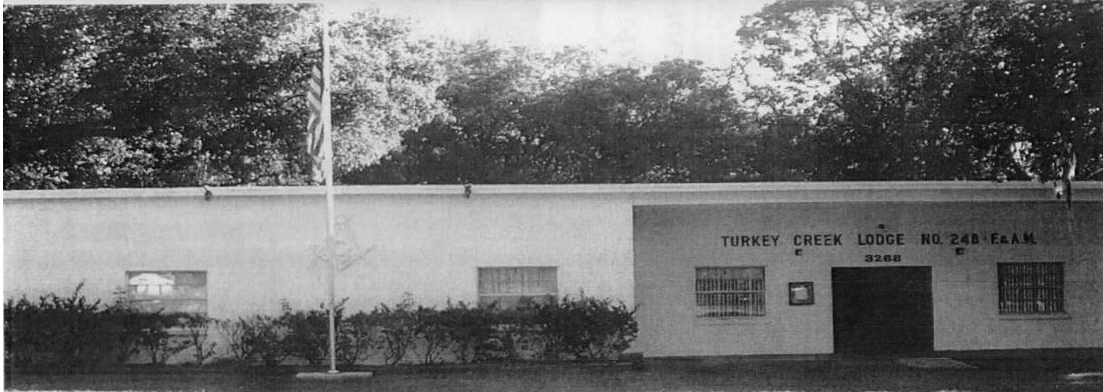


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Past Masters



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 all are doing well. We will be holding a FC Degree this month, date to be determined. As soon as I have more details, I will notify you of the date and time through trestle board email. If you are interested in helping out with degrees, please contact me. As always, practices are on the 2nd and 3rd Tuesdays of the month and we can always use the help!

Please keep our sick and distressed in your prayers.

Fraternally,

**Jon Childers, Worshipful Master
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From the West



Brethren,

Greetings from the West! I don't really have much of a report this month as I don't want to seem repetitive with our secretary's submission (which highlights some very good points). Therefore, this issue of the Senior Warden's trestle board will be based on Masonic Education.

MASONIC EDUCATION

The Masonic Apron – taken from the Mentor's Manual publication GL-217 (Chapter 3.17 EA Degree)

The Apron is an ancient appendage and it has taken many forms among the various Crafts in the world. Though we associate it chiefly with Freemasonry, its use was not confined to the operative stonemason. The apprentice stonemason wore his apron with a bib held in place by a strap around his neck. This protected his clothing from damage by the large rough stones which he handled. The Apron was also worn by certain officers of the Church of England as a badge of servitude and this use of the time-honored badge of a Mason wearing the Apron, may be testifying to his understanding of the service which Freemasonry would have us render to our fellow-men. The badge also signifies that Freemasons are workers rather than drones; builders rather than obstructionists. Both the symbolic material - lambskin - and the color of the Apron - white - make it an emblem of innocence and purity. In the words used to present the Apron it is described as being "more ancient than the Golden Fleece or Roman Eagle, more honorable than the Star and Garter...." These are the honored decorations of ancient Rome and Medieval Europe and the Apron is held up as an ennobling decoration conferred only on the selected who come into our Craft.

The Pillars In the Porch – taken from the Mentor's Manual publication GL-217 (Chapter 4.11 FC Degree)

There are two brazen pillars placed before the entrance to King Solomon's Temple which are symbolically represented within every Lodge on the Second Degree of Masonry. No one can determine the origin of this practice. It existed in ancient times and the great Temple at Jerusalem was one of the many examples. It has been said that the Pillars of Hercules inspired the columns antedating their place in history. These natural rock formations at Gibraltar and Cueta stand guard over the Strait of Gibraltar and mark the end of the western world as the ancients knew it. In Freemasonry these pillars bear the names Boaz and Jachin and are symbols of strength and establishment, by implication, of power and control. In passing between them the Fellow Craft is not told to observe or examine one at the expense of the other. Both power and control are placed before him so that he might realize power without control is anarchy or that control without power is futility. These two pillars of strength and establishment, of power and control, suggest that man must have both if his life is to be successful.

