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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

**1428 REGULAR COMMUNICATION**  
**Monday November 9, 2020**

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



**A VERY HAPPY AND HEALTHY THANKSGIVING 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

### Worshipful Master

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## Message from the Master

Fraternal Greetings from the East,

Brethren,

I would first like to offer a warm welcome and hearty congratulations to our 3 newest Entered Apprentices. I believe they witnessed an excellent degree to which the line of officers should be extremely proud of themselves. It is evident that significant time and effort was put into the degree and all participants should feel elated with their performance. Special thanks to W. Leo Kennedy, Bro. Gregory Enos, and W. Gerry Phaneuf for their participation and support of Redwood Lodge. A special shout out to MW Richard Sokoll who drives to make our degree work accurate and meaningful. It was also my honor to be joined by many visitors including RW DDGM Andre H Faria Jr, his Master of Ceremonies W. Brandt D. Evans as well as our Most Worshipful Grand Master Gary Kaufman. Thank you Gentlemen, you are always welcome.

Although all three degrees are special, the Entered Apprentice holds a special place in my heart. As Master of the lodge, it was my honor and privilege to initiate 3 new Masons. Closely studying the liturgy of this degree shed a special light. The words resonated in a way they had not previously when I was a participant in the degree work. Speaking of words, I was utterly amazed when I called W. Norman Gessman to practice, even though he has not seen the code for close to 50 years, he delivered it word for word. He did not miss a single letter, figure, sign, word or character. WOW!! Again, I am thankful to the candidates for allowing me the opportunity to confer the degree. Officers, be proud, you nailed it!!!

In the glow of the degree work, we are faced with the surge of COVID 19 and the announcement that in person lodge meetings will be closed for the next two weeks. Of course this impacts our November Regular Communication. We will now conduct this meeting via Zoom. Please reference this Builder for sign-on information.

Our Senior Deacon, Cory Meyette, will be testing the proficiency of our newly raised Master Masons. Although they will not be able to sign the by-laws virtually, I know that Brothers Perez, Sanchez, and Tejada will feel a sense of relief and accomplishment that they have endured this long journey during a time in history like no other.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish the Brethren a very Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving. I am thankful for my Family, friends, my Masonic Brothers, and consider myself fortunate to be part of this jurisdiction. We may not be able to celebrate in large crowds or to gather as we have in the past, but the power and meaning of the holiday resonates. Happy Thanksgiving!

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 are in the process of being 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 through November 14, 2020. Please look for information regarding our December Communication

We will be conducting memorial Services for our fallen brethren when next we are able to meet in person.

### Redwood Communications 2020-2021

*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*

*Monday May 11, 2020-Annual Communication*

### METRO DISTRICT

#### Annual Communications 2020-2021

*Overseas No. 40—December 8, 2020*

*(Rescheduled due to pandemic)*

*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.



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1,428 Regular Communication – Monday, November 9, 2020



## COMMUNICATION AGENDA

Open Lodge 7:00 P.M.

Conduct Business

MM Proficiency Exam:

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

Close Lodge 8:00 P.M.

The November 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  
November Communication  
November 9, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

Zoom Meeting ID: 981 4268 6171  
Password: 641505

(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*

## *November Birthdays*

Mark I. Karnes	November 6
Clark T. Mason	November 6
Norman S. Bean	November 8
Mekawy E. Elmekawy	November 10
Edward A. Shapira	November 14
Benjamin M. Sholes	November 20
Joshua R. Kaufman	November 21
Steven T. Sholes	November 22
Samuel L. Braunstein	November 24
Richard M. Brown	November 24
David H. Port	November 24
Richard R. Fascia	November 26
Michael L. Rubinstein	November 29
Sylvan K. Siegal	November 29
Steven A. Blazer	November 30

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
BROTHERS!**

## NOVEMBER MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

David H. Sholes	41 Years
Sanford E. Fink	47 Years
Edward Steiner	47 Years
Steven R. Tomasso	50 Years
Edward D. Rotmer	57 Years
Richard C. Kumins	59 Years
Ralph Rottenberg	59 Years
Lyman J. Williams	63 Years
Jerrold Blumenthal	65 Years
Harold N. Krasner	65 Years

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:* R.W. Mark Freedman  
*Chaplain:* Robert Stahl  
*Tyler:* W. Michael Rogovin  
*Electricians:* Nathan Rosenbaum  
*Asst. Master of Ceremonies:* W. 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. Alfonzo  
*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	Mathew 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, Mical T	2005		
*Taylor, Arthur J.	1915	*Fillman, Benjamin	1960	Kaplan, Andrew	2006	*Deceased #Demitted	
*Lincoln, Samuel E.	1916	*Mandell, Leonard C	1961	R.W. Freedman, Mark H	2007	^Honorary >Dropped	
*Friedlander, 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, Harry	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	Davis, Alvin Jr	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	*Palmer, 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		
*Schlonck, 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		