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VIEW FROM THE EAST



My Brothers,

Once again, I would like to say thank you to all those who joined us in attending our installation. You all made that day a very special day for my wife Pam, my mom and I. I particularly want to thank our installing officers RWB Gary E. Cohen, RWB Gary Matican and RWB David E. Berger along with everyone that was involved in making the Installation a meaningful and successful event.

I am very excited and honored by the opportunity to serve our Lodge as Master again this year. I know our officers are equally eager to do their part 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 had a wonderful opportunity to be together at our annual paid up members dinner where our new Junior Warden Daniel DeVoe II in concert with our chef Michael Steinfeld presented us with a wonderful meal. I am certain that it foreshadows only great things to come. Our Junior Warden is planning a delicious meal prior to every degree so I hope you'll be able to join us for both refreshments and the work of the evening. Please RSVP to Dan for each meal to let him know that you will be joining us for dinner.

As we start off the year all of our new officers are growing into their new roles and we appreciate your support and good council as we develop. Our next meeting on February 5th will be just such an opportunity. We will be spending a portion of the night in defining our roles and setting high expectations for each officer to attain.

We are planning to have a Fellowcraft Degree at our second meeting in February as we look forward to bringing more masonic light to our brother.

Our monthly Fellowship dinner will be held on Wednesday February 26th. 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 the meal on Sunday, February 23rd. This is a wonderful opportunity to support those in our community who most need it. Please sign up with RWB Gary E. Cohen.

Looking ahead we plan to have a Master Mason Degree on March 18th. 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

VIEW FROM THE WEST



My Brothers,

Some of you may have realized that my articles don't always relate *directly* to our Lodge and are instead more...not exactly esoteric, but theoretical. Sometimes it's some little oddity in the way or organization functions, sometimes it's just little bits of Masonic trivia, sometimes it's just me having a Masonic think. And unless any brothers approach me with reservations about this, that's probably what most of my articles will be going forward – things which as a little extra color and definition to Freemasonry. To that effect, allow me to share with you a small facet of inter-jurisdictional Masonry I discovered from our last meeting.

At the last Grand Lodge Session, one of the recipients of the Perfect Ashlar Award was one of my old college friends. I reached out, we reconnected, and he visited us at our last meeting, and I made sure he met *everybody*. He and I ended up having a long conversation with our youngest Fellowcraft, and someone brought up the fact that a non-Master Mason can still visit other Lodges, but needs a Master Mason to vouch for him.

A few days later, a piece of ritual ran through my head "...the secrets of a Master Mason. Whereby I might travel to foreign lands, work, and receive wages as such." And yet, you'd need dispensation from Grand Lodge to attend Lodge in another state...why? After a bit of thought, I realized it was because you "needed King Solomon's pass to travel outside the country." So this must harken back to 1797, when George Washington was stepping down as President of the United States. As a Mason of renown, he was approached to help create the Grand Lodge of the United States and become its first Grand Master.

He declined. As a result, every state has had it's own Grand Lodge separate unto itself. It's a testament to the longevity of Freemasonry that this one choice, made over 200 years ago, created a precedent which is still being followed to this day.

As your Senior Warden, it is my duty to be in charge of *Sick Visiting*. If you know of any brother from Cosmopolitan Lodge that is under the weather or will be having surgery for a medical problem, please let either myself or RWB's Gary E. Cohen and Gary Matican.

Fraternally,

Benjamin G. Stern

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Senior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SOUTH



My Brothers,

I thank you for your confidence in me, as was shown when I was elected to be Junior Warden for this year. I will do my utmost to ensure everyone is exceedingly well fed this year. To those on diets or with other dietary needs, please contact me and let me know if you have any requests, I will attempt to accommodate all comers, but I need forewarning.

This past year was a busy one, being our 100th anniversary. The festivities were exceedingly well coordinated and even more importantly, extremely enjoyable. I believe this year will have less activities planned, but will none the less be wonderful to spend with my Brothers in Lodge.

I look forward to the coming year, and once again thank you all for your vote of confidence.

Fraternally,

Daniel D. DeVoe II

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Junior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



My Brothers,

I would like to thank the brothers for again electing me to serve the Lodge as Secretary. It was a pleasure “observing the will and pleasure” of WB Michael S. Abrahamson during 2019 and I look forward to again serving him again this year, the officers and brothers of Cosmopolitan Lodge.

Please let me know of any tidings – both happy and sad so that the Lodge is not lacking in a proper acknowledgement. Please do not assume that we know!

Fraternally,

RW Gary Matican

Secretary

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 – UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 5 th	Stated Communication – Business Meeting starting at 7:30 pm. Officers in Tie and Jacket.
Feb. 19 th	Special Communication – Fellow Craft Degree with WM Michael Abrahamson in the East. 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.
Feb. 23 rd	DESK will be at 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm for preparation only. Please contact RW Gary E. Cohen at 203-530-6222 or email at garymarciacohen@comcast.net .
Feb. 26 th	Our Monthly Fellowship Dinner will be at LaCasita Cantina & Restaurant, 9 Church Street Naugatuck CT. 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 .

2020 Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125 Officers



From left to right front row: RW Gary E. Cohen, Bro. Benjamin G. Stern, WM Michael S. Abrahamson, Bro. Daniel D. Devoe II, Bro. Martin E. Cobern, RW Gary Matican.

From left to right back row: WB Bruce Liebman, WB Kenneth L. Dworkin, WB Jerry Gruenbaum, Bro. Earl W. Ehrentraut, RW David E. Berger, Bro. Steven S. Shiner, Bro. Brett H. Richards, Bro. Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr., Bro. Dominic J. Stabile, Sr., Bro. Charles G. Ehrentraut, Jr.

2019 COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125

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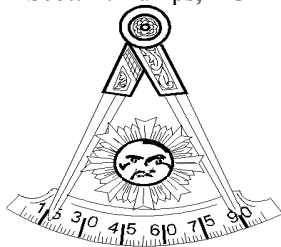
*Jacob Caplan	1919, 1923	*Irving Kegeles	1967
*Joseph E. Levy	1920	*Abraham B. Rosenberg	1968
*Samuel I. Calechman	1921	*Morris Klein	1969
*Benjamin F. Goldman	1922	*William E. Weiner	1970
*Samuel J. White	1924	*Chester M. Katzman	1971
*Nathan Smernoff	1925	*Robert Tombank	1972
*Manuel Kligerman	1926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