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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

1431 REGULAR COMMUNICATION
Monday February 11, 2021

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



PLEASE NOTE THAT 2021 DUES ARE NOW DELINQUENT. WE WILL BE CHECKING DUES CARDS WHEN YOU CHECK IN AT THE ZOOM COMMUNICATION

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331 Broadway
Providence, Rhode Island 02909

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

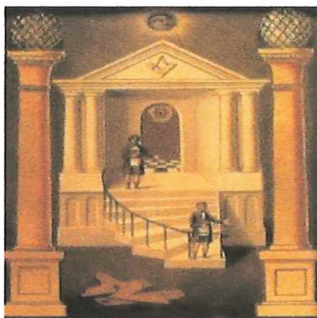
Second Monday in May

Freemasons' Hall

222 Taunton Avenue

East Providence, Rhode Island

Dates Subject to Change with Dispensation



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Message from the Master

Fraternal Greetings from the East,

Brethren,

I cannot believe how quickly January has passed. It was a blur. For those able to attend, Redwood Lodge welcomed the Metro District's RW DDGM Andre H Faria Jr and his Master of Ceremonies W. Brandt Evans on their official visitation. Thank you to JD Andrew Brown who arranged the speaker for the evening, Mr. Benjamin R. Bricken III a VP at Raymond James in Memphis, TN. In light of everything that happened with the Presidential Elections and the ongoing pandemic, Mr. Bricken III gave us a financial outlook for 2021. It was a most enjoyable and informative evening.

On a personal note, the Gessmans also celebrated a milestone in January when our son Zachary became a Bar Mitzvah and took his place as an adult in the Jewish community. This was not the event that I had dreamt and planned for him due to COVID, but it was incredibly special and meaningful. I watched our 13-year boy take command of the day, read from two Torahs and embrace all the adversity thrown his way. He was determined to excel and he did. I dreaded making the decision to cancel his party. Even worse were the discussions asking friends and family not to attend in person. In the end, it was a gorgeous winter day and we were virtually surrounded with love and support.

As I have written about on several occasions, I would always prefer to meet in person, on the level. As the pandemic has prevented this, it is easy to become discouraged and maybe even distracted. People are innovative and resilient. "Where there is a will, there is a way". RI Masons have demonstrated this with a new virtual protocol for opening and closing a lodge, there is a new procedure for welcoming DDGM and MWGM suites during official visitations, and new procedures were established for polling and voting online. We will not and cannot fail. We may have had to make changes, but the meaningfulness and solemnity has remained.

A quick shout out to our three EAs who were initiated at the end of October. They have attended their Forums and continue to study diligently. Pending a successful proficiency, they will progress on their journey when they participate in the Grand Lodge degrees taking place on April 10 (Fellow Craft) and April 24th (Master Mason).

Our next Regular Communication will be held on Monday, 8 February via Zoom. The lodge will open at 7pm in the Master Mason degree. Please be prepared to show a valid dues card to be admitted. For members of Redwood Lodge not in possession of a valid dues card, please contact our Secretary, Sam Miller.

We will conduct business as per usual and then recess to allow lower degree admittance. Our Senior Deacon will test the proficiency of our 3 Entered Apprentices. Following the proficiency, RW Michael Southern will present "Grand View" Software, its usages, features and benefits to Grand Lodge and all Masons who download the app and enroll. Let's embrace technology and explore the power of this online tool.

Please stay healthy and I look forward to seeing everyone online.

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.

Mazel Tov to the Gessman Family on Zachary's Bar Mitzvah.

I am sad to notify the brethren that I was recently advised of the passing of Brother Irwin Chase last May. We will be having a Memorial service in Lodge when we again meet.

Please note that the Lodge dues for 2021 are now in delinquent. Late notices have been sent out to. 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 until further notice. Please look for information regarding our January Communication

METRO DISTRICT

Annual Communications 2020-2021

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

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.

Redwood Communications 2020-2021

Monday, February 8, 2021-Regular Communication

Monday, March 8, 2021-Regular Visitation

Monday, April 12, 2021— Grand Master's Visitation to Mother Lodge

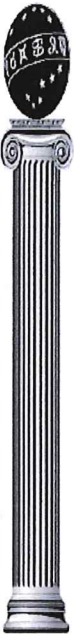
Monday, May 10, 2021-Annual Communication



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1,431 Regular Communication – Monday, February 8, 2021



COMMUNICATION AGENDA

Open Lodge 7:00 P.M.

Conduct Business

EA Proficiency:

Samuel Glicksman
Saleh Khaleel
Joseph Maddalena

Program:

R.W.: Michael H. Southern
Assoc. Grand Chaplain and
Grand Pursuivant

Grand View:
What it is and
How to utilize it

Close Lodge 8:30 P.M.

The February 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.

The Redwood Lodge
February Communication
February 8, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

Zoom Meeting ID: 952 5858 9492
Password: 631794

(The Zoom application can be downloaded to your computer or I-pad or phone)

STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY
BRETHREN

GRAND MASTER'S VISITATIONS

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
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

February Birthdays

Mark H. Freedman	February 1
Marc J. Laden	February 5
Stephen Sirota	February 12
Irwin Kaplan	February 16
Andrew G. Sholes	February 17
Mark A. Ross	February 19
Michael D. Smith	February 21
Jason M. Riffkin	February 22
Allen M. Kirshenbaum	February 24
Yaakov J. Rosenbaum	February 24
Richard K. Sholes	February 25

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
BROTHERS!

FEBRUARY MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

David M. Melo	10 years
Chad A. Rosen	10 years
Kevin J. Catanzaro	15 years
Steven J. Catanzaro	15 years
Steven A. Blazer	16 years
Michael R. Ponte	16 years
Daniel B. Rothman	16 years
Mohamed I. Amer	18 years
Andrew H. Kaplan	20 years
Shai Afsai	22 years
Ronald W. Lippitt	28 years
Philippe H. Maatouk	28 years
Ronald S. Mann	28 years
Allen M. Kirshenbaum	59 years
Norman J. Bolotow	60 years
Donald H. Dwares	60 years
Milton S. Lewis	63 years
Gerald C. Finkelman	66 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	*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		
*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, 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	*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
*Savateri, 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	*Petarra, 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		