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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

**1432 REGULAR COMMUNICATION**  
**Monday March 8, 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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## 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

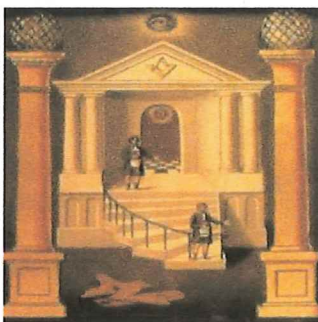
Second Monday in May

**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,

Brethren,

Thank you to the Past Masters of Redwood Lodge who took time on their Sunday to attend a Zoom call. I was so pleased for an excellent turn out and for the engagement during the call. This meeting was long overdue as I was delayed in calling the meeting because of COVID-19. Instead of reviewing my potential plans for the year, I recounted the many programs that we have had in this Masonic year. We also were able to celebrate many accomplishments including, but not limited to, the raising of 3 Master Masons, the initiation of 3 Entered Apprentices, new aprons, and an application for affiliation. Thank you to the PMs that attended and for your caring and passion for this Lodge.

I would also like thank RW Michael Southern for his program on "Grand View" which took place during our last Regular Communication. I certainly learned a lot and was intrigued to see how this software is not only critical for the Grand Lodge but also for the Metro District and specifically for Redwood Lodge. RW Sam Miller has many tools at his disposal to help us keep in close communication with our Brethren.

What would a month of the Redwood Builder be without a quick mention of W. Norman Gessman? Check out his article in this month's **Rhode Island Freemason**. I think I recognize the people in the picture he submitted (ha!) ... that was over 25 years ago ... wow, how we have changed. It continues to be an incredible journey and I love that I get to share so many memories with my Brother Dad.

Our Senior Deacon and three Entered Apprentices will conduct their proficiency at our next meeting. Pending a successful outcome, they will progress on their journey when they participate in the Grand Lodge degrees taking place on April 10 (Fellow Craft) and April 24<sup>th</sup> (Master Mason).

Our next Regular Communication will be held on Monday, 8 March 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, MW PGM Peter Iacobucci will lead us in a discussion on "the real meaning of ritual". He will focus on ritual in general for all mystic societies. He will also address what and how our ritual should affect us. 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.

I am sad to notify the brethren that I was recently advised of the passing of Brother Herrbert Abedon on February 7, 2021. 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. 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 and are due by April 15, 2021. Redwood Lodge Scholarship applications are available through the Secretary and are due June 1, 2021.

### Redwood Communications 2020-2021

Monday, March 8, 2021-Regular Visitation  
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](https://www.TheConsolidatedLodge.com/april_zoom)

### 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

#### Grand Master's Visitation to His Mother Lodge

Redwood No. 35—April 12, 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.



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1,432 Regular Communication – Monday, March 8, 2021



### COMMUNICATION AGENDA

Open Lodge 7:00 P.M.

Conduct Business

EA Proficiency:

Samuel Glicksman  
Saleh Khaleel  
Joseph Maddalena

Vote on Affiliation:

Bro. Andrew A. Liss

Program:

M.:W.: Peter Iaccobucci

"The Real Meaning of Ritual"

Close Lodge 8:30 P.M.

The March Communication will be a virtual meeting in accord with an Order from the Most Worshipful Grand Master:

ALL MASONIC TEMPLES ARE NOW ALLOWED TO OPEN SUBJECT TO GRAND LODGE GUIDELINES AND AT THE DISCRETION OF THE WORSHIP MASTER.

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 874 4302 1342  
Password: 228538

(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**  
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*

### March Birthdays

Stewart C. Davis	March 5
Howard A. London	March 6
Nathan A. Rosenbaum	March 8
Donovan J. Lewis	March 9
Donald A. Lopes	March 15
Mark R. Harris	March 16
Elliot N. Fishbein	March 17
David H. Epstein	March 21
Matthew J. Yaffe	March 21
Jerrold Blumenthal	March 22
Gary S. Kaufman	March 22
Stanley H. Fishbein	March 27
Ronald S. Mann	March 28
James D. Hodges	March 29

HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
BROTHERS!

### MARCH MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Marc J. Ladin	5 years
Melvin E. Silverio	9 years
Javier Alfonzo	12 years
Howard S. Blustein	12 years
Dennis Cipriano	12 years
Matthew W. Fleury	12 years
Jeffrey P. Horovitz	12 years
Yaakov J. Rosenbaum	13 years
Steven J. Babiec	13 years
Gary E. Wynkoop	13 years
Frederic P. Magnani	14 years
Jeffrey J. Saunders	14 years
Harley W. Bartlett	17 years
Robert A. Nardolillo, III	17 years
James D. Hodges	27 years
Peter J. Mulberry	30 years
Andrew A. Brown	34 years
Marvin H. Homonoff	36 years
Bruce P. Werber	36 years
Eric A. Chaika	40 years
Mark H. Freedman	40 years
Sylvan K. Siegel	41 years
Richard M. Brown	43 years
Gerald Cohen	51 years
Richard A. Cohen	51 years
Howard M. Galkin	51 years
James P. Galkin	51 years
Norman C. Gessman	58 years
Barry N. Miller	58 years
Martin S. Malinou	61 years





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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.

#Noot, Meyer	1878-79	*Coppin, 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	Chaplain Emeritus	
*Southey, Charles R.	1893	*Davis, Harrie S	1940	*Keating, Joseph	1985	*R.W. Judah Rosen-2012	
*Hahn, Jerome J.	1894	*M.W. Abedon, Bernard	1941	R.W. Freedman, Mark H	1986		
*Lincoln, Edwin B.	1895	*MacKay, Alexander M	1942	>Krasner, Edward S	1987	Honorary Past Master	
*Butler, Charles L.	1896	*Rosen, Albert L	1943	Chaika, Eric A	1988	*R.W. Judah Rosen-2004	
*Pierce, Charles E.	1897	*Entwistle, James H	1944	*Myrow, Allan J	1989		
*Morton, Marcus W.	1898-99	*Ress, Joseph W	1945	*Goodman, Joseph	1990	Affiliated Past Master	
*Stanton, James W.	1900	*Perrin, Howard S	1946	#Charleson, James A	1991	Gaffin, Michael M	
*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	*Taylman, 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
*Pusateri, Augustus	1928	*Goldman, Harry I	1949	*Chaika, William Y	1969	Davis, Alvin Jr	1989-90
*Brown, Charles	1929	*Jagoliner, 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	*Lamorte, Donato	1973	Rossi, Dean M	1995
*Blackman, Abraham	1933	*R.W. Wolff, Jacob G	1954	*Palner, 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		