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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. Andre H. Faria, Jr.
Grand Master
R.W. Brandt D. Evans
Grand Marshal

1470 REGULAR COMMUNICATION
Monday January 13, 2025

R.W. Stephan H. Saradarian
District Deputy Grand Master
W. Jason J. Rainone
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

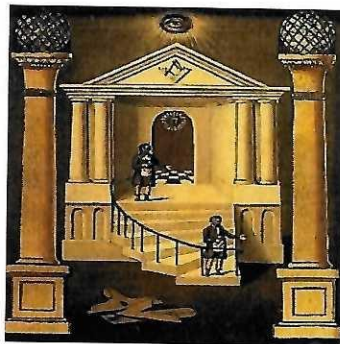
Second Monday in May

Freemasons' Hall

222 Taunton Avenue

East Providence, Rhode Island

Dates Subject to Change with Dispensation



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MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Greetings From the East,

The next regular communication of Redwood Lodge will be held on Monday, January 13, 2025. We will be voting to approve the Merger Agreement of Redwood Lodge No. 35 with Lafayette Lodge No. 47 which has been negotiated jointly by Redwood's Finance and By Laws committees and Lafayette's corresponding committees which were appointed especially for this purpose. The Lodge will open at 5:00 pm and only members of Redwood Lodge will be admitted during the presentation and discussion of the terms of the Merger Agreement and subsequent vote. Upon closing discussion, we will vote on officially merging with Lafayette Lodge #47 and then recess for dinner. Lafayette Lodge will be voting on the Merger Agreement at their Regular Communication on January 8, 2025. I want to thank the Redwood members who have been working very diligently on the merger. Our committee members have caucused amongst themselves, reached out to many of our past masters for advice and guidance and have represented Redwood very admirably and capably when meeting with their Lafayette counterparts. The brethren of Lafayette Lodge were very receptive to our demands which have been incorporated in the Merger Agreement and the proposed amended By Laws of Lafayette Lodge.

After dinner, the brethren will be called back to labor at 7:00PM so that we may receive R.:W.: Stephan Saraidarian, District Deputy Grand Master for the Metro District for his official visitation to Redwood Lodge. We will be presenting Grand Lodge 50 Year Service Medals to three of our brethren. It will be wonderful to behold having our 50 year brothers in Lodge to receive their Service Medals.

Our speaker for this meeting will be W: Javier Alfonzo, Past Master of Redwood Lodge No. 35 and Logia Libertad No. 50 who will be talking about the history of Freemasonry.

I would also like to mention that on Saturday March 22, 2025 at 4:00 pm Lafayette Lodge #47 will be holding its first table lodge as part of perpetuating the traditions of Redwood Lodge. The cost is \$50.00 Dollars per Person. More information will follow.

If you are planning to come for dinner, please make a reservation so that we may inform the caterer.

Fraternally
Benjamin M. Sholes, Worshipful Master

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable holiday season.

The Lodge will open at 5:00 P.M. We will be discussing and voting on the Merger Agreement with Lafayette Lodge No. 47 BEFORE DINNER. The Merger Agreement and the proposed amended By-Laws for Lafayette Lodge are attached hereto. Please review them and be prepared to discuss and vote on them at our January Communication.

If anyone is aware of any brothers in need, please let me know..

METRO DISTRICT

Annual Communications 2024-2025

Jenks No. 24-January 4, 2025
Redwood No. 35-May 12, 2025

District Deputy's Visitations 2024-2025

Redwood Lodge—January 13, 2025
Logia Libertad – March 1, 2025
Jenks Lodge—March 24, 2025
Overseas Lodge— April 8, 2025
St. Johns 1P– April 16, 2025

Redwood Communications 2024-2025

Monday, January 13, 2025-Regular Communication
Monday February 10, 2025-Regular Communication
Monday, March 10, 2025-Regular Communication
Monday, April 14, 2025- Regular Communication
Monday, May 12, 2025-Annual Communication

All officers are requested to attend Visitations and Annuals

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1,470 Regular Communication – Monday, January 13, 2025

COMMUNICATION AGENDA

Open Lodge	5:00 P.M.
Discuss and Vote on Merger Agreement with Lafayette Lodge No. 47	
Dinner	6:00 P.M.
Memorial Service Bro. Stephen E. Schiffman	7:00 P.M.
Receive DDGM	7:30 P.M.
50 Year Presentations: Bro. William M. Bromberg Bro. Edmond A. Loiselle, Jr. Bro. Larry R. Smith	
W.: Javier Alfonzo will discuss "The History of Freemasonry"	
Close Lodge	9:30 P.M.

DINNER MENU FOR JANUARY

**Sundried Tomato Chicken
Pasta and Salad**

Dinner is \$15.00 per person
RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST
JANUARY 9, 2025

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BRETHREN**

GRAND MASTER'S VISITATIONS

Central District
Ionic Lodge No. 28
January 11, 2025
Mother Lodge
St. John's No. 1P
April 17, 2025
Testimonial Dinner
TBD

**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
Ronald W. Lippitt	January 26
Alan D. Bergel	January 28

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY BROTHERS!**

JANUARY MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Brian N. Ahern	27 years
Gary S. Kaufman	27 years
Steven T. Sholes	48 years
Edward A. Shapira	51 years
David A. Schechter	55 years
David H. Port	56 years
Michael L. Rubinstein	56 years

50 YEAR SERVICE MEDAL

2025 RECIPIENTS

William M. Bromberg
Edmond A. Loiselle,
Larry R. Smith

Congratulations Brothers!



