

## 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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Junior Warden  
Senior Deacon

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Junior Warden

### Auditing

Norman Thime PM  
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## AD HOC COMITTEES:

### Blood Bank

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### Level Club

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### Mentoring & Renewal

J. Lashley PM  
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### Lodge Ritual Instruction

Howard J. Stevenson, PGC

### Educator of the Year

Cristian Ossa PM

### Lodge Trustees

Joseph Valenzuela – 2017  
Robert Himer – 2018  
C. John Lashley PM - 2019

### Temple Board

Isidoro Garcia PM – 2017  
Cristian Ossa PM – 2018  
Jim Iacone PM - 2019

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

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<http://mtzion135.org>

# January 2017



Brethren:

The coming of the New Year allows us the opportunity to reflect on our experiences. For the profane, this is reflected in their resolutions. For the initiated, the New Year stands for much more. It is about achieving a more sublime level of thought and well-being. It is about reinforcing the moral attributes that form the basis for our craft. Above all it is about forgiveness and selflessness. Freemasonry is not a perfect organization. Its members however, should strive for perfection. As our ritual explains, it is our duty to one another not to palliate nor to aggravate the offenses of our brethren but to judge with candor, admonish with friendship and reprehend with justice. This is where our strength as a lodge is forged.

Being Worshipful Master or a Past Master is an incredible honor, but at no point does that put us above our brethren nor does it place us at a level beyond their judgment. We should set an example for our brethren and show them that politics, jealousy, and disrespect are never to be tolerated in an organization such as ours. As we grow our institution we should focus on quality rather than quantity and seek those who work from the goodness of their heart rather than the receipt of reward. The true rewards of Freemasonry are intangible.

My own personal experiences have allowed me time to reflect on the impact our lodge should make on our brethren, our craft and our families. The goals I envision for our lodge this year are simple. We need to ensure disharmony never enters our lodge and we need to work together to make our membership feel supported and respected. Masonic light and knowledge need to permeate through our meetings via ritualistic practice and enlightening presentations. Lastly, we need to mentor each other and mend any bridges that may have been weakened in the past. We should all approach 2017 with a renewed spirit and vigor. This is a chance for each and every one of us to truly make our lodge a place we can call home. Remember "the strength of Freemasonry is its loyalty to each other."

In Light & Love,  
**Raymond Ortiz II**  
Worshipful Master



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

**JANUARY LODGE DATES – 2017**

- 1/3 – OES @ 7:30 PM.
- 1/5 - Lodge @ 6:30 pm.
- 1/6 - Rainbow @ 6:30 PM.
- 1/10 – DeMolay @ 7:30 PM.
- 1/12 – Rehearsal @ 7 PM.
- 1/16 – Shrine Patrol @ 7 PM.
- 1/17 – OES @ 7:30 PM.
- 1/18 – Sciots @ 7:30 PM.
- 1/19 – Lodge @ 6:30 PM.
- 1/20 – Rainbow Sleepover @ 6:30 PM.
- 1/23 – Shrine Ambassadors @ 7 PM.
- 1/24 – DeMolay @ 7:30 PM.
- 1/25 – Rainbow Board @ 7 PM. (Lodge Room).
- 1/26 – Rehearsal @ 7 PM.
- 1/28 – Rainbow Installation @ 2 PM.



**Important Events:**

- Jerusalem Lodge #26 Installation**  
Saturday 1/7 @ 2 pm.
  - Menlo Park Veterans Home**  
Sunday 1/8 @ 9 AM.
  - DLI – Jerusalem #26**  
Wednesday – 1/25 @7 PM.
  - 2017 Masonic Academy**  
Saturday 1/28/17 @ 8:30 AM  
Trenton Masonic Temple
- [www.2017WinterSeminar.EventBrite.com](http://www.2017WinterSeminar.EventBrite.com)

**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**  
478 South Ave. East  
Cranford, NJ 07016  
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  
4<sup>th</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