

Living Past Masters

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| 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 |
| 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 |
| Robert. Windisch | 2020 |
| Eugene Grace | 2020* |
| JR Almerino | 2021 |

* - Master in an affiliated Lodge.



Grand Master of Masons of the State of NJ

MW Robert V. Monacelli, 100 Barrack St., Trenton, NJ 08608
609.239.3937

District Deputy Grand Master of the 10th Masonic Dist.

RW C. John Lashley, 69 Hickory St. Metuchen NJ 08840
732-662-4831 cjohnlash@gmail.com

District Ritual Instructor: RW Raymond Siecinski

64 E. Somerset Street, Apt. 2 Raritan, NJ 08869
732-715-1567 Ray22ski@yahoo.com

Central NJ Dist. Rep., MSA Visitation

Jim Cairns (732)801-7888 jdcairns@comcast.net

LODGE TRUSTEES

Ernest Bagley 2021
George Matthes – 2022
Howard Stevenson PCG 2023

TEMPLE BOARD

Howard Stevenson PGC – 2021
Jim Iacone PM - 2022
Isidoro Garcia PM – 2023

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

Lodge Ritual Instruction

Howard J. Stevenson, PGC

AD HOC COMITTEES:

Blood Bank

G. Matthes*

Level Club

C. Gibardi*
I. Garcia PM
R. Krumm PGC
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*

Charity Committee

G. Georgian*

*Chairman

OFFICERS – 2021

Worshipful Master – JR Almerino PM
(732)829-2579 JRAlmerino@aol.com

Senior Warden – Raymond Fortuna
(732)767-0621 rfortuna@hotmail.com

Junior Warden - Charles Gibardi
(732) 221-0198 glarc198@gmail.com

Treasurer – Norman Thime PM
20 Piersoll Rd. Old Bridge, NJ 08857
(732)723-0355 npthime@yahoo.com

Secretary – Cristian Ossa PGC
22 Woodrow Wilson Place Edison, NJ 08820
(732)735-4908 MtZion135.Sec@gmail.com

Secretary Emeritus – Jim Iacone PM
(732)910-5782 meda1047@aol.com

Chaplain – Les Butler
(313)915-6568 lessq@hotmail.com

Senior Deacon – George Matthes
(201)681-3848 gmatthes@gmail.com

Junior Deacon – Ricardo Calo Rodriguez
(939)218-3212 v.calol@yahoo.com

Sr. MC – Ben Nayyar
(732)744-6667 nayyarben@gmail.com

Jr. MC – Gabriel Georgeian
(908)421-2047 gabrielgeorgeian@gmail.com

Sr. Steward – (TBD)

Jr. Steward – (TBD)

Marshal – Jim Iacone PM
(732)910-5782 meda1047@aol.com

Organist – Darryl Kuebler PDDGM
(732)735-2097 allprosvcl@aol.com

Historian – Subir Saha

Tyler - Douglas Mount PM
(908)331-0429 mount1@aol.com

Proxy to Grand Lodge – George Matthes
(201)681-3848 gmatthes@gmail.com



Mt. Zion Lodge #135 F&AM

Stated Meetings: 1st & 3rd Thursdays @ 7:30 pm.

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

April 2021

(updated on April 7, 2021)

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,

I hope this message finds you all well and your families safe and sound.

On March 20th, 2021 we officially started the Spring equinox season! Spring represents the beginning that daylight will start to increase, so we experience more light such as illuminating, reminding us that the light will always return to earth. Hence, this equinox is the representation of new life and light, new beginnings, paths and seeds. It provides us with hope that the darkness will soon be behind us and our focus should be on what lies ahead. Each of us has their own unique set of challenges that we must endure and conquer and as a brotherhood we should never forget that in times of need help is closer than we realize. Sometimes it is offered before we can ask. Friends and brothers give you a hand up, governments give you a handout, and as a brotherhood never forget that we expect nothing in return from our brothers. We do simply because it is who we are. We are men with clearly defined moral and ethical compasses. It sets us apart from other entities and keeps our craft stable, grounded and perpetuating.

Never lose sight of who you are, regardless of how challenging a situation might seem at the time. You are surrounded by your brothers. I read somewhere that at a point in time our Master Mason degree used to include as part of the ritual where 12 brothers would encircle the candidate in a dark lodge room and the candidate was told that if they betrayed any of the secrets of masonry this would happen. The lights were turned on and all twelve brothers would have

swords drawn pointing at the candidate. Then the lights would go off and the candidate was told that if they were in distress this would happen. The lights would go on and all twelve brothers would have their backs to the candidate and swords pointed outward. We do the same thing today only in a different fashion.

Stay well brothers.

Fraternally Yours,

JR Almerino, WM

Awaiting MM Degree

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Jeremiah Hans-Jorie</i> | <i>David Awad</i> |
|----------------------------|-------------------|

Awaiting FC Degree

| | |
|---|--|
| <i>Shawn Rapach</i> <i>Cristian E. Ossa</i> <i>Leon I. Haller</i> | <i>Matthew John Robins</i> <i>Juan Velez-Restrepo</i> |
|---|--|

Awaiting EA Degree

Shiv Patel

Under Investigation

| | |
|---|----------------------|
| <i>Morgan Browning</i> <i>Victor Denis</i> | <i>Neilon Peters</i> |
|---|----------------------|

MT. ZION LODGE #135 F&AM:

4/1 – Regular communication. 7:30pm. Officers only. Max 25 allowed in meeting. Will have partial meeting over Zoom.

4/8 – Rehearsal. You will be notified by the WM if your attendance is required.

4/55 – Regular communication. 7:30pm. Officers only. Max 10 allowed in meeting.

Will have partial meeting over Zoom.

4/22 – Emergent Communication – Entered Apprentice Degree.

OTHER GROUPS:

Blue Lodge night – 1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Blue Lodge night – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays
Rainbow – 1st & 3rd Fridays
Edison Square Club – 2nd Monday
Scots – 4th Monday

IMPORTANT DATES

- **INSTRUCTION Still happening** on the phone and video chat. PLEASE CALL the Senior Deacon for additional information.
- **M-F at 9pm**, Video call with the Brethren. See email or call George Matthes (SD) for information.

10th DISTRICT INSTRUCTION

- LaFayette Lodge on April 28th (4th Wednesday). If the 25-peron maximum per room rule is still in place, it will be for Masters and Wardens only. If things open up, it will be for all officers.

GRAND LODGE

The Grand Lodge of New Jersey will conduct an Emergent Communication on April 24, 2021. The Emergent Communication will be held in Fellowship Center in Burlington, NJ at 9:00 AM, and will abide with any Executive Order from the Governor of New Jersey at that time. You will be receiving complete details within the next 45 days. If you are

submitting any legislation it must be in the Grand Secretaries office by March 12, 2021.

The 10th Masonic District

Atlas Pythagoras #10

1101 Central Avenue
Westfield, NJ 07090
1st & 3rd Fridays @ 7:30

Azure Masada #22

1550 Irving Street
Rahway, NJ 07065
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
2nd Friday @ 7:30

Loyalty #33

1912 Morris Ave.
Union, NJ 07083
1st & 3rd Tuesdays @ 7:30

Mt. Zion #135

483 Middlesex Ave.
Metuchen, NJ 08540
1st & 3rd Thursdays @ 7:30

Theodore Roosevelt #219

86 Elm Street
Carteret, NJ 07008
2nd & 4th Mondays @ 7:30