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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

1433 REGULAR COMMUNICATION
Monday April 12, 2021

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



**JOIN US IN WELCOMING OUR MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER
GARY S. KAUFMAN
RESERVATIONS ARE ABSOLUTELY REQUIRED FOR ADMITTANCE**

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

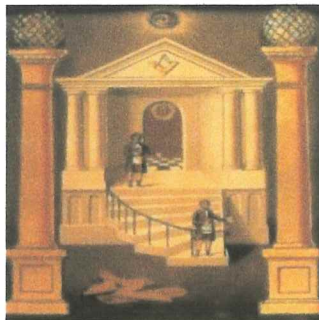
Second Monday in May

Freemasons' Hall

222 Taunton Avenue

East Providence, Rhode Island

Dates Subject to Change with Dispensation



Officers 2020-2021

Worshipful Master

Roy Gessman
15 Gladridge Drive
East Greenwich, RI 02818
C: 401-529-2528
rdgessman@verizon.net

Senior Warden

W. Michael Ponte
38 Ninth Street
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Treasurer

W.: Andrew Sholes
1375 Warwick Avenue
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Secretary

R.: W.: Samuel Miller
331 Broadway
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Message from the Master

Fraternal Greetings from the East,

Brethren,

Spring has sprung. The birds are chirping. Flowers are blooming. Shots are going into arms. Lodges are re-opening. The buzz of Freemasonry is ever growing. Redwood Lodge has an exciting couple of months ahead. Before proceeding, let me look back for just a minute to offer my sincere thanks and gratitude to MWPGM Peter Iacobucci for the program on "the Real Meaning of Ritual" he delivered during our March Regular Communication. We were all engaged in his exploration of sacred spaces, symbolism, ceremonies, as well as many other topics. I look forward to another meeting when we can explore these topics in greater detail and while tiled as Master Masons. Thank you MW Peter. If not for you and MW Gary, I would not be where I am today. Your encouragement and brotherly love are greatly appreciated.

Redwood Lodge's next Regular Communication will be held on Monday, April 12, 2021. We will be meeting in person as well as hybrid via Zoom. This is an incredibly special evening as we will welcome our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Gary Kaufman, to his Mother Lodge. The lodge will open at 5:15pm, recess, and resume the work of the evening following dinner. Dinner will be served at 6pm. Reservations will be extremely limited due to COVID regulations. We will serve a catered meal and follow all Grand Lodge and State protocols. Dinner will be \$25 and you will have a choice of: Chicken Piccata, Beef Lasagna, or Eggplant Rollatini. Our meal for the evening will be prepared by Harvest Kitchen, a culinary job training program for youth, ages 16-19, involved with the RI Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) in conjunction with Farm Fresh RI. Ingredients are sourced from local farms. Space is limited, so please RSVP ASAP in order to secure your spot. Work will resume at 6:45pm following dinner. The hybrid meeting will commence after we have received our MWGM.

The speaker for the evening will be Tim Hebert, "a National Speaker, Perennial Entrepreneur, innovator and adventurer. Tim sees the opportunity to affect change everywhere and is passionate about helping others do the same". As a business owner, workshop leader, published author and community leader, Tim has explored and defined the principles surrounding intentional leadership over the past three decades. Tim will speak about Personal Mastery, Leadership and Legacy. It will be a motivational and moving evening.

I am very much looking forward to our special evening. It has been 13 years since Redwood Lodge has welcomed a Grand Master to his Mother Lodge and it will be quite some time until we have the honor of doing it again. Please come out in support of Redwood Lodge and our Most Worshipful Grand Master Gary Kaufman!

See you on the 12th!

Fraternally,
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 dues for 2021 are now in delinquent. Late notices have been 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 Lodge Scholarship applications are available through Grand Lodge. The filing date has been extended to May 28, 2021. Redwood Lodge Scholarship applications are available through the Secretary and are due June 1, 2021.

