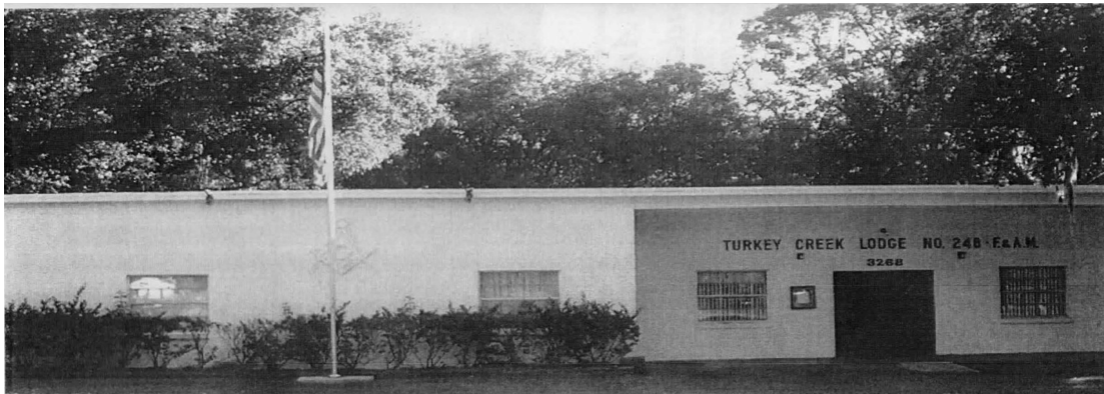


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~April 2017 Edition~



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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,

Greetings brothers, we had a treating meeting in March with District Deputy Grand Master R.W. Greg Wynn in attendance.

On April 9th, we will be having a lasagna dinner fund raiser for our roof fund. It will be from 12 – 3, so make plans and stop by after church. The meal will \$10 a plate. On April 15th, there will be the DDGM Roast at the Tampa Shrine Center. Family night on the 18th will be followed by a presentation from the Durant high school FFA. I invite you to attend the District School of Instruction at Tampa 240 on the 17th at 6:30, it's open to all master masons. I look forward to seeing you in lodge soon.

Fraternally,

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



Brothers,

Thank you to all the brothers who came out at our last stated meeting. We had a decent turn out for our unofficial District Deputy visit. We are planning our first fundraiser for the year on April 9th from 12pm to 3pm. It will be a lasagna meal for \$10. Come on out after church, and enjoy a nice Sunday lunch with us! I hope to see you all April 4th for our next stated meeting.

Fraternally,

**Jonathan Childers
Senior Warden**





From the South



Brothers,

It's hard to believe we are already four months into the year. I want to thank everyone for the help and attendance at our family nights. We have been having some really good turn outs and some really good food! If your cable-tow allows, please join us for our April family night at 6:30 on the third Tuesday which is the 18th. Brother Taylor Clark will be providing the main dish of sloppy joes. If you are able, please bring a dish to share.

On another note, if you're not aware, I have replaced all of the drinks in the soda machine. Please note that while I am providing these at no cost to members and family, donations are much appreciated and will be turned into the lodge.

Again, thank all of you for your participation and attendance at our Family Nights and Stated/Called communications.

Fraternally,

**Dennis Hall
Junior Warden**





From the Secretary



Brethren,

I have had several questions lately about Grand Lodge and the new membership ID Cards. The last information I have received is that Grand Lodge was overwhelmed with the response and so overworked with the transition from the old Secretary's Portal to Circumscribe, the roll-out and printing of the new ID Cards was delayed until March 6th or later. I am unsure if the new cards will be mailed directly to the members or whether they will be sent to the Lodge for distribution. I will try to keep you informed via the Trestle Board as I receive updates from Grand Lodge. From what I observe on the Circumscribe web site, many of you will receive a new, permanent membership card without a picture on it, as you have not set-up your Circumscribe account and submitted a picture. If you decide later that you want your picture on your ID Card, you will pay \$5.00 for the new card. Brethren, if you are having difficulty getting logged in to Circumscribe, please give me a call or go to the November 2016 Trestle Board, located here (<http://turkeycreeklodge248.org/TrestleBoards.html>).

