

**REDWOOD LODGE No. 35 A.F. & A.M.**

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# The REDWOOD BUILDER



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**REDWOOD LODGE NO. 35 A.F. & A.M., EAST PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND**  
Constituted June 10, 1878



**Regular Communication—Monday, March 12, 2012**  
**50 Year Medal Presentation**



### Lodge Officers 2011-2012

**Worshipful Master**

W.: Kevin Catanzaro  
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**Secretary**

R.:W.: Gary Kaufman  
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**Junior Warden**

R.:W.: Samuel Miller  
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**Master of Ceremonies**

W.: Eric Chaika  
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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-Check the Inside of the Builder





**2012 Redwood Calendar**

*(Dates Subject to Change)*

Monday, March 12, 2012— Regular Comm.-W. Eric Chaika  
Monday, March 26, 2012— District Deputy Visit— Jenks Lodge  
Monday, April 9, 2012— District Deputy Visit—Daylight Lodge  
Monday, April 9, 2012— Regular Communication— MM Degree  
Wednesday, April 28, 2012— District Deputy Visit— St. Johns N1P  
Monday, May 14, 2012—Regular/Annual Communication  
June 11, 2012—Regular Communication—Awards Night

**METRO DISTRICT MEETINGS**

**Annual Communications**

Monday, May 14, 2012— Redwood Lodge No. 35  
Friday, May 25, 2012— Rising Sun Lodge No. 30

**District Deputy Visitations**

Monday, March 26, 2012— Jenks Lodge No. 24  
Monday, April 9, 2012— Daylight Lodge No. 48  
Wednesday, April 18, 2012— St. Johns N1P

*\*\* Denotes Officers Forum*

**GRAND MASTER'S VISITATIONS**

Saturday, March 10, 2012—Northern-Roger Williams Lodge No. 32  
Thursday, April 5, 2012—Mother Lodge—Charity Lodge No. 23

**From the Editor**

To build and strengthen the morality of mankind is the fabric that binds Freemasonry. Through Masonic teachings, our members are able to improve themselves and society. The lessons taught in the first three degrees are only the primer. They are the foundation upon which a brother is able to build his Masonic education. Many brothers complete the primer course and never continue on to receive a complete Masonic education.

The lessons of Freemasonry are taught by allegorical and symbolic illustration. Most of those lessons are delivered orally by the teacher without the recipient having the benefit of the written page. A chart or pictorial is usually the only visual aide to add emphasis to the lesson being taught. Reinforcement of the Masonic lesson is necessary before one is able to master its teaching. The symbolism attached to the degrees is learned over time. The allegory contained in the lectures are not fully understood by the candidates when they are initially received upon the conferring of the degrees. Only upon repetition and discussion of the lesson is one able to fully comprehend its breadth and meaning.

Many brothers do not desire to be proficient in every Masonic lesson. Some join the fraternity for the social aspect, others for the fraternization and others for networking. For those brethren who continue their Masonic education, the experience is most rewarding. Education is the source of knowledge. The thirst for knowledge must never be satisfied. The perpetuation of the Craft over time is due to the never ending desire to better oneself through learning the precepts and principles of Freemasonry.

Fraternally, W. Andrew G. Sholes



**Most Worshipful Leon C. Knudsen  
Testimonial Dinner  
Saturday, April 21, 2012  
Quonset O Club  
Social Hour— 6:30 PM  
Dinner—7:30 PM  
Contact R.W. John Anderson at  
401-539-1109 for tickets**

**50 Year Medals to be Presented by  
the District Deputy Grand Master  
R.W. Raymond E. Hassell in March**

W. Allen M. Kirshenbaum  
Brother Leon A. Resnick  
Brother Norman R. Goodman  
Brother Stanley A. Fishbein  
Brother Richard J. DiMeo  
W. Abbott Dressler

*(Received Medal in September, 2011)*

**Notice to Redwood Lodge  
Members**

As we have two openings in the progressive line to the East, W. Kevin Catanzaro has agreed to stand for election for another year. W. Mike Ponte has agreed to stand for election as Senior Deacon next year, and will stand for Master in the following year.

