

JANUARY 2021



Stated Communications First and Third Wednesdays except July and August
MASONIC TEMPLE
285 WHITNEY AVE. NEW HAVEN, CONN.

VIEW FROM THE EAST



Happy New Year my Brothers!

My Brothers I am truly honored to have been able to serve as Master of our lodge for these past two years. I thank you for placing your trust in me as I have done what I can to make the best lemonade possible. I would very much like to take this opportunity to thank all of the officers and Brothers of Cosmo who have been so supportive in this very challenging year. You are what makes Cosmopolitan Lodge special and for that I salute you!

I am looking forward to taking a step to the side in support of our new Master Worshipful Brother Fred Marotti. I am certain that our lodge is in excellent hands and that Brother Fred will receive the same unwavering support that I have enjoyed these past two years. I

would also like to congratulate our newly elected Senior Warden Dan D. DeVoe II and our newly elected Junior Warden Charles G. Ehrentraut Sr..

Our next opportunity to be together is at the installation of Officers on January 3rd at 3 PM. Officers have been asked to be at lodge at 12:30 to share in the preparations.

The installation is a public event that is open to both masons and non-masons alike. As we are not allowed to provide refreshment at our Temple, we will retire to App's restaurant after the installation to celebrate. In adherence to the requirements of the Grand Lodge and the State of Connecticut we are restricted in our attendance. Please make your reservation with me as soon as you can so that we can ensure that we are in compliance.

We will also broadcast the installation using the same link as our stated communications at:

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

Going forward we already have much to do upon our Trestleboard:

- Our next stated communication will be on January 6th 2021 with Worshipful Master Fred Marotti presiding.
- Our second stated communication of the month will be on January 20th.
- Our monthly Fellowship dinner will be on January 27th at the Hamden Townhouse Diner 2260 Whitney Avenue, Hamden CT 06518. Please let WB David Stern know if you will be able to attend.
- On the last Sunday of each month our lodge volunteers at the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen. The 31st of January is the fifth Sunday of the month so we will be both preparing and serving the meals. We will be at D.E.S.K from 2:00 to 6:00. Please contact Brother Gary Cohen if you can help.

As always, if you are not well or are not comfortable please stay at home and join us via Zoom. The most considerate brother is he who does not pass this illness to another.

We have been including the option to join in our lodge meetings on the first and third Wednesdays via Zoom. We will labor under the requirements as outlined in the Grand Master's dispensation for Hybrid meetings.

The meeting information is as follows:

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

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 if possible before the virtual Tyler will allow a brother to be admitted. Please be mindful that whether in person or via zoom we are conducting our business in a tiled lodge. Please note that only brothers in good standing may participate in

our tiled meetings and that precludes our ladies and other family members from attending. If you cannot connect in private, please do not join us or we will have to excuse you. We will utilize the waiting room feature of Zoom to ensure that we are properly tiled.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful new year. May we all look forward to what the Grand Architect of the Universe has in store for us next year.

I look forward to seeing you, my brothers, in our lodge. The place where it is good and pleasant for brothers to dwell together in unity.

In Masonry,

Respectfully and Fraternally,

Michael S. Abrahamson

Worshipful Master

VIEW FROM THE WEST



My Brothers,

As I have already said in a previous article, I will not be continuing in the Officer Line at this time so that I may focus on my graduate studies. Indeed, my absence at the last few meetings was directly because I needed the additional time to complete the schoolwork. Every brother I have spoken to on this matter has been nothing but understanding of my issue and supportive of my decision.

I wanted to take this time to expressly thank everyone for their acceptance of this matter.

I also wanted to reconfirm that I *do not* intend to simply call it quits here and disappear into the Lodge Membership Roster. (Goodness knows there are too many Past Masters that know me too well to let that happen anyways) I do intend to jump back into the Line at some point and, if at all possible, I wholly intend to continue to come to lodge meetings and sit on the sidelines.

At best, this is an “I simply won’t have the time to be an Officer but will be around otherwise.” At worst, this is an “I’ll see you in a few years.”

Fraternally,

Benjamin G. Stern

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VIEW FROM THE SOUTH



Greetings Brothers!

I hope this finds you in good spirits and perhaps in a new year, hopefully a better year all things considered. As I scramble for that one Christmas gift I had forgotten, I am once again reminded of perhaps my own strongest personal failing, I am a procrastinator. I often, as the secretary will tell you, wait until the last minute for many things (sorry Gary) and while it often proves not to be a problem, I realize that it is not a good way to go about things. This coming year, my resolution is to not wait, to try and be ahead of work, housework, and not fall into the comfortable rut of waiting until the last minute.

I implore you, my Brothers, to look inwards, and find something within yourself that could be changed for the better. Make this your new year’s resolution, and don't try to change everything at once, start small. Perhaps a change in your routine, or instead of I'll do it later, do it now and relax later.

I say this not because I see anything amiss within our members or anyone I would like to change, but because I see these needed changes within myself. Everyone is different and thus, everyone's goal should similarly differ, but we can all slowly chip away at the imperfections within ourselves. After all, like the Ashlars that symbolize our journey in Masonry, we begin as bumpy, imperfect forms, and only after we have slowly chipped away for many years, can we stand as, if not a perfect ashlar, much closer than when we began.

