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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

**1472 REGULAR COMMUNICATION**  
**Monday March 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

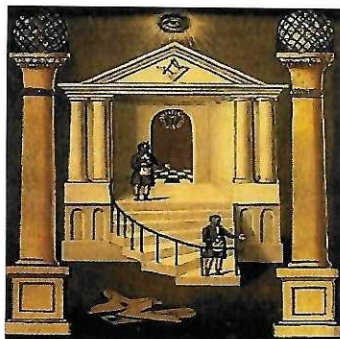
Second Monday in May

**Freemasons' Hall**

222 Taunton Avenue

East Providence, Rhode Island

Dates Subject to Change with Dispensation



## Officers 2024-2025

### Worshipful Master

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## MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Greetings from the East!

We are awaiting final word from Grand Lodge of the date that Redwood Lodge No. 35 will be merging with Lafayette Lodge #47 in Cumberland RI. Through the merger process, the brothers from both lodges did a fantastic job! Both lodges worked together in harmony to finalize the Merger Agreement and revise Lafayette Lodge's by-laws. Since we are all volunteers, I thank all the brothers, who have been involved in the long process, for their time, patience and expertise in attending the meetings to hammer everything down for both lodges. The merger process has extended longer than we originally envisioned but it has been very rewarding. We are currently waiting for the Grand Master to schedule the merger ceremony. As soon as date and time has been set, you will receive notice.

On Wednesday, March 5, 2025, Redwood will be holding a joint meeting with Lafayette Lodge #47 at their Temple located at 680 Nate Whipple HWY, Cumberland, RI 02864. Dinner starts at 6:15pm. The menu will be Corned Beef, Colcannon, Irish Soda Bread and beverages. The meeting will start promptly at 7pm. At 7:30pm the Irish Step Dancers of Cumberland, who practice at Lafayette Temple, will perform for our entertainment. The Irish Step Dancers do this performance every year for the brethren of Lafayette Lodge.

On Monday, March 10, 2025 at 7:00PM, Redwood Lodge will hold a short business meeting at Freemasons' Hall, East Providence, RI to clear the Secretary's desk for the last time. There will be no dinner.

Our February meeting was dedicated to our officers in appreciation of their hard work for Redwood. I thank all the officers and all the brethren who attended that meeting. It has been an honor to serve as your Worshipful Master. The support of the officers and brethren of our lodge has meant a lot to me, not only for assisting in a smooth merger but also stepping up when asked to help. I would like again to say Thank You for all your support and help with our lodge. Redwood is about to embark on a new chapter.

As the book closes on Redwood as a lodge, a new one will open for us as we become members of Lafayette Lodge. We need to look to the future. Our great memories of Redwood will live on. The brotherly love and comradery of our brethren will continue at Lafayette Lodge. The Worshipful Master, officers and brethren of Lafayette look forward to welcoming us as their lodge brothers. Please stretch out your hand in friendship and brotherly love as we start a new chapter in our masonic lives.

Fraternally  
WM. Benjamin Sholes

### FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

We will be having a joint meeting with Lafayette Lodge on Wednesday March 5 in order that we can all get better acquainted with our new Lodge brothers prior to the merger. This will be one of Redwood's last events. Please make the effort to attend. We will also be having a brief business Communication on our regular meeting night to tie up some issues. This will be a meeting for Redwood brothers only. We are awaiting the date of the merger ceremony from Grand Lodge and will keep you updated in this regard.

Dues are now past due. Please get them in as soon as you are able. If there 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, March 5, 2025-Joint Communication  
With Lafayette Lodge No. 47*

*Monday, March 10, 2025-Regular Communication*

*Monday, April 14, 2025- Regular Communication*

*Monday, May 12, 2025-Annual Communication*

### METRO DISTRICT

#### Metro District Festive Board

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

#### 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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1,472 Regular Communication – **Monday, March 10, 2025**



## COMMUNICATION AGENDA

Open Lodge 7:00 P.M.

Lodge Business

Close Lodge 7:30 P.M.

There will not be a dinner  
after the meeting

## WE WILL BE HAVING A JOINT MEET- ING WITH LAFAYETTE LODGE No.47 On Wednesday, March 5, 2025

680 Nate Whipple Highway  
Cumberland  
Dinner is at 6:15  
Lodge Opens 7:00 P.M.

## 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

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*

## **March Birthdays**

Stewart C. Davis	March 5
Howard A. London	March 6
Nathan A. Rosenbaum	March 8
Donovan J. Lewis	March 9
Donald A. Lopes	March 15
Mark R. Harris	March 16
Elliot N. Fishbein	March 17
David H. Epstein	March 21
Matthew J. Yaffe	March 21
Jerrold Blumenthal	March 22
Gary S. Kaufman	March 22
Stanley H. Fishbein	March 27
Ronald S. Mann	March 28
James D. Hodges	March 29

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY BROTHERS!

## MARCH MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Marc J. Ladin	9 years
Melvin E. Silverio	13 years
Javier Alfonso	16 years
Howard S. Blustein	16 years
Dennis Cipriano	16 years
Matthew W. Fleury	16 years
Jeffrey P. Horovitz	16 years
Yaakov J. Rosenbaum	17 years
Steven J. Babiec	17 years
Gary E. Wynkoop	17 years
Frederic P. Magnani	18 years
Jeffrey J. Saunders	18 years
Harley W. Bartlett	21 years
Robert A. Nardolillo, III	21 years
James D. Hodges	31 years
Edward S. Krasner	31 years
Andrew A. Brown	38 years
Marvin H. Homonoff	41 years
Bruce P. Werber	41 years
Eric A. Chaika	44 years
Mark H. Freedman	44 years
Richard M. Brown	47 years
Gerald Cohen	55 years
Richard H. Cohen	55 years
Howard M. Galkin	56 years
James P. Galkin	55 years
Norman C. Gessman	62 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	
#Mullen, William H.	1885	*Baacke, Henry	1936	*Keating, Joseph	1985	Chaplain Emeritus
*Green, William H.	1886	*Rosen, Harry R	1937	R.W. Freedman, Mark H	1986	*R.W. Judah Rosen-2012
*Mosely, William H.	1887	*Hartley, Richard H	1938	Krasner, Edward S	1987	
*Burlingame, Alvertus S.	1888	*Gardner, Joseph J	1939	Chaika, Eric A	1988	Honorary Past Master
*Clark, James W.	1889	*Davis, Harrie S	1940	*Myrow, Allan J	1989	*R.W. Judah Rosen-2004
*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			Affiliated Past Master
*Coppin, 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	*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	*Iarocci, Michael	1980		
*Savasta, Stellerio	1941	*Pagano, David	1961	#DeBlois, Donald R	1981		
*Bolotow, Charles	1942	#Dickens, Joseph	1962	Davis, Alvin Jr	1982		