

# December 2021



## VIEW FROM THE EAST



Good day My Brothers,

As we look back on this year there were many fun and exciting events at our lodge. I made it a point to involve our ladies in many affairs. I am thankful to have had an opportunity to serve again and do the things that I was unable to do last year. It is a sad thought, that no matter how much you do, others that do nothing are always the recognized ones. I guess there is a lesson here. But as most Masters will say it's time to pass the baton.

Our thanksgiving dinner was a lot of hard work to produce. WB Jerry and Bonnie Gruenbaum along with my wife Mary-Ellen and daughter Pamela made this all a success. We had a feast that was fit for a king and everyone had a great time and fellowship.

The year is winding down with our annual meeting on December 1<sup>st</sup> with the election of officers for the 2022 year as well as the appointments of the lower chairs. There will also be reports given by the appropriate brothers. Our very last meeting this year will be on December 15<sup>th</sup> and that will be a very short meeting. Don't forget to reserve your seats at the Scottish Rite holiday party on December 17<sup>th</sup> at Woodwinds in Branford. And save the date of January 2, 2022 at 3 P.M. 285 Whitney Avenue for our installation of officers.

Fraternally yours,

*Frederick A. Marotti*

WB Frederick A. Marotti  
Worshipful Master

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## VIEW FROM THE WEST



Greetings Brothers!

First of all: I got my wish, it's now 28 degrees when my dog gets his morning walk. A solid case of not being careful what you wish for I suppose. Moving on from my questionable weather preferences, this month is chock full of holidays and cookies!

My brothers, my last message was about the moral and ideological foundations upon which our nation has been built. As stated, what was built thereon was another discussion, and here it is.

Now the very first thing which must be taken into account is that we are a union of very different states, not a group of near identical copies of the same city. The myriad of different people both in origin nation and ways of life created the need to have two sets of rules; one for everyone on the federal level and another for the individual states. Another feature of this new government would be the lack of power assigned to it, everything not assigned specifically to the federal government is not assumed to be theirs, but to belong to the people. In these ways, the powers of the constituent parts and the overarching government were, in a way balanced, and as intended, the many could not impose their will unilaterally upon the few.

The Electoral college was the tool created for this express purpose, to prevent a small hand full of large cities from deciding everything for the rest of the nation. I often hear, even from members of my own family, that “*the electoral college should be eliminated*” and that “*we should be a direct democracy*”.

I firmly disagree. We need to see how that would go, 2 out of 3 people in this country live 100 miles or less from the coast or a boarder. This means the vast majority of the land mass would get no say in how they are governed, this is why the colonies rebelled in the first place; someone far away telling them how to live and pay me taxes. The other major reason for my reluctance for a direct democracy, is the fact that it is really just a fancy to have mob rule. If the majority want the minority's rights dissolved or property expropriated, it's just one vote away. We have seen this recently in places like Venezuela, where the elected officials simply took the private business and property as they deemed necessary.

There are checks to power installed throughout our foundational document, and these were put in place to try and curb man's worst nature. The check on the whims of the mob is called the Electoral College.

Till Next Month!

Fraternally,

*Daniel DeVoe 99*

Senior Warden

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## VIEW FROM THE SOUTH



My Brothers,

This year is almost over. And I would like to thank you my Brothers for a great year. It was my pleasure to have spent my time in the south as your Junior Warden.

I would like to give a heartfelt special thank you from myself and my Brothers to Worshipful Master Frederick Marotti for the great syllabus that he planned and brought to the table at the beginning of the year. I enjoyed working with him as his Junior Warden. He made the year what it was. Everyone that took part in and out of Lodge expressed what an awesome time they had. I'm looking forward to the incoming Worshipful Master and Junior Warden and what they have planned.

Our next meeting will be December 1, 2021 - After the meeting we will be meeting at Michelina's for our usual fellowship.

I want to wish my Brothers and their families a very Healthy and Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Keep Smiling!

Fraternally,

*Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr.*

Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr.  
Junior Warden

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## VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



My Brothers,

As this year is coming to an end very soon, we look back on this past year at Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125. Our current officers under the leadership of our Worshipful Master Frederick Marotti, have done an outstanding job. Congratulations my brothers.

Our next meeting will be on December 1<sup>st</sup> and that will be the Election of Officers for next year and the Reports by the usual brothers on the committees and positions that they held this past year. These reports must be in writing and handed in to me to be put into the lodges minute book.

At time Ann and I would like to wish everyone a Healthy, Happy, and Properous holiday season and a Happy New Year to all. Please be safe out there as you celebrate. I hope to see everyone in the new year.

Fraternally,

*RW Gary Matican*

Secretary

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# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST BROTHER MARK ANTHONY LINDO ON BECOMING A MASTER MASON

Members of three different Lodges attended this Degree  
Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125, Hiram Lodge No. 1, and Annawon Lodge No. 115



**We the members of Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125  
Wish Brother Lindo All the Best for a  
Wonderful experience as Master Mason**

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## COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 – UPCOMING EVENTS

December 1 <sup>st</sup>	Stated Communication with our Annual Meeting at 7:30 pm. Attire is Jacket and Tie. We will be going to Michelina's Apizza & Ristorante on State Street in New Haven, \$15 per person after the meeting.
December 15 <sup>th</sup>	Stated Communication with the Worshipful Master in the East at 7:30 pm. Attire is Jacket and Tie. Refreshments to follow and TBA at the meeting.
December 17 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Holiday Party at Woodwind's in Branford.
December 26 <sup>th</sup>	DESK will start at 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Please contact RW Gary E. Cohen at 203-530-6222 or email at: <a href="mailto:garyec39@gmail.com">garyec39@gmail.com</a>
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