

## 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

N. Sathi\*

#### Event Planning

R. Fortuna\*

#### Charity Committee

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## Mt. Zion Lodge #135 F&AM

Stated Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays @ 7:30 pm.

483 Middlesex Avenue  
Metuchen, NJ 08840  
<http://mtzion135.org>

# FEBRUARY 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,

We are all aware of the recent events that occurred in early January in Washington DC. These events are partially driven by an unyielding desire to be right and an unwavering resolve to not compromise. We as citizens are all aware of, or have our own set of, moral and ethical boundaries of what is right and what is wrong and then we have the boundaries outlined by the written law. In addition to all of that, we as masons are fortunate enough to have our masonic obligations that help us stay even keel. Our obligations are, in my opinion what allow us to continue to promote peace and harmony in our lodges and hopefully carry over into our everyday lives. We know we don't always have to agree with each other, but my brother is my brother at the end of the day, and we can agree to disagree and have collation. We forbid discussion of politics in our lodges for a reason. This is a rule that nobody questions and hopefully each of us knows why. I presume that the brothers before us knew why too as history only repeats itself. Remember that the lodge is now and will always be a sanctum of refuge, a level and upright place, and one where brotherly relations will always be on the square. Mt. Zion is not going anywhere in the foreseeable future and it is there for you as you see fit to use. As soon as state gathering restrictions are lifted, to whatever number that is, I hope to see many of you whom I haven't seen in a while and I ask to meet most of you who I haven't met to date. Never get out of the habit of introducing yourself, especially to your brother. Stay

safe, stay positive and be diligent. Remember this WILL pass in due time.

Fraternally Yours,  
JR Almerino, WM

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:**

**2/4 – Regular communication. 7:30pm. Officers only. Max 10 allowed in meeting.**

**2/11 – Rehearsal. You will be notified by the WM if your attendance is required.**

**2/18 – Regular communication. 7:30pm. Officers only. Max 10 allowed in meeting.**

**2/25 – Rehearsal. You will be notified by the WM if your attendance is required.**

**OTHER GROUPS:**

- Blue Lodge night – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays
- Blue Lodge night – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays
- Rainbow – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays
- Edison Square Club – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday
- Sciots – 4<sup>th</sup> 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 (SD) for information.

**10<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT INSTRUCTION**

- DLI's are for Senior Officers only.

**GRAND LODGE**

**The 10<sup>th</sup> Masonic District**

**Atlas Pythagoras #10**  
1101 Central Avenue  
Westfield, NJ 07090  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays @ 7:30

**Azure Masada #22**  
1550 Irving Street  
Rahway, NJ 07065  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays @ 7:30

**Jerusalem #26**  
107 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Plainfield, NJ 07060  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday @ 7:30

**Lafayette #27**  
1550 Irving Street  
Rahway, NJ 07065  
2<sup>nd</sup> Friday @ 7:30

**Loyalty #33**  
1912 Morris Ave.  
Union, NJ 07083  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays @ 7:30

**Mt. Zion #135**  
483 Middlesex Ave.  
Metuchen, NJ 08540  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays @ 7:30

**Theodore Roosevelt #219**  
86 Elm Street  
Carteret, NJ 07008  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays @ 7:30