

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
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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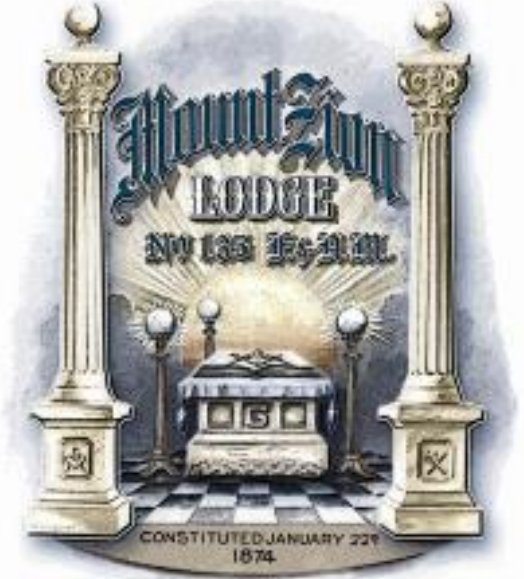
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NOVEMBER 2017



Brethren:

We are quickly approaching the holiday season. A time to be thankful and a time for contemplation. I am thankful for many things and for the blessings that God has shown me. But of all the gifts

that I have received, what I am most thankful for is mental clarity. The ability to see things as they are. The ability to see people for who they are. For better or for worse this is one of the greatest gifts that any person should be delighted to receive in this journey we call life. As men and as Masons, we should aspire to view things at all angles, for our fraternity can either truly make a good man better, or if not properly guarded, can enable bad men to do much worse. We have become numb to the politics and the actions of many of our brethren. We have watched these men seemingly rewarded despite their lack of effort, compassion, or dedication to the craft and its members. But I remind you all that the true gifts of Freemasonry are not the tangible items some of these men politic, claw and fight for. But rather, Freemasonry is about self-awakening. It is not about self-preservation, but self-awareness. It is about the realization of the spiritual qualities that make the man and enable him to be better in this world. It is about true Enlightenment.

This also begins my swan song for completing my year as Worshipful Master since nominations are at the end of the month. This month I am scheduled to lecture to our brethren. Those who are familiar with my style know that my subject matter expertise ranges from the historical, to the philosophical, to the esoteric. This time I will speak on further ideas of Enlightenment and what it means after having served as Worshipful Master and after reaching a milestone for length of service. Rather than go into any further detail I will leave you with this quote for you to dwell on: "Enlightenment is a destructive process..."

In Light & Love,
Raymond Ortiz II,
Worshipful Master

Awaiting MM Exam

Miguel Ramos Rivera

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 Jumkhwala

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

Awaiting Dual Membership

Matthew E. Victoria

Sanjeev Verma

Under Investigation

Shawn Rapach (I. Garcia PM)

Clivens Louisfort



**MASONIC TEMPLE DATES:
NOVEMBER**

MT. ZION LODGE #135 F&AM:

11/2 - Lodge – Service Pin Night.

Dinner 6:30 PM & Meeting 7:30 PM.

11/9 – FC Degree. Dinner 6:30 PM & Degree at 7:30 PM.

11/16 – Lodge – Nominations for 2018. Dinner 6:30 PM & Meeting 7:30 PM.

APPENDANT BODIES:

OES – 1st & 3rd Tuesdays

DeMolay – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays

Rainbow – 1st & 3rd Fridays

Edison Square Club – 2nd Monday

Shrine Patrol – 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.
- **Menlo Park Veterans Home.**
11/12 @ 9 AM.
- **Raritan Valley Shrine Club 11/20.**
Social Hour 6 PM, Dinner 7 PM.
- **DLI 11/29 @ 7 PM.**
Location TBD.

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

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4th Friday @ 7:30

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1st & 3rd Thursdays @ 7:30

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