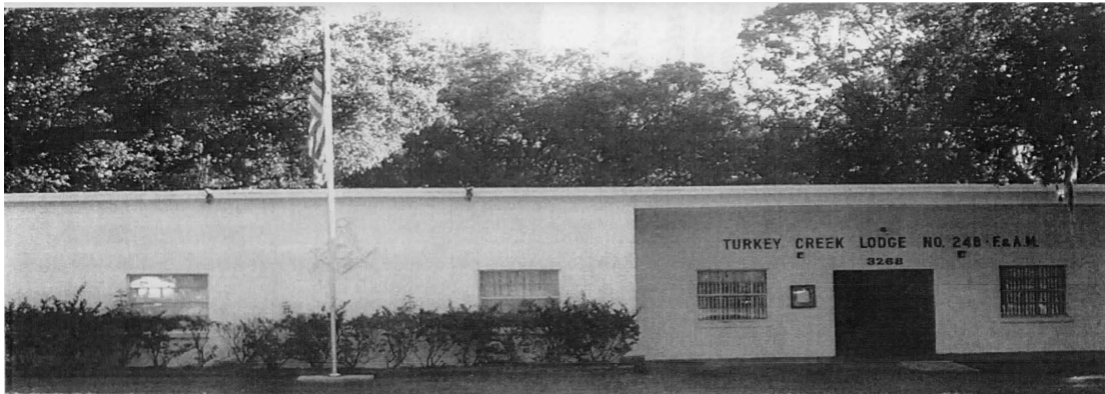


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# Past Masters



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. Bevin, 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**

**Brothers, Family and Friends of Turkey Creek Lodge,**

**I was pleased by the good turn-out for our August stated communication. The three district committee members gave informative presentations. I want to echo the importance of Masonic education stressed by W:. Yancey and encourage brothers to take advantage of every opportunity to learn more about our fraternity and its principles. I'd like to hold a MM I, II, and III session at our lodge in the near future. I also want to encourage those that can to make contributions to our various Masonic charities; we heard about the Masonic Home's needs and the Administrative Endowment funding requirements. If you are able, please send a check to the lodge noting which fund you are supporting; we'll pool our receipts and make a single donation from Turkey Creek. I realize some of the charities track individual giving, so in that case make the check payable to the charity, but still send it through the Secretary, so we can track total giving.**

**Looking ahead, I'd like to salute all our veterans at our November stated communication. Please wear any part or all of your uniform (except hats) that still fits. I plan to have a patriotic presentation by the Heroes of '76, National Sojourners that evening. Please invite family and friends and we'll do that portion starting at 7 PM; then we'll hold our stated communication immediately following. I'm going to ask that dinner start at 6 PM that evening.**

**We have several brothers in need of prayer for health, family, and other concerns. Please make it a habit to include the lodge, and your Masonic family in your thoughts and prayers. We have many brothers who don't attend lodge for various reasons; let's keep them in our prayers, and if you are able, call or visit them.**

**In closing, I again want to thank all the brothers for the support you've given me during this year as your WM. I really appreciate it!**

**Fraternally,**

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



## **From The West**



**Brethren**

**If you desire to receive “more Light” through the York Rite or Scottish Rite degrees, now is the time to complete and submit your petition. The Tampa York Rite bodies, with the assistance of several other bodies “South of the Bridge” and in St Petersburg, will be holding their fall Festival, October 5th and 12th. The Tampa Scottish Rite will be holding their fall Reunion October 19th and 26th. If you need a petition, see one of your Lodge officers.**

**Don’t forget that the Eastern Star will be holding their annual fundraiser fish fry on October 12th.**

**Yours in Masonry,**

**Robert “Bob” Phillips  
Senior Warden  
(813) 230-7682**





## **From the South**



**My Brothers and Sisters,**

**We are having great meals before the meetings and I the fellowship continues through the rest of the year.**

**Please come out to our Family nights and bring your family, we are having fun and there is always something to watch.**

**Our meal for September is keeping with Labor Day barbecue, Hot dogs, Baked beans, potato salad and cake for dessert.**

**I hope you can all make it out and enjoy the night.**

**Fraternally,**

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





## **FROM THE Secretary**



**Brothers,**

**Please come out and support our Lodge. Dues notices are getting ready to go out and past dues notices are in the mail. Please remember if you are an Officer that your dues need to be current.**

**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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday
- District school of Instruction 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday @ Tampa 240
- Masters and Wardens 4th Friday @ Fellowship 265 (February/September Egypt Shrine) 6PM dinner 7PM meeting
- October 12<sup>th</sup> OES fish fry



## Lodge News

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

**Lodge Degree/Floor Work Practice**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

