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MASONIC TEMPLE  
285 WHITNEY AVE. NEW HAVEN, CONN.

# SUMMER 2021

## VIEW FROM THE EAST



My Brothers,

Happy July and happy independence day. Many of our Brothers fought and died defending our great republic and keeping us free. Please remember this each year when we celebrate this day.

Well, we have finally reached the pinnacle of this dreaded outbreak and it is so good to see all of our Brothers back at events and doing what we as Masons do best. That is Fellowship, kindness and charity. In June I had been traveling to many local lodges representing Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125, the attendance was amazing and the fellowship outstanding and I attended Hiram Lodge's Pizza Challenge in July. It was well attended and a sizable amount was raised for the Tommy Fund. How wonderful it is to see so many people and Brothers attending these events and having the interactions like before all of this happened. It is indeed a pleasure to be mask less and human again. Since we are taking a summer hiatus and going on vacations or staycations, we are still having fellowship.

We will be having our monthly fellowship dinner on July 28<sup>th</sup> at Kasbah Garden Café 105 Howe Street New Haven. Our fellowship dinners are always a real treat. Our own picnic will be coming up on July 31<sup>st</sup> at Ashlar Village pavilion. This year the Jr Warden and myself decided to break away from the traditional hotdog and hamburger cuisine and change it up a bit. We will be offering eggplant parmigiana, baked ziti, sausage and peppers and BBQ chicken. Please join us by RSVP'ing the info is on our website at [www.cosmopolitan125.org](http://www.cosmopolitan125.org).

Our officers will be doing summer rehearsals to be ready for our fall degree schedule. We expect to do at least six rehearsals. Looking ahead, our Halloween Costume Dance in October is off to a GREAT start. We have "The Woodwinds" for our venue, a professional photographer, social Media Company, and brewery, I heart radio personality as our Master of ceremonies, professional fund raiser, copywriter and Marketing Company. I am very excited to see this going from a small event in our dining facility to something that has the potential to raise close to \$15,000 for charity.

Till we meet again! Have fun, do things, be happy, stay healthy and live life to its fullest and make sure you spread the light of kindness wherever you go! See you all very soon.

Fraternally,

*Frederick A. Marotti*

WB Frederick A. Marotti  
Worshipful Master

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## VIEW FROM THE WEST



Greetings Brothers!

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer months! I myself am not completely enthusiastic when the heat turns up, as my work often finds me out of doors. However, that just makes the shower and air conditioning after work that much better.

My Brothers, I would like to draw your attention to the 4th of July, our country's birthday. This country was built upon a foundation of God-given rights for all men. What was built upon this foundation, of course, was not perfect. Like all things made by man, there was room for improvement, thus it was ensured that the Constitution could be amended. Many oversights and wrongs have been made right by amending this structural document. Freedom of speech and religion, many civil protections, the abolition of slavery, and more have been made law by amendments. Like bricklayers repointing a wall, we have been working toward more perfect union for more than 200 years.

The values and ideas which underpin our country are vital to not only the civility of our society, but also its continuation. The right to vote, the right to free discourse, the right to due process, all of these are necessary and support each other. These and other god given rights are what has enabled us (the American people) to make this country the greatest in the world. I hope to remind us during this hot summer, that it is not the might of our armies, the wealth of our economy, or the vehemence of our rhetoric which makes us great. What makes the United States of America great is that we have built upon a most excellent foundation, one that has us look up and aspire to be better. We ever aspire to be the shining city on the hill, and even though we may never reach such lofty heights, we the people ever reach towards this most perfect ideal.

Fraternally,

*Daniel DeVoe*

Senior Warden

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### Congratulations to:

- RWB Gary Matican on the birth of his 5<sup>th</sup> grandchild Espen Ponder.
- Brother Jeremy M. Matican on the birth of his nephew.
- Brother Neil E. Matican and Susan on the birth of their grand nephew.
- Brother Hillel Auerbach and Sara-ann on the birth of their cousin.
- Brother Andrew Weinstein and Paige on the birth of their cousin.