**Honoring the Classes of 2001  
Thru 2010**

**Come See Your Fellow Class Brother's**

**50/50 Raffle**

A Fundraiser for Redwood Lodge  
**ONLY 100 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD**

**\$100 EACH**

**\$5,000 est. for the WINNER  
\$5,000 est. for the LODGE**

See Kevin Catanzaro or Andrew Sholes for Tickets  
\*Send a Check to Redwood Lodge and we will mail you your ticket!

**Drawing—April 9, 2012**  
Open to anyone 18 years and older

**From the Secretary**

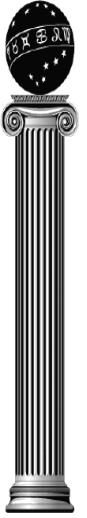
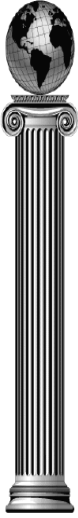
**Brethren: Your 2012 Dues are NOW OVERDUE.**

I am in the process of dropping brothers who have not paid dues for 2010 and 2011. If you think that you are one of the ones I may drop, please contact me. We are in the process of cleaning up the membership roles so we only pay Grand Lodge Assessments on Brother's who pay them to the lodge. We have lost hundreds of dollars over the last few years on Brother's who have not paid their share. The Lodge can no longer afford to do this.

If you have any questions, please contact the Secretary.



1,342 Regular Communication – Monday, March 12, 2012



**AGENDA**

**Dinner 6 PM**  
**Opening 7 PM**  
Business, Correspondence & Bills  
Memorial Services  
50 Year Service Medals  
Program-W. Eric Chaika  
**Closing After Program**

**Dinner**  
**Deli-Night**  
**Hot Dogs, Deli Meat**  
**Baked Beans**  
**\$15.00 per person**  
**RSVP a Must!**

**In Memoriam**

**Meyer Aaron Epstein**

Born: July 26, 1912  
Initiated: June 11, 1962  
Passed: October 10, 1962  
Raised: November 14, 1962  
Admitted: December 10, 1962  
Died: January 26, 2011  
(Last Year)  
Age: 98  
  
Redwood # 1217  
Grand Lodge # 2706

**In Memoriam**

**Melvin Sumner Engle**

Born: July 6, 1920  
Initiated: March 12, 1951  
Passed: April 3, 1951  
Raised: May 1, 1951  
Admitted: June 5, 1951  
Died: January 29, 2012  
Age: 91  
  
Roosevelt Lodge  
Grand Lodge # 2693  
50 Year Service Medal-2001

**In Memoriam**

**Arthur Kortesy**

Born: January 7, 1936  
Initiated: September 14, 1970  
Passed: November 9, 1970  
Raised: December 14, 1970  
Admitted: January 11, 1971  
Died: February 11, 2012  
Age: 76  
  
Redwood # 1333  
Grand Lodge # 4953

**March Program– Presented by Worshipful Eric Chaika**  
**“Origins and Applications– A Brief Introduction to Freemasonry”**

**Condolences–** To the Epstein family on the passing of Brother Meyer, to the Engle family on the passing of Brother Melvin and to the Kortesy family on the passing of Brother Arthur. In addition, Redwood Lodge offers condolences to Senior Deacon, Brother Jef Saunders on the passing of his grandmother.

**From the Master**

There is so much positive energy with in the Lodge, new Brothers are learning, existing Brothers are participating, Brothers from other Lodges are affiliating, pervious Brothers who have demitted are re-joining. Officers of the Lodge are taking their “work” seriously and executing with precision. There is so much happening I don’t know if the Editor will permit me the space to print all of the good news. You should get up from your easy chair and witness for yourself. One thing I do need to make every Brother who reads this, is that this turn around has **NOT** been the doings of one person. It is year 3 of a plan that was put into place by W.: Harley Bartlett, continued by W.: Michael Ponte and is now still in its adolescence of sorts to proceed into the future. A simple rule was applied, “Plan your work and work your plan”. Sure, everyone has their own particular style, but I would not be able to deliver this good news nor perform the duties of a good Master had it not been for the ground work that was laid before me.

