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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. Robert B. Ellston**  
Grand Master  
**R.W. Keith P. Moan**  
Grand Marshal

**1439 REGULAR COMMUNICATION**  
**Monday December 13, 2021**

**R.W. Rick Baccus**  
District Deputy Grand Master  
**W. Richard F. Lynch**  
Grand Master of Ceremonies



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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

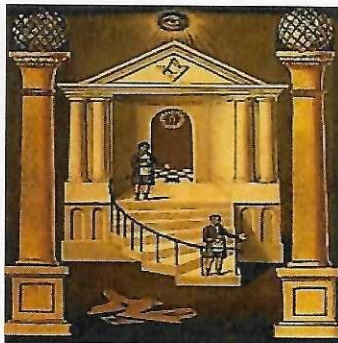
Second Monday in May

**Freemasons' Hall**

222 Taunton Avenue

East Providence, Rhode Island

Dates Subject to Change with Dispensation



## Officers 2021-2022

### Worshipful Master

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## Message from the Master

Fraternal Greetings from the East,

November did not disappoint. The echoes of "VIVAT, VIVAT, VIVAT" and the crashing of our swords to rest still resound in my head. Redwood's Table Lodge was an enormous success with brothers coming from throughout our grand jurisdiction. We even had brothers who represented 3 lodges from Massachusetts in attendance. Thank you to all you visited and participated. I would be remiss if I did not thank our Caterer and Brother David Eccleston from A Touch of Class Catering. What a pleasure it was to work with him on the menu. The food was spectacular. And, common to my other messages, I would like to recognize Stewards Sholes and Maddalena with guidance from SD Andrew Brown and our SW Cory Meyette. Not only did these brothers go above and beyond, but under the direction of JW Bob Goff, they led a team of extremely hardworking brothers who worked very hard to ensure our plates and glasses were full. Well done brothers. It took everyone's dedication to this event and the orchestration to make the evening work as flawlessly as it did. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!!

Speaking of hard working, I would like to share how proud I am of our most recent EA Degree Team. Hours of work and prep were done and it showed. My congratulations to our 3 newly initiated candidates: Curtis T. Abbott, John W. Burgess and Matthew A. Cavallo. As I mentioned the night of the degree, I think they had a chance to witness this degree done at its very best. Our officers' floor work and lectures were excellent. I look forward to passing these candidates to the degree of FC upon their successful proficiency. Stay tuned for the date of our next degree.

As our candidates have now received Light in Freemasonry, I would like to instruct our Brethren on the "Power of Hot Light". Please join Redwood on Monday, 13 December for what should be an extremely fun and entertaining evening. We will start with our traditional "Deli Night" served at 6pm by RW Andrew Sholes & RW Howard Bromberg. Dinner will be \$20. The Lodge will open at 7pm. At approximately 7:15pm I will go to recess and open the lodge to all who wish to attend the program of the evening ... a quick overview of laser welders and laser markers and the many industries we serve. Following the program all visitors can retire from the lodge for a Holiday-Themed collation. We will have a hot chocolate bar along with festive desserts and snacks.

During the collation, we will have a LIVE laser marking machine whereby you will be able to purchase a customized variety of items, i.e. Yeti Mugs, flasks, key chains, amongst other items. These would make a great gift for your loved ones...just in time for the holiday season. As a further token of our holiday cheer, we ask that you consider bringing a new, unopened package of socks that we will collect and donate. Hope to see you all soon! Stay tuned for more details on the Redwood & RI Freemason Facebook page or contact the Stewards, Secretary and/or myself for more details.

I hope everyone had a very Happy Thanksgiving. Stay Healthy!!

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.

I want to congratulate and welcome to the Lodge our three new EA's, Brothers Curtis T. Abbott, John W. Burgess and Matthew A. Cavallo. .

Our 2022 dues bills will be going out soon. There are still several brothers who have yet to pay their dues. 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.

