

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


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HOPE YOU ARE HAVING A GREAT HOLIDAY SEASON!***



The REDWOOD BUILDER

CELEBRATING 135 YEARS- JUNE 10, 1878-June 10, 2013



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

M.W. Russell R. Davis, Sr.
Grand Master
R.W. Joseph A. Plante (JPJ)
Grand Marshal

This Month's Communication, Monday, January 13, 2014
DISTRICT DEPUTY'S OFFICIAL VISITATION

R.W. Peter Iacobucci
District Deputy Grand Master
W. Gilbert J. Fontes
Grand Master of Ceremonies

Lodge Officers 2013-2014

<p>Worshipful Master W.: Michael Ponte 197 Milford Road Swansea, Ma 02777 H-508-493-6618 O-508-672-5505 superponte@comcast.net</p> <p>Senior Warden Jeffrey Saunders PO Box 2371 Providence, RI 02906 C-401-952-0109 W-401-272-0345 crooshjef@rockstarpiercing.com</p> <p>Junior Warden Dennis Cipriano 12 Robin Vale Drive North Scituate, RI 02857 H-401-709-8598 C-401-241-7434 dennis@midfieldtech.com</p>	<p>Treasurer W.: Andrew Sholes 737 Namquid Drive Warwick, RI 02888 H-401-463-5424 O-401-463-5600 agsholes@sholeslaw.com</p> <p>Secretary R.:W.: Gary Kaufman 10 Elmgrove Ave. Providence, RI 02906 L-401-369-9400 (Lodge Phone) secretary@redwoodlodge35.com</p> <p>Master of Ceremonies W.: Eric Chaika 108 1/2 Waterman Street Providence, RI 02906 P-401-421-4499</p>
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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-Check the Inside of the Builder





2013 & 2014 Redwood Communication Dates

(Dates Subject to Change)

Monday, January 13, 2014— District Deputy Visitation

Monday, January 27, 2014—Special Communication—
Entered Apprentice Degree

Monday, February 10, 2014—Awards Night

Monday, March 10, 2014— Fellow Craft Degree

Monday, April 9, 2014— Master Mason Degree

Monday, May 12, 2014—Regular/Annual Communication

Monday, June 9, 2014— Regular Communication

July and August— No Communications

Monday, September 8, 2014— Regular Communication

Wednesday, October 8, 2014*— Regular Communication

Monday, November 10, 2014—Table Lodge

* moved due to Monday holiday

METRO DISTRICT

Annual Communications 2013-2014

Monday, January 6, 2014— Jenks Lodge No. 24

Monday, May 12, 2014—Redwood Lodge No. 35

Friday, May 23, 2014—Rising Sun Lodge No. 30

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**District Deputy Visitations 2013-2014**

**R.W. Peter Iacobucci**

Monday, January 13, 2014— Redwood Lodge No. 35\*

Tuesday, February 11, 2014— Overseas Lodge No. 40

Monday, March 24, 2014— Jenks Lodge No. 24

Wednesday, April 16, 2014—St. Johns No. 1P

\* Denotes Officers Forum

**GRAND MASTER'S VISITATIONS 2013-2014**

*Most Worshipful  
Russell R. Davis Sr.*

Friday, January 24, 2014— Rising Sun Lodge No. 30

Saturday, April, 12, 2014—Ionic Lodge No. 28

Saturday, May 10, 2014—Roger Williams Lodge No. 32

**R.W. Gary Kaufman—District Deputy Grand Master  
Central District—Visitation Schedule**

Saturday, February 8, 2014—Ionic Lodge No. 28

Tuesday, March 4, 2014—Harmony Lodge No. 9

Monday, April 14, 2014—Daylight Lodge No. 48

(Suite will assemble at 7:15 pm)

**From the Editor**

Another year has come to a close. As we bid farewell to the past year, we are heartened by the future that this New Year will bring. In retrospect, the years seem to pass as fast as the sands of time falling through an hour glass. We need to make the most of our time as mortal beings. We need to leave an imprint with others that we do and did make a difference. The beginning of a New Year is the perfect time for making New Year's resolutions. We should resolve to be more active in our Lodge and better emulate our Masonic principles outside of it.

Masonry teaches us to live our lives following moral principles and our belief in the deity. The tenets of our institution, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, are engrained in each of us. By following the tenets of the Craft in our daily lives and the principles of Freemasonry, we are able to show non Masons the light. Everyone leaves his imprint on others during his journey through life in different forms. Masonry does not distinguish between rich and poor. All Masons are equal in each other's eye. Some may measure success in one's monetary achievement. Masons do not. We measure success by continuing to live out of the Lodge the values and tenets that we have learned within it. Some are active in their Lodge, others are active in Concordant Bodies, while others are active in other organizations and houses of worship. Some are not active at all. The common thread is the Masonic values that we exhibit in our interaction with family, friends, and business associates.

