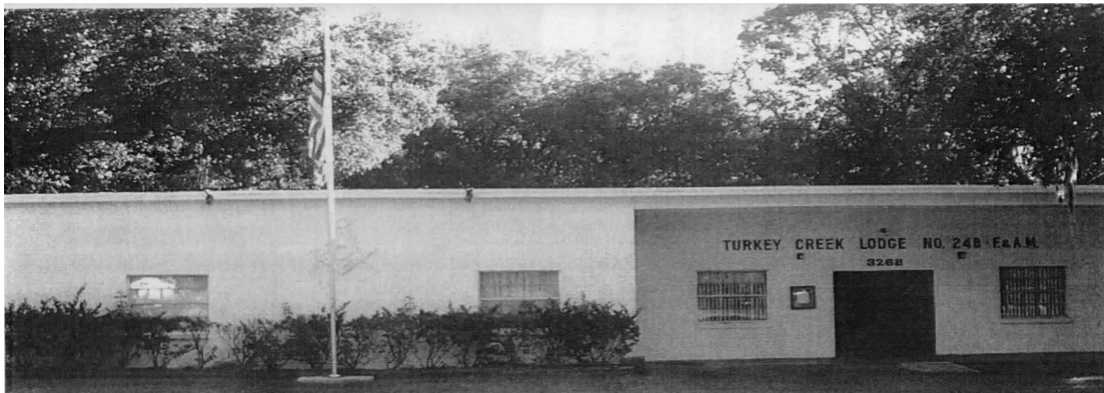


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~December 2016 Edition~



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,

December is upon us and that can only mean one thing, ELECTIONS! Please give ample consideration as to whom you will be voting for, and as always, for the benefit of the Craft.

This will be my last Trestle Board as Worshipful Master, and I would like to thank the Craft for a wonderful year. It is my ardent desire that the great works of Turkey Creek Masonic Lodge No. 248 F&AM continue and flourish.

I want to thank the Officers of the Lodge in their support during my tenure as Worshipful Master, as without them I would not have been able to do the work required of the Master.

I will be sitting in the East one last time in January before the new Worshipful Master is installed.

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

Fraternally,

Brice Cross, Worshipful Master

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From the West



Brothers,

Happy Thanksgiving, Brothers, the year is at an end and we have made it through the Presidential elections which reminds me. If you are interested in running for an elected officer position turn in your applications before the gavel drops at our December meeting. We look forward to seeing you in Lodge, and Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family!

**Fraternally,
John Fincher
Senior Warden**



From the South



Brothers,

Our last Family Night for the year is on December 20th. I hope all can attend.

**Fraternally,
John Childers
Junior Warden**



From the Secretary



Brethren,

Our next stated communication, December 6, 2016, will include elections of officers for the year of 2017. I have received nomination forms for all elected positions. If you desire to nominate someone else to office, I must receive the form before the Worshipful Master calls the Lodge to order. Once the Worshipful Master drops the gavel, it is too late to submit a nomination form.

I will also read the names of those five Brethren who are delinquent in their dues and are subject to being suspended for non-payment of dues on December 28, 2016 by vote of the Craft. Each of these Brothers has received a past due notice and a summons to appear and has not yet responded.

At our last stated communication, by show of hands, it appears that many of the Brethren are reluctant to establish their account with Circumscribe because they don't want their information on the Internet. Brothers, the Craft approved, at a Grand Lodge Communication, the establishment of the Circumscribe membership data management system. Your information is already on the Internet, whether you like it or not. Your information was on the Internet before Circumscribe was rolled out. Do an Internet search on you and your family member's names if you want to see how much information is available in the Internet. I encourage you to go online and establish your Circumscribe account at your earliest opportunity.

Many of you seem to think that, because you are receiving the Trestle Board by email, I have your email addresses. Brethren, I do not. The email list for the Trestle Board is a web-based service and even the publisher of the Trestle Board does not know who all subscribes to the Trestle Board. If you remember, when you signed up for the Trestle Board, all you provided was an email address. You were not required to provide a name or Lodge membership information. I have asked several times for members to provide me their email address and very few have done so. Please update your Circumscribe account with your preferred email address.

Last, but not least, if you are a member of the Low Twelve Club, please let your spouse know that you are a member and the purpose of that membership. I do not have any information on who is a member of the Low Twelve Club. Last week, when our Brother passed to the Grand Lodge above, his spouse knew that he was a Low Twelve Club member and informed me so. I contacted the Secretary of the Low Twelve Club the same day and the following morning, a check for \$1,250.00 was in the mail to her.

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

Masonic Minutes

Last month's Famous Masonic Quote was by none other than Brother Louis L. Williams – Masonic Author.

There will be no Masonic Minute for December as we have a WINNER!!!

It was neck and neck all year between two Brothers, W.: Bob Phillips and Brother George Grosskopf.

And the WINNER is: Brother George Grosskopf

The prize for the winner is having his Dues paid for next year. He may use it on himself or choose to use it on a needy Brother.

The Level and The Square

by Brother Rob Morris Poet Laureate of Freemasonry (this poem , written in August 1854, is the most popular Masonic Poem of all time)

We meet upon the Level and we part upon the Square
These words have precious meaning and are practiced everywhere
Come let us contemplate them, they are worthy of a thought
From the ancient times of Masonry these symbols have been taught
We meet upon the level, every country, sect and creed
The rich man in his mansion, the poor man in his field
For wealth is not considered within our outer door
And we all meet upon the level upon the chequered floor.
We act upon the Plumb the Junior Warden states
We walk upright through our lives, we seek the pearly gates
The All-seeing Eye that reads our hearts doth bear our witness true
That we shall try to honour God and give each man his due
We part upon the square as all good Masons do
We mingle with the multitude a faithful band and true
So the brotherhood of Masonry from every corner come
The meet upon the level and act upon the Plumb.
There's a world where all are equal we're coming to it fast
We shall meet upon the level there, when the days on Earth are passed
We shall stand before the altar and our Master will be there
To try the blocks we offer with his own unerring Square
We shall meet upon the level there bur never thence depart
There's a Mansion —`tis all ready for each trusting, faithful heart
There's a Mansion and a welcome and a multitude is there
Who have met upon the Level and been tried upon the Square
Let us meet upon the level then while these earthly ties we share
And just hope we're there to answer when the roll is called up there
As we travel through our lifespan time aids us prepare
To gather up our working tools and part upon the Square
So remember all our teachings, that bright Fraternal chain
We part upon the Square below to meet in Heaven again
These words have precious meaning and are practiced everywhere
We meet upon the Level & we part upon the Square.

Have a Wonderful Day & God Bless



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **12/06 Stated Communications**
- **12/20 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

