



NOVEMBER 2021

VIEW FROM THE EAST



My Brothers,

September was a fun month! I am very proud of the fine work that our officers and presenters did at our Entered Apprentice degree on September 15, 2021. That was our inspection night and I am happy to say that we received a very fine inspection report. After having been WM of Hiram Lodge No. 1 and having been proficient in that ritual. With many months of study I was happy with myself that I was able to do the job I did in standard ritual.

This is a wonderful thing for me to learn as I now know how the other Lodge's do their ritual. October brought us a short first meeting and our step up Fellowcraft Degree with Brother Dan DeVoe II in the East. This was an opportunity for the officers to shine in their upcoming chairs for when they are elected or appointed.

Unfortunately, our huge animal fundraiser was cut short by a problem with a non-mason volunteer who was working with us to promote the event. It just did not work out for us. Hopefully we can revisit it next year with our new master of the lodge.

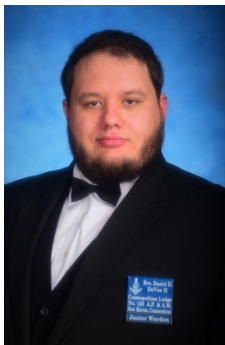
November will bring us a short Stated Communication on November 3rd with fellowship afterwards. Our WB Steven Canada's annual fall harvest dinner will be on November 13th and admission is 3 nonperishable canned goods for a food pantry. At our meeting WB Gary Merwede will be in the East for our Master Mason Degree on November 17th with a catered dinner at 6:30. Please R.S.V.P. Check the website www.cosmopolitan125.org for details and Cosmopolitan's very own annual Thanksgiving dinner on November 21st, and bring your favorite side or desert. Cost is \$15.00 per person and children eat free! I wish that all my Brothers and their families are healthy, happy and at peace. Till we meet again!

Fraternally yours,

Frederick A. Marotti

WB Frederick A. Marotti
Worshipful Master

VIEW FROM THE WEST



Greetings Brothers!

First off, I will remind my Brothers that we are indeed in fall. I start with this reminder because last week it was 75 and to this day feels very un-seasonal. I once again know I'm the only one who hopes for cooler weather, but I don't feel 60 degrees is unreasonable. Anyhow, we have many dinners, and other events to keep us fed and warm this November. I hope to see many of my Brothers with full bellies!

One of the strengths of our species is our ability to adapt. Whether to different weather, food, terrain, humans can adapt to just about anything given time. This amazing ability has allowed us to first tame then conquer the world around us: cutting forests, tilling fields, all the way to cutting a tunnel through a mountain side. With this physical capability also comes the capacity to learn; not only from the world around us, but also from those who came before- standing on the shoulders of giants. Many of the ideas which were integral to the formation of modern society were cherry picked from the best ideas of the Enlightenment and even more distant eras.

I am hearing quite a bit of talk lately about how the ideas which form the bedrock of our Union of States are antiquated, or no longer needed, or perhaps that they were all just a lie, and the country never stood for anything at all. I firmly believe all of this to be nothing more than the ramblings of people in ivory towers so high that Icarus would be jealous of the view. Anyone who could see the ground, would know that the foundations are as strong as the day they were laid, the first stone in the northeast corner is still straight. The edifice built upon that foundation, is another discussion, one must first look at the roots before you can diagnose the stem.

The guiding principles of our country are those of freedom and responsibility, you cannot have one without the other. We are quite free, more so than most places, but that is with the responsibility to not abuse those freedoms, to be law abiding, civil, productive members of society. This is extremely broad and vague I know; it was intended to be. The rights enshrined within our Constitution are god given, and really the only limits are the rights of others, which is where our responsibility to our neighbor comes in: to not steal, harm or slander.

So my conclusion is this: The foundation is strong; the ideas which it was formed are self evident: all men are created equal, have God given rights, and are lawfully required to acknowledge the rights of others. I would go one step farther, and call them not ideas, but truths.

Fraternally,

Daniel DeVoe II

Senior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SOUTH



My Brothers,

Quote; *A person's most useful asset is not a head full of knowledge, but a heart full of love, an ear ready to listen and a hand willing to help others. "Helen Barry"*

Back to Labor,

November 21, 2021 Will be our annual Thanksgiving Dinner. Cost will be \$15 per person. Kids 12 and under will be "Free".

November 1, 2021 We will have our meeting as usual followed by Pizza at Michelina's for fellowship.

November 17, 2021 Will be a meeting, Master Mason Degree. We will be having dinner before the Meeting and Degree at 6:30. Dinner will be Catered by Lassie's.

***** Anyone wishing to join in for dinner. RSVP to me via **"TEXT" only Please** at 203-305-4899 with name. So as to make sure that we have enough food and beverage for everyone. Thank you!

Keep Smiling!

Fraternally,

Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr.

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Junior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



My Brothers,

As this month is definitely the season of Autumn, we now have to wear jackets and gloves as the temperatures are dropping daily. Things to look forward to are the warmth and comfort of the lodge room where fellowship and camaraderie are in abundance. Come join us at the next meeting.

Although the first meeting is a business meeting with great refreshments to follow, our second meeting on November 17th is our Annual 25 Past Master's Night when we will be honoring WB Gary Merwede in the East portraying the Master Mason Degree for one of our new brothers. There will be a dinner at 6:30 pm and the meeting will follow at 7:30 pm. This should be a night to remember.

Looking forward to seeing you at the lodge real soon. For those brothers who have not paid their dues as yet, the bill for next year will be going out on November 1st. Please send in your payment ASAP as it will help with our bill payments and also my bookwork.

Fraternally,

RW Gary Matican

Secretary

**CONGRATULATIONS TO RWB BRUCE R. BELLMORE
ELECTED GRAND MASTER FOR THE ENSUING YEAR
2022**



- RW Bruce R. Bellmore was raised on November 11, 1976 in Olive Branch Lodge No. 84.
- He became Worshipful Master of Olive Branch Lodge No. 84 in 1981.
- After Olive Branch Lodge No. 84 merged with Hiram Lodge No 1 he once again became Worshipful Master in 1993.
- After affiliation with Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125 he once again became Worshipful Master in 2015.
- RW Bellmore was a District Deputy for the masonic district of 4C for two years.
- RW Bellmore was chosen by the Most Worshipful Grand Master to enter into the Grand Line in the position of Grand Marshal in 2016 and proceeded all the way to Deputy Grand Master this year.

**We the members of Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125
Wish Brother Bellmore All the Best for a
Wonderful and fruitful experience as Grand Master next
Year**

2021 COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125

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COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 – UPCOMING EVENTS

November 3 rd	Stated Communication with a business 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.
November 17 th	Stated Communication with the Worshipful Master in the East at 7:30 pm. Attire is Jacket and Tie for brothers and Tux for officers. Dinner by reservations only to Jr. Warden Charles W. Ehrentraut, Sr. at 203-305-4899 by Text only please . After dinner the meeting will start at 7:30 pm with a Master Mason Degree celebrating the 25 yr anniversary of WB Gary Merwede.
November 21 st	Annual Thanksgiving Dinner in the Social Hall at 285 Whitney Avenue. Dinner will be at 5:00 pm and RSVP to Jr. Warden Charles W. Ehrentraut, Sr. at 203-305-4899 by Text only please . Attire is CASUAL.
November 28 th	DESK will start at 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Please contact RW Gary E. Cohen at 203-530-6222 or email at: garyec39@gmail.com
	<i>For further information of our lodge activities and events please go to our website at www.cosmopolitan125.org</i>

