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## DISTRCT DEPUTY VISITATION

### HAPPY NEW YEAR



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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

This Month's Meeting is on Monday, January 11, 2010  
~DISTRICT DEPUTY VISITATION NIGHT~

### Lodge Officers 2009-2010

#### Worshipful Master

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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





**From the Editor**

It seemed like yesterday when we ushered in the beginning of a new century. The news media was filled with buzz words like “Y2K”. The millennium bug was forecasted to bring computers to a halt since they were not programmed to change to the year 2000. Well we survived and that news story passed into oblivion. Now we are ushering in the year 2010. The sands of time seem to be falling faster with every passing year. The past decade was filled with more bumps and valleys than most. We suffered through September 11, 2001, our country became engaged in two wars which we are still fighting, the avian flu epidemic fizzled, the swine flu epidemic became pandemic, global warming took center stage, hurricane Katrina ravaged New Orleans, others severely damaged southern Florida, the economy tanked and our country is in midst of the worst recession since the Great Depression. Yet we are surviving.

During the past decade, the interest in Freemasonry has increased. The number of candidates being initiated has dramatically risen. There are many reasons for the surge in Freemasonry. The various adversities facing our state, our nation and the world community has reinforced the idea that life’s experience is more rewarding by interacting with others and sharing the same ideals and moral values. Freemasonry provides such a forum. During the past few years, several books, which have all incorporated the allurements of Freemasonry in their various plots or sub plots, have become best sellers. Most of those books have been made into popular motion picture movies. The free publicity from the books and movies has only increased everyone’s awareness of Freemasonry. The Grand Lodge has made the Craft become more visible by arranging for all the Lodges in our grand jurisdiction to host annual Open Houses at their respective lodge halls. The media advertising for the Open House program has helped the event to become a success.

For whatever reason, Freemasonry is beginning to flourish once again. Although the secrets of Freemasonry remain, it is no longer viewed as a secret organization. It is viewed by outsiders as an organization that promotes the goodwill of man. Freemasonry has not been swayed by the demands of the outside world to change or compromise its principles or tenets which is the reason it has survived the test of time. The fundamental tenets of our institution have not changed since they were first espoused. Instead they have adapted to the changing lifestyle of our society. The conflicts and turmoil society has encountered during the past decade has only strengthened the resolve of Freemasons to continue to emulate the tenets of our institution. Their actions have attracted others to join and learn the teachings of our institution to make man better.

Fraternally, W. Andrew Sholes, Editor

**Dates to Remember**

- January 11, 2010– DD Visitation
- January 13, 2010– Special, EA Degree
- February 8, 2010– GM Visitation to Metro
- February 10, 2010– Special, FC Degree
- March 8, 2010– MM Degree
- April 12, 2010– Awards Night
- May 10, 2010– Annual

**Officers Forum Dates**

- February 4, 2010- Mt. Vernon Lodge
- March 22, 2010-Jenks Lodge
- April 1, 2010-Morning Star Lodge
- April 19, 2010-Thomas Smith Webb

Any questions regarding the Officer’s Forums– call RW Paul Kokolsky, Director of Masonic Education at 401-828-2457

**DD Visitations-Metro District**

- January 11, 2010-Redwood 35
- February 9, 2010– Overseas 40
- March 22, 2010-Jenks 24
- April 12, 2010-Daylight 48
- April 21, 2010-St. Johns No. 1P

Grand Master’s Visitation to the Metro District - Redwood Lodge Monday, February 8, 2010.

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**From the Senior Warden**

Brethren, I hope that you all had a healthy and happy holiday season. Now that a new year has arrived, we are once again faced with the proposition of forming “new year’s resolutions”. Let us come together as a lodge and resolve to breathe new life into Redwood. We have an energetic core of new officers ready, willing, and capable of doing right by the Craft, and honoring the traditions that have allowed our fraternity survive the tumultuous centuries past, and arrive strong and healthy into the 21<sup>st</sup>. As someone far wiser than I once said- “A chain is only as strong as its weakest link”. Let us endeavor to do everything in our abilities to strengthen the links of friendship which bind us together in the STRONG chain that is Freemasonry.

-Mike Ponte

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**~ SUNDAY BREAKFAST CLUB ~**

At least once a quarter, the Sunday Breakfast Club will meet to have a hearty breakfast and discuss issues before the lodge. All members are invited.

First Breakfast-  
Sunday, January 10, 2010  
9:30 AM at the Lodge

The Master is looking for volunteers to help cook!

