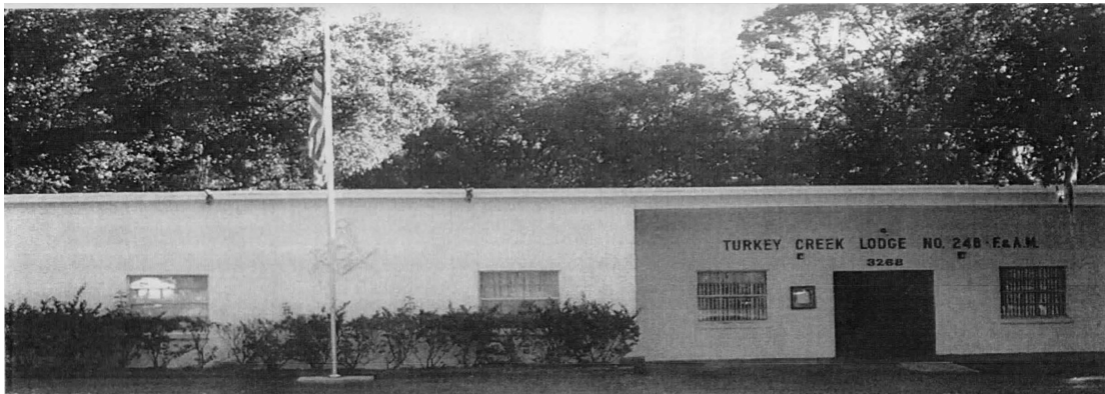


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### **Officers 2017**

**Worshipful Master John Fincher**  
**Senior Warden Jonathan Childers ~ Junior Warden Dennis Hall**  
**Treasurer W. Larry Gillespie, PM ~ Secretary Robert L.T. Phillips, PM**  
**Senior Deacon George Grosskopf, Jr ~ Junior Deacon Christopher Aronson**  
**Senior Steward Charles Tucker ~ Junior Steward George Grosskopf, Sr**  
**Chaplain Jack Holloway, PM ~ Marshal Arthur J. Ahrens III, PM**  
**Tyler Kenneth Minton, 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*	J.R. 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*	Brice Cross, 2016
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,**

**Well my brothers, if you missed the February stated communication meeting you missed one heck of a turn out. We had 50 brothers in attendance, including over 20 brothers visiting us from the Masonic park and Right Worshipful Tommy Turlington, who gave a presentation on his running for the Grand Junior Warden position this year. The March Family Night will be followed by a flag folding presentation presented by the Durant JROTC. Please, if can attend please do so and show some support for our local youths. And speaking of local youths, this year the Worshipful Masters charity is A KIDS PLACE, which is a foster home facility which houses young kids in extremely bad living situations. They gladly accept donations and can use kid's clothing, non-perishable food, and money of course helps. I hope you can help us help them. I look forward to seeing you MY BROTHERS in lodge soon.**

**Fraternally,**

**John Fincher, Worshipful Master  
Turkey Creek Lodge No 248, F&AM  
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## **From the West**



**Brothers,**

**We had a big turn-out for our February meeting! It was great having our brothers from the Masonic Youth Park visiting. They extended an invitation to their Rusty Nail degree at the park on February 25th from 9am to 11am. They will be providing a \$3 pancake breakfast before the degree, so come a little early.**

**The lodge dining room has been reserved on February 20th and 25th. If you'd like to reserve the dining room, please give me a call and I will add you to the calendar. Some brothers recently found the trash cans full of trash, the coffee maker still on with a dried-up pot of coffee still on the burner, and AC left on. Please be considerate, and take the time when using the lodge to clean up after ourselves. Take a couple extra seconds to make sure the appliances, AC, and hot water heater are off.**

**I hope to see you all for our next meeting on March 7th.**

**Fraternally,**

**Jonathan Childers  
Senior Warden**





## **From the South**



**Brothers,**

**Wow, what a turn out for February's Stated Communication! If you missed it, you missed a good one. It was good to meet some of our Brothers from the Masonic Youth Park. The ladies of the OES, as always, put on a wonderful meal as well.**

