

OCTOBER 2020



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MASONIC TEMPLE
285 WHITNEY AVE. NEW HAVEN, CONN.

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. On Wednesday September 2nd and again on September 16th we resumed our labors while augmenting our meetings via Zoom.

Going forward I am very much looking forward to being with my brothers on Wednesday October 7th when we will be conferring a Master Mason Degree. Moreover, this will be a special night with Right Worshipful Brother Gary Matican sitting in the East in celebration of his twenty-fifth anniversary as Worshipful Master. I for one eagerly look forward to sharing this special night with our only three-time Past Master.

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. In person attendance for each meeting will be limited to the first 25 to RSVP. I will ask that those that plan to attend please RSVP to me as we need to monitor the attendance carefully. As with anything happening in these times if you are not well or are not comfortable please stay at home as the most considerate brother is he who does not pass this illness to another.

Looking forward to October 21st we will be having our awards night and will recognize our brothers both in person and virtually via Zoom.

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 October 7th and 21st for those who are unable to attend in person. We will labor under the requirements as outlined in the Grand Master's dispensation. The same goes for October 28th for the benefit of those who will not be attending the fellowship dinner.

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 the 25th. This is the fourth Sunday of the month so we will be preparing 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,

As we prepare for another election season, I wanted to simply remind everyone that politics should be left *outside* of our Masonic functions, official or otherwise. Additionally, however, I wanted to remind you to be mindful of speaking about these sorts of things to your brothers even *outside* of Masonic functions.

This year in particular is shaping up to be a particularly heated race. Many of us are on social media and that is, of course, an excellent place to air your thoughts on the matter. But I find that I have to pull back my intended response to others' posts because I feel that it would contain so much vitriol that it would permanently damage our relationship.

While discussions of religion and politics are expressly forbade inside the Lodge room, I feel that we should be careful of such topics in general, especially in text-based formats, due to the increased likelihood of misunderstandings. So that, then, is my recommendation to you: feel free to express your opinion ahead of the polls this election season, but please be mindful that you do not ruin your fraternal relations along the way.

Fraternally,
Benjamin G. Stern
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Senior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SOUTH



Greetings Brothers!

Fall is in the air! October promises to be an interesting month, the dreaded specter of politics draws closer still, and the air is cooling quick (for now anyway). I certainly hope that Halloween will happen this year, unfortunately with our state still not in phase three, this is unsure.

We have many events that sadly could not be attended to earlier this year, that are now ready to happen. How exactly these events play out will be much changed from previous years, and we still need to observe our precautions against Covid-19. This includes limited gathering sizes, masks etc. Fortunately with the use of zoom we have been able to open these meetings and have even seen brothers who's presence has not graced our lodge room for many years.

In these trying times it continues to inspire me that my brothers strive harder now, more than ever to live up to the ideals and the tenants of our order: Friendship, Morality, Brotherhood. Perhaps we may never in life achieve the perfect ashlar, but I am sure some of those I sit near in lodge will, by the time they are welcomed by the Creator to the life after this, be very close indeed.

Fraternally,

Daniel D. DeVoe II

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Junior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



My Brothers,

I have been a Mason for 37 years and Worshipful Master of Cosmopolitan Lodge 3 times. On October 7, 2020 I will be celebrating my second time as Master of the lodge on 25 yr. Past Master's Night.

I will be in the East portraying the Master Mason Degree with the help of the current officers and some Past Masters. We will have only one candidate taking the degree which was suppose be in March. He has been waiting a long time to accomplish this part of his short masonic career. We all are looking forward to this special night for our new brother.

Until we can meet again in our beautiful lodge building on Whitney Avenue in New Haven in person without any special consideration, let's all try and at least make one of our Zoom Meetings on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm. The information is in the Master's message. Hope to see you there next week.

Fraternally,

RW Gary Matican

Secretary

WE MOURN THE PASSING OF:

- Elliot Brause who was Born 5/17/1937, Raised 6/23/1965, Died 9/6/2020
- Howard L. Hankin who was Born 5/10/1955, Raised 12/2/1992, Died 9/8/2020
- Arthur Ohl who was Born 10/14/192, Raised 11/19/1952, Died 9/9/2020
- Shirley Drazen age 94 the mother of Brother Franklin Drazen .

MAY THEIR SOULS REST IN ETERNAL PEACE!

