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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

1468 REGULAR COMMUNICATION
Wednesday November 6, 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,

At our October, 2024 regular communication, we welcomed the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. Andre H. Faria, Jr., for his official visitation to the Metro District. It was an honor having him visit Redwood Lodge along with the Grand Council and other Grand Lodge members. Redwood was also honored to have the Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master of the Metro District, Stephan H. Saraidarian, and his suite of officers from other lodges of the Metro District in attendance that evening. Our speaker for that evening was Paul Silva, Senior Vice President and Chief Risk Officer of Greenwood Credit Union, who gave a great presentation on Protecting Our Most Vulnerable Citizens, Recognizing Preventing and Reporting Elder Financial Exploration.

I would also like to thank a few brothers who helped at the meeting. It meant a lot to me that you filled in at the various officer's stations. First, I would like to thank RW.: Mekawy Elmekawy for stepping in as Chaplin, W.: Andrew Sholes for stepping in as Senior Decan, and W.: Robert Goff for stepping in as Senior Warden. I also would like to thank the brothers from Lafayette Lodge, Sean Schofield for filling in as Tyler and Shawn Pierce for assuming the Junior Deacon's station to which he was installed in Lafayette Lodge at its Annual Communication the week before our meeting.

Our November meeting will be on Wednesday, November 6, 2024 instead of our regular meeting night due to the Veteran's Day holiday. At our November communication we will examine our candidate for the Fellow Craft Degree. I hope you all come to the meeting ready to see our new brother! We will have a short presentation about the history and operation of the Slater Mill Museum. We will also update our progress our merger discussions with Lafayette Lodge.

The respective Finance, By-Laws and Protocol Committee meetings of Lafayette and Redwood are progressing very well. We should be in a position to start drafting the Merger Agreement between the two lodges very shortly. Everything is running smoothly to keep the merger on track.

Fraternally
Benjamin Sholes
Worshipful Master

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

We are all hard at work preparing for the anticipated merger with Lafayette Lodge. Both Lodges are coming together to insure the continuance of the fraternal fellowship we all cherish.

I want to wish all of our brethren the best for the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday. Please stay safe and healthy.

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

I HOPE TO SEE YOU AT OUR NOVEMBER COMMUNICATION!

Redwood Communications 2024-2025

Wednesday, November 6, 2024—Regular Communication
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

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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1,468 Regular Communication – Wednesday, November 6, 2024



COMMUNICATION AGENDA

Dinner 6:00 P.M.
Open Lodge 7:00 P.M.
FC Proficiency Examination of
Bro. Reion Delane Johnson
Speaker:
The History and Operation of the
Slater Mill Museum
Close Lodge 9:30 P.M.

DINNER MENU FOR OCTOBER

Chicken Marsala
Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes
House Salad
Dessert

Dinner is \$15.00 per person
RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST
NOVEMBER 4, 2024

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STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY
BRETHREN

GRAND MASTER'S VISITATIONS

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

November Birthdays

Mark I. Karnes	November 6
Clark T. Mason	November 6
Mekawy E. Elmekawy	November 10
Edward A. Shapira	November 14
Benjamin M. Sholes	November 20
Joshua R. Kaufman	November 21
Steven T. Sholes	November 22
Samuel L. Braunstein	November 24
Richard M. Brown	November 24
David H. Port	November 24
Richard R. Fascia	November 26
Michael L. Rubinstein	November 29
Steven A. Blazer	November 30

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY BROTHERS!

NOVEMBER MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

David H. Sholes	45 Years
Sanford E. Fink	51 Years
Edward Steiner	51 Years
Steven R. Tomasso	54 Years
Edward D. Rotmer	58 Years
Richard C. Kumins	61 Years
Jerrold Blumenthal	69 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	Chaplain Emeritus
#Mullen, William H.	1885	*Baacke, Henry	1936	*Keating, Joseph	1985	*R.W. Judah Rosen-2012
*Green, William H.	1886	*Rosen, Harry R	1937	R.W. Freedman, Mark H	1986	
*Mosely, William H.	1887	*Hartley, Richard H	1938	Krasner, Edward S	1987	Honorary Past Master
*Burlingame, Alvertus S.	1888	*Gardner, Joseph J	1939	Chaika, Eric A	1988	*R.W. Judah Rosen-2004
*Clark, James W.	1889	*Davis, Harrie S	1940	*Myrow, Allan J	1989	
*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	Chaplain Emeritus
*Pierce, Benjamin F.	1912	*Mandell, Leonard C	1961	Catanzaro, Kevin J.	2011	*R.W. Judah Rosen-2012
#Moir, George	1913	*Haft, LeRoy	1962	Catanzaro, Kevin J.	2012	
*Butler, Charles L. Jr.	1914	*^R.W. Brill, Marvin A	1963	Ponte, Michael	2013	Honorary Past Master
*Taylor, Arthur J.	1915	*Rothman, Robert H	1964	Saunders, Jeffrey	2014	*R.W. Judah Rosen-2004
*Lincoln, Samuel E.	1916	*M.W. Bromberg, Malcolm	1965	Cipriano, Dennis	2015	
*Baldwin, Henry F.	1917	*Schwartz, Abraham	1966	Goff, Robert	2016	Affiliated Past Master
*Harley, William F.	1918	*Rottenberg, Louis	1967	Alfonzo, Javier	2017	*W. Avraham A. Reis
*Locke, Edward J.	1919	*Miller, Meyer S	1968	>Michael Rogovin	2018	
*Kelley, J. William	1920	*Malinou, Martin S	1969	Matthew Yaffe	2019	Chaplain Emeritus
*Misch, Walter P.	1921	*Dressler, Abbott W	1970	Roy Gessman	2020	*R.W. Judah Rosen-2012
*Mason, Earl H	1922	*Gessman, Norman C	1971	Roy Gessman	2021	Honorary Past Master
*Brand, William C H	1923	*^Bomes, Robert A	1972	>Cory P. Meyette	2022	*R.W. Judah Rosen-2004
*Taylor, Burton RRR	1924	*Gordon, Stephen A	1973	Andrew A. Brown	2023	
*R.W. Edwards, Ralph H	1925	*Maldavir, Melvyn S.	1974			Affiliated Past Master
*Coppen, 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	*Deutsch, 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		