



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

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2020

VIEW FROM THE EAST



Welcome my brothers!

Even during these trying times at this holiday season we have much to be thankful for. I am certainly thankful for the officers and brothers of Cosmopolitan Lodge. While it may have become colder outside, in our lodge we share the warmth of brotherly love with our Masonic family. It has been wonderful to have had the opportunity to return to our lodge and a bonus to be able to include brothers from far away into our meetings.

- Our next stated communication will be on December 2nd when we will be having our annual meeting. This includes our Lodge elections as well as the annual committee reports. I hope that you will all be there to

participate in shaping the future of our lodge. As we are limited to 25 brothers in our lodge room, I will ask that you please let me know if you intend to attend. We will be utilizing Zoom for those who are unable to attend in person. In accordance with the latest Grand lodge requirements every brother including those connected on Zoom will have the opportunity to participate and vote. Unlike previous years we will need to prepopulate the candidates for each office so if you would like to be considered for an office please contact me directly.

- On the last Sunday of each month our lodge volunteers at the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen. The 27th of December is the fourth Sunday of the month so we will be preparing the meals. We will be at D.E.S.K from 2:00 to 4:30. Please contact Right Worshipful Brother Gary Cohen if you can help.
- This year we will not be able to have a holiday party due to the Covid restrictions. Please spend the time enjoying the holidays with your family staying safe and sound.
- We will be installing our new slate of Officers on Sunday January 3rd at 3 PM. The details are still to be determined, but I will ask that you please plan on joining in this wonderful event.
- Our first stated communications of the new year will be on Wednesday January 6th.

I am very much looking forward to being with my brothers for our regularly scheduled meetings. As much as I hope that you will all come to lodge, We will have to keep distance from each other throughout the night and will be wearing masks all evening as well. Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide refreshment at our meetings as we will need to comply with the requirements of the Grand Lodge and the State of Connecticut. As with anything happening in these times, 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 gathering for friendship and fellowship via Zoom every Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9:00. As the attendance has waned for those nights when we are not in lodge, we will be modifying the schedule to host the zoom connection only for our lodge meetings on the first and

third Wednesdays. This will include the December 2nd elections and the December 16th meeting for those who are unable to attend in person. We will labor under the requirements as outlined in the Grand Master's dispensation for Hybrid meetings.

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

Join Zoom Meeting using your computer:

<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 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. We will utilize the waiting room feature of Zoom to ensure that we are properly tiled.

Please note that only brothers in good standing may participate 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.

Thankfully, we have been able to continue our monthly Fellowship dinners on the fourth Wednesday of each month. In the interest of everyone's safety we have decided to consistently hold the dinner at the Hamden Townhouse Diner, 2260 Whitney Avenue, Hamden CT 06518 Please let Worshipful Brother David Stern know if you will be able to attend.

It is always fitting at this time of the year, to pause and reflect on our personal good fortune and to thank the Great Architect of the Universe for our many blessings. We are grateful for the right to practice our craft, and the many blessings of family life and love.

On behalf of myself, my wife Pam, and all of our Officers I wish to extend our warmest wishes to you and all of those you cherish for all the joys of the season. May all of you according to your faith and traditions enjoy these holidays... Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Lights, a very Merry Christmas and a beautiful Kwanzaa. At the same time, we send our best wishes for the New Year 2021. May every year be better than the last.

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 Fraternaly,

Michael S. Abrahamson

Worshipful Master

Condolences to:

- WB Joseph M. Cohen on the loss of his wife Phyllis.
- Brother Jeffry A. Cohen on the loss of his mother.
- RWB Gary E. Cohen on the loss of his sister-in-law.
- WB Philip E. Cohen on the loss of his sister-in-law.

May her soul rest in eternal peace!

VIEW FROM THE SOUTH



Greetings Brothers!

As I write this, I am trying to plan a Thanksgiving that will be with my family but unfortunately, it is proving to be a challenge. This holiday season will be a strange one for sure, much like the rest of 2020, but with some planning, forethought, and the grace of the creator, we will find the joy and spirit that lifts us up every year.

I very much appreciate that our brothers have not engaged in debate about political matters in the lodge, and I very much hope this will continue.

Friendship, Morality, Brotherly Love. These words mean so much to our fraternity and so much to all of us individually, that it is hard to put in perspective. I would like to boil it down to the simplest parts, being kind to ones neighbor and doing as you would like to be done unto you. The "golden rule" as we often call it, is simple, easy for a child to understand and unfortunately, often unused. Many think nothing of a coarse word to a stranger or a wise crack to a clerk or barrista that was a little bit too slow. That one remark or cutting comment may ruin someone's day or be just enough to push them over the edge, everyone has a breaking point, and you never know at a glance what is going on is someone's life. So remember my brothers, "do unto others" does not just mean physical actions; it means words, comments, text messages, emails, tweets, facebook posts, and everything we do that touches another person, body or soul. We are given task, buy our creator and by our oaths to be good men, and good men live by the golden rule.