We are entering the second quarter of the year and I hate to say this but 26 of you are not Master Masons in good standing. Now let me explain that. According to the Digest of Masonic Law of Florida, dues are payable in advance. That means that 2017 dues should have been paid on or before December 27, 2016. If you have not yet paid your dues, you are not a Master Mason in good standing. This does not mean that you have been suspended but you are in jeopardy of being suspended on December 27th, 2017, if you do not pay your dues. It also means that you may not request a dimit or letter of good standing until your dues are in order. Since you are not holding a valid 2017 dues card, you can (and should) be denied visitation in another Masonic Lodge. Brethren, paying your dues is as easy as logging in to Circumscribe and paying on-line by check, credit or debit card. If you are old school, and several of us are, attend Lodge on the first Tuesday with a check or cash. Your third option is to respond to your dues notice by dropping a check or money order in the US Mail.

Grand Lodge is rapidly approaching, it being scheduled to be held in the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando from May 29th to the 31st. If you have any desire to attend Grand Lodge and think that you will be there, even for one day or part of a day, let me know. I should be receiving the form to register attendees in the near future. If you pre-register through your Secretary, it will save you time being admitted to the tyled portions of the conclave.

Fraternally and Zealously,

W.: Robert Phillips, PM
Secretary
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 4/7 Stated Communications
- 4/11 Degree Practice
- 4/17 District School of Instruction – Tampa Lodge, No 240
- 4/18 Family night
- 4/25 Degree Practice
- 4/21 Masters & Wardens – John Darling Lodge

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Lodge News



Degree Team Members NEEDED! See W.: Arthur J. Ahrens. 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

W.: John Fincher

Houston Tucker

George Grosskopf, Jr



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Degree of a Master Mason,
You Are Now a Representative of
Our Gentle Craft.
Carry Yourself Well.

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Committee	Chairman	Members
Finance	Bro. Jonathan Childers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W.: Larry Gillespie, • W.: Arthur J. Ahrens III, • W.: Robert L.T. Phillips, • Bro. Dennis Hall
Vigilance	Bro. Jonathan Childers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bro. Dennis Hall, • Bro. George Grosskopf, Jr, • Bro. Christopher Aronson
Health and Welfare	W.: Jack Holloway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W.: Robert L.T. Phillips, • W.: Thurman Bevin
Petitions	W.:M.: John Fincher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bro. Jonathan Childers, • Bro. Dennis Hall, • Bro. Charles Tucker • W.: David Mason
Masonic Education	Bro. Jonathan Childers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W.:M.: John Fincher, • Bro. Dennis Hall
Board of Relief	W.:M.: John Fincher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bro. Jonathan Childers, • Bro. Dennis Hall, • Bro. George Grosskopf, Sr, • Bro. Christopher Aronson
Charity	W.:M.: John Fincher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bro. Jonathan Childers, • Bro. Dennis Hall
Lodge Property	Bro. Jonathan Childers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bro. Dennis Hall, • Bro. Charles Tucker, • Bro. George Grosskopf, Jr, • Bro. Christopher Aronson
Investigating		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointed as needed
Catechism Instructors	W.: Ray Manus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W.:M.: John Fincher, • Bro. Houston Tucker, • Bro. George Grosskopf, Jr
Lodge Mentor	W.: Robert L.T. Phillips	
Lodge Instructor	W.: Arthur J. Ahrens	
Attendance and Membership	W.:M.: John Fincher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bro. Jonathan Childers, • Bro. Dennis Hall, • W.: Robert L.T. Phillips
Transportation	W.:M.: John Fincher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bro. Dennis Hall, • Bro. George Grosskopf, Jr
Emeritus	Bro. Dennis Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bro. George Grosskopf, • Bro. Charles Tucker, • Bro. Christopher Aronson
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

