

Living Past Masters

Carl F. Wheeler PGMAR	1970*
Howard S. Schneiweis	1971*
William C. Nann	1986
Paul J. Reed II	1988
Richard A. Egan	1990
Stephen J. Hornak Jr. PDRI	1991
Eugene C. Conner	1992
Rohinton F. Cama	1996
Andrew H. Zagoren	1998
John W. Friedline	1999
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
Frank Parker	2010 *
Norman P. Thime	2011
Stephen J. Kedmenec	2012
C. John Lashley DDGM	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
Ray Fortuna	2022
B. Collier	2022*

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Subir Saha – 2022
Howard Stevenson PGC - 2023
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TEMPLE BOARD

Jim Iacone PM - 2022
Isidoro Garcia PM – 2023
JR Almerino PM - 2024

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 PM

Lodge Ritual Instruction

Howard J. Stevenson, PGC

AD HOC COMITTEES:

Blood Bank

G. Matthes*

Level Club

C. Gibardi* (thru 9/22/22)
I. Garcia PM (thru 10/24/24)
R. Ortiz II PM (thru 9/2/24)
G. Matthes (thru 9/14/24)
G. Georgian (thru 9/26/22)
M Firkser PDDGM (thru 1/24/22)
R. Krum PGC (thru 11/8/24)

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S. Saha*

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R. Fortuna*

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Mt. Zion Lodge #135 F&AM

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December 2022

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

My Brother:

As my year as Worshipful Master is coming to a close, my hope is – like all the Masters have gone before me - that I am leaving our Lodge in better shape than how I received it. All my messages were intended to be encouraging and Inspirational and I hope, that in some small way that I was able to achieve this goal.

2022 has been a special year for Mt. Zion Lodge. We not only experienced an influx of younger members, all of whom I believe will be assets to our Lodge, but even more importantly, we experienced a heightened level of cooperation and togetherness between our younger and older members.

Our younger members came with fresh and new exciting ideas and our older members embraced these new ideas and they worked together towards implement them.

Remember that in every Institution there are those who do, and others who tell everyone else how it should be done or how it should have been done. My message to you this month my brother, is not to stand aside and wait for someone else to do the work; rather, focus all your energy towards doing whatever needs to be done. Approach every task in your Masonic as well as in your personal life, with a steadfast commitment of making a difference. You do not have to be perfect, but always give maximum effort. So, when there is work to be done, do not wait and hope that someone else does it, but rather jump right in and give it everything you have; approach it with energy and enthusiasm. Respect your effort; whatever you do, do it well. Do it without condescension and without resentment, but with focus and with enthusiasm. If you bring this positive attitude to every aspect of your life, you will realize that you are in control and that the outcome will directly depend on your own effort.

My Brother, it was indeed my pleasure to serve as Your Worshipful Master this year and I thank you for all your hard work and sacrifice and hope that

you will give the same level of commitment to our next Worshipful Master.
May God Bless you and your family. Happy Holidays.

Sincerely & fraternally,

WM Raymond Fortuna

Awaiting MM Degree

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Awaiting FC Degree

<i>Leon I. Haller</i>	<i>Juan Velez-Restrepo</i> <i>Don Deluca</i>
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Awaiting EA Degree

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Under Investigation

<i>Victor Denis</i>	<i>Russ Palankerin</i>
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MT. ZION LODGE #135 F&AM:

12/1 – Regular Communication 7:30pm. 6:30 dinner. Annual Meeting Election of Officers.

12/4 – Officers Appreciation Dinner @ 4:00 pm. RSVP to the WM.

12/10 – Installation of Officers @ 1:00pm. Officers Dress is Formal

12/15 – @ 6:30pm Potluck Holiday Gathering

12/17 - @ 3:00pm Story Time with Santa
12/25 – Happy Holidays.

OTHER GROUPS:

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

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Diaper Drive.** If you are able to donate Diapers, please drop them off at the Lodge.
 - **December 1st Annual Meeting**
Election of 2023 Officers.
December 4th @ 4:00pm Officers Appreciation Dinner. Please RSVP to WM.
 - **December 10th @ 1:00pm Installation of Officers**
 - **December 15th @ 6:30pm Potluck Holiday Gathering.**
 - **December 17th @ 3:00pm Story Time with Santa - Happy Holidays**
- 10th District**
Installation Dates:
12/9/2022 Lafayette Lodge @ 6pm
Dinner to follow. (Open)
12/10/2022 Mt. Zion Lodge @ 1pm
Lunch to follow (Open)
12/10/2022 Theodore Roosevelt Lodge @ 7pm
Dinner to follow (Open)
12/16/2022 Atlas Pythagoras Lodge @ 6:30pm
Dinner Installation to follow (Open)
12/17/2022 Inspiratus Lodge @ 9:30am
(Mt. Zion) Agape at Metuchen Inn to follow
RSVP RW Raymond Ortiz II (Open)
12/20/2022 Loyalty Lodge Dinner @ 6:30pm
Installation to follow. (Open)
1/7/2023 Jerusalem Lodge @ 2pm
Lunch to follow (Open)

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
105 East 7th Street
Plainfield, NJ 07060
2nd 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