



MAY
2021

VIEW FROM THE EAST



My Brothers,

Good day! I trust that you and your families are all well. Well April started out to be a very challenging month for me and my family. I had high anticipations in being able to be one of the photographers for the Grand Lodge Session. But as fate would have it that would not be a reality as my family was touched with a nasty sinus virus. It was not covid according to our doctor but nasty enough to put us in bed for a week and then a slow week and a half recovery. Thank God that we have come through this unscathed and back to normal.

Unfortunately I was unable to officiate our first meeting of the month and this was the first time in six and a half years that I have missed a meeting. But I was there in Zoom! So does that count? All that aside on April 21st our Awards Night, we were able to open early and conduct lodge business. One of the items on our agenda is very dear to me and that is a plaque honoring the 93 Worshipful Brothers, I make 94, who have served our lodge as Worshipful Master from its first being chartered in 1919. This will be a lasting tribute and will leave space for over 20 years of additional Past Masters names.

It was our annual Awards Presentation and it was a joy to my eyes to see so many Brothers and their guests. There were 55 in attendance including our Most Worshipful Grand Master William E. Bohman and Deputy Grand Master RWB Bruce R. Belmore and various Grand lodge officers past and present. Our meal was indeed a feast with many entrees to choose from catered by my favorite caterer Lassies of Milford. The presentations went off smoothly thanks to our secretary RWB Gary Matican who made sure everything was in order. Our Brother, Bruce R. Belmore RWDGM received his 45 year pin and award and there was a presentation for our Treasurer RWB Gary E. Cohen who received his 50 year pin and certificate from the Grand Lodge. My congratulations to them and all of the recipients. And my thanks for so many who attended.

Our next event will be our Ladies appreciation dinner or Mother's day dinner. That will be on May 1, 2021 at the café Amici's in Hamden. This will be a great time of fellowship honoring our ladies. If you are interested in attending please contact our Brother Junior Warden Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr. On the 19th of May we are going to have a special program of Martin and Max presented by our MWPGM Gary Arseneau and WB Larry Baker. This is a wonderful play that leaves you nearly in tears. I look forward to seeing you all back in lodge since we are at 50% capacity of our room which is up to 50 Brothers. We will be having dinner and meeting for fellowship once again in our dining facility. Where possible we will continue to broadcast on zoom. I wish you and your family good health and happiness. Till we meet again.

With all my best!

Fraternally,

Frederick A. Marotti

WB Frederick A. Marotti
Worshipful Master

VIEW FROM THE WEST



Greetings Brothers!

Soon we shall see May flowers bloom from the April showers, or at least that is how the saying goes. I for one am hoping it's true, as most flowers require warm weather - something that is most welcome.

On another note, Mother's Day is here again. This year's chance to celebrate our Mothers or Spouses and return to them some of the joy they inspire in us all year long. This last year has been much harder than most to see our families, with many not having seen some of our loved ones in many months. As the vaccines are continuing to be distributed and the world once again begins to turn, I hope we can all see those we love and spend that time with them to reaffirm the loving bonds we share.

During our Awards Night, we were finally able to come together as brothers, to talk, eat and enjoy one another's company. I look forward to spending more time with my Brothers in our lodge, having thought provoking conversations and gleaning wisdom from the words of those who are more seasoned than myself. God willing, the state will continue to lift restrictions and open up, and we will be able to resume normal meetings. Of course the "normal" is likely going to be quite different now, masks, for example, are probably here to stay. Fear is another thing that seems here to stay: fear of each other, fear of every cough, every sneeze. Unfortunately this is natural, a consequence of the pandemic and incoherent information delivered by those who should have been clear and honest. We need to return to pre-covid mentality as much as we can and stop being so terrified of our neighbors. Our journey to rid ourselves of this fear is not going to be easy, there are actual reasons to be afraid, but we cannot let those stop us from moving on and getting out of the shells we have constructed around us.

If anyone knows of a brother who is ill or in the hospital, please let me know so that we can speak with them and/or send a get well card on behalf of the lodge.

Fraternally,
Daniel DeVoe Jr
Junior Warden

Congratulations:

- Bro. Neil & Susan Matican on becoming grandparents for the first time. 9 lb baby girl Adelaide Matican.
- RWB Gary Matican on becoming a Great Uncle.
- Bro. Jeremy Matican on enjoying his new cousin.
- Bro. Earl & Ruth Ehrentraut who became grandparents with twin boys: Keana and Phoenix. Born two months early, they are doing just fine at home now.
- Bro. Charles & Deborah Ehrentraut, Sr. who are not Great Uncle and Aunt.
- Bro. Charles Ehrentraut, Jr. who is enjoying his new cousins.

VIEW FROM THE SOUTH



My Brothers,

May brings us to the warmth and awakening of being able to spend more time outside and enjoying a brighter and warmer light. Lodge is moving more and more in the same direction feeling and sharing the warmth and light of fellowship of being together. What a great feeling!

Next I will be looking forward to shedding the masks! There is nothing more satisfying than to see a SMILE on someone's face and feeling how warming that is! We must not forget to look at the other side of that and pay attention to when a Brother or anyone for that matter is in need and doesn't have that Smile. We need to be able to reach out to them and help them find a way toward peace warmth and light and a great Smile. We all must keep moving toward that warmth and light and help when we can! Mason's - 133 Psalm. ***With that, if there is any Brother in need please reach out!***

I would like to Thank my Brother's for responding to me in a timely fashion on the events we have had. And I look forward to continue on in my work from the South. WM Fred has some really great plans going forward and I don't think you want to miss out.