Redwood Communications 2020-2021

Monday, April 12, 2021- Grand Master's Visitation to Mother Lodge
Monday, May 10, 2021-Annual Communication

VISITATION TO THE CONSOLIDATED LODGE

Tuesday, April 6, 2021 6:30 P.M.
It will be a Zoom Communication
https://www.TheConsolidatedLodge.com/april_zoom

METRO DISTRICT

Annual Communications 2020-2021

Redwood No. 35 May 10, 2021

Grand Master's Visitation to His Mother Lodge

Redwood No. 35—April 12, 2021

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED FOR DINNER AND ADMISSION TO THE COMMUNICATION DUE TO COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

District Deputy's Visitations 2020-2021

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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1,433 Regular Communication – Monday, April 12, 2021



COMMUNICATION AGENDA

Open Lodge 5:15 P.M.
 Adjourn for Dinner 6:00 P.M.
 Reconvene: 6:45 P.M.

Conduct Business

Memorial Services:

Charles C. Sciaraffa, Jr.
 Myron A. Muffs
 Irwin J. Chase
 Alfred E. Blank
 Paul F. Avedisian
 Lyman J. Williams

Welcome the Most Worshipful Grand Master Gary S. Kaufman 7:30 P.M.

Program:

Tim Hebert
 Personal Mastery, Leadership and Legacy

Presentation of 50 Year Medals:

R.:W.: Howard Bromberg
 W.: Andrew Sholes
 Close Lodge 9:00 P.M.

The April Communication will be a hybrid meeting. Admission to dinner and the meeting is by **CONFIRMED RESERVATION ONLY**

Zoom Meeting ID: 873 5650 7039
 Password: 182488

MENU

Choice of Chicken Picata, Hearty Beef
 Lasagna or Eggplant Rollatini (vegetarian)
 Stewed Green Beans and Rice Pilaf
 Small Oatmeal Cranberry Cookies or Double
 Chocolate Brownies

Dinner is \$25.00 per person
**LIMITED TO THE FIRST 60
 RESERVATIONS**

*Please make your dinner and meeting
 reservations at koby.design.RI@gmail.com*

GRAND MASTER'S VISITATIONS

East Bay District

St. John's No. 1—April 5, 2021

MOTHER LODGE VISITATION

Redwood No. 35—April 12, 2021

The Most Worshipful Grand Master
 Will present 50 year Service Medals

To:

R.:W.: Howard M. Bromberg
 and
 W.: Andrew G. Sholes

**THERE WILL NOT BE A COLLATION
 FOLLOWING THE MEETING**

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

April Birthdays

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Donald H. Dwares | April 1 |
| Andrew H. Port | April 2 |
| Edmond A. Loiselle, Jr. | April 5 |
| Joel K. Gerstenblatt | April 6 |
| Richard C. Kumins | April 7 |
| Steven E. Schiffman | April 8 |
| Norman J. Bolotow | April 10 |
| Michael F. Mroz | April 11 |
| Marvin H. Homonoff | April 14 |
| Howard D. Zisseron | April 16 |
| Chad A. Rosen | April 17 |
| James P. Galkin | April 21 |
| Bernard Wasserman | April 21 |
| Gerald C. Finkelman | April 24 |
| Larry Kahn | April 29 |
| Leon A. Resnick | April 29 |

APRIL MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

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|-------------------------|----------|
| Bryan T. Martin | 4 year |
| Wilson Perez, Sr. | 4 year |
| Aaron Pacheco | 5 years |
| Ryan A. Sherry | 5 years |
| Clark T. Mason | 7 years |
| Benjamin M. Sholes | 7 years |
| Samuel S. Sholes | 7 years |
| Luis Carcamo | 9 years |
| Robert T. Goff | 9 years |
| Joshua R. Kaufman | 9 years |
| Alvaro Reina | 9 years |
| Michael J. Rogovin | 9 years |
| Robert J. Stahl | 9 years |
| Richard A. Cohen | 20 years |
| Michael F. Mroz | 20 years |
| Micah T. Ross | 24 years |
| Gary C. Berard | 29 years |
| Edmond A. Loiselle, Jr. | 46 years |
| Samuel L. Braunstein | 47 years |
| Richard B. Feinstein | 47 years |
| Stephen D. Kasden | 50 years |
| Edward M. Gordon | 52 years |
| Lawrence D. Kortick | 52 years |
| Andrew H. Port | 52 years |
| Edward I. Grossman | 55 years |

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
 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.