We should all strive to remember the Masonic teachings in our travels through life. No one knows what the future will hold. With the start of a New Year, we have hopes and dreams that this Year will be better than the last. We need to pause to take count of our accomplishments this past year, where we need improvement, where we slipped, and where we excelled. No one is perfect. We need to continue to live our lives as good and true Masons. As we face the dawn of a New Year, we have the opportunity to use our Masonic teachings to leave a greater imprint on everyone we touch.

W.:Andrew G. Sholes

**REMINDERS**

All Officers are requested to attend District Deputy Visitations of the Lodges of the Metro District as well as the Annual Communications of the District Lodges.

The dates are listed on this page.

**2014 Dues Invoices are out. If you did not receive one please contact the Lodge. If you got an invoice without a Dues Card, you are in arrears and need to contact the lodge ASAP!**

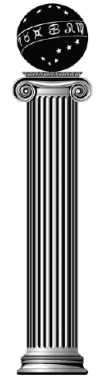
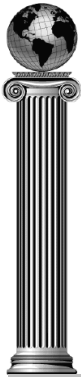
**Redwood Masonic Anniversaries**

*Dates you were Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason*

|                       |           |          |
|-----------------------|-----------|----------|
| Gary S. Kaufman       | 1/12/1998 | 15 Years |
| Brian N. Ahern        | 1/12/1998 | 15 Years |
| Edward A. Shapira     | 1/19/1974 | 34 Years |
| Steven T. Sholes      | 1/13/1977 | 36 Years |
| David H. Port         | 1/13/1969 | 44 Years |
| Michael L. Rubinstein | 1/13/1969 | 44 Years |
| David A. Schechter    | 1/13/1969 | 44 Years |



1,359 Regular Communication –Monday, January 13, 2014



MEETING AGENDA

Open 5:30 PM
For the transaction of business that shall regularly come before it.
Dinner 6:00PM
Re-Open for District Deputy Visitation/Officer's Forum 7:00PM
Close Lodge After Forum

Per Order of the Grand Master, ALL Members must present a valid Dues Cards to the Tyler for Admittance

Special Communication

Please support your officers at the presentation of the Entered Apprentice Degree Monday, January 27, 2014 6:30 PM

In Memoriam Ronald Howard Richter

Born: February 8, 1948
Initiated: February 27, 1978
Passed: March 13, 1978
Raised: April 10, 1978
Affiliated: April 24, 1978
Died: December 2, 2013
Age 65 years
Grand Lodge Number 7337

Dinner Menu

Meatloaf, Potato, Vegetables Salad, Bread and Butter \$16.00 pp

RSVP a MUST-secretary@redwoodlodge35.com/401-369-9400

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM REDWOOD LODGE TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

MASTER'S MESSAGE

Hello Brothers!

As I write to you, I am preparing for a wonderful holiday with friends, and family. By the time you receive this, it will be 2014! I am continually shocked at how fast time passes. It was in 2004 that I took my first steps in Freemasonry as an EA. Here I am, a mere 10 years later, and I find myself a twice-serving Master (not unlike a twice-baked potato: seasoned, but getting a little mushy).

The December meeting was a lot of fun. After business, we traveled to Mon Kou restaurant and had a FEAST of a meal. Much more intimate than our normal dinners, we shared some fine Chinese-Polynesian cuisine and enjoyed each other's company (as well as a Mai Tai or 2).

This month is the annual visit by the District Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Peter Iacobucci. A great friend to Redwood Lodge, I hope that the weather holds and many of the Past Masters can be in attendance. Later in January, on the 27th, we will be conferring the Entered Apprentice Degree. While an off night for the lodge, I hope that many of you are able to come to lodge to support the officers and give our newest Brothers a proper welcome to The Craft.

Finally, I must close on an important issue, one which I have discussed at length previously. This Lodge is responsible for paying a per capita tax to Grand Lodge for each member on the roles. Whether you pay dues and assessments, or not, the lodge is still responsible for this tax. Many, far too many, of you are currently in arrears. You missed your 2013 dues and assessment payment and now the 2014 payment is due. I ask you to please pay promptly. Once you miss ONE year, you are eligible for suspension of membership referred to as NPD (non-payment of dues).

I thank you for your time, my Brothers. It is a true honor and pleasure to serve you as Worshipful Master. I look forward to seeing you in Lodge.

Worshipful Michael Ponte

The Members of Redwood Lodge Wish All of You a Very Happy Birthday!

We apologize for any mistakes in Birthday dates and welcome corrections



- Malvern R. Ross 4-Jan
David M. Melo 9-Jan
Steven L. Sanford 10-Jan
Robert E. Nichols III 12-Jan
Samuel M. Mendelowitz 13-Jan
James S. Arnold 15-Jan
Arnold Bigney 16-Jan
Jef Saunders 17-Jan
Paul Avedisian 18-Jan
Gary C. Berard 19-Jan
Norman R. Goodman 19-Jan
Richard Saltzman 19-Jan
Justin J. Strauss 19-Jan
Lawrence M. Halperin 20-Jan
Jay H. Newman 20-Jan
Lionel L. Bernardino 22-Jan
Robert A. Ronzio 23-Jan
Jon H. Abedon 25-Jan
Peter J. Mulberry 25-Jan
Adrian J. Horovitz 26-Jan
Ronald W. Lippitt 26-Jan
Alan D. Bergel 28-Jan
Harvey D. Michaels 30-Jan
HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS!





