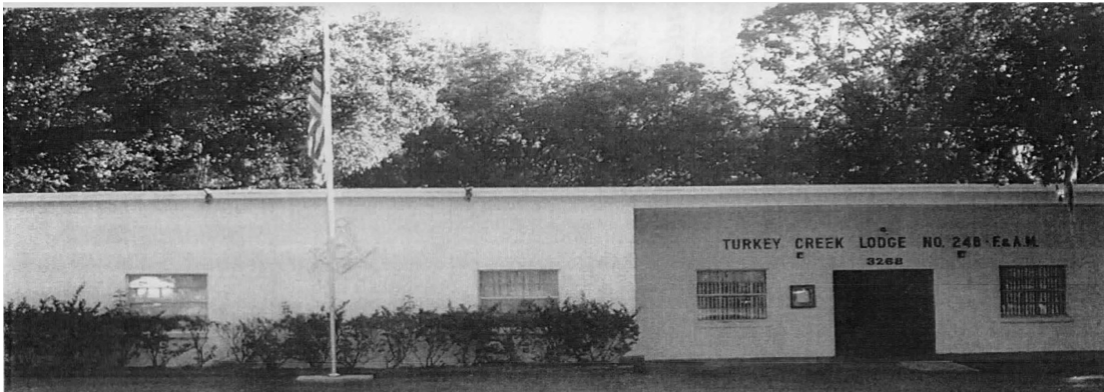


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### **Officers 2016**

Worshipful Master Brice Cross  
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Senior Steward Christopher Aronson ~ Junior Steward Steven Skeen  
Chaplain Jack Holloway, PM ~ Marshal Arthur J. Ahrens III, PM  
Tyler Robert C. St. John, Jr., 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	Robert L.T. Phillips, 2014
H.C. Ham, 1947*	G.H. Lipsey, 1981	Arthur J. Ahrens III, 2015
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, we had another productive month with the Lodge holding a Fish Fry on May 7th. I would like to thank the Brothers that came out early on a Saturday morning and prepared and cooked the fish. I would also like to thank our Sisters, the Ladies of Annie H. Schneider, Chapter No. 327, OES. The Ladies prepared all the sides that go with the fish. All in all, 8 cases of fish were cooked.**

**Unfortunately, we do not have a grand total for the Fish Fry. We still have outstanding balances from some of the businesses that ordered food.**

**I would like to remind the Craft that the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays are Lodge practice. We are preparing for the Master Mason Degree for Brothers Clark and Tucker. As you aware of, the 3rd Degree or Master Mason Degree is the most labor intensive. We are in need of Brothers that can fill small parts for this degree. If you can assist in the Degree, please contact W.: Ray Manus or our Brother SW John Fincher.**

**Please do not forget Family Night, the 3rd Tuesday of each month. It is a joy seeing Brothers and their families in a non-meeting night setting.**

**Fraternally,  
Brice Cross, Worshipful Master  
Turkey Creek Lodge No 248, F&AM  
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## **From the West**



**My Brothers,**

**Greetings Brothers, I hope all is well. June 24<sup>th</sup> we are planning on having a Master Mason degree to raise Brothers Clark and Tucker. We hope you can join us and help out.**

**Fraternally,  
John Fincher  
Senior Warden**



## **From the South**



**The annual Andy Hammell picnic was on May 21<sup>st</sup>. All that came out had a wonderful time. Our Lodge was represented at Grand Lodge and we will have a report at our June meeting. I hope to see you all on June 7<sup>th</sup> at our Stated Meeting.**

**Fraternally,  
Jonathan Childers,  
Junior Warden**



## **From the Secretary**



**Brethren,**

**We are rapidly approaching the midpoint of the year, when I will be required to mail a second dues notice to those who have not yet paid their 2016 dues. There are still 17 members of this Lodge that have not paid their dues. Please check your dues cards; if they do not have a 2016 date on them, you are in arrears. "Dues are due and payable in advance on or before the first day of each Masonic Year, which Masonic Year shall begin on the 28th day of December of each year, except life, perpetual, honorary and those members whose dues are remitted in accordance with Masonic Law." (Digest of Masonic Law of Florida, Paragraph 4.01) Please do not be that person who causes the Lodge to expend un-necessary funds to mail you a second dues notice.**

**With all the emphasis that has been placed on fundraising for roof repairs, you are no doubt aware that the Lodge does not have a plethora of money laying around that we can afford to waste. Please, pay your dues; the Lodge needs your dues to continue to function and provide the service you expect as well as to provide for the up-keep of the building that those who went before so graciously left in our care.**

**Fraternally,  
W.: Robert Phillips, PM  
Secretary  
813.230.7682**



## From the Chaplain



### From the Chaplain

If you know of any sick or distressed please let me know. Remember, be good to others and do unto them as you would like them to do unto you.

Jack Holloway  
Chaplain  
813-571-5733  
[lajack@Verizon.net](mailto:lajack@Verizon.net)

## Masonic Minutes

"Empty pockets never held anyone back. Only empty heads and empty hearts can do that."

~Author – Who Am I ~

This quote was made by a famous Mason. Each month there will be a new famous Quote. I will not give you the author. Your mission is to find the name of the famous Mason for this quote and give it to the W.: M., before the next meeting. At the end of the year the person who has the most correct answers will receive a reward. One stipulation, you have to attend that month's meeting for your answer to count. Attendance has its privileges.

As before, contact me at the Stated Meeting and give me your answer.

