

# 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

#### **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 <u>union</u> 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 Deloe 99

Senior Warden

### 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

### 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 an 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

# 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

# 2021 COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125

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## PAST MASTERS OF COSMOPOLITAN LODGE #125

*Jacob Caplan	1919, 1923	*Harold P. Gessner	1953	Joseph M. Cohen	1985
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*Benjamin F. Goldman	1922	*Simon Burres	1956	*Michael L. Castroll	1988
*Samuel J. White	1924	*David Cohen	1957	RW Martin L. Rudnick	1989, 2002
*Nathan Smernoff	1925	*Albert Gurewitz	1958	*Harley O. H. Pretty	1990
*Manuel Kligerman	1926	*Marshall R. Weiner	1959	RW Gary Matican	1991, 1995, 2003
*Samuel M. Silver	1927	*Herbert B. Goldberg	1960	Bruce L. Lebow	1992
*Jacob N. Wolodarsky	1928	*Leo Gilden	1961	*Richard L. Hecht	1993
*Samuel W. Ritch	1929	*Jordan Goldberg	1962	Bruce M. Backer	1994
*Louis R. Hershatter	1930	*Gerald W. Brownstein	1963	Gary P. Merwede	1996
*Julius White	1931	*Arnold Most	1965	Gary S. Spanierman	1997
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*Andrew N. Friedman	1933	George Weinstein	1966	*Edward S. Eby	1999
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*RW Alex C. Hershatter	1935	*Abraham B. Rosenberg	1968	Phillip E.Cohen	2001
*Benjamin D. Levine	1936	*Morris Klein	1969	David O. Stern	2004, 2010
*John M. Chapnick	1937	*William E. Weiner	1970	RW David E. Berger	2005
*Joseph Weiner	1938	*Chester M. Katzman	1971	*William E. McGraw, Jr.	2006
*Irving Rogers	1939	*Robert Tombank	1972	Stuart M. Smith	2007
*Maurice Osber	1940	*Leonard Tombank	1973	Roger Jackson	2009
*Herman Alpert	1941	*Milton A. Hershatter	1974	Steven J. Elzholz	2011
*George J. Evans	1942	Richard A. Sugarmann	1975	RW Jason E. Morse	2012, 2013
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*William Ledewitz	1951	Steven A. Ledewitz	1983		
*A. Henry Mirel	1952	Robert S. Brooks	1984		
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## **CURRENT GRAND LODGE**

Rev. & RW Bruce R. Bellmore Deputy Grand Master

RW Scott B. Bumps, DD 4A



# Past Master's – Other Lodges

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St. Alban's #38: 1976 & Ashlar #332: 2011
Olive Branch #84: 1981 & Hiram #1: 1993
Widow Sons #66:1977, Hiram #1: 1995/96, St.
Alban;s #38: 2007
Meriden #77: 1976 & Madison #87: 2006
Temple #16: 2011/13, Day Spring #30: 2016/17
Annowan #115: 2003, 13, Orange #143: 2009/10
Masonic Lodge of Research: 1997
Hiram #1: 2020
Quinta Essential #500: 2019/2020/2021
Meridian #77: 2003
Annowan #115: 2020
Compass #9: 2006
Temple #16: 2013
Pyramid #43 Reno NV: 2013 & 2014
Adelphi-Momauguin #63: 2002, Madison #87:
1985, 1986, & 1992
Compass #9: 2005

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 – UPCOMING EVENTS		
December 1st	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>	
	For further information of our lodge activities and events please go to our website at <a href="https://www.cosmopolitan125.org">www.cosmopolitan125.org</a>	

