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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

1473 REGULAR COMMUNICATION
Wednesday April 2, 2025

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



FINAL EDITION

MERGER CEREMONY
APRIL 2, 2025

LAFAYETTE LODGE NO. 47
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025

680 NATE WHIPPLE HIGHWAY
CUMBERLAND

Forwarding Service Requested
Providence, Rhode Island 02909
331 Broadway
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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

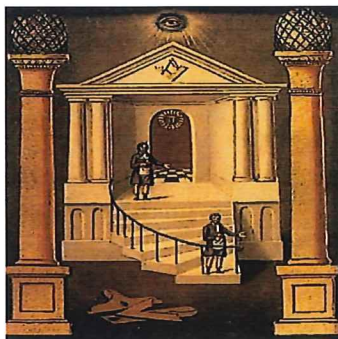
Second Monday in May

Freemasons' Hall

222 Taunton Avenue

East Providence, Rhode Island

Dates Subject to Change with Dispensation



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MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Greetings from the East!

This is the final Redwood Builder. On April 2, 2025, Redwood Lodge No. 35 A.F. & A.M. will formally merge with Lafayette Lodge No. 47. The Merger Ceremony will be officiated by M.:W.:GM Andre Faria, Jr. and held at Lafayette Temple located at 680 Nate Whipple Highway, Cumberland, RI beginning at 7:00PM. There will be a dinner at 6:00PM. It would be amazing if all the Redwood members could come out and participate in this ceremony. Every brother of Redwood Lodge who attends will be a part of the Ceremony.

Over one year has passed since Redwood started to investigate merging with another lodge. It started with W.: Andrew Brown appointing a Merger Committee which visited three lodges. The Committee's recommendation was to merge with Lafayette. In our June 2024 regular communication, the members of Redwood informally voted to approach Lafayette Lodge to commence informal negotiations. In September 2024, both lodges voted to formally pursue merger negotiations. Following Grand Lodge guidelines, each Lodge appointed three committees: Finance, By-Laws, and Protocol. The Committees met over the summer and fall culminating in a Merger Agreement that both Lodges approved along with revised By-Laws for Lafayette Lodge.

I want to thank the officers and past masters of Redwood Lodge for their support and guidance during this past year. I also want to thank the members of Redwood Lodge for your time and support since you are Redwood Lodge. As the years passed, many of our members moved away, interest in freemasonry declined and difficulty in attracting new members resulted in dwindling attendance. Every member remembers when he went through the three degrees and was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. Those lessons we learned during those degrees will continue on and will never be lost.

The Redwood Builder has been published since the founding of our Lodge on June 10, 1878. Redwood will be going dark shy of its 147th anniversary. The memories that we made at Redwood will live on. Freemasonry is not about one Lodge. It is about our great fraternity. As the chapter on Redwood Lodge closes on April 2, 2025 with the surrender of our charter, a new chapter will open as we are welcomed as members of Lafayette Lodge. Please be an active participant in our new lodge. Come and meet the officers and members of Lafayette Lodge.

As a remembrance of Redwood Lodge, we will be mailing a beautiful paperweight having the inscription of Redwood Lodge and its crest to all current paid up Redwood Members.

Fraternally
W.: Benjamin Sholes

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

It is a bittersweet task I take on preparing this, our last Builder. After almost 147 years, Redwood will cease to exist as a separate Lodge. I look forward to our future, becoming a part of Lafayette Lodge, but will also miss our unique Lodge. We will be bringing our heritage along with us and I hope to see many of you at our meetings in Cumberland.

Dues are now past due. Please get them in as soon as you are able. If there are any issues with payment, please contact me directly. Confidentiality will be maintained.

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

Redwood Communications 2024-2025

*Wednesday, April 2, 2025-Merger Ceremony
With Lafayette Lodge No. 47*

Applications are now available for the Redwood Scholarship. It is open to high school seniors graduating this year and continuing their education. Please contact R.:W.: Sam Miller for an application.

METRO DISTRICT

Metro District Festive Board

April 3, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.
Grand Lodge
222 Taunton Avenue
East Providence

District Deputy's Visitations 2024-2025

Overseas Lodge- April 8, 2025
St. Johns 1P- April 16, 2025

All officers are requested to attend Visitations and Annuals



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1,473 Regular Communication – Wednesday, April 2, 2025



COMMUNICATION AGENDA

Open Lodge 7:00 P.M.

Merger Ceremony

Close Lodge TBD

THE MERGER CEREMONY WITH LAFAYETTE LODGE No. 47 Wednesday, April 2, 2025

680 Nate Whipple Highway
Cumberland
Dinner is at 6:00
Lodge Opens 7:00 P.M.

**STAY SAFE AND
HEALTHY
BRETHREN**

GRAND MASTER'S VISITATIONS

Mother Lodge
St. John's No. 1P
April 17, 2025
Testimonial Dinner
TBD

METRO DISTRICT FESTIVE BOARD
Thursday, April 3, 2025
at Grand Lodge
Tickets—\$25.00 per person
Deadline March 25, 2025
Dress: Business Casual
Contact Master or Secretary for
Tickets

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

April Birthdays

Donald H. Dwares	April 1
Edmond A. Loiselle, Jr.	April 5
Joel K. Gerstenblatt	April 6
Richard C. Kumins	April 7
Norman J. Bolotow	April 10
Marvin H. Homonoff	April 14
Howard D. Zisseron	April 16
James P. Galkin	April 21
Bernard Wasserman	April 21
Gerald C. Finkelman	April 24
Larry Kahn	April 29

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY BROTHERS!**

APRIL MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Carl E. Santilli	2 years
Curtis T. Abbott	3 years
Bryan T. Martin	8 years
Aaron Pacheco	9 years
Ryan A. Sherry	9 years
Clark T. Mason	11 years
Benjamin M. Sholes	11 years
Samuel S. Sholes	11 years
Robert T. Goff	13 years
Joshua R. Kaufman	13 years
Robert J. Stahl	13 years
Richard A. Cohen	24 years
Micah T. Ross	28 years
Gary C. Berard	33 years
Edmond A. Loiselle, Jr.	50 years
Samuel L. Braunstein	51 years
Stephen D. Kasden	54 years
Edward M. Gordon	56 years
Lawrence D. Kortick	56 years
David E. Penn	68 years
Matthew D. Shuster	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

PAST MASTERS

Redwood Lodge No. 35 A.F. & A.M.

#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	
*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	
*Lincoln, Samuel E.	1916	*M.W. Bromberg, Malcolm	1965	Cipriano, Dennis	2015	
*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	Chaplain Emeritus
*Kelley, J. William	1920	*Malinou, Martin S	1969	Matthew Yaffe	2019	*R.W. Judah Rosen-2012
*Misch, Walter P.	1921	*Dressler, Abbott W	1970	Roy Gessman	2020	
*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	Benjamin M. Sholes	2024	
*Coppen, Charles B	1926	*Silverman, Edward	1975			Affiliated Past Master
*Mason, Williams H	1927	Beranbaum, Stephen R	1976			*W. Avraham A. Reis
*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	*Cleinman, 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	*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	*Jarocci, Michael	1980		
*Savasta, Stellerio	1941	*Pagano, David	1961	#DeBlois, Donald R	1981		
*Bolotow, Charles	1942	#Dickens, Joseph	1962	Davis, Alvin Jr	1982		