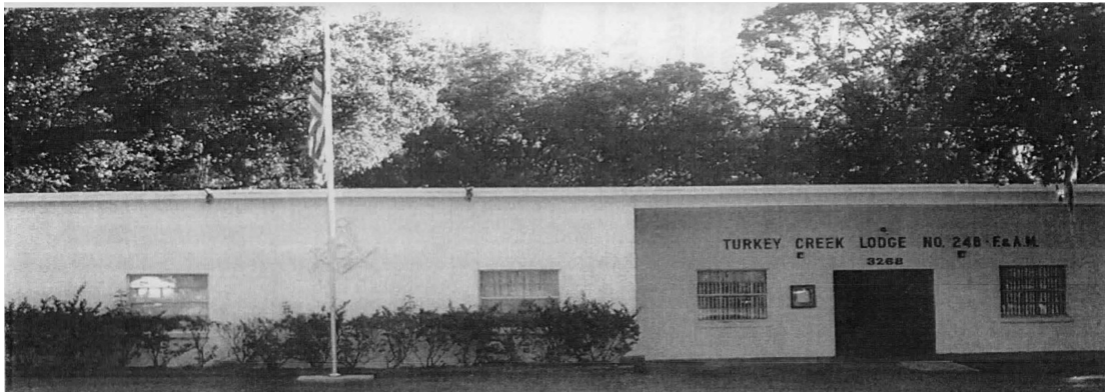


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Past Masters



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,

We had a very informative meeting in September, with several District Committeemen sharing about various Grand Lodge programs. As I'm sure you can guess, there were requests for funds to support our Masonic Home and other charities. I do hope you'll consider adding something when you pay your 2014 dues; I'd really like to see those that can afford it make direct contributions to the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory. One presentation addressed the need to care for your family by ensuring you have a will.

Our District Deputy asked that I include a letter from him about the Masonic Car tags; you'll find that letter in this issue. Starting on October 1, you can visit the tag office and make a commitment to buy one of these plates. Remember that the proceeds go to help our Masonic Home.

We'll have more committee presentations over the next couple months, so come out to hear what these brothers have to say. I also want to remind you that we'll be honoring our veterans at our November meeting which will include a family presentation between dinner and the start of our meeting.

Finally, I urge those brothers that can to take advantage of the many sources of Masonic education we have available. This includes such things as our district school of instruction, Master Mason I, II, and III, and open book events at the Scottish Rite.

I look forward to seeing you in October.

Fraternally,

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



The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge
of
Free and Accepted Masons of Florida
Right Worshipful Edward O. Kellner, Jr.
District Deputy Grand Master, 23rd Masonic District

To: All Brethren of the Lodges of the 23rd Masonic District

Dear Brethren:

Earlier this year, Most Worshipful Aladro, assisted by several brothers who serve in the Florida Legislature, worked to get a bill passed by the Legislature to create a specialty license plate commemorating the Masonic fraternity. The bill was signed by Governor Scott this spring, and a Masonic license plate is almost a reality. To finish the work, one thousand vouchers for the purchase of these license plates are needed to begin production.

My Brothers, it is now our time to make this a reality! Starting October 1st, you can purchase a voucher for a Masonic license plate at your local auto license office. We are anticipating getting production started by October 2nd. Yes, there is a lot of enthusiasm around the state for this license plate. But, it takes YOU to help make this happen.

Remember, proceeds from these plates will go to the Masonic Home Endowment Fund.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

R.: W.: Ed Kellner
District Deputy Grand Master, 23rd Masonic District



From The West



Brethren

The Order of the Eastern Star will have their annual fundraiser at Turkey Creek Lodge No 248 on October 19th. Please note the date change, as it was originally scheduled for October 12th. Please come out and support the ladies, as this is their only fund raiser of the year.

Your Lodge will hold its stated communication on the 1st of October and family night is scheduled for the 15th of October. It would be nice to see you at our stated communication.

Fraternally,

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





From the South



My Brothers and Sisters,

We are now officially in autumn and the year has flown by. I am looking forward to finishing the year without Masonic green beans. I promise that the meal will not be hot dog, chili or manwich-related.

We have had a lot of fellowship and good times at our meals before the stated meetings and also during our family nights. We have had families, new friends and old coming out to see the Lodge and join us.

I am looking forward to seeing as many of you at our meetings while the end of the year rapidly approaches.

Please don't forget about our Eastern Star fish fry on October 19th. It is a great way to hang out with friends and family and also to support the Ladies that support us.

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, 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
- October 19th OES fish fry



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

