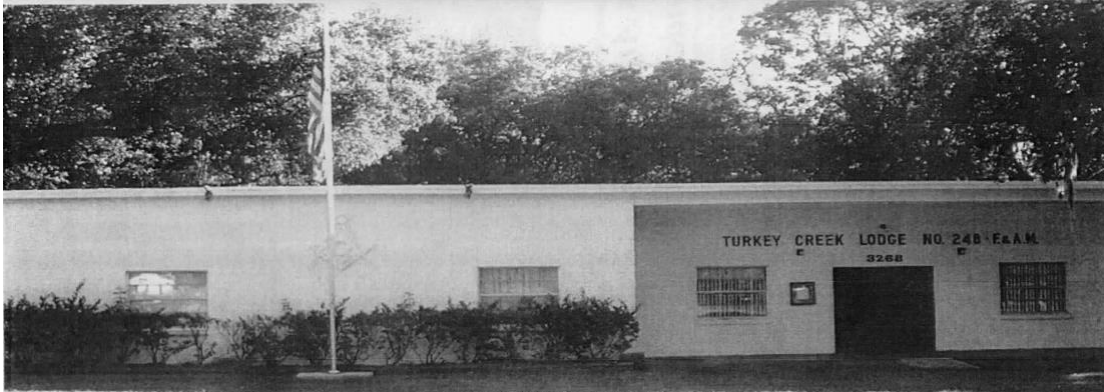


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**Officers 2018**

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Senior Steward James Shelley ~ Junior Steward Huston Tucker  
Chaplain Jack Holloway, PM ~ Marshal John Fincher, PM  
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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**

**Happy 4th of July brothers!**

**Congratulations to Brother Paretta for being raised to Master Mason on June 26th. We also had the pleasure of raising a Brother from Corinthian Lodge. It was a great turn out! Brothers from Olin S. Wright, Kathleen and Corinthian lodges all came out to support our newly raised Brothers. If you could not make this degree, you'll have another chance to come out for a EA Degree July 24th (4th Tuesday).**

**If you would like to receive up-to-date info on events coming up with the Lodge, please contact me or our Secretary to learn about receiving the trestle board through email. We would like to keep everyone in the loop.**

**I hope everyone has a great holiday and travels safely.**

**Fraternally,**

**Jon Childers, Worshipful Master  
Turkey Creek Lodge No 248, F&AM  
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**Brethren,**

**It seems we are now at a standstill with our roofing project. As the rainy season is now upon us, and Brother Skeen is in the peak of his busy season, we have not found a good time to get together and have him show us how to do the roofing. This is something we are definitely trying to get done this year as soon as possible, but the stars have not yet quite aligned. I will keep you all posted as we move along or I acquire new information.**

**On another note, it seems someone has borrowed 2 tables and about 16 chairs from the dining room. Brothers, we do not mind items being borrowed as long as someone is informed that they are being borrowed and there isn't an upcoming event where they will be used. If whoever borrowed them can please contact me and let me know you have them, it will be greatly appreciated.**

**MASONIC EDUCATION - Masonic Etiquette Publication GL-208 Pg. 11**

## **PRAYER**

Every Mason has been in attendance at Communications where prayer has been called for or offered in an off-hand or grudging manner as if religion were an alien and intrusive thing and the art of worship a formality done for the sake of appearance and, therefore, to be hurriedly finished as though there could be more important matters. Such behavior betrays a lack of understanding of the most elementary character of the Craft. Religion is an essence, not an accident, of Masonry. It stands at the heart of the Fraternity, as the Altar stands at the center of the Lodge Room, as a symbol of the religious character of Freemasonry. The Master should call upon the Chaplain to perform his duty and the Chaplain himself should perform it with deliberateness; not with haste, but with earnestness and sincerity, and in a dignified manner expressive of the genuinely religious character of the Craft. The Worshipful Master and Lodge members should not consult any memorandum during prayer; the Secretary should discontinue his work; all should rise and keep absolute silence while it is being offered. The prayer itself, if not in words prescribed by the Ritual, should be consonant with the faith of Masonry, never an expression of peculiar sectarian views or dogmatic creeds; on the other hand if a Chaplain, especially if he be a Clergyman or Rabbi, should chance to give expression to sectarian beliefs out of habit or through inadvertence, it is unfitting, and in spirit un-Masonic, for offense to be taken or for any Brother to dwell upon the fact, either during or after the close of the Communication.

**Fraternally,**

**Dennis Hall  
Senior Warden**



## **From the South**



**Brothers,**

**First off, to all who attended the Annual Lodge Picnic, it was good to see you. It overflowed with good food and fellowship. To those that were unable to attend, we hope to see you there next year. Please know that you were missed.**

**Please join us for our July family night if your cable-tow allows. Our meal will begin at 6:30. The main dish will be the traditional Hots & Brats. 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,

Masonically, July is a quite month. The Grand York Rite Convocation in Lake Mary, FL has come and gone. Several of our members advanced in or joined the various York Rite bodies in an elected or appointed position. The Annual Grand Communication in Orlando, FL is a fading memory for most of those that attended. Several Masons from the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Districts were appointed to various committees; our very own W.: Arthur J Ahrens III was one of those.

One thing of note is that the Lodge received 21 of the new permanent plastic ID cards with photographs at Grand Lodge. I suspect that is all the members that bothered to log into Circumscribe and submit a photograph. Most of those cards have been distributed to the proper people, although I still have several cards of those members who have not yet paid their 2018 dues. I have received repeated assurances that the rest of the ID cards without photographs are in production but I am not going to hold my breath, if you know what I mean.

I know that many of you refuse to login to Circumscribe and that is your right not to do so. However, I ask you to remember that Circumscribe was approved by a vote of the Craft at an Annual Grand Communication several years ago. This is not something that was crammed down the craw of the Craft without notice and Circumscribe IS NOT going to go away. Despite its current flaws, Circumscribe is here to stay and is slowly, ever so slowly, being improved. If you need assistance to login in to Circumscribe, please let me know; I will certainly assist you in any way I can.

I suspect by now, those of you who have not yet paid your 2018 dues have received your second dues notice, since I mailed them June 30, 2018 in accordance with the Digest of Masonic Law of Florida. If you have not yet received a past due notice and you owe 2018 dues, you will receive one shortly, as long as I have a valid address for you and the US Postal Service does its job. Brothers, if you have not yet paid your dues, you are in violation of your obligation to not wrong, cheat or defraud a Lodge out of the value of anything and are considered to be “not in good standing.” Your 2018 dues were due and payable on or before December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017, in accordance with the Digest. Please pay your dues; by rights, that money belongs to the Lodge and the Lodge needs that money to pay its bills.

Fraternally and Zealously,

W.: Robert Phillips, PM  
Secretary  
813.230.7682

## **July Birthdays**

Marc D Abbott  
Christopher J Aronson  
Luke A Bednar  
Thurman D Bevlin  
Harry S Boll Jr  
Brett E Boudreaux  
Mark D Gilmore  
Richard W Helms  
Merle K McAlpin  
Lamar M Pritchard  
Connie L Thompson  
Jerry T Wheeler

## **July Master Mason Anniversaries**

Gary D Turner  
Christopher J Aronson  
David A Hobbs  
Robert A Zaccaro  
Michael P Linnan





## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 7/3 Stated Communication – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 7/10 Degree Practice – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 7/16 District School of Instruction – Tampa Lodge, No. 240
- 7/17 Family Night – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 7/20 Masters & Wardens – John Darling Lodge
- 7/24 Degree Practice – Turkey Creek Lodge



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

