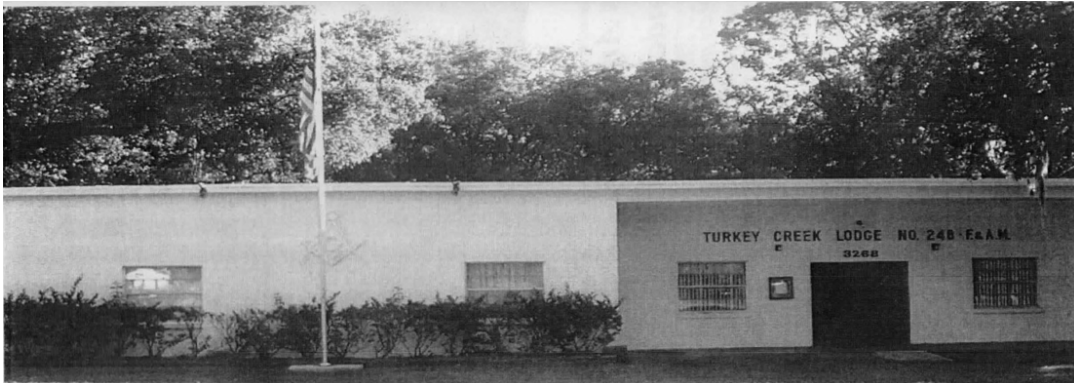


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Past Masters



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	John Fincher, 2017
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

Hello my brothers!

I hope you are all doing well. We had another busy month! On April 24th, we had our Fellow Craft degree. I'd like to congratulate Brother Adrian Porrata who became a Fellow Craft. Also on April 28th, we opened our lodge up to Community Lodge to hold their Entered Apprentice Degree. Our Degree Team did a outstanding job with both degrees. A big thank you to RW Lee and RH Hampton for providing the lecture for both degrees.

I received an email from Mrs. Irene Sapp; Brother Ewell Sapp is not doing well and would appreciate a call from the Brothers of Turkey Creek. His phone number is (386)658-1021 if anyone wishes to contact him. The best gift you can give someone is your time.

I hope you all can make our next stated meeting. We will be going over 2018 legislation and we, the officers, would like your input.

Fraternally,

**Jon Childers, Worshipful Master
Turkey Creek Lodge No 248, F&AM
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From the West



Brethren,

I hope all is well with each of you. I would like to give you an update of our current repairs...

As brought up at our March stated communication, our A/C in the dining room has been fixed. Brother Palermo requested that we obtain a licensed electrician to help with the finishing of the final procedures. Worship Fincher provided information on one and the Craft voted to have him provide his services at a reduced cost of \$50.00.

On to the major repair...the roof. You, the Craft, voted to use the amount of, up to and not to exceed, \$7,000.00 from the Roof Fund. This will allow us to use the funds "at will" without having to receive approval from the Craft each time we need to write a check. Our next step is to designate a set of weekends to get this done (hopefully in May). We are going to need YOUR help as we have decided to do the repairs ourselves. The cost of a company doing this for us is extremely expensive and our own labor is a donation to our lodge. If you are able and willing to provide your services, please get with me so we can get a head count. The quote from Brother Skeen did not include tear-off shovels, so those will have to either be rented or purchased. If we purchase them through his company, we can get them at a discounted rate of around \$45 each. Again, please get with me as soon as possible so we can get a head count of how many are willing to help. The more volunteers we have, the sooner we will have a new roof. I can be reached on my cell. If I do not answer, please leave me a message and I will return your call as soon as possible. 813-624-8713

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DISCUSSION IN LODGE

All sectarian discussion, all argument of statement pro or con as to the merits of civil politics, or any given religion or theological creed, of racial questions, or private business, or of any other non-Masonic subject by which Masons might be divided into classes, feuds, schisms, or opposed schools, is at all times forbidden. It is strictly forbidden to discuss a petitioner or for a Mason to reveal how he has voted or in any way to seek to persuade members to vote one way or another on a petitioner.

