

Turkey Creek Lodge No. 248
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~August 2016 Edition~



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,

The Master Mason Degree's for Brother's Clark and Tucker are done and the Brothers made it through the Degree. On July 16, 2016 was the Grand Master's official visit and the Lodge was represented by our Senior Warden, John Fincher, Junior Deacon George Grosskopf and his Lady, W.: Secretary Bob Phillips, W.: Rob St. John and his Lady and myself and Lady. A good time was had by all.

August 2, 2016 will be our 2nd visit from the DDGM. The new DDGM is Greg Wynn. So come out and support the Lodge and meet him.

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



Brothers,

My brothers, back in July we had the 2nd Annual BBQ Competition for the Grand Masters charity, and what a time it was. We had visitors from Grand Jr Warden Westerman to Most Worshipful Stan Hudson. I would like to thank Brothers Childers and Tucker and Worshipful Phillips for their help with event, and congratulations to Brother Tucker with his 1st place finish in ribs...oh and I received 3rd on pork butt.

If you didn't attend the Grand Masters official visit you missed out on a good meal and great fellowship and great message from Most Worshipful Stan Hudson.

We are in the process of putting together a fund raiser for October with a breakfast and concealed weapons class to held at the lodge.

The 2nd Tuesday of August we will be practicing the 2nd half of the Master Mason degree and encourage not just the degree team but all brothers to attend.

**Fraternally,
John Fincher
Senior Warden**



From the Secretary



Brethren,

I have recently spoken with the folks who are implementing the Grand Lodge “Circumscribe” system, which is the new Grand Lodge membership database. They have received Turkey Creek Lodge No 248’s information and we should be entered into the system very shortly. Please pay attention when you are notified to establish your account with Grand Lodge. Update your information and upload a picture of yourself accordingly. Your new, permanent Member ID Card will be issued from the information in the “Circumscribe: system in October of this year.

This new system will allow you to pay your dues on-line, update your personal information (i.e.: address, telephone, email address, etc.) and participate in online Masonic training (Master Mason I, II and III, etc.)

If you need assistance after receiving notification to establish your account, please give me a call and I will attempt to assist you. If I do not answer your call immediately, it could be that I have temporarily misplaced my phone, or it is downstairs and I am upstairs. Leave a message with your name, phone number (I am still lacking many of our member’s phone numbers) and a short message as to what you need from me. This will allow me to try to prepare to assist you.

Fraternally,

W.: Robert Phillips, PM

Secretary

813.230.7682

Masonic Minutes

"If you want to know where the future of Freemasonry will grow and prosper it's simple in the heart, in your heart, in my heart, and in the hearts of those who follow us."

~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 August'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

From "The Spirit of Masonry" - 1843

The various instruments which we of this profession make use of, are all emblematical or picturesque of the conduct of life we ought to persevere in.

The RULE directs us to observe punctually every gospel duty; to press forward in the right path, neither inclining to the right nor left hand, for the sake of any transient amusement or gratification whatsoever; it forbids us to give into the least inclination or propensity into the curve of life, and reminds us to beware of the least tendency to a circle, either in religion or morals! - not to mind (because they have seldom any other than selfish views) neither outs, or ins in politics; and to have in all our conduct eternity in view.

The LINE should make us pay the strictest attention to that line of duty which has been given us, or rather which was marked out to us, by our great Benefactor and Redeemer. It teaches us to avoid all kinds of double-dealing, both in conversation and actions; it points out the direct but narrow path that leads to a glorious immortality; and that sincerity in our profession will be our only passport thither. This line, like Jacob's ladder, connects heaven and earth together; and, by laying hold of it, we climb up to that place where we shall change this short line of time for the never-ending circle of eternity.

The PLUME-LINE admonishes us to walk erect and upright in our Christian vocation; not to lean to a side, but to hold the scale of justice in equal poise; to observe the just medium between temperance and voluptuousness; to fathom the depth of our limited capacities, and to make our several passions and prejudices of education fall plumb in, or coincide with, our line of duty.

The SQUARE will teach us to square all our actions by this gospel rule and line, and to make our whole conduct harmonise with this most salutary scheme. Our behaviour will be regular and

uniform, not aspiring at things above our reach, nor pretending to things above our finite capacities, nor to affect things above what our circumstances can possibly bear. In our expenses, therefore, we shall neither ape those that are placed in a more exalted sphere, nor attend so much to the glitter of gold as to sink beneath our proper station; but we shall observe the golden mean,

"And always to our acres join our sense, Because 'tis use that sanctifies expense."

The COMPASSES will inform us that we should in every station learn to live within proper bounds, that we may, therefore, be enabled to contribute freely and cheerfully to the relief of the necessities and indigencies of our fellow-creatures. Hence we shall rise to notice, live with honour, and make our exit in humble hopes of compassing what ought to be the main pursuit of the most aspiring genius, a crown of glory.

