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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

1471 REGULAR COMMUNICATION
Monday February 10, 2025

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

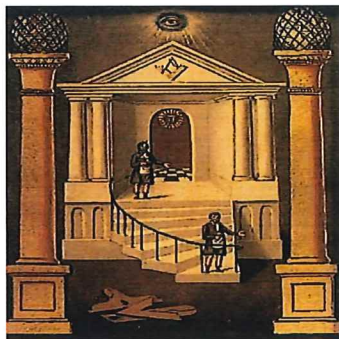
Second Monday in May

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 January, 2025 Regular Communication, the Brethren unanimously voted in the affirmative to approve the Merger Agreement with Lafayette Lodge No. 47. The Brethren of Lafayette Lodge had unanimously approved the Merger Agreement at their Communication held the week prior. The Merger Agreement requires Lafayette Lodge to amend its By-Laws pursuant to the exhibit attached thereto which will be voted upon at their February 5, 2025 Communication, which is a formality. The formal Merger Ceremony will be held at Lafayette Lodge and will be conducted by the M.:W.: Andre Faria, Jr., Grand Master of Masons for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations at a date sometime in March 2025. We will be sending notice of the Merger Ceremony as soon as the Grand Master sets the date after the amended Lafayette By-Laws are approved. I would like to thank all the members of the various Redwood committees who worked on making this Merger happen. It was a team effort, and their diligence and timeless dedication in attending to the Merger issues is greatly appreciated.

Depending upon the date of the Merger Ceremony, our February 10, 2025 Communication may be the final Communication of Redwood Lodge. For our February meeting, we will have Officer Appreciation Night. We will be opening the Lodge at 6:00 pm, and then going out to dinner immediately afterward to Madeira Restaurant at 288 Warren Avenue, East Providence as guests of Redwood. I would love it if every member of Redwood that's in the area come to this meeting and join us for dinner. The officers would love it too!

Congratulations to W.: Andy Brown for being appointed by W.: Robert Goff to be his Master of Ceremonies upon Bob's appointment in May 2025 as the newest District Deputy Grand Master. We wish them both safe travels as they start their ascension to the Grand East.

Redwood Lodge has a rich history and has had an imprint on Freemasonry in Rhode Island. We have had five brothers who have become Grand Masters with a sixth on his way. The Lodge has held many social events over the years, raised thousands of men to be Master Masons, joined together at Redwood's famous Table Lodge and enjoyed great times together. Times have changed. Change always occurs. As the years passed participation in our Lodge dwindled. A few years ago, we sadly realized that the flame for Redwood Lodge was flickering and that we needed to merge before it is extinguished. It is with sadness that Redwood will soon be in the history books. It has been my pleasure to serve as Redwood Lodge's last Worshipful Master. It had been my hope that we could have rekindled its flame and continued on, but it was not meant to be.

Fraternally
Benjamin M. Sholes, W.:M.:

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

The Lodge will open at 6:00 P.M. For Officer Appreciation Night. Dinner will then be at Madeira Restaurant in East Providence, with everyone as the guest of the Lodge. We will keep you updated regarding the merger.

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

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

Redwood No. 35-May 12, 2025

District Deputy's Visitations 2024-2025

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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1,471 Regular Communication – Monday, February 10, 2025



COMMUNICATION AGENDA

Open Lodge 6:00 P.M.

Officer Appreciation Night

Close Lodge 7:30 P.M.

Dinner will be at Madeira Restaurant
288 Warren Avenue, East Providence

DINNER FOR FEBRUARY

Madeira Restaurant
288 Warren Avenue
East Providence

Dinner is guest of the Lodge
RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST

FEBRUARY 7, 2025
meals@redwoodlodge35.com

STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY BRETHREN

GRAND MASTER'S VISITATIONS

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

February Birthdays

Mark H. Freedman	February 1
Marc J. Laden	February 5
Andrew G. Sholes	February 7
Stephen Sirota	February 12
Mark A. Ross	February 19
Michael D. Smith	February 21
Jason M. Riffkin	February 22
Yaakov J. Rosenbaum	February 24
Richard K. Sholes	February 25

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY BROTHERS!**

FEBRUARY MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

David M. Melo	14 years
Kevin J. Catanzaro	19 years
Steven J. Catanzaro	19 years
Steven A. Blazer	20 years
Michael R. Ponte	20 years
Daniel B. Rothman	20 years
Andrew H. Kaplan	24 years
Shai Afsai	24 years
Ronald W. Lippitt	32 years
Ronald S. Mann	32 years
Norman J. Bolotow	64 years
Donald H. Dwares	64 years
Gerald C. Finkelman	70 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. Barsous
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

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#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	Honorary Members:
*Misch, Walter P.	1921	*Dressler, Abbott W	1970	Roy Gessman	2020	*^M.W. Alton T. Curti
*Mason, Earl H	1922	Gessman, Norman C	1971	Roy Gessman	2021	
*Brand, William C H	1923	*Bomes, Robert A	1972	>Cory P. Meyette	2022	
*Taylor, Burton RRR	1924	*Gordon, Stephen A	1973	Andrew A. Brown	2023	
*R.W. Edwards, Ralph H	1925	*Maldavir, Melvyn S.	1974			
*Coppen, Charles B	1926	*Silverman, Edward	1975			
*Mason, Williams H	1927	Beranbaum, Stephen R	1976			
*Mowry, Walter H	1928	Kortick, Lawrence D	1977			
*Wyman, Frederick W	1929	*Jenkin, James	1978			

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	*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		