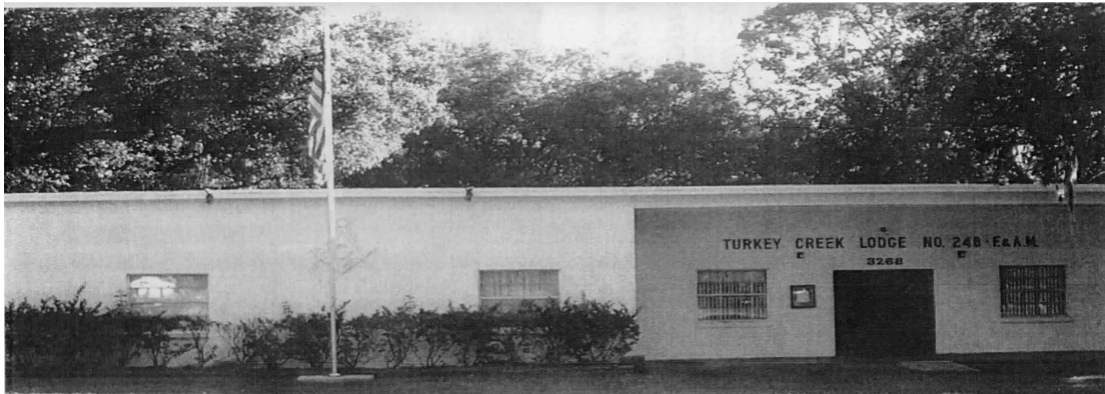


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Past Masters



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

February was a busy month and I don't see March slowing down. At our stated communication on March 4th, Right Worshipful Ed Kellner, District Deputy Grand Master of the 23rd Masonic District, will be making his second official visitation to our Lodge. Please come out, support your Lodge and give Right Worshipful Kellner a big Turkey Creek welcome.

We are anticipating a Fellow Craft degree on the 11th of March; please keep this in mind and attend if within the length of your cable-tow.

We have started a Lodge breakfast, as a fund raiser, on the 4th Saturday of the month, from 8 to 11 am. Come check us out! Please check the calendar on our website for other events.

By the time you read this, we will have a new front door installed at the Lodge. The termites' appetite has been voracious and they have literally destroyed the old wooden door. The new door, panels and frame are fiber glass and we have a new locking system in place. Do not throw away your old keys, as you will still need them. However, those who have unauthorized copies of the key will no longer be able to enter our Lodge and use our resources (electricity, etc.). Those Brothers authorized unlimited access to the Lodge should see the Lodge Secretary, Right Worshipful Bryant for the new key fob. The key fob will need to be signed for. Those needing limited access to the Lodge will either be given a temporary pass code or will be escorted by a Lodge Brother.

I would like to remind all Brothers, if you desire to use the Lodge for a function (birthday party, etc.), you need to make your request known to the Senior Warden or myself 45-60 days ahead of time. This allows us to take the request before the Lodge, ensure no conflicts in scheduling and get approval from the Craft for the use of the Lodge. In exigent circumstances, make your need known to an elected Lodge Officer as soon as possible.

Fraternally,

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



Brothers and Sisters,

As we come up on the end of the first quarter our Lodge has been very busy. We are bringing new Brothers into the Craft and growing the Lodge. We are keeping busy around the district and the state. In the coming months I hope to see you all come out and support the Lodge we all Love.

All of us are instrumental in helping keep the Lodge going. Any problems that you see please let me know so we can take resolve any issues.

Any questions about using the Lodge or what's new, please don't hesitate to call/write.

Fraternally,

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





From the South



Greetings from the South,

Brothers, it has already been a very busy start to the New Year. I would like to once again thank the Ladies and Sisters of Annie H. Schneider, Chapter 327, Order of the Eastern Star for the great meals this month. For those that missed the meals, well you missed some fine ones. I encourage you to attend.

There are still some open months on the Lodge Family night calendar for those to provide the meat. If you have not signed up please do. The signup sheet is located on the board in the kitchen.

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
(813) 400-6252



FROM THE CHAPLAIN



REMEMBER NOW THY CREATOR

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 03/04/2014
- * EA proficiency 03/05 | Fellow Craft practice 03/05
- * Fellow Craft degree 03/11
- Family night 03/18
- 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

