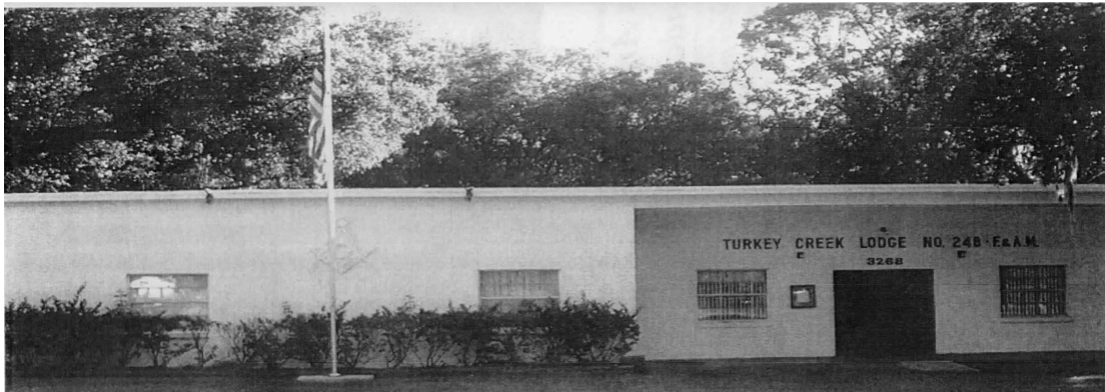


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### **Officers 2016**

**Worshipful Master Brice Cross**  
**Senior Warden John Fincher ~ Junior Warden Jonathan Childers**  
**Treasurer W. Larry Gillespie, PM ~ Secretary Robert L.T. Phillips, PM**  
**Senior Deacon Dennis Hall ~ Junior Deacon George Grosskopf**  
**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 are in our 2nd half of the year and its summer. Things tend to wind down as families go on vacation. The Lodge will continue to hold meetings as we do not go dark as some Lodges do. Annie H. Schneider, OES, will be dark for July-September.

I would like to remind the Craft that the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays are Lodge practice. We do not have any petitions for the Three Degrees, but the Lodge will continue to practice. I would like to start a visitation program where we either visit some of the Brothers that cannot make it to Lodge or we, the Craft, go visit other Lodges in our area. If interested, please contact a Lodge Officer so that we can make plans.

I have been advised that the Lodge can have a Phone Committee, for the purpose of calling the members of Turkey Creek Lodge No. 248 F&AM. This will allow us to keep abreast of the things that our Brothers, that cannot for some reason make it to Lodge, are doing in their lives. If you would be interested in joining the committee please let me know.

Our Junior Deacon, Bro. George Grosskopf, has agreed to be Chairman of the new Trestle Board Committee. The Lodge has long since relied upon the generosity of our Junior Past Master W.: AJ Ahrens. I believe it is time that we lend our support in OUR Lodges Trestle Board. The members will assist W.: AJ Ahrens, if he wishes to continue to publish the Trestle Board, and to assist W.: Secretary Robert Phillips in the printing and mailing of the Trestle Board to those members and Lodges that desire a hard copy.

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  
(863) 838-1742 - cell



## **From the West**



**Brothers,**

**Let's welcome to our ranks our newest Master Masons: Brothers Clark and Tucker!**

**July 2<sup>nd</sup> will be the second annual Grand Masters Charity BBQ at Tampa Lodge No. 240, come out and support your Lodge team.**

**Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month is District School of Instruction presented by R.:H.: Taylor starts at 7PM at Tampa Lodge No. 240, come out and learn more about the Ritual work.**

**July 16<sup>th</sup> is the Grand Masters official visit at the Scottish Rite in Tampa, come out and meet members of the Grand Line and represent YOUR Lodge.**

**August 2<sup>nd</sup> will be our DDGM official visit from R.:W.: Wynn and his committee.**

**We look forward to seeing you in Lodge.**

**Fraternally,  
John Fincher  
Senior Warden**





## From the Secretary



Brethren,

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.

