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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

**1467 REGULAR COMMUNICATION**  
**Wednesday October 9, 2024**

**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

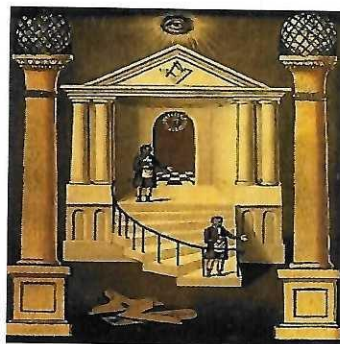
Second Monday in May

**Freemasons' Hall**

222 Taunton Avenue

East Providence, Rhode Island

Dates Subject to Change with Dispensation



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## MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Brethren, Greetings from the East,

Redwood Lodge No. 35 A.F.&A.M. was constituted in 1878, over 146 years ago. It has gone through many changes during those years. The Lodge celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> and 100<sup>th</sup> anniversaries with great fanfare from its members. Since its founding, Redwood grew to become one of the premier lodges in our Grand Jurisdiction. It has experienced highs and lows during its history. With the introduction of internet access and social media, the social patterns of society have changed which have had an adverse effect on the fraternity. At our September communication, we held a crucial vote for Redwood to merge with Lafayette Lodge. W.: Andrew Brown, Chair of Redwood's Merger Committee, presented a summary of why the Lodge was seeking to merge with Lafayette Lodge. With very few Redwood members attending our stated communications, our line officers being filled with Past Masters, except for our Senior Deacon, and a lack of qualified candidates, our Lodge cannot continue to properly function going forward. Every member present at this meeting voted unanimously to merge with Lafayette Lodge.

Grand Lodge has a certain procedure for lodge mergers and requires the appointment of a Finance Committee, By Laws Committee and Protocol Committee to be appointed by each lodge. I appointed the various members to fill Redwood's Committees after the vote was taken. Our Committee are currently working with those respective committees of Lafayette Lodge. Lafayette Lodge is conducting its Annual on Wednesday October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7PM, with a semi public installation of its officers being held on Saturday October 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM. It would be great if anyone is able to attend any of those dates to show our support for the officers of Lafayette Lodge.

On Wednesday October 9, 2024, Redwood Lodge is hosting the Most Worshipful Grand Master for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Bro. Andre Faria, Jr., for his official visitation to the Metro District. The program for the evening will be a presentation by Paul Silva, SVP of Risk and Compliance for Greenwood Credit Union, entitled "Protecting our most vulnerable citizens: recognizing, preventing, and reporting elder financial exploitation". The presentation will be open to Masons and Non Masons. Due to the Columbus Day holiday, Redwood's October communication is being held on October 9, 2024. The Lodge will open at 5pm to conduct the business portion of the meeting and will adjourn for dinner. Dinner will begin at 6pm with the Lodge returning to work at 7:00PM. If you are coming for dinner, please make a reservation so that we may inform the caterer.

Fraternally  
Benjamin M. Sholes,  
Worshipful Master

### FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

We are once again honored to be hosting our Most Worshipful Grand Master at our October Communication. Please make every effort to Attend. Remember, our normal meeting night is Columbus Day, so our Communication is being held on Wednesday, October 9, 2024.

The Jewish High Holidays are fast upon us this month. I want to wish all of our Jewish Brethren Shana Tovah! A happy and healthy New Year to you all.

**IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU ATTEND THIS MEETING!**

### Redwood Communications 2024-2025

Wednesday, October 9, 2024—Regular Communication  
Wednesday, November 6, 2024—Table Lodge  
Monday, December 9, 2024—Regular Communication  
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

### METRO DISTRICT

#### Annual Communications 2024-2025

Overseas No. 40—November 11, 2024  
Jenks No. 24—January 4, 2025  
Redwood No. 35—May 12, 2025

#### Grand Master's Visitation

Redwood Lodge—October 9, 2024

#### District Deputy's Visitations 2024-2025

Rising Sun Lodge—October 21, 2024  
Redwood Lodge—January 13, 2025 (Officer Forum)  
Logia Libertad—March 1, 2025  
Jenks Lodge—March 24, 2025  
Overseas Lodge—April 8, 2025  
St. Johns 1P—April 16, 2025

All officers are requested to attend Visitations and Annuals





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1,467 Regular Communication – Wednesday, September 9, 2024



## COMMUNICATION AGENDA

Open Lodge 5:00 P.M.  
Dinner 6:00 P.M.  
Return to Lodge 7:00 P.M.  
Receive DDGM 7:15 P.M.  
Receive Grand Master 7:30 P.M.

Speaker:  
Paul Silva, Senior Vice President  
Greenwood Credit Union

Protecting Our Most Vulnerable  
Citizens; Recognizing, Preventing and  
Reporting Elder Financial Exploitation

Close Lodge 9:30 P.M.

