



*MAY*  
*2019*

## VIEW FROM THE EAST



Greetings My Brothers ,

It has been an extraordinarily busy time at Cosmopolitan.

- We had had our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary rededication by The Grand Lodge of Connecticut with Most Worshipful Marshall K. Robinson presiding. It was a truly wonderful event and I thank all of the Grand Line for the outstanding ceremony as well as our officers who worked tirelessly to see that the celebration after was befitting the occasion.

- Just a week later we hosted our annual Passover ladies at table. This was another demonstration of the brotherhood that we share as we all gathered for the special meal.

- Our first meeting on April 3<sup>rd</sup> included a special Connecticut Masonic Scouter's presentation to Eagle Scout Sam Martin. Then we had the pleasure of a presentation on the ties between Masonry and Scouting by RWB Lew Bither.
- On April 8<sup>th</sup> we had the pleasure of seeing Most Worshipful Brother Mel Johnson be installed as the *Two Hundred Thirtieth Grand Master* of the State of Connecticut. While we certainly congratulate all of the officers who were installed that day we want to take this opportunity to recognize our brother *Reverend and RWB Bruce Bellmore* as he was installed as Grand Junior Warden.
- On April 14<sup>th</sup>, we volunteered at Project Hope. This annual service brightens the holiday for so many families and we are happy to do the good work.
- At our second meeting in April we presented a Fellow Craft Degree. Our work continues to improve and all of our officers are hard at work.
- On April 27<sup>th</sup> we hosted a CTCHIP event at Hamden Middle School I would like to thank all who came out to support this important effort.
- Lastly, on April 28<sup>th</sup> we prepared the meal at the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen continuing our monthly great and good work.

Looking ahead to May we are not slowing down.

- We will be having our awards night on May 1<sup>st</sup>. We will open Lodge early at 5:45 and as this is a semi-public event we will then go downstairs for refreshment. We are planning a wonderful meal and 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.
- On May 15<sup>th</sup> we will have the opportunity to raise our newest Brother to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. Moreover, this will be a special night with Worshipful Brother Bruce Backer sitting in the East in celebration of his twenty-fifth anniversary as Worshipful Master. I hope you'll be able to join us that night. Please RSVP to our Junior Warden, Ben Stern so he is prepared for your enjoying the meal before the degree.
- Our monthly Fellowship dinner will be held on Wednesday May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please let WB David Stern know if you will be able to attend.

- Lastly, 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.

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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 Fraternally,

*Michael S. Abrahamson*

Worshipful Master

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## VIEW FROM THE SOUTH



My Brothers,

I saw this at Grand Lodge last month and, being the fan of Star Trek I am, I just had to get it. My first thought on seeing it was “oh cool, the badge of the Grand Lodge of Starfleet”, but then I realized “wait a minute, if we had gotten to that point, Starfleet wouldn’t have their own Grand Lodge...would it?” So why don’t we consider that for a moment – if humanity has progressed to the point of interstellar travel, colonies on other worlds, and even possibly meeting alien species, and assuming Freemasonry followed, how would the fraternity adapt and regulate itself under those circumstances?

The idea of a “Space Force”, a new branch of the military that covers warfare taking place outside the Earth’s atmosphere, has been a hot topic recently. Now I *really* don’t want to get political here, so let’s just say, in our hypothetical future scenario, that there does exist a Starfleet-like branch of the military. If typical missions would last long enough that Brothers wouldn’t be able to make it to Earth for bi-weekly meetings (or possibly even then), there would likely be (for lack of better term) Space Lodges which would spring up on bases and ships, much in the same way in which we have Masonic Lodges on Army bases today. So they would probably take much of their rules and regulations by copying those existing Lodges. If they have an Earth-bound headquarters, however, my guess would be that such Lodges would be considered to be under the Grand Lodge which covers the area HQ is in.

Which brings us naturally to the question of jurisdictions and Grand Lodges. Even if we progress into having a single, unified world government, it’s unlikely the existing Grand Lodges would be willing to entertain the idea of an overarching Grand Lodge of Earth that’s over and above them. So we’d keep existing jurisdictional boundaries and, much like the first Lodges in the American Colonies, new Lodges that pop up in human colonies on other worlds would start likely start out under the jurisdiction of an Earth-bound Grand Lodge until such time as there was enough locally-raised Brothers that a more local Grand Lodge made sense.

Now we come to the possibility of alien life which, just for the sake of argument, let’s say exists, we’ve made contact, and they’re peaceful. Some of them might petition to join Freemasonry, and Grand Lodges will have to decide whether they would be allowed. After all, they’re decidedly not human. It is my belief that, just as other religions were originally not allowed but were eventually welcomed in, Grand Lodges will recognize the wisdom of welcoming ever more (pardon the pun) alien viewpoints into our society. The ritual may have to be altered slightly to

accommodate non-human physiology, but that's a minor thing. Additionally, we might have such brothers who wish to bring Freemasonry home and create Lodges on their homeworld. At best, this would happen the same as if a new Lodge was being created in a human colony. At worst, it would be like the origins of Prince Hall Freemasonry all over again – a completely separate-yet-identical fraternity is created and would have to be slowly recognized by the Grand Lodges. Either way, though, I have no doubt that they would happen.