We enjoyed each other’s company as well as the company of many of the Brothers wives at our last meeting. We celebrated a Valentine’s dinner complete with music provided by “Steve Palumbo Entertainment” It certainly was a pleasure to have a quick business meeting and then get a chance to relax, and enjoy a great meal while being serenaded by the sounds of Frank, Dean, and Tony.

March welcomes the return of Redwoods annual “Deli Night”. Following dinner we will Open the Lodge in the usual manner, take care of any business brought before the Lodge and then proceed with a Masonic lecture and discussion presented by W.:Eric Chaika. Please make every attempt to join us, for this is planned not to be some mediocre speech based upon the media’s conception of what Free Masons are, but rather an in depth study on the true origins and true purpose of the Craft. Of course this will be followed by a question and answer session. It is my hope that we will all open our hearts and minds and leave the Lodge with a renewed and positive outlook towards Freemasonry.

We will also have District Deputy, R.: W.: Raymond Hassell awarding metals to those Brothers who have served Redwood and Roosevelt for 50 years.

Fraternally, W. Kevin J. Catanzaro

**50/50 Raffle Tickets**

**\$100 each – Prize est. \$5,000**

Only 100 tickets will be sold — Drawing: April 9, 2012  
Contact W. Kevin Catanzaro or W. Andrew Sholes 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*



Burton Charren  
Herbert Abedon  
Abraham Schwartz  
Harold Homonoff  
Stewart Davis  
Marvin Lax  
Abbott Dressler

Howard London  
Roger Budz  
Donovan Lewis  
Richard Garfinkel  
Donald Lopes  
Mark Harris  
Elliott Fishbein

David Epstein  
Gary Kaufman  
Jerrold Blumenthal  
Myron Muffs  
David Smoller  
Stanley Fishbein  
Ronald Mann

James Hodges  
Charles Sciaraffa, Jr.  
Joseph Giorno



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

It has been brought to the Secretary’s attention that publishing the name and date of brothers with birthdays may contribute unknowingly to the possibility of identity theft. Therefore, Redwood will publish the names of brothers with birthdays in that month only. As we are all aware of the seriousness of identity theft, I am sure that all of us will govern ourselves accordingly.





# The Redwood Builder



## 2011-2012 Line Officers and Appointments

Senior Deacon: Jef Saunders  
 Junior Deacon: Dennis Cipriano  
 Acting Senior Steward: Javier Alfonzo  
 Acting Junior Steward: Matthew Fleury  
 Marshal: W. Michael Ponte  
 Acting Sentinel: Chad Rosen  
 Chaplain: R.W. Judah Rosen  
 Tyler: Robert Goudie  
 Master of Ceremonies: W. Eric Chaika  
 Electrician: Chad Rosen

Redwood Builder Editor: W. Andrew Sholes  
 Redwood Builder Publisher: R.W. Gary Kaufman



## Redwood Lodge Committees and Chairs

Redwood Committee: W. Andrew Sholes  
 By-Laws: R.W. Mekawy Elmekawy  
 Social Committee: W. Michael Gaffin  
 Investigations/Prep: M.W. Richard Sokoll  
 Awards: W. Eric Chaika  
 Photographer: Dennis Cipriano  
 Sick and Visiting: R.W. Gary Kaufman  
 Redwood Builder: R.W. Gary Kaufman  
 Table Lodge: W. Kevin J. Catanzaro  
 Fellow Craft Team: Richard Fascia  
 Charities Committee: Joseph Luca  
 Education Committee: R.W. Samuel Miller  
 Scholarship Committee: R.W. Mekawy Elmekawy  
 Public Relations: Dennis Cipriano

