



MARCH 2020

VIEW FROM THE EAST



My Brothers,

We are off to a great start this year and I for one am very much looking forward to all that Cosmo has to engage every brother. I know our officers all feel the same way as well. We are committed to serve Cosmo to the best of our abilities and will work diligently toward the goal of improving ourselves in masonry. We have already been busy. We just had an excellent rehearsal of a Fellowcraft degree on the exact day of our 101st anniversary. I am proud of the work of our officers and look forward to continuing our work.

This coming month we have several special events planned. Our first meeting on March 4th will find our Senior Warden Brother Ben Stern in the East as I will be out of town.

On Sunday, March 15, Cosmopolitan Lodge will be marching with the other blue lodges of the 4th district in the New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade. We will gather at the temple at noon to join our brothers from other lodges in the march.

The second meeting on March 18th will be a presentation of the 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.

Our monthly Fellowship dinner will be held on Wednesday March 25th. Please let WB David Stern know if you will be able to attend.

We will continue our support of the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen. This month our service will be to prepare and serve the meal on Sunday, March 29th. This is a wonderful opportunity to support those in our community who most need it. Please sign up with RWB Gary Cohen.

Looking forward on April 5th we will be having our annual Passover ladies at table. This has always been one of our most popular events of the year and I look forward to sharing it with all of you.

We will be hosting the installation of Worshipful Brother Scott Bumps as our new District Deputy on April 11th. Please join us to celebrate Scott taking his new office.

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,

Last month, Superbowl LIV was playing and, as is so often the case, I was far more interested in the commercials than the game. One ad in particular piqued my interest – it mentioned four named types of love as described by the Ancient Greeks. I was vaguely aware of these, one type being mentioned in DeMolay ritual, so I decided to look up the rest. And, to my delight, almost all of them are displayed through Masonry and in Cosmopolitan Lodge in particular. So I thought I might perhaps enumerate them this month.

The first type is called **Agápe** (ἀγάπη) and is described both as the love displayed through charity, the love between God and Man, and later as “*to will the good of another*”. I think I need hardly describe how this fits into Masonry; we are bound to always seek and aid worthy charitable causes, we seek to deepen and strengthen our love of God through our works, and our ritual would seem to even describe this type of love specifically, saying “*men of good report will naturally seek out each others’ welfare and wellbeing along with his own.*”

Éros (ἔρως) is love of the sexual and intimate type, largely between spouses. Although initially meant only to refer to physical attraction, the definition was refined by Plato to mean the appreciation for the inner beauty of a person, leading to an appreciation of beauty itself. Although Masonry was founded as a men-only organization, our Lodge in particular is always showing our appreciation for our ladies by inviting them to our Fellowship Dinners, Ladies at Table events, Awards Nights, and various other events.

Next is **Philia** (φιλία), the love of friendship and between equals, which is perhaps the strongest type of love displayed in Freemasonry. We call each other “*Brother*”, we meet on the level, and care nothing for each other’s individual station in life. We see only men of good morals, take them firmly by the hand, and say “*welcome*”.

Storge (στοργή) is perhaps the type of love which fits in only by association. It is common or natural empathy, such as that felt between parents and their children. This type of love is almost exactly described in DeMolay ritual, though there they call it Filial Love (from the same root as the previous entry, oddly). While we all love and revere our parents, by virtue of the fact that this type of love is “*common*”, it is not *specifically* elucidated on in Masonic ritual.

Philautia (φιλαυτία) is “self-love” and is divided into a positive and negative variety. The prior is the concept of “self-compassion”, whereas the negative is egotism, vanity, and selfishness. However, this connects back to Agápe, wherein we find our own happiness in giving it to others. Because that sort of idea is present in many groups, not just Freemasonry, I suspect the positive aspect of Philautia may actually be a symbiotic outgrowth of Agápe.

The final type of love named by the Ancient Greeks is **Xenia** (ξενία), which literally translates as “guest-friendship” and denotes hospitality. When a Brother from another Lodge comes to visit, we do our utmost best to make them feel welcome. And when a stranger comes knocking and seeking membership, we meet with them and treat them with all the same courtesy and respect we would any member of the fraternity.

My Brothers, I think it is absolutely beautiful that Freemasonry exemplifies all these ancient descriptions of different variations of love so exactly. It goes to show why our organization has endured as long as it has.

Fraternally,

Benjamin G. Stern

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Senior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SOUTH



Hello Brothers,

February was a quiet month, with a regular meeting and a quick rehearsal degree. However, the month of March will be a bit more busy, we have the St. Patrick's day parade, a whiskey tasting to benefit the Scouts of America, and a master mason degree the second meeting this month. I am very thankful that we have so many opportunities to enjoy the company of our brothers in March!

