



APRIL 2019

VIEW FROM THE EAST



Greetings my Brothers ,

My brothers, we are off to a great start this year and I for one am very much looking forward to all that Cosmo has to engage every brother. I know our officers all feel the same way as well. We are committed to serve Cosmo to the best of our abilities and will work diligently toward the goal of improving ourselves in masonry.

March was an extraordinarily busy month at Cosmopolitan.

- The meeting on March 6th was about what traditions make Cosmopolitan so very special.
- While the weather was a challenge on March 10th, we had a hardy contingent of Brothers march in the St Patrick's Day parade. It seemed that no amount of liquid sunshine could dampen their spirits as they proudly represented our lodge along with brothers from Hiram Lodge.
- March 21st saw us welcoming our newest Brother into the Fraternity with an Entered Apprentice Degree. Congratulations to our youngest Entered Apprentice just beginning his journey into the light! I am particularly proud of our officers as they rehearsed an excellent degree under the watchful eyes of our District Deputy Jason Morse and our Associate Grand Marshall Scott Bumps.
- By the time that you read this we will have had our 100th anniversary rededication by The Grand Lodge of Connecticut with Most Worshipful Marshall Robinson presiding.
- On March 31st we will be having our annual Passover ladies at table. This has always been one of our most popular events of the year and I look forward to sharing it with all of you.

There is also much to do in April.

- Our first meeting on April 3rd will include a special Connecticut Masonic Scouter's presentation to Eagle Scout Sam Martin. The discussion of the evening will center around the ties between Masonry and Scouting.
- On April 14th, we will volunteer at Project Hope. We will need volunteers to make baskets for Passover. We will meet at 9 AM at Tower One. The more hands that we have, the more cheerful the spirit and the quicker the work goes.
- On April 18 we will present a Fellow Craft Degree. Please join us for this event. Please RSVP to our Junior Warden so he is prepared for your enjoying the meal before the degree.
- Our monthly Fellowship dinner will be held on Wednesday April 24th. 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 28th. This is the fourth Sunday of the month so we will be preparing so plan to arrive at 2:30 p.m. Please contact Brother Gary E. Cohen if you can help.

Looking ahead to May we are planning to have our awards night on May 1st and a Master Mason Degree on May 22nd.

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

VIEW FROM THE SOUTH



My Brothers,

April is, of course, the month of Passover and Easter. And while I could certainly talk about their similarities and the meanings behind them and so on and so forth...you've no doubt already read all about that in another Trestleboard, possibly even in *this* Trestleboard. So instead, I'd like to talk to you about a specific day in this month which I find fascinating. No, not April Fool's Day...April 15.

Now of course, you're probably thinking "April 15? What's so special about that day?" Well, it's always been interesting to me that not one, not two, but *four* things of some importance happen (or happened) on that date.

To begin with, here in the USA, April 15 is when your tax filings are due. So, if you haven't started on them already, consider this your brotherly reminder to get on that. Additionally, on this day in [YEAR REDACTED], my mother, Dori Stern, was born. While these two things may seem inconsequential on their own, the fact that they both happen on the same day as these two next events lead to quite the interesting coincidence.

April 14, 1865, 154 years ago, President Abraham Lincoln went to Ford's Theatre to attend the play *Our American Cousin*, just a few months into his second term as President. He was shot in the head by John Wilkes Booth late that evening and slipped into a coma. On the morning of April 15, after nine hours, the 16th President of the United States finally passed away, with eyewitnesses claiming that his face relaxed into a smile upon his death.

47 years later, just before midnight on April 14, 1912, the RMS *Titanic*, on its maiden voyage from Southampton to New York City, swerved to hit an iceberg, failed, and was torn along its side. The supposed unsinkable ship took on water at an alarming rate and, by the morning of April 15, sank beneath the waves, taking with it more than 1,500 lives.

And there you have it, four little notable happenings of history all occurring on the same day. True, you could probably say the same about *any* day in history, but this one always struck me as particularly curious.

Fraternally,

Benjamin G. Stern.

Junior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



My Brothers:

Last month our lodge experienced a **Rededication** of Cosmopolitan Lodge No.125 that not many brothers have ever seen before. We had close to 100 people attend the Most Worshipful Grand Master and his Associate Grand Line Officers do the presentation.

WB Kenneth Dworkin and Brother Richard Werner gave two presentations of some of the history of our lodge dating back to February 19, 1919. Along with those presentations, the Grand Secretary Grant Gould spoke about his Great Grandfather, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Moyle, who Constituted us. We then went downstairs for a wonderfully prepared dinner for all to enjoy by our Chef Michael Steinfeld.

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 comings 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...

Saul S. Cohen Memorial Scholarship

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

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All completed applications must be postmarked by August 31, 2019

All submissions must be returned to Gary Cohen, 96 Bethmour Road,
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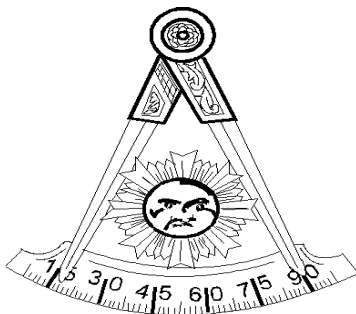
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*Joseph E. Levy	1920	Abraham B. Rosenberg	1968
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*Benjamin F. Goldman	1922	*William E. Weiner	1970
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*Nathan Smernoff	1925	*Robert Tombank	1972
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George Weinstein	1966	Jerry Gruenbaum	2018

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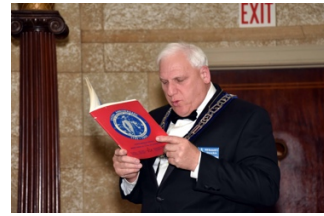
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MW Gustaf R. Bodin..... St Alban's #38: 1976
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 & Madison #87: 1985, 1986, & 1992
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 & Philosophic Lodge of Research: 1996
 Jon-Paul Venoit.....Compass #9: 2005

REDEDICATION OF COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 MARCH 23, 2019



Great Grandson of the Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Moyle
RW Grant Gould, Grand Secretary

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 – UPCOMING EVENTS

April 3 rd	Stated Communication – Business Meeting with a program. Connecticut Masonic Scouters Association will have a presentation to an Eagle Scout. Discussion also will be “Ties Between Masonry & Scouting”
April 8 th	The Annual Meeting of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge AF & AM of CT. You must bring you current dues card signed and be at the hotel in Cromwell at 8:00 am.
April 14 th	Project Hope at 9 am at Tower One in New Haven.
April 17 th	Stated Communication – <i>Fellow Craft Degree</i> with WM Michael S. Abrahamson in the East. Dinner at 6:30 pm. Reservations with the Junior Warden Ben Stern at 203-907-9628. Meeting at 7:30 pm. Officers must wear their Tux.
April 24 th	Place to be determined. Please make your reservations with David Stern at 203-444-2077 or dsternct@gmail.com . <i>All reservations will be confirmed.</i>
April 28 th	Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen where we will be preparing the meal. Preparation will between 2:30-4:30 pm. Please let RW Gary E. Cohen know if you can help out at 203-530-6222.

Condolences to:

Worshipful Brother David and Dori Stern on the loss of her mother
Sylvia Weintraub Dvorchik

And

Brother Benjamin Stern on the loss of his grandmother
Sylvia Weintraub Dvorchik