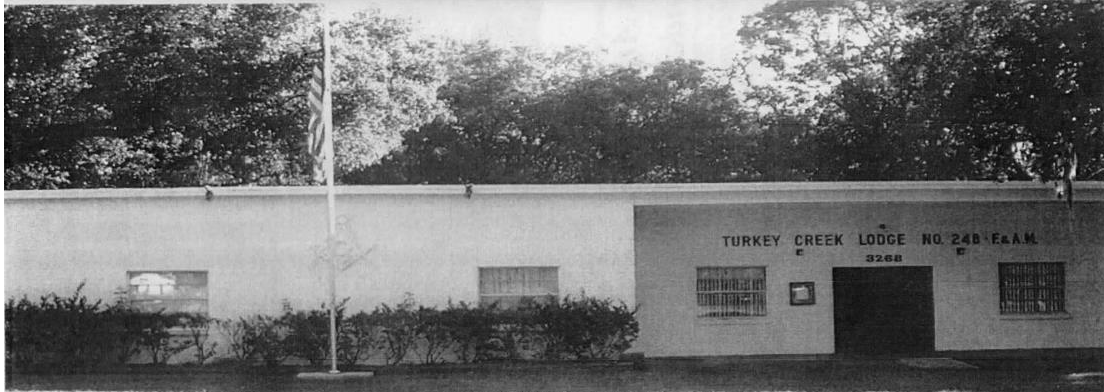


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Past Masters



W.A. Hooker, 1921-23*	A.O. Baynard, 1962*	J.T. Robinson, 1996*
T.H. Bell, 1924-25*	K.H. Hinson, 1963*	I.D. Vance, 1997
W.M. Hartin, 1926-27*	W.T. Simmons, 1964*	C.L. Hill, 1998
H.C. Creemer, 1928-30*	W.W. Wingate, 1965	L.R. Gillespie, 1999
R.L. Sheffield, 1931-32*	L. Prichard, 1966	J.F. VanBrocklin, 2000
W.L. Armstrong, 1933-34*	S. Williford, 1967*	J.B. Sampson III, 2001
C.G. Ash, 1935*	G. H. Lipsey, 1968*	T.L. Steele, 2002*
E.W. Simmons, Sr, 1936*	J.H. Shiver, 1969*	S.T. Yebba, 2003
O.E. Baynard, 1937*	W.R. Gillespie, 1970	J.A. O'Hara, 2004*
C.H. Farnsworth, 1938*	J.B. Vanders, 1971	D. Atkin, 2005*
J.A. Studstill, 1939*	W.R. Gillespie, 1972	J. Cooper, 2006
L.E. Swatts, 1940*	C. Sheffield, 1973*	A. Hammell, 2007*
T.N. Gaskins, 1941*	K.K. Johnson, 1974*	K.W. Minton, 2008
J. Mindedahl, 1942*	M.B. Langford, 1975*	John Barnes, 2009*
P.S. Tyson, 1943*	J.R. Morgan, 1976	Ray Manus, 2010
N.R. Henley, 1944*	F.M. Jones, 1977*	Alan D. Lively, 2011
P. Blondalillo, 1945*	T.E. Hinson, 1978	James B. Bryant, 2012
R.C. Colson, 1946*	G.R. Langford, 1979	Robert C. St. John, Jr. 2013
H.C. Ham, 1947*	T.D. Bevlin, 1980	Robert L.T. Phillips, 2014
T.B. Brown, 1948*	G.H. Lipsey, 1981	Arthur J. Ahrens III, 2015
T.L. Frierson, 1949*	R.L. Locke, 1982*	Brice Cross, 2016
C.L. Carpenter, 1950*	G.D. Varnadore, 1983	John Fincher, 2017
W.F. Smith, 1951*	B.H. Thornton, 1984*	Jonathon Childers, 2018
H.B. Whitehead, 1952*	M.E. Deshong, 1985*	
C.G. Pate, 1953*	W.H. Scott, 1986	
J. Jenne, 1954*	H.B. Roberts, 1987	
J.S. Griffin, 1955*	L.J. Varnadore, 1988*	
J.W. Yates, 1956*	C.L. Karppe, 1989*	
J.C. Davis, 1957*	L.M. Lee, 1990	
C. Thompson, 1958	B. Joyce, 1991	
E.W. Simmons Jr, 1959*	R.M. Visconte, 1992	
J.E. Evans, 1960*	M.E. Deshong, 1993-94*	
J.L. Hill, 1961*	B.W. Douglas, 1995*	