And there you have it, my Brothers, just a few thoughts of how a possible future of space exploration and exoplanetary colonization might affect Freemasonry. While it may not be as influential in it as it was during the (first) Age of Exploration, I have no doubt that the fraternity will make its mark and help to shape that final frontier.



Fraternally,  
*Benjamin G. Stern,*  
Junior Warden

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## VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



My Brothers:

I would like to share a small part of an article written by *Brother Lawrence E. Bethune* Deputy Grand Master of Massachusetts.

“I found the meaning of LIFE... Masonic Life, *Leadership, Inspiration, Fellowship, and Education*. Through remembering the word “LIFE” and the letters that make up the word, I can easily focus every day on the tools I need for helping improve good men through Freemasonry.”

“Let me start with the third letter of LIFE; “F” for Fellowship. Fellowship is the most important tool in my bag. It is the very foundation of our beloved Fraternity. Fellowship is the breeding ground for all of our glorious dreams, ideas, and advancements. Let us not underestimate the power of good fellowship. Good fellowship directly impacts our happiness – and our effectiveness.”

“Studies show, that groups of friends consistently out-perform groups of acquaintances, in both decision-making and achievement of their goals. When friends work together they are more trusting and committed to one another’s success; they rejoice in each other’s prosperity; and as long as they don’t hold back on constructive criticism, and deal on the level with each other, they make better choices and get more done.”

“Fellowship allows us to develop and practice trust and respect – between and among each other. Trust and respect are the pillars of good human relationships. And good Fellowship can be just plain old good fun for the sake of have a good time.”

***Please mark your calendar for our Gala on October 5<sup>th</sup> 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

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

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## **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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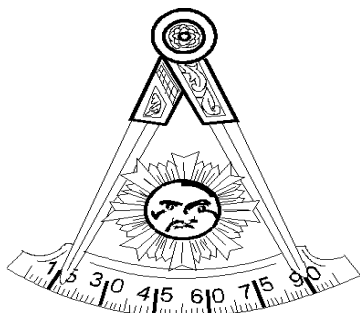
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*Joseph E. Levy	1920	Abraham B. Rosenberg	1968
*Samuel I. Calechman	1921	*Morris Klein	1969
*Benjamin F. Goldman	1922	*William E. Weiner	1970
*Samuel J. White	1924	Chester M. Katzman	1971
*Nathan Smernoff	1925	*Robert Tombank	1972
*Manuel Kligerman	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 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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*David Cohen	1957	*William E. McGraw, Jr.	2006
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*Marshall R. Weiner	1959	Roger Jackson	2009
*Herbert B. Goldberg	1960	Steven J. Elzholtz	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

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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-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

# PROJECT HOPE

## PASSOVER SEDER BASKETS FOR THE NEEDY APRIL 14, 2019

### Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125 Out In Full Force



Left to Right: RW Gary Matican, RW Gary E. Cohen, Naomi Shafer, WB Roger Jackson, Bro. Martin Cobern, Bro. Benjamin Stern, Bro. Gerald Emple, RW David Berger, WB David Stern, Jessica Glassman, Bro. Harold Miller, and Bro. Jonathan Glassman.

## COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 – UPCOMING EVENTS

May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Stated Communication – Awards Night. Two 50yr. Pins and certificates to be presented. Meeting at 5:45 pm. Dinner to follow at 6:30 pm. Officers in Tux.
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Stated Communication – 25 yr. Past Master Night - Master Mason Degree with WB Bruce Backer in the East. Dinner at 6:30 pm then meeting to follow at 7:30 pm. Officers in Tux.
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Fellowship Dinner with place to be determined. 7:00 pm start time. All dinners must have a reservation by calling WB David Stern at 203-444-2077 or email at <a href="mailto:david.o.stern@gmail.com">david.o.stern@gmail.com</a>
May 26 <sup>th</sup>	DESK will be at 2:30 pm for preparation only. Please contact RW Gary E. Cohen at 203-530-6222 or email at <a href="mailto:garymarciacohen@comcast.net">garymarciacohen@comcast.net</a>

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Donation was made by WB Maier and Sunny Fein in memory of the loss of Sylvia Weintraub Dvorchik the mother of Dori and David Stern and the Grandmother of Benjamin Stern.

Condolences to:

Worshipful Brother Kenneth and Ellen Dworkin on the loss of her mother  
**Ida Shiner**

And

Brother Steven Shiner on the loss of his mother  
**Ida Shiner**

And

Brother Paul Dworkin on the loss of his grandmother

*May her soul rest in Eternal Peace!*