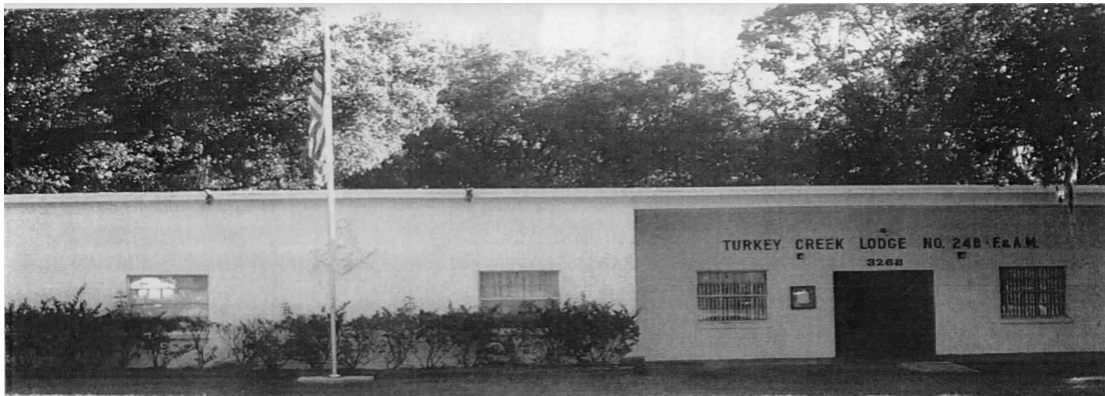


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Past Masters



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

My brothers.

We are coming into September now and the year is winding down fast. We had a good turn-out for our EA and FC degree on August 5th. It was a very interesting and long day, I want to thank all who helped with it and attended, and the ladies of the star for making a very delicious meal. On August 15th we had our family night along with our Past Masters and Widows Appreciation Nite. We had over 40 people in attendance(why can't we have that at every family night...lol). We also presented Worshipful Wiley Gillespie with his 50 year pin and presented Worshipful Bob Phillips with the Turkey of the Year award.

The presentation at family night this month will be presented by the Star. We will also be having a Master Mason degree being held at the new Grotto building in Plant City. It will be on October 6th starting at 6:30 meal 7:30 degree.

I will not be available to be reached the last week of September. I will be on a vacation out of town. If you need to reach someone about lodge business, please contact the Sr. or Jr. Warden.

Fraternally,

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



Brothers,

Thank you for the great turn out to our Hawaiian Degree. It was great seeing the side lines so full! I'd also like to thank the Eastern Star for providing the lunch.

Lastly, I'd like to give my condolences to Sister Stokes for the passing of her husband Brother Mike Stokes. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Fraternally,

**Jonathan Childers
Senior Warden**





From the South



Brothers,

We had a great turn out for our last family night which was Past Masters appreciation and Widow's night. I'd love to see this kind of turn out at all our family nights! So come on out on the third Tuesday of each month! Friends and family are always welcome!

Our next family night will be September 19th. Come on out and bring a side dish to share! We will be having pizza.

Also, there is a separate Jr Wardens fund raiser going on. There are chocolate bars that are \$1.00 each. These will be available at all meetings and family nights.

I look forward to seeing you in Lodge!

Fraternally,

**Dennis Hall
Junior Warden**





From the Secretary



Brethren,

By the time you receive and read this, summer will have been declared officially over. The kids are back in school; vacation is a thing of the past. Days are noticeable shorter than they were just a few short weeks ago.

Now that the hectic days of summer are over, you may find the time to relax a little. Maybe this is the time to catch up on a few of the things you have been waiting “to get around to it.” Maybe this is the month to visit your lodge that you haven’t been to in the last several years.

Brothers, we would love to see you on the sidelines for a stated or called communication. Heck, we would even be glad if you joined us for the family night meal on the third Tuesday of the month! There are approximately 110 members on the rolls of this lodge but we see only the same 15-18 Brothers each time the doors of the lodge open. Brothers, don’t get me wrong.....we are glad you are a member of this lodge and we hope you are proud to be a member. But we can’t help but wonder what we could do differently to entice you to attend a stated or called communication once or twice a year. Surely you joined for more than the privilege of calling yourself a Mason! Maybe fellowship with like-minded individuals encouraged you to join those many years ago. We are still here and would love to see you again. If you need help in getting to the lodge, please reach out to the worshipful master or one of the other officers. We will try to assist you any way we can.

Since I was in Indiana last month, I did not have access to the database to wish a Happy Birthday to those born in August or Happy Anniversary to those raised in August, so I have included those members in this month’s Trestle Board, as well as those born or raised in September. Happy Birthday!!! Happy Anniversary!!!

Fraternally and Zealously,

**W.: Robert Phillips, PM
Secretary
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Belated August Birthdays

Adam	Mills	Anderson
Bruce	Wayne	Brantley
Jonathan	Kay	Childers
Marion	Leslie	Cooper
John	Hanson	Hammell
Sean	Michael	Herlihy
David	Allen	Hobbs
Paul	Elmore	Jones III
George	Hendrix	Lipsey
Wayne	Harry	Scott

September Birthdays

Talmadge	Edwin	Hinson
James	A	Mooney
Willie	Washington	Wingate
Robert	Anthony	Zaccaro

Belated August Master Mason Anniversaries

Timothy	Curtis	Smythe
John	William	McDaniel
Frederick	J	Oakleaf Jr
Willis	Earl	Richley Jr
Talmadge	Edwin	Hinson
Robert	Campbell	St John Jr

September Master Mason Anniversaries

George	Kip	Grosskopf Jr
Wayne	Harry	Scott
William	Francis	Jones
Kenneth	Wayne	Minton
Robert	L Thomas	Phillips





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 9/5 Stated Communication – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 9/22 Masters & Wardens – John Darling Lodge
- 9/18 District School of Instruction – Tampa Lodge, No. 240
- 9/19 Family Night – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 9/12 & 9/26 Degree Practice



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



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
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

