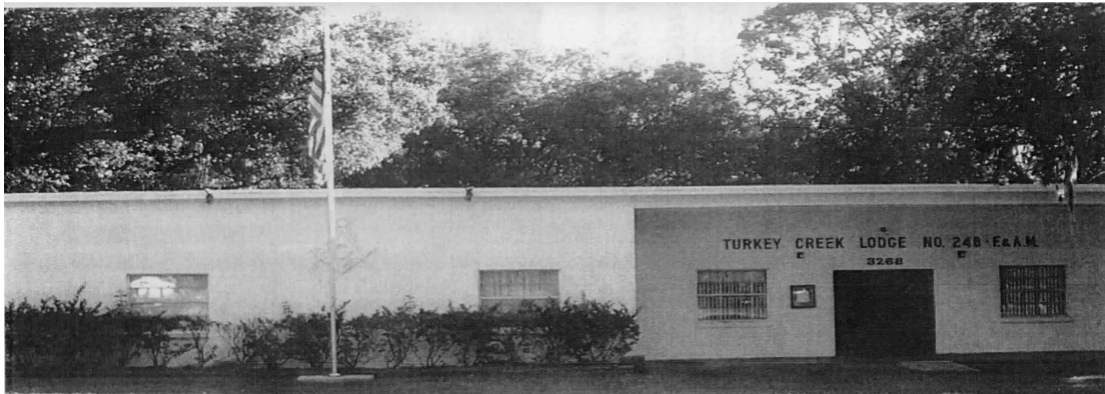


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Past Masters



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

On February 18th, at 6:30 pm, we will recognize the Widows of Master Masons of this Lodge who have passed to that Celestial Lodge above. This recognition will take the place of our monthly potluck meal which is scheduled for the third Tuesday of the month. Instead of a potluck meal, our Brother Junior Warden will arrange a nice meal for all who attend the program that night. I have contacted the Paul Revere Chapter of DeMolay and requested that the Flower Talk be presented as part of the program.

Right Worshipful Ed Kellner, District Deputy Grand Master of the 23rd Masonic District of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida will make his second official visitation to our Lodge at our regularly scheduled communication on the 4th of March. I know this is early notification but I want to give you every opportunity to support your Lodge when the representative of the Most Worshipful Grand Master visits us.

If you have not visited your Lodge for a while, come check us out. We have a good line of officers who are performing excellent ritual. We are also trying to add interesting presentations to our meetings, so we are doing more than reading the minutes and paying the bills. I hope to see you at Lodge in the near future.

Fraternally,

**Robert Phillips, Worshipful Master
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From The West



Brothers and Sisters,

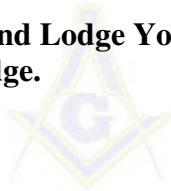
Work has already started on the Lodge. It is going to be an exciting year and I am hoping that everything is met with enthusiasm and good spirits. I am hopeful that the improvements continue to make Our Lodge one that is family friendly and comfortable for all to come and visit and stay. We are looking at doing many events and having as much involvement from the Craft as your cable-tow allows.

One of the many ways we can help our family when we have gone on to the Lodge on High is by belonging to the Masonic Low Twelve club of Tampa. This is not life insurance but rather a stop gap in helping your family with preparations. If you are interested in learning more please see myself, W:. Minton or W:. Bevin. The yearly cost is \$100.00 payable in 4 installments for Brothers under 65 years old.

There are still a few of the Grand Lodge Youth coins available for \$10.00 each. Please help support the Youth and the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally,

**Arthur (AJ) Ahrens
Senior Warden
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From the South



Greetings from the South,

Brothers I would like to thank you for your confidence and support in electing me as your Lodge's Junior Warden. I will endeavor to do my duties and responsibilities in the manner in which you bestowed this honor upon me.

The first stated meeting of the year, the meal was served by Annie H. Schneider, Chapter 327, Order of the Eastern Star, with a subsequent meal served the following night at the Entered Apprentice Degree. There were so many compliments on the meals that I couldn't get to my chair on time. It was with a heavy heart that I had to tell them that I didn't cook the meal, but, it was our Eastern Star ladies that did such a great job. If you have not made it to Lodge and eaten with the Craft, I encourage you to attend in the future.

There was a meeting held for the Masonic Youth Park, in which Worshipful Larry Gillespie attended in my place. At this writing I do not have the details of the proceedings, but I am sure the Craft will get a full report at our next stated Communication.

Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.

- Thomas A. Edison

Fraternally,

**Brice Cross,
Junior Warden**



FROM THE Secretary



Brothers,

Please come out and support our Lodge. There is a lot going on this year and it would be great if you could be there to participate to support our Elected Officers for the coming year.

Fraternally,
Gary Bryant, PDDGM
Lodge Secretary
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FROM THE CHAPLAIN



We often hear the saying that “We are only as old as we think we are” or that “Age is only a state of mind”. In the Third Degree we hear the words of scripture telling us to, “Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth” and many of us may think it is way too late for that, but it is never too late until the Silver Cord is loosed or the Golden Bowl is broken. Brothers, each of us stood in the “Northeast Corner” at different times in our life, just as at different times we first put our trust in God. We can be young in our faith or young in our Masonic career at any time of our life, but the important thing is - “Remember NOW thy creator”.

Psalm 34:11-15

11 Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
12 Who is the man who desires life, And loves many days, that he may see good?
13 Keep your tongue from evil, And your lips from speaking deceit.
14 Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it.
15 The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their cry.

Ecclesiastes 3:11

11 He has made everything beautiful in its time.

O LORD, the evil days of our lives are the days without You. Through your grace may our desires be to listen to You and learn from your Holy Word. Amen.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Stated meeting 02/04/2014
- Master Mason practices 02/11, 02/15
- Widows Appreciation night 02/18
- * Called Fellow Craft proficiency 02/18
- * Called Master Mason degree at Zendah Grotto 02/19
- 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

*Denotes tentative dates



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

