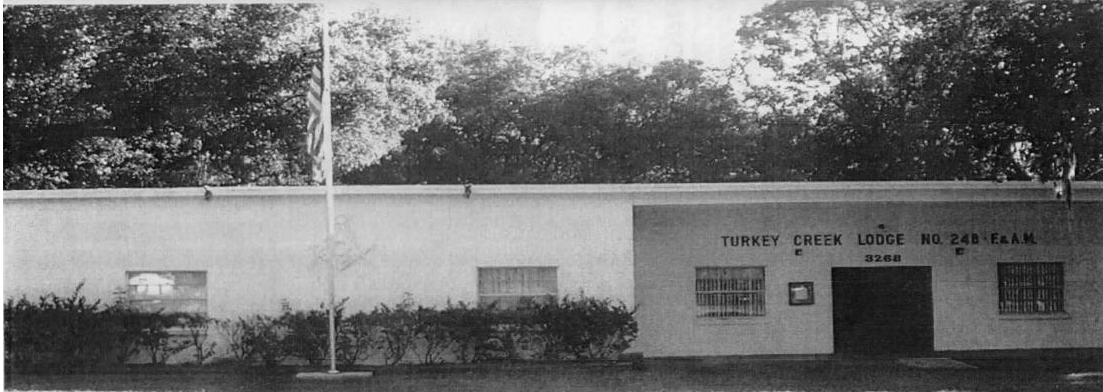


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# Past Masters



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!**

**Thank you for all who helped and attended our Annual Andy Hammel Picnic! It was a success with several attending, including a couple from other lodges. W.: Andy Hammel started this family picnic and we want to keep it going in his memory. Hopefully we can grow it to be bigger and better each year! Thank you, Brother Senior and Junior Wardens, for making this event happen!**

**Secondly, thank you for all who attended our Grand Lodge Sessions. Congratulations to our new Most Worshipful Grand Master, John W. Westerman, III. Also, congratulations to the following from Districts 19 & 20:**

**RW Robert Lambert, Junior Grand Warden  
RW Don Cowart, Grand Marshal  
RW Robert Taylor, Right Reverend Grand Chaplain  
RW Greg Wynn, Grand Tyler  
RWDDGM Drew Baldwin 19<sup>th</sup> District  
RWDDGM Jack Hampton 20<sup>th</sup> District  
RH District Instructor, Steve Fortier 19<sup>th</sup> District  
RH District Instructor, Joe Severino 20<sup>th</sup> District**

**Please keep our outgoing MW Grand Master in your prayers as he was admitted to the hospital from Grand Lodge on his last day in office. We were advised by the Deputy Grand Master at Grand Lodge to keep any information concerning this issue off of social media. But, if you are on social media, you probably saw it there first.**

**Our Grand Master's Official Visit is rapidly approaching. It will be held on June 15<sup>th</sup> at the Scottish Rite Valley of Tampa building. Registration starting at 5:00pm and meal at 6:00pm. There will be a Tyled meeting to follow. I would like to see a good showing of our Brethren from Turkey Creek at this event in support of our lodge and our new Grand Master. Emails were sent out with invitations and RSVP forms. Please fill these out and return them as soon as possible to RWDDGM Jack Hampton.**

**Please join us for our next stated communication on June 4<sup>th</sup>. We will have several items of discussion along with our Masonic Education being provided by the York Rite's Chapter and Council. They will be presenting the Fervency and Zeal presentation.**

**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.

Next, to echo the Worshipful Master, Districts 19 and 20 are hosting Grand Master Westerman's FIRST Official Visit on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at the Scottish Rite Temple in Tampa. A large turnout by the Brothers of Turkey Creek Lodge would be awesome. So, if you can attend, please RSVP to the email that the Worshipful Master sent out earlier.

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 – The Alter**

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,**

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



## **From the South**



**Brothers,**

**Please join us for our June family night if your cable-tow allows. Our meal will begin at 6:30. We still need a volunteer to provide the entrée. So, if you are able, please speak to myself or the Senior Warden as soon as possible. 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.**

**Many thanks to Br Porrata for stepping up, and volunteering to provide the entrée for the May Family Night. It was much appreciated.**

**Finally, we have a sign-up sheet posted for Brothers to adopt a Family Night meal. If cable-tow allows, please check the sign-up sheet and adopt a month!**

**Fraternally,**

**George Grosskopf, Sr  
Junior Warden**





## From the Secretary



Brethren,

Each of you should have received written notification; mailed to every lodge member on May 9, 2019; of a proposed dues increase which will be balloted at our June Stated Communication. Let this serve as a reminder of that meeting. The proposal will require approval of 3/4<sup>ths</sup> of the members present at the Stated Communication.

If the proposal is adopted, in accordance with the *Digest of the Masonic Law of Florida, paragraph 16.01 Ruling and Decision* (bottom of page 216) and confirmed by the Grand Secretary, the price of a perpetual membership will increase the day the Grand Master signs the approval of the bylaws change (20 times the FULL dues increase plus Grand Lodge Per Capita.) As an example, our current dues are \$104.30 per year and Grand Lodge Per Capita is \$20.00 per year. The current price of a perpetual membership is  $(\$104.30 + \$20.00) = \$124.30 \times 20 = \$2,486.00$ . If you have ever thought you wanted to purchase a perpetual membership, now might be that time. You need to either start a payment plan to lock the price or pay the perpetual membership in full before the Grand Master signs the approval. In speaking to members of other lodges in similar circumstances, the paperwork needs to be in the Grand Secretary's hands before the Grand Master's signature; in the mail is not good enough. Either see me for the proper form or go to the Grand Lodge website ([http://grandlodgefl.com/glf\\_forms.html](http://grandlodgefl.com/glf_forms.html)) and print the form. Either way, the Lodge Seal must be on the form before it is mailed.

For those who were not present at the May Stated Communication, I have announced that I will not seek nor accept nomination for the position of Secretary for the year 2020, nor will I serve if elected. Health issues are starting to affect my enjoyment of life and after five years in the progressive line and four years as Secretary, I'm done. It's time to sit on the sidelines for a year or two and travel while I'm still able.

Fraternally and Zealously,

W.: Robert Phillips, PM  
Secretary  
813.230.7682



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 6/4 Stated Communication – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 6/11 Degree Practice – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 6/15 Grand Masters Official Visit – Tampa Scottish Rite Temple
- 6/17 District School of Instruction – Tampa Lodge, No. 240
- 6/18 Family Night – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 6/25 Degree Practice – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 6/28 Master Masons Association – John Darling Lodge, No. 154



## 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**

