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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

1424 REGULAR COMMUNICATION
Monday June 8, 2020

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



THE COMMUNICATION SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 8, 2020 WILL BE A VIRTUAL MEETING ON ZOOM DUE TO THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC
All are welcome to attend. See Page 3 for details

Forwarding Service Requested

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 2020-2021

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Message from the Master

Fraternal Greetings from the East,

2BE1ASK1. Who did you ask? What impact did or does that person have on your Masonic journey? Consider the role that person played as you progressed through your degrees and Concordant Bodies. I vividly remember the phone call I made to MW P. James Ritchie (may his memory be for a blessing) in Stuttgart, Germany. I had just moved to a foreign country and I was looking for light. What I found was a Brotherhood and a band of brothers that I was very sad to leave when I returned to the USA. These are the same brothers who signed onto our Virtual Annual at 2am German time to support their overseas brother. We did fantastic degree work and enjoyed each other's company on a weekly basis. I assumed I would not be able to find another lodge that would be the same or as fulfilling. I took a break and too much time passed.

One very special evening about five years ago, two brothers I did not know came to my father's house to present him with his 50 year pin. Amazing how quickly the time passed and how inspired I was by our now Grand Master Gary Kaufman and Past Grand Master Peter Iacobucci. We told stories and laughed A LOT. MW Kaufman explained that there was a lot of energy and potential at Redwood Lodge. He encouraged me to attend a meeting and get to know the brothers. It clicked. I knew from that night that Redwood was the place for me. The years passed quickly and here we are....

I want to thank the brothers once again for their vote and confidence in me to be Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. I am so excited to work with the wardens, officers and brothers of this lodge. Who will ask us about the Craft? Who is out there looking for light? Where are these future brothers? How do we find them? How do they find us? Redwood Lodge will continue to shine its light to attract these brothers and future Grand Masters.

To Most Worshipful Gary Kaufman, the Brethren of Redwood Lodge offers its heartfelt Congratulations. We cannot wait to meet you on the Level and welcome you back to your Mother Lodge.

Please join me on June 8th at 7pm for our Regular Communication which will be held via Zoom. The program for the evening will be a presentation from Dr. Michael Fine, MD. Dr. Fine is currently Health Policy Advisor to Mayor James Diossa of Central Falls and served in the Cabinet of Governor Lincoln Chafee as Director of the RI Department of Health. We will engage in a dynamic discussion about our current healthcare system and the COVID 19 situation.

Stay healthy brothers!!

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.

I am sad to report the passing of Bro. Alfred E. Blank. He died on May 11, 2020. A Memorial Service will be held for all of our brethren that passed once we are able to meet in person in Lodge.

Please note that the Lodge bills for 2020 have been sent out. If you have not received your invoice, or 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.

Redwood Communications 2020-2021

- Monday, June 8, 2020-Regular Communication*
- Monday, September 14, 2020-Regular Communication*
- Wednesday, October 7, 2020-Regular Communication*
- Monday, November 9, 2020-Regular Communication*
- 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*

METRO DISTRICT

Annual Communications 2020-2021

- St. Johns 1P- June 22, 2020*
- Overseas No. 40—November 11, 2020*
- 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

- Rising Sun Lodge—October 19, 2020*
- * Redwood Lodge—January 11, 2021*
- Jenks Lodge— March 22, 2021*
- Overseas Lodge— April 13, 2021*
- St. Johns 1P— April 21, 2021*

* Officer Forum

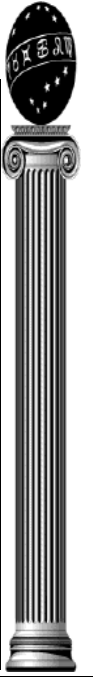
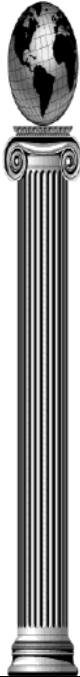
All officers are requested to attend Visitations and Annuals
Jenks's Lodge now meets at St Andrew's Building-18 Turner Ave. E.P.



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1,424 Regular Communication – Monday, June 8, 2020



COMMUNICATION AGENDA

Open Lodge 7:00 P.M.

Conduct Business

Speaker:

Dr. Michael Fine will speak on the current health care system and the Covid-19 pandemic

Close Lodge 8:30 P.M.

The June 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.

VIRTUAL MEETINGS UTILIZING ZOOM

The Redwood Lodge
June Communication
June 8, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

Zoom Meeting ID: 884 7830 1565
Password: 084535

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

STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY
BRETHREN

GRAND MASTER'S VISITATIONS

Northern District

Morning Star No. 13—September 3, 2020

Central District

Ionic No. 28—October 31, 2020

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

June Birthdays

David H. Sholes	June 1
Bryan T. Martin	June 2
Malcolm R. Singer	June 2
Samuel A. Miller	June 4
Joseph Silverman	June 6
Jose J. Brites	June 7
Alan B. Hopfenberg	June 8
Paul R. Miller	June 8
Kenneth M. Segal	June 8
Edward M. Gordon	June 9
Richard S. Sokoll	June 10
Irwin J. Chase	June 14
Gerald Cohen	June 14
David A. Schechter	June 16
Harley W. Bartlett	June 18
Norman C. Gessman	June 18
Daniel B. Rothman	June 22
Larry R. Smith	June 26
Michael J. Sholes	June 27

July Birthdays

Alvaro Reina	July 1
William M. Bromberg	July 3
Bruce P. Werber	July 5
Stephen R. Beranbaum	July 6
Alvin R. Davis, Jr.	July 7
Howard Miller	July 7
Robert A. Nardolillo, III	July 7
Michael R. Ponte	July 7
Howard M. Galkin	July 12
Steven J. Babiec	July 14
Steven J. Catanzaro	July 27
Charles Fischer	July 31
Ralph Rottenberg	July 31

August Birthdays

Philippe H. Maatouk	August 1
Milton S. Lewis	August 11
Robert T. Goff	August 12
Gary E. Wynkoop	August 14
Mohamed I. Amer	August 25
Harold N. Krasner	August 28
Wilson Perez, Jr.	August 28

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS!

Masonic Anniversaries

JUNE MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Jason M. Riffkin	7 years
Nathan A. Rosenbaum	7 years
Peter A. Trementozzi, III	7 years
Matthew J. Yaffe	7 years
Donald A. Lopes	26 years
Samuel A. Miller	28 years

AUGUST MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Roy D. Gessman	25 years
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Congratulations Brothers!





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2020-2021 Line of Officers

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



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	Matthew Yaffe	2019
*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	M.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		

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. Wolff, Jacob G	1984
*Doeherty, Edgar M	1924	*Emers, Lester D	1945	*Ostrach, Harry	1965	#Bernstein, Joel	1985
*Gregory, Ralph	1925	*Doeherty, 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	*Jagolinzer, 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		