



JULY
2020

VIEW FROM THE EAST



My Brothers,

As we sit at home and miss each other's presence I am certain that we are all bolstered by the unwavering brotherhood that is masonry. Moreover, as we now are starting to get back to opening up the state, we have found new ways to engage while maintaining the necessary precautions that are a part of our new normal. Last Wednesday we had 19 masons and their families join us at our fellowship dinner and we look forward to the next one on Wednesday July 29th at the Riverview Bistro. Please contact Worshipful Brother David Stern to make your reservation.

Looking forward, it is my pleasure to announce that we will be having a Stated Communication on July 15th at 7:30. Realizing that our beautiful lodge room is unbearably hot in the summer we have secured the use of the lodge room at **Temple Lodge #16. The lodge is at 9 Country Club Road in Cheshire, CT.** We will have a chance to conduct our outstanding business and share some time together. 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. Although we will not be able to provide refreshment at this meeting I will ask that those that plan to attend please RSVP to me so that we can plan to ensure the safety of all. 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.

Know well my brothers that while we may not be able to be together in person the binds of our fraternity are lasting and we will always be there for each other. For now, I ask that each of us take every precaution to stay safe and healthy in these uncertain times and be secure knowing that we will be together soon.

In the meantime, we will continue to gather for friendship and fellowship via **Zoom** every Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9:00. This includes July 15th. I will enable the Zoom call for those who are unable to attend in person. If the Grand Master grants dispensation then we may be able to Zoom the lodge meeting. If not then it will only be for those not in attendance. The same goes for July 29th 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 then dial by your location

- +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
- +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)
- +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)
- +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)
- +1 253 215 8782 US
- +1 301 715 8592 US

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We will continue our support of the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen. This month our service will be to prepare the meal on Sunday, July 26th at 2:00 This is a wonderful opportunity to support those in our community who most need it. Please sign up with RWB Gary Cohen.

Times like this provide us the opportunity to demonstrate our capacity for change, preparedness and commitment to Masonry. We appreciate your continued cooperation and patience while we are tested under these unique

circumstances. This crisis will pass and 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

VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



My Brothers,

As we look forward to meeting again in our lodge room soon, it is with pleasure that I inform you that on July 15, 2020 at 7:30 pm at Temple Lodge No. 16, 9 Country Club Road, Cheshire, CT we will be meeting for a Stated Communication. They have a beautiful **Air Conditioned Large Room for us to meet in**. A mask is a must along with Tie and Jacket. There will not be refreshments and spacing will be required.

Until we can 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.

Fraternaly,

RW Gary Matican

Secretary

WE MOURN THE PASSING OF:

Harold "Hesh" Greenblatt age 95 who was born on 12/23/1924. He was raised to a Master Mason on 3/4/1948, a 50 yr brother. He passed on June 29, 2020 in Sandy Springs, GA.

MAY HIS SOUL REST IN ETERNAL PEACE!

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 – UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY 15 TH	Stated Communication at Temple Lodge No. 16 in Cheshire CT 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
JULY 26 th	DESK will be at 2:00 pm for preparation only. Please contact RW Gary E. Cohen at 203-530-6222 or email at garymarciacohen@comcast.net .
JULY 29 th	Fellowship Dinner at the Riverview Bistro at 946 Ferry Blvd, Stratford, CT 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>



MAZOL TOV TO OUR BROTHER DR. WILLIAM A. BERGER

View from the Epicenter:

Greetings from New York City! I am honored, having been asked to tell you about my personal journey into medicine. I must first express my gratitude to Deity for revealing my true calling to me. It is not everyone who has the opportunity to transform himself and become who they are truly meant to be. While always interested in science and teaching, it became clear to me that the highest use of my abilities and talents lay in the pursuit of a career in medicine. To that end, I bid farewell to my life as a chemist and professor and applied to medical school at the age of 42. I was fortunate enough to be accepted to the charter class at Quinnipiac's Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine. I then continued my training at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai Internal Medicine Residency Program at Elmhurst Hospital in Queens, NY.

Elmhurst, as a city hospital, is a tough place to train. The neighborhoods of Elmhurst and Jackson Heights are the most diverse in the nation, perhaps in the world. We translate over 125 different languages. Our patients bring their pathology with them, giving us the chance to see many rare diseases. It has been a great educational opportunity, but it comes with many challenging clinical and social situations. While rotating in the intensive care unit last year, I had many difficult conversations with patients and families at times when they were most vulnerable. Although I was not aware, the head of critical care noticed my compassionate nature and ability to listen. For my work, I was given the Dr. Irwin Berlin Award for Outstanding Humanism in Medicine. This honor is bestowed annually on a single second year resident that exemplifies the character of Dr. Berlin: a highly developed medical acumen complemented by the ability to walk in the shoes of the patient.

Elmhurst became a crucible when the COVID-19 pandemic struck. The severity with which the coronavirus impacted my hospital, and NYC in general, was not exaggerated on the news. It was "all hands on deck," and then some. Throughout these past few months, I have seen incredible courage exemplified by all of our front-line workers. These times have highlighted the importance of health care in our society, and I feel honored to be called a doctor.

Having now completed my residency training, I will be joining Mount Sinai Doctors Long Island in Greenlawn, NY, as a primary care physician. I would not have been able to pursue this dream and realize my potential without the help of my family. I am eternally grateful to my parents, RWB David and Andrea, for taking me back under their roof during medical school. My lovely wife, Irina, has been my muse, coach, and endless support throughout my training. I hope that my story may inspire some of you to also reach for the stars!

Bill

William A. Berger, MD
Former senior warden, Cosmopolitan Lodge #125

2020 COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125

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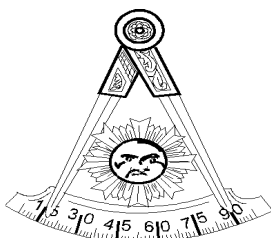
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*Joseph E. Levy	1920	*Abraham B. Rosenberg	1968
*Samuel I. Calechman	1921	*Morris Klein	1969
*Benjamin F. Goldman	1922	*William E. Weiner	1970
*Samuel J. White	1924	*Chester M. Katzman	1971
*Nathan Smernoff	1925	*Robert Tombank	1972
*Manuel Kligerman	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
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*RW Samuel Platcow	1934	Ronald M. Dworkin	1981
*RW Alex C. Hershatter	1935	Kenneth L. Dworkin	1982, 2008
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*Joseph Weiner	1938	Joseph M. Cohen	1985
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*David Cohen	1957	*William E. McGraw, Jr.	2006
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*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
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RW Scott B. Bumps, DD 4A



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Rev. & RW Bruce R. Bellmore	Olive Branch #84: 1981 & Hiram #1: 1993
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RW Roger R. Cole	Meridan #77: 1976 & Madison #87: 2006
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RW Jason E. Morse	Quinta Essential #500: 2019
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RW Jason R. Rieger	Compass #9: 2006
Rabbi Eric Silver	Temple #16: 2013
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Randy S. Stevens	Adelphi-Momauguin #63: 2002, Madison #87: 1985, 1986, & 1992
Jon-Paul Venoit	Compass #9: 2005

Saul S. Cohen Memorial Scholarship

Applications for scholarships for the **2020-2021** academic year are
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All completed applications must be
Postmarked by **August 31, 2020**

All submissions must be returned to Gary Cohen, 96 Bethmour Road
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With the notation “**Scholarship**” clearly noted on the lower left corner
of the envelope