

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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Howard Stevenson PGC - 2023
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TEMPLE BOARD

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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)

Technology Committee

S. Saha*

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R. Fortuna*

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G. Georgian*

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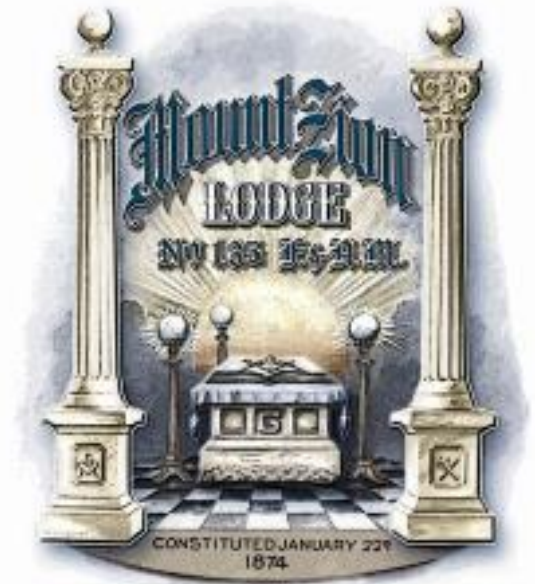
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Mt. Zion Lodge #135 F&AM

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

483 Middlesex Avenue
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November 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

The first thing most of us think about when the word November is mentioned is Thanksgiving Day. So I decided that the theme of this month's message is *Thanksgiving*. Thanksgiving was first celebrated in the United States in October 1621, by the Pilgrims, to celebrate their first harvest in the New World. This started a tradition, and in 1789 George Washington set aside a National Day of Thanks; however, it was Abraham Lincoln, who in 1861, issued a proclamation calling for a federal Thanksgiving holiday, writing that the country's gifts from God should be "solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American people". Too often we take for granted the manifold Blessings and comfort we enjoy. Too often we act as though we are responsible for everything good in our lives. Too often we forget that our gifts are blessings from God. We forget that all things are possible through Him, but without him we are nothing. My Brother, whether you are a doctor, a successful Businessman, a lawyer, or whatever your profession or vocation, always remember that we owe it all to God and to him belongs the praise and glory. So Thanksgiving Day, 2022, you should be thankful, not only for the food you will eat, but be also thankful for the family and friends with whom you will gather. Be thankful for being alive and to be able to celebrate yet another Thanksgiving Day. Be thankful that God has seen fit to Bless you with all of your unique talents and gifts. Be thankful to have been born, or at least to be living in a country in which people can speak their minds: in a country in which our only limitations are those we place upon ourselves. Yes, we have much to be thankful for, and even when things seem bleak, remember the comments made by John Bradford in reference to a group of prisoners "there but for the grace of God go I". A happy Thanksgiving to all and my personal challenge to each and every one of you is to donate to a church, homeless shelter or to any of the many organizations, whose primary purpose is to care for the homeless and the needy, enough money to feed at least 1 person on Thanksgiving Day.

Sincerely & fraternally,

WM Raymond Fortuna

Awaiting MM Degree

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Awaiting FC Degree

<i>Leon I. Haller</i>	<i>Juan Velez-Restrepo 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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Instruction: Every Thursday night at 6pm @ Mt. Zion Lodge. All EAs, FCs and unheard MMs expected to attend. Please call SD.

MT. ZION LODGE #135 F&AM:

11/3 – Regular Communication 7:30pm. 6:30 dinner. Service Pin Night

11/10 – Rehearsal. All Officers required to attend.

11/17 – Regular Communication 7:30pm. 6:30 dinner. Voting on NPD, Nominations for 2023 Officers.

11/19 – Friendsgiving Potluck Dinner 4:00pm-9:00pm

11/24 – Happy Thanksgiving.

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.
- **November 3rd Meeting**
Service Pin Night.
- **November 10th Rehearsal**
- **November 17th Meeting**
Voting on NPD, Nominations for 2023
November 19th 1st Friendsgiving Potluck
Dinner 4:00-9:00pm.
- **November 24th Happy Thanksgiving**

10th District

DLI November 30th at Loyalty Lodge
1912 Morris Ave.

Union NJ 07083

Installation Dates:

12/9/2022 Lafayette Lodge

12/10/2022 Mt. Zion Lodge (1pm)

12/10/2022 Theodore Roosevelt
Lodge(6pm)

12/16/2022 Atlas Pythagoras Lodge

12/17/2022 Inspiratus Lodge (Mt. Zion)

12/20/2022 Loyalty Lodge

1/7/2023 Jerusalem Lodge

Grand Lodge Annual

Communication is Tues Nov. 8 –
Thurs. Nov 10th.. Ceasars Hotel and

Casino 2100 Pacific Ave. Atlantic City,
NJ

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