simmons, Sr, 1936*
O.E. Baynard, 1937*
C.H. Farnsworth, 1938*
J.A. Studstill, 1939*
L.E. Swatts, 1940*
T.N. Gaskins, 1941*
J. Mindedahl, 1942*
P.S. Tyson, 1943*
N.R. Henley, 1944*
P. Blondalillo, 1945*
R.C. Colson, 1946*
H.C. Ham, 1947*
T.B. Brown, 1948*
T.L. Frierson, 1949*
C.L. Carpenter, 1950*
W.F. Smith, 1951*
H.B. Whitehead, 1952*
C.G. Pate, 1953*
J. Jenne, 1954*
J.S. Griffin, 1955*
J.W. Yates, 1956*
J.C. Davis, 1957*
C. Thompson, 1958
E.W. Simmons Jr, 1959
J.E. Evans, 1960*
J.L. Hill, 1961

A.O. Baynard, 1962
K.H. Hinson, 1963*
W.T. Simmons, 1964*
W.W. Wingate, 1965
L. Prichard, 1966
S. Williford, 1967*
J.H. Shiver, 1969*
W.R. Gillespie, 1970
J.B. Vanders, 1971
W.R. Gillespie, 1972
C. Sheffield, 1973*
K.K. Johnson, 1974*
M.B. Langford, 1975
R.J. Morgan, 1976
F.M. Jones, 1977*
T.E. Hinson, 1978
G.R. Langford, 1979
T.D. Bevlin, 1980
G.H. Lipsey, 1981
R.L. Locke, 1982*
G.D. Varnadore, 1983
B.H. Thornton, 1984*
M.E. Deshong, 1985*
W.H. Scott, 1986
H.B. Roberts, 1987
L.J. Varnadore, 1988
C.L. Karppe, 1989*
L.M. Lee, 1990
B. Joyce, 1991
R.M. Visconte, 1992
M.E. Deshong, 1993-94*
B.W. Douglas, 1995*
J.T. Robinson, 1996*

I.D. Vance, 1997
C.L. Hill, 1998
L.R. Gillespie, 1999
J.F. VanBrocklin, 2000
J.B. Sampson III, 2001
T.L. Steele, 2002
S.T. Yebba, 2003
J.A. O'Hara, 2004
D. Atkin, 2005*
J. Cooper, 2006
A. Hammell, 2007*
K.W. Minton, 2008
John Barnes, 2009*
Ray Manus, 2010
Alan D. Lively, 2011
James B. Bryant, 2012

** Deceased*

“Our Past Masters Are The Backbone Of Our Lodge”



From The East

My Brothers,

As we prepare for the 2013 Masonic year, I have several items I wish to present for your consideration. First, I want to expression my appreciation for the work our junior Past Master accomplished during his term; Jim Bryant had enthusiasm, and a supportive group of officers and I hope that will continue into my term as Master.

I plan to make our communications interesting and informative and I encourage you to attend every chance you get. I especially request we have a good turn-out when our District Deputy Grand Master makes his official visit. I'll get the word out to all at the earliest opportunity.

This month, we will again use our Family night (February 19th) to recognize our Widows. Those who have not received Widow's pins will have a presentation ceremony, and those that we've recognized previously will have an opportunity for food and fellowship with the lodge members. Please try to be there to show these ladies how much we appreciate them.

Finally, a couple key dates for this month: Stated Communication on February 5th, District School of Instruction on February 18th, Masters and Wardens on February 22nd, and our OES Chapter will be meeting on February 14th and 28th.

Fraternally,

Robert C. St. John, Jr.
Worshipful Master
(813) 685-4638



From The West



Brethren

I would like to thank each of you who came to the Lodge last night to witness the installation of the 2013 officers. I was unable to get an exact count but approximately 60 of you took time from your busy lives to support your Lodge. In addition to the good showing of Turkey Creek Lodge No 248 members, many Hillsborough County Lodges were represented: Hillsborough Lodge No 25, Olin S Wright Lodge No 79, Tampa Lodge 240, Holyrood Lodge No 257 and Temple Terrace No 330. I hope that I did not miss any.

In your journey through the first three degrees, your search was for Light, further Light and more Light. I hope your search for more Light has not ended. If you are still looking for further Light and have not taken advantage of the Light available in the York Rite and Scottish Rite degrees, now may be the time for you to do so. York Rite District 4 will be offering the Chapter and Council degrees at the Lakeland York Rite Center on February 23rd and the Commandery Orders will be offered at the same location on March 23rd. York Rite District 3 will be offering the Chapter and Council degrees at the Tampa York Rite Center on March 2nd and the Commandery Orders will be offered at the same location on March 9th. The Scottish Rite Spring Reunion will be held at the Scottish Rite Center in Tampa on April 20th and 27th. For more information, check with the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden or any of the many other members of these bodies in you Lodge. Ask for a petition, fill it out and get it signed.

Fraternally,

**Robert L Phillips,
Senior Warden
(813) 899-4320**



From the South



My Brothers and Sisters,

Our SW Bob Phillips has left me some big shoes to fill. I hope to continue the great meals and will endeavor to keep up the high standard he set for me. Our meal for the stated meeting will be Chili cheese hit dogs with Fritos and Macaroni and cheese for a side.

Our family night (3rd Tuesday in February) will be our Widows night. The meal will be lasagna, salad, vegetables, and dessert. Please make every effort to come out and be with our Widows.

It would be great to see the Fellowship room continue to be filled as the year progresses and the Fraternity continue to grow. If there is anything I can do as your Junior Warden please let me know.

**Arthur (AJ) Ahrens III,
Junior Warden
(813) 657-7940**





FROM THE Secretary



Brothers,

I am looking forward to a great year for Our Lodge. Please come out and support the Widows this Month on our family night, this is a nice way of saying thank you for their years of sacrifice.

**Fraternally,
Gary Bryant, PDDGM
Lodge Secretary
(813) 400-6252**



FROM THE CHAPLAIN



Brothers and Sisters,

We have many Brothers and Sisters on our prayer list, Please contact me if I need to add someone to it. There is no way I can know when a brother is ill without someone letting me know. This way I'll be able to send them a card from the Lodge Brother, if need be the members that know them and myself can visit them, or give them a phone call, if they have a email address we could email them. If any brother has one send it to me my email address is bevlinkych@verizon.net, my cell phone is (813) 758-3738. Now you know how you can help to do my job right.

**Fraternally,
Thurman Bevin, KYCH/PM
Chaplain
(813) 758-3738**



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Annie H. Schneider Eastern Star meetings 2nd and 4th Thursday
- District school of Instruction 3rd Monday @ Tampa 240
- Masters and Wardens 4th Friday @ Fellowship 265 (February/September Egypt Shrine)
6PM dinner 7PM meeting
- Feb 2nd – Masonic education – Olin S. Wright 10AM, Pancake breakfast, 8AM – 10AM
- Feb 5TH - Stated Meeting at 7:30pm, Dinner at 6:30pm
- Feb 6th – District school of Instruction @ John Darling 154
- Feb 17th – Low Twelve annual meeting @ Fellowship 265
- Feb 19TH – Widows Night @ 6:30pm
- Feb 23rd – MLT @ A W Windhorst 185 8:30AM lunch served (donation) 8 – 9 topics covered



Lodge News



Degree Team Members NEEDED! See W.: Lively and W.: Manus for training and positions.

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

Lodge instructor(s)

W.: D. Alan Lively

Lodge mentor(s)

W.: Ray Manus

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

