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# The REDWOOD BUILDER



W.: Matthew Yaffe 2019-2020

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

**M.W. Kenneth F. Poyton**  
Grand Master  
**R.W. Michael R. Northup**  
Grand Marshal

**REGULAR COMMUNICATION**  
Monday, February 10, 2020

**R.W. Douglas J. Grant**  
District Deputy Grand Master  
**W. Michael R. Barbera**  
Grand Master of Ceremonies



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Providence, Rhode Island 02909  
331 Broadway  
Meeting Address:



## 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 2019-2020

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## Message from the Master

Greetings Brethren:

I hope you and your loved ones are well and staying warm during the cold season. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the team of professionals at Shriners Hospitals across the United States. During our January communication, R.W. District Deputy Douglas Grant visited Redwood Lodge for his official visitation. It was during this presentation that I felt a deeper connection to Freemasonry and it's concordant bodies for all of their charity work and lives they have had a positive impact on. The Shrine plays a big role in this transformation and hearing directly from Hospital Ambassadors only further solidified the remarkable impact they have had in transforming children's lives through exceptional healthcare. Thanks to brother Yaakov Rosenbaum for organizing the evening.

While we are on the topic of transforming lives, the current candidates, which are evolving with knowledge and light right before us, are extremely present in my mind. Every mason, whether new or seasoned, is a unique individual. Because of this, it is not possible for a universal strategy for personal growth and development to exist. Each pathway towards reaching one's individualized goals is a unique journey. It is up to the individual to figure out which pathway is theirs and where it will lead.

This month we will be conferring the Fellow Craft degree on three candidates who have been diligently working on their proficiency. Brother Senior Deacon has not only been a strong leader and mentor, but a guide for their journey into Freemasonry. Please make every effort to attend and view the work and dedication put forth by the candidates and officers.

As a reminder, please mark your calendar for March 9th's Communication. Most Worshipful Grand Master, Kenneth F. Poynton, will be traveling to Redwood Lodge for his official visitation to the Metro District. A fun and entertaining evening is promised. I hope to see you in the lodge!

Kind Fraternal Regards,  
Worshipful Matt Yaffe

"The most successful people in life are the ones who ask questions. They're always learning. They're always growing. They're always pushing." Robert Kiyosaki

### Redwood Communications 2019-2020

*Monday, February 10, 2020-Regular Communication*  
*Monday, March 9, 2020-Grand Master's Visitation*  
*Monday, April 13, 2020- Regular Communication*  
*Monday May 11, 2020-Annual Communication*

### METRO DISTRICT

#### Annual Communications 2019-2020

*Redwood No. 35- May 13, 2020*  
*Rising Sun No. 30- May 22, 2020*  
*St. Johns 1P- June 22, 2020*

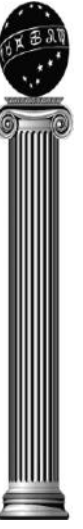
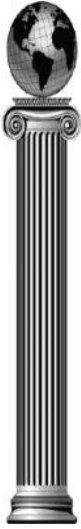
#### District Deputy Visitation 2019-2020

*Jenks Lodge- March 23, 2020*  
*Overseas Lodge- April 14, 2020*  
*St. Johns 1P- April 15, 2020*

\*All officers are requested to attend Visitations and Annuals  
Jenk's Lodge now meets at St Andrew's Building-18 Turner Ave. E.P.



## 1,420 Regular Communication – Monday, February 10, 2020



### COMMUNICATION AGENDA

Dinner: 6:00 P.M.

Open Lodge 7:00 P.M.

Vote on Affiliation  
W.: Melvin E. Silverio

FC Degree  
Bro. Lorenzo Perez, Sr.  
Bro. Steven Sanchez  
Bro. Jose Tejada

Close Lodge 9:30 P.M.

Collation

### Redwood Dinner Menu February 10, 2020

Baked Ziti (Vegetarian)  
With Meatballs on the side  
Garden Salad

Dinner is \$10.00 per person  
Reservations are required and must  
be made by February 5, 2020

Please make your reservations at  
[aabrown120@gmail.com](mailto:aabrown120@gmail.com)

### FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

If anyone is aware of any brethren who are sick or injured, please advise me at  
[SMiller64@aol.com](mailto:SMiller64@aol.com) or call me at 401-523-5720.

