



OCTOBER 2019

VIEW FROM THE EAST



Welcome my brothers!

We at Cosmopolitan lodge are ever busy. We have just had a fantastic presentation of an Entered Apprentice degree with our own Worshipful Brother Roger Jackson in the East celebrating his 10th anniversary as a past Master. I was truly impressed by Roger's work and the evening was even more special because of the work of the several special guests who came from far and wide to join us to make it a truly memorable night. I do not know when the last time that Cosmopolitan has had the privilege of having all three lectures rehearsed but it was wonderful to share them together. The only disappointment was that our candidate was unable to be with us due to a death in his family so we will adjust our schedule to present the Entered Apprentice degree again on October 16th.

- On the last Sunday of each month our lodge volunteers at the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen. The 29th of September is the fifth Sunday of the month so we will be both preparing and serving. In addition, it is the holiday of Rosh Hashanah so I will ask that those who do not have the conflict with the observance of the Jewish New Year please make every effort to pitch in. We will also be there on the 27th of October. Please contact Brother Gary Cohen if you can help.
- Our next stated communication will be on October 2nd and I hope that you will all join us in lodge.
- Please do not miss our Centennial Gala on October 5th. We hope that you will all join us at the Hartog Activity Center at Ashlar Village as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of our lodge. There is still time to join us. Please make your reservations as soon as possible with our Junior Warden as we need to prepare for this wonderful event.
- On Sunday, November 6th we will be joined in lodge by Right Worshipful 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.
- 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 taking the East.
- On Sunday, November 24th we will having our annual Thanksgiving Dinner.

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 WEST



My Brothers,

I am very sorry for not having an article in last month's Trestle Board. As you know, I have had a battle with Urinary Cancer in which I lost a kidney, but an outcome that was clear of Cancer. However, now a spot was found on my liver, which has been diagnosed as Cancer. Hopefully, this battle will end with the same outcome.

I will continue to perform my obligation as Senior Warden to the best of my ability until my successor is installed in January. Unfortunately, because of my new situation, I will be unable to attend our 100th Anniversary Celebration.

Happy notes: My family and I wish to congratulate our Worshipful Master and his family on their new addition; praying everything is well.

To our Jewish Brothers: wishing you L'Shanna Tovah; a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Fraternally,

Kenneth L. Dworkin

WB Kenneth L. Dworkin
Senior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SOUTH



My Brothers,

The next Presidential Election may be over a year away, but the election season is already in full swing. With all the debates and whatnot going on, it's a good opportunity to remind ourselves that we are, first and foremost, Brothers. Which brings me to something I've had to be very mindful of in the last few years – civility does not require agreement.

You're never going to 100% agree with everyone, not even your closest friends, but that does not mean you cannot be civil. We are all here to do the same Work on the same Level, and then enjoy each other's company outside of Lodge. We must take care to make sure that our personal disagreements over how the government is handled, on any level, does not interfere with the excellence of our Work, the pleasure of our Fellowship with each other, and the friendships we've garnered.

Fraternally,

Benjamin G. Stern

Junior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



“Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.”

By Ralph Wald Emerson

My Brothers,

The above quote reminds me of the year we are having. Our 100th Anniversary of our Lodge, the enthusiasm not only from our brothers here in Cosmopolitan Lodge and those from other lodges is just amazing. We may be one of the youngest lodges in Connecticut, but we are one of the most active.

We had our lodge meeting changed in February to coincide with our date that we were Constituted on February 19, 1919, Rededicated back in March by the Grand Line and now our Gala on October 5th to be the culmination of the fantastic year we are having under the direction of our Worshipful Master Michael S. Abrahamson.

My brothers, just a reminder for those who have not paid their dues that were due on January 1, 2019. Please send them in to me ASAP so that I can keep my books up to date. Next year's Dues Bill will be going out on November 1, 2019. If you are having a problem, please call me in confidence at 203-410-9733.

