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The REDWOOD BUILDER



W.: Roy Gessman 2020-2021

REDWOOD LODGE NO. 35 A.F. & A.M., EAST PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND
Constituted June 10, 1878

M.W. Gary S. Kaufman
Grand Master
R.W. Melvin E. Silverio
Grand Marshal

1429 REGULAR COMMUNICATION
Monday December 14, 2020

R.W. Andre H. Faria, Jr.
District Deputy Grand Master
W. Brandt D. Evans
Grand Master of Ceremonies



A VERY HAPPY AND HEALTHY HOLIDAY SEASON TO ALL OF OUR BRETHREN, THEIR FAMILIES AND OUR FRIENDS

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REGULAR COMMUNICATION

Second Monday of each Month
(except July & August)

Rehearsals - Wednesday Preceding the Communication,
at 7 p.m.

Read-Through - Second Wednesday Preceding the Communication

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Second Monday in May

Freemasons' Hall

222 Taunton Avenue

East Providence, Rhode Island

Dates Subject to Change with Dispensation



Officers 2020-2021

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Message from the Master

Fraternal Greetings from the East,

Brethren,

Happy Holidays. Hoping that everyone had a nice, quiet, and relaxing Thanksgiving. I was surprised at how much I enjoyed the day. I thought I would miss the cold, fresh air at the high school football game, the last minute prep work for the holiday meal, the travel to the relative's house, the overall buzz of the holiday and interaction with family and friends. In fact, I did miss that and look forward to a day when we can return to our "normal" celebration in a post pandemic world. However, what I did appreciate was the quiet and quality time with just my wife and son. We still enjoyed our traditional festive board, but it was just US. We had more time to enjoy one another and talk about the many people and things for which we are thankful. It was different, but it was not awful. In talking with others, I realized I was not alone. Although sad not to have celebrated as we have in the past, people were grateful for the quality time with immediate family or for a Zoom call with people far and wide.

The universality of the pandemic is overwhelming with the sheer numbers of people this is affecting and its overall impact. What seems out of our control leads back to us individually and changes what we have otherwise accepted as mundane. I know that I have had to re-invent my day-to-day routine. I have to wear a mask in public. The company I work for has changed its ways; no more customer visits, trade shows or National Sales Meetings. Masons around the world have changed their practices. Governments and countries plan for a vaccine which seems to be within our grasp. None of this is news, but hard to fathom how we have been enduring this for nearly 9 months now. We are all evolving and changing with the times. My holiday hope and prayer is that the vaccine is effective and eradicates this disease. Let us hope that 2021 is a year in which we can "get back to normal". Our next Regular Communication will be held on Monday, 14 December (also 1 day before my 50th birthday) via Zoom. We will open at 7pm in the Master Mason degree. We will conduct business as per usual and will test the proficiency of our 3 Master Masons who were raised in September. Following the proficiency, we will invite any EAs and FCs who wish to join our program for the evening entitled: "Subduing Your Passions: What Does it Mean to You?" presented by our Senior Deacon, Cory Meyette. Think back to your EA degree and how these words impacted you. We will welcome your active participation in this short presentation.

Brothers this newsletter marks my midpoint as Master of this Lodge. It has been a year. I wish times were different. But, I could not be more thankful for the members of this lodge and the officers who lead it. It is my privilege to be your Worshipful Master. Thank you for you the opportunity to serve this lodge. I wish everyone a joyous holiday celebration and hope that each and every one of us can enjoy with family and loved ones in gatherings that are the right size. May it be meaningful, happy, and healthy for all.

Sincerely,
W. Roy

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

If anyone is aware of any brethren who are sick, injured, or require any services during this crisis, please advise me at SMiller64@aol.com or call me at 401-523-5720.

Please note that the Lodge bills for 2021 have been sent out. If you are experiencing problems paying your dues and assessments, please contact me at SMiller64@aol.com or 401-523-5720. All correspondence will be kept confidential.

