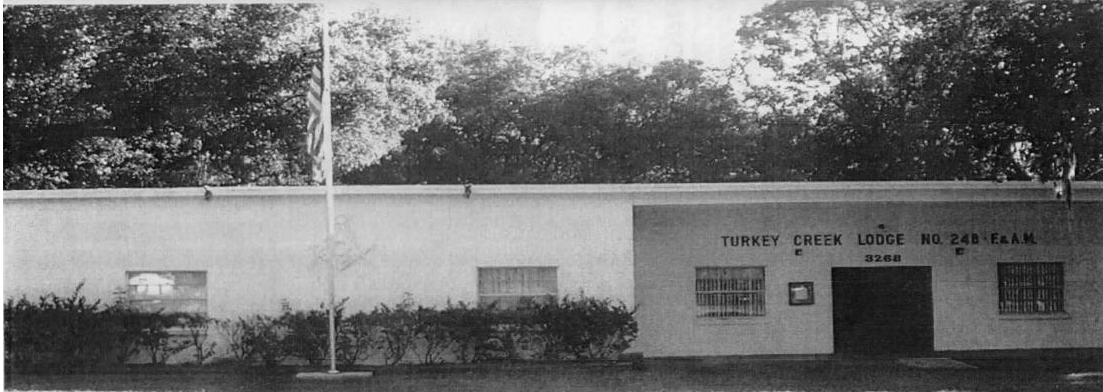


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Worshipful Master Dennis Hall

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Tyler Arthur Ahrens III, PM



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"

Brethren,

Greetings and salutations!

*******SEPTEMBER 3RD STATED COMMUNICATION CANCELLED*******

First and foremost, with the possibility of inclement to severe weather, the Grand Master has given permission to go dark for particular lodges without dispensation. This being the case, I have decided to cancel our Sept 3rd Stated Communication. With the uncertainty of our weather, I feel it is in the best interest of the Craft to remain safe with our families. The forecast is looking more acceptable, but I would rather you remain safe as opposed to trying to come to lodge.

I want to thank all of you that were able to attend our DDGM's Official Visit at our August stated communication. The reception went well and RW Hampton was thoroughly pleased. There are only a couple of issues that need corrective action. He stated there wasn't anything outside of Digest regulations that would cause us to lose our charter, which is GREAT news!

Another thank you to all who attended our Past Masters and Widows night! We had a great turn out and there was lots of food and fellowship. Thank you Past Masters for all you have done for YOUR lodge!

As our Secretary has stated, nomination forms for next year's elected officers are on his desk. If there is someone you would like to nominate for WM, SW, JW, SEC, or TREA, please fill one out for that position. Please keep in mind the brother nominated has to agree to and accept the nomination to serve.

Fraternally,

Dennis Hall
Worshipful Master



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 Ballot

The ballot is both secret and inviolable. When it is taken the act is fateful for the Candidate and momentous for the Lodge. It is Etiquette for the Lodge Room to be in complete silence, the Officers should remain at their stations and places in silence and dignity. The Grand Lodge Constitutions make discussion of the ballot, on conviction thereof, a Masonic offense. Except the Holy Bible, the ballot is the most sacred thing in the Lodge. Every Mason owes to his Lodge the duty of protecting it against poor material and every Mason owes to every petitioner a fair ballot – the only protection a petitioner has against unfair discrimination and unreasonable prejudice. The upright man and Mason, true to the tradition of the Craft, will never allow personal spite or prejudice to influence his behavior at the ballot box.

Fraternally,

George Grosskopf, Jr
Senior Warden
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From the South



Brothers,

Please join us for our September family night if your cable-tow allows. Our meal will begin at 6:30. Entrée TBD. 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. If cable-tow allows, please check the sign-up sheet and adopt a month!

Fraternally,

**George Grosskopf, Sr
Junior Warden**





From the Secretary



Brethren,

Grand Lodge has provided Officer Nomination forms for election of Lodge Officers (WM, SW, JW, Treasurer & Secretary) for the coming year of 2020, which will be available in a folder on the Secretary's desk. It is not too early to submit a nomination form if you are interested in serving your Lodge in an elected position or you wish to nominate another member to serve. However, if you wish to nominate another, that member must be willing to serve and you must certify that willingness on the nomination form. Even though the election is not held until the first Stated Communication of December, all nomination forms must be submitted to the Secretary before the first Stated Communication of November is opened (Digest of Masonic Law of Florida, Paragraphs 7.01 & 7.02.)

I announced several months ago that I would not seek nor accept the position of Secretary for the coming year. If you are interested in serving as Secretary, I am available to discuss the duties incumbent to the position.

Fraternally and Zealously,

W.: Robert Phillips, PM
Secretary
813.230.7682

September Master Mason Anniversaries

George K Grosskopf Jr
William F Jones
Kenneth W Minton
Robert L T Phillips
Wayne H Scott

September Birthdays

Talmadge E Hinson
James A Mooney
James R Shelley
Willie W Wingate
Robert A Zaccaro



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 9/3 NO Stated Communication – Cancelled due to hurricane
- 9/10 Degree Practice – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 9/16 District School of Instruction – Tampa Lodge, No. 240
- 9/17 Family Night – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 9/24 Degree Practice – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 9/27 Master Masons Association – John Darling Lodge, No. 154
- 9/28 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, • Bro. Taylor Clark
Health and Welfare	W.: Jack Holloway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W.: Robert L.T. Phillips, • W.: John Fincher
Petitions	W.:M.: Dennis Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W.:M.: Dennis Hall, • Bro. George Grosskopf, Sr, • Bro. George Grosskopf, Jr, • Bro. Taylor Clark, • W.: John Fincher, • W.: Ray Manus, • Bro. Adrian Porrata
Masonic Education	W.: Arthur J. Ahrens III	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W.:M.: Dennis Hall, • Bro. George Grosskopf, Sr, • Bro. George Grosskopf, Jr, • Bro. Adrian Porrata
Board of Relief	W.:M.: Dennis Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bro. George Grosskopf, Jr, • Bro. George Grosskopf, Sr
Charity	Bro. Adrian Porrata	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bro. George Grosskopf, Jr, • W.:M.: 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.: 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