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42023-2025 Line of Officers

Senior Deacon: Curtis Abbott
 Junior Deacon: W.: Robert T. Goff
 Senior Steward: R.: W.: Howard Bromberg
 Junior Steward:
 Sentinel: Richard Fascia
 Marshal: M.: W.: Gary Kaufman
 Chaplain: Robert Stahl
 Tyler: Nathan Rosenbaum
 Electricians: Nathan Rosenbaum
 Asst. Grand Lecturer: R.: W.: John C. Barsoum
 Candidate Officer: Curtis Abbott



Redwood Lodge Committee Chairs

Redwood Committee: M.: W.: Gary Kaufman
 Investigations/Prep: Richard Fascia
 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

#Noot, Meyer	1878-79	*Beacham, Harold	1930	*Aron, Donald	1979	
*Hartman, Leopold	1880	*Brier, Charles	1931	R. W. Bromberg, Howard M	1980	
#Parker, Melvin	1881	*Whittaker, William B	1932	Kirshenbaum, Allen M	1981	
*Spitz, John H.	1882	*Taylor, Earl W	1933	*R. W. Aron, Edward	1982	
*Green, Henry	1883	*Lee, Howard S	1934	Sholes, Andrew G	1983	
#Dawson, Thomas B.	1884	*Garst, Arthur H	1935	*M.W. Wasserman, Arnold	1984	Chaplain Emeritus
#Mullen, William H.	1885	*Baacke, Henry	1936	*Keating, Joseph	1985	*R. W. Judah Rosen-2012
*Green, William H.	1886	*Rosen, Harry R	1937	R. W. Freedman, Mark H	1986	
*Mosely, William H.	1887	*Hartley, Richard H	1938	Krasner, Edward S	1987	Honorary Past Master
*Burlingame, Alvertus S.	1888	*Gardner, Joseph J	1939	Chaika, Eric A	1988	*R. W. Judah Rosen-2004
*Clark, James W.	1889	*Davis, Harrie S	1940	*Myrow, Allan J	1989	
*Boas, Herman	1890	*M. W. Abedon, Bernard	1941	*Goodman, Joseph	1990	Affiliated Past Master
*Boulester, James E.	1891	*MacKay, Alexander M	1942	#Charleson, James A	1991	*W. Avraham A. Reis
*Lincoln, Eugene B.	1892	*Rosen, Albert L	1943	Gaffin, Michael M	1992	
*Southey, Charles R.	1893	*Entwistle, James H	1944	M.W. Sokoll, Richard	1993	Honorary Members:
*Hahn, Jerome J.	1894	*Ress, Joseph W	1945	>Fishbein, Richard J	1994	*M.W. Alton T. Curti
*Lincoln, Edwin B.	1895	*Perrin, Howard S	1946	R. W. Lewis, Donovan J	1995	*^W. Jacob DeHaan
*Butler, Charles L.	1896	*R. W. Novogroski, Arthur	1947	Chaika, Eric A	1996	*^W. Albert Lavine
*Pierce, Charles E.	1897	*Cook, Walter R	1948	*Crisafulli, Frederick	1997	*^W. Stanley DeHaan
*Morton, Marcus W.	1898-99	*Strauss, Walter H	1949	R. W. Elmekawy, Mekawy	1998	*^W. Gary Rachins
*Stanton, James W.	1900	*Licht, Frank	1950	R. W. Freedman, Mark H	1999	*^W. John Haidenmenos
*Perkins, Herbert R.	1901	*Hendel, Maurice W	1951	R. W. Miller, Samuel A	2000	*^W. Elmer Yeaw
*Bowen, Thomas A.	1902	*Hill, Henry M	1952	Hodges, James	2001	*^M. W. Paul Cardoza
*Saunders, Harry L.	1903	*Goodman, Max W	1953	*Richardson, Simon J	2002	^M.W. John Lopez
*Albro, Seth M.	1904	*R. W. Cohen, Gerald P	1954	R. W. Miller, Samuel A	2003	*^W. James Warner
*Lasell, Clarence K.	1905	*Michaelson, Julius	1955	M. W. Kaufman, Gary S	2004	^W.: Lawrence DeHaan
*Smith, Alfred	1906	*Kumins, Albert	1956	Ross, Micah T	2005	
*Cutler, Harry	1907	*Rubenstein, Louis Barach	1957	Kaplan, Andrew	2006	*Deceased #Demitted
*Boas, Bernard	1908	*Bromberg, Morris H	1958	R. W. Freedman, Mark H	2007	^Honorary >Dropped
*Payson, Stephen R.	1909	*Arnold, Siegfried	1958	R. W. Miller, Samuel A	2008	
*Hawes, James A.	1910	*Mushnick, Frederick	1959	R. W. Bartlett, Harley W	2009	
*Hoffman, Felix V.	1911	*Millman, Benjamin	1960	Ponte, Michael	2010	
*Pierce, Benjamin F.	1912	*Mandell, Leonard C	1961	Catanzaro, Kevin J.	2011	
#Moir, George	1913	*Haft, LeRoy	1962	Catanzaro, Kevin J.	2012	
*Butler, Charles L. Jr.	1914	*>R. W. Brill, Marvin A	1963	Ponte, Michael	2013	
*Taylor, Arthur J.	1915	*Rothman, Robert H	1964	Saunders, Jeffrey	2014	
*Lincoln, Samuel E.	1916	*M. W. Bromberg, Malcolm	1965	Cipriano, Dennis	2015	
*Baldwin, Henry F.	1917	*Schwartz, Abraham	1966	Goff, Robert	2016	
*Harley, William F.	1918	*Rottenberg, Louis	1967	Alfonzo, Javier	2017	
*Locke, Edward J.	1919	*Miller, Meyer S	1968	>Michael Rogovin	2018	
*Kelley, J. William	1920	Malinou, Martin S	1969	Matthew Yaffe	2019	
*Misch, Walter P.	1921	*Dressler, Abbott W	1970	Roy Gessman	2020	Chaplain Emeritus
*Mason, Earl H	1922	Gessman, Norman C	1971	Roy Gessman	2021	*R. W. Judah Rosen-2012
*Brand, William C H	1923	*>Bomes, Robert A	1972	>Cory P. Meyette	2022	Honorary Past Master
*Taylor, Burton RRR	1924	*Gordon, Stephen A	1973	Andrew A. Brown	2023	*R. W. Judah Rosen-2004
*R. W. Edwards, Ralph H	1925	*Maldavir, Melvyn S.	1974			
*Coppin, Charles B	1926	*Silverman, Edward	1975			Affiliated Past Master
*Mason, Williams H	1927	Beranbaum, Stephen R	1976			*W. Avraham A. Reis
*Mowry, Walter H	1928	Kortick, Lawrence D	1977			
*Wyman, Frederick W	1929	*Jenkin, James	1978			Honorary Members:
						*M.W. Alton T. Curti

