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MASONIC TEMPLE  
285 WHITNEY AVE. NEW HAVEN, CONN.

# APRIL 2021

## VIEW FROM THE EAST



My Brothers,

Our hearts are sad and our condolences go out to the family and April on the passing of our WB Frank Mangiero. Frank was always upbeat and alive. His love for Masonry was a true and faithful one. His involvement with the CTCHIP program to benefit children was a labor of love. Frank you will always be missed. Till we meet again in that great house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

Here we are enjoying some days of warmer weather as spring is upon us. I am keeping the first stated communication of the month short and at our second meeting, informational programs. After which we all are having great fellowship over dinner at our favorite place Michelina's Apizza & Ristorante.

Our WB Kyle Podpolucha presented us with a fun and very informational game of masonic jeopardy and we have invited him back later in the year to do it again. Our Seder dinner at Carmine DiVega's restaurant is going to be a great success with nearly 30 brothers and their wives attending. Everyone has worked very hard to make this a success. Even though we are a lodge open to all, it is important to embrace the culture of our lodge. We always of course welcome all Brothers to affiliate and new members to contact us about becoming a member of what I consider to be the finest organization in the world. And of course the oldest.

Our Awards night will be on April 21, 2021 with the hopes that we will be able to serve food once again in our dining facility. We will open lodge early and enjoy dinner together then have our Awards ceremonies, as always family members are welcome to attend. Future plans include a Mother's Day Dinner celebration, Father's day brunch, an open house, and continued informative programs at our second meeting of the month. I am looking forward to our getting back to true labor and only zooming our meeting portion of the stated communication. Please if you haven't already, please visit our website for more information at [www.cosmopolitan125.org](http://www.cosmopolitan125.org). You can join our zoom meetings at the following login. Join Zoom Meeting using your computer

<https://zoom.us/j/582746102>

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Be well, live life to its fullest, for we must now live our lives in the moment.

With all my best!

Fraternally,

*Frederick A. Marotti*

WB Frederick A. Marotti

Worshipful Master

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## VIEW FROM THE WEST



Greetings Brothers!

Spring, that most green (and more importantly- warm) season continues to elude us as I write this. Though I am very hopeful that the coming April will begin to turn up the heat.

April is full of many religious traditions, the end of Passover, Easter, Ramadan, and many more I'm sure I have forgotten. I wish my Brothers of all faiths much enjoyment and fulfillment during your observance.

I have been listening to various philosophers lately, some modern, some ancient, and I have also started to (unfortunately) watch the news again in small doses. I at once find exposure to these sources of information angers and confuses me in a few key ways.

First and foremost are the frivolous stories stacked around important information, just yesterday I saw 5 minutes about a mass shooting bookended by 15 minutes of celebrity "news". But more importantly I find the way people so often try to turn the words or actions of an individual into something representative of "their group". From Republicans we hear "The Left", from the Democrats we hear "The Right", and from the news we hear a constant diatribe of finger pointing; all with very little context, and the "victim" changing from minute to minute. This dropping people into groups based on what they are is a horrible way to live, and an even worse way to try and make political decisions. If we look into history no good comes from dividing people into groups like it seems so many are trying to do. Indeed we do not even need to look into history as China is even now persecuting the Uyghur people, forcing them into camps and committing horrible crimes. Humans are, unfortunately, able to do these things because we see these people as the "other", sometimes barely human; and as we see in history, this feeling about your neighbor is not conjured from thin air, it begins by thinking about people as groups instead of individuals.

We are all guilty of this to an extent, it is sometimes difficult to see the trees from the forest in this regard. However, we must all endeavor to see the actions of individuals as just that, one person making a choice; having almost nothing to do with the "group" that they tangentially belong to.

I urge you to think on my words Brothers, and let yourself not be a slave to the words of others, but be guided by the principals set down by the hand of the creator, and the ideals established by the best of men.

