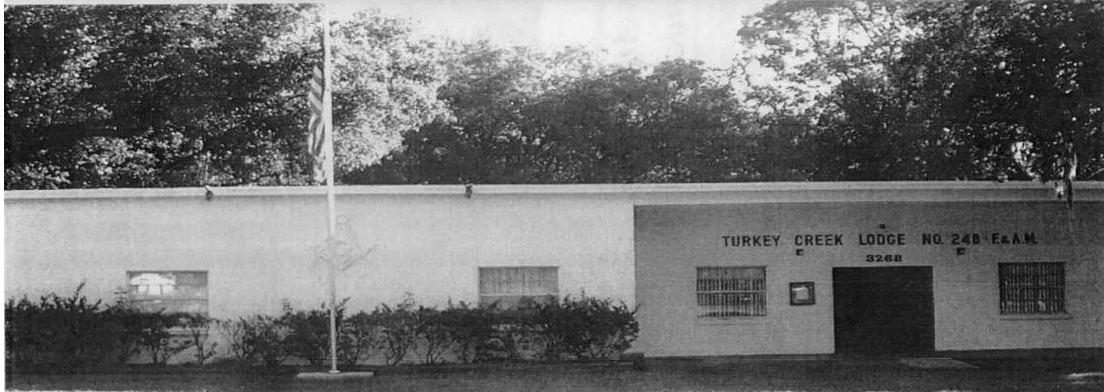


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Past Masters



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,

We will be having a Fellow Craft degree on October 9th, 2018. Dinner at 6:30PM, Degree at 7:30PM.

Hope to see you all at our next Stated Communication!

Fraternally,

**Jon Childers, Worshipful Master
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From the West



Brethren,

I hope this reaches each and every one of you doing well. We've had quite a lot of things going on this year, and this month I was having trouble deciding on what to place in the trestleboard. As I sat here thinking back over the year, one thing that troubles me is lodge and education participation. I know some of you lead very busy lives and your cable-tow does not always allow you to be at a lot of functions. One of my main concerns though, is Masonic Education (leading up to our Brother Secretary's input). To be a better man and Mason, I feel you should be properly educated. There is a plethora of information and functions out there to help you "seek further light" in Masonry. Just to mention a few, there is District/Zone School of Instruction, Open Book Days, and several publications listed on the Grand Lodge of Florida website. And not to mention, visiting other lodges and their functions. As I usually tell incoming candidates...you will only get out of Masonry what you put into Masonry. I have tried to get more participation from the Brethren into our District School of Instruction. Here there is a lot of knowledge of our ritual work. I usually, as my cable-tow allows, attend every month...and every month I leave with information I previously did not know. Masonry is a continuous learning experience and process. Will we ever learn everything there is to know about Masonry? Probably not, but the more we know, the better we become. And the better we become, the more we can help newly initiated Brothers on their Masonic journey of seeking more and further light.

Since my raising to a Master Mason, I have watched a slow decline in participation among the members at the lodge...functions and meetings alike. As part of the degree team, I strongly feel we need to have more participation. Brothers, the degrees we confer upon new initiates and passing and raising Brothers are a very important part of these men's journey. We need to be diligent in our practice time to be able to proficiently perform these degrees. Am I saying we need to practice until they are perfect? No...no one is perfect. We just need proficiency in our floor/ritual work.

Family night. I'm not completely sure what has happened with this one. This is a time for our families and friends to come together and fellowship with one another. (And enjoy good food!) Before I started my Masonic journey, I attended several of these. The dining room was packed! Now, it just seems to be hit or miss with attendance and meal participation. Granted again, I understand some cable-tows may interfere from time to time. I can remember coming to family nights and there was no room left on the table for any more food. I've been to some (including my year as Jr Warden), where there was only a main dish and one side dish. Barely enough food for those in attendance. I would love to see more attendance and participation for these meals. After inquiring about Masonry, this is usually where the individual gets his first impression of lodge function, friendship, and brotherly love. Let's show them what it's all about!

Please don't take this as a "put down" of the lodge because that is certainly not what it is meant to be. I just feel we all need to open our eyes, see what's going on in the lodge, and do what we can to help improve all we do.

MASONIC EDUCATION

The Masonic Apron – PUBLICATION GL208 MASONIC ETIQUETTE

AGED AND INFIRM

Members of a Lodge who, because of age or infirmity, find it either difficult or impossible to attend at the assemblies of their Brethren stand in need of special consideration at the hand of their Lodge; and because of their condition, no others are so peculiarly appreciative of the kindness or courtesies that may be shown them. A Lodge will maintain its contacts with them unbroken; will see that they are visited; will send them messages on special occasions, and perhaps encourage its members to remember them now and again with appropriate gifts or other reminders. Some Lodges follow the admirable custom of setting aside once each year a “Patriarch’s Night” in honor of its aged members; others make it a practice at certain intervals to send a vehicle for such as are physically able to attend Lodge, but have not the means.

