

## 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
Stephen R. Dovidas	2005
Robert J. Krumm PGC	2007
Michael F. Firkser PDDGM	2008 & 2009*
Douglas H. Mount	2008
William Billich PGC	2009
James Iacone	2010
Norman P. Thime	2011
Stephen J. Kedmenec	2012
C. John Lashley DRI	2013
Michael Emerson	2014*
Isidoro Garcia GC	2014 & 2015
Cristian A. Ossa GC	2016
Raymond Ortiz II	2017
John Sigismondi	2018*
Howard J. Stevenson PGC	1997, 2004 & 2018

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George Matthes – 2018  
C. John Lashley DRI – 2019  
Joseph Valenzuela - 2020

### TEMPLE BOARD

Cristian Ossa GC – 2018  
Jim Iacone PM – 2019  
Isidoro Garcia GC - 2020

### STANDING COMMITTEES:

#### Finance

Senior Warden\*  
Junior Warden  
Senior Deacon

#### Visiting & Relief

W. Billich PGC\*  
Senior Warden  
Junior Warden

#### Auditing

R. Ortiz II PM  
B. Collier

### AD HOC COMITTEES:

#### Blood Bank

J. Almerino

#### Level Club

I. Garcia GC\*  
R. Krumm PGC  
J. Iacone PM  
G. Mehra  
JR Almerino  
E. Bagley  
B. Nayyar  
R. Ortiz II PM  
J. Nalepa

#### Mentoring & Renewal

J. Lashley DRI

#### Lodge Ritual Instruction

Howard J. Stevenson, PGC

#### Educator of the Year

Cristian Ossa GC

#### Event Planning

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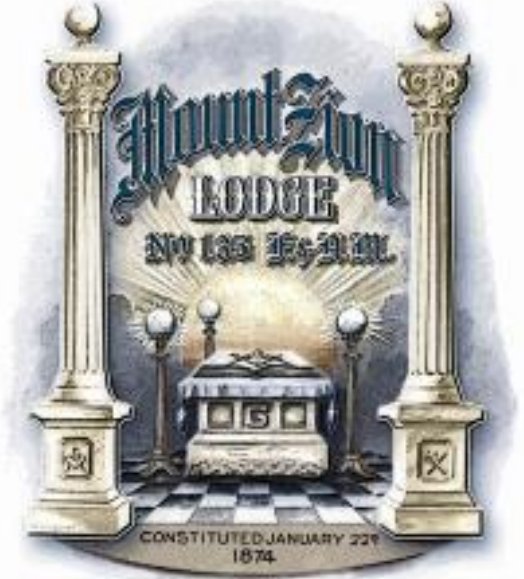
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## Mt. Zion Lodge #135 F&AM

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

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Metuchen, NJ 08840  
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# NOVEMBER 2018



My Brothers, the first thing most of us think about when November is mentioned is Thanksgiving Day, so I decided that the theme of this month's message would be thanksgiving. Thanksgiving was first celebrated in the United States in October 1621 by the Pilgrims, to celebrate their first harvest in the New World. This started a tradition, and in 1789 Br. George Washington set aside a national day of thanks; however, it was Abraham Lincoln, who in 1861, issued a proclamation calling for a federal Thanksgiving holiday, writing that the country's gifts from God should be "solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American people".

Too often we take for granted the manifold Blessings and comforts we enjoy. Too often we act as though we are responsible for everything good in our lives. Too often we forget that our gifts are blessings from God. We forget that all things are possible through Him, but without Him we are nothing. My Brother, whether you are a successful businessman, a doctor, a lawyer, a mechanic like me, or whatever your profession or vocation, always remember that we owe it all to God and to Him belong the praise and glory. So Thanksgiving Day, 2018, you should be thankful, not only of the food you will eat, but be also thankful for the family and friends with whom you will gather. Be thankful for being alive and to be able to celebrate yet another Thanksgiving day. Be thankful that God has seen it fit to Bless you with all of your unique talents. Be thankful to have been born, or at least to be living in a country in which people can speak their minds, in a country where a person's only limitations are those he places on himself. Yes, we have much to be thankful for, and even when things seem bleak, remember the comments made by John Bradford in reference to a group of prisoners "there but for the grace of God go I".

A happy Thanksgiving to all and I challenge each and every one of you to donate to a church, homeless shelter or any of the many organizations out there, money or food, enough to feed at least 1 person on Thanksgiving day.

Fraternally,  
*Howard Stevenson PGC*  
Worshipful Master

Awaiting MM Degree  
*Clivens Louisfort*  
*Gabriel Georgian*  
Awaiting FC Degree  
*Joseph L. Spencer*  
*Mohamed M. Mohamed*  
*Damian C. Krause*  
*Giovanni Giornalista*  
*Cesar P. Lopes*  
*Daniel Hemhauser*  
*Shawn Rapach*  
Awaiting EA Degree  
*Leon I. Haller*  
*Cristian E. Ossa*

**MASONIC TEMPLE DATES:  
NOVEMBER 2018**

**MT. ZION LODGE #135 F&AM:**

**11/1 - Lodge – Dinner 6:30 PM & Meeting 7:30 PM. (Business Suit). MM rehearsal follows.**

**11/3 – MM Degree @ 1 PM. Dinner follows. (Officers formal).**

**11/8 – Rehearsal @ 6:30 PM. 2019 Officers will do Opening & Closing. (casual).**

**11/15 - Lodge – Dinner 6:30 PM & Meeting 7:30 PM. (Business Suit). 2019 Officer Nominations.**

**11/29 – Meeting with the SW to discuss 2019 plans. Past Masters only. (casual). Dinner @ 6:30 PM.**

**OTHER GROUPS:**

OES – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays  
DeMolay – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays  
Rainbow – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays  
Edison Square Club – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday  
Raritan Valley Crescent Club – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday  
Sciots – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday  
Rainbow Board – 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup>:** Breast Cancer Benefit Dinner  
Jerusalem Lodge @ 6 PM. \$30 PP. (flyer attached).

**Sunday November 18<sup>th</sup>:** Menlo Park Veterans Home;  
chapel escort @ 9:30 AM.

**Wednesday November 28<sup>th</sup>:** DLI Azure Masada, @ 6:30 PM  
– Masters & Wardens Meeting with DLI to follow.  
**Qualification & Installing Teams only.**



**GRAND LODGE EVENTS:**

**Grand Lodge Emergent Communication**

Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 9 AM  
Masonic Fellowship Center - Burlington, NJ.  
Carpool from Lodge @ 7:30 AM.

**Master's & Warden's Education Day**

Saturday January 26, 2019 @ 8 AM  
Register: [rogerguan@gmail.com](mailto:rogerguan@gmail.com)  
Masonic Fellowship Center – Burlington, NJ.

**The 10<sup>th</sup> Masonic District**

***Atlas Pythagoras #10***

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***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  
2<sup>nd</sup> Friday @ 7:30

***Loyalty #33***

1912 Morris Ave.  
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1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays @ 7:30

***Mt. Zion #135***

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***Theodore Roosevelt #219***

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