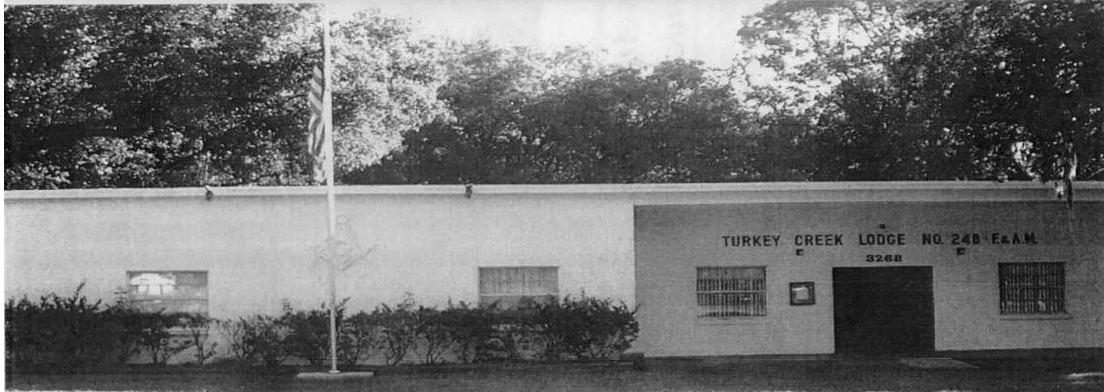


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~November 2018 Edition~



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Worshipful Master Jonathan Childers
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Chaplain Jack Holloway, PM ~ Marshal John Fincher, PM
Tyler Arthur Ahrens III, PM



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 would like to first thank all the brothers who have worked on maintaining our water well last month. Worshipful Larry Gillespie fixed some electrical issues with the pump while Worshipful Fincher, Worshipful Manus, and Brother Paratta replaced the tank. These Brothers donated their time and money to help out our lodge. Thank you, brothers.

After hurricane Micheal rolled through the Panhandle many of our brothers helped coordinate relief efforts. They helped set up drop off points for supplies, picked them up, and then delivered everything to the Panhandle. Thank you to all the Brothers and Lodges that donated and a HUGE thank you to all the Brothers who delivered all the supplies. You all make me proud to be a part of this Fraternity.

We only have 2 months left in 2018. With that in mind, we will be starting to collect can food items for a local food bank. If you would like to donate, please bring your items to our next stated meeting or family night. Towards the end of the month, we are also going to start collecting toys for Christmas. We will decide at our next meeting which charity we will be donating too.

I hope to see you all at our next stated meeting,

Fraternally,

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



Brethren,

We are rapidly approaching the end of the year and the next two months will be very busy ones. I hope each and every one of you will take the time to come to lodge and make your voices heard.

As we approach the Holiday Season, I hope you all have a wonderful time with your family and friends. With Thanksgiving and Christmas approaching, please take the time to be safe in all of your travels and what you may have planned. If your cable-tow allows, come out to the next two family nights and enjoy some good food and fellowship. Bring your friends, bring your family, bring your neighbors. If someone you know is interested in Masonry, bring them out! This is the perfect time to let them know who we are, what we do, and what we are all about.

MASONIC EDUCATION

The Masonic Apron – Taken from GL Publication #208 Masonic Etiquette

ALTAR

Our customs and traditions prohibit any Brother from passing between the Altar and the Worshipful Master while a Lodge is open. From ancient times the precinct between the Altar and the East has been deemed sacred ground, not to be trodden under foot; there should be no obstruction between the East and the Three Great Lights; and since the Great Lights and the Charter of the Lodge are the particular responsibility of the Worshipful Master, no Brother should ever obscure his view of them. The fact that during the exemplification of the Work Candidates are sometimes placed there, does not mitigate against the interpretation, but rather supports it; for if the ground between the Altar and East is otherwise held sacred, the fact will make all the more impressive those initiation ceremonies which require that a Candidate be placed there.

