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The REDWOOD BUILDER



REDWOOD LODGE NO. 35 A.F. & A.M., EAST PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND
Constituted June 10, 1878

M.W. Robert A. Palazzo
Grand Master
R.W. William B. Ripley
Grand Marshal

1453 REGULAR COMMUNICATION
Monday April 10, 2023

R.W. Gilbert J. Fontes, Jr.
District Deputy Grand Master
W. Jason M. Nystrom
Grand Master of Ceremonies



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331 Broadway
Providence, Rhode Island 02909
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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



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MESSAGE FROM THE WEST

Wardens, Officers, Brethren all,

I have not sat in the East in over 10 years. To open and close a lodge is truly a humbling experience and should never be taken lightly. Yes, most Past Masters may show on the outside that it's no big deal but the fact remains it indeed is a special experience. Sometimes Past Masters are asked to fill in because the Master is absent or perchance the task may be the result of a courtesy. Unfortunately, this was not the case for our March communication. Many of you may not be aware that our current Master has stepped down. No definite reason has been reported but join me in wishing him well in all his future endeavors either Masonic or otherwise.

Many of you know me and are aware I am a no BS kind of guy and, truth be told a letter was supposed to go out over four months ago to all the Brothers of Redwood to inform them of the current state of affairs and challenges the Lodge is facing right now. The reality is the Lodge is sick...sick but certainly *not* terminal. But serious enough where there have been preliminary talks about our future. Redwood is special and one of the older Lodges. It has suffered from many of the same symptoms other Lodges in our jurisdiction have experienced. Aging membership, personality conflicts, lack of attendance, lack of enthusiasm, candidate decline, poorly planned and inadequate execution of meetings and degree work. What I most observed while filling in as SW this year is absence of attendance and inadequate planning. That can be cured. I am excited to say that if the current JW is elected to take the Oriental Chair, he already has his team, agenda and mind frame in order! I feel next year we will encounter a new birth in Redwood. He already has a **full line** of officers dedicated and enthusiastic to taking on the task to make Redwood stand tall and strong not to mention a list of potential candidates.

What I ask of you, my Brothers, who have taken the same oaths, at that same alter, to please try and find some time to join us in rebuilding our Lodge. We need you, more now than ever. No special task will be asked of you. All that I request is that you commit to sacrificing a couple hours once a month to sit in Lodge with a positive attitude and show some support. In other words, you want to wear the ring and display the sticker on your car, now is the time to act upon your obligations. "*.....all due signs and summonses sent to and received by me from within the body of a lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.*"

I am hoping to see a lot of faces I have not had the pleasure of sitting in Lodge with come April. There is no slated agenda but to conduct regular business and an open forum to discuss the future and rebuilding of YOUR Lodge. Don't forget to make dinner reservations. Happy Easter and Passover to all of you.

SW Kevin Catanzaro (Acting Master)

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

If anyone is aware of any brethren who are sick, injured, or require any services, please advise me at SMiller64@aol.com or call me at 401-523-5720.

The dues bills are now delinquent. If anyone has any issues paying their dues, please contact me and we will work to resolve all issues. All communications will be kept in the strictest confidence.

Applications for the Redwood Scholarship can be obtained from the Secretary and are due by June 1, 2023. It is available to students in their first year of post High Scholl education.

Redwood Communications 2022-2023

Monday, April 10, 2023– Regular Communication
Monday, May 8, 2023-Annual Communication

METRO DISTRICT

Annual Communications 2022-2023

Redwood No. 35 May 8 2023
Logia Libertad, UD—TBA

District Deputy's Visitations 2021-2022

Overseas Lodge– April 11, 2023
St. Johns 1P– April 19, 2023

* Officer Forum

All officers are requested to attend Visitations and Annuals



COMMUNICATION AGENDA

Open Lodge 7:00 P.M.

Memorial Services

Bro. Charles German
Bro. Harvey Bomes

Conduct Business

Close Lodge 9:00 P.M.

DINNER MENU
FOR
APRIL

Chicken Marsala
Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes
Salad

*Dinner is \$20.00
per person*

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST!

