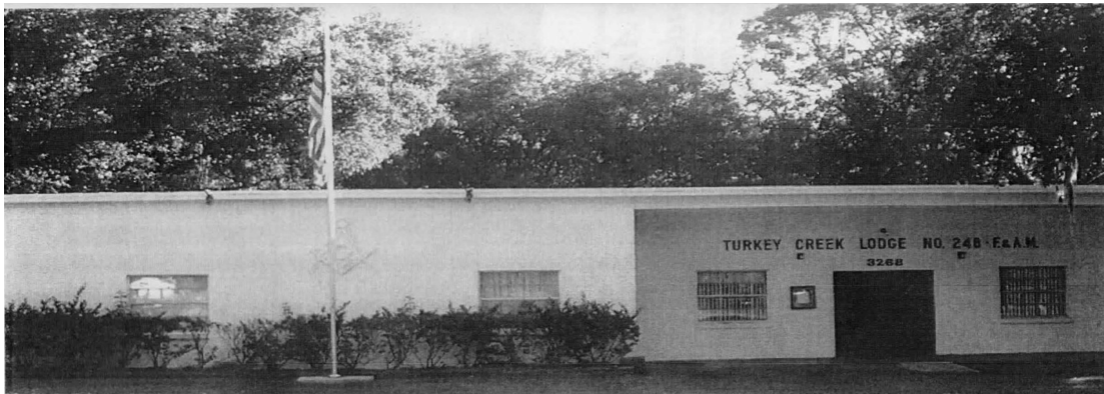


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### **Officers 2017**

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Senior Steward George Grosskopf, Sr ~ Junior Steward Taylor Clark  
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

My brothers.

We have officially passed the half mark for the year and it has been a great first half. I want to remind everyone that we will be dark in July so don't plan on attending the July 4th stated communication meeting, everyone will be with their families. July 8th we will be hosting a Master Mason 1 2 3 class and hope you can make it. Please be safe on the celebration of the birthday of country.

Fraternally,

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



**Brothers,**

**I'd like to wish everyone a happy 4th of July! The lodge will be going dark that day so everyone can enjoy the 4th with their families. Please remember July 8th is our Master Mason 1, 2, & 3 class. All are welcomed to join. If anyone is interested in helping out with our upcoming EA and FC degree, please come out to our practices July 11th and 25th. I hope to see you all at our next stated meeting, August 1st.**

**Fraternally,**

**Jonathan Childers  
Senior Warden**





## **From the South**



**Brothers,**

**We just had our Grand Masters official visit for Districts 19 and 20 on June 17th at the Valley of Tampa Scottish Rite. There was a good turn out with great fellowship and good fun. W.: M.: John Fincher presented the Grand Master and his First Lady with their donations from our lodge. If you missed it, I hope you will be able attend next year in support of our lodge and Grand Master.**

**Our next family night will be on Tuesday, July 18th at 6:30PM. Brother George Grosskopf Jr. will be providing the main dish of Hots & Brats! Come on out and join us for some good food, great times, and wonderful fellowship. If you are able, please bring a side dish or dessert to share and to go along with the meal. We do not have a presentation scheduled for this family night.**

**Brothers, I still have 5 months open for anyone to provide the main dish at our family nights. These are August through December. If you have not signed up, and wish to do so, please put your name on the signup sheet located on our bulletin board for the month you wish to participate. If you have already signed up for months in the past, thank you for your participation and willingness to provide our main dish! However, you are more than welcome to sign up again if so inclined to do so!**

**Last, but not least...If you have not been to lodge in a while, please come join us on the 1st Tuesday of every month with the meal starting at 6:30PM and meeting at 7:30PM. Also, please remember, by the vote of the craft, we will be going dark for the month of July since our stated communication falls on July 4th. We hope that you enjoy this time off, spending it with your friends and family. I hope to see YOU at our next meeting!**

**Fraternally,**

**Dennis Hall  
Junior Warden**



## From the Secretary



**NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE!**

Brethern,

for the first time in “modern” history, Turkey Creek Lodge No 248, F & A M, will go dark for the month of July 2017. Our stated communication falls on the 4<sup>th</sup> and the Craft have voted to go dark to allow our members to spend the holiday with their family members. Please, do not come to the lodge on the 4<sup>th</sup>, expecting to attend our stated communication. The lodge will be dark and the parking lot lonely!

### **Status of Resolutions presented at the 188<sup>th</sup> Grand Communication**

Resolution as to eligibility of junior warden of particular lodges– passed.

Resolution to increase membership retention and participation by allowing entered apprentices and fellow craft participation in conferring degrees – withdrawn.

Resolution regarding committee on work members - failed (needed 2/3 vote; will be presented again next year at Grand Lodge Communication.)

Resolution regarding a revised, digital version of the adopted work – withdrawn.

Resolution to amend chapter 48 Masonic Home Trustees of the Masonic Home and Emergency Relief Admission of non-masons to the Masonic Home of Florida under the private pay plan – passed.

Resolution to change the elections of lodge officers – passed.

Resolution on dual members qualifying for a lodge U.D. – passed.

Resolution on requirements of amending lodge by-laws – passed.

Resolution on emeritus status of Masonic Home residents – passed.

Resolution on dues cards – passed.

Resolution for lodge co-ownership of property – passed.

Resolution for Masonic Center Association – passed.

Resolution to amend regulation 5.02 – failed.

If you desire any additional information on the resolutions above, please come to the August stated communication and the resolutions will be made available to you.

### **Congratulations to:**

R.: W.: Thomas L. Turlington, Jr. on being installed to the Office of Junior Grand Warden.

R.: W.: Rudin J. Boatright on being installed to the Office of Grand Treasurer.

R.: W.: Robert Taylor, Olin S Wright Lodge No 79, on being installed as District 20 District Deputy Grand Master.

R.: H.: Jack Hampton, Brandon Lodge No. 114, on being installed as District 20 District Instructor.

Finally, I have not yet received any of the new ID Cards from Grand Lodge and do not have any idea when they will be printed. I’m thinking that bad information was put out earlier about when the cards would be printed and shipped. A resolution addressing the SEAL and signature on the cards was just addressed at the 188<sup>th</sup> Grand Communication at the end of May. As soon as I do, I will get them out to you. I hope to see YOU at our next stated or called communication.

## July Birthdays

Christopher	Jon	Aronson
Thurman	Doris	Bevlin
Harry	Sylvester	Boll Jr
Brett	Edward	Boudreaux
Mark	Dwayne	Gilmore
Richard	William	Helms
James	Anak	Jones
Merle	Kelvin	McAlpin
Lamar	M	Pritchard
Alton	Thomas	Seagraves
Connie	Lester	Thompson
Jerry	Thomas	Wheeler

## July Master Mason Anniverseries

Christopher	Jon	Aronson
David	Allen	Hobbs
James	Anak	Jones
Michael	Paul	Linnan
Howard	Michael	Stokes
Gary	Derwood	Turner
Robert	Anthony	Zaccaro

**Fraternally and Zealously,**

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





## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 7/1 District 20 BBQ Competition – Tampa Lodge, No. 240
- 7/8 Master Mason 1,2,3 – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 7/17 District School of Instruction – Tampa Lodge, No. 240
- 7/18 Family night
- 7/28 Masters & Wardens – John Darling Lodge
- 7/11 & 7/25 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





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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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# 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**