" A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty"

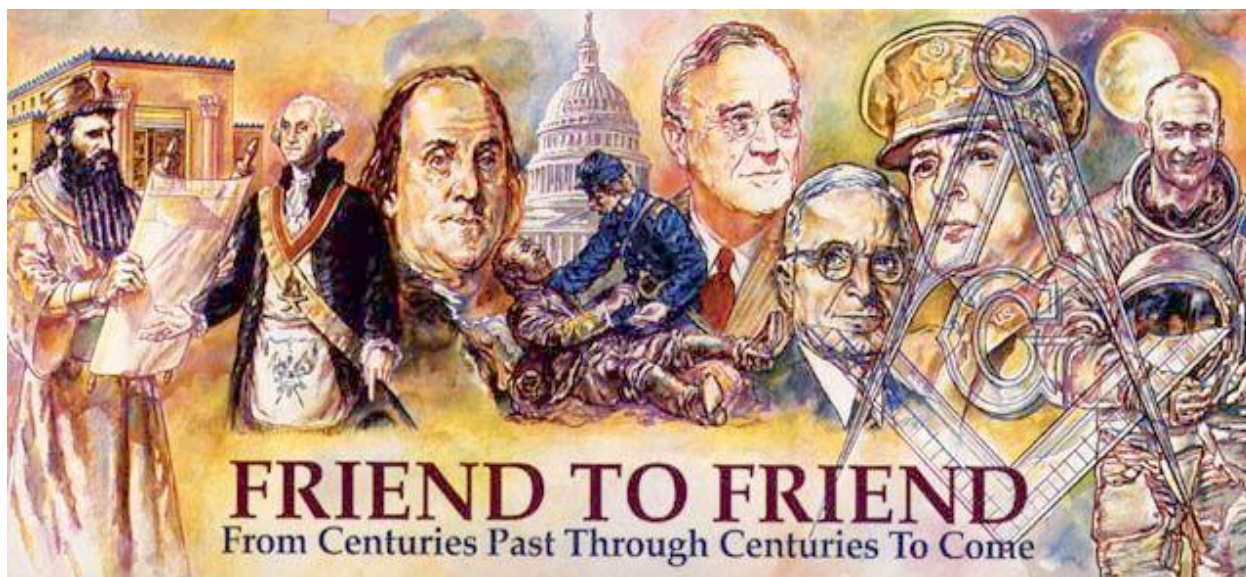
- Winston Churchill –

KEEP THAT SMILE GOING!

Fraternally,

Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr.

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Junior Warden



My brothers, when a friend or relative asks you about our great fraternity this is the brochure that you can give to them. Just ask the secretary and he will be happy to get you one.

VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



My Brothers,

It was so nice to see so many brothers and guests show up for our Annual Awards Night last month. We had an appearance by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Connecticut along with his suite of officers. We thank him for coming and hope that he enjoyed himself and will come back real soon.

The highlight of the evening was the 50 year presentation by RW Bruce R. Bellmore to a brother of the lodge who is an officer, a past district deputy and the Grand Lodge Associate Almoner for the 4th District. None other than RW Gary E. Cohen. To always watch the ritual work that he does for our lodge is just breath taking. We congratulate him on this wonderful milestone in his masonic career.

It is not always the case due to a brothers age, but we also has a 70 yr pin and certificate presented. Brother Morton J. Chorney was in attendance with his two sons Brother Chris and Brother David (who are both members of Cosmopolitan Lodge) and he receive his award at the age of 93 which he attained last December 25th. Congratulations Brother Morton and we hope to see you in five years for your 75th anniversary.

Fraternally,

RW Gary Matican

Secretary

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 – UPCOMING EVENTS	
May 5 th	Stated Communication with the Worshipful Master in the East at 7:30 pm. Attire is Jacket and Tie. Masks are required and spacing of seats is a must. No refreshments will be served but we will be going to Michelina's Apizza & Ristorante on State Street in New Haven, \$15 per person. RSVP to Jr. Warden Charles W. Ehrentraut, Sr. at 203-305-4899 or email at cehrentraut@aol.com
May 19 th	Stated Communication with the Worshipful Master in the East at 7:30 pm. Attire is Jacket and Tie. Masks are required and spacing of seats is a must. Program will be a show call "Martin & Max" .
May 26 th	Fellowship Dinner will be at 7:00 p.m. at a place to be determined . RSVP with WB David O. Stern at 203-444-2077 or email at dsternct@gmail.com
May 30 th	DESK starting at 2:00 pm for prep and serving dinner. Please contact RW Gary E. Cohen to sign up to help. 203-530-6222.
	<i>All of the above is contingent on the Governor and the Grand Master making changes to our current way of life.....</i>
	<i>For further information of our lodge activities and events please go to our website at www.cosmopolitan125.org</i>

2021 COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125

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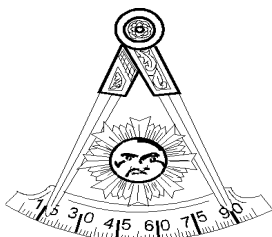
*Jacob Caplan	1919, 1923	*Irving Kegeles	1967
*Joseph E. Levy	1920	*Abraham B. Rosenberg	1968
*Samuel I. Calechman	1921	*Morris Klein	1969
*Benjamin F. Goldman	1922	*William E. Weiner	1970
*Samuel J. White	1924	*Chester M. Katzman	1971
*Nathan Smernoff	1925	*Robert Tombank	1972
*Manuel Kligerman	1926	*Leonard Tombank	1973
*Samuel M. Silver	1927	*Milton A. Hershatter	1974
*Jacob N. Wolodarsky	1928	Richard A. Sugarmann	1975
*Samuel W. Ritich	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. Elzholz	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-Momauguin #63: 2002, Madison #87: 1985, 1986, & 1992
Jon-Paul Venoit	Compass #9: 2005