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VIEW FROM THE EAST



Greetings my Brothers,

I want to congratulate Brother Michael Abrahamson as our new Worshipful Master and congratulate his entire Officers line.

As 2019 is approaching, I want to personally thank each and every one of you for giving me the opportunity to serve our great Lodge as your Worshipful Master for 2018. It was truly a blessing and an honor to serve this year. From the first day I was initiated as an Entered Apprentice, first day being appointed to the Officers line as the Junior Steward, to serving as your Worshipful Master this year, it has been an incredible journey that I am very proud to have undertaken. I have learned so much from so many different people during my years in the Officers line.

For the Craft to have elected me to serve as the Worshipful Master this past year is beyond my wildest dreams from when I first knocked on the door of Freemasonry. Thank you for placing your confidence in me. I have been so fortunate to meet so many great people throughout this journey and I have experienced so many different things that I never dreamed I would. Right before I was installed last January, a Past Master told me that my experience this past year in the East would enable me to learn so many new and positive things about our great Fraternity and about myself as a Mason. He said that the experience this past year would further help me in my continuous journey to become a better man and Mason. That Past Master was exactly right. 2018 was one of the best years of my life. I am forever grateful. I will always treasure the memories.

I want to thank my wife, Bonnie, for her endless support, understanding, patience, and encouragement during my entire Masonic journey in the Officers line, and especially during my time in the East this year. To my fellow Officers, thank you for your dedication and commitment to making this past year a success. Every Officer worked hard and contributed greatly this past year. Our Lodge was extremely blessed to have such an outstanding line of Officers. I couldn't have done it without your support and commitment. You have made our Lodge a better place. To all of my fellow Brothers, I want to say thank you for your support and participation this entire year.

Thank you again for the wonderful opportunity to serve our Lodge. May God bless each and every one of you.

With warmest fraternal regards and best wishes!

Respectfully and Fraternaly,

Jerry Gruenbaum

Worshipful Master

VIEW FROM THE WEST



My Brothers,

My Brothers I am truly honored to have been elected to serve as Master of our lodge for 2019; our 100th year. I thank you for placing your trust in me. I am looking forward to an exciting year and I hope you will be able to join us throughout the year. I am thrilled to have a wonderful suite of officers, including several new brothers, who are all full of enthusiasm and energy.

I do want to take this opportunity to thank our Master; Jerry Gruenbaum; who has worked so hard for us all. I have had the opportunity to see what it has taken to steer this lodge and Jerry has given his heart and soul to the lodge this year. Thank You Jerry!

I may have the privilege of being Master but this is not my lodge. It is our lodge. Cosmo is special because of the way that we work together. To ensure effective communication it is my intention to have a brief meeting of all interested brothers while we share our repast downstairs after each lodge meeting. I believe that the less formal setting will promote the free exchange of thought and that good fellowship will prevail. We will have the opportunity to look ahead to the next event and address any issues without delay.

Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125 has a distinguished history, and as we fast approach our 100th anniversary, I pledge to do my best to ensure that our lodge continues to grow and to set an example of what Masonry is, and what it can accomplish. Our Semi-Public Installation of officers will be held on Sunday, January 6, 2019, at 3pm. Please join us along with your family and friends. Please let RWB David Berger know if you're planning to attend, so he can plan accordingly.

Our first meeting of the new year will be before installation. On Wednesday, January 2nd, we will hold a Master Mason Degree with our current Master Jerry Gruenbaum in the East. Our second meeting on January 16th will be our annual paid-up members dinner. Our incoming Junior Warden, Ben Stern, is planning a delicious meal so I hope you'll be able to join us that night. Please RSVP to him before January 13th. Also in January, our monthly Fellowship dinner on January 30th will be held on the last Wednesday. 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 year. This month our service will be to prepare the meal on Sunday, January 27th. This is a wonderful opportunity to support those in our community who most need it. Please sign up with RWB Gary Cohen.

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 will mark your calendars in anticipation of joining us. As this is a time to look ahead, I will ask if any brother has any suggestions to incorporate into our 100th anniversary year. Please share them with me so that we can together make our anniversary year a special one.

Brothers. It is so true that there cannot be times of joy without periods of sickness and distress. Please inform myself or the other members of the sick-visiting committee of any brothers, family members, or friends who are facing life's challenges and could use our support.

In Masonry,

Fraternally,

Michael S. Abrahamson

Senior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SOUTH



My Brothers:

I used to comment to my father that he was always talking about how fast the time passed.

As I get older I find I am doing the same thing. This has been a very fast year as your Junior Warden and it has been my proud pleasure to have served in that chair.

Cosmopolitan Lodge has had a very productive year in all its endeavors and I know that direction will continue. A big thank you to all the Brothers who stepped up and became members of the ***Cosmopolitan Century Club***. Your support will be documented during our one hundredth anniversary celebrations.

