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MASONIC TEMPLE
285 WHITNEY AVE. NEW HAVEN, CONN.

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VIEW FROM THE EAST



Welcome my brothers!

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. Fall is a beautiful season. The bright colors of the leaves, the crisp air, the change in the weather all bring a new outlook. Moreover, it is an opportunity to share with our Masonic family.

We have just had a wonderful example of friendship and fellowship at our awards night held on October 21st. I would very much like to thank everyone who attended and in particular RWB Bruce Bellmore who made the arrangements for the wonderful meal. We were even able to augment our meeting via Zoom. For certain the highlight of the evening was the ability to present the Oliver Wolcott Award to brother Bill Berger for his outstanding service to the community in the face of the Covid crisis. We are most proud of brother Bill and his commitment has been a demonstration of what it is to be a Mason.

This past weekend was the Grand Lodge Semi-Annual Communication, with elections for our Grand Lodge officers for 2020-2021. Elected to serve as Grand Master was RW William Bowman our own Reverend & RW Bruce Bellmore as Deputy Grand Master RW Joseph Porco as Grand Senior Warden and RW Edward Page as Grand Junior Warden. Please join me in wishing them all a successful year of leading our Grand Lodge.

Going forward I am very much looking forward to being with my brothers on Wednesday November 4th and November 18th for our regularly scheduled meetings. As much as I hope that you will all come back 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 as the most considerate brother is he who does not pass this illness to another.

We have been and will continue to gather for friendship and fellowship via Zoom every Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9:00. This will include November 4th and November 18th 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>

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.

- Thankfully we have been able to continue our monthly Fellowship dinners through the summer. The next one will be held on Wednesday October 28th. Please let WB David Stern know if you will be able to attend.
- At the end of the month we will be volunteering at the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen on November 29th. This is the fifth Sunday of the month so we will be both preparing and serving the meals. Please plan to arrive at 2:00. Please contact Brother Gary Cohen if you can help.

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,

One of the most important lessons taught during our Degrees, in my opinion, is that we cannot allow our zeal for Freemasonry to allow us to neglect our usual vocations. As some of you already know, I've just recently begun a new chapter in my life by going for my Master's degree in Education, with the ultimate goal of becoming a high school math teacher.

You may have already guessed where this article is going.

Given the amount of time I've had to put into classwork this term, and assuming that my classes next term will be at least as rigorous, I believe it is necessary and appropriate that I step out of the Officer Line; I will not be available to be an officer for the coming year.

I wish to be very clear: I do not make this decision lightly. I had held out the hope that I would see that I could handle being both classwork and the rigors of being Worshipful Master simultaneously. However, I was able to use a recent week (involving a Ritual Practice night) as an exemplar for what my Spring 2021 school term would look like. What I found was that, assuming the office of Worshipful Master will require even a larger time commitment than that of Senior Warden (basically a given), I will simply not have enough time to do justice to both. And that, to me, was the biggest indication that this is the right move. I love and respect Freemasonry so much that I do not wish to attempt to fill a position if there is a clear indication that I will likely not have enough time to do it justice.

Now, I by no means intend to just fade away into obscurity. If it turns out that I do indeed have the time, I fully intend to attend meetings and other functions. And, all things being equal, if the

Craft is willing, there is a decent likelihood that I would be able to become an officer again at some time in the near future.

And so that, my brothers, is where I stand right now. I shall finish this term, but I cannot, in good conscious and with fairness to the Fraternity, sit in an officers chair next year. I apologize to the Lodge and the particular brothers for whom this acts as a proverbial wrench in the works...but I must do what I feel is right in this instance.

Fraternally,

Benjamin G. Stern

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Senior Warden

Congratulations to:

WB Gary Merwede and wife Cheryl on the marriage of daughter Sara to Zack Hahn. We wish them well on the start of their lives together.

VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



My Brothers,

The best thing to give to your enemy is forgiveness; to an opponent, tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to your child, a good example; to a father, deference; to your mother, conduct that will make her proud of you; to yourself, respect; to all men, charity.

By Francis Maitland Balfour

Brothers, this is the month when new dues bills go out to you for next year. It is very important that your dues are paid as quickly as possible. They are due no later than December 31, 2020.

To those brothers who are just not receiving your trestleboard – Please let me know by the last week of the month that you have not received it and I will get one out to you immediately if it is by email. Telling other brothers may not get me the message as fast as you yourself can.

Fraternally,

RW Gary Matican

Secretary

2020 COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125

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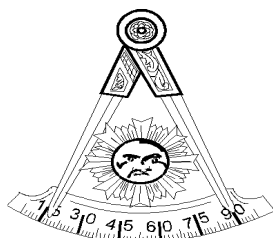
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*Joseph E. Levy	1920	*Abraham B. Rosenberg	1968
*Samuel I. Calechman	1921	*Morris Klein	1969
*Benjamin F. Goldman	1922	*William E. Weiner	1970
*Samuel J. White	1924	*Chester M. Katzman	1971
*Nathan Smernoff	1925	*Robert Tombank	1972
*Manuel Kligerman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

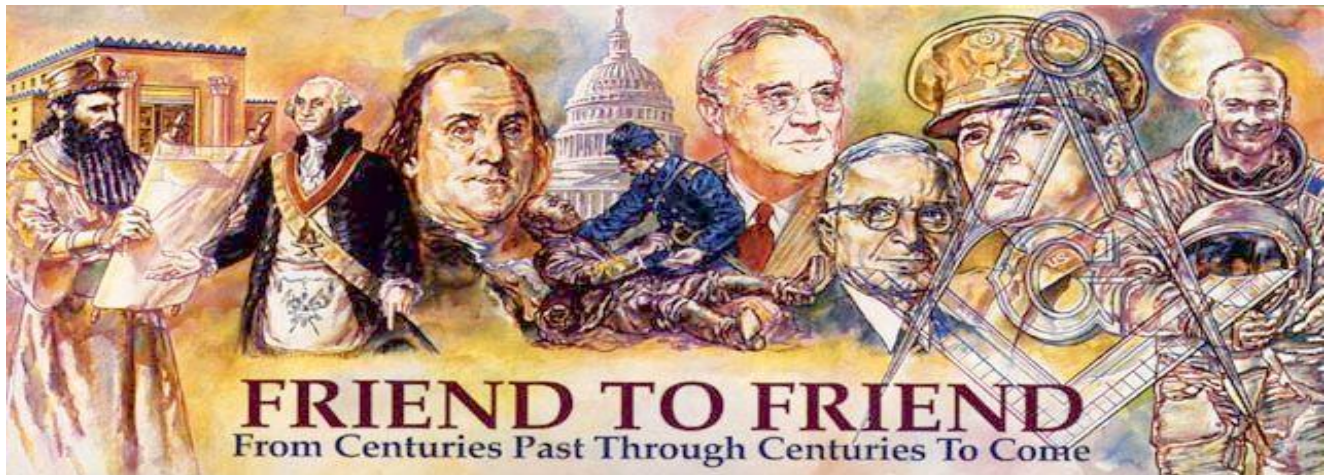
Condolences to:

WB Maier Fein on the loss of his wife Sonya “Sunny” of 53 years. She was a loving and loved wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, daughter, and cherished friend. She passed on October 7, 2020 after a battle with cancer for the past twelve years.

“May her soul rest in eternal peace”

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 – UPCOMING EVENTS

NOV. 4 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
NOV 18 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
NOV. 25 TH	Fellowship Dinner at a place TBD. Dinner is at 7:00 pm. Reservations a must to WB David Stern at 203-444-2077 or email at dsternct@gmail.com
NOV. 29 TH	DESK will take place at 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm as we will be preparing and 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>



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.