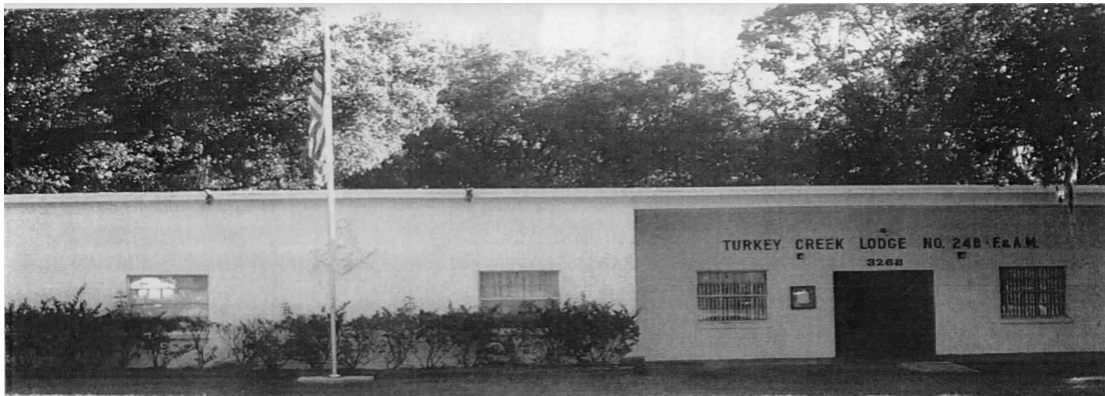


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### **Officers 2017**

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**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,**

**I would like to take this time to congratulate Brothers Gibson and Shelley on their first step in Masonry. On May 9th we had their entered apprentice degree with over 40 brothers in attendance from multiple lodges (Tampa 240, Desoto, Olin S Wright and Temple Terrace). We also provided courtesy work for a candidate from Tampa 240. On May 20<sup>th</sup>, we had the Andy Hammell Memorial Picnic with good time and fellowship had by all. June family night will be followed by a York Rite presentation. It is hoped you will be able to attend. June 17th will be the Grand Masters official visit at the Scottish Rite Center in Tampa. The attire is formal, and you are very welcome to join us.**

**Speaking on behalf of my fellow officers, let me invite you back to the lodge if you haven't been there in a while. I have talked to some brothers and have been told they haven't been in attendance due to not remembering all the ceremonial gestures. Let me say it will come back to you and NO ONE will pass judgement on you, we would rather have you back.**

**My Brothers, with the crafts approval, and in conjunction with our by-laws and the Florida Grand Lodge Digest chapter 24 section 5.01 and 5.02, we intend to go dark in July since our stated communication meeting falls on July 4th. This will allow our members to celebrate our country's birthday with their families.**

**Fraternally,**

**John Fincher, Worshipful Master  
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## **From the West**



**Brothers,**

**Brothers, we have had another great month! We had a huge turn out to our Entered Apprentice degree on May 9th. I'd like to thank ALL the Brothers who attended and congratulate our new Entered Apprentices. I'd like to remind everyone that we will be having a Master Mason 1, 2, and 3 on July 8th. There will be a free breakfast starting at 9 am for everyone who attends. I'd like to thank Worshipful Travis Brumbaugh for teaching the class. I hope to see you all at our next meeting!**

**Fraternally,**

**Jonathan Childers  
Senior Warden**





## **From the South**



**Brothers,**

**Congratulations to Brother Gibson and Brother Shelley on their taking the first step into a wonderful journey. We had a great time and I want to thank all on the Degree team and all who participated. It was great to see a full house for our Brothers EA Degree.**

**May 20th was our Andy Hammell memorial picnic. Thank you for all who was in attendance and it was great seeing you all there.**

**I want to invite each and every one of you to come out for our family night on June 20th at 6:30. Our Brother Worshipful Manus will be providing the main dish of fried catfish. Come join us and get some of his fancy cooking. Please bring a side dish to go along with the meal. I guarantee you will not be disappointed. Bring your friends and family as this is a great way to show them who we are and what we do. If there is any Brother who cannot make it to our stated communications and family nights, let us know and I'm sure we can provide you with transportation. We'd love to see you back in lodge.**

**There are still slots available to sign up to bring the main dish on family nights. If you are able, please take the time to look at the sheet on the announcement board and pick a date. We need to get these filled and would love to try what you have to share!**

**Fraternally,**

**Dennis Hall  
Junior Warden**



## **From the Secretary**



**Brethren,**

**By the time you read this, the Grand York Rite and Grand Lodge communications will be history. We will have new leadership, for better or worse, in each line.**

**The Grand Lodge line, at the appointed level, is not a progressive line. The incoming Grand Master appoints individuals to the non- elective positions every year and the individual filling a position does not advance to the next position. Only when an individual runs for, and is elected to, the Grand South does the Grand Lodge Line become progressive.**

**However, the Grand York Rite Grand Line, similar to most particular Lodge lines, is progressive. Once an individual is appointed to the bottom of the line, he normally progresses to the top of the line. If he does not reach the top of the line, in many instances, it is because the individual chooses to leave voluntarily.**

**Unless the members of the Craft exercise their due diligence, an individual in a progressive line who is not really qualified may reach the top of the line, just because "he has put in his time and deserves a chance."**

**We, as the members of the Fraternity, should be evaluating every member of our local Lodge's line as they progress through the line. Is the member attending the stated and called communications and fulfilling his responsibilities? Is he learning his job (ritual and floor work) of his position, as well as the next position? Is he contributing to the advancement of the Lodge? Is he learning about his position, his Lodge and his Fraternity? Is he in the line to advance the Fraternity or to add another title to his resume?**

**Brethren, I think you understand the point I'm trying to make. A leadership position is much more than promoting a good ole boy to the next position because it is his turn.**

**Finally, I have not yet received any of the new ID Cards from Grand Lodge. As soon as I do, I will get them out to you. I hope to see YOU at our next stated or called communication.**

**Fraternally and Zealously,**

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



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 6/6 Stated Communications
- 6/19 District School of Instruction – Tampa Lodge, No 240
- 6/20 Family night
- 6/23 Masters & Wardens – John Darling Lodge
- 6/13 & 6/27 Degree Practice



## 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**

