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The REDWOOD BUILDER



W.: Andrew Brown 2023-2024

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

M.W. Douglas J. Grant
Grand Master
R.W. Michael R. Barbera
Grand Marshal

1459 REGULAR COMMUNICATION
Monday December 11, 2023

R.W. Eric E. Grist
District Deputy Grand Master
W. John W. Kent, III
Grand Master of Ceremonies



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REGULAR COMMUNICATION

Second Monday of each Month
(except July & August)

Rehearsals - Wednesday Preceding the Communication,
at 7 p.m.

Read-Through - Second Wednesday Preceding the Communication

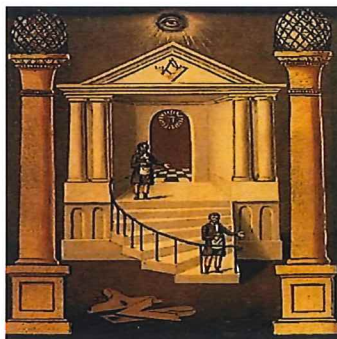
ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

Second Monday in May
Freemasons' Hall

222 Taunton Avenue

East Providence, Rhode Island

Dates Subject to Change with Dispensation



Officers 2022-2023

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MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Dear Brothers,

I would like to extend my warmest greetings to all of you as we enter the joyous Holiday Season. It is a time of reflection, gratitude, and togetherness. I want to wish all our brothers and their families a Happy Holiday and a Happy and healthy New Year.

Firstly, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all those who attended and contributed to the November Table Lodge. It was a truly memorable evening filled with camaraderie, fellowship, and a great culinary experience. The Table Lodge has always been a tradition of Redwood Lodge and I am grateful for the dedication and hard work of our brothers, who made it a resounding success. During the Table Lodge, we had the opportunity to share stories, laughter, and strengthen the bonds of brotherhood that unite us. It was a reminder of the values we hold dear as Freemasons, and the importance of coming together in harmony and unity. It was a pleasure to provide a donation to Harvest Kitchen, our charity for the year at the Table Lodge along with the Most Worshipful Grand Master presenting a matching donation from Grand Lodge Charities. The students and chefs from Harvest Kitchen did an outstanding job catering for the Table Lodge and I look forward to having them cater more of our meals for our upcoming meetings.

As we move into the Holiday Season, let us carry the spirit of the Table Lodge with us. Let us remember the lessons learned, the friendships forged, and the joy experienced on that special night. This is a time to cherish our loved ones, to extend a helping hand to those in need, and to spread kindness and goodwill wherever we go. During the festivities, let us not forget the true meaning of the Holiday Season. It is a time to reflect on the blessings we have received throughout the year, to express gratitude for the opportunities we have been granted, and to remember those who are less fortunate. As Freemasons, we are called upon to be beacons of light in our communities. Let us use this Holiday Season as an opportunity to shine that light brightly, to make a positive difference in the lives of others, and to embody the principles of our Craft.

I encourage each one of you to take a moment during this Holiday Season to reach out to a fellow brother, to extend a hand of friendship, and to remind them that they are not alone. Let us support one another, uplift one another, and inspire one another to continue our Masonic journey with renewed vigor and enthusiasm.

The December meeting is on Monday, December 11th. R.W. Richard Lynch will be doing a presentation on the history of Freemasonry in Rhode Island. The dinner is our traditional Redwood Deli night, please make reservations by email to meals@redwoodlodge35.com no later than Thursday, December 7th. The cost for dinner is \$20.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your Worshipful Master, and I am humbled by the dedication and passion I see in each one of you. May this Holiday Season be filled with love, joy, and peace for you and your families. May it bring us closer together as brothers, and may it inspire us to continue making a positive impact in our community.

Fraternally yours,
Andrew Brown
Worshipful 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 have been sent out. 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.

Redwood Communications 2023-2024

Monday, December 11, 2023—Regular Communication
Monday, January 8, 2024—Regular Communication/DDGM Visitation
Monday, February 12, 2024—Regular Communication
Monday, March 11, 2024—Regular Communication
Monday, April 15, 2024—Regular Communication
Monday, May 13, 2024—Annual Communication

GRAND MASTER VISITATIONS

December 5, 2023—East Bay District

St. Paul's Lodge No. 14

January 22, 2024—Mother Lodge

Jenks Lodge No. 24

March 7, 2024—Southern District

Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 4

April 19, 2024—Central District

Manchester Lodge No. 12

District Deputy Grand Master Visitations

Redwood No. 35-January 8, 2024

Annual-May 13, 2024

Jenks Lodge No. 24-March 25, 2024

Annual-January 6, 2024

Overseas No. 40-April 9, 2024

Annual-November 11, 2023

St. Johns No.1 Providence-April 17, 2024

Annual-June 24, 2023



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1,459 Regular Communication – Monday, December 11, 2023



Open Lodge 7:00 P.M.

Conduct Business

Memorial Service
Bro. Andrew H. Port

Speaker:
W.: Richard Lynch
The History of Freemasonry in RI

Close Lodge 9:00 P.M.