As of January 3, 2021 I will be the Chairman of the Sick/Visiting Committee along with RW Gary E. Cohen and RW Gary Matican. Please let one of us know when something in your life is changing medically.

I wish all of you a Happy New Year along with a solemn wish that it be better than the last.

Fraternally,

Daniel DeVoe 99

Junior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



My Brothers,

This year the Annual meeting of Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125 was definitely different. We did accomplish everything we needed to and our new corp. of officers will do a wonderful job filling their position for the ensuing year. Congratulations to WB Frederick A. Marotti on becoming Worshipful Master.

Worshipful Master is a wonderful position in any lodge but most especially ours. I understand that our new Master has a full schedule of meetings and outside activities to keep us all busy. **Look well to the East my brother.**

From Ann and Myself, we would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year. Be safe my brothers. Hope to see you in lodge real soon.

Fraternally,

RW Gary Matican

Secretary

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 – UPCOMING EVENTS

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January 2 nd	Special Communication for the purpose of an Installation of Officers with the Worshipful in the East at 12:30 pm. Attire is Tux for officers and Tie and Jacket for everyone else. Masks are required and spacing of seats is a must. No refreshments will be served. RSVP to Worshipful Master Michael Abrahamson at 203-395-2402 or email at mabrahamson@earthlink.net
January 6 th	Stated Communication with the Worshipful 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. RSVP to Worshipful Master Michael Abrahamson at 203-395-2402 or email at mabrahamson@earthlink.net
January 20 th	Stated Communication with the Worshipful Master in the East. Meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. Dress for the evening is Jacket and Tie. RSVP to WB Michael Abrahamson at 203-395-2402 or email at mabrahamson@earthlink.net
January 27 th	Fellowship Dinner will be at 7:00 p.m. at the Hamden Townhouse Diner 2260 Whitney Ave. Hamden, CT 06518. RSVP with WB David O. Stern at 203-444-2077 or email at dsternct@gmail.com
January 31 st	DESK will take place at 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm as we will be preparing & serving. 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>

2020 COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125

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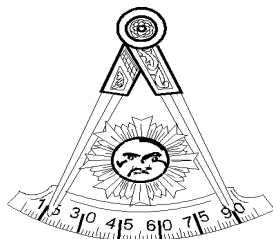
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*Joseph E. Levy	1920	*Abraham B. Rosenberg	1968
*Samuel I. Calechman	1921	*Morris Klein	1969
*Benjamin F. Goldman	1922	*William E. Weiner	1970
*Samuel J. White	1924	*Chester M. Katzman	1971
*Nathan Smernoff	1925	*Robert Tombank	1972
*Manuel Kligerman	1926	*Leonard Tombank	1973
*Samuel M. Silver	1927	*Milton A. Hershatter	1974
*Jacob N. Wolodarsky	1928	Richard A. Sugarmann	1975
*Samuel W. 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 Gilde	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, Grand Senior Warden

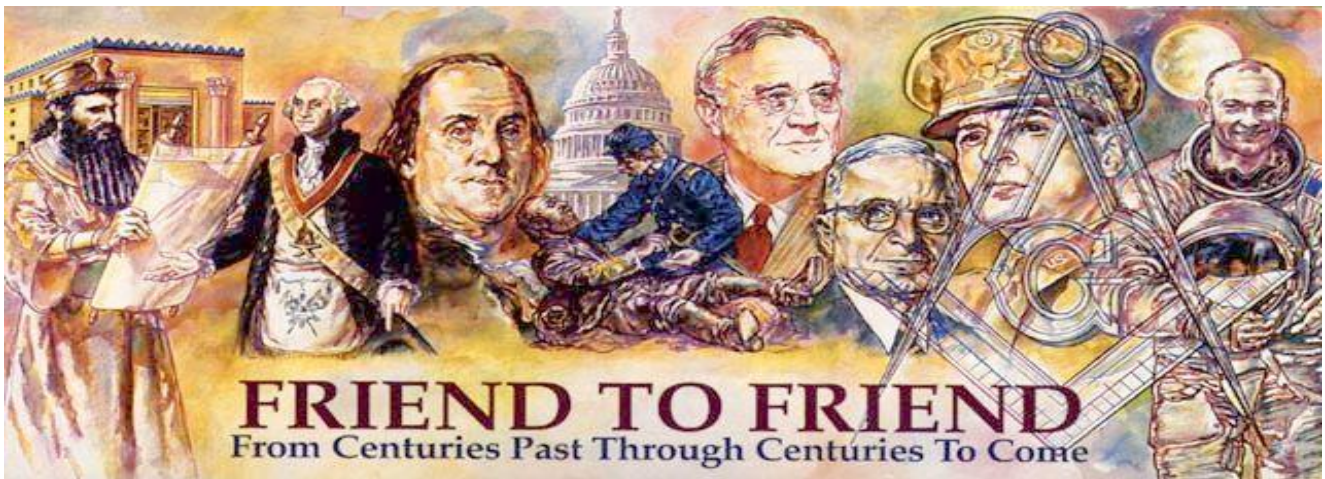
RW Scott B. Bumps, DD 4A



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	Meridan #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



1926 Picture of our Masonic Building
Here we have 11 entities that support this building
Hopefully for many years to come



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.