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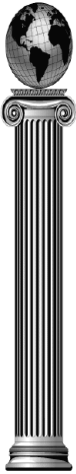


Brother Sean Keough-Newest Master Mason With Master Harley Bartlett and Senior Warden Mike Ponte

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**From the Secretary:**

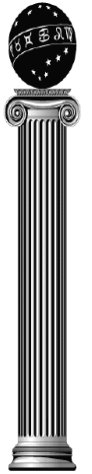
Dues Invoices have been mailed and many of you have responded with your annual payments. Thank you for your quick response. For those of you who have not yet responded, Please return your dues payment as soon as possible. The Grand Lodge allows a 30 day window in January for your 2009 dues card. If you want to come to lodge in February, you will need to have a 2010 card. ☺



1,320 Regular Communication Monday, January 11, 2010

**Dinner** 6:00 PM  
**Opening** 6:45 PM  
 Business and Correspondence  
 Balloting  
 Examination of MM Degree-Sign By-Laws  
**District Deputy Visitation** 7:30 PM  
 Program  
**Collation** After Program

Dinner—6:00 PM  
**Redwood's Famous Deli Night (Deli and Hot Dogs)**  
 \$12.00 per person  
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**Balloting**

- Names Removed per Grand Lodge

**From the Worshipful Master** We held the Master Mason degree at our Regular Communication last month. I am very pleased with the efforts that all those who participated gave. Our Senior Warden, Michael Ponte, gave a memorable rendition of the History of the Master's Degree. I am also pleased to see our regular "Band of Brothers" who regularly come to the meetings participating in the degree work. Well done Brothers!

Recently, we held a Past Masters Breakfast at Darlings Restaurant in Seekonk. I am reviving the old custom of having periodic, or monthly, breakfast meetings (Sunday Breakfast Club) on Sunday to cover general or long term issues of the Lodge. One topic which arose at this breakfast was to get back involved in the local community with some sort of charitable activity. S.W. Michael Ponte is investigating the possibilities with East Providence. Another topic that came up was the idea of starting a "Fellowcraft Club". Other Lodges have this club and these lodges are the ones that are vibrant and growing. We will explore how to begin one in Redwood. The Sunday Breakfast Club will meet next on January 10, 2010, at 9:30 AM at the Lodge where we will have breakfast and cover these and other topics. All brothers are invited to come. Any brothers interested in cooking/helping, please contact me.

Our January Communication will be the District Deputy's Visitation. We will have a representative from CrossRoads RI talk about new and exciting things happening at the shelter. In addition, I have chosen CrossRoads to be the lodge's charity for the year. As I mentioned in the December meeting, I will be personally contacting many of you to make a donation which will be matched by the Lodge. The meal prior to the meeting will be a "Deli Night" run by R.W. Howie Bromberg and W. Andy Sholes. Come on by and break bread with the gang.

We will have a Special Communication in January for the EA Degree.

Have a Happy New Year.  
 Fraternally, W. Harley Bartlett



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**Get Well Wishes-** The Lodge wishes W. George Tomasso a speedy recovery.

Please let the Secretary know about your lifecycle events! Email to—[secretary@redwoodlodge35.com](mailto:secretary@redwoodlodge35.com) or call 401-369-9400

**The Master, Wardens and Officers of Redwood Lodge Wish You a Very Happy Birthday!!**

Javier Alfonzo	January 2	Jef Saunders	January 17	Robert A. Ronzio, Sr.	January 23
Charles Cohn	January 4	Paul Avedisian	January 18	Peter J. Mulberry	January 25
Malvern R. Ross	January 4	Gary C. Berard	January 19	Jon H. Abedon	January 25
Arthur Koretsky	January 7	Norman R. Goodman	January 19	Ronald W. Lippitt	January 26
David H. Cleinman	January 7	Richard Saltzman	January 19	Adrian Horovitz	January 26
Philippe H. Maatouk	January 8	Justin J. Strauss	January 19	Julius C. Michaelson	January 26
Steven L. Sanford	January 10	Jay H. Newman	January 20	Alan D. Bergel	January 28
Robert E. Nichols, III	January 12	Lawrence M. Halperin	January 20		
Samuel M. Mendelowitz	January 13	Herbert A. Roiff	January 21		
Arnold Bigney	January 16				

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



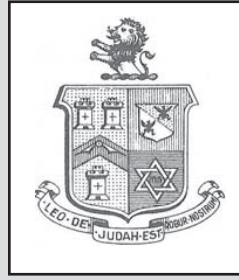


# The Redwood Builder



## 2009-2010 Line Officers and Appointments

<b>Senior Deacon:</b>	<b>Robert Franchetti</b>
<b>Junior Deacon:</b>	<b>Edward Catanzaro</b>
<b>Senior Steward:</b>	<b>James Arnold</b>
<b>Junior Steward:</b>	<b>Joseph Giorno</b>
<b>Marshall:</b>	<b>Yaakov Rosenbaum</b>
<b>Sentinel:</b>	<b>Jef Saunders</b>
<b>Chaplain:</b>	<b>R.:W.: Judah Rosen</b>
<b>Tyler:</b>	<b>Peter Mulberry</b>
<b>Musical Director:</b>	<b>Myron Muffs</b>
<b>Master of Ceremonies:</b>	<b>R.:W.: Samuel Miller</b>
<b>Electrician:</b>	<b>Steven Catanzaro</b>



