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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

1438 REGULAR COMMUNICATION
Monday November 8, 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

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Message from the Master

Fraternal Greetings from the East,

Kudos to SW Cory Meyette who demonstrated his ability to sit comfortably in the Oriental Chair. I look forward to the day where I will witness this firsthand. Although I did not attend last month's meeting, I heard that WM Cory opened and closed the lodge with grace and dignity with Gessman Gavel in hand. Well done, brother!

I would also like to extend a very special thank you to WM Stephen Stock and the Officers of Jenks Lodge for the courtesy of conferring the Master Mason degree on our brother Sam Glicksman. I enjoyed observing the degree from the East and appreciate the courtesy that WM Stock extended allowing me to participate as well. Congratulations to the officers of Jenks who did a phenomenal job. The degree work and lectures were impressive. Thank you, Brothers!

November will be a very busy month for Redwood Lodge. On the 8th of November, we will open at 6pm for our Regular Communication where we will clear the Secretary's desk and vote on 3 candidates. Immediately following this, at 7pm, we will host Ye Olde Table Lodge with a German-themed festive board. A Touch of Class catering will be cooking up some delicious treats including German-style pretzels, bratwurst, schnitzel, Bavarian pot roast and of course SPAETZEL. The meal will be followed with some yummy German style desserts and coffee.

Just a short week and a half later, on the 17th of November, the officers of Redwood will confer the EA degree on the 3 candidates pending a successful vote on the 8th. Please consider coming out to support the lodge and for our candidates to see a full sideline of experienced Masons. A light dinner will be served at 6pm and the degree will start promptly at 7pm.

Just a short week later, we will be celebrating my favorite holiday, Thanksgiving. Yes, I love the food, but I am most thankful for the moment to STOP, take a deep breath and reflect on the most important aspects of my life. I am fortunate to have my health, a family, a job that keeps me focused, and for my Brethren in Freemasonry. I also remember those who have come before us to establish our legacy. Regardless of how busy we are or what life throws our way, it is critical that we continue to uphold the values and lessons we learn as Masons.

... a tidbit from the MM degree: "On yonder book that oath I took, and I should break it never, But stand by this ..., and this ..., and this ..., forever and forever.

Hope to see you all soon!

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.

Please note that we are opening the Lodge at 6:00 P.M. to conduct our regular business prior to the Table Lodge. We were recently notified that Grand Lodge is increasing the Per Capita Tax by \$1.00. We will be voting to increase our Annual assessment by \$1.00 to account for this increase. We are also voting on three applications for the conferral of degrees on Curtis T. Abbott, John W. Burgess and Matthew A. Cavallo.

Our dues bills will be going out soon. If the motion to increase the assessment passes, our annual dues and assessments will increase from \$114.00 to \$115.00 per year. There are still several brothers who have yet to pay their dues. If you are having any issues, please contact the Secretary.

Congratulations to our newest Honorary member, W.. Lawrence DeHaan.

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.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING BROTHERS!!

Redwood Communications 2021-2022

Monday, November 8, 2021-Regular Communication

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
Jenk's Lodge now meets at St Andrew's Building-18 Turner Ave. E.P.

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1,437 Regular Communication – Wednesday, October 6, 2021

COMMUNICATION AGENDA

Open Lodge 6:00 P.M.

Conduct Business:

Vote on Motion to Increase Assessment by \$1.00 per year

Vote on Applications:

Curtis T. Abbott
John W. Burgess
Matthew A. Cavallo

Close Lodge 6:50 P.M.

Open Table Lodge 7:00 P.M.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2021

EA DEGREE

OPENING 7:00 P.M.

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.: Sam Miller, Secretary

DINNER MENU FOR TABLE LODGE

1. German Pretzels
2. Bratwurst
3. Chicken Schnitzel
4. Bavarian Pot Roast
5. Spaetzle
6. Salads
7. Dessert and Coffee

\$35.00 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

Northern District

Roger Williams Lodge No. 32
November 13, 2021

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

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

November Birthdays

Mark I. Karnes	November 6
Clark T. Mason	November 6
Mekawy E. Elmekawy	November 10
Edward A. Shapira	November 14
Benjamin M. Sholes	November 20
Joshua R. Kaufman	November 21
Steven T. Sholes	November 22
Samuel L. Braunstein	November 24
Richard M. Brown	November 24
David H. Port	November 24
Richard R. Fascia	November 26
Jose Tejada	November 26
Michael L. Rubinstein	November 29
Sylvan K. Siegal	November 29
Steven A. Blazer	November 30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS!

Masonic Anniversaries

NOVEMBER MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

David H. Sholes	42 Years
Sanford E. Fink	48 Years
Edward Steiner	48 Years
Steven R. Tomasso	51 Years
Edward D. Rotmer	58 Years
Richard C. Kumins	60 Years
Ralph Rottenberg	60 Years
Jerrold Blumenthal	66 Years

Congratulations Brothers!



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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

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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	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		
*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		
*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	#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		
*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		
*Lincoln, Samuel E.	1916	*Mandell, Leonard C	1961	R.W. Freedman, Mark H	2007	*Deceased #Demitted	
*Baldwin, Henry F.	1917	*Haß, LeRoy	1962	R.W. Miller, Samuel A	2008	^Honorary >Dropped	
*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		

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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	*Felner, 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	*Tarocci, Michael	1980		
*Savasta, Stellerio	1941	*Pagano, David	1961	#DeBlois, Donald R	1981		
*Bolotow, Charles	1942	#Dickens, Joseph	1962	Davis, Alvin Jr	1982		