The Grand Master has suspended all in person meetings until further notice. Please look for information regarding our January Communication

We have recently lost Brother Lyman Williams and W. Carmine Petrarca. We will be conducting memorial Services for our fallen brethren when next we are able to meet in person.

Redwood Communications 2020-2021

Monday, December 14, 2020-Regular Communication

Monday, January 11, 2021-Officer Forum

Monday, February 8, 2021-Regular Communication

Monday, March 8, 2021-Regular Visitation

Monday, April 12, 2021- Grand Master's Visitation to Mother Lodge

Monday, May 10, 2021-Annual Communication

Monday May 11, 2020-Annual Communication

METRO DISTRICT

Annual Communications 2020-2021

Jenks No. 24—January 2, 2021

Redwood No. 35 May 10, 2021

Grand Master's Visitation to Metro District 2020-2021

Overseas No. 40—March 9, 2021

District Deputy's Visitations 2020-2021

* Redwood Lodge—January 11, 2021

Jenks Lodge— March 22, 2021

Overseas Lodge— April 13, 2021

St. Johns 1P— April 21, 2021

* Officer Forum

All officers are requested to attend Visitations and Annuals Jenk's Lodge now meets at St Andrew's Building-18 Turner Ave. E.P.

CONGRATULATIONS!

W.: Mazon Alsabe of St. John' 1P is our newly appointed District Deputy Grand Master for the Southern District And

W.: Anthony Amaral of Jenks Lodge No. 24 Was appointed as his master of Ceremonies.

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1,429 Regular Communication – Monday, December 14, 2020

COMMUNICATION AGENDA

Open Lodge 7:00 P.M.

Conduct Business

MM Proficiency Exam:

Bro. Lorenzo Perez, Sr.
Bro. Steven Sanchez
Bro. Jose Tejada

Program:

Bro. Cory Meyette
Subduing Your Passions:
What Does It Mean To You?

Close Lodge 8:30 P.M.

The December Communication will be a virtual meeting in accord with an Order from the Most Worshipful Grand Master:

ALL MASONIC TEMPLES ARE CLOSED IN-PERSON MEETINGS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES AND CONCORDANT BODIES IN THIS JURISDICTION ARE SUSPENDED AT THIS TIME.

The Redwood Lodge
December Communication
December 14, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

Zoom Meeting ID: 974 6523 0299
Password: 556145

(The Zoom application can be downloaded to your computer or I-pad or phone)

STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY
BRETHREN

GRAND MASTER'S VISITATIONS

Southern District
Franklin No. 20—November 10, 2020
Metro District
Overseas No. 40—March 9, 2021
East Bay District
St. John's No. 1—April 5, 2021

MOTHER LODGE VISITATIONS

Redwood No. 35—April 12, 2021

SPECIAL VISITATIONS

St. John's No. 1P—January 20, 2021
Lafayette No. 47—February 3, 2021
Jenks No. 24—March 22, 2021

Let us all support our Redwood Brother during his year as Grand Master by attending his visitations

The Members of Redwood Lodge Wish All of You a Very Happy Birthday!

We apologize for any mistakes in Birthday dates and welcome corrections

Redwood Masonic Anniversaries

By date you were Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason

December Birthdays

Howard M. Bromberg	4- December
Ethan T. Sholes	4 - December
Martin S. Malinou	5 - December
Mark B. Morse	5 - December
Richard H. Cohen	7 - December
Jerrold L. Lavine	10 - December
Arthur S. Robbins	11- December
Edward Steiner	12 - December
Roy D. Gessman	15 - December
Howard I. Wilgoren	17 - December
Sanford E. Fink	21 - December
Arnold R. Bromberg	23 - December
Ronald D. Kurtzman	23 - December
Marvin G. Jacobson	26 - December
Mitchell S. Riffkin	30 - December
Mathew D. Shuster	31 - December

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
BROTHERS!