At last year's Grand Lodge Session (2015), the Craft adopted a proposal to implement "CIRCUMSCRIBE" as the new Grand Lodge Membership / Secretary Online Portal to manage the Grand Lodge Membership records. It has taken awhile to roll out a project this big and to be honest, Grand Lodge has not done a real good job of communicating with the particular Lodges about the status of "CIRCUMSCRIBE". I attended a briefing about "CIRCUMSCRIBE" at this year's Grand Lodge Session (2016) and learned that all Lodges are to be "On-Board" with "CIRCUMSCRIBE" no later than October 1, 2016. The Worshipful Brother Treasurer and I are working to "On-Board" Turkey Creek Lodge No 248 as soon as possible.

If you still have the latest issue of The Florida Mason (Volume 9, Issue 1), please keep it. The bottom half of Page 2 contains detailed instructions on how to log into and create your account. Once Turkey Creek Lodge No 248 is "On-Board", you will be notified to Log-In to "Circumscribe" and create your account. You will be able to log-in to your account to manage your personal contact information, submit a photo for your permanent Grand Lodge ID Card and participate in on-line Masonic education. Please follow the guidance provided on the submission of your ID Photo.

For those of you that do not have a home computer or internet access, I will be able to assist you at your request. I have not yet been taught how to read minds and if you do not contact me and request assistance, I will be unable to render assistance. "CIRCUMSCRIBE" will give you the opportunity to pay your dues on-line; however, should you desire not to do so, I can still accept cash or check in payment for your dues.

If you have questions after you are notified of the Lodge's "On-Board" status, please give me a call and I will assist you as best as I can. If I do not answer your call, please leave a detailed message and I will return your call as soon as possible.

Fraternally,  
W.: Robert Phillips, PM  
Secretary  
813.230.7682

# Masonic Minutes

**"To talk well and eloquently is a very great art, but that an equally great one is to know the moment to stop."**

**~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 July's Stated Meeting and give me your answer.**

**Last month's Famous Masonic Quote was by none other than Brother Norman Vincent Peale**

## Masonic Education

**Freemasonry is one of the world's oldest fraternal organizations. The lessons Freemasonry teaches in its ceremonies, are to do with moral values. Freemasonry's acknowledgment, without crossing the boundaries of religion, is that everything depends on the providence of God. Freemasons feel that these lessons apply as much today as they did when it took its modern form at the turn of the 17th century.**

**Despite what many people claim, Freemasonry is not in any way a secret society. Freemasonry's so-called secrets are solely used as a ceremonial way of demonstrating that one is a Freemason. In any case, Freemasonry has been exposed by the media for almost as long as they have existed. The real point of a Freemason promising not to reveal their secrets is basically a dramatic way of promising to keep one's word in general.**

**Other reasons why Freemasonry cannot be called a secret society are that Freemasons do not promise to keep their membership a secret. Where and when Freemasons meet are matters of public record.**

**It is ironic that Freemasons used to be quiet about their membership. They were and still are taught never to use it to advance their own interests. Critics have taken this the wrong way and think that there is something secretive and nasty because of the silence. Nothing could be further from the truth.**

**Masonic ceremonies are secular morality plays, which are learned by heart, by members of the lodge for the benefit of the person who is becoming a Freemason. Each ceremony has a message for the candidate. A further reason why Freemasons do not go around broadcasting their contents is simply because it would spoil it for the candidate. The same way you would not tell someone the ending of a good book or a film, you would not tell someone about the ceremony.**

**Freemasons are required to profess and continue in a belief in a Supreme Being. Their ceremonies include prayers, which are not in any way a substitute for religion. It has no theological doctrines, it offers no sacraments, and it does not claim to lead to salvation. By having prayers at its meetings Freemasonry is no more in competition with religion than, say, having a meal where grace is said.**

**Freemasons are not allowed to discuss religion or politics at meetings. Freemasonry's aim is to encourage its members to discover what people from all different backgrounds have in common. As is all too well known, debate about religion and politics can lead to heated discussion rather than enlightenment.**

**A Freemason is thus basically encouraged to do his duty first to his God, and then to his family and those who dependent on him. He is to help his neighbors through charity and service.**

**None of these ideas is exclusive to Freemasonry, but all should be universally acceptable and Freemasons are expected to follow them.**

**<http://www.mastermason.com/bridgeportlodge181/FREEMAS.HTM>**





## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **07/02 Second Annual Grand Master's Charity BBQ**
- **07/05 Stated Communications**
- **07/16 Grand Master official visit @ Scottish Rite in Tampa**
- **07/19 Family night**

<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**

