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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

1443 REGULAR COMMUNICATION
Monday April 11, 2022

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,

In May 2020, I had the opportunity to write my first words for the Redwood Builder as the presumptive Master. I looked back and re-read my message where I wrote about tradition, the gumption of this lodge as it weathered the C19 pandemic and how I was impressed at how we were all sticking together during such a difficult time. I never imagined that I would have the opportunity to serve this lodge for 2 years. I am proud of my line of officers who stuck closely by my side as we all weathered the uncertainty. Whether we were on Zoom, or in lodge wearing masks, we did not stutter or falter. We came together as brothers and we worked together to make a bad situation better. I am hopeful and confident that our presumptive Worshipful Master Cory Meyette is the right man at the right time to take the reins, continue the work at hand, and move this lodge into the future.

For those who may not know, Cory was one of my candidates when I was Senior Deacon. I had the pleasure to spend hours with him talking about ritual and philosophizing on very deep Masonic concepts. Cory is a person who does not simply go through the motions of ritual, he understands it and internalizes it in a pretty unique and fascinating manner. Cory may only be a Master Mason for 4 short years, but the Craft has been in his heart for decades. Cory, I am excited for you, your line officers and for the Brethren who will have the opportunity to see you in action. Please know that I will always be available to you should you need ANYTHING!!! I would be remiss if I did not mention and also thank the Past Masters of this lodge. I appreciate the availability of this group and the guidance they have offered. I wish we had more of an opportunity to meet in person during my time as Master, but I am honored to join the ranks of this esteemed group.

Our next Regular Communication will be held on 11 April 2022 when we will be conferring the Master Mason Degree. Dinner is at 6pm. The stewards are preparing a refreshing Salad with all the fixings. It should be a sight and delicacy for all to enjoy. Lodge will open at 7pm for the work of the evening. It would be great to fill the sidelines for our newly raised brothers.

Brethren, again, it has been my distinct honor and privilege to serve this lodge. It is my goal to continue to contribute as the WM and Brethren require. I will continue to be as active as possible given my busy work travel schedule. Thank you for the tremendous opportunity. Another Thank you to W. Norman Gessman for your encouragement to become involved with this Craft and Redwood Lodge. My heart is full and my cup runneth over.

<Gavel Drop> WM Gessman OUT!

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 the address below.

As spring is upon us, a Happy and Easter and Passover to those of our Brethren that celebrate these holidays

Our 2022 dues bills are now delinquent. There are still several brothers who have yet to pay their past dues. If you are experiencing problems paying your dues and assessments, please contact me at the address below. All correspondence will be kept confidential.

If you have a child or a grandchild graduating High School this year and going on to college, they may qualify for the Lodge Scholarship. Please contact me for an application

APPLICATION DUE BY JUNE 1, 2022

Contact Information: *SMiller64@aol.com or 401-523-5720.*

METRO DISTRICT

Annual Communications 2021-2022

*Redwood No. 35 May 9 2022
Logia Libertad, UD—TBD*

District Deputy's Visitations 2021-2022

** 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.*

Redwood Communications 2021-2022

*Monday, April 11, 2022— Regular Communication
Monday, May 9, 2022—Annual Communication*



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1,443 Regular Communication – Monday, April 11, 2022



COMMUNICATION AGENDA

Open Lodge 7:00 P.M.

Conduct Business:

Conferral of the MM Degree

Bro. Curtis Abbott
Bro. Matthew Cavallo

Close Lodge 9:00 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.: Samuel A. Miller, Secretary

DINNER MENU

Salad Bar
Create Your Owns
\$10:00 per person

Reservations are a must. Please contact the Stewards:

Bro. Ben Sholes:
bsholes2009@yahoo.com
Bro. Joseph Maddalena:
josephmaddalena3295@gmail.com

STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY
BRETHREN

GRAND MASTER'S VISITATIONS

**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

April Birthdays

Donald H. Dwares	April 1
Andrew H. Port	April 2
Edmond A. Loiselle, Jr.	April 5
Joel K. Gerstenblatt	April 6
Richard C. Kumins	April 7
Steven E. Schiffman	April 8
Norman J. Bolotow	April 10
Marvin H. Homonoff	April 14
Howard D. Zisseron	April 16
Chad A. Rosen	April 17
James P. Galkin	April 21
Bernard Wasserman	April 21
Gerald C. Finkelman	April 24
Larry Kahn	April 29
Leon A. Resnick	April 29

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS!

