



JANUARY
2020

VIEW FROM THE EAST



Happy New Year my Brothers!

My Brothers I am truly honored to have been elected to serve as Master of our lodge for 2020; our 101st year. I thank you for placing your trust in me. I am looking forward to an exciting year and I hope you will be able to join us throughout the year. I am thrilled to have a wonderful suite of officers, who are all full of enthusiasm and energy. In particular I want to congratulate our newly elected Senior Warden Ben Stern and our newly elected Junior Warden Daniel D. DeVoe II.

I do want to take this opportunity to thank Right Worshipful Brother Bruce R. Bellmore for serving as our Chaplain this past year. It is the good council of brother Bruce that kept our lodge on the path to success and his efforts as chairman of our 100th anniversary committee bore fruit that we all enjoyed. While Bruce's duties as Grand Junior Warden and soon to be Grand Senior Warden keep him from continuing as our Chaplain, I know he will join us when he can and we will be happy to have him. I would also like to thank Worshipful Brother Kenneth Dworkin who served as our Senior Warden this year. Brother Ken is always happy to serve our lodge. While he was very clear that he had no intentions of ascending to the East again we are thankful for all of his efforts despite the challenges that he has faced.

We have just had a wonderful example of what makes Cosmo great at our last degree. On December 18th we presented the Fellowcraft degree with our Junior Warden Ben Stern in the East. Yes, you may recall that this has been a long time in coming and I am happy to say that Brother Ben did outstanding work. I am also going to thank RWB David E. Berger and WB David O. Stern who filled in at the last minute as several of our brothers fell ill. The joy was certainly apparent on Brother David's face as he watched his son take the Master's chair for the first time.

This year we were fortunate to have a combined holiday party with Hiram at the Woodwinds. It was a wonderful night to share with our brothers and ladies as brotherly love prevailed.

Going forward we have plenty to do upon our Trestleboard:

- We will not have a Stated communication on the first Wednesday in January as is New Year's Day. Please share that day with your families.
- Our next opportunity to be together is at the installation of Officers on January 5th at 3 PM. I thank you for the trust that you have placed in me to serve as Master for another year. I hope that you will join us to support all of the officers who are moving into their new roles for the next year.

- Our next stated communication will be on January 15th which will be preceded by our paid-up member dinner. Please make your reservations with our Junior Warden brother Dan DeVoe to join us for dinner before the meeting.
- Our monthly Fellowship dinner will be on January 22nd at Biagetti's 77 Campbell Ave, West Haven, CT. Please let WB David Stern know if you will be able to attend.
- On the last Sunday of each month our lodge volunteers at the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen. The 26th of January is the fourth Sunday of the month so we will be preparing the meals. We will be at D.E.S.K from 2:00 to 4:30. Please contact Brother Gary Cohen if you can help.
- Our monthly Fellowship dinner will be on January 22nd at Biagetti's 77 Campbell Ave, West Haven, CT. Please let WB David Stern know if you can attend.
- Cosmopolitan Lodge will be hosting the Blue Lodge Council, Fourth Masonic District meeting on January 29th. The program for the evening will be when our Deputy Grand Master Stephen Petri speaks with us about his plans as Grand Master.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful new year. May we all look forward to what the Grand Architect of the Universe has in store for us next year.

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In Masonry,

Respectfully and Fraternaly,

Michael S. Abrahamson

Worshipful Master

VIEW FROM THE WEST



Brothers,

The year is over and again we decided on our officers for the coming year. I would like to congratulate all the incoming officers who will be running our lodge in 2020.

It has been a tough year and an interesting year. I would like to thank all the brothers who made it a little easier for me and I look forward to the upcoming year as we start our next 100 years with Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125.

Ellen and I wish everyone a Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and all the brothers who celebrate their religious holidays. Happy New Year everyone!

Fraternaly,

Kenneth L. Dworkin

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Senior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SOUTH



My Brothers,

I'd like to thank you all for the confidence you've shown by electing me to serve as Senior Warden for the next year. I learned a great deal this past year as Junior Warden, and am looking forward to the lessons in this next office.

As I write this, we've just *finally* had our Step-Up Night with me in the East. Now I've spoken before in other articles and in real life about my time in New Haven Chapter, Order of DeMolay. I've sat in the East, in the very room we meet in, as Master Councilor (their equivalent of the Worshipful Master) twice, so I expected sitting in the East for Lodge to feel much the same.

Hoo boy, was I wrong.

I don't know if it was because the ritual was just more complex or just because the addition of the Jewel made it feel different, but the two feel nothing alike. Back in DeMolay, that chair made me feel tall and almost energized. In Lodge, it made me feel kind of small and I felt all the eyes on me in way that, somehow, wasn't intimidating.