Fraternally,

**Dennis Hall
Senior Warden**





From the South



Brothers,

Please join us for our October family night if your cable-tow allows. Our meal will begin at 6:30. This month, the entrée will be provided by Worshipful Gary Bryant, and will be a Roast. 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,

This month I may trespass into the Senior Warden's area of Masonic Education and member development a bit; I hereby beg his forgiveness in advance.

I have been known to complain occasionally that Masonry does not deliver on its promise to make "good men better." When I stop to consider, I find that this complaint is totally unjustified. There is no way in the World that Masonry can make Tom, Dick or Harry a better man, no matter how Freemasonry may be structured or how hard a Brother Mason may try to assist that man. The desire to become a "better man" must come from within that man and that man must act upon that desire.

What Masonry does, and what a Brother Mason can do, is to point that man toward the resources available to assist that person to become a better man. The greatest resource to any man looking to become a better man is the Volume of Sacred Law, open upon our Altar. The symbolism of Masonry is not there just to make the Lodge an interesting place to be or to infuse our Degrees with mysticism, but to assist a Mason to remember and perhaps better understand the life lessons contained in the Volume of Sacred Law. Each symbol is there to impart meaning, and perhaps more than one meaning. Some symbols are very obvious, some less so. Some symbols are addressed in the Degree Ritual or Lecture; others are totally ignored as far as a verbal explanation. Some of the less obvious symbols are easily overlooked by the casual observer but nevertheless are important in their own right. Have you ever considered the meaning of the several prominent numbers in our various Degrees and in the lodge-room? You may find it interesting the next time you are in Lodge, whether for a stated communication or a Degree to observe the various numbers in prominence, whether by presence in the lodge-room or emphasized in the Degree, and try to decipher the hidden meaning.

Masonry is a very personal journey for each person. My journey in Masonry will in no way resemble your journey. Just as I have no right to tell you how to believe in and worship the GAOTU, just as I have no right to tell you how to exercise your political power at the ballot box; I have no right to direct your Masonic journey. I, and every other Master Mason, have the obligation to observe the Ancient Landmarks and precepts of Freemasonry in our everyday lives and to assist our lesser informed Brethren to do the same. How do we do that? Masonic education at every Stated Communication would be a good place to start! Masonic education is often short-changed "because the meeting is too long."

Brethren, I don't come to Lodge "just" to read the Minutes and pay the bills, although as your Secretary, I would be remiss in my duty to the Craft if I did not read the Minutes and present the bills for payment. However, I could easily find another 5-15 minutes for a Lodge Stated Communication for quality Masonic education. How about you? Does a particular piece of Masonic esoteric information or exoteric ritual intrigue you enough to prepare a paper to present to the Brethren?

If any Brother wishes to run for elected Lodge office, your nomination form is due on my desk before the gavel falls at the November Stated Communication. Elections will be held at our December Stated Communication. If you need a nomination form, please contact me.

If you have not paid your 2018 dues by September 30th, you will be receiving a summons to appear before the Lodge at the November Stated Communication to show good cause why you shouldn't be suspended for non-payment of dues on December 28th, 2018.

If you are unable to pay your dues, please contact one of the elected officers to address your inability confidentially. The Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida, paragraph 26.09 states:

The terms and conditions under which members of Particular Lodges may be placed upon the Emeritus List under the authority of Section 13, Article X, of the Constitution are as follows: Each year upon proper investigation and written recommendation of its elective Officers, a Lodge may, by majority vote, place upon the Emeritus List and remit dues for such year to those members who from bodily infirmities or misfortune have become unable to pay dues, and in order for the Lodge to be exempt from the payment to the Grand Lodge of the Grand Lodge Annual Revenue on such Emeritus members, the Worshipful Master and Secretary must certify on the Lodge Return that every Emeritus Member is unable to pay dues in accord with this Regulation. Any Brother who is a resident guest of the Masonic Home shall automatically be placed on the Emeritus List of the Lodge of which he is a member.

Rulings and Decisions

Members may not be placed on an Emeritus List unless they are indigent. Placing of Brothers on an Emeritus List is not proper manner to recognize long membership and service to the Lodge. (1941 Proc. 82)

If you feel that you qualify for Emeritus status for 2019, please contact the Worshipful Master or Secretary before November 6, 2018 so that proper investigation may be made and reported to the Brethren for approval.

Fraternally and Zealously,

**W.: Robert Phillips, PM
Secretary
813.230.7682**



October Birthdays

Guillermo Carreras
Coleman L Hill
Ralph E Hunzeker
Michael P Linnan
David A Lively
Jimmie S Marko
Richard J Minor
Arthur E Rogers
Jerry L Simonds
Robert C St John Jr
Ira D Vance
Stephen E Wright

October Master Mason Anniversaries

Arthur J Ahrens, III
James B Bryant
John P Fincher
Michael T Gibson
Richard W Helms
Ralph E Hunzeker
Timothy E Knowlton
James A Mooney
Mark P Palermo
James R Shelley
Richard M Visconte Jr





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 10/2 Stated Communication – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 10/8 District School of Instruction – Tampa Lodge, No. 240
- 10/9 Fellow Craft Degree – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 10/16 Family Night – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 10/19 Masters & Wardens – John Darling Lodge, No 154
- 10/23 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