## DINNER MENU FOR OCTOBER

Chicken Piccata  
Roasted Potatoes  
Seasonal Vegetable and Salad  
Dessert

*Dinner is \$15.00 per person*  
***RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST!***  
***BY OCTOBER 4, 2024***

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STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY  
BRETHREN

## GRAND MASTER'S VISITATIONS

**Metro District**  
Redwood Lodge No. 35  
October 9, 2024

**East Bay District**  
Adelphoi Lodge No. 33  
November 5, 2024

**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*

## October Birthdays

Kevin J. Catanzaro	October 1
Frank E. Antin	October 2
Lewis J. Antin	October 2
Ryan A. Sherry	October 5
Andrew A. Brown	October 9
Howard S. Weiss	October 14
David E. Penn	October 16
Curtis T. Abbott	October 17
Frederic P. Magnani	October 20
Stephen D. Kasden	October 21
Micah T. Ross	October 24
Melvin E. Silverio	October 27
Daniel Weiner	October 31

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY BROTHERS!

## OCTOBER MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Samuel J. Glicksman	3 Years
Howard I. Wilgoren	36 Years

Congratulations Brothers!







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## 2024-2025 Line of Officers

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



## 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	*Coppen, Charles B	1926	Gessman, Norman C	1971	Alfonzo, Javier	2017
*Hartman, Leopold	1880	*Mason, Williams H	1927	*Bomes, Robert A	1972	>Michael Rogovin	2018
#Parker, Melvin	1881	*Mowry, Walter H	1928	*Gordon, Stephen A	1973	Matthew Yaffe	2019
*Spitz, John H	1882	*Wyman, Frederick W	1929	*Maldavir, Melvyn S	1974	Roy Gessman	2020
*Green, Henry	1883	*Beacham, Harold	1930	*Silverman, Edward	1975	Roy Gessman	2021
#Dawson, Thomas B.	1884	*Brier, Charles	1931	Beranbaum, Stephen R	1976	>Cory P. Meyette	2022
#Mullen, William H.	1885	*Whittaker, William B	1932	Kortick, Lawrence D	1977	Andrew A. Brown	2023
*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 M.	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		
*Cutler, Harry	1907	*Goodman, Max W	1953	R. W. Elmekawy, Mekawy	1998	Honorary Members:	
*Boas, Bernard	1908	*R. W. Cohen, Gerald P	1954	R. W. Freedman, Mark H	1999	**M. W. Alton T. Curti	
*Payson, Stephen R.	1909	*Michaelson, Julius	1955	R. W. Miller, Samuel A	2000	*^W. Jacob DeHaan	
*Hawes, James A.	1910	*Kumins, Albert	1956	Hodges, James	2001	*^W. Albert Lavine	
*Hoffman, Felix V.	1911	*Rubenstein, Louis Barach	1957	>Richardson, Simon J	2002	*^W. Stanley DeHaan	
*Pierce, Benjamin F.	1912	*Bromberg, Morris H	1958	R. W. Miller, Samuel A	2003	*^W. Gary Rachins	
#Moir, George	1913	*Arnold, Siegfried	1958	M. W. Kaufman, Gary S	2004	*^W. John Haidenmenos	
*Butler, Charles L. Jr.	1914	*Mushnick, Frederick	1959	Ross, Micah T	2005	*^W. Elmer Yeaw	
*Taylor, Arthur J.	1915	*Millman, Benjamin	1960	Kaplan, Andrew	2006	*^M. W. Paul Cardoza	
*Lincoln, Samuel E.	1916	*Mandell, Leonard C	1961	R. W. Freedman, Mark H	2007	*^M. W. John Lopez	
*Baldwin, Henry F.	1917	*Haft, LeRoy	1962	R. W. Miller, Samuel A	2008	*^W. James Warner	
*Harley, William F.	1918	*R. W. Brill, Marvin A	1963	R. W. Bartlett, Harley W	2009	*^W. Lawrence DeHaan	
*Locke, Edward J.	1919	*Rothman, Robert H	1964	Ponte, Michael	2010		
*Kelley, J. William	1920	*M. W. Bromberg, Malcolm	1965	Catanzaro, Kevin J.	2011	*Deceased #Demitted	
*Misch, Walter P.	1921	*Schwartz, Abraham	1966	Catanzaro, Kevin J.	2012	*Honorary >Dropped	
*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. Seiaraffa, Charles C	1963
*Green, William	1923	*Blackman, Edward	1944	*Davis, Phillip	1964
*Docherty, Edgar M	1924	*Emers, Lester D	1945	*Ostrach, Harry	1965
*Gregory, Ralph	1925	*Docherty, Bruce M	1946	Finkelman, Gerald C	1966
*Vicario, Raphael	1926	*Bloomberg, Harry A	1947	*Cleinman, Samuel	1967
*Friedlander, Israel	1927	*Matzner, William I	1948	*MacDonald, David A Jr	1968
*Pusateri, Augustus	1928	*Goldman, Harry I	1949	*Chaika, William Y	1969
*Brown, Charles	1929	*Jagolfinzer, Harry D	1950	*Limer, Harry	1970
*Workman, Samuel H	1930	*Deutsch, Edward	1951	*Ludovici, Peter	1971
*Berberian, Arthur S	1931	*Bloomberg, Sheldon O	1952	*Tomasso, George	1972
*Garr, Samuel	1932	*Weiner, Benjamin	1953	*Lamorte, Donato	1973
*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	