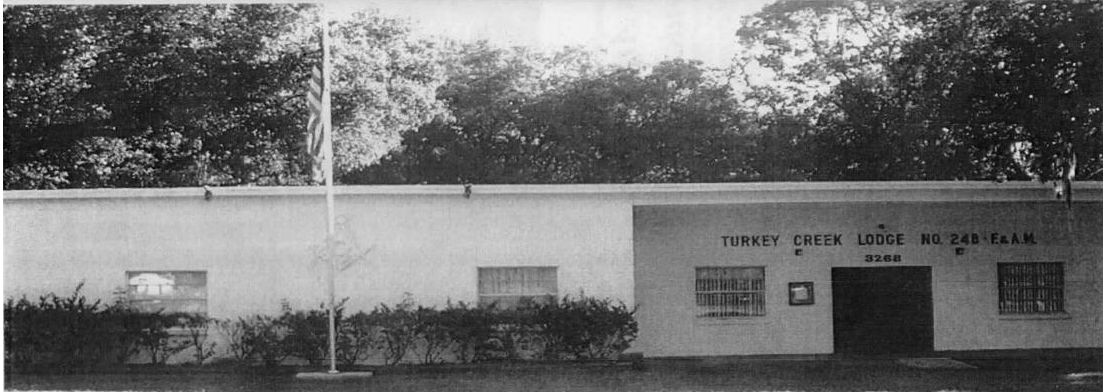


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Past Masters



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!

First off, I want to say thank you to the Craft for adopting the bylaws change for our recent dues increase. I feel this will be the first step in the right direction for our lodge. Together, we can make a difference! Please see our Brother Secretary's trestle board input below for a breakdown of the increases, including perpetual membership costs.

Please join us for our July Family night on the 16th at 6:30pm. After the meal, stay with us to support the Rainbow Girls. They will be doing a presentation, so come on out and show our lodge support for them! Let's give them a hearty warm welcome.

I would like to ask that everyone be present at our August 6th stated communication, if your cable-tow allows. This will be the official visit of our District Deputy Grand Master, Jack Hampton. Let's give a good showing to him and his committeemen.

Officers: Please stay tuned for any upcoming practices. Once I have some dates from RH Severino, I will be scheduling at least a couple of practices for the DDGM Official Visit. We need to work with him and get the reception to where it will run smoothly.

In August, please join us for our family night on the 20th at 6:30pm. This will be our Past Masters and Widows Night. We will be having a lodge provided meal, but please feel free to bring sides or desserts if you wish. I had originally planned to separate the two, but with only a handful of widows, I have decided to keep them together.

By the time you receive this trestle board, past due notices for annual dues will have been mailed. Brothers, we have several of you that are not current on dues for 2018 and 2019. Please get these up to date if you want to remain a Mason in good standing. If there is some reason you cannot get your dues paid, please feel free to reach out to any of us. You do have options, and we are here to help you. All you have to do is let us know...if you don't ask, we don't know.

**Fraternally,
Dennis Hall, Worshipful Master
Turkey Creek Lodge No 248, F&AM
(813) 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.

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 District Deputy Grand Master

When making an official visit to a Lodge in his District, the District Deputy shall be formally received with Grand Honors. (See “Grand Honors” for those entitled to receive the same.) On such occasions, all guests who are not entitled to Grand Honors, but whom it is desired to honor by a special introduction at the Altar, should be received first. Thereafter, the District Deputy may prefer to be received alone, ahead of the others entitled to Grand Honors, in order that he may himself preside at the reception and the rendering of Grand Honors to such other guests, or he may desire to enter with such other distinguished guests, in which case, it being his official visitation, where in the absence of the Grand Master, he is directly exercising his function as the personal representative of the Grand Master, he will head the procession and be introduced first.

Following the introduction, welcoming and rendition of Grand Honors at the Altar, the District Deputy is first escorted to the East, then the other distinguished guests are escorted to seats in the East. If there be more of them than can be seated in the East, then seats should be reserved for them as close to the East as possible. The District Deputy may, if he desires, retain the gavel and preside over such meeting, in which case he will be covered and the Worshipful Master will uncover, but the District Deputy will not wear his hat when entering the Lodge Room, as our law provides that a Worshipful Master is required to uncover only for the Grand Master in person. The District Deputy will be covered when presiding, for the same reason that anyone presiding in the East, whether by right or at the request, or with the consent of the Worshipful Master is covered, the Worshipful Master remaining uncovered while such a person presides. It is the usual practice for the District Deputy to return the gavel to the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, when his status is that of principal guest of honor, but, as before stated, he may preside if he so desires.

At such official visitations of a District Deputy, the Worshipful Master should consult with the District Deputy in advance, as to arrangements, and his wishes should be scrupulously followed. If there are other speakers, the District Deputy will, as the most honored guest, speak last, unless the Grand Master should be present.

Fraternally,

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



From the South



Brothers,

Please join us for our July family night if your cable-tow allows. Our meal will begin at 6:30. Br George Grosskopf, Jr, will be providing the entrée, which will be Hots & Brats. 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 Georges for providing the delicious home-made Chicken Pot Pies for the June Family Night.

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,

At the June Stated Communication, the Craft voted to raise Lodge dues by \$25.00 steps to \$200.00 by 2023. At the Annual Communication in May, the Craft voted to increase the Per Capita by \$5.00 steps for the next five years, increasing the Per Capita to \$45.00 by 2024. Therefore, December 28th, 2019, the total due the Lodge will increase to \$150.00 (\$125.00 dues plus \$25.00 Per Capita.) December 28th, 2020, the total due will increase to \$180.00 (\$150.00 dues plus \$30.00 Per Capita.) December 28th, 2021, the dues will increase to \$210.00 (\$175.00 dues plus \$35.00 Per Capita.) December 28th, 2022, the dues will increase to \$240.00 (\$200.00 dues plus \$40.00 Per Capita.) December 28th, 2023, the dues will increase to \$245.00 (\$200.00 dues plus \$45.00 Per Capita.)

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. 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 $(\$104.30 + \$20.00) = \$124.30 \times 20 = \$2,486.00$. The day the Grand Master signs the bylaws change, the price of a perpetual membership drastically increases (20 times \$200.00 plus Grand Lodge Per Capita of \$20.00 for a total of \$4,400.00.) 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, 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) 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 or June 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.

Fraternally and Zealously,

W.: Robert Phillips, PM
Secretary
813.230.7682



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 7/2 Stated Communication – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 7/9 Degree Practice – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 7/15 District School of Instruction – Tampa Lodge, No. 240
- 7/16 Family Night – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 7/23 Degree Practice – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 7/26 Master Masons Association – John Darling Lodge, No. 154
- 7/27 Open Books – Tampa Scottish Rite Temple



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.: 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, • 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.:M.: Dennis Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bro. George Grosskopf, Sr, • Bro. Adrian Porrata
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.: John Fincher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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, Jr, • Bro. Adrian Porrata, • Bro. Taylor Clark

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