The LEVEL should advise us that, since we are all descended from the same common stock, partake of the like nature, have the same faith and the same hope through the redemption, which render us naturally upon a level with one another, that we ought not to divest ourselves of the feelings of humanity; and though distinctions necessarily make a subordination among mankind, yet eminence of station should not make us forget that we are men, nor cause us to treat our brethren, because placed on the lowest spoke of the wheel of fortune, with contempt; because a time will come, and the wisest of men know not how soon, when all distinctions, except in goodness, will cease, and when death - that grand leveller of all human greatness - will bring us to a level at the last. From hence, too, the sceptic, the shallow reasoner, and babbling disputer of this world, may learn to forbear the measuring of infinity by the dull level of his own grovelling capacity, and endeavour, by way of atonement for his insults upon everything that tends to mankind, either good or great, to vindicate the ways of God to man.

From your Mallet and CHISEL, you may likewise know what advantages accrue from a proper education. The human and unpolished mind, like a diamond surrounded with a dense crust, discovers neither its sparkling nor different powers, till the rough external is smoothed off, and beauties, till then unknown, rise full to our view. Education gives, what a chisel does to the stone, not only an external polish and smoothness, but discovers all the inward beauties latent under the roughest surfaces. By education our minds are enlarged, and they not only range through the large fields of matter and space, but also learn with greater perspicuity - what is above all other knowledge - our real duty to God and man.

Your TROWEL will teach you that nothing is united together without proper cement: no strict union, nor external polish can be made without it. And, as the Trowel connects each stone together by a proper disposition of the cement, so charity, that bond of perfection and of all social union (which I earnestly recommend to you all), links separate minds and various interests together; and, like the radii of a circle, that extend from the centre to every part of the circumference, makes each member have a tender regard for the real welfare of the whole community. But as some members will be refractory in every society, your Hammer will likewise teach you how to use becoming discipline and correction towards such like offenders. If they will not submit to rule, you may strike off the excrescences of their swelling pride, till they sink into a modest deportment. Are they irregular in their practices? Your Hammer will instruct you to strike off each irregularity, and fit them to act a decent part on the stage of life. Do any affect things above their stations? Your Hammer will teach you to press them down to their proper level, that they may learn, in the school of discipline, that necessary knowledge - to be courteous.

What the HAMMER is to the workman, that enlightened reason is to the passions in the human mind: it curbs ambition, that aspires to its own and neighbour's hurt: it depresses envy, moderates anger, checks every rising frailty, and encourages every good disposition of the soul; from whence must arise that comely order, that delightful self-complacency,

"Which nothing earthly gives or can destroy, The soul's calm sunshine, and the heart-felt joy."

Thus, from our instruments may we all be instructed to raise a stately fabric of good works, upon the strong foundation of faith, that we may be fitted at last to inhabit that glorious house, not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens!





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 08/02 Stated Communications
- 08/16 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
2ND and 4Th 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
Finance	Bro. John Fincher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W.: Larry Gillespie, • W.: Arthur J. Ahrens III, • W.: Robert L.T. Phillips, • Bro. Jonathan Childers
Vigilance	Bro. John Fincher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bro. Dennis Hall, • Bro. George Grosskopf
Health and Welfare	W.: Jack Holloway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W.: Robert L.T. Phillips, • W.: Thurman Bevin
Petitions	W.:M.: Brice Cross	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bro. John Fincher, • Bro. Jonathan Childers, • W.: Ray Manus, • W.: David Mason
Masonic Education	Bro. John Fincher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W.:M.: Brice Cross, • Bro. Jonathan Childers
Board of Relief	W.:M.: Brice Cross	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bro. John Fincher, • Bro. Jonathan Childers, • Bro. Jeff Dove
Charity	W.:M.: Brice Cross	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bro. John Fincher, • Bro. Jonathan Childers
Lodge Property	Bro. John Fincher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bro. Jonathan Childers, • Bro. Steven Skeen, • Bro. George Grosskopf
Investigating		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointed as needed
Catechism Instructors	W.: Ray Manus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bro. John Fincher, • Bro. Jonathan Childers
Lodge Mentor	W.: Robert L.T. Phillips	
Lodge Instructor	W.: Robert C. St. John, Jr.	
Attendance and Membership	W.:M.: Brice Cross	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bro. John Fincher, • Bro. Jonathan Childers, • W.: Robert L.T. Phillips
Transportation	W.:M.: Brice Cross	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bro. Dennis Hall, • Bro. Steven Skeen
Emeritus	Bro. Jeff Dove	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bro. George Grosskopf, • W.: Robert L.T. Phillips
Special Events Coordination		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointed as needed

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

