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# The REDWOOD BUILDER



W.: Matthew Yaffe 2019-2020

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

**M.W. Kenneth F. Poyton**  
Grand Master  
**R.W. Michael R. Northup**  
Grand Marshal

**REGULAR COMMUNICATION**  
Monday, January 13, 2020

**R.W. Douglas J. Grant**  
District Deputy Grand Master  
**W. Michael R. Barbera**  
Grand Master of Ceremonies



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Providence, Rhode Island 02909  
331 Broadway  
Meeting Address:



## 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 2019-2020

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## Message from the Master

Brethren,

Wishing all of you a Happy New Year! I hope you and your families had a great holiday season.

With the new year upon us, we look to challenge ourselves and push our expectations to do better. During this time of quiet reflection on the year gone by, I can't help but think of the basic principles of Freemasonry. We are taught to divide our time wisely and continue to walk uprightly, recounting the good and bad of the past year and learn from the experience. Perhaps this time of year is merely a reminder for us to remember what matters most and to ensure that we bring balance to our life with positive influences overriding the negative ones.

As my time in the East progresses, I'm constantly reminded of the impact that we as Masons, have amongst ourselves, our community and our families. I value our beliefs and hold close to heart the lessons that our craft teaches us. These values will be represented when we welcome our R.W. District Deputy Grand Master Douglas Grant to our lodge, for his official visitation. Brother Marshall, Koby Rosenbaum, has arranged a high-level presentation by professionals from the Boston hospital on the amazing, life-saving work being performed in the name of the Masonic concordant body - the Shriners.

Please join us in lodge, satisfy your soul and get a fresh start to the new year. I look forward to seeing you.

Kind Fraternal Regards,  
Worshipful Matt Yaffe

### METRO DISTRICT

#### Annual Communications 2019-2020

*Jenks No. 24– January 4, 2020  
Redwood No. 35– May 13, 2020  
Rising Sun No. 30– May 22, 2020  
St. Johns 1P– June 22, 2020*

#### District Deputy Visitation 2019-2020

*Redwood Lodge– January 13, 2020  
Jenks Lodge– March 23, 2020  
Overseas Lodge– April 14, 2020  
St. Johns 1P– April 15, 2020*

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

## January's Program

The Boston Shiner's Hospital for Children reacts within moments to tragedies around the region and across the globe; it conducts innovative research, raising the bar of treatment of pediatric burns; not only utilizing the most modern treatment technology, but developing it – and shares it with the world. It provides loving, comforting care for profoundly injured children. It has provided these services for over 50 years, without cost to the families as a result of the generosity of our fellow Masons.

*Bro. Koby Rosenbaum, Rhode Island's representative on the Board of Governors for the Boston Hospital has arranged a high-level presentation by professionals from the hospital on the amazing, life-saving work being performed in the name of the Masonic concordant body - the Shriners.*

### Redwood Communications 2019-2020

*Monday, January 13, 2020-District Deputy Visitation  
Monday, February 10, 2020-Regular Communication  
Monday, March 9, 2020-Grand Master's Visitation  
Monday, April 13, 2020- Regular Communication  
Monday May 11, 2020-Annual Communication*

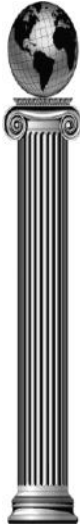
\* Date Change Per Grand Lodge Dispensation



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## 1,419 Regular Communication – Monday, January 13, 2020



### COMMUNICATION AGENDA

- Dinner: 6:00 P.M.
- Open Lodge 7:00 P.M.
- Business of the Lodge
- Memorial Services  
**Brother Gerald S. Goldstein**
- Receive DDGM 7:30 PM
- Program: **Shriner's Hospitals**
- Close Lodge After Program
- Collation

### IMPORTANT MESSAGE

We are honoring our 50 Year Service Award Recipients:

Bro. Gerald Cohen - Bro. Richard H. Cohen  
 Bro. James Galkin - Bro. Howard Galkin  
 Bro. Howard Miller - Bro. David A. Schechter  
 W.: Steven R. Tomasso

R.: W.: Douglas J. Grant, DDGM, will be presenting those brothers able to attend with their awards as part of his official visitation to our Lodge.

We are also honoring our 25 Year Service Award Recipients:

Bro. Roy D. Gessman - Bro. Michael D. Smith

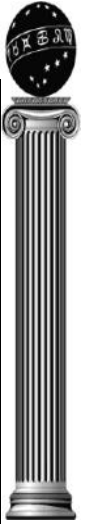
*We want to thank all of these brethren for their many years of dedication to the craft. Please come out to support these brethren as we recognize their achievements.*

### Redwood Dinner Menu January 13, 2020

Homemade Chili  
Either Meat or Vegetarian  
Cornbread, Salad and Toppings  
for the Chili

Dinner is \$10.00 per person  
Reservations are required and must  
be made by January 8, 2020

Please make your reservations  
at [aabrown120@gmail.com](mailto:aabrown120@gmail.com)



### FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

If anyone is aware of any brethren who are sick or injured, please advise me at [SMiller64@aol.com](mailto:SMiller64@aol.com) or call me at 401-523-5720.

Please note that the Lodge bills for 2020 have been sent out. If you did not receive your invoice, or if you have problems paying your dues and assessments, please contact me at [SMiller64@aol.com](mailto:SMiller64@aol.com) or 401-523-5720. All inquiries will be kept confidential.

Please join as we have Memorial Services for Brother Gerald S. Goldstein.

