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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

1469 REGULAR COMMUNICATION
Monday December 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



Officers 2024-2025

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MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Greetings from the East!

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving Weekend. The Holidays are a time to spend with family and loved ones. The months of November and December are filled with holiday fun and family celebration traditions. One of Redwood's traditions has been our annual Deli Night which we will hold on Monday, December 9, 2024. In addition to our regular deli delicacies, W.: Andy Brown has volunteered to bring his famous smoked pastrami. Please bring your appetite to our December communication and enjoy some scrumptious food.

Our speaker for the December communication will be our own W.: Robert Goff, who will present a program about the history of some of the concordant bodies in our RI jurisdiction. I would also like to congratulate Bro. Goff upon his pending appointment as the next R.:W.: District Deputy Grand Master for the Southern District. R.:W.: Rick Bachus made it official upon his election as Grand Master at the Grand Lodge semi annual communication. Bro. Goff has named W.: Wilson Perez as his Master of Ceremonies.

Our merger with Lafayette Lodge No.47 is proceeding smoothly. On November 19, 2024, a joint meeting was held with the By Laws Committees and the Finance Committees of both Lodges. Those committees will be meeting in December to finalize the new By Laws for Lafayette Lodge. We are drafting the Merger Agreement and anticipate having a draft to circulate at those committee's next joint meeting. We are planning to vote on the Merger Agreement at our regular January, 2025 communication. As part of continuing Redwood's traditions, Lafayette Lodge will be holding its first Table Lodge on March 22, 2025 starting at 4pm. Tickets are \$50.00 Per Person. More information will follow.

Looking forward to greeting you at our December Deli Night

Fraternally

W.:M.: Benjamin M. Sholes

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

I want to Congratulate R.W.: Rick Baccus on his election to be our next Grand Master. I also want to congratulate W.: Robert Goff on his appointment as our newest District Deputy Grand Master. They will both be installed at the Grand Lodge Annual in May of 2025. We look forward to supporting them both.

Lafayette Lodge is holding their Table Lodge on Saturday, March 22, 2025 at 4:00 P.M. The theme will be Marquis de Lafayette's contributions to the American Revolution and Freemasonry. Mark your calendars.

Happy Holidays to all.

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

Redwood Communications 2024-2025

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

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

District Deputy's Visitations 2024-2025

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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1,469 Regular Communication – **Monday, December 9, 2024**

COMMUNICATION AGENDA

Dinner 6:00 P.M.

Open Lodge 7:00 P.M.

W.: Robert Goff

will speak on
The History of Masonic
Concordant Bodies in
Rhode Island

Close Lodge 9:30 P.M.

DINNER MENU FOR DECEMBER

Deli Night

Dinner is \$15.00 per person
RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST
DECEMBER 5, 2024

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**STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY
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

December Birthdays

Edward S. Krasner	2- December
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
Edward Steiner	12 - December
Roy D. Gessman	15 - December
Howard I. Wilgoren	17 - December
Sanford E. Fink	21 - December
Arnold R. Bromberg	23 - December
Reon D. Johnson	23- December
Ronald D. Kurtzman	23 - December
Christopher D. McVay	26- December
Mitchell S. Riffkin	30 - December
Mathew D. Shuster	31 - December

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY BROTHERS!**

DECEMBER MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Daniel Weiner	61 Years
Richard K. Sholes	60 Years
David H. Epstein	59 Years
Howard S. Weiss	59 Years
Stephen R. Beranbaum	58 Years
Robert H. Hoffman	58 Years
Paul R. Miller	57 Years
Mark A. Ross	57 Years
Stephen E. Schiffman	57 Years
Howard M. Bromberg	53 Years
Andrew G. Sholes	53 Years
Charles Fischer	50 Years
William M. Bromberg	49 Years
Howard L. Feldman	47 Years
Arnold R. Bromberg	44 Years
Mark R. Harris	44 Years
Robert D. Miller	44 Years
Joel K. Gerstenblatt	43 Years
Ronald D. Kurtzman	43 Years
Richard Saltzman	43 Years
Frank E. Antin	42 Years
Lewis J. Antin	42 Years
Dennis L. DiMauro, Sr.	42 Years
Alan D. Bergel	40 Years
Michael M. Gaffin	38 Years
Kenneth M. Segal	38 Years
Richard S. Sokoll	36 Years
Barry J. Waldman	36 Years
Stephen Sirota	35 Years
Mark I. Karnes	34 Years
Donovan J. Lewis	33 Years
Michael D. Smith	29 Years
Richard R. Fascia	17 Years

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	
#Mullen, William H.	1885	*Baacke, Henry	1936	*Keating, Joseph	1985	Chaplain Emeritus
*Green, William H.	1886	*Rosen, Harry R	1937	R. W. Freedman, Mark H	1986	*R. W. Judah Rosen-2012
*Mosely, William H.	1887	*Hartley, Richard H	1938	Krasner, Edward S	1987	
*Burlingame, Alvertus S.	1888	*Gardner, Joseph J	1939	Chaika, Eric A	1988	Honorary Past Master
*Clark, James W.	1889	*Davis, Harrie S	1940	*Myrow, Allan J	1989	*^R. W. Judah Rosen-2004
*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	Chaplain Emeritus
*Lincoln, Samuel E.	1916	*M. W. Bromberg, Malcolm	1965	Cipriano, Dennis	2015	*R. W. Judah Rosen-2012
*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	
*Mason, Earl H	1922	Gessman, Norman C	1971	Roy Gessman	2021	
*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			Affiliated Past Master
*Coppin, Charles B	1926	*Silverman, Edward	1975			*W. Avraham A. Reis
*Mason, Williams H	1927	Beranbaum, Stephen R	1976			
*Mowry, Walter H	1928	Kortick, Lawrence D	1977			Honorary Members:
*Wyman, Frederick W	1929	*Jenkin, James	1978			*^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	*Cleiman, 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	*Tomaso, 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	Tomaso, 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		