## PAST MASTERS

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

#Noot, Meyer	1878-79	*Kelley, J. William	1920	*Mushnick, Frederick	1959	R.W. Freedman, Mark H	1999
*Hartman, Leopold	1880	*Misch, Walter P.	1921	*Millman, Benjamin	1960	R.W. Miller, Samuel A	2000
#Parker, Melvin	1881	*Mason, Earl H	1922	Mandell, Leonard C	1961	Hodges, James	2001
*Spitz, John H.	1882	*Brand, William C H	1923	*Half, LeRoy	1962	Richardson, Simon J	2002
*Green, Henry	1883	*Taylor, Burton RRR	1924	#R.W. Brill, Marvin A	1963	R.W. Miller, Samuel A	2003
#Dawson, Thomas B.	1884	*R.W. Edwards, Ralph H	1925	Rothman, Robert H	1964	R.W. Kaufman, Gary S	2004
#Mullen, William H.	1885	*Coppen, Charles B	1926	M.W. Bromberg, Malcolm C	1965	Ross, Micah T	2005
*Green, William H.	1886	*Mason, Williams H	1927	Schwartz, Abraham	1966	Kaplan, Andrew	2006
*Mosely, William H.	1887	*Mowry, Walter H	1928	*Rottenberg, Louis	1967	R.W. Freedman, Mark H	2007
*Burlingame, Alvertus S.	1888	*Wymann, Frederick W	1929	*Miller, Meyer S	1968	R.W. Miller, Samuel A	2008
*Clark, James W.	1889	*Beacham, Harold	1930	Malinou, Martin S	1969	Bartlett, Harley W	2009
*Boas, Herman	1890	*Brier, Charles	1931	Dressler, Abbott W	1970	Ponte, Michael	2010
*Boulester, James E.	1891	*Whittaker, William B	1932	Gessman, Norman C	1971		
#Lincoln, Eugene B.	1892	*Taylor, Earl W	1933	Bomes, Robert A	1972	Honorary Past Master	
*Southey, Charles R.	1893	*Lee, Howard S	1934	*Gordon, Stephen A	1973	^R.W. Judah Rosen	
*Hahn, Jerome J.	1894	*Garst, Arthur H	1935	*Maldavir, Melvyn S.	1974	Affiliated Past Master	
#Lincoln, Edwin B.	1895	*Baacke, Henry	1936	*Silverman, Edward	1975	W. Avraham A. Reis	
*Butler, Charles L.	1896	*Rosen, Harry R	1937	Beranbaum, Stephen R	1976		
*Pierce, Charles E.	1897	*Hartley, Richard H	1938	Kortick, Lawrence D	1977	Honorary Members:	
*Morton, Marcus W.	1898-99	*Gardner, Joseph J	1939	*Jenkin, James	1978	*^M.W. Alton T. Curtis	
*Stanton, James W.	1900	*Davis, Harrie S	1940	*Aron, Donald	1979	*^W. Jacob DeHaan	
*Perkins, Herbert R.	1901	*M.W. Abedon, Bernard	1941	R.W. Bromberg, Howard M	1980	*^W. Albert Lavine	
*Bowen, Thomas A.	1902	*MacKay, Alexander M	1942	Kirshenbaum, Allen M	1981	^W. Stanely DeHaan	
*Saunders, Harry L.	1903	*Rosen, Albert L	1943	*R.W. Aron, Edward	1982	^W. Gary Rachins	
*Albro, Seth M.	1904	*Entwistle, James H	1944	Sholes, Andrew G	1983	*^W. John Haidenmenos	
*Lasell, Clarence K.	1905	*Ress, Joseph W	1945	*M.W. Wasserman, Arnold	1984	*^W. Elmer Yeaw	
*Smith, Alfred	1906	*Perrin, Howard S	1946	*Keating, Joseph	1985	^M.W. Paul Cardoza	
*Cutler, Harry	1907	*R.W. Novogroski, Arthur	1947	R.W. Freedman, Mark H	1986	^M.W. John Lopez	
*Boas, Bernard	1908	*Cook, Walter R	1948	Krasner, Edward S	1987	^W. James Warner	
*Payson, Stephen R.	1909	*Strauss, Walter H	1949	Chaika, Eric A	1988		
*Hawes, James A.	1910	*Licht, Frank	1950	*Myrow, Allan J	1989		
*Hoffman, Felix V.	1911	*Hendel, Maurice W	1951	Goodman, Joseph	1990		
*Pierce, Benjamin F.	1912	*Hill, Henry M	1952	Charleson, James A	1991		
#Moir, George	1913	*Goodman, Max W	1953	Gaffin, Michael M	1992		
*Butler, Charles L. Jr.	1914	*R.W. Cohen, Gerald P	1954	M.W. Sokoll, Richard	1993		
*Taylor, Arthur J.	1915	*Michaelson, Julius	1955	Fishbein, Richard J	1994		
#Lincoln, Samuel E.	1916	*Kumins, Albert	1956	R.W. Lewis, Donovan J	1995		
*Baldwin, Henry F.	1917	*Rubenstein, Louis Barach	1957	Chaika, Eric A	1996		
*Harley, William F.	1918	*^Bromberg, Morris H	1958	Crisafulli, Frederick	1997		
*Locke, Edward J.	1919	*Arnold, Siegfried	1958	R.W. Elmekawy, Mekawy	1998		