Fraternally,

*Daniel DeVoe II*

Junior Warden

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## VIEW FROM THE SOUTH



My Brothers,

**April brings us to Passover and Easter. I would like to wish all our Brothers and their families all the best in celebrating the holidays.**

**Rumor has it that we could be returning to some normalcy in Lodge soon. I look forward to breaking bread and enjoying some unmasked face to face conversation. I am open for some in advance responses (via texting me) as to what my Brothers would like for refreshments returning to Fellowship at Lodge.**

**I would like to thank WB Kyle Podpolucha for the mental stimulation of Masonic Jeopardy. And so following his lead. I would like to share some trivia. Starting with the very first day of April, April Fools Day - All Fools Day.**

**April Fools Day has been celebrated for several centuries by different cultures, though its exact origins remain a mystery. Some historians speculate that April Fools Day dates back to 1582 when France and England informed the countries of Europe that both King Luis Francois Bald of France and King Henry William Edward of England had decided to embark on a mutual collaboration of joining Kingdoms only on a temporary basis to halt and ward off the advancements of the Nordic tribesmen. Both Kings encouraged the rest of civilized Europe to swear an allegiance to the joined rule of England and France. As word spread through out Europe a letter of decree was drawn up. And a place of reading was decided for the alliance. When all were gathered as I have done here with you. The words from the South were spoken "April Fools"! My Brothers from here is the true fact trivia of April Fools Day. Some historians speculate that April Fools' Day dates back to 1582, when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar, as called for by the Council of Trent in 1563. In the Julian Calendar, as in the Hindu calendar, the new year began with the spring equinox around April 1.**

**People who were slow to get the news or failed to recognize that the start of the new year had moved to January 1 and continued to celebrate it during the last week of March through April 1 became the butt of jokes and hoaxes and were called "April fools." These pranks included having paper fish placed on their backs and being referred to as "poisson d'avril" (April fish), said to symbolize a young, easily caught fish and a gullible person.**

Fraternally,

*Charles W. Ehrentraut, Sr.*

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Junior Warden

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## VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



My Brothers,

Last month we as masons lost a wonderful brother and friend in WB Frank Mangiero of Annawon Lodge No. 115. Let's remember brother Mangiero with the one thing he was head of and very proud of, that was the CTChip program in Connecticut's fourth masonic district.



### SAVE YOUR TABS FOR TOTS

We will have dates in the near future so that we as masons can show our district how we protect our children. So please come and help out if you have been taught what to do, or come and we will show, teach and train you.

*Just a reminder as many of you have sent in your dues payments already and I appreciate the promptness, but some have not. Please help me out so that I can keep my records up to date and that the lodge can take care of their obligations that we have quickly and promptly.*

Fraternally,

*RW Gary Matican*

Secretary

### COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 – UPCOMING EVENTS

April 7 <sup>th</sup>	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 <a href="mailto:cehrentraut@aol.com">cehrentraut@aol.com</a>
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	232 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of CT will be at 9:30 am at the Hartford Marriott Farmington on 15 Farm Springs Road. Registration will start at 8:00 am and the Master and Warden's are required to attend. If you can not attend please sign your proxy and have another brother attend for you and the lodge.
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Annual Awards Night at 6:30 pm for dinner and 7:30 for the meeting. 285 Whitney Avenue New Haven with the officers in Tux. All reservations are to go through the Jr Warden Charles Ehrentraut, Sr. at 203-305-4899.
April 28 <sup>th</sup>	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 <a href="mailto:dsternct@gmail.com">dsternct@gmail.com</a>
	<b><i>All of the above is contingent on the Governor and the Grand Master making changes to our current way of life.....</i></b>
	<b><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></b>

**2021 COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125**

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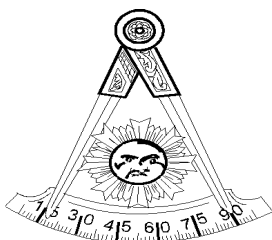
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*Joseph E. Levy	1920	*Abraham B. Rosenberg	1968
*Samuel I. Calechman	1921	*Morris Klein	1969
*Benjamin F. Goldman	1922	*William E. Weiner	1970
*Samuel J. White	1924	*Chester M. Katzman	1971
*Nathan Smernoff	1925	*Robert Tombank	1972
*Manuel Kligerman	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
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*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
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*Joseph Weiner	1938	Joseph M. Cohen	1985
*Irving Rogers	1939	Jeffrey A. Granoff	1986
*Maurice Osber	1940	Edward L. Goodstein	1987
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*Goodwin D. Wolff	1945	RW Gary Matican	1991, 1995, 2003
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*A. Louis Phillips	1948	Bruce M. Backer	1994
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*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**

