

## 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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Junior Warden  
Senior Deacon

### Visiting & Relief

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Junior Warden

### Auditing

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Stephen Kedmenec PM

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### Blood Bank

J. Almerino

### Level Club

I. Garcia PM\*  
R. Krumm PGC  
J. Iacone PM  
G. Mehra  
JR Almerino  
E. Bagley  
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### Mentoring & Renewal

J. Lashley DRI  
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### Lodge Ritual Instruction

Howard J. Stevenson, PGC

### Educator of the Year

Cristian Ossa PM

### Lodge Trustees

Gregory May – Interim  
George Matthes – Interim  
C. John Lashley PM - 2019

### Temple Board

Isidoro Garcia PM – 2017  
Cristian Ossa PM – 2018  
Jim Iacone PM - 2019

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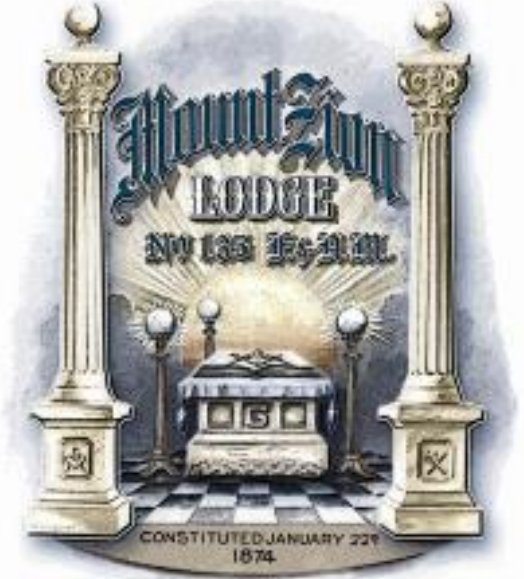
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## Mt. Zion Lodge #135 F&AM

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

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# SEPTEMBER 2017



Brethren:

Some recent events have reminded me of an interesting concept about our fraternity. Freemasonry is not a Democracy. We employ democratic processes such as open discussion and voting in the lodge, but ultimately the Worshipful Master is the final decision maker. It is a sort of benevolent dictatorship reminiscent of the Kings of all ages. King Solomon was said to be a great ruler and wise beyond his years. He ruled with an iron fist and made demands when necessary but he often listened to his people. Ultimately, he made the necessary decisions to build an empire.

Though many of us will preside and be endowed with rank and title, we must not forget that both mean little in terms of successful leadership. A man can be a king, potentate or Worshipful Master and fail at being a leader if he has not earned the respect of his followers, his people, or his team. Respect is bidirectional and it is earned. Being a leader means putting the needs of the greater good above your own. It is about having difficult conversations. It is about admitting when you are wrong. It is about standing up and fighting for what you know is right. It is also about pushing others forward so they can continue a legacy. The best leaders are those that earn respect through action and who everyone can see has wrought and worked in the quarries. After all, who is best to lead and make a demand than someone who has done the work?

As a spiritual, philosophical and esoteric science, Freemasonry makes good men better by creating leaders. The proud, the arrogant, the self-absorbed, and those who cannot take criticism often cause disharmony and many eventually find their ways out of our organization due to lack of personal gain.

Being a leader is about knowing when to ask and when to demand. It is about communicating. It is about holding others to their commitments. It is also about knowing how to select the right person to do the job so they can exceed expectations.

In our lodge, we have built a family. We have built a new legacy. We need to continue to build a team that can carry that torch forward, unselfishly. "Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power." -Abraham Lincoln

In Light & Love,  
**Raymond Ortiz II,**  
Worshipful Master

- Awaiting MM Exam
- Miguel Ramos Rivera**
- Reynaldo Mangual**
- Awaiting MM Degree
- Manuel Taipina**
- Raymond B. Fortuna**
- Jesse J. Nalepa**
- Swain O. Joseph**
- Blama-cee Edwards**
- Charles R. Gibardi**
- Less Q. Butler**
- Awaiting FC Degree
- Abbas Jumkhwala**
- Arthur G. Lewis**
- Joseph L. Spencer**
- Mohamed M. Mohamed**
- Damian C. Krause**
- Marvin Mejia**
- Awaiting EA Degree
- Giovanni Giornalista**
- Under Investigation
- Shawn Rapach (I. Garcia PM)**
- Cesar P. Lopes (R. Ortiz PM)**
- Daniel Hemhauser (I. Garcia PM)**



## MASONIC TEMPLE DATES: SEPTEMBER

MT. ZION LODGE #135 F&AM:  
9/7 - Lodge Regular Communication,  
dinner 6:30 PM, meeting 7:30 PM.

9/14 – MM Gold Collar Degree @ 6:30  
PM. Dinner @ 5:45 PM. Atlas Pythagoras  
Lodge. Official visit of the GM.

9/21 – Lodge Regular Communication,  
dinner 6:30 PM, meeting 7:30 PM.

9/28 – EA Degree, dinner at 6:30 PM &  
degree at 7:30 PM.

### APPENDANT BODIES:

- 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
- Square Club – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday
- Shrine Patrol – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday
- Shrine Ambassadors – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday
- Sciots – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday
- Rainbow Board – 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday

### IMPORTANT DATES:

**DLI September 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM.**  
**Loyalty Lodge**

**Sojourner Kilwinning Lodge**  
**Trip - September 23rd.**

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**Atlas Pythagoras #10**  
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Westfield, NJ 07090  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays @ 7:30

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

**Loyalty #33**  
1912 Morris Ave.  
Union, NJ 07083  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays @ 7:30

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