

Living Past Masters

Robert J. Flynn	1958
Malcolm B. Wernik, PGM	1961
Kenneth L. Larsen, PGM	1963
Robert R. Heath	1970
Carl F. Wheeler PGMAR	1970*
David W. Peck	1971
Howard S. Schneiweis	1971*
Mitchell J. Flaster	1972*
Philip C. Gibbs	1979
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
Hugh Murphy Jr. PGC	1995
Rohinton F. Cama	1996
Howard J. Stevenson PGC	1997 & 2004
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 DDGM	2008 & 2009*
Douglas H. Mount	2008
William Billich	2009
James Iacone	2010
Norman P. Thime	2011
Stephen J. Kedmenec	2012
C. John Lashley	2013
Michael Emerson	2014*
Isidoro Garcia	2014 & 2015
Cristian A. Ossa	2016
Raymond Ortiz II	2017

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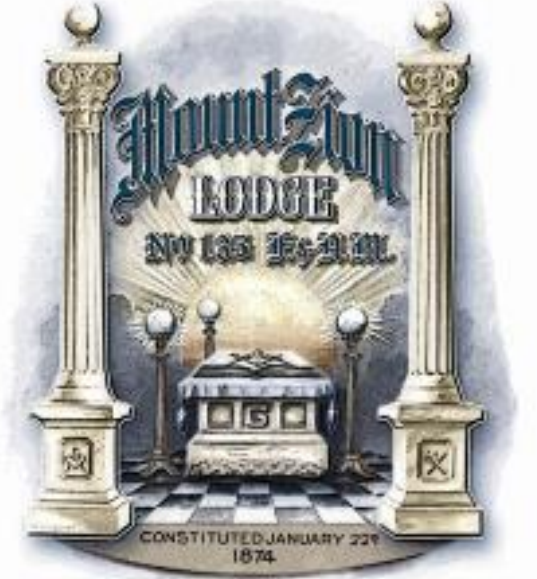
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Brethren:

I have struggled lately with understanding the world, our society and the current state and condition of man. Certainly, I am not the first man or mason to experience this or to question what our true purpose is. Oftentimes,

we may feel that there is an ominous cloud over us or that we are surrounded by something dark. In William Shakespeare's the *The Tempest*, one of the characters prior to jumping off a sinking vessel cried "Hell is empty and all the devils are here." I look around at my social and professional circles and I still cannot explain what it is that brings out the worst in some people. I am deeply affected by this and am even more appalled to see this within our fraternity time and time again.

As Freemasons, as Men, we fight a daily battle to not be overcome by the darkness. These days a common conversation we are having in our lodges is about our security from intruders or disaffected members. Darkness comes in many shapes and sizes. Martin Luther King once said, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." Those of us that try to emulate a strong moral character know the challenges and burdens that we face trying to do the right thing. I do not have an immediate solution to weathering the storm but lately I have been thinking back to our ritual and perhaps we can start with the most obvious concept - where we gather as Masons.

The lodge room is a representation of King Solomon's temple which in ancient times was the Sanctum Sanctorum or Holy of Holies. The temple was a place of meditation, spirituality and worship. Every religion and belief protects and preserves their temples as it is the physical space for communion with God. As Masons, we have taken our own temples and Lodge rooms for granted and forgotten their true purpose. Even if the lodge room is not formally tiled, the sanctity of the space should be observed and preserved. Our members would do well to observe this concept when they are in the lodge room casually or for a communication and they should begin to prepare themselves mentally and spiritually for a more meaningful observation of our craft. Simply stated, the lodge room should act as our anchor to further spirituality and aid as a reminder for our moral conduct. If we are to combat darkness in all of its iterations, we must start at the core and we must protect our sanctuary, even from those who count themselves among us.

In Light & Love,
Raymond Ortiz II, Worshipful Master

- Awaiting MM Exam
- Gregory Botvinik*
- Miguel Ramos Rivera*
- Matthew Corley*
- Reynaldo Mangual*
- Awaiting MM Degree
- Manuel Taipina*
- Awaiting FC Degree
- Abbas Jumkhwala*
- Arthur G. Lewis*
- Blama-cee Edwards*
- Joseph L. Spencer*
- Mohamed M. Mohamed*
- Damian C. Krause*
- Charles R. Gibardi*
- Raymond B. Fortuna*
- Marvin Mejia*
- Less Q. Butler*
- Jesse J. Nalepa*
- Awaiting EA Degree
- Swain O. Joseph*
- Awaiting Dual Membership
- Philip N. Bazeley*



MASONIC TEMPLE DATES: APRIL

MT. ZION LODGE #135 F&AM:

- 4/6 - "The Chamber of Reflection V.I.T.R.I.O.L" by M. Yatim @ 7PM.
- 4/13 – Rehearsal @ 6:30 PM.
- 4/27 – Rehearsal @ 6:30 PM.

APPENDANT BODIES:

- 4/4 – OES @ 7:30 PM.
- 4/7 - Rainbow @ 6PM.
- 4/10 – Square Club @ 6:30PM.
- 4/11 – DeMolay @ 7:30 PM.
- 4/17 – Shrine Patrol @ 7 PM.
- 4/18 – OES @ 7:30 PM.
- 4/21 - Rainbow @ 6PM.
- 4/24 – Shrine Ambassadors @ 7 PM.
- 4/25 – DeMolay @ 7:30 PM.
- 4/26 – Rainbow Board @ 7 PM.

IMPORTANT DATES:

GRAND LODGE BANQUET

April 19th @ 6pm.

GRAND LODGE INSTALLATION

April 20th @ 2pm.

DLI – Lafayette

April 26th @ 7pm.

GRAND MASTER'S OPEN RECEPTION

April 29th @ 4pm.

The 10th Masonic District

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

Azure Masada #22
478 South Ave. East
Cranford, NJ 07016
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
4th 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