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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

1423 REGULAR COMMUNICATION
142 ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
Monday May 11, 2020

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



THE COMMUNICATION SCHEDULED FOR MAY 11, 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

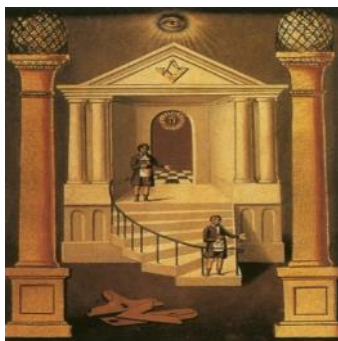
Second Monday in May

Freemasons' Hall

222 Taunton Avenue

East Providence, Rhode Island

Dates Subject to Change with Dispensation



Officers 2019-2020

Worshipful Master

Matthew Yaffe
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Ryan Sherry
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Treasurer

W.: Andrew Sholes
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Secretary

R.: W.: Samuel Miller
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Master of Ceremonies

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Message from the Senior Warden

Fraternal Greetings from the West,

Freemasonry and Redwood Lodge have been a part of my life since the day I was born. W. Norman Gessman celebrated my birth and left the hospital bound for Redwood Lodge #35. He was Senior Warden and had a degree to conduct. That was 50 years ago.

Throughout my journey to the East, I dreamed of an Annual with a lot of pomp and circumstance. I pictured a lodge room packed with my brothers of Redwood Lodge, distinguished Grand Lodge Officers, visiting Brethren, my family and friends. I anticipated the emotion I would share with my father as I sat in the East for the first time adorned with a top hat and equipped with his gavel. My thoughts quickly turn to present day, months / days before the installation where we are all uncertain about how this pandemic affects our lives and the plans on our individual Trestle Boards. My heart goes out to others who need to modify their life events: seniors in high school who will not have a traditional graduation or prom, the life experiences that need to be re-scheduled, and the milestone Masonic events that need to be modified or postponed.

I was moved by the commitment to Freemasonry as displayed by our April Communication conducted via Zoom. The WM was in his car running the meeting by his car's cabin light and glow of his iPhone due to the heavy wind and rain that caused loss of electricity. COVID-19, extreme weather, or Social Distancing has not and will not deter Masons from assembling, to comfort one another during these times, to find events to celebrate and to appreciate one another and to celebrate the bonds we have formed and strengthened through the years.

At the conclusion of the Zoom call, it hit me like a ton of bricks. This is not about me or the ceremony of becoming a Worshipful Master. This experience is about the Brethren and a rich tradition that Redwood Lodge has enjoyed leading up to this moment. It is not the time to lament about what could have been, but rather, an opportunity to get to work and ensure that our labors lead to legacies that enrich our already strong traditions. 50 years from now, there will be an incoming Master who will receive the charter of Redwood Lodge #35 and have a clear vision to lay his designs upon his Trestle Board to create the path for the next 50 years.

I am very thankful for my brothers who helped to lay the founding blocks of Redwood Lodge. I value the relationships I have formed and appreciate the guidance I have and will receive. I have extreme gratitude to the current Master and line officers and look forward to becoming the next Worshipful Master of Redwood Lodge #35. We have a lot of work to do and know we can be successful when we labor together towards our common goals.

Fraternally,
Roy Gessman
Senior Warden

“The strength of Freemasonry is in its loyalty to each other.” Vasilios Karpos

Redwood Lodge #35 – Annual Communication to be held May 11th

- Whereas: The President of the United States has declared a National Emergency and the Governor of the State of Rhode Island has severely limited the number of people who can congregate in one area to a number not to exceed five people.
- Whereas: In light of this emergency, the Grand Master has given permission to the Worshipful Masters to suspend their bylaws as it pertains to voting for elected officers at their Annual Communications.

The names of the presumed Brethren who will occupy the elected offices are being sent out in letter form by email and/or U.S.P.S. at least three weeks before the stated annual communication separate from the normal notice.

The names of the Brethren who are expected to occupy the Elected Offices at Redwood Lodge #40 for the ensuing year are listed below. The Grand Master has decided that an opportunity for the brethren who wish to vote may do so. If you agree with the names published, no response is required and it will be considered a yes vote. However, if you disagree with any of the names, you should contact the R.:W.: District Deputy Grand Master Douglas Grant either by phone at 401-433-1197 or DDGMMetroDistrict@rimasons.org and let him know no later than May 10th, one day before the Annual which is May 11th. If the total number of negative votes does not exceed 50% of the membership for a particular office, that Brother will be declared the elected officer and assume that office on the date of the Annual.

