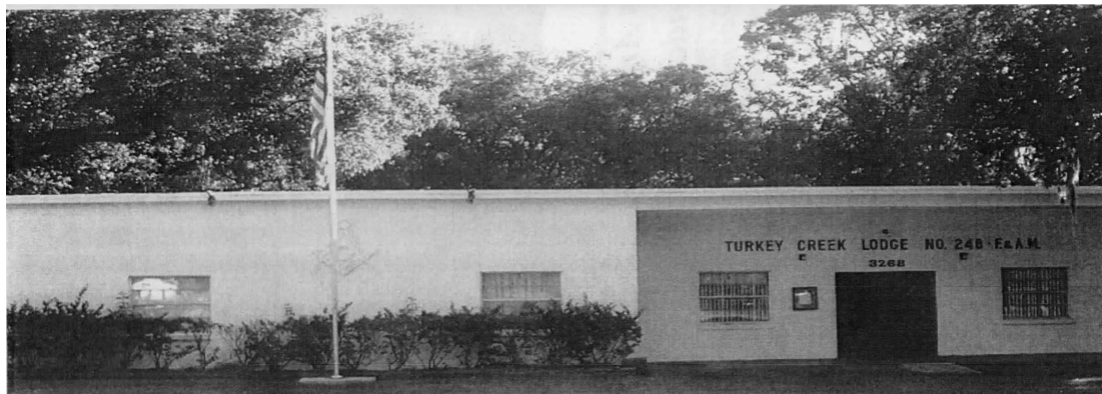


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Past Masters



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	Robert L.T. Phillips, 2014
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

Brothers and Sisters,

The Spring fish fry is upon us (April 11) everyone is invited to come out and help us (and the Eastern Star) to put on a great event as always.

We have many Brothers hard at work improving the Lodge, SW Cross (and Jennifer) has cleaned the front, filled in potholes, and helped plant, move railroad ties and put in mulch, JW helped buy the plants, kept us fed and helped in many ways with the plants, SD has helped with the plants and other areas with the upkeep in the Lodge, JD Skeen with helping stem the waterfalls and leaks around the building and, Sandy, Katie, Marlene, Ginny and other Ladies with the Star have prepared wonderful meals and are always there to support us.

The Lodge Officers are working hard to prepare for the EA degree on 04/21 (family night). Anyone wanting to help with the degree, come on out! The DeMolay will also be out to give a brief presentation which I know will be enjoyable!!!

Working together we can accomplish more than separately. Anything you see that you would like to help with please let an Officer know and we can use the help. There are many things that need to be addressed that can have helping hands work on.

Every Tuesday you can find me at the Lodge from around 5:00PM until 6:30PM – 7:00PM (or later) depending on the Tuesday and what is going on. On the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays I would like to see Degree workshops, come on out and let us know what you would like to learn more about. Unless there is a degree coming up (like the Master Mason degree on Veteran's day (11/11)) we can go over whatever you would like. We will also be working on getting MLT brought to the Lodge and continue Master Mason 1,2,3 education.

The main charity this year is food banks and the homeless in Hillsborough County. Please bring in non-perishable food items (rice, canned goods, boxed potatoes, etc...) and we will get these out to Our Community.

In addition to food items please bring clothing/suitcases/book bags or something else. These items will go toward helping children entering the foster care system. Please read more about this charity by visiting this link: <http://itsmybag.cool/> or by visiting [ABS News about Its my bag.](#)

Fraternally,

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From the West



Greeting from the West,

This has been a busy month. As you drive by the lodge or attend any of the weekly events, your attention should be brought to the new lodge landscaping. The Worshipful Master and Brother Junior Warden bought the plants from the FFA event at the Strawberry Festival. I and members of the Order of the Eastern Star, as well as our Senior Deacon, planted and repaired the flower beds. The front of the Lodge was pressured washed and the cigarette butt cans cleaned. The hole that remained from the old flag pole was filled in as asked for by W.:. Bevin. The front sign was cleaned as well.

I am in need of about 4 more railroad ties and if any Brother knows where i can get them, please let me know.

We are currently practicing for an EA degree and I invite one and all to attend and help out the team.

Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in work - Thomas A. Edison

Fraternally,

**Brice Cross
Senior Warden**





From the South



Brothers and Sisters,

Our family night this month was sponsored by our WM AJ and was some very tasty chili dogs. This past month found the WM and myself at the strawberry festival for the purpose of buying plants for the lodge. We were successful at purchasing some from a young lady in FFA at Turkey Creek middle school. I was nice to give back our community. Our brother the SW and his lady did a great job at planting them and make the front of the lodge look nice. I look forward to seeing you in the lodge.

**Fraternally,
John Fincher,
Junior Warden**





From the Secretary



Brothers,

Please come out and support our Lodge. Our Officers are working hard and there are many improvements that SW Cross, JW Fincher and SD Salter have made.

Fraternally,
Gary Bryant, PDDGM
Lodge Secretary
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From the Chaplain



From the Chaplain

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
Psalm 95:1-2

Brothers, from the time of Moses, God has given us particular times of the year to celebrate and worship Him in special ways. This idea has carried over into the days of the New Testament. These times of the year are to encourage us to think, study, and pray more about the blessings God has given us, and to rejoice in special Church and family celebrations. It is hard to celebrate the reason Jesus came to earth as a man, but we can rejoice that He did come. He came to save fallen mankind, beginning with his birth and completed in his sacrificial death and triumphant resurrection. At Easter our Christian brothers celebrate that the Savior has conquered death and died on the cross that we might live. He now sits at the right hand of our Heavenly Father, a Mediator and Intercessor for all those who have faith in Him.

O Lord, we ask as David did, that you restore the joy of Your salvation to us, knowing that everything pales before what Christ offers, and help us recognize the sacrifice Christ made for our salvation. Amen.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Stated meeting 04/07
- Fish fry 04/11
- EA degree 04/21/2015 | Family night DeMolay presentation
- Stated meeting 05/05
- Family night 05/19 (W.: Manus cooking up catfish YUM!)
- Andy Hammell BBQ 05/23
- Grand Lodge convention 05/25 – 05/27
- 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



Lodge News



Degree Team Members NEEDED! See W.:M.: Ahrens and W.: Phillips for training and positions.

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

Lodge mentor(s)

W.: Bob Phillips

W.: St. John

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