** Deceased*

"Our Past Masters Are The Backbone Of Our Lodge"



From the East

Greetings Brethren!

I first want to thank you for your confidence in me and voting me in as your 2019 Worshipful Master. I am honored and humbled to serve this year. I also want to congratulate the elected and appointed officers installed for the ensuing year. I feel we have a strong group of officers, and with the help of everyone, we can make this a great year! We will have a lot going on this year and I hope we can get the support of you, the Brethren of the Lodge, in all we do (your cable tow allowing).

The Master's Charity this year will continue to be A Kid's Place. A Kid's Place is a unique non-profit organization providing foster care and a loving home for abused, neglected, or abandoned children. Since opening in 2009, it has touched the lives of over 1,200 children and over 500 families. A Kid's Place also, believes in keeping siblings together, unlike most foster homes who do not care to separate them. I hope you will help contribute (and continue to help contribute) throughout the year to assist this wonderful program.

Also this year, there will be several opportunities for Masonic Education. If you're looking to expand your knowledge in ritual, training, etc., please try to attend any educational event you can. District School of Instruction is very informative and is always held on the 3rd Monday of every month at Tampa Lodge #240 at 7:00PM. Not every meeting, but on most, there is an opportunity to get your MLT's (Masonic Leadership Training) in. Another excellent event to attend is the Master Mason I, II, III Exams. This will teach you how and where to find items in the Digest of Masonic Law of Florida. We will be hosting one of these again this year. There will also be several times when you can visit the "open books". For anyone who is new and doesn't know what this is...the red book is cyphered...at open books, you have the chance to see the red book with its separate sections with the words written out. There is also room on the degree team if you would like to be a part of degrees. It too, is very fun and informative. We have our degree practices on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month, so come on out and take part!

Again, thank you for allowing me to serve as your Worshipful Master this year. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Fraternally,

**Dennis Hall, Worshipful Master
Turkey Creek Lodge No 248, F&AM
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From the West



My Brothers,

To begin, I would like to thank the Craft for giving me the privilege of serving as Senior Warden for the upcoming year. It is truly a humbling undertaking.

Secondly, if any member of the lodge would like to use the Lodge for personal functions, please let me know in advance so I can get you scheduled in on the calendar. Please keep in mind the rules and regulations provided in the Masonic Digest for the use of Particular Lodges. 28.06 defines that there shall be no alcohol served in the lodge, so please keep this in mind.

Also, if anyone happens to find or notice something wrong on the inside/outside of the lodge, please let me know ASAP so we can get it taken care of in a timely manner.

And finally, the theme for Masonic Education in the Trestleboard will be taken from GL208 - Masonic Etiquette. So, without further ado.

MASONIC EDUCATION – The Master’s Hat

The wearing of a hat while presiding in the East is not optional, including during open installation of Lodge Officers. Our Regulations state that the Worshipful Master is required to remove his hat only for the Grand Master in person, during prayer and at certain times during ceremonies.

The hat is a distinguishing mark by which the importance of the Master’s Office is signaled, a visible and conspicuous sign of his position as presiding Officer and titular head of the Lodge. In Grand Lodge Communications, of course, only the Grand Master remains covered.