Fraternally,

RW Gary Matican

Secretary

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Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125 Thanks you all for your continued support of your Lodge...

GET WELL SOON:

We wish Brother Robert Mallory, Sr. a very speedy recovery on his Hernia Surgery which he had the other day at Yale New Haven Health, St. Raphael's Campus.

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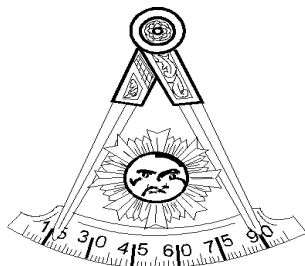
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*Jacob Caplan	1919, 1923	*Irving Kegeles	1967
*Joseph E. Levy	1920	Abraham B. Rosenberg	1968
*Samuel I. Calechman	1921	*Morris Klein	1969
*Benjamin F. Goldman	1922	*William E. Weiner	1970
*Samuel J. White	1924	*Chester M. Katzman	1971
*Nathan Smernoff	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. Ritche	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
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*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. Castron	1988
*George J. Evans	1942	RW Martin L. Rudnick	1989, 2002
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*William Ledewitz	1951	*RW Arnold H. Freedman	1998
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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

* = deceased

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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

OCT. 2 nd	Stated Communication – Business Meeting at 7:30 pm. Officer attire is Tie & Jacket. Program will be “Traveling as a Mason”
OCT. 5 th	Centennial Gala at the Hartog Activity Center at Ashlar Village from 5:00 pm to 10:00. Reservation are a must. Call JW Benjamin Stern at 203907-9628.
OCT. 16 th	Stated Communication – Entered Apprentice Degree at 7:30 pm. Officer attire is Tuxedo.
OCT. 27 th	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
NOV. 6 th	<i>Stated Communication – Business Meeting at 7:30 pm. Officer attire is Tie & Jacket. Program will be RWB Steven Allison who is the Chairman of the Masonic Temple Association at 285 Whitney Avenue.</i>
NOV. 10 th	<i>Cosmopolitan’s Annual Movie Night.</i>
NOV. 20 th	<i>Fellow Craft Degree with JW Benjamin Stern in the East.</i>
NOV. 24 th	<i>Cosmopolitan’s Annual Thanksgiving Dinner in the Social Hall downstairs.</i>



Greetings My Brothers,

As many of you may or may not know I have had the pleasure of designing a new website for our lodge. There are many informational items to be found on the site. Such as upcoming events, photos, forms and more. There is a section for potential candidates to ask for information about becoming a mason. There is also a masonic video that I along with Brother Al Johnson and his talented daughter who produced and directed it that is located on the new membership page. This hopefully will spur some interest in the fraternity from potential candidates. I urge all the brothers to go to our new website at www.cosmopolitan125.org and check it out. And after you have, if you have any contributions you would like to make please email me at fred@alphacontechs.com and I will consult WM Michael Abrahamson and if approved it will become part of the website. I thank you Brothers for your time.

Fraternally,
Brother Fred Marotti

Congratulations:

To Brother Joel L. Snyder and his wife Maxine on the Wedding of their Grand Daughter recently.

Roger Jackson's 10 Year Past Master Night



It was a night of Great Ritual on the Entered Apprentice Degree on September 18, 2019. We had two Candidates from Hiram Lodge No. 1 and Trumbull Lodge No. 22 respectfully. WB Roger Jackson opened the Lodge after the Worshipful Master banged the gavel and presented it to WB Jackson. He then filled the chairs with officers and proceeded to perform his magic.

There was three stewards lectures done, and the Charge was performed by a Past Master from King Solomon's Lodge Prince Hall Affiliate in New Haven. At the conclusion of the evenings degree and the business of the lodge taken care of, one and all went down to the Social Hall for dessert and assorted drinks of water, soda, coffee and tea.

WELL DONE MY BROTHERS!