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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

**1466 REGULAR COMMUNICATION**  
**Monday September 9, 2024**

**R.W. Stephan H. Saradarian**  
District Deputy Grand Master  
**W. Jason J. Rainone**  
Grand Master of Ceremonies



*Formal Service Requested*  
Providence, Rhode Island 02909  
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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

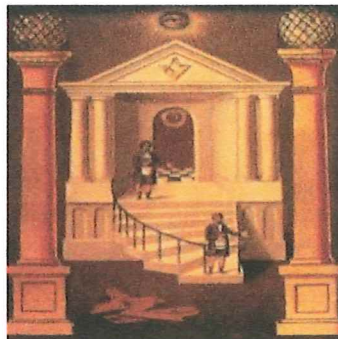
## ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

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 Brothers from the East!

I hope everyone is having a great summer! It is almost time for our September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting when we resume Masonic work. Although the turnout was sparse, Redwood had a wonderful BBQ at the Masonic Youth Center. Thank You to all who came and made the event so special!

At our September Communication we will be taking a formal vote to proceed with the merger of Redwood Lodge No. 35 into Lafayette Lodge No. 47. During our June Communication, W.: Andrew Brown presented a summary of the three lodges that the Redwood Merger Committee visited and the reasons for its recommendation to pursue merger discussions with Lafayette Lodge No. 47. The background and history of Lafayette Lodge were also discussed in detail. At our June Communication, a straw vote to proceed with merger discussions was unanimously passed. A couple of weeks ago, several members of the Redwood Merger Committee met with elected officers and a few past masters of Lafayette Lodge to informally discuss certain issues that are of importance for Redwood in order to move the merger forward. The officers of Lafayette Lodge reacted very favorable to the Redwood Merger Committee's requests and want to move forward as well. The meeting of the two lodges was very congenial and brotherly. Likewise, Lafayette Lodge will be presenting the merger details to its members for a formal vote to enter into merger negotiations at its September, 2024 Communication.

I know there are people in this lodge who want Redwood to continue, but to make that happen we needed more members present at our meetings. Since Covid, we have had very few members on the sidelines. We have not been able to attract new Candidates for several years and many of those new brothers do not attend our meetings after they become Master Masons. Lack of new members has created a huge problem in filling our line of officers. I understand we all have commitments outside the lodge but if we wanted to survive we needed more participation from our members and more new members. I would like to thank all the brothers who are attending our Communications during the merger process and for their support and counsel. The September vote is of utmost importance and will affect all our brethren.

At our September Communication, RW.: Howard Bromberg will give a presentation about the volunteering experience that the Israeli government has implemented to provide support to the IDF, agriculture and other areas in short supply of manpower to keep its economy functioning and furnishing services for its citizens.

Looking forward to greeting you at the Lodge. Please make a reservation if you plan to attend the dinner prior to the meeting.

Fraternally

Benjamin M. Sholes

Worshipful Master

### FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

A discussion ensued at the June Communication exploring merging with other Lodges. It was determined that Lafayette Lodge No. 47 in the Northern Masonic District would be the best fit. It was agreed that a formal vote would take place at the September Communication regarding the authorization of the Officers and Merger Committees to enter into merger negotiations with the Officers and Merger Committees of Lafayette Lodge.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU ATTEND THIS MEETING TO INSURE  
YOUR VOICE IS HEARD!

### Redwood Communications 2024-2025

*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

*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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1,466 Regular Communication – Monday, September 9, 2024



## COMMUNICATION AGENDA

Open Lodge 7:00 P.M.

Vote to reinstate  
W.: Edward Krasner

Vote to proceed with merger with  
Lafayette Lodge No. 47

R.: W.: Howard Bromberg  
Volunteering in Israel

## DUES CARDS REQUIRED

Close Lodge 9:00 P.M.

## DINNER MENU FOR SEPTEMBER Chicken Cacciatore Pasta and Salad Dessert

*Dinner is \$10.00 per person*  
**RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST!**  
**BY SEPTEMBER 5, 2024**

[meals@redwoodlodge35.com](mailto:meals@redwoodlodge35.com)

**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*

## September Birthdays

Michael T. Stamp	September 1
Eric A. Chaika	September 2
Lawrence D. Kortick	September 8
Aaron Pacheco	September 8
Michael M. Gaffin	September 15
Peter Tremontozzi, III	September 15
Edward D. Rotmer	September 21
Steven R. Tomasso	September 27

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY BROTHERS!**

## SEPTEMBER MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Richard G. Winkler	17 Years
James S. Arnold	18 Years
Steven L. Sanford	33 Years
Michael T. Stamp	37 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:	
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

## 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	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	
*Misoch, 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	Malinow, 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	