



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

# SEPTEMBER 2020

## VIEW FROM THE EAST



Welcome back to our labors my brothers!

It has been a truly unique summer unlike any other. Now that September is upon us, I cannot express how happy I am that we will be able to start our regular meetings again. I am very much looking forward to being with my brothers on Wednesday September 2<sup>nd</sup> and again on September 16<sup>th</sup> at our home on Whitney Avenue. 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. Attire for the evening will be jacket and tie.

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.

**Attendance 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.

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 September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 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 September 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 September 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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 27<sup>th</sup>. This is the fourth Sunday of the month so we will be preparing the meals. Please plan to arrive at 2:30. Please contact Brother Gary E. Cohen if you can help.
- Looking ahead we plan to have a Master Mason Degree on October 7<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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

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## VIEW FROM THE WEST



My Brothers,

As we are about to begin the second half of this Masonic year, please stay mindful and patient of the changes that will have to be implemented due to continued efforts to battle the COVID-19 pandemic. If you were present at our meeting held in July at the Cheshire Temple or recall some of the things sent out in preparation for it, you're probably already familiar with some of the new guidelines.

For now, while groupings of people are permitted, their numbers must be kept under a specific number. Be watchful for messages from either WM Michael Abrahamson or Secretary Gary Matican for updated of what the number is limited to and how to RSVP.

Grand Lodge has produced some new ritual to be implemented so that we may continue to Social Distance during our meetings. Please be patient with your officers as we learn to perform these altered parts, as well as with yourself if you're learning it.

Remember, while COVID-19 is a respiratory illness, the necessary precautions against it have made everybody just that little more tense and anxious. So we must be patient with ourselves and others, both inside the Lodge and in the wider world, so that common courtesy, friendship, and civility may be maintained.

Stay Safe,

Fraternally,

*Benjamin G. Stern*

Benjamin G. Stern  
Senior Warden

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## VIEW FROM THE SOUTH



Greetings Brothers!

Soon we shall meet again, and I am excited to see many of you in person again this month! After a long spring in lockdown and an even longer summer of protests, we will finally sit down and enjoy some well earned Brotherhood. However, we must still be vigilant, masks, social distancing and all other precautions will be taken to ensure our more vulnerable brothers remain hale and hearty. Thankfully we will also be continuing our use of zoom, so those of us who cannot make it to the meeting, either because of gathering size limitations or other concerns, can still be with us. Sadly with the new restrictions on serving refreshments,

we will not be having any.

These last few months have been some of the strangest I can remember. A pandemic, mass protests and riots, and ramping up rollercoaster of an election. I can honestly say that the brotherhood I have experienced in Cosmopolitan lodge has made me more grounded and more able to weather this unprecedented storm. For this, my Brothers, you all have my heartfelt thanks. Even amongst us, we frequently disagree, and that is not only natural, but a good thing; discussing things like adults- civilly and without insult is something that seems to be lost on many in our society, and it is one of the things I am most grateful to be exposed to as a member of the lodge.

Fraternally,

*Daniel D. DeVoe II*

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Junior Warden

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## VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



“Once you get people laughing, they’re listening and you can tell them almost anything.

By Herbert Gardner

My Brothers,

This quote caught my eye and I realized that it is very true at Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125. We have been having weekly Zoom Meeting on Wednesday nights and we do a lot of laughing. We have approximately 12 to 18 brothers from Connecticut, Florida, and Texas joining us every week. For those who can not be with us here in Connecticut it brings the lodge to them in their home environment.

Until we meet again in our beautiful lodge building on Whitney Avenue in New Haven 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

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### WE MOURN THE PASSING OF:

- Brother John Pretty and wife Lori on the loss of her father.

***MAY HIS SOUL REST IN ETERNAL PEACE!***

## COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 – UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPT. 2 <sup>ND</sup>	Stated Communication at 285 Whitney Avenue in our lodge room on the first floor. Meeting will start at <b>7:30 pm</b> . <b>Attire is Jacket and Tie.</b> 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 <a href="mailto:mabrahamson@earthlink.net">mabrahamson@earthlink.net</a>
SEPT. 16 <sup>TH</sup>	Stated Communication at 285 Whitney Avenue in our lodge room on the first floor. Meeting will start at <b>7:30 pm</b> . <b>Attire is Jacket and Tie.</b> 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 <a href="mailto:mabrahamson@earthlink.net">mabrahamson@earthlink.net</a>
SEPT 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Fellowship Dinner : Place to be named later... Reservations a must to WB David Stern at 203-444-2077 or email at <a href="mailto:dsternct@gmail.com">dsternct@gmail.com</a>
SEPT. 27 <sup>th</sup>	DESK will be at 2:00 pm for preparation only. Please contact RW Gary E. Cohen at 203-530-6222 or email at <a href="mailto:garymarciacohen@comcast.net">garymarciacohen@comcast.net</a> .
	<b><i>All of the above is contingent on the Governor and the Grand Master making changes to our current way of life.....</i></b>



**2020 COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125**

**OFFICERS**

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		RW Gary E. Cohen	203-530-6222
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PAST MASTERS OF COSMOPOLITAN LODGE #125

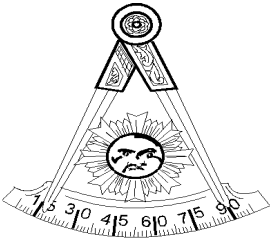
*Jacob Caplan	1919, 1923	*Irving Kegeles	1967
*Joseph E. Levy	1920	*Abraham B. Rosenberg	1968
*Samuel I. Calechman	1921	*Morris Klein	1969
*Benjamin F. Goldman	1922	*William E. Weiner	1970
*Samuel J. White	1924	*Chester M. Katzman	1971
*Nathan Smernoff	1925	*Robert Tombank	1972
*Manuel Kligerman	1926	*Leonard Tombank	1973
*Samuel M. Silver	1927	*Milton A. Hershatter	1974
*Jacob N. Wolodarsky	1928	Richard A. Sugarmann	1975
*Samuel W. 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-Momauguin #63: 2002, Madison #87: 1985, 1986, & 1992
Jon-Paul Venoit	Compass #9: 2005



Donation:

Was made by RW David Berger and his wife Andrea to the Charity Account on the loss of their close friend Raymond Mittenthal. *May his soul rest in eternal peace...*

CONGRATULATIONS:

- To WB Kenneth Dworkin and wife Ellen on the birth of their grand daughter Leighton Dworkin.
- To Brother Paul Dworkin on the birth of his niece.
- To WB Ronald Dworkin on the birth of his grand niece.

## 2020 MASONICARE ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



**L to R: RW Gary E. Cohen, WB David O. Stern, RW Gary Matican, and RW David E. Berger**

Masonicare Golf Classic helps with the quality of life for the residents. Since 1993 the classic has raised over \$3.65 million dollars. Last year alone it raised \$195,437. It's wonderful that together Club Associates and Hejaz Grotto have made donations to help the cause and Cosmopolitan Lodge not only makes a donations as well, they also have a foursome that plays every year.