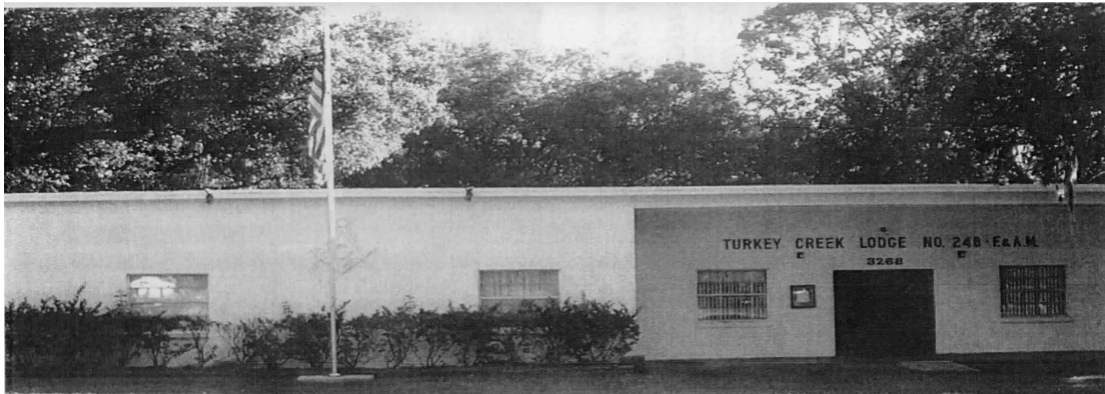


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Past Masters



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*	R.J. 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	
H.C. Ham, 1947*	G.H. Lipsey, 1981	
T.B. Brown, 1948*	R.L. Locke, 1982*	
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

Brethren

Thank you for allowing me to serve as Senior Warden for 2013. However, 2013 is history and we need to look to the future, trusting in the Great Architect of the Universe to lead each of us in the path He desires.

I thank you, the Craft, for the confidence you have placed in me by electing me as Worshipful Master of Turkey Creek Lodge No 248, F&AM, for 2014. I will do my best to ensure your confidence was not misplaced but I will need your help to promote the business of the Lodge in the manner you desire. I have planned a busy year, with; hopefully, something for each of you to become involved with and enjoy. W.: J. Bryant has volunteered to be the events coordinator for the Lodge this year. If he asks for your help, please do so if your cable tow permits.

My first priority this year is to improve the financial status of the Lodge. The temporary repairs to the roof of the Lodge, completed by Brother Skeen during this past summer, are still holding. I'm sure you noticed the word "temporary", because the patches were just that, temporary. None of us knows how long these temporary patches will last and we need to plan on more extensive repairs in the future.

I ask each of you to closely examine your cable tow and, if possible, increase your attendance at your Lodge stated or called communications this year. We miss your companionship and look to continue our mutual search for more Light together.

My designated charity for this year will be the Special Operations Warrior Foundation. If you desire more information about this very worthy charity, please check them out at <http://www.specialops.org/>.

Fraternally,

**Robert Phillips, Worshipful Master
Turkey Creek Lodge No 248, F&AM
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From The West



Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you for the confidence in electing me Senior Warden for the ensuing year. I will continue to work closely with the Craft on building repairs and improvements. I have already been given a list and will strive to complete it.

One thing that we have all asked ourselves is “What does Freemasonry mean to me”. I have been asked to discuss Masonic education this year and will attempt to help with enlightenment and leading others in paths of Masonry they may not know exist.

If there is something wrong with the Lodge building or for anything else please don't hesitate to call me.

Fraternally,

**Arthur (AJ) Ahrens
Senior Warden
(813) 657-7940**





From the South



Brothers and Sisters,

Our Sisters of the Eastern Star shall be cooking our meals this year. Please try and come out and support them and our Lodge.

Fraternally,

**Brice Cross,
Junior Warden**





FROM THE Secretary



Brothers,

Please come out and support our Lodge. This is our first meeting of 2014 and it would be great to see many sideliners to support our Elected Officers for the coming year.

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



FROM THE CHAPLAIN



Brethren, the beginning of the year reminds me of the beginning of our Masonic career, when we hear our first lecture telling us that Freemasonry is taught by types, symbols and allegorical figures. We might wonder for a second what a type is, but then the ceremony continues and the thought quickly leaves our mind. A dictionary definition of type is: a person or thing (as in the Old Testament) believed to foreshadow another (as in the New Testament), a model, or in the Bible we read "a shadow of good things to come". The Tabernacle was a pattern, given by God to Moses, of Solomon's Temple which itself was a type, or model, of God's Throne Room in Heaven. Each of us is a Type of the character we are building and shaping as the stones used to build that house not made with hands. We are reminded each time we open lodge that our desire is "that the lodge at this time may humbly reflect that order and beauty which reign forever before thy throne." We my Brothers, are the ones who make up that Lodge and are what our new brothers and the outside world see as "The Masons". Let us ask ourselves Brothers; what type of a Type are we? Not only while in the Lodge, but also when abroad in the world.

Exodus 25:40

⁴⁰ And see that you make them after the pattern for them, which is being shown you on the mountain.

Ezekiel 24:27

... Thus you will be a sign to them, and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

Matthew 5:15-16

¹⁵ Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house.

¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Almighty God, we ask Thee for the wisdom and strength to live our lives in such harmony with one another that together with one voice we may glorify our Father in Heaven. Amen.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Stated meeting 01/07/2013**
- 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
- **Entered Apprentice degree 01/08/2013**



Lodge News

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

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

Lodge mentor(s)

W.: D. Alan Lively

W.: James B. Bryant

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