2020 COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125

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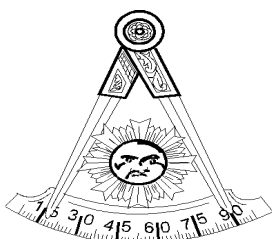
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*Joseph E. Levy	1920	*Abraham B. Rosenberg	1968
*Samuel I. Calechman	1921	*Morris Klein	1969
*Benjamin F. Goldman	1922	*William E. Weiner	1970
*Samuel J. White	1924	*Chester M. Katzman	1971
*Nathan Smernoff	1925	*Robert Tombank	1972
*Manuel Kligerman	1926	*Leonard Tombank	1973
*Samuel M. Silver	1927	*Milton A. Hershatter	1974
*Jacob N. Wolodarsky	1928	Richard A. Sugarmann	1975
*Samuel W. 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 I. Goodstein	1987
*Herman Alpert	1941	*Michael L. Castroll	1988
*George J. Evans	1942	RW Martin L. Rudnick	1989, 2002
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*Natt K. Sheinfeld	1947	*Richard L. Hecht	1993
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*Fredric M. Rosenstein	1949	Gary P. Merwede	1996
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*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

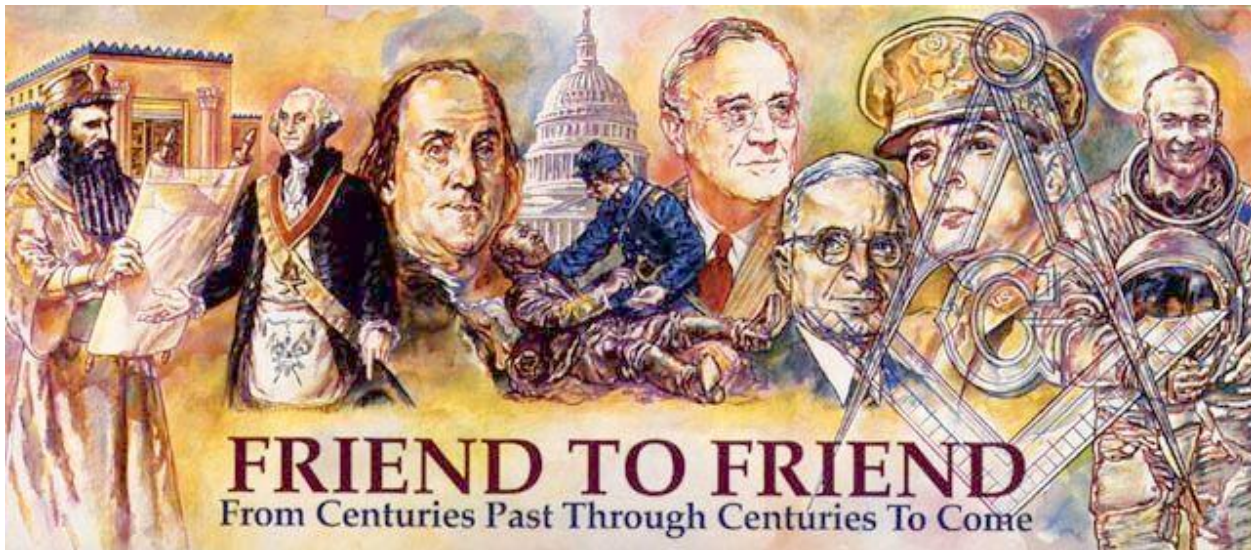
RW Scott B. Bumps, DD 4A



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-Momauguin #63: 2002, Madison #87: 1985, 1986, & 1992
Jon-Paul Venoit	Compass #9: 2005

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 – UPCOMING EVENTS

OCT. 7 TH	Stated Communication on the <i>Master Mason Degree</i> with RW Gary Matican in the East for the degree at 7:30 pm. Attire is Jacket and Tie for the brothers and Tux for the officers. 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
OCT. 21 ST	Stated Communication with an <i>Awards Night Program</i> . Meeting will start at 7:30 pm. Attire is Jacket and Tie for the brothers and Tux for the officers. 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
OCT. 25 TH	DESK will take place on October 25, 2020 at 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. RW Gary E. Cohen would like to see you at the dinner for <i>preparation only</i> . Contact Gary at 203-530-6222 or email at garyec39@gmail.com
OCT. 28 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
	<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.