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	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		

AGREEMENT OF MERGER

The undersigned agreement is entered into by and between Lafayette Lodge No. 47 A. F. & A.M. of Cumberland, Rhode Island and Redwood Lodge No. 35 A.F. & A.M. of East Providence Rhode Island to merge Redwood Lodge No. 35 A.F. A.M. (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Discontinuing Lodge" or "Redwood Lodge")_ and Lafayette Lodge No. 47 A.F. & A.M. (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Surviving Lodge" or "Lafayette Lodge") with Lafayette Lodge being the surviving lodge.

1. That all assets of every kind, nature and description owned by any of the lodges which are parties to this agreement at the time of the effective date of the merger shall become the property of Lafayette Lodge with the exception of Redwood Lodge's Charter and Seal which must be returned to the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

2. That on the effective date of the merger all members of Redwood Lodge shall become members of Lafayette Lodge and all the rights and privileges which shall have accrued to members of the respective parties of this agreement shall be recognized, preserved and protected by the Surviving Lodge.

3. That the By-laws of Lafayette Lodge shall be the amended By-laws, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof marked Exhibit A, and shall be approved and adopted by Lafayette Lodge in accordance with its By-Laws and shall be in full force and effect prior to the effective date of the merger and shall have been approved by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

4. That upon the effective date of the Merger, the existing officers of Lafayette shall remain.

5. Upon the effective date of the Merger, the Worshipful Master of Lafayette Lodge shall appoint Samuel Miller as Assistant Secretary and Andrew G. Sholes as Assistant Treasurer, which appointments shall be successive until each of those brothers has served two years in their respective positions.

For the three (3) year period following the effective date of the Merger, at least three (3) members of Redwood Lodge shall be appointed and/or elected to the Wilbur A. Scott Educational Foundation. Upon the effective date of the Merger, the Worshipful Master of Lafayette Lodge shall appoint the current Redwood members of the Wilbur A. Scott Educational Foundation Committee. Commencing upon the October 2025 annual of Lafayette Lodge, two members of the Committee shall be elected for a three (3) year term, two members of the Committee shall be elected for a two (2) year term, and two members of the Committee shall be elected for a one (1)

year term. Commencing on October 2026 Lafayette Lodge and each annual thereafter, two members of the Committee shall be elected for a three (3) year term.

6. That the proposed merger shall not become effective unless and until the lodges party to this agreement shall have respectively ratified, adopted and approved this agreement at a summoned communication held upon not less than five (5) days notice, in writing, setting forth that the lodge is to act upon the proposed merger; that such ratification, adoption or approval shall be by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the respective lodges present and voting at such summoned communication; and that the proposed merger shall be approved and authorized by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

7. Lafayette Lodge shall have its Worshipful Master appoint Bro. Curtis Abbott into an appropriate line officer position, preferably as Junior Deacon, at its next annual meeting or earlier if there is a line of officer vacancy.

8. Upon the effective date of the merger, the various funds of Redwood Lodge shall be transferred to Lafayette Lodge and be administered pursuant to the terms and provisions contained in the amended By-laws of Lafayette Lodge set forth in Exhibit A.

9. The Past Masters of Redwood Lodge shall pay annual dues to Lafayette Lodge in an amount that is Ten Dollars (\$10.00) less than the amount of annual dues set by Lafayette Lodge.