Bro. Ben Sholes
BY APRIL 7, 2023
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**STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY
BRETHREN**

GRAND MASTER'S VISITATIONS

Central District
Harmony Lodge No. 9
April 4, 2023

Mother Lodge
Roger Williams Lodge No. 32
April 15, 2023

Testimonial Dinner
May 6, 2023

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
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**

Bryan T. Martin	6 year
Wilson Perez, Sr.	6 year
Aaron Pacheco	7 years
Ryan A. Sherry	7 years
Clark T. Mason	9 years
Benjamin M. Sholes	9 years
Samuel S. Sholes	9 years
Luis Carcamo	11 years
Robert T. Goff	11 years
Joshua R. Kaufman	11 years
Michael J. Rogovin	11 years
Robert J. Stahl	11 years
Richard A. Cohen	22 years
Micah T. Ross	26 years
Gary C. Berard	31 years
Edmond A. Loiselle, Jr.	48 years
Samuel L. Braunstein	49 years
Stephen D. Kasden	52 years
Edward M. Gordon	54 years
Lawrence D. Kortick	54 years
Andrew H. Port	54 years
David E. Penn	66 years
Arthur S. Robbins	67 years
Matthew D. Shuster	67 years

Congratulations Brothers!





2020-2021 Line of Officers

Senior Deacon: Benjamin Sholes
 Junior Deacon: Joseph Maddalena
 Senior Steward: W.: Michael Ponte
 Junior Steward: W.: Michael Rogovin
 Sentinel:
 Marshal: W.: Roy Gessman
 Chaplain: Robert Stahl
 Tyler: Peter Trementozzi, III
 Electricians: Nathan Rosenbaum
 Asst. Grand Lecturer: R.W.: John C. Barsoum
 Candidate Officer: Curtis Abbott



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: Curtis Abbott
 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	Roy Gessman	2021
#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		
*Lincoln, Edwin B.	1895	*MacKay, Alexander M	1942	>Krasner, Edward S	1987	Chaplain Emeritus	
*Butler, Charles L.	1896	*Rosen, Albert L	1943	Chaika, Eric A	1988	*R.W. Judah Rosen-2012	
*Pierce, Charles E.	1897	*Entwistle, James H	1944	*Myrow, Allan J	1989		
*Morton, Marcus W.	1898-99	*Ress, Joseph W	1945	*Goodman, Joseph	1990	Honorary Past Master	
*Stanton, James W.	1900	*Perrin, Howard S	1946	#Charleson, James A	1991	*R.W. Judah Rosen-2004	
*Perkins, Herbert R.	1901	*R.W. Novogroski, Arthur	1947	Gaffin, Michael M	1992		
*Bowen, Thomas A.	1902	*Cook, Walter R	1948	M.W. Sokoll, Richard	1993	Affiliated Past Master	
*Saunders, Harry L.	1903	*Strauss, Walter H	1949	>Fishbein, Richard J	1994	*W. Avraham A. Reis	
*Albro, Seth M.	1904	*Licht, Frank	1950	R.W. Lewis, Donovan J	1995		
*Lasell, Clarence K.	1905	*Hendel, Maurice W	1951	Chaika, Eric A	1996	Honorary Members:	
*Smith, Alfred	1906	*Hill, Henry M	1952	*Crisafulli, Frederick	1997	*M.W. Alton T. Curti	
*Cutler, Harry	1907	*Goodman, Max W	1953	R.W. Elmekawy, Mekawy	1998	*^W. Jacob DeHaan	
*Boas, Bernard	1908	*R.W. Cohen, Gerald P	1954	R.W. Freedman, Mark H	1999	*^W. Albert Lavine	
*Payson, Stephen R.	1909	*Michaelson, Julius	1955	R.W. Miller, Samuel A	2000	*^W. Stanley DeHaan	
*Hawes, James A.	1910	*Kumins, Albert	1956	Hodges, James	2001	*^W. Gary Rachins	
*Hoffman, Felix V.	1911	*Rubenstein, Louis Barach	1957	*>Richardson, Simon J	2002	*^W. John Haidenmenos	
*Pierce, Benjamin F.	1912	*Bromberg, Morris H	1958	R.W. Miller, Samuel A	2003	*^W. Elmer Yeaw	
#Moir, George	1913	*Arnold, Siegfried	1958	M.W. Kaufman, Gary S	2004	*^M.W. Paul Cardoza	
*Butler, Charles L. Jr.	1914	*Mushnick, Frederick	1959	Ross, Micah T	2005	*^M.W. John Lopez	
*Taylor, Arthur J.	1915	*Millman, Benjamin	1960	Kaplan, Andrew	2006	*^W. James Warner	
*Lincoln, Samuel E.	1916	*Mandell, Leonard C	1961	R.W. Freedman, Mark H	2007	*^W.: Lawrence DeHaan	
*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	*Deceased #Demitted	
*Kelley, J. William	1920	*M.W. Bromberg, Malcolm	1965	Catanzaro, Kevin J.	2011	*Honorary >Dropped	
*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	*Malinow, 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	#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	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		