DECEMBER MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Richard K. Sholes	56 Years
David H. Epstein	55 Years
Howard S. Weiss	55 Years
Stephen R. Beranbaum	54 Years
Robert H. Hoffman	54 Years
Paul R. Miller	53 Years
Mark A. Ross	53 Years
Stephen E. Schiffman	53 Years
Norman S. Bean	49 Years
Howard M. Bromberg	49 Years
Andrew G. Sholes	49 Years
Chartles German	48 Years
Alan B. Hopfenberg	48 Years
Charles Fischer	46 Years
William M. Bromberg	45 Years
Howard L. Feldman	43 Years
Arnold R. Bromberg	40 Years
Mark R. Harris	40 Years
Robert D. Miller	40 Years
Joel K. Gerstenblatt	39 Years
Ronald D. Kurtzman	39 Years
Richard Saltzman	39 Years
Frank E. Antin	38 Years
Lewis J. Antin	38 Years
Dennis L. DiMauro, Sr.	38 Years
Alan D. Bergel	36 Years
Michael M. Gaffin	34 Years
Kenneth M. Segal	34 Years
Richard S. Sokoll	32 Years
Barry J. Waldman	32 Years
Stephen Sirota	31 Years
Mark I. Karnes	30 Years
Donovan J. Lewis	29 Years
Michael D. Smith	25 Years
Malcolm R. Singer	24 Years
Richard R. Fascia	13 Years

Congratulations Brothers!



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2020-2021 Line of Officers

<i>Senior Deacon:</i>	<i>Cory Meyette</i>
<i>Junior Deacon:</i>	<i>Andrew Brown</i>
<i>Senior Steward:</i>	<i>Yaakov Rosenbaum</i>
<i>Junior Steward:</i>	<i>Luis Carcamo</i>
<i>Sentinel:</i>	<i>Benjamin Sholes</i>
<i>Marshal:</i>	<i>R.: W. Mark Freedman</i>
<i>Chaplain:</i>	<i>Robert Stahl</i>
<i>Tyler:</i>	<i>W.: Michael Rogovin</i>
<i>Electricians:</i>	<i>Nathan Rosenbaum</i>
<i>Asst. Master of Ceremonies</i>	<i>W.: Mathew Yaffe</i>



Redwood Lodge Committee Chairs

<i>Redwood Committee:</i>	<i>R.W. Mark Freedman</i>
<i>Investigations/Prep:</i>	<i>M.W. Richard Sokoll</i>
<i>Finance Committee:</i>	<i>W. Andrew Sholes</i>
<i>Scholarship Committee:</i>	<i>R.W. Samuel Miller</i>
<i>Photographer:</i>	<i>W.: Javier R. Alfonso</i>
<i>Meals and Table Lodge:</i>	<i>Stewards</i>
<i>Public Relations:</i>	<i>W. Robert Goff</i>
<i>Lodge Reporter:</i>	<i>W. Michael Ponte</i>
<i>Prince Hall Liaison:</i>	<i>R.W. Mark Freedman</i>
<i>The Builder:</i>	<i>R.W. Samuel Miller</i>

PAST MASTERS

Redwood Lodge No. 35 A.F. & A.M.