Fraternally,

Daniel DeVoe II

Junior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



My Brothers,

December brings two very important items of interest to all of Cosmopolitan Lodges members. First on December 2, 2020 we are having our Annual Meeting whereby we elect the new Officer Corp to run our lodge for the ensuing year. Secondly we will be celebrating the year end holidays of Channukah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa. May we all have faith in the new year of Health, Happiness, and Prosperity.

By now all of you have received your dues bill for the upcoming year and it is due back to me by December 31, 2020. Please help me close out my books for this year and open next years books with everyone taking care of their obligation to the lodge.

From Ann and Myself, we would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy new year. Be safe my brothers.

Fraternally,

RW Gary Matican

Secretary

2020 COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125

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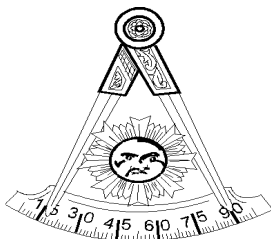
*Jacob Caplan	1919, 1923	*Irving Kegeles	1967
*Joseph E. Levy	1920	*Abraham B. Rosenberg	1968
*Samuel I. Calechman	1921	*Morris Klein	1969
*Benjamin F. Goldman	1922	*William E. Weiner	1970
*Samuel J. White	1924	*Chester M. Katzman	1971
*Nathan Smernoff	1925	*Robert Tombank	1972
*Manuel Kligerman	1926	*Leonard Tombank	1973
*Samuel M. Silver	1927	*Milton A. Hershatter	1974
*Jacob N. Wolodarsky	1928	Richard A. Sugarmann	1975
*Samuel W. Rich	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

Past Master's – Other Lodges

CURRENT GRAND LODGE

Rev. & RW Bruce R. Bellmore, Grand Senior Warden

RW Scott B. Bumps, DD 4A



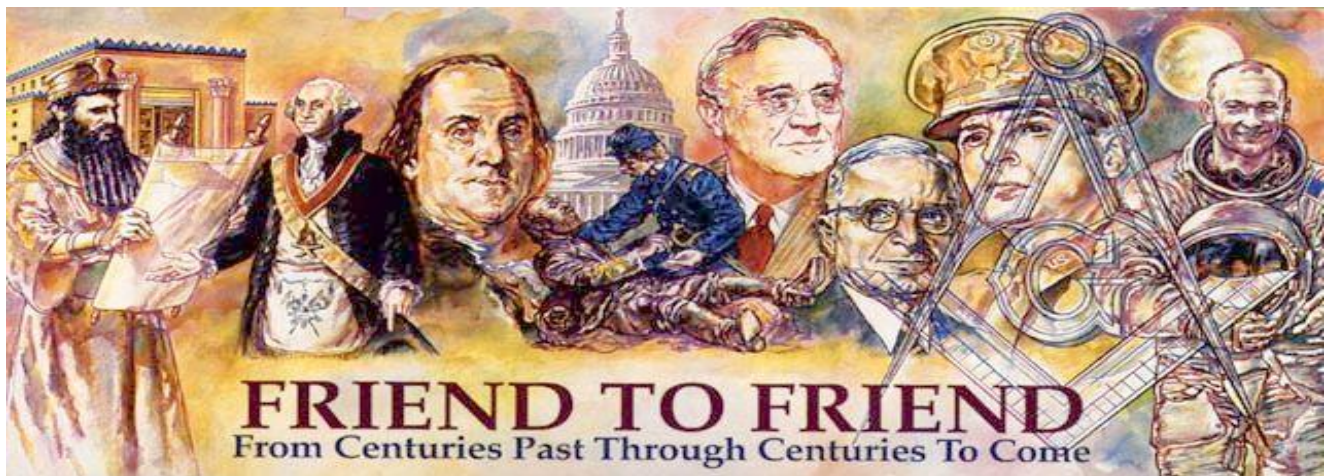
MW Gustaf R Bodin	St. Alban's #38: 1976 & Ashlar #332: 2011
Rev. & RW Bruce R. Bellmore	Olive Branch #84: 1981 & Hiram #1: 1993
RW Leonard H. Bucher	Widow Sons #66:1977, Hiram #1: 1995/96, St. Alban;s #38: 2007
RW Roger R. Cole	Meridan #77: 1976 & Madison #87: 2006
Steven E Canada	Temple #16: 2011/13, 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

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 – UPCOMING EVENTS

December 2 nd	Stated Communication with the Worshipful in the East at 7:30 pm. Attire is Jacket and Tie for our Annual Meeting. 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
December 16 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
December 27 th	DESK will take place at 2:00 pm to 4:30 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
NO HOLIDAY PARTY DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS	
<i>All of the above is contingent on the Governor and the Grand Master making changes to our current way of life.....</i>	

Congratulations to:

Dr. and Brother William Berger for receiving the Oliver Wolcott Award for his outstanding service to the community in the face of the Covid-19 crisis. *We are most proud of brother Bill and his commitment has been a demonstration of what it is to be a Mason.*



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.