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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

1427 REGULAR COMMUNICATION
Wednesday October 7, 2020

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



THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL COMMUNICATION SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 28, 2020 TO CONFER THE EA DEGREE ON OUR CANDIDATES

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331 Broadway
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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,

It was my distinct pleasure and honor to welcome W. Harold Ritter to Redwood Lodge. I thoroughly enjoyed learning about his personal experiences as a Prince Hall Mason and how this involvement influenced his Rhode Island ritual work. He is an exemplary man and Mason. His words continue to resonate with me on many levels. From the moment I first met and spoke with W. Ritter, he was engaging and offered his assistance in any way that I needed. Thank you W. Harold and to everyone who was able to attend our September meeting.

I would also like to recognize and thank RW Mike Southern who has gone above and beyond. He virtually tyled the many virtual meetings Redwood has hosted and was intimately involved in the logistics of running a hybrid meeting. This is the silver lining of a global pandemic. It has widened my Masonic circle and has brought many into the "new normal!" that perhaps I would not have met. These exceptional circumstances are leading me to remarkable people. Thank you RW.

When COVID made is difficult for lodges to perform degree work, the Grand Lodge sprung into action. Under the coordination and direction of RW Junior Grand Warden Doug Grant, the three degrees were performed over 3 consecutive Saturdays in September. I had the privilege to sit as JW for EA and SW for the MM degree. WOW. Masons from all over the state participated. The floor work was impressive. The many who delivered the lectures were eloquent. Most importantly, the candidates, our newest brothers, had a most meaningful experience.

Congratulations to Redwood's 3 newest Master Masons: Brothers Perez, Sanchez and Tejada !!! I look forward to their proficiency and to see these brothers sign Redwood's by-laws.

Redwood Lodge will open on Wednesday, October 7 for a brief meeting to clear the Secretary's desk and to vote on a potential new candidate. Once the business has been conducted, we will close the lodge and the officers will begin to prepare for our upcoming EA Degree to be held on 28 October.

Brethren, stay healthy!!

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.

We are voting on the application for the conferral of degrees of Saleh S. Kaleel, which were read up at our June Communication.

We will be having a Special Communication on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 to confer the EA Degree on our candidates.

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

Wednesday, October 7, 2020-Regular Communication

Wednesday, October 28, 2020-Special communication-EA Degree

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

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
Jenk's Lodge now meets at St Andrew's Building-18 Turner Ave. E.P.



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1,427 Regular Communication – Wednesday, October 7, 2020



COMMUNICATION AGENDA

Open Lodge 7:00 P.M.

Conduct Business

Memorial Service:

W.: Charles C. Sciaraffa, Jr.

Vote on the application of:

Saleh S. Khaleel

Close Lodge 8:00 P.M.

It is imperative that you make a reservation with the Secretary in order to ensure that you will be allowed into the Communication. ***IF YOU DO NOT MAKE A RESERVATION AND HAVE IT CONFIRMED THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT YOU WILL ALLOWED INTO THE LODGE ROOM.***

The deadline for reservations is Sunday, October 4, 2020. Please contact the Secretary at SMiller64@aol.com Your reservation will be acknowledged, and if space is still available you will receive a confirmation. If we have reached capacity you will be advised of same.

STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY
BRETHREN

GRAND MASTER'S VISITATIONS

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

October Birthdays

Kevin J. Catanzaro	October 1
Frank E. Antin	October 2
Lewis J. Antin	October 2
Ryan A. Sherry	October 5
Andrew A. Brown	October 9
Howard S. Weiss	October 14
David E. Penn	October 16
Luis Carcamo	October 18
Corey P. Meyette	October 18
Stephen D. Kasden	October 21
Frederic P. Magnani	October 20
Micah T. Ross	October 24
Melvin E. Silverio	October 27

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
BROTHERS!

OCTOBER MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Howard I. Wilgoren	32 Years
Joseph Silverman	64 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		
*Moseley, 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 D.	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	
*Bowen, 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 II	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		
*Lincoln, Samuel E.	1916	*Mandell, Leonard C	1961	R.W. Freedman, Mark H	2007		
*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	*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		
*Scлонеk, 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		