The slate of officers are:

- Worshipful Master – Roy Gessman
- Senior Warden – W.: Michael Ponte
- Junior Warden – W.: Robert Goff
- Treasurer – W.: Andrew Sholes
- Secretary – R.:W.: Samuel Miller

If you have any questions, please contact me at 508-904-2784

Fraternally,

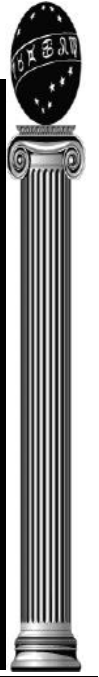
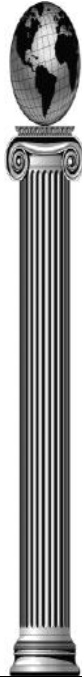
Matt Yaffe, Worshipful Master



The Redwood Builder



1,423 Regular Communication – 142 Annual Communication – Monday, May 11, 2020



The May Communication and Annual 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 ARE BEING HELD UTILIZING ZOOM

The Redwood Lodge
May Communication and Annual
May 11, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

To join the Zoom meeting, Please contact the Secretary at SMiller64@aol.com

If you plan to attend, no eating or drinking during the meeting, no virtual backgrounds are allowed, proper dress is required, shirt and tie at a minimum are recommended

(The Zoom application can be downloaded to your computer or I-pad or phone. Please familiarize yourself with it prior to the meeting to avoid any disruption of proceedings)

THE MEETING IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 100 PARTICIPANTS

STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY BRETHREN

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 regret to advise everyone of the passing of Bro. Myron Muffs on April 8, 2020.

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.

Applications for the Redwood Scholarship, which is open to children and grandchildren of members in good standing of Redwood Lodge, are now available. Only those students graduating High School and commencing their post high school education in 2020 are eligible. Applications are available by contacting me at SMiller64@aol.com or 401-523-5720. Applications must be submitted by June 1, 2020.

Applications for the Grand Lodge Scholarship are available through the Lodge (401-435-4650). They must be completed with 100% accuracy and MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE GRAND LODGE OFFICE NO LATER THAN 4:00 P.M. ON MONDAY MAY 15, 2020.

METRO DISTRICT

Annual Communications 2019-2020

Redwood No. 35– May 13, 2020
Rising Sun No. 30– May 22, 2020
St. Johns 1P– June 22, 2020

*All officers are requested to attend Annuals

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

May Birthdays

Michael J. Rogovin	May 2
Edward I. Grossman	May 4
Robert H. Hoffman	May 4
Howard L. Feldman	May 9
Andrew H. Kaplan	May 9
Robert D. Miller	May 9
Barry J. Waldman	May 11
James M. McLellan	May 13
Steven L. Fleit	May 14
Barry N. Miller	May 15
Dennis L. DiMauro, Sr.	May 20
Dennis Cipriano	May 21
Richard G. Winkler	May 22
Shai Afsai	May 23
Richard Cohen	May 25
H. Alan Frank	May 26
Samuel S. Sholes	May 26
Brett A. Thomas	May 30

May Masonic Anniversaries

Corey P. Meyette	2 year
Brent A. Thomas	2 year
Wilson Perez, Jr.	5 years
Ethan T. Sholes	23 years
Michael J. Sholes	23 years
Jose J. Brites	24 years
Ronald E. Paquette	27 years
Mekawy E. Elmekawy	31 years
Steven L. Fleit	31 years
Mark B. Morse	32 years
Larry Kahn	36 years
Elliot N. Fishbein	41 years
Jay H. Newman	41 years
Alvin R. Davis	42 years
Larry R. Smith	45 years
Carmine Petrarca	47 years
Howard Miller	50 years
Howard A. London	53 years
Mitchell S. Riffkin	53 years
Howard D. Zisseron	54 years
Stewart C. Davis	56 years
Marvin G. Jacobson	56 years
Stanley H. Fishbein	58 years
Norman R. Goodman	58 years
Leon R. Resnick	58 years
Bernard Wasserman	66 years
H. Alan Frank	67 years
Charles C. Sciaraffa, Jr.	67 years

Congratulations Brothers!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY 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		

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
*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		