Well, I'll hopefully have my time as Senior Warden to acclimate myself to it a bit. Wishing everyone a happy, healthy New Year, I look forward to working with you in Lodge.

Fraternally,
Benjamin G. Stern
Junior Ward

BOTTLE CLUB

**In addition, please include the following somewhere in the Trestleboard:
While we do not serve alcohol at any of our lodge functions, the brothers of our lodge have voted to form a “*Bottle Club*”. By having this provision in place, we are now able to bring our own bottle to lodge events. Each member of the club is held responsible for the alcohol that they bring and agree to indemnify our lodge from any liability. There is no requirement to join the club and no cost to our members. Each bottle must be identified with the owner's name and may be left in our locked closet at lodge if the owner chooses. Please see our Secretary if you would like to become a member of the Cosmopolitan Lodge #125 Bottle club.**

VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



My Brothers,

As this year comes to an end, we find ourselves and our lodge in great shape to start the next 100 years. We have elected a wonderful corp of officers and we are looking to watch our lodge grow this year.

I would like to congratulate our Worshipful Master Michael Abrahamson and his officers on a job well done this year. I am looking forward to a well balanced year with Degrees, Dinners, Outside Activities, and our usual Traditions as well.

This month we are starting off with our Installation of Officers on January 5, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. in our lodge room with wonderful refreshments immediately following. On January 15, 2020 we will be having our annual Paid Up Members Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Hope to see all of you their.

Ann and I would like to wish everyone a Happy Hannukah, Merry Christmas , and Happy Kwanza. A very joyous New Year and be safe.

Fraternally,

RW Gary Matican

Secretary

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 – UPCOMING EVENTS	
JAN. 1 st	<i>NO MEETING DO TO THE NEW YEARS DAY OFF</i>
JAN. 5 TH	Special Communication – <i>Installation of Officers at 3:00 pm in our lodge room. Officers pictures at 1:00 pm</i>
JAN. 15 TH	Stated Communication – PAID UP MEMBERS DINNER. Reservations are to be made with Jr. Warden Dan DeVoe II at 2d.devoe@gmail.com or 203-843-1614
JAN. 22 nd	Our Monthly Fellowship Dinner will be at Biagetti's 77 Campbell Ave. in West Haven, CT. Please let WB David O. Stern know if you can attend at 7 pm.
JAN. 26 th	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 .
JAN. 29 th	Blue Lodge Council Dinner Meeting will be hosted by Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125 at 6:30 pm for dinner and 7:15 pm for the meeting.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER MESSAGE

Happy New Year!! I hope everyone has had a Happy and Healthy Holiday season and is now recharged and ready for a new year. This year we plan on continuing our monthly Fellowship Dinners. We will start out this year by gathering at 7pm January 22nd at Biagetti's Restaurant in West Haven. Biagetti's Restaurant has long been a favorite stop for our Fellowship Dinners and they have once again agreed to make prime rib for us, IF, we have at least ten reservations for it. All attendees are asked to make reservations with me by January 19th

These Fellowship Dinners are a great opportunity for us to introduce friends to the Cosmopolitan Lodge Masonic Family. Please feel free to add your friends to our Facebook invitation. We are always looking for new restaurants to try, if you have a suggestion please talk with me about it.

***Fraternally,
David O. Stern
203-444-2077***

2019 COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125

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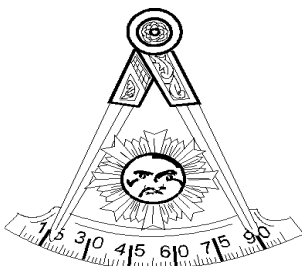
PAST MASTERS OF COSMOPOLITAN LODGE #125

*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

PAST MASTERS – 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.....Meridian #77: 1976
 & Madison #87: 2006
 Steven E. Canada.....Day Spring #30:2016/17 ,Temple #16:2011
 Alan M. Friedman, Jr.....Annawon #115: 2003 & 2013
 & Orange #143: 2009 &2010
 Bruce Liebman.....Masonic Lodge of Research: 1997
 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
 Stephen M. Thal.....Level #137: 1990 & 1991
 & Philosophic Lodge of Research: 1996
 Jon-Paul Venoit.....Compass #9: 2005



You are cordially invited to attend the
Semi Public Installation Ceremonies
in honor of

W.B. Michael S. Abrahamson

As Worshipful Master of
Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125
A.F. & A.M.
And
His Suite of Officers

Sunday, January Fifth
Two Thousand and Twenty
At three o'clock in the afternoon

Refreshments to follow

Masonic Temple
285 Whitney Avenue
New Haven, Connecticut 06511

