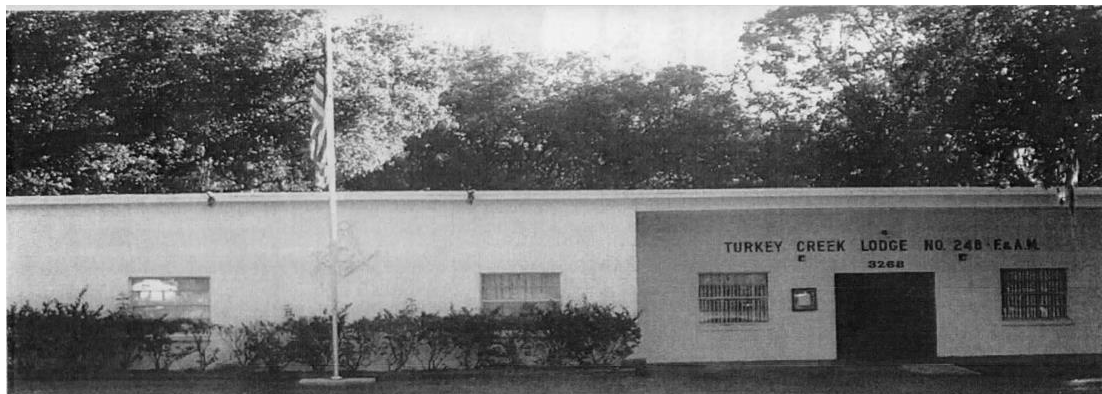


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### Officers 2018

Worshipful Master Jonathan Childers  
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Senior Steward James Shelley ~ Junior Steward Huston Tucker  
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 hope you all had a great Thanksgiving and have traveled safely home. We only have a month left before 2018 comes to a close, so I'd like to thank you all for allowing me to sit in the East. I'd like to also thank my officers for all their support throughout the year and the Past Masters for their guidance. Lastly, a big thank you to Brother Bob Phillips for his hard work and dedication to the Craft as Secretary.**

**I hope to see you all for our next stated meeting.**

**Merry Christmas my Brothers.**

**Fraternally,**

**Jon Childers, Worshipful Master  
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## From the West



Greetings from the West Brethren,

As this year quickly comes to a close, I want to thank you, the Craft, for allowing me to serve as your Senior Warden. It has been a busy and productive year. Not as productive as I would have liked, but some things, such as our roof situation, were just not attainable this year. We still have a lot of work that needs to be done to our lodge and it will take time. I hope that each of you will consider in helping bring our lodge property back up where it needs to be as long as your cable-tow allows.

I, again, want to thank you, the Craft, for all of your guidance throughout my Masonic journey. Without the help and instruction of all of you, I don't think I would have come as far as I am. I still have a long way to travel and I'm sure I can count on each and every one of you for further guidance. Masonry is a continual learning process, and I feel we all need to learn as much as we can. I would love to see more of you attending District School of Instruction and MLT's. There is a wealth of information on ritual explained at each meeting and the "correct" way to perform ritual. I have learned quite a bit from attending these sessions. These are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month at Tampa Lodge #240 at 7:00PM. RH Jack Hampton also arrives early if you need any one on one training.

MASONIC EDUCATION – Taken from GL Publication #208 Masonic Etiquette

### ELECTION TO OFFICE

The subject of election to Lodge Office falls naturally in the field of jurisprudence, but in some of its aspects is so closely related to decorum and to all else that seeks to preserve harmony, that it may be considered briefly here.

The point at issue has to do with the "advancement" of an Officer at the time of the annual election or with his appointment if he be an Appointed Officer. In the majority of cases this custom may work to the advantage of the Lodge if fitness is manifest; however, there is neither law nor tradition which gives any Officer of the Lodge a "right" to be advanced.

While there is no advancement by right, an Officer should not be dropped from the line for light or frivolous reasons; however, if the Officer should not be advanced, neither he nor his friends should take offense. A Brother may be unqualified to hold any Masonic office for any number of reasons, all of them creditable to himself; such a thing could be said of many excellent Masons. They are not cast for office- holding, and will themselves be happier and their Lodge be the gainer if they use other opportunities for service. If a Lodge cannot "drop from the line" any incumbent of proved unfitness without engendering ill feelings thereby, it needs to instill in its members a clearer conception of the Masonic System and a feeling of greater loyalty to its welfare.

Fraternally,

Dennis Hall  
Senior Warden



## **From the South**



**Brothers,**

**Please join us for our December family night if your cable-tow allows. Our meal will begin at 6:30. This month, the entrée will be provided by Brother George Grosskopf, Sr, and will be Venison Chili. 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 now have Brothers signed up to provide all of our Family Night entrees, including January of next year! So, thanks to Brother Conrad Polumbo for adopting January, 2019!**

**Fraternally,**

**George Grosskopf, Jr  
Junior Warden**





## From the Secretary



**Brethren,**

I'm sure that one or two of you have thought that I may have been a little verbose this past year with my input to the Trestle Board. So, this month, I will be brief.

Please join the Brothers of your Lodge for the first Stated Communication of the year on January 1, 2019.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**Fraternally and Zealously,**

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



### **December Birthdays**

Taylor G Clark  
Mallie L Morris Jr  
Mark P Palermo  
Shawn T Yebba

### **December Master Mason Anniversaries**

James E Barnes Jr  
James D Cooper  
George K Grosskopf Sr  
Francis B Jones  
Shawn T Yebba



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 12/4 Stated Communication – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 12/6 Degree Practice – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 12/11 Master Mason Degree – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 12/17 District School of Instruction – Tampa Lodge, No. 240
- 12/18 Family Night – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 12/21 Masters & Wardens – John Darling Lodge, No 154
- 12/25 Christmas Day – No Degree Practice



## 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**

