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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

1465 REGULAR COMMUNICATION
Monday June 10, 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 2022-2023

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MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Brethren

I want to thank each of you for your confidence in electing me as the Worshipful Master of Redwood Lodge! I am both humbled and honored to serve as your Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. I also want to thank the Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden Eric Grist, his Master of Ceremonies, Worshipful John Kent III, and the entire Metro District installation team for conducting an excellent and outstanding installation for Redwood's Officers! You made the Annual of Redwood Lodge an evening to remember.

I am assuming the East knowing that Redwood faces many challenges this year. Although the future of the Lodge may be unclear at the present time, I am planning many interesting programs for the coming year. For the past several years, the number of candidates has dwindled which has created many openings in the officer line. We have continued to function by filling those chairs with Past Masters. Unfortunately, the enthusiasm of the active Past Masters is waning. Many have expressed their desire not to continue as an officer after this year.

Last year, W. Andrew Brown, after much discussion at a Past Masters' meeting, appointed a Merger Committee to visit various lodges and make a recommendation as to which lodge Redwood should merge with. I have reappointed those committee members for the ensuing year. The committee's report will be given at our June communication. This monumental decision will not be done by a few. Redwood's Regular Communication on June 10, 2024 will be devoted entirely to the discussion by the brethren of Redwood's future. Every brother's voice will be heard. Since this meeting concerns Redwood and its possible merger with another lodge, attendance at the meeting will be restricted to members of Redwood Lodge and Grand Lodge officers. Redwood has a rich 147 year history. Whatever decision the brethren decide must be made with a complete understanding as to the current issues that the Lodge is experiencing.

I had originally planned to have semi-public installation, but a semipublic installation may only be performed if there is a full line of officers. We were a few short. Our current line has one brother, Curt Abbott, who has not served as a worshipful master of our Lodge. Brother Richard Fascia agreed to step in this year as sentinel to assist. I want to thank him for stepping in. We need more members to come to the Lodge events and to be willing to be officers. If we do not have more participation from the brethren, the meetings of Redwood Lodge are numbered. I want to hear everyone's voice at June's meeting to hear how you all feel about the direction that this Lodge should be going. The dinner for the June meeting will be free of charge to all Redwood members. You have no excuse for not attending. For those brethren that are out of state, we are arranging for zoom access. Please contact Brother Sam Miller for the zoom link.

For our September communication, I am planning a Master Mason Degree for our Candidate. Depending upon the direction from the brethren, it may be Redwood's last Master Mason Degree to be performed. In October, the Most Worshipful Grand Master will make his official visitation to Redwood Lodge and the Metro District, at which we will have guest speaker, and in November, we will hold our traditional Table Lodge. To make this all happen, I need the help and support from you my brothers! Looking forward to greeting you on June 10.

Fraternally,

Bro. Benjamin M. Sholes, 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 are now delinquent. 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.

Congratulations to our members R. W. Melvin E. Silverio, District Deputy Grand Master for the Southern district and his Grand Master of Ceremonies, W. Javier Alfonso.

GRAND LODGE PICNIC

Masonic Youth Center—Buttonwoods
August 11, 2024

Redwood Communications 2024-2025

Monday, June 10, 2023—Regular Communication
Monday, September 9, 2024—Regular Communication
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

St. Johns No. 1 Providence—June 22, 2024
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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1,456 Regular Communication – Monday, June 10, 2024



COMMUNICATION AGENDA

Open Lodge 7:00 P.M.

Discussion regarding the future of Redwood Lodge
Closed Meeting for Members of Redwood Only
DUES CARDS REQUIRED

Close Lodge 9:00 P.M.

DINNER MENU FOR JUNE

**Chicken Cacciatore
Pasta and Salad
Dessert**

***DINNER IS FREE FOR RED-
WOOD MEMBERS
RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST!
BY JUNE 7, 2024***

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**STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY
BRETHREN**

GRAND MASTER'S VISITATIONS

Northern District

Mt. Moriah No. 8
September 13, 2024

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

June-August Birthdays

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

David H. Sholes	June 1
Bryan T. Martin	June 2
Samuel A. Miller	June 4
Paul R. Miller	June 8
Kenneth M. Segal	June 8
Edward M. Gordon	June 9
Richard S. Sokoll	June 10
Gerald Cohen	June 14
David A. Schechter	June 16
Harley W. Bartlett	June 18
Norman C. Gessman	June 18
Daniel B. Rothman	June 22
Larry R. Smith	June 26
Michael J. Sholes	June 27
Carl E. Santilli	June 30

JULY BIRTHDAYS

William M. Bromberg	July 3
Bruce P. Werber	July 5
Stephen R. Beranbaum	July 6
Howard Miller	July 7
Robert A. Nardolillo, III	July 7
Michael R. Ponte	July 7
Howard M. Galkin	July 12
Steven J. Babiec	July 14
Steven J. Catanzaro	July 27
Charles Fischer	July 31

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Robert T. Goff	August 12
Gary E. Wynkoop	August 14

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY BROTHERS!**

JUNE-AUGUST MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Jason M. Riffkin	11 years
Nathan A. Rosenbaum	11 years
Peter A. Trementozzi, III	11 years
Matthew J. Yaffe	11 years
Donald A. Lopes	30 years
Samuel A. Miller	32 years

AUGUST MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Roy D. Gessman	29 years
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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:
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

PAST MASTERS

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#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, Alvurtus 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	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 Yeav	
*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		

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
*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	*Jagoliner, Harry D	1950	*Limer, Harry	1970
*Workman, Samuel H	1930	*Deutch, 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	