The hat should always be removed during prayer as a sign of respect to the Great Architect of the Universe. It should be removed when giving the obligations, as a token to their authority. If a funeral is held in church, or in a chapel, it should be removed as a sign of reverence. The proper hat for funerals is a black hat according to the Florida Monitor. At graveside funerals it should be removed when prayer is first offered and not worn during the remainder of the service. The Worshipful Master and Brethren may wear headpieces at the funeral of a deceased Brother whose religion requires such.

The kind of hat a Master should wear is determined wholly by good taste. A cap or stiff straw hat is always inappropriate. The only governing principle is good taste, and in deference to that, a Master will never wish to wear any style of hat that will attract attention out of oddity or will derogate from the dignity of his office.

Fraternally,

George Grosskopf, Jr
Senior Warden
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From the South



Brothers,

First of all, I wish to thank you for allowing me to serve as your Junior Warden for the coming year. Secondly, kudos to Brother Conrad Palumbo for the delicious Mexican Dinner he and his wife provided for our January Family Night. It really was super. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the Lodge Bulletin Board for those who wish to provide entrees for the coming months. Hope to see you there.

Fraternally,

**George Grosskopf, Sr
Junior Warden**





From the Secretary



Brethren,

By the time you read this, your Lodge will have installed a new slate of officers for 2019. Now it is time to get on with the business of the Lodge, to ensure the longtime health and success of the Lodge. Please come to our next stated communication of February 5th to be part of that effort.

Fraternally and Zealously,

W.: Robert Phillips, PM
Secretary
813.230.7682

February Birthdays

Jefferson L Dove
William F Jones
Timothy E Knowlton
William M Newton
Willis E Richley Jr



February Master Mason Anniversaries

Thurman D Bevin
James Coniglio
Jefferson L Dove
Timothy T Farr
Jimmie S Marko
Jesse C Nobles
Stanley H West
Stephen E Wright



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 2/5 Stated Communication – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 2/12 Degree Practice – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 2/22 Masters & Wardens – John Darling Lodge, No 154
- 2/18 District School of Instruction – Tampa Lodge, No. 240
- 2/19 Family Night – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 2/21 Game Night – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 2/26 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

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	Bro. George Grosskopf, Jr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W.: Larry Gillespie, • W.: Arthur J. Ahrens III, • W.: Robert L.T. Phillips, • W.:M.: Dennis Hall
Vigilance	Bro. George Grosskopf, Sr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W.: John Fincher, • W.: Arthur J. Ahrens III, • Bro. Taylor Clark
Health and Welfare	W.: Jack Holloway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W.: Robert L.T. Phillips, • W.: John Fincher
Petitions	Bro. George Grosskopf, Sr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W.:M.: Dennis Hall, • Bro. George Grosskopf, Jr, • Bro. Taylor Clark, • W.: John Fincher, • W.: Ray Manus, • Bro. Adrian Porrata
Masonic Education	Bro. George Grosskopf, Jr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W.:M.: Dennis Hall, • Bro. George Grosskopf, Sr
Board of Relief	W.:M.: Dennis Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bro. George Grosskopf, Jr, • Bro. George Grosskopf, Sr, • Bro. Adrian Porrata
Charity	W.: John Fincher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W.:M.: Jonathan Childers, • Bro. Dennis Hall
Lodge Property	Bro. George Grosskopf, Jr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W.:M.: Dennis Hall, • W.: John Fincher, • Bro. George Grosskopf, Sr, • Bro. Adrian Porrata
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. George Grosskopf, Jr
Lodge Mentor	W.: Robert L.T. Phillips	
Lodge Instructor	W.: Arthur J. Ahrens	
Attendance and Membership	W.:M.: Dennis Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bro. George Grosskopf, Jr, • Bro. George Grosskopf, Sr, • W.: Robert L.T. Phillips
Emeritus	Bro. George Grosskopf, Sr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bro. George Grosskopf, • Bro. Adrian Porrata, • Bro. Taylor Clark

Remember Brothers it is the actions and spirit of ourselves that make a man a Mason