10. The Redwood Lodge members shall not pay any dues, Lafayette Temple assessments, or Grand Lodge per capita tax for the calendar year 2025 since the Redwood Members have already been billed for the calendar year 2025. Commencing with the calendar year 2026, Redwood Lodge members shall pay dues in the amount of \$10.00; for the calendar year 2027, Redwood Lodge members shall pay dues in the amount of \$24.00; and for the calendar year 2028, Redwood Lodge members shall pay full dues. Commencing for the calendar year 2026, Redwood Lodge members shall pay the full amount of the annual Lafayette Temple Assessments, and Grand Lodge per capita tax.

11. Upon the effective date of the merger any candidate taking the degrees of Freemasonry in Redwood Lodge shall become a candidate of Lafayette Lodge at the same masonic degree which the candidate had achieved at Redwood Lodge.

12. Within one three hundred sixty five (365) days after the effective date of the Merger, a suitable plaque shall be erected in Lafayette Temple listing all the past masters of Roosevelt Lodge No. 42 and Redwood Lodge No. 35. Whenever Lafayette Lodge lists all its past masters on its communications, it shall include the living past masters of Redwood Lodge and Roosevelt Lodge. The Past Masters of Redwood Lodge shall be afforded the same recognition and honor as that of Lafayette Lodge's Past Masters after the effective date of the Merger.

13. Lafayette Lodge shall also recognize those brethren of Redwood Lodge No. 35 who served as Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations by placing photographs of each such Past Grand Master in the Lafayette Temple, namely:

- MW.: Bernard Abedon
- MW.: Malcolm Bromberg
- MW.: Arnold Wasserman
- MW.: Richard Sokoll
- MW.: Gary Kaufman

Said Past Grand Masters shall be afforded similar recognition as Lafayette Lodge has done for its Past Grand Masters.

14. Lafayette Lodge shall continue Redwood Lodge's annual table lodge including the Redwood Velvet Toast.

15. For the first three (3) years subsequent to the merger, the Lafayette Investment Committee shall have three (3) members who are former members of Redwood Lodge and the Trustees of the Lafayette Temple Trust shall have two (2) members who are former members of Redwood Lodge.

16. At every Lafayette Lodge meeting after the effective date of the Merger, the altar shall have at least the new testament Holy Bible and Redwood Lodge's Hebrew Bible open to the degree. The Worshipful Master shall select which Bible shall have the prominent position on the altar.

17. The Redwood Lodge funds designated for the Wilbur A. Scott Educational Fund, William S. Greene Relief Fund, Peter Ludovici Jewel and Implement Fund and the Avraham A. Reis Fund for Education, on the date of the Merger, shall fund the amounts to those respective funds upon the Merger. The Redwood Lodge Building Fund shall be funded in the amount set forth in Section 11 of Lafayette Lodge's amended Bylaws. The amounts in the Redwood Lodge Relief Fund and Redwood Life Membership Fund on the date of the Merger shall be transferred to the Lafayette Relief Fund and the Lafayette Endowment Fund respectively. Any remaining funds shall be transferred to Lafayette's operating fund.

In Witness Whereof, the lodges which are parties of this agreement have caused this agreement to be signed by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized and their respective seals hereunto affixed this ____ day of _____ 20__.

LAFAYETTE LODGE NO. 47 A.F. & A.M.

SEAL

Master

Secretary

REDWOOD LODGE NO. 35 A.F. & A.M.

SEAL

Master

Secretary

BY-LAWS
LAFAYETTE LODGE NO. 47, F. & A. M.
680 Nate Whipple Highway Cumberland, RI 02864



Instituted 1961

It is the duty of the holder of these By-Laws to keep them revised and up to date.

Revised December 26, 2024

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BY-LAWS OF LAFAYETTE LODGE NO. 47, F. & A. M.

PREAMBLE: These By-Laws and any amendments thereto, having been approved by the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island on **Month Day, Year**, shall supersede all previous versions of the By- Laws and amendments. The Constitution, General Regulations, Decisions and Standing Orders of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, hereinafter called "Grand Lodge", shall be incorporated herein. Should a conflict occur between these By-Laws and those of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge shall prevail.

ARTICLE 1: LAFAYETTE LODGE NO. 47, F. & A. M.

SECTION 1: Name. The name of this Lodge shall be Lafayette Lodge No. 47, F. & A.M., hereinafter called "Lafayette Lodge", of Arnold Mills, Cumberland, Rhode Island, located within the jurisdiction as defined by The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations. This name is derived from Lafayette Lodge No. 19 that thrived in this area from October 5, 1826, through May 1849.

SECTION 2: Seal. The Seal of this Lodge shall be a circle about two inches (2") in diameter. On the upper curve shall appear the words, "Lafayette Lodge No. 47, F. & A. M."; on the lower curve, "Cumberland, RI". Above the lower curve shall appear the words, "Constituted October 4, 1961." In the center, a representation of the Great Lights opened on an altar; above these is the letter "G"; above that, the "All Seeing Eye". On either side of the Great Lights is a sheaf of wheat superimposed with a Trowel on the left and the Level on the right. The Seal of Lafayette Lodge shall be kept by the Secretary.