# The Redwood Builder



## 2013-2014 Line Officers and Appointments

Senior Deacon: Javier Alfonzo  
 Junior Deacon: Chad Rosen  
 Senior Steward: Michael Rogovin  
 Junior Steward: Alvaro Reina  
 Sentinel: Robert Goff  
 Marshal: Andrew Kaplan  
 Chaplain: R.W. Mekawy Elmekawy  
 Tyler: Robert Goudie  
 Master of Ceremonies: W. Eric Chaika  
 Electrician: Luis Cacarmo



## Redwood Lodge Committee Chairs

Redwood Committee: W. Andrew Sholes  
 By-Laws: R.W. Mekawy Elmekawy  
 Finance Committee: W. Andrew Sholes  
 Investigations/Prep: M.W. Richard Sokoll  
 Scholarship Committee: R.W. Mekawy Elmekawy  
 Photographer: Dennis Cipriano  
 Table Lodge: W. Kevin J. Catanzaro  
 Lodge Reporter: W. Michael Ponte  
 Public Relations: Dennis Cipriano  
 Masonic Education: W. Eric Chaika  
 Prince Hall Liaison: R.W. Mark Freedman  
 Redwood Builder Editor: W. Andrew Sholes  
 Redwood Builder Writer: R.W. Gary Kaufman

## PAST MASTERS

## Redwood Lodge No. 35 A.F. & A.M.

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

## PAST MASTERS

## Roosevelt Lodge No. 42 A.F. & A.M.

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|-----------------------|---------|-----------------------|------|---------------------------|------|----------------------|---------|
| *M.W. Scott, Wilber A | 1921-23 | *Bolotow, Charles     | 1942 | *Pagano, David            | 1961 | *Iarocci, Michael    | 1980    |
| *Green, William       | 1923    | *Rouslin, Benjamin    | 1943 | #Dickens, Joseph          | 1962 | #DeBlois, Donald R   | 1981    |
| *Docherty, Edgar M    | 1924    | *Blackman, Edward     | 1944 | R.W. Sciaraffa, Charles C | 1963 | Davis, Alvin Jr      | 1982    |
| *Gregory, Ralph       | 1925    | *Emers, Lester D      | 1945 | *Davis, Phillip           | 1964 | *Elman, Arnold       | 1983    |
| *Vicario, Raphael     | 1926    | *Docherty, Bruce M    | 1946 | *Ostrach, Harry           | 1965 | *R.W. Wolff, Jacob G | 1984    |
| *Friedlander, Israel  | 1927    | *Bloomberg, Harry A   | 1947 | Finkelman, Gerald C       | 1966 | Bernstein, Joel      | 1985    |
| *Pusateri, Augustus   | 1928    | *Matzner, William I   | 1948 | *Cleinman, Samuel         | 1967 | *LaRose, Harry E     | 1986    |
| *Brown, Charles       | 1929    | *Goldman, Harry I     | 1949 | *MacDonald, David A Jr    | 1968 | *Smith, Ronald J     | 1987    |
| *Workman, Samuel H    | 1930    | *Jagolinzer, Harry D  | 1950 | Chaika, William Y         | 1969 | Kahn, Larry          | 1988    |
| *Berberian, Arthur S  | 1931    | *Deutch, Edward       | 1951 | *Limer, Harry             | 1970 | Davis, Alvin Jr      | 1989-90 |
| *Garr, Samuel         | 1932    | *Bloomberg, Sheldon O | 1952 | *Ludovici, Peter          | 1971 | *Smith, Ronald J     | 1991    |
| *Blackman, Abraham    | 1933    | *Weiner, Benjamin     | 1953 | *Tomasso, George          | 1972 | Davis, Alvin Jr      | 1992-93 |
| *Marsella, Augustus   | 1934    | *R.W. Wolff, Jacob G  | 1954 | *Lamorte, Donato          | 1973 | Budz, Roger F        | 1994-95 |
| *Silverman, Charles L | 1935    | *Klein, Robert A      | 1955 | #Pulner, Edward R         | 1974 | Rossi, Dean M        | 1995    |
| *Greenstein, Jacob    | 1937    | *Pagano, Nicholas     | 1956 | *Soren, Robert            | 1975 |                      |         |
| *Roitman, Aaron       | 1938    | *Fellner, William     | 1957 | Tomasso, Steven           | 1976 |                      |         |
| *Selonek, Leslie M    | 1939    | *Ostrach, Morris L    | 1958 | Petrarca, Carmine         | 1977 |                      |         |
| #D'Antuono, Francis   | 1940    | Goldberg, Bernard S   | 1959 | Miller, Howard            | 1978 |                      |         |
| *Savasta, Stellerio   | 1941    | *Silverstein, Al      | 1960 | *Sugerman, Everett        | 1979 |                      |         |