We will be voting on the application of W.: Melvin E. Silverio to affiliate with our Lodge. W.: Silverio has been a regular attendee at our recent communications. He is the Grand Master of Ceremonies for the Deputy Grand Master, our own R.:W.: Gary Kaufman, and will soon be installed as the Grand Marshall. He is a past Master of Roger Williams Lodge No. 32. It is important that we all turn out to vote on his application.

We will be conferring the FC Degree on our three candidates, Bros. Lorenzo Perez, Steven Sanchez and Jose Tejada. Please turn out to support them, and our officers, as they continue their journey in Masonry.

Please note that the Lodge bills for 2020 have been sent out. If you have not received your invoice, or if you are experiencing problems paying your dues and assessments, please contact me at [SMiller64@aol.com](mailto:SMiller64@aol.com) or 401-523-5720. All correspondence will be kept confidential.

Applications for the Redwood Scholarship, which is open to children and grandchildren of members in good standing of Redwood Lodge, are now available. Only those students graduating High School and commencing their post high school education in 2020 are eligible. Applications are available by contacting me at [SMiller64@aol.com](mailto:SMiller64@aol.com) or 401-523-5720. Applications must be submitted by June 1, 2020.

Applications for the Grand Lodge Scholarship are available through the Lodge (401-435-4650). I will also have applications available at our communications. They must be completed with 100% accuracy and MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE GRAND LODGE OFFICE NO LATER THAN 4:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 15, 2020.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
R.:W.: GARY S. KAUFMAN WILL BE  
INSTALLED AS GRAND MASTER ON  
MONDAY, MAY 18, 2020  
THE ANNUAL BANQUET WILL BE HELD  
AT RHODES ON THE PAWTUXET THAT  
EVENING.  
PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND

### 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*

#### February Birthdays

Mark H. Freedman	February 1
Marc J. Laden	February 5
Stephen Sirota	February 12
Carmine Petrarca	February 13
Irwin Kaplan	February 16
Andrew G. Sholes	February 17
Mark A. Ross	February 19
Michael D. Smith	February 21
Jason M. Riffkin	February 22
Allen M. Kirshenbaum	February 24
Yaakov J. Rosenbaum	February 24
Richard K. Sholes	February 25
Lyman J. Williams	February 26

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS!**

#### February Masonic Anniversaries

David M. Melo	9 years
Chad A. Rosen	9 years
Kevin J. Catanzaro	14 years
Steven J. Catanzaro	14 years
Steven A. Blazer	15 years
Michael R. Ponte	15 years
Daniel B. Rothman	15 years
Mohamed I. Amer	17 years
Larry R. Shetler	18 years
Andrew H. Kaplan	19 years
Shai Afsai	21 years
Ronald W. Lippitt	27 years
Philippe H. Maatouk	27 years
Ronald S. Mann	27 years
Victor G. Phaneuf	27 years
Allen M. Kirshenbaum	58 years
Norman J. Bolotow	59 years
Donald H. Dwares	59 years
Milton S. Lewis	62 years
Gerald C. Finkelman	65 years

**Congratulations Brothers!**





# The Redwood Builder



## 2019-2020 Line of Officers

Senior Deacon: Wilson Perez, Sr.  
 Junior Deacon: Cory Meyette  
 Senior Steward: Andrew Brown  
 Junior Steward: Open  
 Sentinel: Open  
 Marshal: Yaakov Rosenbaum  
 Chaplain: Robert Stahl  
 Tyler: W.: Michael Rogovin  
 Electricians: Nathan Rosenbaum