## VIEW FROM THE SOUTH



My Brothers,

Events for July,

We will be having our annual Cosmopolitan Picnic on July 31 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Ashlar Pavilion.

The menu will be;  
Barbecued Chicken, Eggplant Parmigiana, Sausage and Peppers,  
Rolls, Corn on the cob, Macaroni & Potato salad, Cole slaw, Ice

cream, Drinks.

As in the past please bring your favorite dish or dessert to share. The cost per person is \$15.00.

Please respond to me if you are planning on attending and how many people. Respond by texting my cell phone 203-305-4899. Thank you! Looking forward to seeing you then!

Stay tuned for upcoming events, Movie night and The Halloween Costume Party.

KEEP THAT SMILE GOING!

Fraternally,

*Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr.*

**Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr.**

**Junior Warden**

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## VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



My Brothers,

Now that summer is here, I hope everyone is enjoying the sunshine and vacations that most people do. Remember that Cosmopolitan might be at refreshment but we are still active. Please join us on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July at the Ashlar Village Pavilion for our annual Cookout. Hope to see you there.

Brothers who have not paid their dues, please consider the fact that the lodge still has bills to pay and it would make it easier on myself and the Treasurer if you would send me a check to bring your account up to date.

.....Thank you for your consideration in this matter.....

Fraternally,

*RW Gary Matican*

Secretary

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**2021 COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125**

**OFFICERS**

**COMMITTEES**

|   |  |                                   |  |
|---|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| <b>WM Frederick A. Marotti (Mary-Ellen)</b> | <b>Worshipful Master</b>   | <b>AUDITING</b>                   |  |
| 8 S Dale Street                             | 203-641-3932   | WB Michael S. Abrahamson          | 203-395-2402   |
| East Haven, CT 06513-1847                   | <a href="mailto:fred@alphacontechs.com">fred@alphacontechs.com</a>         | WB Kenneth L. Dworkin             | 203-494-5912   |
|   |  |                                   |  |
| <b>Daniel D. DeVoe II</b>                   | <b>Senior Warden</b>   | <b>CHARITY (WM, SW, JW, SEC)</b>  |  |
| 65 Anderson Avenue                          | 203-843-1614   | WM Frederick A. Marotti           | 203-641-3932   |
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|   |  | Jonathan I. Glassman              | 203-430-1973   |
| <b>RW Gary E. Cohen (Marcia)</b>            | <b>Treasurer</b>   | RW Scott Bumps                    | 203-401-1199   |
| 96 Bethmour Road                            | 203-393-3301   |                                   |  |
| Bethany, CT 06524-3336                      | <a href="mailto:garyec39@gmail.com">garyec39@gmail.com</a>                 | <b>DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS</b>     |  |
|   |  | WM Frederick A. Marotti           | 203-641-3932   |
| <b>RW Gary Matican (Ann)</b>                | <b>Secretary</b>   | WB Michael S. Abrahamson          | 203-395-2402   |
| 40 Meadow Brook Place                       | 203-410-9733   | WB David O. Stern                 | 203-444-2077   |
| Cheshire, CT 06410-4310                     | <a href="mailto:gmatican@yahoo.com">gmatican@yahoo.com</a>                 | Bro. Ronald E. Fish               | 845-988-6705   |
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|   |  |                                   |  |
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| 119 Lincoln Street                          | 203-526-8989   | RW Gary E. Cohen                  | 203-530-6222   |
| Naugatuck, CT 06770-3303                    | <a href="mailto:firefox99@comcast.net">firefox99@comcast.net</a>           | Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr.        | 203-305-4899   |
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|   |  | RW Gary Matican                   | 203-410-9733   |
| <b>Joseph Kopman Fried (Glenna)</b>         | <b>Junior Steward</b>  | <b>SAUL S. COHEN SCHOLARSHIP</b>  | <b>(WM,SW, Bro Cohen +2)</b>   |
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| <b>Steven S. Shiner</b>                     | <b>Tiler</b>   |                                   |  |
| 12 Towne House Road                         | 203-687-8757   | <b>TRUSTEE (term thru)</b>        |  |
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|   |  | Richard A. Werner (Dec. 2022)     | 203-804-4645   |
| <b>WB Kenneth L. Dworkin (Ellen)</b>        | <b>Historian</b>   | WB Stuart M. Smith (Dec. 2023)    | 203-397-0646   |
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|   |  |                                   |  |
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PAST MASTERS OF COSMOPOLITAN LODGE #125