<b>Redwood Builder Editor:</b>	<b>W.: Andrew Sholes</b>
<b>Redwood Builder Publisher:</b>	<b>R.:W.: Gary Kaufman</b>

## Redwood Lodge Committees and Chairs

<b>The Redwood Committee</b>	<b>W.: Andrew Sholes</b>
<b>By Laws</b>	<b>R.:W.: Mekawy Elmekawy</b>
<b>Social Committee</b>	<b>Michael Ponte</b>
<b>Investigations</b>	<b>Eddie Gordon</b>
<b>Candidate Preparatory</b>	<b>Peter Mulberry</b>
<b>Awards Committee</b>	<b>W.: Andrew Sholes</b>
<b>Photographers</b>	<b>Dennis Cipriano</b>
<b>Sick and Visiting</b>	<b>Michael Ponte</b>
<b>Redwood Builder</b>	<b>R.:W.: Gary Kaufman</b>
<b>Table Lodge</b>	<b>Kevin Catanzaro</b>
<b>Fellow Craft Team</b>	<b>Richard Fascia</b>
<b>Charities Committee</b>	<b>R.:W.: Howard Bromberg</b>
<b>Education Committee</b>	<b>R.:W.: Samuel Miller</b>
<b>Scholarship Committee</b>	<b>R.:W.: Mekawy Elmekawy</b>
<b>Public Relations</b>	<b>Kevin Catanzaro</b>

## PAST MASTERS

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

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

\* Deceased      † Demitted      ‡ Honorary

Honorary Member: \*M.:W.:Alton T. Curtis, \*W.:Jacob DeHaan, W.:Albert Lavine, W.:Stanley DeHaan, W.:Gary Rachins, \*W.:John Haidenmenos, \*W.:Elmer Yeaw, M.:W.:Paul Cardoza, M.:W.:John Lopez, W.:James Warner, Honorary Past Master: R.:W.:Judah Rosen

Affiliated Past Masters: W.:Avraham A. Reis

## PAST MASTERS

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

*M.W.Scott, Wilbur A.....1921-23	*D'Antuono, Francis.....1940	*Ostrach, Morris L.....1958	Tomasso, Steven.....1976
*Green, William.....1923	*Savasta, Stellerio.....1941	Goldberg, Bernard S.....1959	Petrarca, Carmine.....1977
*Docherty, Edger M.....1924	*Bolotow, Charles.....1942	*Silverstein, Al.....1960	Miller, Howard.....1978
*Gregory, Ralph.....1925	*Rouslin, Benjamin.....1943	*Pagano, David.....1961	Sugerman, Everett.....1979
*Vicario, Raphael.....1926	*Blackman, Edward.....1944	†Dickens, Joseph.....1962	*Iarocci, Michael.....1980
*Friedlander, Israel.....1927	*Emers, Lester D.....1945	R.W.Sciaraffa, Charles C.....1963	†DeBlois, Donald, Jr.....1981
*Pusateri, Augustus.....1928	*Dochetty, Bruce M.....1946	*Davis, Phillip.....1964	Davis, Alvin, Jr.....1982
*Brown, Charles.....1929	*Bloomberg, Harry A.....1947	*Ostrach, Harry.....1965	*Elman, Arnold.....1983
*Workman, Samuel H.....1930	*Matzner, William I.....1948	Finkelman, Gerald C.....1966	*R.W. Wolff, Jacob G.....1984
*Berberian, Arthur S.....1931	*Goldman, Harry I.....1949	*Cleinman, Samuel.....1967	Bernstein, Joel S.....1985
*Garr, Samuel.....1932	*Jagolinzer, Harry D.....1950	*MacDonald, David A. Jr.....1968	*La Rose, Harry E.....1986
*Blackman, Abraham.....1933	*Deutch, Edward.....1951	Chaika, William Y.....1969	*Smith, Ronald J.....1987
*Marsella, Augustus.....1934	*Bloomberg, Sheldon O.....1952	*Limer, Harry.....1970	Kahn, Larry.....1988
*Maroelli, John G.....1935	*Weiner, Benjamin.....1953	*Ludovici, Peter.....1971	Davis, Alvin, Jr.....1989-90
*Silverman, Charles L.....1936	*R.W. Wolff, Jacob G.....1954	Tomasso, George.....1972	*Smith, Ronald J.....1991
*Greenstein, Jacob.....1937	*Klein, Robert A.....1955	*Lamorte, Donato.....1973	*Limer, Harry.....1992-93
*Roitman, Aaron.....1938	*Pagano, Nicholas.....1956	†Pulner, Edward R.....1974	Budz, Roger F.....1994-95
*Selonek, Leslie M.....1939	*Fellner, William.....1957	*Soren, Robert.....1975	Rossi, Dean M.....1995