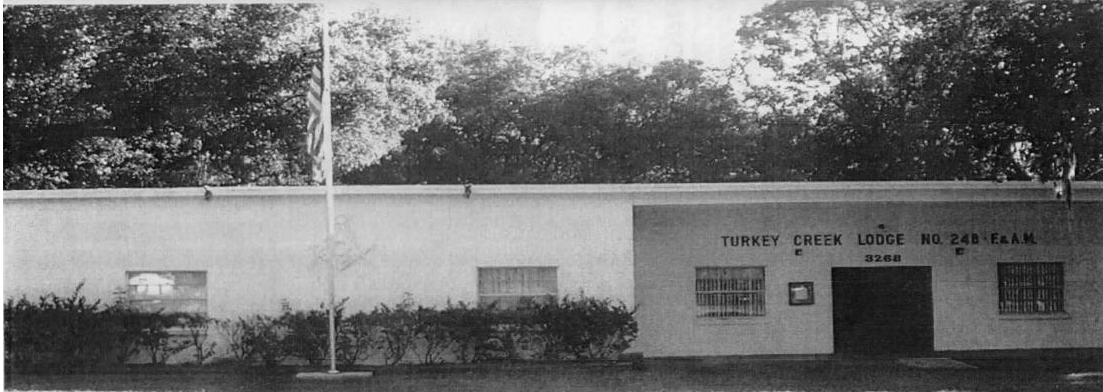


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Past Masters



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. I would like to congratulate our new Brother James Quirk. He went thru the E.A. Degree on July 24th. The degree team did a excellent job and we had a great turn out! Thank you to the 7 Brothers from J.F. Schwartzel who came out and sat on the side lines. Our official DDGM visit will be at our next stated meeting (August 7th). I hope you all can come out and support your Lodge. On August 11th we will be having a Lasagna Fundraiser from 11am to 2pm. I hope to see you there as well.

Fraternally,

**Jon Childers, Worshipful Master
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From the West



Brethren,

July has come and gone and we are now on the downhill slide to the end of the year. We still have a lot of events coming up, so stay tuned!

We are still trying to come up with a date and time to meet with Brother Skeen on the roof. We have voted on and approved up to, and not to exceed, \$7000.00. The money has been set aside for this project so we do not have to vote on each draw every time we may need to use it. Once we can get everything in line with Bro. Skeen, this should only take a couple of weekends...3 at max.

With the completion of the A/C repair, Brothers please help us keep the power bill down by keeping the thermostat turned to 80 degrees when you leave the building. Granted we have had a hotter month and most of you have probably seen a spike in your power bill; the lodge power bill went up as well. There has been (on more than one occasion), when one of us has entered the lodge and found the thermostat set to 70 degrees and constantly running. Brothers, it should never be set lower than 73...preferably 74. And with it not being turned off when you leave the building, we are wasting power which equals wasting money. It is also putting a strain on the equipment. Please help us be diligent with this and make sure it's turned to 80 before you leave.

MASONIC EDUCATION - Mentor's Manual Publication GL217 Pg 14 Section 4.6

The Cable-Tow

The Cable-Tow is a symbol of the method of control for the individual. The cable, cord or bond is interwoven in countless religious ceremonies and the use of a tie is as ancient as any known art in the history of mankind. To many the Cable-Tow is symbolic of the umbilical cord, which is necessary to begin life but is severed when love and care replace it in supplying those essentials needed for growth. Thus, in our ceremonies, the Cable-Tow is removed when the need for physical control no longer exists.

The length of the Cable-Tow is frequently referred to in the language of Freemasonry, but many of the new Brethren do not understand its meaning. Formerly the Cable-Tow was deemed to be the distance one could travel in an hour - assumed to be about three miles. In Florida this is any reasonable

distance from which a summons may be answered, health and business permitting. Each Mason is bound

to all other Masons by a tie as long and as strong as he himself determines the extent of his ability.

Fraternally,

**Dennis Hall
Senior Warden**



From the South



Brothers,

Please join us for our August 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,

The State of the Lodge

Brethren, yearly, we are provided the State of the Nation, the State of the State and The State of the City addresses. Perhaps it is time that we were provided the State of the Lodge.

As of July 18, 2018, the Lodge has 108 members. The oldest member is 93 years old; the youngest is 26 years old. The average age of the Lodge members is 60.

Of the 108 members, 77 are active, dues paying members. Sixteen members are perpetual members and are exempt from paying annual dues. Ten members have 50 or more years of Masonic membership and are exempt from paying annual dues. Five members are on Emeritus status and are exempt from paying annual dues.

Therefore, 77 members are supporting the financial obligations of the Lodge, and of those 77 members, 18 are in arrears in their dues.

In 2017, the Lodge received \$1,704.59 as a pay-out from the Grand Lodge Perpetual Membership Fund and was assessed \$1,279.28 per capita by Grand Lodge.

Perhaps you can now understand the importance of paying the annual dues assessment on time (on or before December 28th, the beginning of the Masonic year). No business, and the Lodge must be considered a business, can remain solvent when 23% of its customers are not paying their bill.

Fraternally and Zealously,

W.: Robert Phillips, PM
Secretary
813.230.7682

August Birthdays

Adam M Anderson
Bruce W Brantley
Jonathan K Childers
John H Hammell
Sean M Herlihy
David A Hobbs
Paul E Jones III
George H Lipsey
Conrad C Palumbo III
Wayne H Scott

August Master Mason Anniversaries

Willis E Richley Jr
Frederick J Oakleaf Jr
John W McDaniel
Timothy C Smythe
Talmadge E Hinson
Robert C St John Jr





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 8/7 Stated Communication – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 8/11 Lasagna Meal – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 8/14 Degree Practice – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 8/17 Masters & Wardens – John Darling Lodge, No 154
- 8/20 District School of Instruction – Tampa Lodge, No. 240
- 8/21 Family Night – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 8/28 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
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