#Noot, Meyer	1878-79	*Coppen, Charles B	1926	Gessman, Norman C	1971	Alfonzo, Javier	2017
*Hartman, Leopold	1880	*Mason, Williams H	1927	*Bomes, Robert A	1972	Michael Rogovin	2018
#Parker, Melvin	1881	*Mowry, Walter H	1928	*Gordon, Stephen A	1973	Mathew Yaffe	2019
*Spitz, John H.	1882	*Wyman, Frederick W	1929	*Maldavir, Melyvn S.	1974		
*Green, Henry	1883	*Beacham, Harold	1930	*Silverman, Edward	1975		
#Dawson, Thomas B.	1884	*Brier, Charles	1931	Beranbaum, Stephen R	1976		
#Mullen, William H.	1885	*Whittaker, William B	1932	Kortick, Lawrence D	1977		
*Green, William H.	1886	*Taylor, Earl W	1933	*Jenkin, James	1978		
*Mosely, William H.	1887	*Lee, Howard S	1934	*Aron, Donald	1979		
*Burlingame, Alverus S.	1888	*Garst, Arthur H	1935	R.W. Bromberg, Howard M	1980		
*Clark, James W.	1889	*Baacke, Henry	1936	Kirshenbaum, Allen M	1981		
*Boas, Herman	1890	*Rosen, Harry R	1937	R.W. Aron, Edward	1982		
*Boulester, James E.	1891	*Hartley, Richard H	1938	Sholes, Andrew G	1983		
*Lincoln, Eugene B.	1892	*Gardner, Joseph J	1939	*M.W. Wasserman, Arnold	1984		
*Southey, Charles R.	1893	*Davis, Harrie S	1940	*Keating, Joseph	1985	Chaplain Emeritus	
*Hahn, Jerome J.	1894	*M.W. Abedon, Bernard	1941	R.W. Freedman, Mark H	1986	*R.W. Judah Rosen-2012	
*Lincoln, Edwin B.	1895	*MacKay, Alexander M	1942	>Krasner, Edward S	1987		
*Butler, Charles L.	1896	*Rosen, Albert L	1943	Chaika, Eric A	1988	Honorary Past Master	
*Pierce, Charles E.	1897	*Entwistle, James H	1944	*Myrow, Allan J	1989	*R.W. Judah Rosen-2004	
*Morton, Marcus W.	1898-99	*Perrin, Howard S	1946	*Goodman, Joseph	1990		
*Stanton, James W.	1900	*R.W. Novogroski, Arthur	1947	#Charleson, James A	1991	Affiliated Past Master	
*Parks, Herbert R.	1901	*Cook, Walter R	1948	Gaffin, Michael M	1992	*W. Avraham A. Reis	
*Bowen, Thomas A.	1902	*Strauss, Walter H	1949	>Fishbein, Richard J	1994		
*Saunders, Harry L.	1903	*Licht, Frank	1950	R.W. Lewis, Donovan J	1995	Honorary Members:	
*Albro, Seth M.	1904	*Hessell, Maurice W	1951	Chaika, Eric A	1996	*M.W. Alton T. Curti	
*Lansel, Clarence K.	1905	*Hill, Henry M	1952	*Crisafulli, Frederick	1997	*W. Jacob DeHaan	
*Smith, Alfred	1906	*Goodman, Max W	1953	R.W. Elmekawy, Mekawy	1998	*W. Albert Lavine	
*Cutler, Harry	1907	*R.W. Cohen, Gerald P	1954	R.W. Freedman, Mark H	1999	*W. Stanley DeHaan	
*Boas, Bernard	1908	*Michaelson, Julius	1955	R.W. Miller, Samuel A	2000	*W. Gary Rachins	
*Payson, Stephen R.	1909	*Kumins, Albert	1956	Hodges, James	2001	*W. John Haidenmenos	
*Hawes, James A.	1910	*Rubenstein, Louis Barach	1957	>Richardson, Simon J	2002	*W. Elmer Yeaw	
*Hoffman, Felix V.	1911	*Bromberg, Morris H	1958	R.W. Miller, Samuel A	2003	*M.W. Paul Cardoza	
*Pierce, Benjamin F.	1912	*Arnold, Siegfried	1958	M.W. Kaufman, Gary S	2004	*M.W. John Lopez	
#Moir, George	1913	*Mushnick, Frederick	1959	Ross, Michah T	2005	*W. James Warner	
*Butler, Charles L. Jr.	1914	*Millman, Benjamin	1960	Kaplan, Andrew	2006	*Deceased >Demitted	
*Taylor, Arthur J.	1915	*Mandell, Leonard C	1961	R.W. Freedman, Mark H	2007	*Honorary >Dropped	
*Lincoln, Samuel E.	1916	*Haft, LeRoy	1962	R.W. Miller, Samuel A	2008		
*Baldwin, Henry F.	1917	>R.W. Brill, Marvin A	1963	R.W. Bartlett, Harley W	2009		
*Harley, William F.	1918	*Rothman, Robert H	1964	Ponte, Michael	2010		
*Locke, Edward J.	1919	*M.W. Bromberg, Malcolm	1965	Catanzaro, Kevin J.	2011		
*Kelley, J. William	1920	*Schwartz, Abraham	1966	Catanzaro, Kevin J.	2012		
*Misch, Walter P.	1921	*Rottenberg, Louis	1967	Ponte, Michael	2013		
*Mason, Earl H	1922	*Miller, Meyer S	1968	Saunders, Jeffrey	2014		
*Brand, William C H	1923	Malinou, Martin S	1969	Cipriano, Dennis	2015		
*Taylor, Burton RRR	1924	*Dressler, Abbott W	1970	Goff, Robert	2016		
*R.W. Edwards, Ralph H	1925						