SECTION 3: Motto. The Motto of this Lodge shall be "Follow Reason".

ARTICLE 2: ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNMENT

SECTION 1: Membership. Lafayette Lodge No. 47 shall be composed of all Master Masons who are members and all other Master Masons who shall become members as hereinafter provided.

SECTION 2: No Brother shall be considered a member of this Lodge until after he has signed the By-laws. Signing the Bylaws of this Lodge shall constitute membership thereof and be subject to all articles as stipulated.

SECTION 3: Officers. The Worshipful Master, upon his installation, shall appoint for the term of his office a Chaplain, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Senior Steward, Junior Steward, Marshal, Sentinel, Musical Director, Tiler and Ritual Advisor, Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary.

SECTION 4: Appointments. The Worshipful Master shall, during his term of office, appoint such officers and committees as he may deem necessary and not hereinafter provided for. The term of such officers and committees shall expire at the end of his term of office.

ARTICLE 3: COMMUNICATIONS

SECTION 1: Regular/Stated Communications. The Stated Communication of this Lodge shall be held at the Lafayette Temple located at 680 Nate Whipple Highway, Cumberland, Rhode Island 02864 on the first Wednesday of each month, at such hour as shall be called by order of the Worshipful Master. Notification of all communications being held requires that at least seven (7) days written, printed, or electronic notice to be sent to each member. The Lodge may stand adjourned during the months of July and August. The regular/stated communications of Lafayette Lodge shall not be held during that 24-hour period beginning at 4:00PM of any Friday and ending at 4:00PM of the following day or on the evening before or the days of Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur and the first two days of Passover.

SECTION 2: Special Communications. The Master may call a Special Communication by causing a written, printed, or electronic notice thereof to be sent to each member of the Lodge at least seven (7) days prior to the holding of said Special Communication. The work for the Special Communication shall be limited to that given in the aforesaid notice. The special communications of Lafayette Lodge shall not be held during that 24-hour period beginning at 4:00PM of any Friday and ending at 4:00PM of the following day or on the evening before or the days of Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur and the first two days of Passover.

SECTION 3: Annual Communication. The First Wednesday in October shall be the Annual Meeting of Lafayette Lodge for the election of officers, boards, and committees, and the presentation of all yearly reports.

SECTION 4: Installation of Officers. The date for the installation of officers will be set by the presumed incoming Worshipful Master for the ensuing year and may occur on the date of the Annual Communication or any other future date as he may set but before the November stated communication.

SECTION 5: Term Limits. The Worshipful Master shall not be eligible to that office for more than three (3) years consecutively.

SECTION 6: The Worshipful Master may allow for business casual dress for the June communication.

ARTICLE 4: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1: Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer shall receive each month from the Secretary or Assistant Secretary, all money he shall have collected on account of the Lodge, giving his receipt for the same to the Secretary or Assistant Secretary. He shall pay such bills and demands as the Lodge may direct.

SECTION 2: Signatures. The Treasurer, or the Assistant Treasurer appointed by the Worshipful Master and installed as such, (and only one signature being required) are authorized to sign all checks, drafts, savings withdrawals, negotiable instruments and other orders for the payment of money on or from the funds of the Lodge and to endorse checks, drafts or other instruments payable to Lafayette Lodge and to deposit the same or collect the amount thereof.

SECTION 3: Secretary or Assistant Secretary shall make a record of all the proceedings of the Lodge, notify all committees of their appointments, issue summonses and notifications when directed by the Worshipful Master, collect all money due the Lodge, and turn it over to the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer each month. He shall conduct all other duties considered normal to the position of Secretary, such as the production and distribution of regular monthly and special notices, all official Lodge correspondence, and maintain a masonic record of each member of the Lodge.

SECTION 4: The Worshipful Master is authorized to draw from the operating funds of the Lodge, at his discretion, an amount not exceeding the sum set by the audit committee and approved by the membership of the lodge.

SECTION 5: The Worshipful Master shall receive nominations for or make the following appointments for committee at the Annual Communication for vote by the members.

1. The "Audit Committee"
2. The "Lafayette Investment Committee".
3. The "Wilbur A. Scott Educational Foundation Committee."

ARTICLE 5: PETITIONS

SECTION 1: Fees for Degrees. The Audit Committee at the Annual Communication of Lafayette Lodge shall recommend and place for vote fees for the degrees of this Lodge in addition to all Grand Lodge Fees and Assessments to be paid, in each case, before the degree is conferred.

SECTION 2: Petitions. All petitions for the degrees in this Lodge shall be referred to an investigation committee comprised of not less than five (5) members of the Lodge, appointed by the Worshipful Master, who shall make diligent inquiry into the character of the petitioner, and no ballot upon any petition shall be taken until a written report signed by a majority of the members of said committee shall have been received. The members of the committee shall confirm that the petitioner meets all Grand Lodge requirements for membership in the Craft.

SECTION 3: Affiliation. All Applications for Affiliation in this Lodge shall be accompanied by the sum set by the audit committee at the Annual meeting. Should the applicant be rejected, the money shall be returned to him and his application placed on file.

