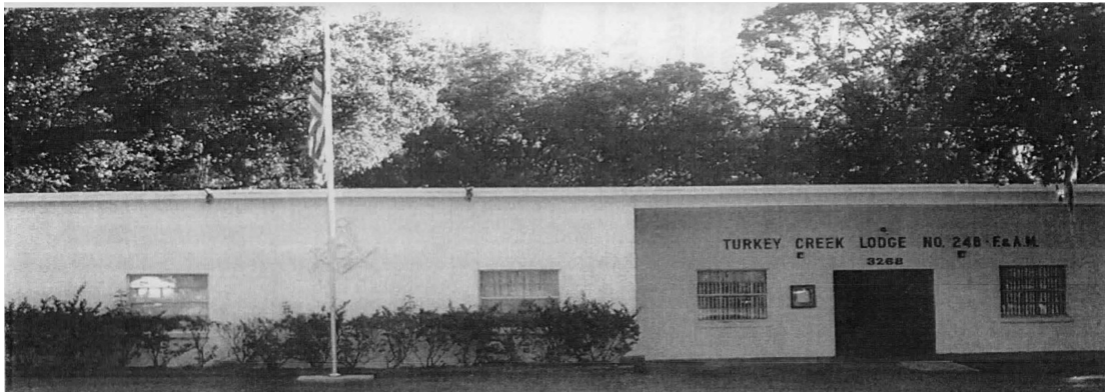


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### Officers 2014

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Senior Deacon Jonathan Childers ~ Junior Deacon Steven Skeen  
Senior Steward Joshua Salter ~ Junior Steward Joseph Moore  
Chaplain Jack Holloway, PM ~ Marshall Robert C. St. John, Jr., PM  
Tyler James B. Bryant, PM



# 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**

**For those of you that may not be aware, the Lodge has a new front door and security system installed. Let me assure you, we are not trying to restrict your access to the Lodge but we want to ensure, as much as possible, that only authorized people have access to the Lodge. If you have not yet received your key fob, for the new security system, please see Brother Secretary Gary Bryant.**

**If you want to use the Lodge or any Lodge property, address your need to the Senior Warden as soon as you are aware of the event, to allow the Senior Warden to bring it before the Lodge. Ideally, your request will be made known 45-60 days ahead of time. The Senior Warden is charged with the Lodge calendar, to ensure there are no conflicts with the use of the property.**

**It looks like we will be having an EA Degree and a MM Degree in April. Tentative dates are April 16th for the EA Degree and April 26th for the MM Degree. The Senior Warden will be sitting in the East for the first time in the EA Degree and the Worshipful Master will be in the East for the MM Degree. Firm dates will be announced at our stated communication. Please come to these degrees and support the candidate/brother as they take the first/another step on their Masonic journey.**

**The Lodge will be sponsoring a Masonic Leadership Training (MLT) session at the Lodge on April 26th from 9:00 to approximately 11:30 am, covering Modules 2, 4 and 7. Come to the Lodge for breakfast, enjoy the MLT sessions and stay for the Master Mason Degree. I hope to see YOU at one of the events scheduled at YOUR Lodge this month.**

**I, and several of the other officers/members of the Lodge, will be attending the Grand York Rite Convention April 27th through the 30th. The convention is in Tampa this year and I can be reached on my cell phone, if necessary.**

**Fraternally,**

**Robert Phillips, Worshipful Master  
Turkey Creek Lodge No 248, F&AM  
(813) 230-7682**



## **From The West**



**Brothers and Sisters,**

**Starting this month we will be highlighting Masonic Youth groups. Each group will be highlighted one meeting a quarter. Please come out and show your support of the Youth. There will be Masonic education covering the beginning of the various groups (Order of DeMolay, Rainbow Girls and Job's Daughters).**

**The Lodge has had a lot of work done so far, small items small and other large (light bulbs, work in the bathrooms, ice maker (crossing fingers), etc... If you know of something that needs to be fixed (moving when it shouldn't, not moving when it should, etc..) Please let me know so we can get it fixed.**

**There will be a legislative meeting at John Darling Lodge on April 4<sup>th</sup> with R:W:. Ford in attendance to go over the proposed legislation coming up at Grand Lodge. Please try and attend the meeting so the Officers and Lodge vote the way the Craft want us to.**

**So far this year we have had Degrees, Officer Meetings, monthly breakfast is back and more! Come on out and hear what we have going on. We have a tentative EA degree on April 16 and Master Mason either on the 22<sup>nd</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>. Degree practices are back to every Wednesday and other days as needed.**

**Fraternally,**

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



# From the South



**Greetings from the South,**

**The Sisters of Annie H. Schneider will be providing the meal.**

**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

Last month I had the privilege of taking part in a M.M. Degree at the Zenda Grotto. It was a real pleasure to see so many Brothers from different Lodges gathered together to raise two new Brothers; each of us doing our own separate parts that come together as one unified whole. Then I was struck by the true unifying force that supports the whole structure of our fraternity and keeps it square, plumb and level. It was when that large room was darkened and in the center of it all was the refulgent Holy Bible symbolically spreading its light throughout a darkened world while we circumambulate slowly and listen to the wisdom of its verses. It is easy to be so concerned about how we are each doing in our individual parts that we can fail to absorb the majestic feeling of awe that it should inspire. It can be the same my Brothers when we let the busy details of our daily lives divert our attention from the glory and blessings around us.

#### Psalm 8:3-5,9

<sup>3</sup> When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,  
<sup>4</sup> what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

<sup>5</sup> Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

<sup>9</sup> O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

O LORD, our Lord, let your Word be our rule, your Holy Spirit our teacher, and your glory our supreme concern. Amen.

Jack Holloway

Chaplain

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Stated meeting 04/01
- Spring fish fry 04/12
- \* EA degree 04/16
- \* Fellow Craft degree 04/22 or 04/26
- Family night 04/15 (tax day)
- Annie H. Schneider Eastern Star meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday
- District school of Instruction 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> and 4<sup>TH</sup> 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**

