

## 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

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Senior Deacon

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### Auditing

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Ray Ortiz II  
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### Lodge Ritual Instruction

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### Lodge Trustees

Subir Saha – 2016  
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Robert Hember - 2018

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Isidoro Garcia PM – 2017  
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# OCTOBER

# 2016





Brethren:

As we are all immersed with our end of year plans, and those with children are settling into a new routine, many of our thoughts have turned to the upcoming election, and the disharmony it causes in this

country. As I write this, the first debate is two short days away, in what will likely be a historic event. I have also noticed that as we, as Masons, discuss certain topics, we occasionally forget our oaths and vows of "peace and harmony prevailing."

The challenge here is to be able to disagree with a brother, and yet continue to love, respect, and ultimately view him as a brother. We all took the same oath, in the same room, in the same way and manner, and that has created a bond, as thick as blood. While we each chose to join this glorious fraternity, we did not necessarily hand-select every member. There might indeed occasionally be disagreement among the brethren. I believe this is one strength of Freemasonry.

As I have mentioned in open Lodge more than once; disagreement is healthy, and to be expected. Disagreements are natural and not un-masonic but important issues pertaining to the Lodge should be discussed on the Lodge floor. Disharmony, discontent, fracturing and cliques develop when important issues are discussed behind the scenes in order to gain consensus on ones personal opinion.

However, once all have had a chance to speak and deliberate, respect must be given to the decision of the Lodge as a whole. Growth comes from change, which, at times can be painful. This does not mean disharmony. In its history, Masonry, both internationally and in America, has been the home to notable "great thinkers." In examining these thinkers, a theme arises: most of the accomplishments these great thinkers are known for did not come simply by staying within what would now be dictated by today's "Masonic Harmony." These men challenged establishments, whether in the political arena, theological, or philosophical. The Masonic Communications these men attended were not quiet business meetings. Perhaps it is good to try new things, encourage new thinking, and reach out to new and different opportunities.

"Harmony" can sometimes be a two-edged sword; those who favor the status-quo are not necessarily favoring the original decision, rather they might have concern over the present discord. What is worth noting in this situation is; who makes the first accusation of "disharmony" - and for what reasons.

Unfortunately, the call that someone has been disharmonious is nearing to the conditions found in the Internet's "Godwin's Law": the longer a Masonic subject requires rational

thought, the faster the proponents of the status-quo will label those supporting the other side as disharmonious.

Disharmony from my perspective is simple to avoid with three simple rules. 1) If you must speak (ill) of another brother, speak to them only, 2) If others are speaking ill, walk away and finally, 3) if there is a disconnect, have those in the dispute speak. And finally, always, always respect the will of the Lodge – Peace and Harmony prevailing.

*(parts taken from The Masonic Dictionary Project)*

Regards,  
*Christian A. Ossa*  
Worshipful Master

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***Evan X. Bakhet***

***Trevor Robinson***

***George Matthes***

**Awaiting MM Degree**

***Gregory Botvinik***

**Awaiting FC Degree**

***Miguel Ramos Rivera***

***Abbas Jumkhawala***

***Matthew Corley***

***Manuel Taipina***

***Reynaldo Mangual***

**Awaiting EA Degree**

***Arthur G. Lewis***

***Blama-cee Edwards***

***Ricardo Calo Rodriguez***

**Awaiting Dual Membership**

***Philip N. Bazeley***

**Under Investigation**

***Less Q. Butler***

***Joseph L. Spencer***

**OCTOBER LODGE DATES – 2016**

**10/4 - OES 7:30 PM.**

**10/6 - Lodge 6:30 PM.**

**10/7 - Rainbow 6:30 PM. (Lodge Room)**

**10/7 – Pizza Contest 6 PM. (Wernik Room)**

**10/10 –Edison Square Club 6 PM.**

**10/11 – DeMolay 7:30 PM.**

**10/13 - Lodge Rehearsal 7 PM**

**10/17 - Shrine Patrol 7:30 PM.**

**10/18 - OES 7:30 PM.**

**10/19 – Sciots 7 PM.**

**10/20 – Lodge 6:30 PM.**

**10/21 – Rainbow 6:30 PM.**

**10/24 – Ambassadors 7 PM.**

**10/25 - DeMolay 7:30 PM.**

**10/26 – DLI 6 PM.**

**10/27 - Lodge Rehearsal 7 PM.**

**10<sup>th</sup> District Events:**

**10/23 – Menlo Park Veterans Home**

**10/26 – DLI – Mt. Zion Lodge**



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***Jerusalem #26***

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Plainfield, NJ 07060

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***Lafayette #27***

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4<sup>th</sup> Friday @ 7:30

***Loyalty #33***

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Union, NJ 07083

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