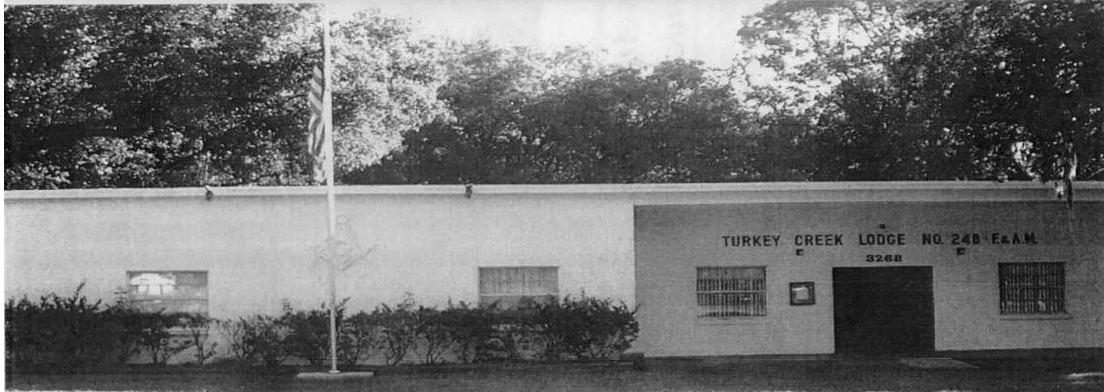


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Tyler Arthur Ahrens III, PM



Past Masters



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|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| 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!

It is now October and our year is starting to wind down to the end. It seems as if we have sped through the year in overdrive. However, there are still quite a few things going on. Starting this month and through family night November 19th next month, we will be collecting nonperishables and donations for our food drive. These donations will support the Master's Charity of A Kid's Place. This will be mainly a food drive as we are starting the holiday season, but if you have anything in the list below, that will be most welcomed as well. Just bring your donations to the lodge and leave them at the back of the dining room on the wooden bench. If you need access to the lodge, just let one of us know. Just a snippet of their needs...they go through 95 boxes of cereal and 210 loads of laundry per week! Below is a list of their immediate needs...

- Boy Pajamas (sizes 5-16 youth)
- Girl Pajamas (Sizes 5-16 youth)
- Boxers (Various sizes)
- Jeans/Shorts (boys and girls, Various sizes)
- Canned Veggies
- Canned Fruit
- Juice Boxes
- XL twin comforters (red, blue, purple, pink)
- Shower curtains

Also this month, come out and join us for an EA degree! We will be holding an EA degree on October 29th. The meal will start at 6:30pm and degree to follow at 7:30pm. Please come out and support our candidate and show your support for your lodge. Let's show our candidate some Brotherly Love and make this a memorable part of his new and ongoing journey.

Last but not least, if you wish to nominate someone for one of the elected chairs (WM, SW, JW, SEC, or TREAS) please be sure to fill out a nomination form. Please keep in mind, the nominee will have to approve and agree to his nomination for it to be valid. Nominations will be accepted up until the gavel falls at our November Stated Communication on November 5th (Digest of Masonic Law of Florida, Paragraphs 7.01 & 7.02.).

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 – Election to Office

The subject of election to Lodge Office falls naturally in the field of jurisprudence, but in some of its aspects is so closely related to decorum and to all else that seeks to preserve harmony, that it may be considered briefly here.

The point at issue has to do with the “advancement” of an Officer at the time of the annual election or with his appointment if he be an Appointed Officer. In the majority of cases this custom may work to the advantage of the Lodge if fitness is manifest; however, there is neither law nor tradition which gives any Officer of the Lodge a “right” to be advanced.

While there is no advancement by right, an Officer should not be dropped from the line for light or frivolous reasons; however, if the Officer should not be advanced, neither he nor his friends should take offense. A Brother may be unqualified to hold any Masonic office for any number of reasons, all of them creditable to himself; such a thing could be said of many excellent Masons. They are not cast for office-holding, and will themselves be happier and their Lodge be the gainer if they use other opportunities for service. If a Lodge cannot “drop from the line” any incumbent of proved unfitness without engendering ill feelings thereby, it needs to instill in its members a clearer conception of the Masonic System and a feeling of greater loyalty to its welfare.

Fraternally,

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



From the South



Brothers,

Please join us for our October 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.

Fraternally,

**George Grosskopf, Sr
Junior Warden**





From the Secretary



Brethren,

The members of Turkey Creek Lodge No 248 and the residents of Florida were blessed when Hurricane Dorian swerved to the east and did not make land fall in the state. As we all know, the Bahamas were not so lucky. If you are inclined to donate to the relief of the residents of the Bahamas or others affected by the hurricane, please ensure that you are giving to a valid entity. Our Grand Lodge has provided some guidance in avoiding scams. Since it is too long to reproduce here, please go to the Grand Lodge website and read the guidance here:

http://grandlodgefl.com/gfl_monthlymail.html

While you are on the Grand Lodge website, if you are so inclined, you can easily read all the information provided to your Worshipful Master and Secretary every month.

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

October Master Mason Anniversaries

Arthur J Ahrens III
James B Bryant
John P Fincher
Michael T Gibson
Richard W Helms
Sean M Herlihy
Ralph E Hunzeker
Timothy E Knowlton
Mark P Palermo
James R Shelley
Richard M Visconte Jr

October Birthdays

Guillermo Carreras
Coleman L Hill
Ralph E Hunzeker
Michael P Linnan
David A Lively
Arthur E Rogers
Jerry L Simonds
Robert C St John Jr
Ira D Vance
Stephen E Wright



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 10/1 Stated Communication – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 10/8 Degree Practice – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 10/15 Family Night – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 10/21 District School of Instruction – Tampa Lodge, No. 240
- 10/22 Degree Practice – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 10/25 Master Masons Association – John Darling Lodge, No. 154
- 10/26 Open Books – Tampa Scottish Rite Temple
- 10/29 Entered Apprentice Degree – 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.: 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

