

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*
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
Andrew H. Zagoren	1998
John W. Friedline	1999
Ralph A. Nielsen PDRI	2000 & 2001
Kenneth A. Landau	2002
Glenn C. Eckert	2003 & 2006
Howard J. Stevenson PGC	1997, 2004
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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AD HOC COMITTEES:

Blood Bank

J. Almerino

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JR Almerino
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Cristian Ossa PM

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C. John Lashley PM – 2019

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Cristian Ossa PM – 2018
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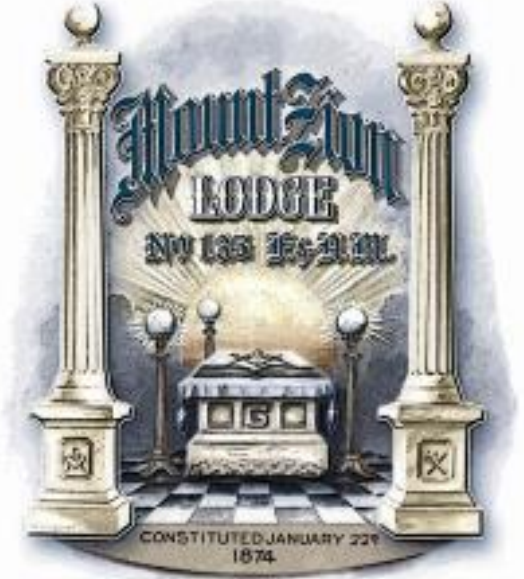
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DECEMBER 2017



Brethren:

I want to thank you all for your support during the course of this year and for entrusting me with the opportunity to lead our lodge into the future. This has truly been a humbling experience met with several challenges but many opportunities to help us to be a better lodge, better men and better Masons. Coming into the holiday season is bittersweet for me. I started my year as Master suffering from the terrible loss of my grandparents, something which I still cannot grasp, comprehend, or ever reconcile.

Regardless of any issues this year, we must look at the progress that was made in our Lodge even during some of the challenges we faced. I believe it is true that God gives us these challenges to test our love, faith and devotion. But He never gives us more than we can handle.

This year we raised 5 Master Masons with over 15 candidates in waiting for the various degrees. We hosted social events, lectures and programs for every meeting and we gained new ground in innovation with the launch of the very first EsoteriCon. This year we created true value for our members and have shown new members what a great lodge can and should deliver on. Freemasonry is not a perfect organization. However, our ability to work past our differences, to not speak ill of our brethren, and to truly place the best interests of the lodge first, are the best ways we as Masons can aspire to being better men. We should endeavor to hold each other to a higher standard and we should address those things which we know are wrong and will bring disharmony to our craft.

I hope the New Year brings the best to all of my brethren. I ask that God continues to reveal the Truth and that we can all work together to share in the ideals that shape our modern fraternity. God Bless you, God Bless Freemasonry and God Bless America!

In Light & Love,
Raymond Ortiz II,
Worshipful Master

Awaiting MM Exam

Reynaldo Mangual

Manuel Taipina

Raymond B. Fortuna

Jesse J. Nalepa

Charles R. Gibardi

Less Q. Butler

Awaiting MM Degree

Blama-cee Edwards

Swain O. Joseph

Awaiting FC Degree

Abbas Jumkhawala

Arthur G. Lewis

Joseph L. Spencer

Mohamed M. Mohamed

Damian C. Krause

Marvin Mejia

Giovanni Giornalista

Cesar P. Lopes

Daniel Hemhauser

Christopher A. Pabon

Awaiting EA Degree

Neel Sathi

Shawn Rapach

Awaiting Dual Membership

Matthew E. Victoria

Sanjeev Verma

Under Investigation

Clivens Louisfort

Gabriel Georgeian



**MASONIC TEMPLE DATES:
DECEMBER**

MT. ZION LODGE #135 F&AM:

**12/7 - Lodge – Officer Elections.
Dinner 6:30 PM & Meeting 7:30 PM.**

12/9 – Installation of Officers @ 1 PM.

APPENDANT BODIES:

OES – 1st & 3rd Tuesdays

DeMolay – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays

Rainbow – 1st & 3rd Fridays

Edison Square Club – 2nd Monday

Raritan Valley Shrine Club – 3rd Monday

Shrine Ambassadors – 4th Monday

Sciots – 3rd Wednesday

Rainbow Board – 4th Wednesday

IMPORTANT EVENTS:

- **The Feast of St. John 12/2/17
MCF Fellowship Center.**
- **Edison Square Club Holiday
Dinner 12/4/17 @ 7 PM @
Sebra's Armory.**
- **Raritan Valley Shrine Club
Holiday Dinner 12/11/17,
Mt. Zion Lodge.**
- **Wreaths Across America
Rahway Cemetery 12/16/17.**
- **FC Degree @ Jerusalem Lodge.
12/26/17.**

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

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1st & 3rd Thursdays @ 7:30

Theodore Roosevelt #219

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2nd & 4th Mondays @ 7:30