



# MARCH 2019

## VIEW FROM THE EAST



Greetings my Brothers ,

Cosmopolitan Lodge is off to a great start. Our second meeting in February was truly special. We moved our meeting night to be on Tuesday February 19th which was the exact day of our 100th anniversary. We presented the Master Mason degree to our latest worthy brother Andrew J. Salva III. Moreover, Right Worshipful Brother Gary Cohen presided in the East in celebration of his fortieth anniversary as Worshipful Master. I for one truly enjoyed his outstanding work.

All of our new officers are growing into our new roles and we appreciate your support and good council as we develop. Our next meeting on March 6th will be just such an opportunity. We will be spending a portion of the night in sharing what makes Cosmopolitan Lodge truly special. Our second meeting in March will be the presentation of the Entered Apprentice Degree to our latest candidate.

Our monthly Fellowship dinner will be held on the last Wednesday February 27th. Please let WB David Stern know if you will be able to attend.

We will continue our support of the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen. This month our service will be to prepare the meal on Sunday, March,24th. This is a wonderful opportunity to support those in our community who most need it. Please sign up with RWB Gary Cohen.

The Grand Lodge in concert with our 100th anniversary committee is planning for a lodge rededication ceremony on March 23rd and a Gala on October 5th. These will be once in a lifetime events and I hope that you and your family will be joining us.

A week later on March 31st we will be having our Passover Table Lodge celebration. Please plan on attending both events.

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

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## VIEW FROM THE WEST



My Brothers,

At first I thought I had nothing to write about. But then I thought since this is our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, why not give you some insight into what it was like when I first became a member, and then an officer.

This happens to be my 45<sup>th</sup> year. I was raised in 1974 and then was elected Marshal in 1975. Back then our lodge was one of the biggest in the state, with approximately 1,000 – 1,400 members. To be elected Marshal was no easy task, since it was highly contested. Fortunately for me, I had the backing of our Fellowcraft Club at the time, since my father was a trustee of the club. Also, if elected, the tradition required you to take every brother present out for refreshment (Thanks, Dad).

In those years, Grand Lodge rules and regulations forbid the Lodge from doing any social activities. The Lodge Fellowcraft Club, with the permission of the Worshipful Master, provided most social activities.

The dress code for all Stated Communications was Tuxedo for Officers; members and guests a suit or jacket and tie. Officers were to know their required ritual and floorwork. If an officer did not learn what was required, he would probably not be re-appointed or elected at the next Lodge election.

This was just a little of how our Lodge was back then. It might sound strict, but we also had our moments. I hope to continue the memories in future *Trestleboards*.

Fraternally,

*WB Kenneth L. Dworkin*

Senior Warden

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## VIEW FROM THE SOUTH



My Brothers,

Our Lodge is having its Rededication Ceremony this month, celebrating its Centennial, and I'm very much looking forward to it. By the time you receive this article. I will be taking reservations for the event. For those of you who were not at the first meeting in February, I'll put my message from that meeting here:

*If you think you'll be in attendance at the majority of our RSVP-required functions (MMs, dinners, etc.), let me know and I will put you on a permanency list. You will automatically be added to every reservation list I take, and you need only let me know if you **cannot** attend such an event. Please remember, however, that if you do this and then do not inform me that you will not be attending a particular event, you will still be charged the money owed for the event or dinner.*

Fraternally,

*Benjamin G. Stern*

Junior Warden

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## VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



My Brothers:

The Actual Day of our lodge being Constituted by Grand Lodge was February 19, 1919. We changed our normal night of our meeting this year from Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> which in fact was our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to the day. That night we had one Fellowcraft take his Master Mason Degree with 32 in attendance for dinner and 34 for the degree. In attendance was our District Deputy Jason E. Morse and Associate Grand Marshal Scott Bumps. Helping out with the Degree were RWB

Greg K. Whitehouse from Compass Lodge #9 and Brother Edward Larson, Jr. from Frederick-Franklin Lodge #14

Two more events this year stand out among the top choices you should be at. The first is the the **Rededication** of our lodge on March 23<sup>rd</sup> which will be performed by our Grand Master Marshal K. Robinson and his Grand Line Officers, and the second is the Gala Banquet which will be on October 5<sup>th</sup> in the Hartog Auditorium at Ashlar Village in Wallingford,



***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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**2019 COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125**

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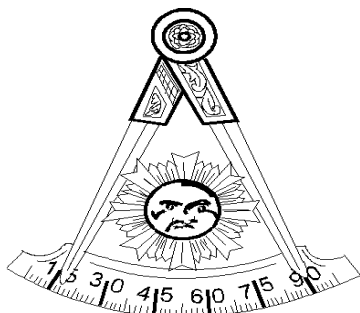
PAST MASTERS OF COSMOPOLITAN LODGE #125

*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 Hershatter	1935	Kenneth L. Dworkin	1982, 2008
*Benjamin D. Levine	1936	Steven A. Ledewitz	1983
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*Irving Rogers	1939	Jeffrey A. Granoff	1986
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*Jordan Goldberg	1962	Scott Bumps	2014
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*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



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 & 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

March 6 <sup>th</sup>	Stated Communication – Business Meeting with a program
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Stated Communication – <i>Entered Apprentice Degree</i> with WM Michael S. Abrahamson in the East. Meeting at 7:30 pm. Officers must wear their Tux.
March 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen</b> where we will be preparing the meal. Preparation will be between 2:30-4:30 pm. Please let RW Gary E. Cohen know if you can help out at 203-530-6222.
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	March Fellowship Dinner, on Wednesday, March 27 <sup>th</sup> . Riverview Bistro Restaurant 946 Ferry Blvd. Stratford, CT. <b>Reservations are required for this event by March 24<sup>th</sup></b> . Friends and family are always welcome to join us. Fellowship Dinners are a great way to introduce non-Masons to our Masonic family and they are welcome to join us with a reservation. Please make your reservations with David Stern at 203-444-2077 or <a href="mailto:dsternct@gmail.com">dsternct@gmail.com</a> . <i>All reservations will be confirmed.</i>

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### COSMOPOLITAN LODGE - Master Mason Degree - February 20, 2019



*RWB Gary E. Cohen Celebrating his 40<sup>th</sup> Year as a Past Master*



*RWB Gary E. Cohen, Bro. Andrew Salva J. III (New Master Mason),  
and WM Michael Abrahamson*