

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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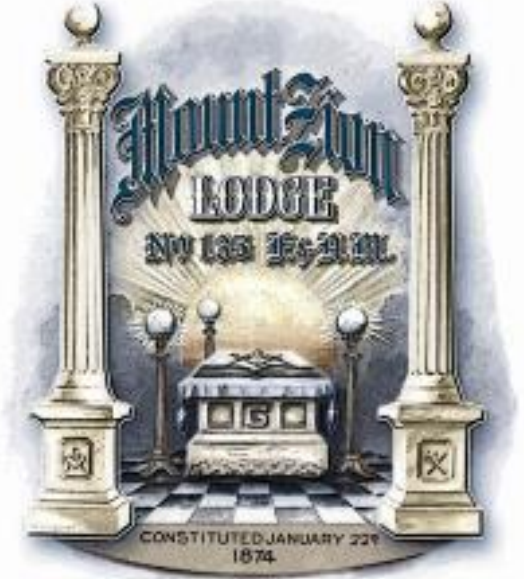
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OCTOBER 2017



Brethren:

The Fall is upon on and shortly after Winter is coming! As many of you know Halloween is my favorite holiday for a variety of reasons. While many view this as another commercialized

holiday with little meaning, in my own path of knowledge and enlightenment I reflect on the symbolic, spiritual and esoteric meaning behind the significance of Halloween.

Halloween dates back to about 1745 and is said to be of Christian origin with the meaning for the word meaning "hallowed evening" or "holy evening." The occasion is inspired by Celtic and pagan roots and was typically a festival to celebrate the end of harvest and the beginning of winter or "the darker half of the year."

Given recent events and many of our experiences from the past 9 months, we are reminded that Halloween at its simplest is a celebration of the cycle of life, death and rebirth. As Masons we need not go further than our own Master Mason degree for this reference and as devout men of our respective faiths we go no further than the Bible or other religious texts.

Many people associate Halloween with darkness, as defined by the macabre or evil, but in reality darkness is not a representation of evil but rather, a representation of the unknown. Spiritually, we operate between two worlds and that unknown veil separates the living and the dead. Physically, we operate between the confines of our passions and desires.

As Masons we are taught about the veil of allegory but we rarely pull back that veil on things outside of the lodge. I urge my brethren that unless we work to pull back the veil of darkness, light cannot enter.

In Light & Love,
Raymond Ortiz II,
Worshipful Master

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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 Dual Membership
Matthew E. Victoria
Under Investigation
Shawn Rapach (I. Garcia PM)
Neel Sathi (TBD)



**MASONIC TEMPLE DATES:
OCTOBER**

MT. ZION LODGE #135 F&AM:

10/5 - Lodge – OES Night.

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

10/12 – Rehearsal @ 7 PM.

10/19 – Lodge Regular Communication.

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

10/26 – FC Degree, dinner at 6:30 PM & degree at 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:

- **Metuchen Fair – October 7th**
- **OES Master Mason Night – October 3rd**
- **Jerusalem Lodge #26 Bicentennial Gala October 20th @ The Westwood in Garwood, NJ.**
- **DLI October 25th @ 7 PM. Loyalty Lodge #33.**

The 10th Masonic District

Atlas Pythagoras #10

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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.
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1st & 3rd Tuesdays @ 7:30

Mt. Zion #135

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1st & 3rd Thursdays @ 7:30

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