**I WANT TO WISH ALL A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON BROTHERS!!**

### Redwood Communications 2021-2022

- Monday, December 13, 2021-Regular Communication*
- Monday, January 10, 2022-District Deputy Grand Master Visitation*
- Monday, February 14, 2022-Regular Communication*
- Monday, March 14, 2022-Regular Visitation*
- Monday, April 11, 2022- Regular Communication*
- Monday, May 9, 2022-Annual Communication*

### METRO DISTRICT

#### Annual Communications 2021-2022

- Overseas No. 40—November 11, 2021*
- Jenks No. 24—January 8, 2022*
- Redwood No. 35 May 9 2022*
- Logia Libertad, UD—TBD*

#### Grand Master's Visitation to Metro District 2021-2022

*St. Johns 1P—December 15, 2021*

#### District Deputy's Visitations 2021-2022

- Redwood Lodge—January 10, 2022*
- Jenks Lodge— March 28, 2022*
- \* Overseas Lodge— April 12, 2022*
- St. Johns 1P— April 20, 2022*

\* Officer Forum

All officers are requested to attend Visitations and Annuals  
Jenks's Lodge now meets at St Andrew's Building-18 Turner Ave. E.P.

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1,439 Regular Communication – Monday, December 13, 2021

## COMMUNICATION AGENDA

Open Lodge 7:00 P.M.  
 Conduct Business:  
 Program for the Evening:  
 Power of Hot Light  
 Close Lodge 9:00 P.M.

*There will be a Holiday Celebration in the social hall after the Communication*

If at any time you are aware of the passing of a brother or the family member of a brother, please let me know in order that I might inform the Lodge in as timely a manner as possible.

R.: W.: Samuel A. Miller, Secretary

## DINNER MENU

Deli Night  
 \$20.00 per person

Reservations are a must. Please contact the Stewards

ALL MASONIC TEMPLES ARE NOW OPEN FOR IN-PERSON MEETINGS.

STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY BRETHREN

## GRAND MASTER'S VISITATIONS

### Metro District

St. Johns Lodge No. 1 P  
 December 15, 2021

### Central District

Daylight Lodge No. 48  
 January 8, 2022

### East Bay District

Washington Lodge No. 3  
 March 8, 2022

## MOTHER LODGE VISITATION

Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 8  
 April 22, 2022

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*

## December Birthdays

Howard M. Bromberg	December 4
Ethan T. Sholes	December 4
Martin S. Malinou	December 5
Mark B. Morse	December 5
Richard H. Cohen	December 7
Jerrold L. Lavine	December 10
Arthur S. Robbins	December 11
Edward Steiner	December 12
Roy D. Gessman	December 15
Howard I. Wilgoren	December 17
Sanford E. Fink	December 21
Arnold R. Bromberg	December 23
Ronald D. Kurtzman	December 23
Marvin G. Jacobson	December 26
Mitchell S. Riffkin	December 30
Mathew D. Shuster	December 31

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS!

## Masonic Anniversaries

### DECEMBER MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Richard K. Sholes	57 Years
David H. Epstein	56 Years
Howard S. Weiss	56 Years
Stephen R. Beranbaum	55 Years
Robert H. Hoffman	55 Years
Paul R. Miller	54 Years
Mark A. Ross	54 Years
Stephen E. Schiffman	54 Years
Howard M. Bromberg	50 Years
Andrew G. Sholes	50 Years
Charles German	49 Years
Alan B. Hopfenberg	49 Years
Charles Fischer	47 Years
William M. Bromberg	46 Years
Howard L. Feldman	44 Years
Arnold R. Bromberg	41 Years
Mark R. Harris	41 Years
Robert D. Miller	41 Years
Joel K. Gertstenblatt	40 Years
Ronald D. Kurtzman	40 Years
Richard Saltzman	40 Years
Frank E. Antin	39 Years
Lewis J. Antin	39 Years
Dennis L. DiMauro, Sr.	39 Years
Alan D. Bergel	37 Years
Michael M. Gaffin	35 Years
Kenneth M. Segal	35 Years
Richard S. Sokoll	33 Years
Barry J. Waldman	33 Years
Stephen Sirota	32 Years
Mark I. Karnes	31 Years
Donovan J. Lewis	30 Years
Michael D. Smith	26 Years
Malcolm R. Singer	25 Years

CONGRATULATIONS BROTHERS!