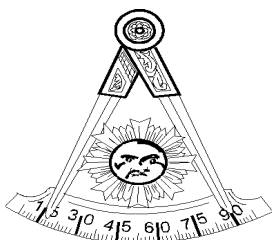
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|------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| *Jacob Caplan          | 1919, 1923 | *Irving Kegeles             | 1967             |
| *Joseph E. Levy        | 1920       | *Abraham B. Rosenberg       | 1968             |
| *Samuel I. Calechman   | 1921       | *Morris Klein               | 1969             |
| *Benjamin F. Goldman   | 1922       | *William E. Weiner          | 1970             |
| *Samuel J. White       | 1924       | *Chester M. Katzman         | 1971             |
| *Nathan Smernoff       | 1925       | *Robert Tombank             | 1972             |
| *Manuel Kligerman      | 1926       | *Leonard Tombank            | 1973             |
| *Samuel M. Silver      | 1927       | *Milton A. Hershatter       | 1974             |
| *Jacob N. Wolodarsky   | 1928       | Richard A. Sugarmann        | 1975             |
| *Samuel W. Ritche      | 1929       | Michael W. Winess           | 1976             |
| *Louis R. Hershatter   | 1930       | *Albert R. Blackman         | 1977             |
| *Julius White          | 1931       | RW Joseph Albert            | 1978             |
| *RW Irving Alpert      | 1932       | RW Gary E. Cohen            | 1979             |
| *Andrew N. Friedman    | 1933       | Sidney J. Levine            | 1980             |
| *RW Samuel Platcow     | 1934       | Ronald M. Dworkin           | 1981             |
| *RW Alex C. Hershatter | 1935       | Kenneth L. Dworkin          | 1982, 2008       |
| *Benjamin D. Levine    | 1936       | Steven A. Ledewitz          | 1983             |
| *John M. Chapnick      | 1937       | Robert S. Brooks            | 1984             |
| *Joseph Weiner         | 1938       | Joseph M. Cohen             | 1985             |
| *Irving Rogers         | 1939       | Jeffrey A. Granoff          | 1986             |
| *Maurice Osber         | 1940       | Edward L. Goodstein         | 1987             |
| *Herman Alpert         | 1941       | *Michael L. Castroll        | 1988             |
| *George J. Evans       | 1942       | RW Martin L. Rudnick        | 1989, 2002       |
| *RW Joseph Shure       | 1943, 1944 | *Harley O. H. Pretty        | 1990             |
| *Goodwin D. Wolff      | 1945       | RW Gary Matican             | 1991, 1995, 2003 |
| *Leon I. Horton        | 1946       | Bruce L. Lebow              | 1992             |
| *Natt K. Sheinfeld     | 1947       | *Richard L. Hecht           | 1993             |
| *A. Louis Phillips     | 1948       | Bruce M. Backer             | 1994             |
| *Fredric M. Rosenstein | 1949       | Gary P. Merwede             | 1996             |
| *Milton S. Holiner     | 1950       | Gary S. Spanierman          | 1997             |
| *William Ledewitz      | 1951       | *RW Arnold H. Freedman      | 1998             |
| *A. Henry Mirel        | 1952       | *Edward S. Eby              | 1999             |
| *Harold P. Gessner     | 1953       | Maier O.Fein                | 2000             |
| *Henry G. Smernoff     | 1954       | Phillip E. Cohen            | 2001             |
| *Martin B. Gant        | 1955       | David O. Stern              | 2004, 2010       |
| *Simon Burres          | 1956       | RW David E. Berger          | 2005             |
| *David Cohen           | 1957       | *William E. McGraw, Jr.     | 2006             |
| *Albert Gurewitz       | 1958       | Stuart M. Smith             | 2007             |
| *Marshall R. Weiner    | 1959       | Roger Jackson               | 2009             |
| *Herbert B. Goldberg   | 1960       | Steven J. Elzholtz          | 2011             |
| *Leo Gilden            | 1961       | RW Jason E. Morse           | 2012, 2013       |
| *Jordan Goldberg       | 1962       | RW Scott Bumps              | 2014             |
| *Gerald W. Brownstein  | 1963       | Rev. & RW Bruce R. Bellmore | 2015             |
| *Arnold Most           | 1965       | David M. Elkodsi            | 2016             |
| *A. Robert Sotman      | 1964       | Randy S. Stevens            | 2017             |
| George Weinstein       | 1966       | Jerry Gruenbaum             | 2018             |
| * = deceased           |            | Michael S. Abrahamson       | 2019, 2020       |

