

Living Past Masters

Carl F. Wheeler PGMAR	1970*
Howard S. Schneiweis	1971*
Mitchell J. Flaster	1972*
William C. Nann	1986
Paul J. Reed II	1988
Richard A. Egan	1990
Stephen J. Hornak Jr. PDRI	1991
Eugene C. Conner	1992
David W. Jones PGC	1994
Rohinton F. Cama	1996
Andrew H. Zagoren	1998
John W. Friedline	1999
Ralph A. Nielsen PDRI	2000 & 2001
Kenneth A. Landau	2002
Glenn C. Eckert	2003 & 2006
Stephen R. Dovidas	2005
Robert J. Krumm PGC	2007
Michael F. Firkser PDDGM	2008 & 2009*
Douglas H. Mount	2008
William Billich PGC	2009
James Iacone	2010
Norman P. Thime	2011
Stephen J. Kedmenec	2012
C. John Lashley DRI	2013
Michael Emerson	2014*
Isidoro Garcia	2014 & 2015
Cristian A. Ossa PGC	2016
Raymond Ortiz II	2017
John Sigismondi	2018 & 2019*
Lou Gendron	2018*
Howard J. Stevenson PGC	1997, 2004 & 2018
Ernest Bagley	2019
Robert. Windisch	2020
Eugene Grace	2020*
JR Almerino	2021

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LODGE TRUSTEES

Ernest Bagley 2021
George Matthes – 2022
Howard Stevenson PCG 2023

TEMPLE BOARD

Howard Stevenson PGC – 2021
Jim Iacone PM - 2022
Isidoro Garcia PM – 2023

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance

Senior Warden*
Junior Warden
Senior Deacon

Visiting & Relief

W. Billich PGC*
Senior Warden
Junior Warden

Auditing

R. Ortiz II PM
B. Collier

Lodge Ritual Instruction

Howard J. Stevenson, PGC

AD HOC COMITTEES:

Blood Bank

G. Matthes*

Level Club

C. Gibardi*
I. Garcia PM
R. Krumm PGC
J. Iacone PM
G. Mehra
JR Almerino
B. Nayyar
R. Ortiz II PM
J. Nalepa

Outreach Committee

R. Windisch*

Technology Committee

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Charity Committee

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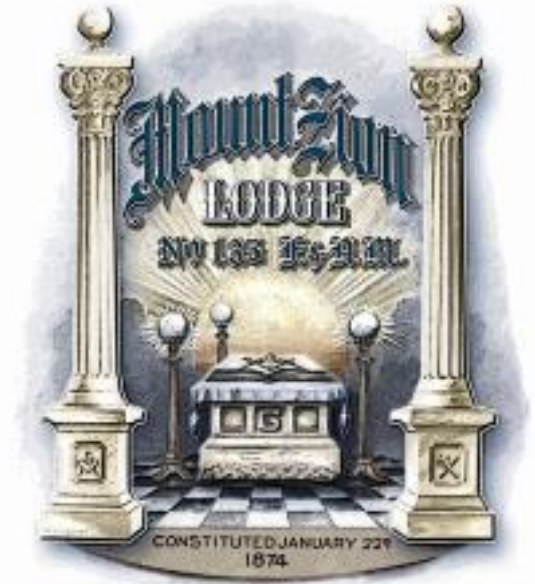
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Mt. Zion Lodge #135 F&AM

Stated Meetings: 1st & 3rd Thursdays @ 7:30 pm.

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JANUARY 2021

FREEMASONRY promotes a way of life that binds like-minded men with the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth in order to serve God, Family, Country, Neighbor and Self. -The Grand Lodge of NJ

Brethren,

I hope you all had a safe, happy and truly family-oriented holiday season! January marks the start of a new year, new beginnings and hopefully a turning point for the entire world regarding COVID-19. Recently I was thinking about everything I would like to accomplish during my time in the East. I will do as much as I can within the time I have and lay the foundational blocks for the next master. As you are all aware, for now NJ State restrictions limit us from having more than 10 people in the lodge at any one time. Collation and open discussion are now strained, so that begs the question, how best to use our time to our advantage? Fundraising is a big part of what we do to help promote all the worthwhile causes we as masons, support. Creative ways of conducting our fund-raising events that achieve our goals will need to promote.

The Finance Committee composed of elected Trustee's and member advisors have interviewed various investment houses and Financial Advisor's to rank and compare services they offer. These interviews have been completed and recommendations from the Trustees have been communicated to you all. We believe that a solid return of 7% - 9% on average is achievable for the long term. This approach should ensure the viability of Mt. Zion for years to come.

It is my hope that as winter wains and spring is in motion and more people are vaccinated that the gathering restrictions are eased to allow for more normalized meetings to occur. Re-engagement for all of us by this time will be needed more than ever! So, if

things begin to align, come back to lodge to see your brothers and re-establish masonic bonds.

Fraternally Yours,

JR Almerino, WMBrethren,

Awaiting MM Degree

<i>Jeremiah Hans-Jorie</i>	<i>David Awad</i>
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Awaiting FC Degree

<i>Shawn Rapach</i> <i>Cristian E. Ossa</i> <i>Leon I. Haller</i>	<i>Matthew John Robins</i> <i>Juan Velez-Restrepo</i>
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Awaiting EA Degree

Shiv Patel

MT. ZION LODGE #135 F&AM:

1/7 – Regular communication. 7:30pm. Officers only. Max 10 allowed in meeting. Vote on Finances and 2021 Budget.

1/14 – Rehearsal. You will be notified by the WM if your attendance is required.

1/21 – Regular communication. 7:30pm. Officers only. Max 10 allowed in meeting.

1/28 – Rehearsal. You will be notified by the WM if your attendance is required.

OTHER GROUPS:

Blue Lodge night – 1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Blue Lodge night – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays
Rainbow – 1st & 3rd Fridays
Edison Square Club – 2nd Monday
Sciots – 4th Monday

IMPORTANT DATES

- **INSTRUCTION Still happening** on the phone and video chat. PLEASE CALL Senior Deacon, Charles Gibardi for additional information.
- **M-F at 9pm**, Video call with the Brethren. See email or call George Matthes (JD) for information.

10th DISTRICT INSTRUCTION

- DLI's are for Senior Officers only.

GRAND LODGE

INSTALLATIONS

- LaFayette Lodge # 27 (Rahway) Friday, January 8, Social: 6:00 PM; Dinner: 6:30 PM; Installation: 7:30 PM.
- Jerusalem Lodge# 26 (Plainfield) Saturday, Jan. 9, 2021, 2 PM.

The 10th Masonic District

Atlas Pythagoras #10

1101 Central Avenue
Westfield, NJ 07090
1st & 3rd Fridays @ 7:30

Azure Masada #22

1550 Irving Street
Rahway, NJ 07065
1st & 3rd Mondays @ 7:30

Jerusalem #26

107 East 7th Street
Plainfield, NJ 07060
1st Tuesday @ 7:30

Lafayette #27

1550 Irving Street
Rahway, NJ 07065
2nd Friday @ 7:30

Loyalty #33

1912 Morris Ave.
Union, NJ 07083
1st & 3rd Tuesdays @ 7:30

Mt. Zion #135

483 Middlesex Ave.
Metuchen, NJ 08540
1st & 3rd Thursdays @ 7:30

Theodore Roosevelt #219

86 Elm Street
Carteret, NJ 07008
2nd & 4th Mondays @ 7:30