

## Living Past Masters

Malcolm B. Wernik, PGM	1961
Carl F. Wheeler PGMAR	1970*
Howard S. Schneiweis	1971*
Mitchell J. Flaster	1972*
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	2014 & 2015
Cristian A. Ossa PGC	2016
Raymond Ortiz II	2017
John Sigismondi	2018 & 2019*
Lou Gendron	2018*
Howard J. Stevenson PGC	1997, 2004 & 2018
Ernest Bagley	2019

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George Matthes – 2019  
Joseph Valenzuela – 2020  
Ray Ortiz II PM - 2021

### TEMPLE BOARD

Jim Iacone PM – 2019  
Isidoro Garcia PM – 2020  
Howard Stevenson PGC - 2021

### STANDING COMMITTEES:

#### Finance

Senior Warden\*  
Junior Warden  
Senior Deacon

#### Visiting & Relief

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Senior Warden  
Junior Warden

#### Auditing

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#### Lodge Ritual Instruction

Howard J. Stevenson, PGC

#### AD HOC COMITTEES:

#### Blood Bank

G. Matthes\*

#### Level Club

I. Garcia PM\*  
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J. Iacone PM  
G. Mehra  
JR Almerino  
B. Nayyar  
R. Ortiz II PM  
J. Nalepa

#### Outreach Committee

R. Windisch\*

#### Technology Committee

N. Sathi\*

#### Event Planning

R. Fortuna\*

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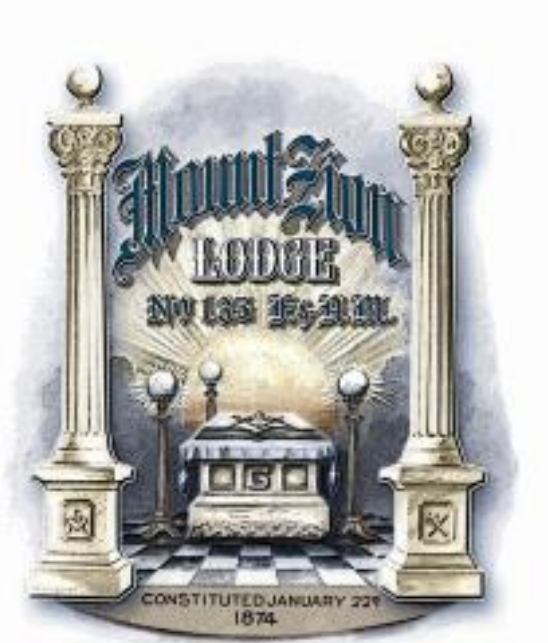
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## Mt. Zion Lodge #135 F&AM

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

483 Middlesex Avenue  
Metuchen, NJ 08840  
<http://mtzion135.org>

# NOVEMBER 2019

*FREEMASONRY promotes a way of life that binds like-minded men with the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth in order to serve God, Family, Country, Neighbor and Self. -The Grand Lodge of NJ*



Brethren:

We often have it in our heads that if I do "A" it will lead to "B" which will ultimately lead to "C" or our desired outcome. But life rarely goes in a straight line. I

doubt there is one amongst us who hasn't experienced this in some shape or form. There always seems to be some unforeseen problem, or situation that will arise just as we believe we should be crossing the finish line.

This can often lead to a feeling of stress, frustration, or disappointment. But I am here to tell you that all problems are a gift if we just choose to view them that way. Every problem or set back presents us with a learning opportunity and a chance to grow.

Just think, if we were handed our dream today whatever that may be (winning the lottery, becoming CEO of a large company, etc.) more than likely we would fail or severely struggle to succeed with it. We must grow into the person who is capable of handling such responsibility.

So how do we grow into that person? We must expand our threshold of control, and the way we do that, is by solving and overcoming problems. If we were to live a life where nothing ever went wrong and everything always went as expected, we would be a mere fraction of the men we are today!

I'm quite sure we can all look back and recall some perceived obstacle or insurmountable problem we had to face. We thought "how will I ever get through this?" But now, having solved that problem before, we would just breeze through it and be on our way. By persevering and overcoming that problem we expanded our threshold of control. We have grown into a bigger person capable of handling that same situation without the feeling of fear or frustration.

Remember, the real reward in life comes not from reaching our goals, but from the person we become in the process of reaching them.

Fraternally,

*Ernest Bagley*

Worshipful Master

**Awaiting FC Degree**

*Shawn Rapach*

*Cristian E. Ossa*

*Leon I. Haller*

**Awaiting EA Degree**

*Jeremiah Hans-Jorie*

*Matthew John Robins*

**MASONIC TEMPLE DATES:**

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

**11/7 - Lodge – Dinner 6:30 PM & Meeting 7:30 PM.**

**11/14 – Rehearsal @ 6:30 PM.**

**11/21 – Lodge – Dinner 6:30 PM & Meeting 7:30 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

Sciots – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday



**IMPORTANT DATES – 10<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT:**

**FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE**

*Tuesday November 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM*

*Jerusalem Lodge #26*

**MASTER MASON DEGREE**

*Friday November 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM*

*Lafayette Lodge #27*



**GRAND LODGE EVENTS:**

**TOWN HALL MEETING**

*Wednesday November 6<sup>th</sup>*

*Burlington, NJ*

*(Details to follow.)*

**WINTER EDUCATION SEMINAR**

*Saturday January 25<sup>th</sup>, 8 AM to 12:30 PM.*

*Fellowship Center – Burlington, NJ*

**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***

*1550 Irving Street*

*Rahway, NJ 07065*

*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.*

*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*

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*Carteret, NJ 07008*

*2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays @ 7:30*