As most of our brothers know, I am a picky eater, and as such have a rather small menu. That said, if anyone would like to suggest a dish they may like to have for dinner in the future, please make suggestions via email at 2d.devoe@gmail.com.

Fraternally,

Daniel D. DeVoe II

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Junior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



My Brothers,

This year is the celebration of my second time sitting in the east. It is an honor to represent the Past Master's on our 25 year Past Master's Night. I will be performing the Master Mason Degree with as many of the officers that served the lodge and myself in 1995. Those that cannot make it will be substituted by other past masters of our great lodge that are available.

As per our Tradition, we will be enjoying a wonderful dinner at 6:30 pm and then retiring to the lodge room at 7:30 pm for the degree. So please mark you calendar and come and enjoy the evening festivities.

Also, it is March already and many of you have not paid your dues. The lodge has already paid the first installment of your dues to the Grand Lodge, so please send in your payment so that I can bring the lodge records up to date.

Fraternally,

RW Gary Matican

Secretary

CHAPLIN'S PULPIT



My Brothers:

It was announced recently in Lodge that the Charity Fund is LOW. Please consider making a donation so that we have a healthy balance when needed.

Remember that this is directed to our Brothers and families.

Fraternally,

David E. Berger

RW David E. Berger
Chaplain

Donations:

- WM Michael S. Abrahamson made a donation to the Charity Fund.
 - RW David & Andrea Berger made a donation to the Charity Fund in honor of Bro. & Dr. William Berger receiving his License to practice medicine.
 - RW David & Andrea Berger made a donation to the Charity Fund in memory of RW Christopher Earle's dad Ralph on his passing.
 - WB David O. Stern & Bro. Benjamin G. Stern made a donation to the Charity Fund in honor of David's new Great Niece and Ben's first cousin once removed.
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Congratulations:

To : WB Eric A. Stern & his family of Reno Nevada and a brother of Cosmopolitan Lodge who just had a new Granddaughter by the name of Audrey Ann Stern. We wish the Stern family well.

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 – UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar. 4 th	Stated Communication – Business Meeting starting at 7:30 pm. Officers in Tie and Jacket.
Mar. 18 th	Stated Communication – Master Mason Degree with RW Gary Matican in the East celebrating his second 25 yr. Past Master Night. Dinner will be at 6:30 pm and meeting at 7:30 pm. All reservations are to be given to Jr. Warden Daniel DeVoe at 203-843-1614 or email at 2d.devoe@gmail.com . Officers are in Tux.
Mar. 25 th	Our Monthly Fellowship Dinner will be at LongHorn Steak House Restaurant 70 Universal Drive North Haven. Please let WB David O. Stern know if you can attend at 7 pm. Reservations can be made at 203-444-2077 or email at dsternct@gmail.com .
Mar. 29 th	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 .



Right Worshipful Gary Matican

Worshipful Master of Cosmopolitan Lodge – 1991,1995,2003

Chaplain - 1992,1993,1994, 2012, 2014

Cosmopolitan Lodge Mason of the Year – 2001

President of the Cosmopolitan Fellow Craft Club – 2 years

Advisory Committee – 13 years

President of the Actual Past Master's Association – 2010

Treasurer of the APMA for the last 10 Years

Daniel Carter Beard Recipient – 2013

District Deputy of the Year Award - 2014

Pierpont Edwards Award in Bronze - 2019

2020 COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125

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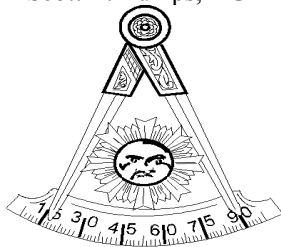
*Jacob Caplan	1919, 1923	*Irving Kegeles	1967
*Joseph E. Levy	1920	*Abraham B. Rosenberg	1968
*Samuel I. Calechman	1921	*Morris Klein	1969
*Benjamin F. Goldman	1922	*William E. Weiner	1970
*Samuel J. White	1924	*Chester M. Katzman	1971
*Nathan Smernoff	1925	*Robert Tombank	1972
*Manuel Kligerman	1926	*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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*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
* = deceased		Michael S. Abrahamson	2019

Past Master's – Other Lodges

CURRENT GRAND LODGE

Rev. & RW Bruce R. Bellmore, Grand
Junior Warden

RWB Jason E. Morse, DD 4A
WB Scott B. Bumps, AGM 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 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