## 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: W.: Javier R. Alfonso  
 Meals and Table Lodge: Stewards  
 Public Relations: W. Robert Goff  
 Lodge Reporter: W. Michael Ponte  
 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		
*Spitz, John H.	1882	*Wyman, Frederick W	1929	*Maldavir, Melvyn S.	1974		
*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	Chaplain Emeritus	
*Hahn, Jerome J.	1894	*M.W. Abedon, Bernard	1941	R.W. Freedman, Mark H	1986	*R.W. Judah Rosen-2012	
*Lincoln, Edwin B.	1895	*MacKay, Alexander M	1942	->Krasner, Edward S	1987		
*Butler, Charles L.	1896	*Rosen, Albert L	1943	Chaika, Eric A	1988	Honorary Past Master	
*Pierce, Charles E.	1897	*Entwistle, James H	1944	*Myrow, Allan J	1989	*^R.W. Judah Rosen-2004	
*Morton, Marcus W.	1898-99	*Ress, Joseph W	1945	*Goodman, Joseph	1990		
*Stanton, James W.	1900	*Perrin, Howard S	1946	#Charleson, James A	1991	Affiliated Past Master	
*Perkins, Herbert R.	1901	*R.W. Novogroski, Arthur	1947	Gaffin, Michael M	1992	*W. Avraham A. Reis	
*Bowen, Thomas A.	1902	*Cook, Walter R	1948	M.W. Sokoll, Richard	1993		
*Saunders, Harry L.	1903	*Strauss, Walter H	1949	Fishbein, Richard J	1994	Honorary Members:	
*Albro, Seth M.	1904	*Licht, Frank	1950	R.W. Lewis, Donovan J	1995	*^M.W. Alton T. Curti	
*Lasell, Clarence K.	1905	*Hendel, Maurice W	1951	Chaika, Eric A	1996	* ^W. Jacob DeHaan	
*Smith, Alfred	1906	*Hill, Henry M	1952	*Crisafulli, Frederick	1997	*^W. Albert Lavine	
*Cutler, Harry	1907	*Goodman, Max W	1953	R.W. Elmekawy, Mekawy	1998	^W. Stanley DeHaan	
*Boas, Bernard	1908	*R.W. Cohen, Gerald P	1954	R.W. Freedman, Mark H	1999	*^W. Gary Rachins	
*Payson, Stephen R.	1909	*Michaelson, Julius	1955	R.W. Miller, Samuel A	2000	*^W. John Haidenmenos	
*Hawes, James A.	1910	*Kumins, Albert	1956	Hodges, James	2001	*^W. Elmer Yeaw	
*Hoffman, Felix V.	1911	*Rubenstein, Louis Barach	1957	->Richardson, Simon J	2002	^M.W. Paul Cardoza	
*Pierce, Benjamin F.	1912	*^Bromberg, Morris H	1958	R.W. Miller, Samuel A	2003	^M.W. John Lopez	
#Moir, George	1913	*Arnold, Siegfried	1958	R.W. Kaufman, Gary S	2004	*^W. James Warner	
*Butler, Charles L. Jr.	1914	*Mushnick, Frederick	1959	Ross, Micah T	2005		
*Taylor, Arthur J.	1915	*Millman, Benjamin	1960	Kaplan, Andrew	2006	*Deceased #Demitted	
*Lincoln, Samuel E.	1916	*Mandell, Leonard C	1961	R.W. Freedman, Mark H	2007	^Honorary >Dropped	
*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		
*Kelley, J. William	1920	*M.W. Bromberg, Malcolm	1965	Catanzaro, Kevin J.	2011		
*Misch, Walter P.	1921	*Schwartz, Abraham	1966	Catanzaro, Kevin J.	2012		
*Mason, Earl H	1922	*Rottenberg, Louis	1967	Ponte, Michael	2013		
*Brand, William C H	1923	*Miller, Meyer S	1968	Saunders, Jeffrey	2014		
*Taylor, Burton RRR	1924	*Malinou, Martin S	1969	Cipriano, Dennis	2015		
*R.W. Edwards, Ralph H	1925	*Dressler, Abbott W	1970	Goff, Robert	2016		

## 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	Kahn, Larry	1989-90
*Brown, Charles	1929	*Jagolinzer, Harry D	1950	*Limer, Harry	1970	*Smith, Ronald J	1991
*Workman, Samuel H	1930	*Deutch, Edward	1951	*Ludovici, Peter	1971	*Limer, Harry	1992-93
*Berberian, Arthur S	1931	*Bloomberg, Sheldon O	1952	*Tomasso, George	1972	Budz, Roger F	1994-95
*Garr, Samuel	1932	*Weiner, Benjamin	1953	*Lamorte, Donato	1973	Rossi, Dean M	1995
*Blackman, Abraham	1933	*R.W. Wolff, Jacob G	1954	#Pulner, Edward R	1974		
*Marsella, Augustus	1934	*Klein, Robert A	1955	*Soren, Robert	1975		
*Silverman, Charles L	1935	*Pagano, Nicholas	1956	Tomasso, Steven	1976		
*Greenstein, Jacob	1937	*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		