SECTION 4: Pro-Rata Dues. Applications for Affiliation, upon acceptance by the Lodge, and candidates, upon attaining membership in Lafayette Lodge, in conformance with the requirements of Grand Lodge, together with signing the By-Laws of this Lodge, shall constitute membership and shall be assessed for Dues and Assessments at a pro-rata basis for the remaining months of the calendar year.

SECTION 5: Whenever the membership of any member of this Lodge shall cease and terminate his membership for any cause whatsoever, all his rights, title and interest in and to the funds, and other property of this Lodge shall cease and terminate at the same time as his said membership.

ARTICLE 6: VOTING

SECTION 1: Every member present shall vote on all questions unless excused by the Worshipful Master. A count of the members present must precede this vote.

ARTICLE 7: ANNUAL DUES

SECTION 1: Upon signing the By-laws, a new member shall pay dues on a pro-rated basis for the remainder of the year.

SECTION 2: Set the Dues. The Audit Committee, at the Annual Communication of Lafayette Lodge, shall recommend and place for vote the Annual Dues and Assessments for the ensuing year. The fees shall be paid by each member on or before January 1, for the calendar year following.

SECTION 3: The Worshipful Master shall have authority to remit from time to time the dues and/or assessments of any member whose age, infirmity, misfortune or financial condition may, in the Master's judgment, entitle him to such remission, in which case the Worshipful Master shall be authorized to instruct the Treasurer to draw his order upon the Treasurer for the amount

of the said Brother's dues and/or assessments and place the same to his credit upon the books of the lodge.

SECTION 4: Each member of this Lodge who upon being the recipient of a Grand Lodge Fifty Year Veterans Medal and who is a member in good standing and whose dues and assessments are paid in full, shall be exempt from further payment of all annual dues. Such members shall be liable to pay any and all regular or special assessments levied by the Lodge or the Grand Lodge on an annual basis. This exemption shall take effect in the year following the award.

ARTICLE 8: COMMITTEES

SECTION 1: The "Audit Committee". The Audit Committee shall consist of no more than nine (9) members, comprised of the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and two (2) other members as the Worshipful Master may appoint. The Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, and Assistant Secretary shall be ex officio members of the committee. The committee shall submit all recommendations at the Annual meeting.

The Audit Committee's duties shall be:

1. At the committee's discretion, examine and certify or cause to be examined and certified, all bills against the Lodge, and to examine and audit the accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary, before their Annual Reports.
2. To examine and certify or cause to be examined and certified, all fees and honorariums for services, and recommend any changes to the Lodge.
3. To recommend the Annual Dues and assessments for the Lodge for the ensuing year.
4. To recommend fees for the degrees of this Lodge to be paid, in each case, before the degree is conferred.
5. To recommend fees for the affiliations of this Lodge to be paid before the by-laws are signed.
6. To set a sum not more than \$1,000 per year for the Worshipful Master's Discretionary fund.

SECTION 2: The "Lafayette Investment Committee". At the Annual Communication there shall be chosen by ballot a committee of not less than three (3) but not more than seven (7) to be styled "The Lafayette Investment Committee" whose duty it shall be to direct the investment of all funds specified in this Article and to report the doings thereon and the condition of the funds in writing at the succeeding Annual Communication. The Treasurer shall not be eligible to election on this Committee but shall serve as Chairman Ex Officio.

SECTION 3: The "Wilbur A. Scott Educational Foundation Committee" shall be a committee consisting of six (6) members of this Lodge. Two (2) members shall be elected to replace two that will come off, at each Annual Communication and serve three (3) years. A Committee Member may be re-elected. The Master shall be an ex-officio member of the

Committee. Whenever any vacancy from any cause exists on the Committee, the Lodge shall elect a new member to fill such vacancy at the next stated communication or at a special communication called for such purpose. The Master shall appoint a Committee Member to act as Chairman and said Chairman shall conduct meetings.

ARTICLE 9: FINANCE

SECTION 1: Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of Lafayette Lodge shall run from October 1 through September 30 next succeeding.

SECTION 2: Investments. All stocks, bonds and other securities shall be purchased in the name of or for the benefit of Lafayette Lodge, and any endorsement thereof for the purpose of sale, transfer, or otherwise, shall be signed in the name of the Lodge by either the Treasurer or the Worshipful Master with only one signature being required.

SECTION 3: Honorariums. The Organist and Tyler may receive as honorariums a sum recommended by the "Audit Committee" and approved by the membership at the Annual Communication. The Organist and Tyler shall have the option of waiving honorariums at the Annual Communication at which time the Organist and Tyler are appointed.

SECTION 4: Compensation. The Secretary and Treasurer may receive as compensation a sum recommended by the "Audit Committee" and approved by the membership at the Annual Communication. The Secretary and Treasurer shall have the option of waiving compensation at the Annual Communication at which time the Treasurer and Secretary are elected.

SECTION 5: The "Lafayette Relief Fund". This permanent fund shall be used for the benefit of worthy Brothers, their widows, orphans, or other charitable purposes of the Lodge. The permanent principal of this Fund shall not be invaded. The permanent principal portion of the Lafayette Relief Fund shall be in the amount of Thirty-One Thousand Dollars (\$31,000.00). In the event that the permanent principal portion of the Fund shall ever be less than \$31,000.00, there shall be no distribution of income from the Fund until the principal amount has been restored to at least \$31,000.00.

