

Turkey Creek Lodge No. 248  
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<http://turkeycreeklodge248.org>

~May 2019 Edition~



**Officers 2019**

Worshipful Master Dennis Hall

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Treasurer W. Larry Gillespie, PM ~ Secretary Robert L.T. Phillips, PM

Senior Deacon Taylor Clark ~ Junior Deacon Adrian Porrata

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# Past Masters



W.A. Hooker, 1921-23*	A.O. Baynard, 1962*	<b>J.T. Robinson, 1996*</b>
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!**

**Please bear with us as we are transitioning from our old website and email platform. Our website is still under construction, but it is up and running. During our transition, we lost all emails that were subscribed to the trestleboard. We are mailing out a letter to all members we do not have an email address for. If you can please help us spread the word, people can re-subscribe at [www.turkeycreeklodge248.org](http://www.turkeycreeklodge248.org). I want to give a huge thank you to W.: AJ Ahrens for helping with this transition!**

**Join us on May 18th for our Annual Andy Hammell Picnic which will be held at Edward Medard Park. The meal usually starts at 11:00am, but come early for good fun and fellowship! The meal will be provided by the lodge, but you are welcome to bring a dish if you are so inclined. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself, SW George Grosskopf Jr, or JW George Grosskopf Sr.**

**Our Grand Lodge Communication is approaching fast. The Rosen Plaza is completely booked and I am currently unaware if the overflow hotel is still available or not. If you wish to attend, please pre-register with our secretary. If you do not pre-register, and wish to attend the communication, you will have to register upon arriving. It will be held May 27th through May 29th.**

**Fraternally,**

**Dennis Hall, Worshipful Master  
Turkey Creek Lodge No 248, F&AM  
(863) 245-2693 - cell**



## From the West



**My Brothers,**

To begin, again, 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.

Next, if anyone knows the location of the key to the soda machine, please let myself, the Junior Warden, or the Worshipful Master know.

Additionally, at the May Stated Communication, Brother Porrata will be giving a presentation on Entered Apprentice Symbolism.

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

### MASONIC EDUCATION – Visitors

A Lodge's sense for that which is fitting, its instinct for hospitality, its taste in the amenities, are never more clearly revealed than in its manner of receiving visitors. If, during the purging of a Lodge, a visitor's name is announced and a Brother vouches for him with some facetious remark, or if members indulge in levity because there is none to vouch for him, courtesy is violated and a Brother may be humiliated. If the circumstances are such that a Master desires no visitor present, or if it is believed that the visitor in question might disturb the peace and harmony of the Lodge, all the more pains should be taken to deal with him tactfully and in delicate taste, preferably before he enters the Lodge Room.

If an Examining Committee is appointed to meet him, it should deal with him in a kindly and considerate manner, remembering that it is speaking and acting for the Worshipful Master. Catch-questions, attempts to trip him up by trickery, or any attempt of the Committee to "show-off" its own knowledge in order to humiliate the visitor, are un-Masonic in spirit, violations not only of the etiquette of Masonry, but of all good manners whatsoever. The one and only duty of a Committee is to assure itself that the stranger is a Master Mason in good standing in some regular Lodge; for it to go beyond this is to exceed its authority.

If permitted to enter, the visitor should be introduced at the Altar to the Worshipful Master and Brethren. The Committee should assist the Senior Deacon to find him a seat and otherwise make him feel at home.

Delegations of Brethren sometimes visit neighboring Lodges. It is a fine custom on these occasions, practiced in many of our Lodges, for the Master to call up the Lodge as the delegation enters, necessarily so if Masters, Past Masters, or Grand Lodge Officers are in the delegation.

Fraternally,

George Grosskopf, Jr  
Senior Warden  
(813)928-1192 - cell



## **From the South**



**Brothers,**

**Please join us for our May family night if your cable-tow allows. Our meal will begin at 6:30. The meal will be Hot Dogs and Chili Dogs. 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 have a sign-up sheet posted for Brothers to adopt a Family Night meal. So, if cable-tow allows, please check the sign-up sheet and adopt a month!**

**Fraternally,**

**George Grosskopf, Sr  
Junior Warden**





## From the Secretary



Brethren,

The Rosen Plaza Hotel is completely sold out on Sunday night, May 26<sup>th</sup>, for the Annual Grand Communication. The overflow hotel is the Rosen Centre Hotel (next door to the Rosen Plaza) 9840 International Drive; Orlando, FL 32819; 407-996-9840; Rate: \$99.00; Group Name: Grand Lodge of Florida. If you intend to stay at the Rosen Center, you are urged to make your reservation as soon as possible in order to secure your desired accommodations.

In the March Trestle Board, I had asked anyone planning to attend the Annual Grand Communication to let me know so I could pre-register them with Grand Lodge. Only the Master and Wardens have been pre-registered. If you attend, you must register with the Returns and Credentials Committee at the Annual Grand Communication.

**YOU MUST BRING A CURRENT 2019 DUES CARD TO ATTEND GRAND LODGE!**

Fraternally and Zealously,

W.: Robert Phillips, PM  
Secretary  
813.230.7682





## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 5/7 Stated Communication – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 5/14 Degree Practice – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 5/24 Masters & Wardens – John Darling Lodge, No 154
- 5/20 District School of Instruction – Tampa Lodge, No. 240
- 5/21 Family Night – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 5/27 – 5/29 Grand Lodge – Rosen Convention Center, Orlando
- 5/28 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.: 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
<b>Finance</b>	Bro. George Grosskopf, Jr	<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>• W.:M.: Dennis Hall</li> </ul>
<b>Vigilance</b>	Bro. George Grosskopf, Sr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• W.: John Fincher,</li> <li>• W.: Arthur J. Ahrens III,</li> <li>• Bro. Taylor Clark</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.: John Fincher</li> </ul>
<b>Petitions</b>	Bro. George Grosskopf, Sr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• W.:M.: Dennis Hall,</li> <li>• Bro. George Grosskopf, Jr,</li> <li>• Bro. Taylor Clark,</li> <li>• W.: John Fincher,</li> <li>• Bro. Adrian Porrata</li> </ul>
<b>Masonic Education</b>	Bro. George Grosskopf, Jr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• W.:M.: Dennis Hall,</li> <li>• Bro. George Grosskopf, Sr</li> </ul>
<b>Board of Relief</b>	W.:M.: Dennis Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bro. George Grosskopf, Jr,</li> <li>• Bro. George Grosskopf, Sr,</li> <li>• Bro. Adrian Porrata</li> </ul>
<b>Charity</b>	W.:M.: Dennis Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bro. George Grosskopf, Sr,</li> <li>• Bro. Adrian Porrata</li> </ul>
<b>Lodge Property</b>	Bro. George Grosskopf, Jr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• W.:M.: Dennis Hall,</li> <li>• W.: John Fincher,</li> <li>• Bro. George Grosskopf, Sr,</li> <li>• Bro. Adrian Porrata</li> </ul>
<b>Investigating</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appointed as needed</li> </ul>
<b>Catechism Instructors</b>	W.: John Fincher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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.:M.: Dennis Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bro. George Grosskopf, Jr,</li> <li>• Bro. George Grosskopf, Sr,</li> <li>• W.: Robert L.T. Phillips</li> </ul>
<b>Emeritus</b>	Bro. George Grosskopf, Sr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bro. George Grosskopf, Jr,</li> <li>• Bro. Adrian Porrata,</li> <li>• Bro. Taylor Clark</li> </ul>

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

