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MASONIC TEMPLE
285 WHITNEY AVE. NEW HAVEN, CONN.

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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 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 May. I very much hope that we will be able to resume meeting in June 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 Fraternally,

Michael S. Abrahamson

Worshipful Master

VIEW FROM THE WEST



My Brothers,

In this time of uncertainty, we look to the future and realize how bright it is. We may not be able to have our normal meetings on the first and third Wednesdays, but it has been wonderful to have a get together on **Zoom** every Wednesday at 7:30 pm till 9:00 pm. We have our normal active brothers who are on and every week we seem to have at least one brother that we have not seen in lodge for a while. Let's see how many new brothers can show up at our next **Zoom** meeting. The information is in the Master's Message.

As Senior Warden I am in charge of the Sick Visiting Committee. If you know of any brother who is under the weather for any reason, please let me know by cell phone at 203-907-9628 or email me at bgs888@aol.com.

Be well and safe my brothers! Hope to see you all soon.

Fraternally,

Benjamin G. Stern

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Senior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SOUTH



Greetings Brothers!

I hope everyone has been doing a lot in their isolation. Thankfully we have been able to communicate over the internet, the Wednesday Zoom meetings are great! However, this time of crisis is showing us much more than our fraternity's ability to stay connected. Our county and our world are facing some very serious problems and conundrums that, under normal operations, have never been in question. For example: outsourcing, China cut exports for life saving PPE including masks, not to mention that most of our generic pharmaceuticals are manufactured overseas. Supply lines of vital materials are just one issue that has been brought to light by the stress our civilization is under right now, but in time and with level headed thinking, most if not all of these issues can be solved.

We are now also finding some gems uncovered by the near total stoppage of many types of manufacturing, and the near total halt of civilization in some areas, the clearing of smog and pollution! I'm sure you have all heard about or even seen pictures about how the smog in India, China, even Los Angeles has cleared, and people can see the world without the veil of pollution that we have slowly been building up over the decades. I sincerely hope that this new view of the world will also bring change, both for the good of people and the earth we live on.

Fraternally,

Daniel D. DeVoe II

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Junior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



"We must not, in trying to think about how we can make a big difference, ignore the small daily differences we can make which, over time, add up to big differences that we often cannot foresee."

By Marion Wright Edelman

My Brothers,

While I read the above quote and thought about how our lives have changed in the last 2 to 3 months due to the Covid-19 virus. Some people have said that our lives have changed and we will never be the same. Well I think that it has made us realize all the things that we use to rely on and now we have gone back to some simple things that use to make us happy then and now.

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

Condolences:

- We Mourn the Passing of Brother Marvin Gutkin, 89 who passed away April 12, 2020
- We Mourn the Passing of Gerry Emple's Brother Ted on April 10, 2020
- We Mourn the Passing of MWPGM William F. Carpenter on March 28, 2020

"May their souls rest in Eternal Peace"

Donations:

- RW David & Andrea Berger made a donation to the Charity Fund in memory of Raymond Mittenthal
 - RW Gary Matican & Lady Ann made a donation to the Charity Fund
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COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 – UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 27 th	Our Monthly Fellowship Dinner To Be Announced. More to follow next month.
MAY 31 st .	DESK will be at 2:00 pm to 6:30 pm for preparation and serving. Please contact RW Gary E. Cohen at 203-530-6222 or email at garymarciacohen@comcast.net .
	<i>All of the above is contingent on the Governor and the Grand Master making changes to our current way of life.....</i>

2020 COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125

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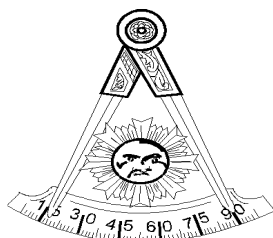
*Jacob Caplan	1919, 1923	*Irving Kegeles	1967
*Joseph E. Levy	1920	*Abraham B. Rosenberg	1968
*Samuel I. Calechman	1921	*Morris Klein	1969
*Benjamin F. Goldman	1922	*William E. Weiner	1970
*Samuel J. White	1924	*Chester M. Katzman	1971
*Nathan Smernoff	1925	*Robert Tombank	1972
*Manuel Kligerman	1926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