SECTION 6: The "Lafayette Endowment Fund". This permanent fund is established by voluntary contributions. The income derived from the investments of the fund may be used to defray the operating expenses of the Lodge. No part of the permanent principal portion of this Fund shall be expended but the income derived from its investments shall be added to the Operating Account of the Lodge. The permanent principal portion of the Lafayette Endowment Fund shall be in the amount of Seventy-Four Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$74,250.00). In the event that the permanent principal portion of the Fund shall ever be less

than \$74,250.00, there shall be no distribution of income from the Fund until the principal amount has been restored to at least \$74,250.00.

SECTION 7: The "Wilbur A. Scott Educational Foundation". This permanent fund, under the title of the "Wilbur A. Scott Educational Foundation" is established for carrying out the basic principles of Americanism and Brotherhood, as envisioned by Most Worshipful Brother Wilbur A. Scott, Past Master of Roosevelt Lodge No. 45 F. & A.M.

SECTION 7A: All funds of the "Wilbur A. Scott Educational Foundation" and such other funds as may be received from time to time for this purpose, shall be placed to the credit of "Wilbur A. Scott Educational Foundation".

SECTION 7B: The "Wilbur A. Scott Educational Foundation" shall be under the direction of a "Wilbur A. Scott Education Foundation Committee"

SECTION 7C: The "Wilbur A. Scott Educational Foundation" shall accept gifts in any amount. Gifts will be recorded as Memorials, if so, designated by the donors. No member of the Committee of the Foundation shall receive any remuneration for his services. The Committee of the Foundation shall meet at least annually and at such other times as may be necessary to transact business of the Foundation.

SECTION 8: The "William S. Greene Relief Fund". The income of this Fund may only be used for charitable purposes of the Lodge, at the discretion of the Master and Wardens or by vote of the Lodge.

SECTION 8A: This fund shall be held in the name of "William S. Greene Relief Fund" and its principal shall be invested under the direction of the "Lafayette Investment Committee".

SECTION 8B: The members of the "Lafayette Investment Committee" shall invest the funds of this Fund in a safe and profitable manner. The "Lafayette Investment Committee" shall make available the income earned by the principal which shall be used for the relief of our members, their wives, widows and orphans and such other charitable causes as the Master and Wardens or by vote the Lodge believe will truly carry out the purpose of charity.

SECTION 8C: At each Annual Communication, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) shall be transferred from the Fund's income to "Wilbur A. Scott Educational Foundation".

SECTION 8D: The income of the "William S. Greene Relief Fund" can be co-mingled with the income of the Lafayette Relief Fund, but the principal shall not be distributed.

SECTION 9: The "Peter Ludovici Jewel and Implement Fund". The purpose of the fund shall be to maintain, repair and replace the jewels, tools and implements of the Lodge and to

purchase equipment and items for the use and benefit of the Lodge. All expenditures from this fund shall be recommended by the "Audit Committee" and voted on by the Lodge.

SECTION 9A: This fund shall be held in the name of "Peter Ludovici Jewel and Implement Fund" and its principal shall be invested under the direction of the "Lafayette Investment Committee".

SECTION 10: The "Avraham A. Reis Fund for Education". This fund is established as a scholarship fund to be designated as "The Avraham A. Reis Fund for Education". The income only from such fund shall be distributed every other year as an award to three (3) worthy students specializing in the field of education at one of the colleges or universities located in the State of Rhode Island. Any such award shall be accompanied by a certificate bearing the name "Wor. Br. Avraham A. Reis Fund for Education."

SECTION 11: The "Redwood Lodge Building Fund". The permanent principal portion of the Redwood Lodge Building Fund shall be in the amount of One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$115,000.00). In the event that the permanent principal portion of the Fund shall ever be less than \$115,000.00, there shall be no distribution of income from the Fund until the principal amount has been restored to at least \$115,000.00. The income derived from the Fund's investments may be used to maintain and repair Lafayette's Lodge's building and improvements currently located at 680 Nate Whipple Highway, Cumberland, RI 02864. The non-permanent portion of the Redwood Lodge Building Fund principal, which is funded on the date of the Merger, may be invaded to fund major repairs and/or replacements to the building and improvements upon the majority vote of the Lafayette members present and voting at a regular communication and for which the members shall have received due notice. Any unexpended balance of the income derived from the Fund's investments shall be added to the non-permanent principal portion of the fund at the end of the lodge's accounting year.

SECTION 12: The "Lafayette Investment Fund". A fund to be known as the Lafayette Investment Fund will be established. Additions may be made to this fund by such subscriptions, bequests and donations as may be made from time to time by any person or by vote of the Lodge. The principal and interest of this Fund shall be invested and managed by the Investments Committee. Withdrawals from this Fund may only be made after due notice thereof has been given the members of this Lodge and a majority vote of the members present at the next regular or annual communication or at a special communication called for that purpose.

ARTICLE 10: HONORARY MEMBERS

SECTION 1: Any Master Mason who has demonstrated distinguished service to Lafayette Lodge, may, upon recommendation by any member of Lafayette Lodge, and by unanimous vote of those present of the brethren of Lafayette Lodge, be elected an Honorary Member of the Lodge at the next or subsequent stated communication. The rights and privileges limited

by the Grand Lodge constitution, regulations and by-laws and no part of these by-laws can or will supersede them. An Honorary member is a member by name and association only and will not have rights to vote, to committee chairs, or trustee or temple committee.

