



Stated Communications First and Third Wednesdays except July and August
MASONIC TEMPLE
285 WHITNEY AVE. NEW HAVEN, CONN.

NOVEMBER 2019

VIEW FROM THE EAST



Welcome my brothers!

Fall is a beautiful season. The bright colors of the leaves, the crisp air, the change in the weather all bring a new outlook. Moreover, it is an opportunity to share with our Masonic family.

We have just had a wonderful example of friendship and fellowship at our 100th anniversary Centennial Gala held on October 5th. I would very much like to thank the Gala committee and in particular our chairman RWB Bruce Bellmore for all of their hard work. I would also like to thank all of the members of the Cosmopolitan Lodge Century Club who made the evening possible and presented our Lodge with a new bible for our altar. It truly was a fantastic night and a pleasure to share this special occasion with so many brothers, friends and family. The evening was even more special because we had the pleasure to share it with several special guests. Our Grand Secretary Grant Gould shared with us his knowledge of his great grandfather Wallace Moyle who was the Grand Master who granted our original charter. We were also fortunate to host our Grand Master Melvin Johnson as well as Grand Master elect Stephen Petri.

The surprise highlight of the evening was when Grand Master Johnson took the podium for a most special presentation. Right Worshipful Brother Gary Matican was recognized with the Pierpont Edwards award in Bronze. Gary's engagement in Masonry is unparalleled and it is truly fitting that he has been recognized with this special honor. Congratulations brother Gary!

On Wednesday, October 16th, we held an Entered Apprentice degree. It was truly a pleasure to our team work so well in presenting this introduction to Masonry so successfully to our newest brother.

This past weekend was the Grand Lodge Semi-Annual Communication, with elections for our Grand Lodge officers for 2019-2020. Elected to serve as Grand Master was RW Stephen W. Petri, along with RW William E. Bohman as Deputy Grand Master our own RW Bruce Bellmore as Grand Senior Warden and RW Joseph Porco as Grand Junior Warden. Please join me in wishing them all a successful year of leading our Grand Lodge.

Going forward we have plenty to do upon our Trestleboard:

- Our next stated communication will be on November 6th when we will be joined by RWB Steven Allison. Brother Allison is the chairman of the Masonic Temple Association and will be sharing with us the many ways that we can successfully work together. We will

be sharing a meal before lodge that evening so please make your reservations with our Junior Warden Ben Stern.

- On Sunday, November 10th we are having our annual movie night. I am now soliciting suggestions for our viewing pleasure.
- On Wednesday, November 20th, we are having our step-up Fellow Craft degree with our Junior Warden Ben Stern taking the East. Please make your reservations with brother Ben to join us for dinner before the degree.
- Each November, our lodge comes together to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday, this year it will be on Sunday, November 24. All the brothers of our lodge and our extended family are welcome and I hope you will join us.
- On the last Sunday of each month our lodge volunteers at the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen. The 24th of November is also our lodge Thanksgiving dinner so we will be at D.E.S.K from 2:00 to 4:00 and then have time to join together at the temple. Please contact Brother Gary Cohen if you can help.

More information on these and other events will be forthcoming.

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 SOUTH



My Brothers,

About a month ago, we enjoyed a talk in Lodge that covered, among other things, how to properly converse with and visit other Jurisdictions. Then, more recently, a Masonic Facebook group I follow mentioned a “Healing Ritual”, where (in at least a few Jurisdictions) a brother from a Clandestine body renounces his membership there and becomes a Brother in a fully-recognized Lodge. The two of these together got me thinking – could entire organizations do that? Could a body prove itself enough to go from being Clandestine to

Regular and Well-Governed?

Now I'm not going to point fingers and say “this Clandestine group should become fully recognized because blah, blah, blah...”, I am neither inclined nor informed enough to talk about that. Rather, I simply want to focus on the nature of clandestineness itself and point out that it's not too cut-and-dry as we might think. To begin with, the “Healing Ritual” started above implies that it is not impossible for someone to join a Clandestine Lodge, learn that it is such, renounce it, then join a Just and Lawfully Constituted Lodge. It follows, then, that the issue is not necessarily the people, but the organizations.

So, can the recognition of a (supposed) Masonic body change? We've actually seen that, not only *can* it change, it already *has*, at least once. From listening to some of my more experienced Brothers, I've learned that one of the Rights and Benefits required to receive one's Entered Apprentice Degree used to be “freeborn”, stated right there in the ritual. And Price Hall Freemasonry used to be considered a clandestine organization. Now, I'm not saying that the

removal of one and recognition of the other is *directly* related, but given our nation's history and the geographical way such recognition started and spread, it's not much of a stretch.

Again, I'm not looking to point at any of Freemasonry's basic principles and say "this is wrong, it'll be gone in 30, 40, 50 years and usher in a new wave of already-established Masonic bodies." I'm just saying that it's happened before, and it's entirely possible that it'll happen again. And if and when it does, I sincerely hope that we all keep our Lodge's name in mind and simply ask, "Are they morally upright? Do they do good works? Would I be uncomfortable sitting in Lodge with them? Could I call them my Sibling?"