All uses of personalities, all expressions of bitterness or ill will, acrimoniousness, and all or any slurs upon the Lodge or its Officers, Grand Lodge or its Officers, and the Fraternity itself, and all flippant, unseemly, or discourteous remarks addressed to the Lodge or to its Officers are condemned alike by the principles of common courtesy and etiquette and by the disciplinary laws of the Craft.

This is not to say that a Master Mason, particularly one who has acted as a Representative in Grand Lodge, should not inform the Craft fully and completely as to what has taken place in Grand Lodge. Such a report can be rendered truthfully and with dignity and without the use of personalities, and this rule, of course, should always be observed. A Brother wishing to participate in a discussion in open Lodge should always rise and address the Worshipful Master. He should speak on the subject at issue in the fewest possible words, not using his privilege of the floor as an opportunity to deliver a speech merely for its own sake.

Fraternally,

**Dennis Hall
Senior Warden**





From the South



Brothers,

Please join us for our May family night if your cable-tow allows. Our meal will begin at 6:30. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share to go along with the meal. Bring your friends and family to have some delicious food, good times, and great fellowship.

Finally, we already have Brothers signed up to provide all of our Family Night entrees, except for January of next year! So, if cable-tow allows, please adopt January, 2019!

Fraternally,

**George Grosskopf, Jr
Junior Warden**





From the Secretary



Brethren,

Brethren, the Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of F & A M of Florida is rapidly approaching. Many items of interest will be presented for ballot or vote at the Communication (please see Turkey Creek Lodge email, Proposed Legislation for 2018 Session, March 26, 2018) You will be represented by your Worshipful Master and Wardens at the Communication. Please read the proposed legislation and provide your input to the Master and Wardens at our next stated communication, so they may vote/ballot in accordance with your desires.

We are rapidly approaching mid-year and there are still 23 members of this Lodge that have not paid their 2018 dues. In accordance with the Digest of Masonic Law of Florida, Brethren, these dues were payable on or before December 27th, 2017. If you have not yet paid your dues, you have not yet been suspended but you are not a member in good standing with your Lodge or the Grand Lodge of Florida. Take due notice thereof and govern yourself accordingly.

Fraternally and Zealously,

W.: Robert Phillips, PM
Secretary
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May Birthdays

Arthur J Ahrens, III
Louis W Bradbury
Gary Bryant
Leon L Futch
George K Grosskopf Jr
Ray G Manus Jr
Stephen C Marshall
Kenneth W Minton
John C Pegg Jr
Erik W Steele
James B Vanders Sr
Bryan A Wilson

May Master Mason Anniversaries

David J Mason
Charles F Tucker
John C Pegg Jr
Richard G Falter
Dennis E Hall
Jack A Holloway
James R Morgan
Joshua D Salter
James B Sampson III
Jerry T Wheeler
Ira D Vance



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 5/1 Stated Communication – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 5/8 Degree Practice – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 5/15 Family Night – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 5/20 District School of Instruction – Tampa Lodge, No. 240
- 5/22 Degree Practice – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 5/25 Masters & Wardens – John Darling Lodge
- 5/28 – 5/30 Grand Lodge Communication - Orlando



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	W.:M.: 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	W.:M.: 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.: John Fincher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W.:M.: Jonathan Childers, • Bro. Dennis Hall, • Bro. Charles Tucker • W.: David Mason
Masonic Education	W.:M.: Jonathan Childers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W.: John Fincher, • Bro. Dennis Hall
Board of Relief	W.: John Fincher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W.:M.: Jonathan Childers, • Bro. Dennis Hall, • Bro. George Grosskopf, Sr, • Bro. Christopher Aronson
Charity	W.: John Fincher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W.:M.: Jonathan Childers, • Bro. Dennis Hall
Lodge Property	W.:M.: 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.: 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.: John Fincher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W.:M.: Jonathan Childers, • Bro. Dennis Hall, • W.: Robert L.T. Phillips
Transportation	W.: 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