ARTICLE 11: JEWELS

SECTION 1: Ownership. Upon vacating the office of Worshipful Master, Lafayette Lodge often presents its Junior Past Master with a Past Master's Jewel to distinguish the rank and service of an officer. This is a gift from the Lodge and is not intended to be payment or compensation for work rendered before, during or after his term of office. These jewels or medals, having been purchased by Lafayette Lodge, and not by the recipient, always remain the sole property of Lafayette Lodge. It does not become a personal Masonic possession of the recipient. It shall be the duty of all Past Masters so gifted to direct that their Jewels shall be returned to the Lodge when they have passed to that Great Celestial Lodge above. It is, therefore, to that concern and circumstance that this Article is directed.

SECTION 2: Returned. In the event that a Past Master's Jewel is returned to our Lodge, it may be re-presented to another worthy brother. Never shall any name, date, or engraving of any kind be removed or covered over; save the addition of a hinged plate, bearing the date necessary for its presentation. All jewels or medals returned to the Lodge shall be in the custody of the Secretary until such time as these jewels or medals are presented.

SECTION 3: Agreement. Each recipient of a Lafayette Lodge jewel or medal must sign the following declaration in duplicate. The recipient retains one copy, and the Secretary of the Lodge retains the other.

AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF LODGE JEWELS AND MEDALS

I. (_____), acknowledge the receipt of this (*type of jewel or medal* _____) from Lafayette Lodge No. 47, F. & A. M., to be held and worn by me until my suspension, demit, or death, at which time, without changing in any way or altering the jewel or medal, it shall be returned by me or my heirs, assigns, or personal representatives to the Secretary of Lafayette Lodge. The recipient further certifies that he has advised his family, heirs and personal representatives of the existence of this document and that he does not own the jewel or medal referred to above, that it is the exclusive property of Lafayette Lodge and upon his suspension, demit, or death, it must be returned to the Secretary of Lafayette Lodge. Failure of the Lodge, through the Secretary, to request the return of the jewel or medal does not constitute a waiver of any rights of the Lodge.

Recipient

Date

Witness

Date

Witness

Date

Lafayette Lodge No. 47, F. & A. M.

Secretary

Date

Witness

Date

Witness

Date

ARTICLE 12: LAFAYETTE / WASHINGTON APRON

SECTION 1: Displayed. The Replica of the Lafayette/Washington Apron, commissioned in commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of Lafayette Lodge No. 47, will be kept on display in an appropriate, secure place within the Temple, or at such other location that, from time to time, may be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at a regular or special meeting of the Lodge.

SECTION 2: Investiture Committee. Prior to the Annual meeting, the incoming Worshipful Master will select a Past Master of the Lodge to act as chairman for the Apron investiture. This brother will be responsible for apprising the installing officer of the following section of these By- Laws:

During the installation of the Worshipful Master and after being invested with the collar, a committee of all Past Masters of Lafayette Lodge present, will approach the East under the direction of the designated chairman and make the presentation of the Apron.

SECTION 3: Investiture. At the Annual meeting of the Lodge, the Worshipful Master will be invested with this Apron and wear it for the duration of the meeting. At the Worshipful Master's discretion, he may also wear the Apron when the Grand Master and his suite or the District Deputy Grand Master and his suite make their official visitation. Also, during his term, a Worshipful Master or his designate may wear the Apron on one additional occasion. The Apron may be used in any way the Lodge may direct, subject to the approval of two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at any regular or special meeting.

ARTICLE 13: AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1: Changes. No alteration, additions or amendments shall be made to these By-Laws unless submitted in writing at a stated communication and adopted by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at a stated communication next succeeding the one at which the proposition was made.

SECTION 2: Enactment. These By-Laws and any alteration, additions or amendments hereto, shall take effect at the next regular communication next succeeding the one at which notification is received from the Grand Lodge of their approval.

Attested to these by-laws.

By-laws Merger committee **Month Day, Year**

M.:W.: Steven Smith	_____	Lafayette Lodge No. 47
R.:W.: David Wright	_____	Lafayette Lodge No. 47
R.:W.: Robert Goff	_____	Redwood Lodge No. 35
R.:W.: Samuel A. Miller	_____	Redwood Lodge No. 35
W.: George L. Young	_____	Lafayette Lodge No. 47
W.: Edmund Hague	_____	Lafayette Lodge No. 47
W.: David Becker	_____	Lafayette Lodge No. 47
W.: Kevin Pellerin	_____	Lafayette Lodge No. 47
W.: Derek Emery	_____	Lafayette Lodge No. 47
W.: John Demirs	_____	Lafayette Lodge No. 47
W.: Jesse Thom	_____	Lafayette Lodge No. 47
W.: Andrew Sholes	_____	Redwood Lodge No. 35
W.: Michael Pont	_____	Redwood Lodge No. 35
W.: Andrew Brown	_____	Redwood Lodge No. 35
W.: Benjamin Sholes	_____	Redwood Lodge No. 35
Matthew Ludwig	_____	Lafayette Lodge No. 47
Michael Sprague	_____	Lafayette Lodge No. 47