**Please join us this month to welcome our District Deputy Grand Master,  
R.W. Douglas J. Grant  
for his official visitation to Redwood Lodge**

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

*We apologize for any mistakes in Birthday dates  
and welcome corrections*

#### January Birthdays

Javier Alfonzo	January 2
David M. Melo	January 9
Steven L. Sanford	January 10
James S. Arnold	January 15
Jef Saunders	January 17
Paul Avedisian	January 18
Gary C. Berard	January 19
Norman R. Goodman	January 19
Richard Saltzman	January 19
Justin J. Strauss	January 19
Jay H. Newman	January 20
Peter J. Mulberry	January 25
Ronald W. Lippitt	January 26
Alan D. Bergel	January 28

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS!**

### Redwood Masonic Anniversaries

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

#### January Masonic Anniversaries

Brian N. Ahern	22 years
Gary S. Kaufman	22 years
Steven T. Sholes	43 years
Edward A. Shapira	46 years
David A. Schechter	50 years
David H. Port	51 years
Michael L. Rubinstein	51 years

**Congratulations Brothers!**





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## 2019-2020 Line of Officers

Senior Deacon: Wilson Perez, Sr.  
 Junior Deacon: Cory Meyette  
 Senior Steward: Andrew Brown  
 Junior Steward: Open  
 Sentinel: Open  
 Marshal: Yaakov Rosenbaum  
 Chaplain: Robert Stahl  
 Tyler: W.: Michael Rogovin  
 Electricians: Nathan Rosenbaum



## Redwood Lodge Committee Chairs

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

## 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		
*Spitz, John H.	1882	*Wyman, Frederick W	1929	*Maldavir, Melvyn 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, Alvertus 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	*Ress, Joseph W	1945	*Goodman, Joseph	1990		
*Stanton, James W.	1900	*Perrin, Howard S	1946	#Charleson, James A	1991	Affiliated Past Master	
*Perkins, Herbert R.	1901	*R.W. Novogroski, Arthur	1947	Gaffin, Michael M	1992	*W. Avraham A. Reis	
*Bowen, Thomas A.	1902	*Cook, Walter R	1948	M.W. Sokoll, Richard	1993		
*Saunders, Harry L.	1903	*Strauss, Walter H	1949	Fishbein, Richard J	1994	Honorary Members:	
*Albro, Seth M.	1904	*Licht, Frank	1950	R.W. Lewis, Donovan J	1995	*^M.W. Alton T. Curti	
*Lasell, Clarence K.	1905	*Hendel, Maurice W	1951	Chaika, Eric A	1996	* ^W. Jacob DeHaan	
*Smith, Alfred	1906	*Hill, Henry M	1952	*Crisafulli, Frederick	1997	*^W. Albert Lavine	
*Cutler, Harry	1907	*Goodman, Max W	1953	R.W. Elmekawy, Mekawy	1998	^W. Stanley DeHaan	
*Boas, Bernard	1908	*R.W. Cohen, Gerald P	1954	R.W. Freedman, Mark H	1999	*^W. Gary Rachins	
*Payson, Stephen R.	1909	*Michaelson, Julius	1955	R.W. Miller, Samuel A	2000	*^W. John Haidenmenos	
*Hawes, James A.	1910	*Kumins, Albert	1956	Hodges, James	2001	*^W. Elmer Yeaw	
*Hoffman, Felix V.	1911	*Rubenstein, Louis Barach	1957	->Richardson, Simon J	2002	^M.W. Paul Cardoza	
*Pierce, Benjamin F.	1912	*^Bromberg, Morris H	1958	R.W. Miller, Samuel A	2003	^M.W. John Lopez	
#Moir, George	1913	*Arnold, Siegfried	1958	R.W. Kaufman, Gary S	2004	*^W. James Warner	
*Butler, Charles L. Jr.	1914	*Mushnick, Frederick	1959	Ross, Micah T	2005		
*Taylor, Arthur J.	1915	*Millman, Benjamin	1960	Kaplan, Andrew	2006	*Deceased #Demitted	
*Lincoln, Samuel E.	1916	*Mandell, Leonard C	1961	R.W. Freedman, Mark H	2007	^Honorary >Dropped	
*Baldwin, Henry F.	1917	*Haft, LeRoy	1962	R.W. Miller, Samuel A	2008		
*Harley, William F.	1918	*>R.W. Brill, Marvin A	1963	R.W. Bartlett, Harley W	2009		
*Locke, Edward J.	1919	*Rothman, Robert H	1964	Ponte, Michael	2010		
*Kelley, J. William	1920	*M.W. Bromberg, Malcolm	1965	Catanzaro, Kevin J.	2011		
*Misch, Walter P.	1921	*Schwartz, Abraham	1966	Catanzaro, Kevin J.	2012		
*Mason, Earl H	1922	*Rottenberg, Louis	1967	Ponte, Michael	2013		
*Brand, William C H	1923	*Miller, Meyer S	1968	Saunders, Jeffrey	2014		
*Taylor, Burton RRR	1924	*Malinou, Martin S	1969	Cipriano, Dennis	2015		
*R.W. Edwards, Ralph H	1925	*Dressler, Abbott W	1970	Goff, Robert	2016		

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*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. Wolff, 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	*Deutch, 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. Wolff, 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	Petrarca, Carmine	1977		
*Roitman, Aaron	1938	*Ostrach, Morris L	1958	Miller, Howard	1978		
*Selonek, 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		