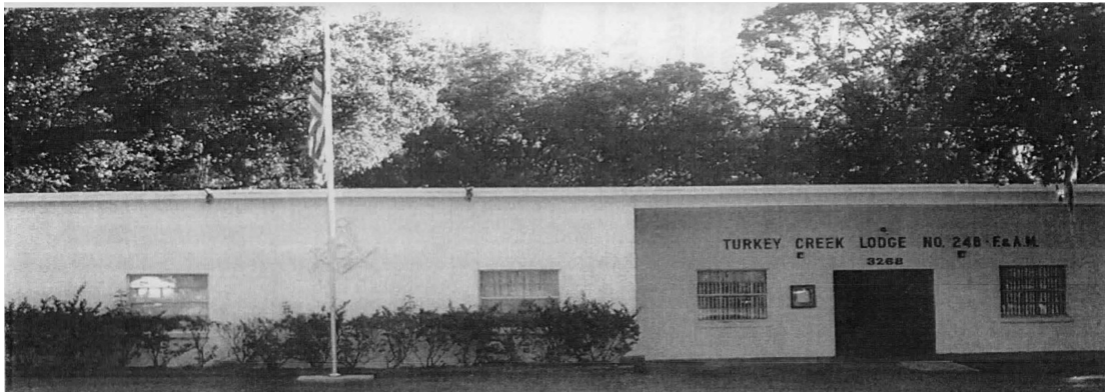


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~November 2016 Edition~



Officers 2016

Worshipful Master Brice Cross
Senior Warden John Fincher ~ Junior Warden Jonathan Childers
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Senior Steward Christopher Aronson ~ Junior Steward Steven Skeen
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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,

October was a great month. The Craft observed Widows Night, as well as Past Master's Appreciation Night. There were 51 in attendance, 14 Past Masters and 4 Widows. A program was presented by myself and awards were presented to the Widows and Past Masters. Widows in attendance were; Carol Hammell, Connie Lindgren, Kathy Robinson and Marlene Musser. The Past Master's spanned the years between 1970, Wiley Gillespie and 2015, AJ Ahrens. The meal, lasagna, was prepared by Annie H. Schneider, Chapter #327, Order of the Eastern Star.

A reminder, elections is coming up the first meeting of December. Please give ample consideration as to whom you will be voting for, and as always, for the benefit of the Craft.

Family night in November we will be having Turkey and in December Ham. Hope to see you all there!

**Fraternally,
Brice Cross, Worshipful Master
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From the West



Brothers,

I would like to thank the Eastern Star for the fine breakfast they provided and prepared for our firearms safety class roof fund-raiser. We had a few attend and we will be looking to having another in the near future. Much thanks to Brother Charlie Tucker for teaching the class.

Just a reminder if your planning on running for an elective officer position, you need to turn in your application to the Lodge Secretary, W. Phillips.

Our degree team has currently been practicing the EA degree and could use some help with filling positions. We have practice on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. We hope you can help us out.

**Fraternally,
John Fincher
Senior Warden**





From the South



Brothers,

Our Sister's from the Eastern Star need our help. They have a fish fry coming up on October 29th. They need our help with thawing fish on the 28th and cooking on the 29th. If you are able, please contact myself or Dave Mason ahead of time.

The main dish for our November family night is going to be turkey! Bring your favorite side dish and join in on the fun. Hope to see you all on November 1st for our stated meeting.

**Fraternally,
John Childers
Junior Warden**





From the Secretary



Brethren,

Adoption of *Circumscribe* is off to a great start! Brothers have been accessing the online dashboard and uploading pictures for the new ID card. I once again remind you of the approaching deadline to upload a picture for your new ID card. The deadline for all members will be November 28, 2016. Once this date expires, all members will receive a new dues card with or without a picture.

To login to *Circumscribe*, simply follow these instructions:

- Open your internet browser
- Navigate to: <https://glfl.circumscribe.net>
- Enter your initial Username:
- “FL” + “Your Grand Lodge Number” + “@changeyouremail.info”

(example: *FL1234567@changeyouremail.info*)

NOTE: your Grand Lodge Number is printed on the top / middle of your current Dues card.

- Enter your temporary Password:
- “FL” + “Your Grand Lodge” (example: *FL1234567*)
- You will be immediately prompted to change both your username and password. Your NEW password must contain 8 characters and 1 number.
 - Upon successfully entering both, you will be required to logout, and then log back in with your new credentials.
 - Once you have successfully logged back in, navigate to your Masonic profile by selecting ‘Profile’ from the menu items on the left side of the screen. Review your profile and make any appropriate changes to your contact information, and upload a current picture for your new permanent ID card. You must upload your picture prior to November 28, 2016. After this date, you will be sent a dues card without your picture, and replacement cards are \$5.00 each. When uploading your picture, use as high a resolution as possible, and your face should be positioned to take up as much of the photo square as possible. You should avoid hats, sunglasses, other individuals or animals in the picture.
 - Be sure to select ‘Save Profile’ to complete the process.

Online help is always available at <http://help.circumscribe.net>, or by clicking the question mark icon on the top right of the *Circumscribe* dashboard once you are logged in. For additional support, please me.

Fraternally,
W.: Robert Phillips, PM
Secretary

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Masonic Minutes

Many writers and thinkers have tried to define Freemasonry but it really defeats definition. It is too complex, too profound in conception, to easily expressed in words. Perhaps the simplest and best definition of all is the phrase "the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God." Our Masonic forefathers had an understanding of human needs and human aspirations. They may never have dreamed of

~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 Carl Schurz.



Past Master Poem

A past Masters' night is just really fine,
It brings out the men who have gone through the line,
To see them all there in the officers' chairs,
Just gladdens the heart and we have no fears.

That the work will be shoddy or half memorized,
They've wrought in the quarries and all realize.

That work must be perfect and stones set fair,
They've handled the Plumb-line, the level and square.

There's Gary, a Past Master, and past D.D.G.M.,
A really fine mason and prince among men,

There's Ray Manus, who studied the law,
He can take over for he knows it best of all,

There's AJ, with computers,
and Bob, he's retired,
With zeal for freemasonry they're all inspired,

Get them together, the work goes right on,
Right well they do it without pro and con.

And paramedic Jimmy, he draws the line,
With lightning speed, delineates the building so fine,

And Larry and Wiley Gillespie, superintending, using no force,
one a Past Grand Officer, takes a straight course.

There's Thurman and Willy, Cooper, and Hill,
Like the four cardinal virtues, and with looks that could kill

Their luster, these Masons are just, firm and true,
An example to all in whatever they do.

You may not remember them, but would know them on sight,
Brothers Lipsey, Hinson and Yebba, are part of what's right,

They've worn their aprons, through all the years,
Their garments un-spotted throughout toil and tears;

All Past Masters and there's more than just five,
With them the Five Points of fellowship, are truly alive,

**With Minton and Mason, Morgan , St. John and Vance,
they will rush to the call, when given the chance**

**There's Turner and Wermann, Vanders and Sampson,
there's Holloway, Joyce and even a Rick
they tend to the needy and especially the sick**

**There's a Brother named Scott and even a Wingate
They are prepared for the call and will never be late**

**They stand foot to foot, firm and erect,
Hand to hand clasped there, with solemn effect,**

Knee to knee pleading their prayers to rise, Breast to breast sending their thoughts to the skies.

**Thus they are bound by one great chain Of love and affection,
in no other Lodge will you find a better collection**

**And now, my brethren,
a Toast I shall call,
To our great Past Masters,
God bless them all.**





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 11/01 Stated Communications
- 11/15 Family night

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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**

