



JUNE
2019

VIEW FROM THE EAST



Greetings My Brothers ,

My brothers it is hard to believe that we are moving into summer already as we have been so busy here at Cosmopolitan lodge.

- We had our annual awards night on May 1st. It was a wonderful public event as we recognized our brothers. In particular I would like to congratulate our **2019 Mason of the year recipient WB Gary Merwede**.

- At our second meeting in May we raised Brother Tristan Johnson to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. I want to congratulate Tristan and thank all of our officers for their hard work.

- Lastly, on May 26th we prepared the meal at the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen continuing our monthly great and good work.

Looking ahead to June we are not slowing down.

- We will be having our stated communication on June 5th.
- On Saturday June 8th, is the annual Grand Master's Day at Masonicare in Wallingford from 10:00am to 3:00 pm. Bring your family for a fun day for everyone of all ages.
- On Friday June 14th we will be attending our annual Friday Night service at Temple Beth David. Please see RWB David Berger for more information.
- On June 15th we will have our last meeting before our break. We will be having a stated communication meeting that evening but the highlight of the evening is the fellowship around the barbeque dinner that our Junior Warden is planning for us. The dress for the evening is casual and the lodge will be full of happy brothers enjoying each other's company. I hope that you are able to join us for this event. Please RSVP to our Junior Warden Ben Stern so he is prepared for your attendance.
- Our monthly Fellowship dinner will be held on Wednesday June 22nd. Please let WB David Stern know if you will be able to attend.
- Finally, we are volunteering at the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen on the 26th. This is the fourth Sunday of the month so we will be preparing so plan to arrive at 2:30. Please contact Brother Gary Cohen if you can help.
- Finally, on **Saturday, July 13th**, we will be having our annual summer picnic at the home of Andrea and RWB David Berger from noon to 5:00 pm. There is no charge for this event. Please RSVP to RWB David Berger before **July 6th**.

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,

Sorry that I missed having an article in the last two months, but unfortunately quite a few situations happened.

Anyways, I'm back and will continue my history of the lodge. This time I want to continue talking about the Fellowcraft Club, which was eliminated about two years ago by a vote of the Lodge. All Brothers in our lodge raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason were eligible to join by simply filling out a form. The first year was free; then after this dues of \$7.00 were required. The by-laws of the club allowed for Master Masons of other lodges to join, but only up to a certain percentage of the total membership.

Back then the club was the social part of the lodge and offered many activities for members as well as their families: a yearly picnic, a Cabaret Night, there was a weekend in the Catskills (usually at Brown's Hotel when it was popular), a Sports Night with a dinner and guest speakers, a bowling League at Amity Lanes in Woodbridge, and my favorite – attending baseball games. I remember going to Yale Field to have a barbecue and watch the Ravens, a minor league team, until they left the area. My favorite activities were the bus trips to Yankee vs. Red Sox games either at Yankee Stadium or at Fenway Park. Of course Fenway Park was my favorite, since I am an avid Red Sox fan, stopping at Faneuil Hall in Boston before the game.

A member was required to take the "Perfect Craftsman" Degree or PC Degree. Once a year the club performed this degree at the lodge building for all qualified brothers of all lodges. Besides the actual degree, there was an initiation part of the night. All taking the degree participated, but there were 5 – 7 who were picked to participate a little more. Because my actual brother and my father were very active in the club, I was picked. You must realize back then, 10 – 20 brothers were raised each year just in our Lodge. When I was Master in 1982, 22 brothers were raised. The brothers picked were dressed in women's clothing and accessories (including perfume). We sat on electrified chairs while being asked Masonic questions. I'm sure you can imagine what happened if the answers were wrong. It was a most interesting evening, but all was done in fun. There is more to come in the Fall. Hope to see you at Lodge.

Fraternally,

Kenneth L. Dworkin

WB Kenneth L. Dworkin
Senior Warden

Donation: RWB David E. Berger, wife Andrea, and son Bro. William A. Berger made a donation *In Memory of Dori Stern.*

VIEW FROM THE SOUTH



My Brothers,

I'd like to thank everyone for their thoughts and sympathies on the passing of my mother, Dori Stern. If I hadn't said it already, it's greatly appreciated.

As she herself said not long before her passing, *"you cannot put your life on hold just because of what's happening to me – you still need to live your life."*

So, while she will be mourned and missed, we must press on and not let her death dominate our lives.

There still seems to be some confusion concerning RSVPing for events. As our next one will be our Hawaiian Shirt Night and Cook-Out meeting on June 19th, I'd like to take this opportunity to reiterate the best methods of reserving your place with me.

Right now, I have 8 people on my *Permanency List*, these people have their reservations added automatically and need only tell me if they are not attending a given event. If anybody would like to be added to this list (or just wants to double-check that they're on it), just let me know. When RSVPing to an event, your best bet is to email me at bgs888@aol.com or *text* me at (203) 907-9628. I *will* respond, confirming that I have received the message and added you to the list. If it gets to the day before the event and you have not received a confirmation, it was probably lost somewhere along the way and only *then* should you call me.