# The Redwood Builder



## 2020-2021 Line of Officers

**Senior Deacon:** Andrew Brown  
**Junior Deacon:** Andrew Liss  
**Senior Steward:** Benjamin Sholes  
**Junior Steward:** Joseph Maddalena  
**Sentinel:**  
**Marshal:**  
**Chaplain:** Robert Stahl  
**Tyler:** Luis Carcamo  
**Electricians:** Nathan Rosenbaum  
**Asst. Master of Ceremonies:** 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:**  
**Meals and Table Lodge:** Stewards  
**Public Relations:** W. Robert Goff  
**Lodge Reporter:**  
**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	Matthew Yaffe	2019
*Spitz, John H.	1882	*Wyman, Frederick W	1929	*Maldavir, Melvyn S.	1974	Roy Gessman	2020
*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		
*Hahn, Jerome J.	1894	*M.W. Abedon, Bernard	1941	R.W. Freedman, Mark H	1986	Chaplain Emeritus	
*Lincoln, Edwin B.	1895	*MacKay, Alexander M	1942	->Krasner, Edward S	1987	*R.W. Judah Rosen-2012	
*Butler, Charles L.	1896	*Rosen, Albert L	1943	Chaika, Eric A	1988		
*Pierce, Charles E.	1897	*Entwistle, James H	1944	*Myrow, Allan J	1989	Honorary Past Master	
*Morton, Marcus W.	1898-99	*Ress, Joseph W	1945	*Goodman, Joseph	1990	*R.W. Judah Rosen-2004	
*Stanton, James W.	1900	*Perrin, Howard S	1946	#Charleston, James A	1991		
*Perkins, Herbert R.	1901	*R.W. Novogroski, Arthur	1947	Gaffin, Michael M	1992	Affiliated Past Master	
*Bowen, Thomas A.	1902	*Cook, Walter R	1948	M.W. Sokoll, Richard	1993	*W. Avraham A. Reis	
*Saunders, Harry L.	1903	*Strauss, Walter H	1949	->Fishbein, Richard J	1994		
*Albro, Seth M.	1904	*Licht, Frank	1950	R.W. Lewis, Donovan J	1995	Honorary Members:	
*Lasell, Clarence K.	1905	*Hendel, Maurice W	1951	Chaika, Eric A	1996	*M.W. Alton T. Curti	
*Smith, Alfred	1906	*Hill, Henry M	1952	*Crisafulli, Frederick	1997	*W. Jacob DeHaan	
*Cutler, Harry	1907	*Goodman, Max W	1953	R.W. Elmekawy, Mekawy	1998	*W. Albert Lavine	
*Boas, Bernard	1908	*R.W. Cohen, Gerald P	1954	R.W. Freedman, Mark H	1999	W. Stanley DeHaan	
*Payson, Stephen R.	1909	*Michaelson, Julius	1955	R.W. Miller, Samuel A	2000	W. Gary Rachins	
*Hawes, James A.	1910	*Kumins, Albert	1956	Hodges, James	2001	*W. John Haidenmenos	
*Hoffman, Felix V.	1911	*Rubenstein, Louis Barach	1957	->Richardson, Simon J	2002	*W. Elmer Yeaw	
*Pierce, Benjamin F.	1912	*Bromberg, Morris H	1958	R.W. Miller, Samuel A	2003	M.W. Paul Cardoza	
#Moir, George	1913	*Arnold, Siegfried	1958	M.W. Kaufman, Gary S	2004	M.W. John Lopez	
*Butler, Charles L. Jr.	1914	*Mushnick, Frederick	1959	Ross, Micah T	2005	*W. James Warner	
*Taylor, Arthur J.	1915	*Millman, Benjamin	1960	Kaplan, Andrew	2006	W. Lawrence DeHaan	
*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	*Deceased #Demitted	
*Harley, William F.	1918	*->R.W. Brill, Marvin A	1963	R.W. Bartlett, Harley W	2009	^Honorary >Dropped	
*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, Abbot 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		
*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		