

## ***Living Past Masters***

Howard S. Schneiveis	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 PDDGM	2013
Michael Emerson	2014*
Isidoro Garcia	2014 & 2015
Cristian A. Ossa PGC	2016
Raymond Ortiz II ATGM	2017
John Sigismondi	2018 & 2019*
Louis Gendron	2018*
Howard J. Stevenson PGC	1997, 2004 & 2018
Ernest Bagley	2019
Robert. Windisch	2020
Eugene Grace	2020*
JR Almerino	2021
Raymond Fortuna	2022

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### **LODGE TRUSTEES**

Howard Stevenson PGC - 2023  
Jerimiah Hans-Jorie – 2024  
John Lashley PDDGM - 2025

### **TEMPLE BOARD**

Jim Iacone PM - 2025  
JR Almerino PM – 2024  
Isidoro Garcia PM – 2023

### **Finance**

Senior Warden\*  
Junior Warden  
Senior Deacon

### **Visiting & Relief**

William Billich PGC\*  
Senior Warden  
Junior Warden

### **Auditing**

Ernest Bagley PM 2019\*  
Raymond Ortiz II ATGM  
Roderick Schwarz

### **Lodge Ritual Instruction**

Howard Stevenson, PGC

### **Blood Bank**

George Matthes\*

### **Level Club**

Raymond Ortiz II ATGM (thru 9/2/24)  
George Matthes (thru 9/14/24)  
Izzy Garcia PM (thru 10/24/24)  
Rob Krumm PGC (thru 11/8/24)  
John Friedline PM (thru 2/4/25)  
Gabriel Georgeian (thru 9/15/25)\*  
Mike Firkser PDDGM (thru 4/6/25)  
Shiv Patel (thru 1/20/26)

### **Technology Committee**

Michael Surowiec\*  
Subir Saha

### **Event Planning**

Raymond Fortuna PM 2022\*  
Ernest Bagley PM 2019  
Senior Steward  
Junior Steward

### **Charity Committee**

Gabriel Georgeian\*

### **Proxy to Grand Lodge**

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## ***Mt. Zion Lodge #135 F&AM***

**Stated Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays @ 7:30 pm.**  
**Rehearsals all other Thursdays @ 7:00pm.**

483 Middlesex Avenue  
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# ***September***

# ***2023***

Brethren,

I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer, and is looking forward to returning to our humble labors.

Henry Ford once said, "One of the greatest discoveries a person makes, one of their great surprises, is to find they can do what they were afraid they couldn't do." Fear is truly one of the greatest hindrances in our life. The fear of that first step, the fear of the unknown, the fear of failure, and the fear of anything and everything in between can put a hindrance to all we wish to achieve in life. The feeling of fear can force us to plant our feet on the ground, and walk no further down the path of life.

But fear not my Brothers, because fear can also be a great motivator. Mastering or conquering your fears can be some of the greatest accomplishments you will ever achieve. However, you need not ever need to conquer your fears alone. Let us always remember that as we try and conquer our fears, that your Brothers are always be here for you, and always will be for whatever you need in as you walk through life.

I now challenge you Brethren to take that first step, to achieve that goal you have set and then to contact a Brother for that support and his experience. Together we are that fraternity that strives to greater things each and every day.

Charles R. Gibardi Jr.  
Worshipful Master  
Mt. Zion Lodge 2023

***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 New Jersey.***

**Awaiting MM Degree**

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**Awaiting FC Degree**

<i><b>Kevin Arnold Val Veloso Jhanniny Marin Eric Melo</b></i>	<i><b>Don Deluca Anthony Egei Oleksandr Tokar</b></i>
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**Awaiting EA Degree**

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**Under Investigation**

<i><b>Russ Palankerin</b></i>	
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**Instruction:** Every Wednesday night at 8:30pm @ Mt. Zion Lodge. All EAs, FCs and unheard MMs expected to attend. Please call SD.

**OTHER GROUPS:**

Rainbow – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays  
Edison Square Club – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday  
Sciots – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- **Moms Helping Moms Diaper Drop Off Bin at Mt. Zion 24/7 Please Donate.**
- **September 7<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting 6:30pm dinner, 7:30pm Meeting. Speaker Moises Gomes**

- **September 14<sup>th</sup> Rehearsal FC 7pm.**
- **September 21<sup>st</sup> Regular Meeting presentation given by Lawrence Singer titled "Loge Liberte Cherie: The Formation of a Masonic Lodge in a World War 2 Concentration Camp" 6:30pm dinner, 7:30pm Meeting.**
- **September 27<sup>th</sup> DLI at Lafayette Lodge. Dinner with the Masters and Wardens meeting at 6:30PM. DLI starts promptly at 7PM.**
- **September 28<sup>th</sup> Rehearsal 7pm**
- **September 29<sup>th</sup> Central Candidates night at Philo Lodge, 120 Old Bridge TNPk, South River. Social at 5PM, Dinner at 6PM, Candidate Presentations at 7PM Cost is \$40.**
- **October 3<sup>rd</sup> South Candidates Night at Indian Springs Country Club, 115 S. Elmwood Rd, Marlton.**
- **October 5<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> district reception at The Pines Manor, 2085 Route 27, Edison. 5:30PM to 9:30PM \$65 PP.**
- **October 16<sup>th</sup> Grand Lodge Zoom for Candidates running opposed only. Zoom details forthcoming.**
- **October 30<sup>th</sup> Candidates Night North at Hanover Manor, 16 Eagle Rock Rd, East Hanover**
- **11/ 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> Grand Lodge at The Tropicana Hotel and Casino Atlantic City**

- **6/28/24 Mt. Zion's 150 Year Galla at The Pines Manor. Tickets Forthcoming.**

**The 10<sup>th</sup> Masonic District**

***Atlas Pythagoras #10***

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

***Jerusalem #26***

105 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Plainfield, NJ 07060  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday @ 7:30

***Lafayette #27***

1550 Irving Street  
Rahway, NJ 07065  
2<sup>nd</sup> Friday @ 7:30

***Loyalty #33***

1912 Morris Ave.  
Union, NJ 07083  
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***Mt. Zion #135***

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1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays @ 7:30

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2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays @ 7:30

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483 Middlesex Ave  
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2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of Feb, May, Aug and Nov @ 8am