Past Master's – Other Lodges

**CURRENT GRAND LODGE**

Rev. & RW Bruce R. Bellmore  
Deputy Grand Master

RW Scott B. Bumps, DD 4A



|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| MW Gustaf R Bodin           | St. Alban's #38: 1976 & Ashlar #332: 2011                     |
| Rev. & RW Bruce R. Bellmore | Olive Branch #84: 1981 & Hiram #1: 1993                       |
| RW Leonard H. Bucher        | Widow Sons #66:1977, Hiram #1: 1995/96, St. Alban;s #38: 2007 |
| RW Roger R. Cole            | Meriden #77: 1976 & Madison #87: 2006                         |
| Steven E Canada             | Temple #16: 2011/13, Day Spring #30: 2016/17                  |
| Alan M Friedman, Jr.        | Annowan #115: 2003, 13, Orange #143: 2009/10                  |
| Bruce Liebman               | Masonic Lodge of Research: 1997                               |
| RW Jason E. Morse           | Quinta Essential #500: 2019                                   |
| Kevin H. Matsil             | Meridian #77: 2003  |
| RW Jason R. Rieger          | Compass #9: 2006  |
| Rabbi Eric Silver           | Temple #16: 2013  |
| Eric A. Stern               | Pyramid #43 Reno NV: 2013 & 2014                              |
| Randy S. Stevens            | Adelphi-Momauquin #63: 2002, Madison #87: 1985, 1986, & 1992  |
| Jon-Paul Venoit             | Compass #9: 2005  |

**COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 – UPCOMING EVENTS**

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| July 28 <sup>th</sup>      | <b>Fellowship Dinner</b> at a place to be determined. Reservations with WB David O. Stern. at 203-444-2077 or email at <a href="mailto:dsternct@gmail.com">dsternct@gmail.com</a>   |
| July 31 <sup>st</sup>      | <b>Annual Cosmopolitan Lodge Picnic and Cookout.</b> Ashlar Village Pavilion at 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Cost per person is \$15.00 and reservations are a must the Junior Warden Charles Ehrentraut, Sr., by text message only at 203-305-4899 |
| August 29 <sup>th</sup>    | <b>DESK</b> starting at 2:00 pm for prep and serving. Please contact RW Gary E. Cohen to sign up to help 203-530-6222.  |
| September 15 <sup>th</sup> | <b>NO MEETING</b> - Yom Kippur Jewish Holiday   |
|                            | <i>For further information of our lodge activities and events please go to our website at <a href="http://www.cosmopolitan125.org">www.cosmopolitan125.org</a></i>  |

**Welcome to the start of Golfing Fundraisers 2021:  
DeMolay Golf Tournament**



Left to right: RW Gary Matican, Barry Kelmachter (fill in for WB David O. Stern), RW David E. Berger, RW Gary E. Cohen

