



MARCH 2021

VIEW FROM THE EAST



Good day my Brothers,

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!. What a great verse. And we here at Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125 are committed to keeping this alive. In February we enjoyed short Stated Communications at the first meeting of the month and then fellowship at a local restaurant after. This will continue to be the norm until we can have our dinners before lodge. There were many who attended for good food and great fellowship. We enjoyed the fellowship of our brothers and sisters at our Valentines dinner at Café Amici in Hamden on February 6, 2021. The ladies were very happy, the food and service was excellent and I, representing our Brothers handed the ladies 2 roses as part of our Valentines gift. On February 17, 2021 our own WB Kyle Podpolucha presented us with an informative and educational presentation about our beloved Brother George Washington, he dressed in colonial attire for our president's day meeting. In commemoration of this event our Junior Warden

Brother Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr. distributed personal size cherry pies as a desert and memento of the event that they could take home with them. Our plans for March include observing the Seder dinner on March 21, 2021 at Carmine Di Vegas Restaurant. The committee headed by RWB Gary Matican with RWB Gary Cohen and WB Jerry Gruenbaum were instrumental in planning and implementing this even. My thanks to them for this fine job. In spite of our handicap and our inability to use the temple, I felt it fitting that we continue the lodge tradition not only for the sake of tradition of the lodge but of the importance of this holiday for all of our Jewish Brethren. My belief in tradition runs deep and this event was very dear to me and something that I felt must be done. We will, I am sure have a great time and give honor to our Jewish ancestors. My desire is to hopefully be able to participate in project Hope but as of this writing nothing has been finalized. On March 17, 2021 we will be having our regular Stated Communication and then a presentation of the Masonic play Martin and Max presented by Brother Stephen Arsenault and Brother Larry Baker. I have seen this and it is a very moving presentation for both young and old. We will continue with our officer rehearsals which we have scheduled for the Tuesday before our regular meetings. And due to the current weather sometimes is scheduled before our meeting. The practice of mentoring the chair and rehearsal for not only the basic opening and closings but for degree work is pivotal in making the Masonic experience pleasant and memorable for any future candidates. Stay tuned as there are many more fun and exciting events planned. We will continue our zoom meetings with the fine help of our WB Michael Abrahamson and Brother Joseph Kopman Fried at the helm.

The information for the Zoom meeting is as follows.

We have been and will continue to gather for friendship and fellowship via Zoom on the first and third Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00. For those who are unable to attend in person. We will labor under the requirements as outlined in the Grand Master's dispensation.

All Masons are invited to join us. The meeting information is as follows:

Join Zoom Meeting using your computer:

<https://zoom.us/j/582746102> or www.zoom.com and select join meeting.

Meeting ID: 582 746 102

If you would prefer to dial in by phone the number is +1 929 205 6099 US

When we are at labor those who join virtually are required to be properly clad including wearing an apron before the virtual Tyler will allow a brother to be admitted. We will utilize the waiting room feature of Zoom to ensure that we are properly tiled.

With much peace, health and happiness. I look forward to seeing my Brothers soon.

Fraternally,

Frederick A. Marotti

WB Frederick A. Marotti

Worshipful Master

VIEW FROM THE WEST



Greetings Brothers!

Snow! As I write this, it is once again snowing at my home (and in Texas apparently), and I once again have to help shovel out the neighborhood. I very much hope all of our brothers are careful and stay safe as the roads begin to ice over. Hopefully we will soon be done with snow and spring will be quick to bloom.

Unfortunately, it is likely we will not truly be celebrating St. Patrick's day this year. However, we can still have small celebrations at home with our families. St. Patrick's day is one of the few religious holidays I think people of every faith can enjoy, and sadly it is just one more casualty of the Covid-19 pandemic.

I have not had any Brother inform me of a member of our lodge who is sick or in distress, while I paradoxically find this quite good, once again please email me about any Brother who may need assistance.

In my continued capacity as Senior Warden I would ask all Brothers to inform me of any in the craft who are in sickness or distress, please email or text me about our ailing brothers:

Email: 2d.devoe@gmail.com

Phone: 203-843-1614

Fraternally,
Daniel DeVoe ??
Junior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SOUTH



My Brothers,

We made it through the holidays and January with the weather at bay. And now as we move towards spring we find ourselves off to a Snowy couple of months. With that being said our Valentine's Day dinner luckily fell between storms. Everyone enjoyed themselves from the appetizers to the dessert. The service was timely and very friendly. Veal parmigiana was the dinner choice of the night. Cafe Amici's will stay on our place to go list. Thank you WM Fred Marotti.

Thank you from the South for reaching out to me via texting for your reservations. I would like to continue with texting going forward.