## PAST MASTERS

## Roosevelt Lodge No. 42 A.F. & A.M.

*M.W. Scott, Wilber A	1921-23	*Bolotow, Charles	1942	*Pagano, David	1961	*Iarocci, Michael	1980
*Green, William	1923	*Rouslin, Benjamin	1943	#Dickens, Joseph	1962	#DeBlois, Donald R	1981
*Docherty, Edgar M	1924	*Blackman, Edward	1944	R.W. Sciaraffa, Charles C	1963	Davis, Alvin Jr	1982
*Gregory, Ralph	1925	*Emers, Lester D	1945	*Davis, Phillip	1964	*Elman, Arnold	1983
*Vicario, Raphael	1926	*Docherty, Bruce M	1946	*Ostrach, Harry	1965	*R.W. Wolff, Jacob G	1984
*Friedlander, Israel	1927	*Bloomberg, Harry A	1947	Finkelman, Gerald C	1966	Bernstein, Joel	1985
*Pusateri, Augustus	1928	*Matzner, William I	1948	*Cleiman, Samuel	1967	*LaRose, Harry E	1986
*Brown, Charles	1929	*Goldman, Harry I	1949	*MacDonald, David A Jr	1968	*Smith, Ronald J	1987
*Workman, Samuel H	1930	*Jagolinzer, Harry D	1950	Chaika, William Y	1969	Kahn, Larry	1988
*Berberian, Arthur S	1931	*Deutch, Edward	1951	*Limer, Harry	1970	Davis, Alvin Jr	1989-90
*Garr, Samuel	1932	*Bloomberg, Sheldon O	1952	*Ludovici, Peter	1971	*Smith, Ronald J	1991
*Blackman, Abraham	1933	*Weiner, Benjamin	1953	*Tomasso, George	1972	*Limer, Harry	1992-93
*Marsella, Augustus	1934	*R.W. Wolff, Jacob G	1954	*Lamorte, Donato	1973	Budz, Roger F	1994-95
*Silverman, Charles L.	1935	*Klein, Robert A	1955	#Pulner, Edward R	1974	Rossi, Dean M	1995
*Greenstein, Jacob	1937	*Pagano, Nicholas	1956	*Soren, Robert	1975		
*Roitman, Aaron	1938	*Fellner, William	1957	Tomasso, Steven	1976		
*Selonek, Leslie M	1939	*Ostrach, Morris L	1958	Petrarca, Carmine	1977		
*D'Antuono, Francis	1940	Goldberg, Bernard S	1959	Miller, Howard	1978		
*Savasta, Stellerio	1941	*Silverstein, Al	1960	*Sugerman, Everett	1979		