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# The REDWOOD REBUILDER



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. Silver**  
Grand Marshal

**1430 REGULAR COMMUNICATION**  
**Monday January 11, 2021**

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



**A VERY HAPPY , SAFE AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF OUR BRETHREN, THEIR FAMILIES AND OUR FRIENDS**

*Forwarding Service Requested*

*Meeting Address:*  
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

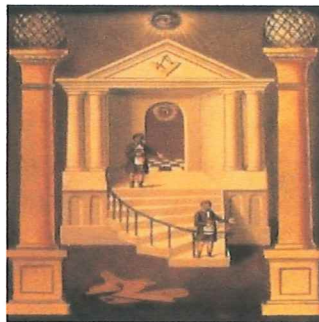
Second Monday in May

**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,

Happy New Year !!! Welcome to 2021, a clean slate and renewed hope that this will be our best year yet. History will reflect 2020 as an incredibly challenging year. My thoughts and prayers have been and will continue to be with those who suffered and continue to be challenged during these unprecedented times. I especially think about our Prince Hall Brothers who lost their Masonic Hall in the recent, devastating fire. I will be ever thankful to the men and women who stepped up and went above and beyond in whatever capacity to help, aid, and assist. It is sometimes the worst of circumstances to bring out the best in mankind.

As I think about our last communication, I want to give a quick shout out to our Senior Deacon Cory Meyette. He continues to do an amazing job with our candidates and on his own personal Masonic journey. Cory shined during last month's meeting, having led our 3 Master Mason candidates in their proficiency and then presented us with the evening's program, entitled "What came ye here to do?". His thoughts were insightful and led to a dynamic discussion and kudos from many in attendance. Well done, brother! Congratulations to Brothers Perez, Sanchez, and Tejada for signing the by-laws of Redwood Lodge. The journey was long (over 2 years for Brother Sanchez), but you stuck with it.

Our next Regular Communication will be held on Monday, January 11, 2021. We will welcome the Metro District's DDGM, R. W.: Andre H. Faria, Jr., along with his Master of Ceremonies, W.: Brandt D. Evans, for their official visitation to Redwood Lodge. Our speaker for the evening will be Mr. Benjamin R. Bricken, III, a fixed income broker with Morgan Keegan & Co. Ben is a colleague and close personal friend of our Junior Deacon, Brother Andrew Brown. As 2021 opens, Ben will provide an economic update specifically relating to how COVID and the Presidential Election impacted the market and what the signs are potentially showing for the stock market's outlook in 2021. He will not be offering specific, individual advice but will be open for a Question & Answer session following his presentation.

I would also like to take some time during our meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss ideas on how Redwood Lodge can contribute to the relief of our Prince Hall Brethren. I welcome any ideas so that we can create a timely action plan. Please reach out to me at anytime to communicate your ideas or to share your thoughts.

Brethren, I am optimistic that 2021 will be a great year. I hope that we are soon able to meet in person, on the Level, to continue our Masonic work. In the meantime, we will continue to embrace the Zoom platform and do the best we can with the tools at hand. Again, Happy New Year 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.

Please note that the Lodge dues for 2021 are now in arrears. Late notices are in the process of being sent out to those who have yet to pay. 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

I want to personally express my sense of loss for the recent fire at the Prince Hall Lodge. The Brethren of Redwood, myself included, have experienced many instances of friendship and brotherly in that building. It is now incumbent upon us to assist our fallen brethren as best we are able in accord with the oath we have all taken..

### Redwood Communications 2020-2021

*Monday, January 11, 2021-DDGM Visitation*

*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*

*Monday May 11, 2020-Annual Communication*

### METRO DISTRICT

#### Annual Communications 2020-2021

*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

*\* Redwood Lodge—January 11, 2021*

*Jenks Lodge— March 22, 2021*

*Overseas Lodge— April 13, 2021*

*St. Johns 1P— April 21, 2021*

*\* Officer Forum*

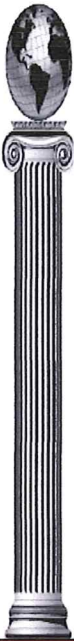
All officers are requested to attend Visitations and Annuals  
Jenk's Lodge now meets at St Andrew's Building-18 Turner Ave. E.P.



# The Redwood Builder



1,430 Regular Communication – Monday, January 11, 2021



### COMMUNICATION AGENDA

Open Lodge 7:00 P.M.

Conduct Business

Receive District Deputy Grand Master R.:W.: Andre H. Faria, Jr.

7:30 P.M.

Program:

Mr. Benjamin R. Bricken, III  
Morgan Keegan & Company

How Covid-19 and the 2020 Presidential Election Will Impact the Stock Market in 2021

Close Lodge 8:30 P.M.

The January 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  
January Communication  
January 11, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

Zoom Meeting ID: 913 6947 2599  
Password: 191977

(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

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*

### January Birthdays

Javier Alfonzo	January 2
David M. Melo	January 9
Steven L. Sanford	January 10
James S. Arnold	January 15
Jef Saunders	January 17
Gary C. Berard	January 19
Norman R. Goodman	January 19
Richard Saltzman	January 19
Justin J. Strauss	January 19
Jay H. Newman	January 20
Peter J. Mulberry	January 25
Ronald W. Lippitt	January 26
Alan D. Bergel	January 28

HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
BROTHERS!

### JANUARY MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Brian N. Ahern	23 years
Gary S. Kaufman	23 years
Steven T. Sholes	44 years
Edward A. Shapira	47 years
David A. Schechter	51 years
David H. Port	52 years
Michael L. Rubinstein	53 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 Yeav	
*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	*Haff, LeRoy	1962	R.W. Miller, Samuel A	2008		
*Harley, William F.	1918	*>R.W. Brill, Marvin A	1963	R.W. Bartlett, Harley W	2009		
*Loeke, 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. Sejaraffa, 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	*Jagolnzer, Harry D	1950	*Limer, Harry	1970	*Smith, Ronald J	1991
*Workman, Samuel H	1930	*Deutsch, 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	*Lanorte, 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		