The ballot box should never rest upon the Bible but by its side or on a little stand at the Altar.

The Altar must not be covered or decorated by the national or any other flag. Any embroidery, sign, or any other indications of any individual or any organization other than the Lodge itself or Grand Lodge is strictly forbidden.

Fraternally,

**Dennis Hall
Senior Warden**



From the South



Brothers,

Please join us for our November family night if your cable-tow allows. Our meal will begin at 6:30. This month, the entrée will be provided by Worshipful A. J. Ahrens, and will be a Ham. 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,

There is a possibility that you may not receive this Trestle Board until after the first of the month. However, if you receive this before the 6th of November and you wish to nominate yourself or another Brother to an elected position, the nomination form **MUST** be completed and in the Secretary's hand before the gavel drops to open the November Stated Communication on the 6th of November. Blank forms are on the top center of the Secretary's desk in a manila folder or go to the Grand Lodge website and down-load a copy.

I have mailed a Final Notice and Summons to each Brother who has not paid his 2018 dues and have summoned him to appear at the Stated Communication of November 6th to show cause why he should not be suspended for non-payment of dues. Each Brother who is in arrears for his dues, and for which I have a telephone number, has been called to remind him of this important fact.

2019 Dues Notices were mailed to each Brother on October 15th, and in accordance with the Digest of Masonic Law of Florida, are due the Lodge on or before December 28, 2018. **PLEASE, PLEASE**, do not come to my desk five minutes before a Stated or Called Communication to pay your dues. If you are comfortable doing so, please go on line and pay your dues through Circumscribe. Or you can pay your dues by mail. Or if you desire to hand the dues to me, I am usually at the Lodge by 4:30 – 4:45 pm before each Stated or Called Communication to conduct any business you need to transact. Since the Lodge computer, modem or printers (or all three) have been damaged by lightning, please do not expect anything more than a receipt at the time you hand me your dues. I will get your dues card to you as soon as I can get your payment properly recorded, usually by mail.

Now let's talk about December. The December Stated Communication is perhaps one of the more important communications of the year and I invite you to be a part of it.

At the December Stated Communication, you (the Craft) will elect a new slate of officers to "rule and govern" for the ensuing year. We have a full slate of nominations for the elective offices for the ensuing year. There is only one nomination for each office, as of the date I am writing this, so this year's election should be drama-free.

At the December Stated Communication, you (the Craft) will decide what to do about the Brothers who have not paid their 2018 dues (eleven as of this date) and have not applied to the Lodge for relief.

At the December Stated Communication, you (the Craft) will approve or disapprove the recommendation of those Brothers who have been investigated and recommended for Emeritus status for the ensuing year.

Finally, at the December Stated Communication, you (the Craft) will complete any other unfinished business which must be done before we welcome a new Masonic year. Come be a part of **YOUR** important Stated Communication in December.

And last, I wish you and yours a Happy Thanksgiving. If you are traveling for the holiday, please travel safely.

Fraternally and Zealously,

W.: Robert Phillips, PM
Secretary
813.230.7682

November Birthdays

Michael T Gibson
George K Grosskopf Sr
Billy D Joyce
Robert L T Phillips
Steven C Skeen
Leland E Young

November Master Mason Anniversaries

Brett E Boudreaux
Gary Bryant
Guillermo Carreras
Robert Creel Jr
Billy D Joyce
Edgar E Lariscy
David A Lively
Stephen C Marshall
James A Mooney
Mallie L Morris Jr
William M Newton
Harold E Renner
Arthur E Rogers
Jerry L Simonds
Steven C Skeen
Bryan A Wilson





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 11/6 Stated Communication – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 11/12 District School of Instruction – Tampa Lodge, No. 240
- 11/13 Degree Practice – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 11/16 Masters & Wardens – John Darling Lodge, No 154
- 11/17 Outdoor Master Mason Degree – Masonic Youth Park
- 11/20 Family Night – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 11/27 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

