

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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C. John Lashley PM – 2019

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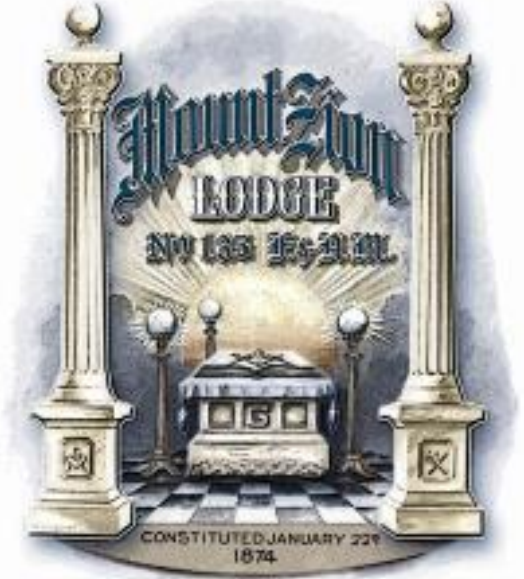
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MARCH 2017



Brethren:

"Seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." - Matthew 7:7

As Masons we firmly believe that the Craft makes "good men better" but very few can answer what aspects of Masonry are responsible for this. What part of Masonry is so transformative that it would change a man or help him to evolve to a higher state of moral consciousness? Do our social galas and events make men better? Does our charity make us better men? Perhaps the better question is, if these are the items that make "good men better," would Freemasonry stand out from any other organization in existence?

Our ritual enforces a moral tradition by which we square our actions and circumscribe our desires and passions. Are the transformative properties of Masonry based solely on what freemasonry has adopted from the Volume of Sacred Law? Freemasonry is at the very least partially inspired from the traditional religious framework, but yet Freemasonry stands out even in comparison to religious institutions.

I implore you to take a deeper dive into the true Masonic tradition. When we look at all of the possible influencers of Freemasonry, we see a true convergence of philosophy, theology, sociology and history. In the Middle Ages, Alchemy was based on the transmutation of matter, or as we commonly know, converting base metals into gold. Alchemy was viewed as a seemingly magical process of combination, creation or transformation. Delving one step further, what if you were told that the Rosicrucians, who claimed to originate from an unknown esoteric order, practiced Alchemy, not for the transmutation of metals but rather for the transformation of the soul through a symbolic or spiritual Alchemy? Would this qualify as making "good men better?"

The esoteric tradition of Masonry is a core component to understanding the sources of the true transformative purposes of the craft. Whether we look at philosophical movements, Hermeticism, Rosicrucianism, Theosophy or Martinism, we see through symbolism a common theme of building bridges from past knowledge to future enlightenment.

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 Jumkhwala*
- Arthur G. Lewis*
- Blama-cee Edwards*
- Joseph L. Spencer*
- Mohamed M. Mohamed*
- Damian C. Krause*
- Charles R. Gibardi*
- Awaiting EA Degree
- Raymond B. Fortuna*
- Marvin Mejia*
- Awaiting Dual Membership
- Philip N. Bazeley*
- Under Investigation
- Less Q. Butler*
- Jesse J. Nalepa*
- Joseph O. Swain*



MASONIC TEMPLE DATES: MARCH

- MT. ZION LODGE #135 F&AM:*
- 3/2 - Lodge @ 6:30 PM.*
- York Rite Night.*
- 3/9 – Rehearsal @ 6:30 PM.*
- 3/16 – Lodge @ 6:30 PM.*
- Lecture by Br. Tim Hogan*
- 3/22 – DLI Mt. Zion @ 6 PM.*
- 3/23 – Rehearsal @ 6:30 PM.*
- 3/25 – Irish Night @ 5 PM.*
- 3/30 – EA Degree @ 6:30 PM.*

APPENDANT BODIES:

- 3/3 - Rainbow @ 6:30 PM.*
- 3/4 - Sciots Breakfast 8 AM.*
- 3/7 – OES @ 7:30 PM.*
- 3/14 – DeMolay @ 7:30 PM.*
- 3/15 – Sciots @ 7:30 PM.*
- 3/17 – Rainbow @ 6:30 PM.*
- 3/18 – OES Spaghetti Dinner 8 PM.*
- 3/20 – Shrine Patrol @ 7 PM.*
- 3/21 – OES @ 7:30 PM.*
- 3/27 – Shrine Ambassadors @ 7 PM.*
- 3/28 – DeMolay @ 7:30 PM.*
- 3/29 – Rainbow Board @ 7 PM.*

IMPORTANT DATES:

MENLO PARK VETERANS HOME

3/26 @ 9 AM.

10th MASONIC DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are due April 1, 2017
Applications or Donations may be sent to:
1912 Morris Avenue, Union, NJ 07083

GRAND LODGE BANQUET

Bally's Ocean Ballroom 6th Fl.
April 19th @ 6pm.
\$70pp by 4/7.

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