**I want to invite each and every one of you to our March Family Night on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Our Brother Senior Warden, John Childers, will be providing us with his wonderful Taco Tuesday meal. If you have any dish you would like to bring and share, please do so. Also on this night, come out for the support of the Durant JROTC who will be providing a flag folding presentation.**

**I still have several openings available on the signup sheet for Family Night main dishes. Please help support our Family Nights and show off your cooking skills by signing up. I know we have some great cooks out there, so come show us what you've got!**

**Fraternally,**

**Dennis Hall  
Junior Warden**





## **From the Secretary**



**Brethren,**

**We (Turkey Creek Lodge No 248) have many members that have not attended a stated communication in many years, yet you faithfully pay your dues every year.**

**Have you gotten everything out of Masonry that you expected?**

**Has your Lodge somehow failed to fulfill your expectations? If so, let us know what we have failed to provide.**

**Is there anything that the current officers can do to enable you to attend Lodge functions?**

**Have you forgotten the due guards and signs and are too shy to ask? We would be proud to privately refresh your memory.**

**We would love to see you at YOUR Lodge again! The stated communications are always on the first Tuesday of every month. The meal starts at 6:30 pm and the stated communication starts at 7:30 pm. If you prefer to get reacquainted again in a less formal setting, the family night pot-luck meal is scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month.**

**If there is anything we can do to assist you, please contact one of us...our telephone numbers are in the Trestle Board so you can reach out to us.**

**Fraternally and Zealously,**

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



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 3/7 Stated Communications
- 3/14 Degree Practice
- 3/20 District School of Instruction – Tampa Lodge, No 240
- 3/21 Family night
- 3/28 Degree Practice
- 3/17 Masters & Wardens – John Darling Lodge

<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.: Arthur J. Ahrens. 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

W.: John Fincher

Houston Tucker

George Grosskopf, Jr





Having Been Raised to the Sublime  
Degree of a Master Mason,  
You Are Now a Representative of  
Our Gentle Craft.  
Carry Yourself Well.

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# Committees

Committee	Chairman	Members
<b>Finance</b>	Bro. Jonathan Childers	<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. Dennis Hall</li> </ul>
<b>Vigilance</b>	Bro. Jonathan Childers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bro. Dennis Hall,</li> <li>• Bro. George Grosskopf, Jr,</li> <li>• Bro. Christopher Aronson</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 Bevin</li> </ul>
<b>Petitions</b>	W.:M.: John Fincher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bro. Jonathan Childers,</li> <li>• Bro. Dennis Hall,</li> <li>• Bro. Charles Tucker</li> <li>• W.: David Mason</li> </ul>
<b>Masonic Education</b>	Bro. Jonathan Childers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• W.:M.: John Fincher,</li> <li>• Bro. Dennis Hall</li> </ul>
<b>Board of Relief</b>	W.:M.: John Fincher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bro. Jonathan Childers,</li> <li>• Bro. Dennis Hall,</li> <li>• Bro. George Grosskopf, Sr,</li> <li>• Bro. Christopher Aronson</li> </ul>
<b>Charity</b>	W.:M.: John Fincher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bro. Jonathan Childers,</li> <li>• Bro. Dennis Hall</li> </ul>
<b>Lodge Property</b>	Bro. Jonathan Childers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bro. Dennis Hall,</li> <li>• Bro. Charles Tucker,</li> <li>• Bro. George Grosskopf, Jr,</li> <li>• Bro. Christopher Aronson</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>• W.:M.: John Fincher,</li> <li>• Bro. Houston Tucker,</li> <li>• Bro. George Grosskopf, Jr</li> </ul>
<b>Lodge Mentor</b>	W.: Robert L.T. Phillips	
<b>Lodge Instructor</b>	W.: Arthur J. Ahrens	
<b>Attendance and Membership</b>	W.:M.: John Fincher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bro. Jonathan Childers,</li> <li>• Bro. Dennis Hall,</li> <li>• W.: Robert L.T. Phillips</li> </ul>
<b>Transportation</b>	W.:M.: John Fincher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bro. Dennis Hall,</li> <li>• Bro. George Grosskopf, Jr</li> </ul>
<b>Emeritus</b>	Bro. Dennis Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bro. George Grosskopf,</li> <li>• Bro. Charles Tucker,</li> <li>• Bro. Christopher Aronson</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**

