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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

**1426 REGULAR COMMUNICATION**  
**Monday September 14, 2020**

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



**THE COMMUNICATION SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 WILL BE A HYBRID LIVE AND VIRTUAL MEETING ON ZOOM DUE TO THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC**

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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,

Laura is powerful, fierce, persistent, fearless, and unrelenting. And, no, I am not referring to the hurricane that devastated Louisiana, Texas, and Arkansas. Laura is the smart, hardworking, funny, beautiful person that I get to call best friend and wife. I wonder about the divine intervention from the Grand Architect who sent us a Category 4 Hurricane in her namesake that hit within the week of her 11 year Kidney Transplant Anniversary. Laura is healthy today and we live an active lifestyle ever mindful of the selfless act of a man who donated his kidney to Laura. My faith in humanity is once again renewed knowing that there are phenomenal people in our midst.

I am one lucky man and Mason. There are some extremely special people in my life: family members, friends, co-workers, and of course Masons. Just the other day, I was having a discussion with W. Norman Gessman about some of the moments that have made our journey extraordinary. We love the ritual of the lodge but the people and their stories are what escalates the experience to a whole new level. This is the intangible that makes Freemasonry special to me. My heart was warmed by the strong support shown to me on installation evening. 50 people joining a Zoom call and forever embedding a meaningful experience in my mind. The ritual was beautiful, but the friendship and brotherly love was exceptional. Thank you!

We have several, exciting events to look forward in the upcoming weeks. On September 14<sup>th</sup>, Redwood Lodge is pleased to welcome W. Harold Ritter to the Lodge. This meeting will be a hybrid. The Lodge will open promptly at 7pm in East Providence, RI. We will conduct the business of our Regular Communication, including a vote on 2 new, potential candidates. We will recess around 7:30 to welcome Master Masons via Zoom to participate in the evening's program. W. Ritter will lecture on the history of Prince Hall Masonry and offer some thoughts and insights on ritual based on his personal experiences. It is sure to be an informative and excellent evening of learning and brotherhood. We will end the Zoom call and return to labor following the presentation in order to close the Lodge in due form.

Redwood Lodge, with our 3 candidates, will participate in the Grand Lodge Master Mason degree. Details will be forthcoming. We are planning on presenting the EA Degree on October 12, 2020 at our October Communication.

Fraternal Greetings to all Brethren near and far. I am hoping that this has been a fulfilling summer in spite of the global pandemic. I look forward to seeing those who choose to return to lodge in person and others online. We will be carefully following Grand Lodge Protocol in regards to social distancing, mask wearing, use of PPE, hand sanitizing, and other safety measures.

Fraternally,  
W. Roy

"There are no strangers in Freemasonry, only friends you've yet to meet." – Author Unknown

### 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 applications for the conferral of degrees of Samuel J. Glicksman and Joseph Mathew Maddalena, which were read up at our August Communication. **YOU MUST BE PHYSICALLY PRESENT IN ORDER TO VOTE. YOU CANNOT VOTE USING ZOOM.**

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, 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

- 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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1,426 Regular Communication – Monday, September 14, 2020



### COMMUNICATION AGENDA

Open Lodge 7:00 P.M.

Conduct Business  
Vote on the applications of:

Samuel J. Glicksman  
Joseph Mathew Maddalena

**YOU MAY ONLY VOTE IF YOU ARE PHYSICALLY PRESENT IN LODGE**

Speaker:  
W.: Harold Ritter will speak on the history of Prince Hall Masonry

Close Lodge 8:30 P.M.

The September Communication will be a hybrid live and virtual meeting. 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 BE ALLOWED INTO THE LODGE ROOM.***

The deadline for reservations is Sunday, September 13, 2020. Please contact the Secretary at [SMiller64@aol.com](mailto: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.

### VIRTUAL MEETINGS UTILIZING ZOOM

The Redwood Lodge  
September Communication  
September 14, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

Zoom Meeting ID: 969 6031 7699  
Password: 004782

(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*

### September Birthdays

Michael T. Stamp	September 1
Eric A. Chaika	September 2
Ronald E. Paquette	September 2
Lawrence D. Kortick	September 8
Aaron Pacheco	September 8
Charles German	September 15
Michael M. Gaffin	September 15
Peter Tremontozzi, III	September 15
Richard B. Feinstein	September 21
Edward D. Rotmer	September 21
Steven R. Tomasso	September 27
Wilson Perez, Sr.	September 27

HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
BROTHERS!

### SEPTEMBER MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Steven L. Sanford	29 Years
James S. Arnold	14 Years
Richard G. Winkler	13 Years
Michael T. Stamp	3 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. 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	*Masson, 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	Bernbaum, 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	*Baucke, 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	*Hahn, 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	
*Lassell, 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	*M.W. John Haidenmenos	
*Hawes, James A.	1910	*Kumins, Albert	1956	Hodges, James	2001	*M.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	1959	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	*Hafi, 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	Mainou, 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	1967	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	*Lamoré, 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		
*Selonck, 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		