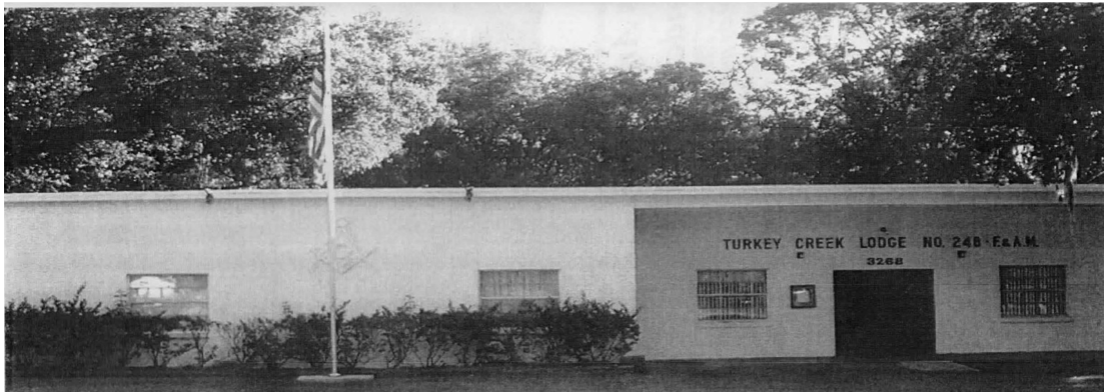


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Past Masters



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

From the East:

As we enter November, I want each of you to remember the various special days we celebrate and especially the significance of each. They provide an excellent opportunity to share your love of country, your appreciation of the freedom you enjoy, and hopefully why you became a Mason. First, we celebrate Veterans Day on November 11th. Take time to thank a veteran for his/her service and when you have a chance, share with your friends and family why this date is significant. At the same time, remind those who are there that it is the military who preserves the freedoms we enjoy.

We also celebrate Thanksgiving this month, and that day helps us remember the blessings we have as Americans. I know many will want to watch football and go shopping on “Black Friday”, and I hope you all enjoy a “bountiful” meal with family, but also take the time to thank the Great Architect for your blessings.

One last reminder that we’ll be eating early on November 5th, so we can have a Veterans Day event with family and friends prior to the stated Communication. We’ll start serving at 6 PM and the special program will start at 7 PM. We’ll have our normal Family night on November 19th. Other events for you to consider include the Outdoor Degree on November 2nd, District School on November 18th, and at our December Stated Communication we’ll be holding elections for 2014 officers.

Please have a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving Holiday!

Fraternally,

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



From The West



Brethren

We are members of the oldest fraternity known to man. As such, we should respect the Fraternity, which included such luminaries as the Father of our Country, George Washington. Not too many years ago, our grandfathers thought enough of the Fraternity to dress as though they were going to church when they attended Lodge. In my opinion, our Lodge still deserves that same respect. I know we are a “country” Lodge and as such, our dress code is a little more relaxed than some of the other Lodges in Hillsborough County and District 23. But brethren, our dress code has not relaxed enough to endorse or encourage the wearing of shorts to a tyled meeting. Please respect your Fraternity and Lodge by wearing proper attire when you attend our tyled meetings.

The year is rapidly coming to a close and we are entering the busy holiday season. We will celebrate Thanksgiving this month, which used to open the Christmas shopping season. And we will celebrate Christmas in December. Both Thanksgiving and Christmas started as religious holy days. However, in the increasing commercialization of our lives, they have degenerated to excuses for spending orgies. Take time this year to reflect on the real reason for the holidays and let us try to restore a little sanity to our lives. Take a time-out from the commercialization and cheapening of our lives, step back from the shopping frenzy and restore some real value to your lives. Open the Great Light of Masonry and find further Light!

Fraternally,

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



From the South



My Brothers and Sisters,

We only have two more Stated meetings for the year and it seems like just yesterday that we started the year. It has been a lot of work and fun serving as cook this year. The meal this month will be stew. I hope that you can all come out and enjoy it.

Please remember the meal this month starts at 6PM, come on out and enjoy the Fellowship.

Fraternally,

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





FROM THE Secretary



Brothers,

Please come out and support our Lodge. Dues notices have been sent out along with past dues notices. Please remember if you are an Officer that your dues need to be current. For those Officers being elected/appointed for 2014 your 2014 dues shall need to be paid prior to installation.

**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



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

