

Turkey Creek Lodge No. 248  
Free and Accepted Masons  
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<http://turkeycreeklodge248.org>

~November 2019 Edition~



**Officers 2019**

Worshipful Master Dennis Hall

Senior Warden George Grosskopf, Jr ~ Junior Warden George Grosskopf, Sr

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

Senior Deacon Taylor Clark ~ Junior Deacon Adrian Porrata

Senior Steward Christopher Georges ~ Junior Steward Conrad Palumbo

Chaplain Jack Holloway, PM ~ Marshal Jon Childers, PM

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"***



## **From the East**

**Greetings Brethren!**

**I want to thank all who attended the Ebenezer Degree at Olin S Wright Lodge No. 79 on the 23rd. It was a very good degree and a lot of information was shared about the history of Olin S Wright Lodge and the meaning behind their annual degree with Kathleen Lodge No. 338. Congratulations to our new Brother, Ringo Breton, on his first step into the journey of Freemasonry.**

**Please keep in mind we are collecting non-perishable food items along with other items for A Kid's Place, for the Thanksgiving season. Item can be dropped off at the lodge through Family Night of this month. After that, we will be delivering all of the items collected to their location. There will also be a \$100 donation to them for Thanksgiving, which was included in this year's budget.**

**Up next...please be sure that if you are nominating a Brother for an elected office for the ensuing year, the nomination form MUST be on the Secretary's desk BEFORE the gavel drops at our stated communication November 5th. Please keep in mind, the nominee must accept the nomination for it to be valid. Then, be sure to come out to our December 3rd stated communication to cast your vote. This is YOUR lodge and your vote counts!**

**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.

Additionally, I am looking to hold a work day at the lodge on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, to replace ceiling tiles, and do general cleanup in and around the lodge. Any Brother who can assist would be most welcome.

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 – Titles

The titles belonging to all Grand Lodge Officers are described in the Book of Constitutions, as follows:

The title of the Grand Master and of Past Grand Masters is “Most Worshipful” and of the remaining Elected Grand Officers and District Deputies, is “Right Worshipful,” the title of District Instructor is “Right Honorable” unless the Brother qualifies for the titles, “Right Worshipful” or “Most Worshipful” except the Grand Chaplain, whose title is “Right Reverend.” The title of other Appointed Grand Lodge Officers and of Worshipful Masters and Past Masters is “Worshipful.” A Lodge or Grand Lodge Officer, on any Masonic occasion, should be addressed or referred to by his proper title. Never address a Worshipful Master as “Worshipful Sir,” but as “Worshipful Master,” nor should the Grand Master be addressed in any manner other than as “Most Worshipful Grand Master” even when presiding over or closing a Particular Lodge.

**Fraternally,**

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



## **From the South**



**Brothers,**

**Please join us for our November family night if your cable-tow allows. Our meal will begin at 6:30. Entrée will be ham. 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,

Please remember that our Stated Communication, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, is the election of officers for the ensuing year. This is your Lodge; your participation is earnestly solicited. Just remember, if you don't participate, you can't complain how the Lodge is being run. If you do participate, you shouldn't complain, since you had a say in how the Lodge is being run in a democratic fashion.

In January 2020, on a date to be determined by the Worshipful Master-elect, will be the installation of officers for the new year. Again, your participation is earnestly solicited as your Lodge starts a new year. Come out and celebrate your new slate of officers, elected and appointed.

Fraternally and Zealously,

W.: Robert Phillips, PM  
Secretary  
813.230.7682



### November Master Mason Anniversaries

Edgar E Lariscy  
William M Newton  
Robert Creel Jr  
Harold E Renner  
Gary Bryant  
Stephen C Marshall  
Bryan A Wilson  
Brett E Boudreaux  
James A Mooney  
David A Lively  
Arthur E Rogers  
Jerry L Simonds  
Billy D Joyce  
Steven C Skeen  
Mallie L Morris Jr

### November Birthdays

Michael T Gibson  
George K Grosskopf Sr  
Billy D Joyce  
Robert L T Phillips



Steven C Skeen

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- 11/5 Stated Communication – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 11/12 Degree Practice – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 11/15 Master Masons Association – John Darling Lodge, No. 154
- 11/16 Outdoor Degree – Masonic Youth Park
- 11/18 District School of Instruction – Tampa Lodge, No. 240
- 11/19 Family Night – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 11/23 Open Books – Tampa Scottish Rite Temple
- 11/23 Work Day – Turkey Creek Lodge
- 11/26 Degree Practice – Turkey Creek Lodge



## 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>• 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>	W.:M.: Dennis Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• W.:M.: Dennis Hall,</li> <li>• Bro. George Grosskopf, Sr,</li> <li>• Bro. George Grosskopf, Jr,</li> <li>• Bro. Taylor Clark,</li> <li>• W.: John Fincher,</li> <li>• W.: Ray Manus,</li> <li>• Bro. Adrian Porrata</li> </ul>
<b>Masonic Education</b>	W.: Arthur J. Ahrens III	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• W.:M.: Dennis Hall,</li> <li>• Bro. George Grosskopf, Sr,</li> <li>• Bro. George Grosskopf, Jr,</li> <li>• Bro. Adrian Porrata</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> </ul>
<b>Charity</b>	Bro. Adrian Porrata	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bro. George Grosskopf, Jr,</li> <li>• W.:M.: Dennis Hall</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**