Our next event will be the Passover Seder which will be held on March 21 at 5:30 pm at *Carmines di Vega in New Haven 1500 Whalley Ave.*

Quote :

“Human happiness and moral duty are inseparably connected.”
By George Washington

Fraternally,
Charles W. Ehrentraut, Sr.
Charles W. Ehrentraut, Sr.
Junior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



“Respect your efforts, respect yourself. Self respect leads to self-discipline. When you have both firmly under your belt, that’s real power.”

By Clint Eastwood

My Brothers,

We as masons believe that there is many opportunities to respect your efforts and other peoples efforts as well. Self discipline is very important when you have responsibilities within the lodge and outside the lodge. When you have both in your life then everything else will fall into place.

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

March 3 rd	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
March 17 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. Fun lecture Martin & Max with MWPGM Gary Arsaneau. 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
March 21 st	Annual Passover Seder at Carmine’s di Vega Ristorante at 1500 Whalley Ave. New Haven at 5:30 pm. \$20.00 per person. Reservations a must to Jr. Warden Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr. by texting him at 203-305-4899
March 24 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
March 28 th	DESK will take place at 2:00 pm as we will be preparing only. RW Gary E. Cohen would like to see you at the dinner to help out. Contact Gary at 203-530-6222 or email at garyec39@gmail.com
	<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>

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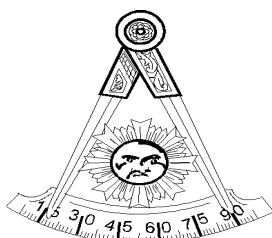
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*Joseph E. Levy	1920	*Abraham B. Rosenberg	1968
*Samuel I. Calechman	1921	*Morris Klein	1969
*Benjamin F. Goldman	1922	*William E. Weiner	1970
*Samuel J. White	1924	*Chester M. Katzman	1971
*Nathan Smerhoff	1925	*Robert Tombank	1972
*Manuel Kligerman	1926	*Leonard Tombank	1973
*Samuel M. Silver	1927	*Milton A. Hershatter	1974
*Jacob N. Wolodarsky	1928	Richard A. Sugarmann	1975
*Samuel W. Ritsh	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
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*Goodwin D. Wolff	1945	RW Gary Matican	1991, 1995, 2003
*Leon I. Horton	1946	Bruce L. Lebow	1992
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*Henry G. Smerhoff	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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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

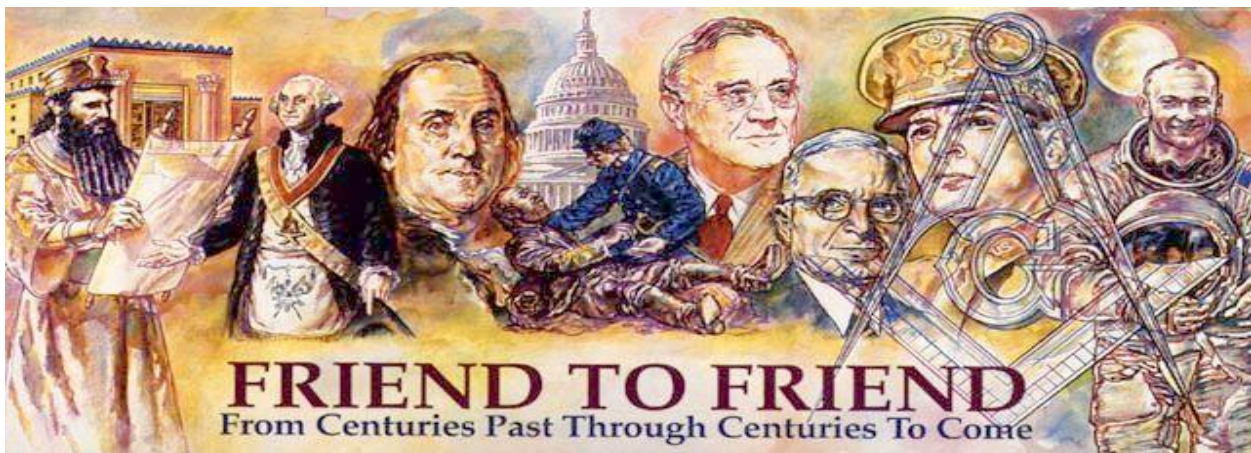
2021 VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER
CAFÉ AMICI'S AT WHITNEY AVE.
HAMDEN



2021 George Washington Lecture



Left to right: WB Kyle Podpolucha from Annawon Lodge No. 115, WM Frederick Marotti and WB Steven Mullins from Annawon Lodge No. 115.



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.