PAST MASTERS

Roosevelt Lodge No. 42 A.F. & A.M.

*M.W. Scott, Wilber A	1921-23	*Rouslin, Benjamin	1943	R.W. Sciaraffa, Charles C	1963	*Elman, Arnold	1983
*Green, William	1923	*Blackman, Edward	1944	*Davis, Phillip	1964	*R.W. Wolf, Jacob G	1984
*Docherty, Edgar M	1924	*Emers, Lester D	1945	*Ostrach, Harry	1965	#Bernstein, Joel	1985
*Gregory, Ralph	1925	*Docherty, Bruce M	1946	*Finkelman, Gerald C	1966	*LaRose, Harry E	1986
*Vicario, Raphael	1926	*Bloomberg, Harry A	1947	*Cleinman, Samuel	1967	*Smith, Ronald J	1987
*Friedlander, Israel	1927	*Matzner, William I	1948	*MacDonald, David A Jr	1968	Kahn, Larry	1988
*Pusateri, Augustus	1928	*Goldman, Harry I	1949	*Chaika, William Y	1969	Davis, Alvin Jr	1989-90
*Brown, Charles	1929	*Jagoliner, Harry D	1950	*Limer, Harry	1970	*Smith, Ronald J	1991
*Workman, Samuel H	1930	*Deutsch, Edward	1951	*Ludovici, Peter	1971	*Limer, Harry	1992-93
*Berberian, Arthur S	1931	*Bloomberg, Sheldon O	1952	*Tomasso, George	1972	Budz, Roger F	1994-95
*Garr, Samuel	1932	*Weiner, Benjamin	1953	*Lamorte, Donato	1973	Rossi, Dean M	1995
*Blackman, Abraham	1933	*R.W. Wolf, Jacob G	1954	#Pulner, Edward R	1974		
*Marsella, Augustus	1934	*Klein, Robert A	1955	*Soren, Robert	1975		
*Silverman, Charles L.	1935	*Pagano, Nicholas	1956	Tomasso, Steven	1976		
*Greenstein, Jacob	1937	*Fellner, William	1957	*Petarra, Carmine	1977		
*Roitman, Aaron	1938	*Ostrach, Morris L.	1958	Miller, Howard	1978		
*Schlonek, Leslie M	1939	*Goldberg, Bernard S	1959	*Sugerman, Everett	1979		
*D'Antuono, Francis	1940	*Silverstein, Al	1960	*Iarocci, Michael	1980		
*Savasta, Stellerio	1941	*Pagano, David	1961	#DeBlois, Donald R	1981		
*Bolotow, Charles	1942	#Dickens, Joseph	1962	Davis, Alvin Jr	1982		