Fraternally,

Benjamin G. Stern

Junior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



My Brothers,

Last month we had our 100th Anniversary Gala at the Hartog Activities Center at Ashlar Village. We had approximately 77 guests including the Grand Master of Masons in the state of CT, MW Melvin E. Johnson and officers from his Grand Line. We also had a very nice showing from Masonicare. I would like to thank all of you for coming.

RW Grant Gould who is our Grand Secretary, spoke about his Great Grandfather MW Wallace S. Moyle who was Grand Master when Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125 was Constituted on February 19, 1919. It's always nice to hear about our history and he brought in some artifacts that were on display as well. Thank you RW Gould for a wonderful evening.

After RW Bruce R. Bellmore brought the 100th Anniversary Committee up to the stage to be introduced, a funny thing happened on the way back to the dance floor – the Grand Master asked me to step forward to the podium where he was standing and proceeded to read my Masonic Resume which was two pages long. Standing there with my hands folded in front of me, I felt a little embarrassed. He presented me with the Pierpont Edwards Award in Bronze for Distinguished Masonic Service. What a wonderful surprise and a night that I will never forget.



Fraternally,

RW Gary Matican

Secretary

GET WELL SOON:

We wish Worshipful Brother Kenneth Dworkin a speedy recovery. He is resting comfortably at home and we hope that he will be back to lodge very soon.

2019 COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125

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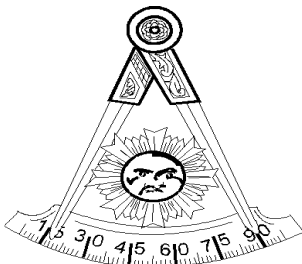
PAST MASTERS OF COSMOPOLITAN LODGE #125

*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
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*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

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 – UPCOMING EVENTS

NOV. 6 th	<p>Stated Communication – Dinner at 6:30 pm with Reservations to JW Ben Stern at 203-907-9628 or email at bgs888@aol.com . Business Meeting at 7:30 pm. Officer attire is Tie & Jacket. Program will be by RW Steven Allison on Masonic Temple Association for Questions & Answers.</p> <p><i>Dinner will be: Full Tossed Salad, Eggplant Rollatini without Ham, Chicken & Broccoli with Cavatelli sautéed in garlic & oil, Stuffed Breads (One w/ Pepperoni, One with Eggplant, & One with Broccoli, Price \$15 per person.</i></p>
NOV. 10 th	<p>Annual Movie Night at the Lodge. Master is stilling accepting Movie Suggestions. More information to follow.</p>
NOV. 20 th	<p>Stated Communication – Fellow Craft Degree at 7:30 pm. Officer attire is Tuxedo. JW Benjamin Stern in the East. Dinner at 6:30 pm. Reservations with JW Benjamin Stern at 203-907-9628 or email at bgs888@aol.com .</p>
NOV. 24 th	<p>DESK will be at 2:00 pm for preparation. Please contact RW Gary E. Cohen at 203-530-6222 or email at garymarciacohen@comcast.net.</p> <p><i>We will also have our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at the Lodge at 5:00 pm in the Social Hall downstairs.</i> Reservations with JW Benjamin Stern at 203-907-9628 or email at bgs888@aol.com .</p>



HOLIDAY PARTY

*Join us for our Annual Holiday Party
at The Woodwinds
29 Schoolground Road
Branford, CT
On
Sunday, December 15, 2019
from 6:00 P.M until 10:00 P.M.
Hors D'Oeuvres
Buffet Dinner
Venitian Desert Table
Open Bar
Cost \$40.00 per person
reserve your seats now!
Contact Bro. JW Ben Stern
at 203-907-9628 or email
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COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 HARTOG ACTIVITIES CENTER ASHLAR VILLAGE OCTOBER 5, 2019



Checking In



Lodge History



Sonya Fein Lighting the Candles



David Berger Prayer of Wine



Gary Matican Prayer of Challah



Sheh-heh-cheh-ya-nu Prayer
"Prayer for Thanksgiving"



Committee Chair Bruce R. Bellmore



Presentation of new Bible to Master



Bible Picture with Cosmo "CCC"



Grand Master's Table



Masonicare & GL Dignitaries



Carl Anderson & Edward Page



Some of the Newest Master Masons



Grant & Carol Gould



Gary Matican & David E. Berger



Bruce Lebow & Lorraine Ciaramella



Roger & Naomi Schaffer



Neil & Susan Matican



Jerry & Bonnie Gruenbaum



Martin & Dori Cobern



David & Andrea Berger



Fred & Mary Ellen Marotti



Cohen's



Michael & Pam Abrahamson



Berger's & Morse's



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These are the wonderful Ladies who make it all possible
to do the things in Masonry that we all love to do!

NOW IT IS ON TO THE NEXT 100th