I wish our incoming officer line a great and productive year

Fraternally,

RW David E. Berger.

Junior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



“Optimism is essential to achievement and it is also the foundation of courage and true progress.”

By Nicholas Murray Butler

My Brothers:

Here at Cosmopolitan Lodge we are optimistic on achieving. All our officers plan on doing the best that they can on their Ritual work, helping around the lodge when we have a dinner and a degree. I tend to think that this will help them in all their endeavors in and outside of the lodge and make them better men and better masons.

I wish that all our members here at Cosmopolitan Lodge can come and enjoy all that we have to offer, especially this year to celebrate our ***100th Anniversary***.

Ann and I would like to wish everyone a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Fraternally,

RW Gary Matican

Secretary

RWB David E. Berger was initiated on May 19, 1999, passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft on June 16, 1999, and Raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on October 20, 1999. After climbing the ladder as an officer, David became Worshipful Master in 2005. Showing his leadership skills he once again was asked to serve when RWB Gary Matican was in need of an Associate Grand Marshal. After serving 2 yrs in that position he became a District Deputy for 4D in 2014. On December 31, 2018 David decided to retire from the job that he loved.

We wish David well in his future endeavors (maybe even playing Golf often)

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 – UPCOMING EVENTS

January 2 nd	Stated Communication – Master Masons Degree. Officers in Tux. Dinner at 6:30 pm, Reservations should be made with Jr. Warden David Berger at 203-640-4743.
January 6 th	<i>Annual Installation of Officers.</i> Lodge opening at 9:30 am with the installation at 3:00 pm.
January 16 th	Stated Communication – Business Meeting with <i>Paid up Members Dinner</i> at 6:30 pm Meeting at 7:30 pm. Reservations for dinner with Jr. Warden Ben Stern at 203-907-9628.
January 30 th	Fellowship Dinner

We Mourn the Passing :

Brother Gerald Gutkin of Sunrise Florida who was born January 1, 1931. He was a fifty year brother of Cosmopolitan Lodge. He was initiated 01/22/1958 Passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft 02/26/1958 and Raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on 03/19/1958. He has died on 12/13/2018.

“May his soul rest in eternal peace”

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Cosmopolitan Lodge #125 Thanks you all for your continued support of your Lodge...

2018 COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125

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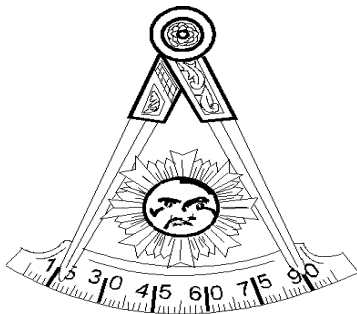
PAST MASTERS OF COSMOPOLITAN LODGE #125

*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
*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
*RW Joseph Shure	1943, 1944	*Harley O. H. Pretty	1990
*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
*A. Louis Phillips	1948	Bruce M. Backer	1994
*Fredric M. Rosenstein	1949	Gary P. Merwede	1996
*Milton S. Holiner	1950	Gary S. Spanierman	1997
*William Ledewitz	1951	*RW Arnold H. Freedman	1998
*A. Henry Mirel	1952	*Edward S. Eby	1999
*Harold P. Gessner	1953	Maier O. Fein	2000
Henry G. Smernoff	1954	Phillip E. Cohen	2001
*Martin B. Gant	1955	David O. Stern	2004, 2010
*Simon Burres	1956	RW David E. Berger	2005
*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. 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		

* = deceased

PAST MASTERS – OTHER LODGES

CURRENT GRAND LODGE
 Rev. & RW Bruce R. Bellmore, Grand Jr. Warden Elect
 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

Worshipful Brother Gary P. Merwede Becomes Fire Chief Of The Town of Hamden



"To have the opportunity to serve the community where I grew up, and raise my family and to be in a profession that fulfills me. It's just incredible. It's my passion." *As Seen on Channel 8 WTNH*

Worshipful Brother Gary Merwede started as a fireman in 1994. He worked in that position until his promotion to Deputy Chief in 2014. WB Gary was destined for greatness and just a few days ago on December 20th he was promoted to the position of Fire Chief in the town of Hamden.

WB Gary was initiated on May 31, 1989, passed to the degree of Fellow Craft on June 21, 1989, and Raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on June 28, 1989. After joining the officer corps and ascending toward the east, in 1995 WB Gary was one of the 3 top officers all named Gary. He became Worshipful Master in 1996 where he showed all the qualities of a great leader. In 2003, WB Gary was asked by his father-in-law RWB Arnold H. Freedman to be his Associate Grand Marshal.

Well done good and faithful servant. We at Cosmopolitan Lodge No 125 are very proud of all your accomplishments. Be well my brother!