DINNER MENU FOR DECEMBER

Redwood's Traditional Deli Night

**Cost is \$20.00 per person
Reservations Required by
Thursday, November 7!**

meals@redwoodlodge35.com

**STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY
BRETHREN**

**Redwood Lodge
Coming Events:**

**December 14, 2023
Courtesy EA Degree**

Lafayette Degree



**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

December Birthdays

Howard M. Bromberg	4- December
Ethan T. Sholes	4 - December
Mark B. Morse	5 - December
Richard H. Cohen	7 - December
Jerrold L. Lavine	10 - December
Arthur S. Robbins	11- December
Edward Steiner	12 - December
Roy D. Gessman	15 - December
Howard I. Wilgoren	17 - December
Sanford E. Fink	21 - December
Arnold R. Bromberg	23 - December
Ronald D. Kurtzman	23 - December
Mitchell S. Riffkin	30 - December
Mathew D. Shuster	31 - December

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY BROTHERS!**

DECEMBER MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Daniel Weiner	60 Years
Richard K. Sholes	59 Years
David H. Epstein	58 Years
Howard S. Weiss	58 Years
Stephen R. Beranbaum	57 Years
Robert H. Hoffman	57 Years
Paul R. Miller	56 Years
Mark A. Ross	56 Years
Stephen E. Schiffman	56 Years
Howard M. Bromberg	52 Years
Andrew G. Sholes	52 Years
Charles Fischer	49 Years
William M. Bromberg	48 Years
Charles German	46 Years
Howard L. Feldman	46 Years
Arnold R. Bromberg	43 Years
Mark R. Harris	43 Years
Robert D. Miller	43 Years
Joel K. Gertstenblatt	42 Years
Ronald D. Kurtzman	42 Years
Richard Saltzman	42 Years
Frank E. Antin	41 Years
Lewis J. Antin	41 Years
Dennis L. DiMauro, Sr.	41 Years
Alan D. Bergel	39 Years
Michael M. Gaffin	37 Years
Kenneth M. Segal	37 Years
Richard S. Sokoll	35 Years
Barry J. Waldman	35 Years
Stephen Sirota	34 Years
Mark I. Karnes	33 Years
Donovan J. Lewis	32 Years
Michael D. Smith	28 Years
Malcolm R. Singer	27 Years
Richard R. Fascia	16 Years

Congratulations Brothers!





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2020-2021 Line of Officers

Senior Deacon: Joseph Maddalena
Junior Deacon: Curtis Abbott
Senior Steward: W.: Michael Rogovin
Junior Steward: W.: Roy Gessman
Sentinel: W.: Michael Ponte
Marshal: M.: W.: Gary Kaufman
Chaplain: Robert Stahl
Tyler: W.: Robert T. Goff
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

PAST MASTERS

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

#Noot, Meyer	1878-79	*Coppin, 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	>Cory P. Meyette	2022
#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		
*Butler, Charles L.	1896	*Rosen, Albert L	1943	Chaika, Eric A	1988	Chaplain Emeritus	
*Pierce, Charles E.	1897	*Entwistle, James H	1944	*Myrow, Allan J	1989	*R.W. Judah Rosen-2012	
*Morton, Marcus W.	1898-99	*Ress, Joseph W	1945	*Goodman, Joseph	1990		
*Stanton, James W.	1900	*Perrin, Howard S	1946	#Charleson, James A	1991	Honorary Past Master	
*Perkins, Herbert R.	1901	*R.W. Novogroski, Arthur	1947	Gaffin, Michael M	1992	*R.W. Judah Rosen-2004	
*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	Affiliated Past Master	
*Albro, Seth H.	1904	*Licht, Frank	1950	R.W. Lewis, Donovan J	1995	*W. Avraham A. Reis	
*Lasell, Clarence K.	1905	*Hendel, Maurice W	1951	Chaika, Eric A	1996		
*Smith, Alfred	1906	*Hill, Henry M	1952	*Crisafulli, Frederick	1997	Honorary Members:	
*Cutler, Harry	1907	*Goodman, Max W	1953	R.W. Elmekawy, Mekawy	1998	*M.W. Alton T. Curti	
*Boas, Bernard	1908	*R.W. Cohen, Gerald P	1954	R.W. Freedman, Mark H	1999	*W. Jacob DeHaan	
*Payson, Stephen R.	1909	*Michaelson, Julius	1955	R.W. Miller, Samuel A	2000	*W. Albert Lavine	
*Hawes, James A.	1910	*Kumins, Albert	1956	Hodges, James	2001	*W. Stanley DeHaan	
*Hoffman, Felix V.	1911	*Rubenstein, Louis Barach	1957	*Richardson, Simon J	2002	*W. Gary Rachins	
*Pierce, Benjamin F.	1912	*Bromberg, Morris H	1958	R.W. Miller, Samuel A	2003	*W. John Haidenmenos	
#Moir, George	1913	*Arnold, Siegfried	1958	M.W. Kaufman, Gary S	2004	*W. Elmer Yeaw	
*Butler, Charles L. Jr.	1914	*Mushnick, Frederick	1959	Ross, Micah T	2005	*M.W. Paul Cardoza	
*Taylor, Arthur J.	1915	*Millman, Benjamin	1960	Kaplan, Andrew	2006	*M.W. John Lopez	
*Lincoln, Samuel E.	1916	*Mandell, Leonard C	1961	R.W. Freedman, Mark H	2007	*W. James Warner	
*Baldwin, Henry F.	1917	*Haft, LeRoy	1962	R.W. Miller, Samuel A	2008	*W.: Lawrence DeHaan	
*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	*Malinou, Martin S	1969	Cipriano, Dennis	2015		
*R.W. Edwards, Ralph H	1925	*Dressler, Abbott W	1970	Goff, Robert	2016		

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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	*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	*Tarocci, Michael	1980		
*Savasta, Stellerio	1941	*Pagano, David	1961	#DeBlois, Donald R	1981		
*Bolotow, Charles	1942	#Dickens, Joseph	1962	Davis, Alvin Jr	1982		