Low Twelve – taken from the Mentor’s Manual publication GL-217 (Chapter 5.22 MM Degree)

The number twelve, in ancient symbolism, denotes completion. Whether this meaning arose from the twelve signs of the Zodiac or because the most stable geometric figure, the cube, has twelve distinct edges, is not known. The number twelve did denote a thing fulfilled and was, therefore, an emblem of human life. High Twelve denoted noon, when the sun was at its zenith, while Low Twelve denoted midnight, the blackest of the night. Just as thirteen, an evil omen, follows twelve so does death follow life. Therefore the solemn stroke of twelve marked the completion of human existence in this life and the coming of death. Masonically, therefore, Low Twelve is a symbol of death.

And if you are not a member of the Tampa Low Twelve Club, please see me for more info on membership!

Fraternally,

Dennis Hall
Senior Warden





From the South



Brothers,

Please join us for our September family night if your cable-tow allows. Our meal will begin at 6:30. This month, the entrée will be provided by Brother Conrad Pumbo, exact dish TBD. 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,

Approximately 40-years ago, our predecessors thought enough of our Fraternity to donate their time, talent and treasure to build our Masonic Hall. They built with pride in their workmanship, endeavoring to leave a legacy for those who would follow in their footsteps (that would be you and me.) However, every building, no matter how well built, deteriorates with time and requires regular maintenance.

Is our Fraternity as important to you as it was to our predecessors? Are you willing to invest your time, talent and treasure in maintaining the edifice left in our care? If you have paid any attention to our Masonic Hall, you have seen the deterioration creeping in. You have seen the leaks in the roof, which have only gotten worse in the last 5-6 years. You have seen people bring items they no longer want in their home and “donate” it to the Lodge. You have seen these items accumulate in various locations (the hallway, the JW Closet, the Secretary’s Office, the kitchen area, &c.) You may have noticed that someone, we are not sure who, is “borrowing” items (tables, chairs, &c) from the Lodge and somehow forgetting to bring the property back.

Again, I ask: Is our Fraternity as important to you as it was to our predecessors? Are you willing to invest your time, talent and treasure in maintaining the edifice left in our care? We have held fundraisers to raise money for the roof as long as I have been a member of this Lodge and the money raised is insufficient to properly maintain the building. The Worshipful Masters in 2016 and again this year appealed for donations to repair the roof. The same 10-12 people responded both times. If you were one of those who responded, THANK YOU. Although those donations are greatly appreciated, they are insufficient to hire a company to repair the roof. If you did not respond to the appeal of the Worshipful Master, may I ask WHY NOT? Is our wonderful Fraternity and our Masonic Hall so insignificant to you that you could not donate \$10, \$20, \$50 or even \$100 (or more, if the GAOTU has blessed you)?

Is it time to consider raising our dues to a level that will allow proper maintenance on the building? Our fundraisers really should be to benefit a community charity, not the Lodge building.

We are close to having enough money to repair the roof, using our labor. Brothers, when the SW is able to coordinate having professional supervision and the necessary materials and tools at the Lodge on a designated weekend (or two), we are going to need Brothers to assist. The same 10-15 members who attend our monthly communications will need assistance to accomplish that monumental task.

Brethren, our Lodge was chartered on January 19, 1922. We are rapidly approaching our 100-year anniversary. Let us pull together to restore and maintain our Lodge building in such a manner to make our predecessors proud of those charged with maintaining edifice they built for us.

Fraternally and Zealously,

W.: Robert Phillips, PM
Secretary
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September Birthdays

Talmadge E Hinson

James A Mooney

James R Shelley

Willie W Wingate

Robert A Zaccaro

September Master Mason Anniversaries

William F Jones

George K Grosskopf Jr

Kenneth W Minton

Wayne H Scott

Robert L T Phillips





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 9/4 Stated Communication – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 9/11 Degree Practice – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 9/17 District School of Instruction – Tampa Lodge, No. 240
- 9/18 Family Night – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 9/21 Masters & Wardens – John Darling Lodge, No 154
- 9/25 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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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