Last month's Famous Masonic Quote was by none other than Brother Harry S. Truman, 33<sup>rd</sup> President of the United States.

# Masonic Education

## COMPASSES OR COMPASS? - WHICH IS CORRECT?

By V. Wor.Bro.I.J. Nathan G.L.

This is a question that has concerned a number of members but a simple answer cannot be given. There has been a suggestion made that the plural form came into common use when the mariners compass was invented. The word compass has been recorded as having been used in the 14th century. Three examples are: 1340 "craftily casten with a compas"; 1387 "made the first compas"; and in 1391 by Chaucer who wrote of the "poynt of my compas". In 1551 this sentence was recorded "haue a payre of compasse aptelye made for to draw the circles." In 1570 a mathematical text had "geometrie teacheth the vse of the Rule and compasse." Swift wrote in 1745 "to fix one foot of their compass wherever they think fit." As recently as 1845 Emerson wrote "defined by compass and measuring wand."

Earliest uses of the plural form have been recorded in the 16th century. In 1555 "we took our compasses and beganne to measure the sea coasts" and an example from 1594 "how to make with your compasses a perpendicular line to fall from any point given another right line." Milton wrote in Paradise Lost in 1667 "in his hand he took the golden compasses to circumscribe this universe."

The mariners compass first appeared in 1515 "Some the anker layde . . . one kepte the compass and watched the our glasse." In 1552 this was recorded "ane skypper can nocht gyde his schip without direction of his compas."

In at least four verses of the Old Testament compass appears in its singular form. Isaiah 44:13 "The carpenter stretcheth out his rule; he marketh it out with a line; he fitteth it with planes, and he marketh it out with the compass . . ." Other references are Exodus 27:5, Exodus 38:4 and Proverbs 8:27.

Early masonic rituals do not show any marked preference for either form. Prichard's Masonry Dissected of 1730 uses the singular four times and the plural once. Three Distinct Knocks published in 1760 has the plural form seven times and the singular twice. Jachin and Boaz which appeared in 1762 shows a slight preference for the singular over the plural by five to four.

In the United States some jurisdictions use compass and there are also masonic clubs known as square and compass clubs.

After reading this far it would be a bold reader who would say one or the other was correct. There is, however, a criterion of correctness for the modern New Zealand constitution mason and that is how the word appears in our Book of Constitution and Ritual. As it always appears as compasses then as far as our working is concerned compasses is the correct form.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **06/07 Stated Communications**
- **06/21 Family night**
- **06/24 \* Tentative \* Master Mason degree**

<https://sharing.calendar.live.com/calendar/private/8475ca51-a587-4506-83d1-79f1e28124bc/f09a65b1-f35f-42ae-9433-709bd9e4221a/cid-636a2e106448b3b5/index.html>



## Lodge News

**Degree Team Members NEEDED!** See W.: Robert C. St. John, Jr. 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.: Robert L.T. Phillips

### **Catechism Instructors**

W.: Ray Manus

John Fincher

Jonathan Childers



# Committees

Committee	Chairman	Members
<b>Finance</b>	Bro. John Fincher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• W.: Larry Gillespie,</li> <li>• W.: Arthur J. Ahrens III,</li> <li>• W.: Robert L.T. Phillips,</li> <li>• Bro. Jonathan Childers</li> </ul>
<b>Vigilance</b>	Bro. John Fincher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bro. Dennis Hall,</li> <li>• Bro. George Grosskopf</li> </ul>
<b>Health and Welfare</b>	W.: Jack Holloway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• W.: Robert L.T. Phillips,</li> <li>• W.: Thurman Bevlin</li> </ul>
<b>Petitions</b>	W.:M.: Brice Cross	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bro. John Fincher,</li> <li>• Bro. Jonathan Childers,</li> <li>• W.: Ray Manus,</li> <li>• W.: David Mason</li> </ul>
<b>Masonic Education</b>	Bro. John Fincher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• W.:M.: Brice Cross,</li> <li>• Bro. Jonathan Childers</li> </ul>
<b>Board of Relief</b>	W.:M.: Brice Cross	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bro. John Fincher,</li> <li>• Bro. Jonathan Childers,</li> <li>• Bro. Jeff Dove</li> </ul>
<b>Charity</b>	W.:M.: Brice Cross	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bro. John Fincher,</li> <li>• Bro. Jonathan Childers</li> </ul>
<b>Lodge Property</b>	Bro. John Fincher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bro. Jonathan Childers,</li> <li>• Bro. Steven Skeen,</li> <li>• Bro. George Grosskopf</li> </ul>
<b>Investigating</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appointed as needed</li> </ul>
<b>Catechism Instructors</b>	W.: Ray Manus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bro. John Fincher,</li> <li>• Bro. Jonathan Childers</li> </ul>
<b>Lodge Mentor</b>	W.: Robert L.T. Phillips	
<b>Lodge Instructor</b>	W.: Robert C. St. John, Jr.	
<b>Attendance and Membership</b>	W.:M.: Brice Cross	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bro. John Fincher,</li> <li>• Bro. Jonathan Childers,</li> <li>• W.: Robert L.T. Phillips</li> </ul>
<b>Transportation</b>	W.:M.: Brice Cross	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bro. Dennis Hall,</li> <li>• Bro. Steven Skeen</li> </ul>
<b>Emeritus</b>	Bro. Jeff Dove	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bro. George Grosskopf,</li> <li>• W.: Robert L.T. Phillips</li> </ul>
<b>Special Events Coordination</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appointed as needed</li> </ul>

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

