

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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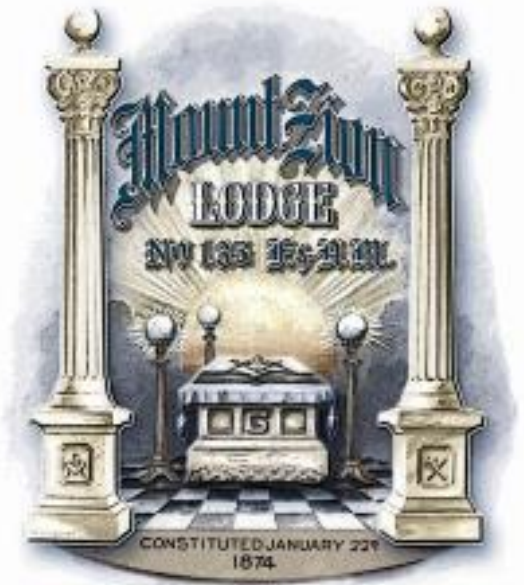
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MAY 2017



Brethren:

In my esoteric research, I often run into heavy criticisms of organized societies. As a young Mason I often took offense to these writings and critiques and rapidly dismissed them.

As a tried and true initiate, I now have had the time and experience in our fraternity to understand these criticisms and to heed them as warnings of the fate of our craft if we are not careful in protecting our West Gate and passing on the true tradition for which we were created.

Remy de Gourmont was a well known French Symbolist poet, novelist and influential critic. In his piece "The Book of Masks" he states the following "To acquire the full consciousness of self is to know oneself so different from others that one no longer feels allied with men except by purely animal contacts: nevertheless, among souls of this degree, there is an ideal fraternity based on differences, while society fraternity is based on resemblances. The full consciousness of self can be called originality of soul, and all this is said only to point out the group of rare beings to which [he] belongs. The misfortune of these beings, when they express themselves, is that they do it with such odd gestures that men fear to approach them; their life of social contacts must often revolve in the brief circle of ideal fraternities; or, when the mob consents to admit such souls, it is as curiosities or museum objects. Their glory is, finally, to be loved from afar & almost understood, as parchments are seen & read above sealed cases."

His criticisms of societies are timely and accurate. He criticizes those who regurgitate philosophy and no longer examine the depths of the free exercise of thought. This is equivalent to those who are ritualists but do not examine the symbolism and content of the ritual they speak. He questions the convoluted nature of tradition, secrecy and the elitist mob mentality. This is like shutting our doors to the public and not educating them on our purpose, allowing the public to fear our influence while basking in the small attention we get from charity and more public endeavors. Perhaps the best point he makes is on man reaching a full state of enlightenment or self-consciousness and being separated from the masses. We as Masons must continue to fight so we do not become a society fraternity based on resemblances. Freemasonry was originally a fraternity based on differences. Whether they be religious, economic, or philosophical, those differences help create an understanding that carves the path of the enlightened.

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
Swain O. Joseph
Awaiting EA Degree
Giovanni Giornalista
Under Investigation

Shawn Rapach



MASONIC TEMPLE DATES: MAY

MT. ZION LODGE #135 F&AM:
5/4 - Memorial Day Observance,
dinner 6:30 PM, meeting 7:30 PM.

5/11 – Rehearsal FC Degree @ 6:30 PM.

5/18 – Gold Token Night,
dinner 6:30 PM, meeting 7:30 PM.

5/25 – FC Degree - dinner @ 6:30 PM,
degree @ 7:30 PM.

APPENDANT BODIES:

5/2 – OES @ 7:30 PM.
5/6 - Rainbow @ 6PM.
5/8 – Square Club @ 6:30PM.
5/9 – DeMolay @ 7:30 PM.
5/15 – Shrine Patrol @ 7 PM.
5/16 – OES @ 7:30 PM.
5/17 - Scots @ 7PM.
5/19 - Rainbow @ 6PM.
5/22 – Shrine Ambassadors @ 7 PM.
5/23 – DeMolay @ 7:30 PM.
5/24 – Rainbow Board @ 7 PM.

IMPORTANT DATES:

DLI – LOYALTY LODGE
May 24th @ 7pm.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE
May 29th @ 9 AM.
Mt. Zion Lodge

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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

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