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MASONIC TEMPLE  
285 WHITNEY AVE. NEW HAVEN, CONN.

**JUNE**  
**2020**

## VIEW FROM THE EAST



My Brothers,

It is times like this that I value Masonry more than ever. As I write this, we are still unable to share our brotherly love in person due to the restrictions imposed to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. While I am truly saddened at having to cancel our events, I am bolstered by the support that I have received from our brothers and the care that we all have for one another. I do not know when this crisis will end. At this time, we know that we will not be meeting in June. I very much hope that we will be able to resume meeting soon but there are no guarantees. We will always put the safety of our brothers first. While my crystal ball may be cloudy on the immediate future it clearly shows how wonderfully Masonry binds us together even when we are forced to be apart. 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 be gathering for friendship and fellowship via Zoom every Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9:00. 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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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 WEST



My Brothers,

As our Lodge, our Fraternity as a whole, our state, nation, and humanity itself continues to fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, I'm sure I'm not the only one getting a little tired of that being the predominant bit of news I read. Indeed, I'm almost numb to it at this point, it's so prevalent. So, as a bit of a respite, allow me to provide you with an article which is not totally depressing. Because while we must keep ourselves abreast of the latest information about this crisis, we must also take care to keep our spirits up and our minds active.

For some reason, Masonic esotericism has been on my mind lately. Not any piece in specific, but the concept of Masonic esotericism in general – what is its actual purpose?

I've said before that, when speaking to a “stranger” about the Fraternity, I'll often quote a piece of DeMolay's public ritual: “*while we have secret signs, words, and modes of recognition, we have no secrets from the world so far as our central purposes are concerned.*” I would think that Masonic esotericism would fall under this category because, much like the other pieces often referred to as “*Masonic secrets,*” there's nothing there which seems to be inappropriate for the uninitiated to know other than the fact that we say so. And much like the aprons, the burning tapers, and many other Masonic symbols, many pieces of Masonic esotericism could easily be recognized as Masonic imagery by those outside our circle even if they don't know what it's supposed to represent.

So the conclusion I've come up with is that, much like the story of Hiram Abiff, most-to-all of Masonic esoteric imagery is designed to introduce concepts, beliefs, and bits of philosophy into our Fraternity.

Fraternally,

*Benjamin G. Stern*

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Senior Warden

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## VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



*“We must view young people not as empty bodies to be filled, but as candles to be lit.”*

By Robert H. Shaffer

My Brothers,

When I read the above quote and had time to think about the young brothers who join our fraternity in their twenties, I imagine how they want to bring more light into their lives while they are learning to subdue their passion and improve themselves in Masonry. One will only find out as they are becoming active in our lodge and can bring forth new ideas to the rest of the craft.

Until we can meet again in our beautiful lodge building on Whitney Avenue in New Haven lets all try and at least make one of our Zoom Meetings on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm. The info is in the Master's message. Hope to see you there next week.

Fraternally,

*RW Gary Matican*

Secretary

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Condolences:

- We Mourn the Passing of WB Richard L. Hecht, 73 who passed away May 21, 2020
- We Mourn the Passing of Brother William on October 29, 2019

***“May their souls rest in Eternal Peace”***

- Brother Howard Hecht on the loss of his brother Richard L. Hecht.
- Brother Elliot G. Lee on the loss of his father David Lee.

<b>COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 – UPCOMING EVENTS</b>	
JUNE 24 <sup>th</sup>	Our Monthly Fellowship Dinner To Be Announced. More to follow next month.
JUNE 28 <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> .
	<i>All of the above is contingent on the Governor and the Grand Master making changes to our current way of life.....</i>

**Zoom Weekly Meeting**  
**Wednesday's @ 7:30 pm**

Just some of the Brothers who have attended the weekly meetings...



**PLEASE JOIN US AT THE NEXT MEETING!!!**

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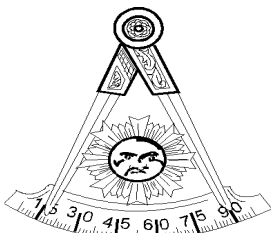
*Jacob Caplan	1919, 1923	*Irving Kegeles	1967
*Joseph E. Levy	1920	*Abraham B. Rosenberg	1968
*Samuel I. Calechman	1921	*Morris Klein	1969
*Benjamin F. Goldman	1922	*William E. Weiner	1970
*Samuel J. White	1924	*Chester M. Katzman	1971
*Nathan Smernoff	1925	*Robert Tombank	1972
*Manuel Kligerman	1926	*Leonard Tombank	1973
*Samuel M. Silver	1927	*Milton A. Hershatter	1974
*Jacob N. Wolodarsky	1928	Richard A. Sugarmann	1975
*Samuel W. Ritsh	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	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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RWB Scott B. Bumps, DD 4A



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Rev. & RW Bruce R. Bellmore	Olive Branch #84: 1981 & Hiram #1: 1993
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