April Masonic Anniversaries:

Joseph M. Maddalena	1 year
Bryan T. Martin	5 year
Wilson Perez, Sr.	5 year
Aaron Pacheco	6 years
Ryan A. Sherry	6 years
Clark T. Mason	8 years
Benjamin M. Sholes	8 years
Samuel S. Sholes	8 years
Luis Carcamo	10 years
Robert T. Goff	10 years
Joshua R. Kaufman	10 years
Alvaro Reina	10 years
Michael J. Rogovin	10 years
Robert J. Stahl	10 years
Richard A. Cohen	21 years
Micah T. Ross	25 years
Gary C. Berard	30 years
Edmond A. Loiselle, Jr.	47 years
Samuel L. Braunstein	48 years
Richard B. Feinstein	48 years
Stephen D. Kasden	51 years
Edward M. Gordon	53 years
Lawrence D. Kortick	53 years
Andrew H. Port	53 years
Edward I. Grossman	56 years
David E. Penn	65 years
Arthur S. Robbins	66 years
Matthew D. Shuster	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 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		
*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		
*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	Tyler Emeritus	
*Lasell, Clarence K.	1905	*Hendel, Maurice W	1951	Chaika, Eric A	1996	*Bro. Robert Goudie-2019	
*Smith, Alfred	1906	*Hill, Henry M	1952	*Crisafulli, Frederick	1997		
*Cutler, Harry	1907	*Goodman, Max W	1953	R.W. Elmekawy, Mekawy	1998	Honorary Members:	
*Boas, Bernard	1908	*R.W. Cohen, Gerald P	1954	R.W. Freedman, Mark H	1999	**M.W. Alton T. Curti	
*Payson, Stephen R.	1909	*Michaelson, Julius	1955	R.W. Miller, Samuel A	2000	*^W. Jacob DeHaan	
*Hawes, James A.	1910	*Kumins, Albert	1956	Hodges, James	2001	**W. Albert Lavine	
*Hoffman, Felix V.	1911	*Rubenstein, Louis Barach	1957	*Richardson, Simon J	2002	^W. Stanley DeHaan	
*Pierce, Benjamin F.	1912	*Bromberg, Morris H	1958	R.W. Miller, Samuel A	2003	^W. Gary Rachins	
#Moir, George	1913	*Arnold, Siegfried	1958	M.W. Kaufman, Gary S	2004	**W. John Haidenmenos	
*Butler, Charles L. Jr.	1914	*Mushnick, Frederick	1959	Ross, Micah T	2005	**W. Elmer Yeaw	
*Taylor, Arthur J.	1915	*Millman, Benjamin	1960	Kaplan, Andrew	2006	^M.W. Paul Cardoza	
*Lincoln, Samuel E.	1916	*Mandell, Leonard C	1961	R.W. Freedman, Mark H	2007	^M.W. John Lopez	
*Baldwin, Henry F.	1917	*Haft, LeRoy	1962	R.W. Miller, Samuel A	2008	**W. James Warner	
*Harley, William F.	1918	*>R.W. Brill, Marvin A	1963	R.W. Bartlett, Harley W	2009	^W. Lawrence DeHaan	
*Locke, Edward J.	1919	*Rothman, Robert H	1964	Ponte, Michael	2010		
*Kelley, J. William	1920	*M.W. Bromberg, Malcolm	1965	Catanzaro, Kevin J.	2011	*Deceased #Demitted	
*Misch, Walter P.	1921	*Schwartz, Abraham	1966	Catanzaro, Kevin J.	2012	^Honorary >Dropped	
*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	*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	*Petarca, 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		