Hopefully, this clears up any confusion we may have been having.

Fraternally,

Benjamin G. Stern,

Junior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



My Brothers:

At the last meeting our lodge was celebrating 25 year Past Masters Night. The past master from 25 years ago was WB Bruce Backer. Unfortunately WB Backer was sick and could not make the degree. Congrats on your anniversary. I would like to also congratulate the current officers on filling in at the last minute for portraying a wonderful Master Mason Degree. We should all be proud of WM Michael Abrahamson and RWB Gary E. Cohen on the wonderful work they have done with the current officers. Looking forward to the future, we as a lodge can be proud of the progress they

have made and I can't wait to see how we have made good brothers better and the future is very bright.

Please mark your calendar for our Gala on October 5th which will be at the Hartog Auditorium at Ashlar Village in Wallingford. More information to come in the coming months.

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. If you are having a problem, please call me in confidence at 203-410-9733.

Fraternally,

RW Gary Matican

Secretary

Saul S. Cohen Memorial Scholarship

Applications for scholarships for the 2019-2020 academic year are available from

RWB Gary E. Cohen

203-530-6222

garymarciacohen@comcast.net

All completed applications must be postmarked by ***August 31, 2019***

All submissions must be returned to Gary Cohen, 96 Bethmour Road, Bethany, CT 06524

with the notation ***“Scholarship”*** clearly noted on the lower left hand corner of the envelope.



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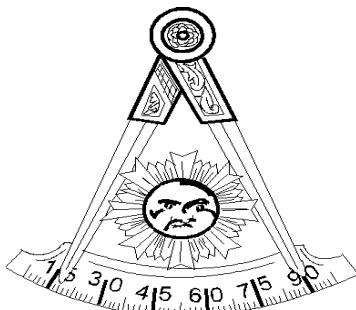
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*Jacob Caplan	1919, 1923	*Irving Kegeles	1967
*Joseph E. Levy	1920	Abraham B. Rosenberg	1968
*Samuel I. Calechman	1921	*Morris Klein	1969
*Benjamin F. Goldman	1922	*William E. Weiner	1970
*Samuel J. White	1924	Chester M. Katzman	1971
*Nathan Smernoff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

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 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-Momauquin #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

JUNE 5 th	Stated Communication – Meeting at 7:30 pm. Officer attire is Tie & Jacket.
JUNE 8 TH	Grand Master's Day in Wallingford on the Masonicare grounds. Parade starts at 10:00 am SHARP.
JUNE 14 TH	<i>Cosmopolitans Annual Shabbat Services</i> at Temple Beth David on Route 10 in Cheshire. Start time will be 7:00 pm. For more information contact RW David E. Berger at 203-640-4743 or email at davideberger76@gmail.com
JUNE 15 th	Stated Communications - This is an evening of Fellowship, BBQ dinner, and dress will be casual. Dinner is at 6:30 pm with the meeting to follow at 7:30 pm. RSVP to Brother Jr. Warden Benjamin Stern at 203-907-9628 or email at bgs888@aol.com .
JUNE 22 nd	Fellowship Dinner, place to be announced soon. RSVP to WB David O. Stern at 203-444-2077 or email at dsternct@gmail.com .
JUNE 26 th	DESK will be at 2:30 pm for preparation only. Please contact RW Gary E. Cohen at 203-530-6222 or email at garymarciacohen@comcast.net
JULY 13th	<i>Cosmopolitan Annual Summer Picnic at the Berger Residence at 152 Percival Drive Cheshire. 12 Noon to 5:00 pm. NO CHARGE! RSVP to RW David E. Berger at 203-640-4743 or email at davideberger76@gmail.com before July 6th</i>

Condolences to:

Worshipful Brother David O. Stern on the loss of his wife
Dori Stern

And

Brother Benjamin G. Stern on the loss of his mother
Dori Stern

And

Brother Eric A. Stern on the loss of his Sister-in-law

May her soul rest in Eternal Peace!

May's Fellowship Dinner



Isn't Dessert Wonderful

Every Month Cosmopolitan Lodge #125 on the 4th Wednesday goes to a different restaurant for good fellowship with members of our lodge and their ladies. We have opened this event to other lodges and any perspective members who would like to see and enjoy the camaraderie that our lodge has become to know us by.

The job of picking the restaurant is basically on the shoulders of WB David O. Stern who has informed us that he only picks restaurants that he has tried out himself. Not an easy task by any stretch of the imagination, so we would like to thank David for his due diligence. There is always someone new who has never been to one of our dinners and they leave with a good sense of how great our lodge is. If you have never tried one of our dinners, please make it a point to do so this month. We will announce the place very soon.