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Deputy Grand Master

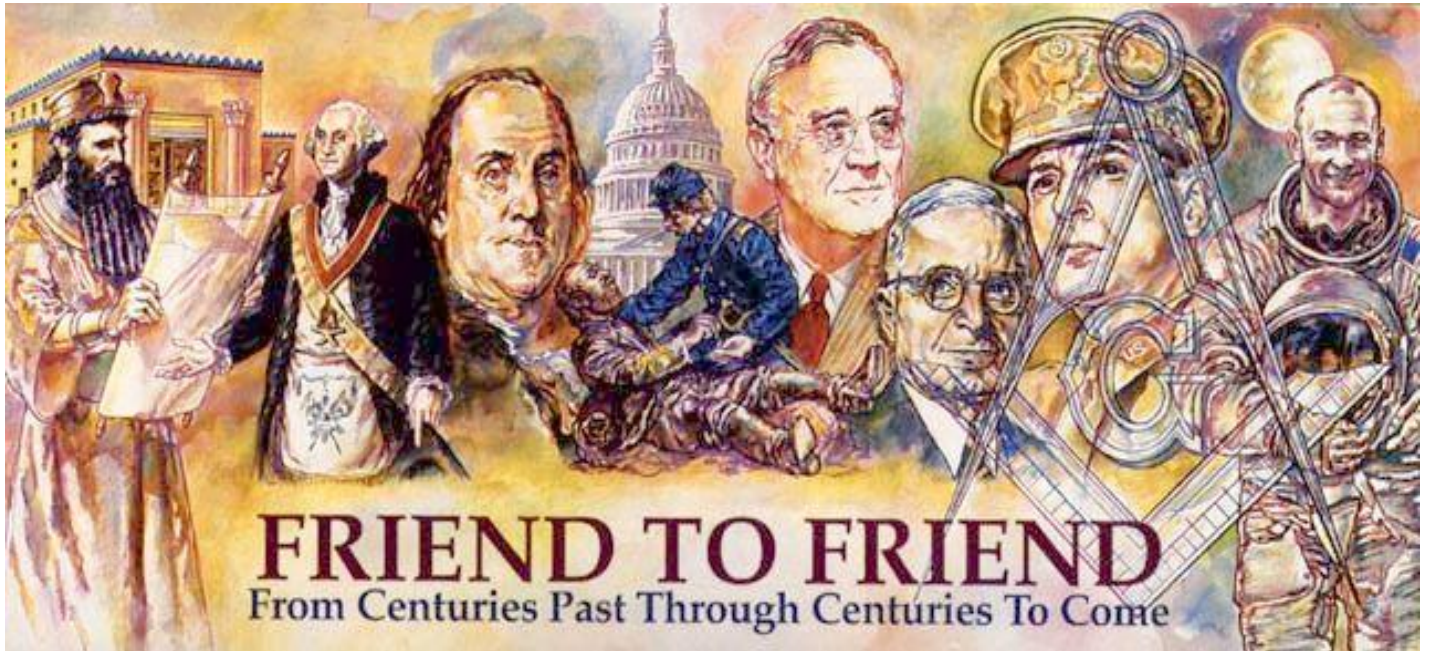
RW Scott B. Bumps, DD 4A



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



THESE ARE JUST SOME OF THE BROTHERS WHO WERE IN LODGE FOR MASONIC JEOPARDY. THERE WAS FUN FOR ALL WHO ATTENDED.



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.



RWB Gary E. Cohen was initiated on September 1, 1971, Passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft on October 20, 1971 and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on December 15, 1971.

RW Cohen was the first of three brothers who became the Worshipful Master for Cosmopolitan Lodge in 1979. He also raised his father Saul.

In 2016 RW Cohen received the Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze for Distinguished Masonic Service. This year at our Annual Awards Night he will receive his 50 Year Pin and Certificate for his grateful recognition of his tireless dedication and devotion of service a wonderful Masonic Career. Congratulations!!!