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|--------------------------|---------|---------------------------|------|--------------------------|------|--------------------------|-----------|
| #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 | | |
| *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 B. | 1895 | *MacKay, Alexander M | 1942 | >Krasner, Edward S | 1987 | | |
| *Butler, Charles L. | 1896 | *Rosen, Albert L | 1943 | Chaika, Eric A | 1988 | Tyler Emeritus | |
| *Pierce, Charles E. | 1897 | *Entwistle, James H | 1944 | *Myrow, Allan J | 1989 | Bro. Robert Goudie-2019 | |
| *Morton, Marcus W. | 1898-99 | *Ress, Joseph W | 1945 | *Goodman, Joseph | 1990 | | |
| *Stanton, James W. | 1900 | *Perrin, Howard S | 1946 | #Charleson, James A | 1991 | Honorary Past Master | |
| *Perkins, Herbert R. | 1901 | *R. W. Novogroski, Arthur | 1947 | Gaffin, Michael M | 1992 | *^R. W. Judah Rosen-2004 | |
| *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 | Affiliated Past Master | |
| *Albro, Seth M. | 1904 | *Licht, Frank | 1950 | R. W. Lewis, Donovan J | 1995 | *W. Avraham A. Reis | |
| *Lasell, Clarence K. | 1905 | *Hendel, Maurice W | 1951 | Chaika, Eric A | 1996 | | |
| *Smith, Alfred | 1906 | *Hill, Henry M | 1952 | *Crisafulli, Frederick | 1997 | Honorary Members: | |
| *Cutler, Harry | 1907 | *Goodman, Max W | 1953 | R. W. Elmekavy, Mekawy | 1998 | *^M. W. Alton T. Curti | |
| *Boas, Bernard | 1908 | *R. W. Cohen, Gerald P | 1954 | R. W. Freedman, Mark H | 1999 | * ^W. Jacob DeHaan | |
| *Payson, Stephen R. | 1909 | *Michaelson, Julius | 1955 | R. W. Miller, Samuel A | 2000 | *^W. Albert Lavine | |
| *Haves, James A. | 1910 | *Kumins, Albert | 1956 | Hodges, James | 2001 | *^W. Stanley DeHaan | |
| *Hoffman, Felix V. | 1911 | *Rubenstein, Louis Barach | 1957 | >Richardson, Simon J | 2002 | ^W. Gary Rachins | |
| *Pierce, Benjamin F. | 1912 | *^Bromberg, Morris H | 1958 | R. W. Miller, Samuel A | 2003 | *^W. John Haidenmenos | |
| #Moir, George | 1913 | *Arnold, Siegfried | 1958 | M. W. Kaufman, Gary S | 2004 | *^W. Elmer Yeaw | |
| *Butler, Charles L. Jr. | 1914 | *Mushnick, Frederick | 1959 | Ross, Micah T | 2005 | ^M. W. Paul Cardoza | |
| *Taylor, Arthur J. | 1915 | *Millman, Benjamin | 1960 | Kaplan, Andrew | 2006 | ^M. W. John Lopez | |
| *Lincoln, Samuel E. | 1916 | *Mandell, Leonard C | 1961 | R. W. Freedman, Mark H | 2007 | *^W. James Warner | |
| *Baldwin, Henry F. | 1917 | *Haf, LeRoy | 1962 | R. W. Miller, Samuel A | 2008 | | |
| *Harley, William F. | 1918 | *->R. W. Brill, Marvin A | 1963 | R. W. Bartlett, Harley W | 2009 | *Deceased | >Demitted |
| *Locke, Edward J. | 1919 | *Rothman, Robert H | 1964 | Ponte, Michael | 2010 | ^Honorary | >Dropped |
| *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.

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|------------------------|---------|-----------------------|------|----------------------------|------|-----------------------|---------|
| *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 | *Cleimnan, 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 | *Lamorite, 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 | *Petarcar, 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 | | |