



MARCH 2022

VIEW FROM THE EAST



Greetings Brothers!!

My brothers, the next few months will have many wonderful events:

- Robert Burns Night March 5th 6:30pm at Widow Son #66 in Branford
- St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 13th
- Martin and Max at Cosmo stated communication March 16th
- Grand Lodge Communication March 26th
- Passover Seder April 10th
- Awards night April 20th
- Bellmore Gala May 1st
- Table Lodge May 18th

In addition to these events, we also have our fellowship dinners and DESK volunteer work. I am pleased to inform you that the brethren of our lodge have decided that we will be cooking for the Passover Seder dinner, not having it catered, this will decrease our costs and no doubt make our dinner even more enjoyable.

My brothers, I have noticed a trend amongst pretty much everyone I know: the unwillingness to discuss politics and any issue that may be controversial. This is a very concerning trend for many reasons, the most prominent of which being that we as a people are fracturing at a rate never seen before. The ability to communicate ideas freely and quickly has never been more accessible to us, and yet what ideas you regularly see are very extreme, the moderate voices cowed by those willing to kick and scream and throw accusations of racism or the phobia of the day. Yet, it is that large moderate majority which is kept in check by the small extreme elements because of this threat of being labeled. The public discourse has declined to the point that you only need to look for a brief time on social media and see the cruelty and hatred thrown around for even the smallest step out of whatever orthodoxy a person may "belong" to. I use belong in quotations, because you do not need to ascribe to the actual ideals of whatever group "you belong to" you just need to look the part. In this way people are quickly being trained to turn on each other and root out any little indiscretion in a person's past, this is not a sign of a healthy society. Civil discourse is fast becoming extinct, which is horrifying, because it is how people prove and disprove ideas, how we determine truth and falsehood, and how we settle our differences without needing to resort to violence. I fervently hope that this too shall pass, and indeed I already see many people coming to grips with the divisive nature of our discourse and trying to find a better way. For the sake of our nation and our youth, I hope it changes soon.

Fraternally,

Daniel D. DeVoe II

Daniel D. DeVoe II
Worshipful Master

VIEW FROM THE WEST



My Brothers!

There is not much from the West this month. Other than looking forward to the Gala Evening on May 1st. And honoring and celebrating Brother Bruce R. Bellmore on his incoming position. A well-deserved appointment!

We had an awesome time at Cafe Amici for Valentine's Day. The food and service was right on point. All the brothers and their significant others had a great time, and it was apparent that no one was in any rush to leave. Conversations were buzzing with everyone moving from table to table and enjoying the time spent together. The flowers to our ladies are always well received. Great job and Thank You to Worshipful Master Daniel D. DeVoe II and Junior Warden Bruce Liebman! Cafe Amici will be on the horizon for next year, so put that on your calendar (February 2023). I/We are all looking forward to upcoming events from WM Daniel D. DeVoe II and JW Bruce Liebman.

Remembering what I wrote on last month's Trestleboard. Let's see if we can reach out to our Brothers and Families that usually don't make it to the events or Lodge and see if we can offer them a chance to join in. Please keep me informed of how I can Help!

Quote for the month;

Be thankful for all the struggles you go through.
They make you stronger, wiser, and humble.
Don't let them break you, Let them make you.

K. L.

Stay Healthy ~ Stay Safe

Keep Smiling!

Fraternally,

Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr.

Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr.
Senior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SOUTH



My Brothers,

As Junior Warden, I would like to thank all of you who shared a delicious meal and good fellowship during our Valentine's Day dinner at Café Amici. Our next event will be the celebration of our annual Passover Seder on Sunday, April 10, 2022 at 5:00 PM at the Lodge building, 285 Whitney Avenue, New Haven. Please RSVP with your name, phone number and number of attendees by Friday, April 1, 2022 by leaving a voice message on my home phone: 203-468-6944 or on my email: liebmanbruce@gmail.com. NO TEXTS PLEASE!

Come and join us for a genuine, home cooked Passover Seder. Please refer to the attached flyer for menu and other details.

Fraternally,

Bruce Liebman

Bruce Liebman
Junior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



My Brothers,

I would like to congratulate the officer corp for putting on wonderful programs and dinners this year. We hope to see as many brothers and their families as possible at these functions.

Last month we had our annual Valentine's Day Dinner. The turnout was great as there were 32 present. The next big event with a wonderful home cooked meal will be our Annual Passover Seder. Please try and make arrangement to join us.

I am trying to keep up with the bookwork and I have received more dues payment up to date this year than last during the same time period. Thank you again for your consideration.

Fraternally,

RW Gary Matican

Secretary

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 – UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2, 2022	Stated Communication with our Worshipful Master Daniel D. DeVoe II in the East. Meeting starts promptly at 7:30 p.m. Attire is Jacket and Tie. We will be having refreshments after the meeting.
March 5, 2022	Robert Burns Night March 5th 6:30pm at Widow Son #66 in Branford
March 13, 2022	St. Patrick's Day Parade in New Haven
March 16, 2022	Stated Communication with the Worshipful Master Daniel D. DeVoe II in the East at 7:30 pm. Martin & Max Performance . Attire is Jacket and Tie. Refreshments to follow.
March 26, 2022	Grand Lodge Communication at 8:30 am registration.
March 27, 2022	DESK will start at 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. For Prep Only. Please contact RW Gary E. Cohen at 203-530-6222 or email at: garyec39@gmail.com
	<i>For further information of our lodge activities and events please go to our website at www.cosmopolitan125.org</i>

2022 COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125

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PAST MASTERS OF COSMOPOLITAN LODGE #125

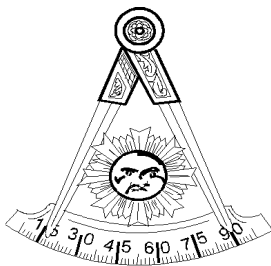
*Jacob Caplan	1919, 1923	*Harold P. Gessner	1953	Joseph M. Cohen	1985
*Joseph E. Levy	1920	*Henry G. Smernoff	1954	Jeffrey A. Granoff	1986
*Samuel I. Calechman	1921	*Martin B. Gant	1955	Edward L. Goodstein	1987
*Benjamin F. Goldman	1922	*Simon Burres	1956	*Michael L. Castroll	1988
*Samuel J. White	1924	*David Cohen	1957	RW Martin L. Rudnick	1989, 2002
*Nathan Smernoff	1925	*Albert Gurewitz	1958	*Harley O. H. Pretty	1990
*Manuel Kligerman	1926	*Marshall R. Weiner	1959	RW Gary Matican	1991, 1995, 2003
*Samuel M. Silver	1927	*Herbert B. Goldberg	1960	Bruce L. Lebow	1992
*Jacob N. Wolodarsky	1928	*Leo Gilden	1961	*Richard L. Hecht	1993
*Samuel W. Ritch	1929	*Jordan Goldberg	1962	Bruce M. Backer	1994
*Louis R. Hershatter	1930	*Gerald W. Brownstein	1963	Gary P. Merwede	1996
*Julius White	1931	*Arnold Most	1965	Gary S. Spanierman	1997
*RW Irving Alpert	1932	*A. Robert Sotman	1964	*RW Arnold H. Freedman	1998
*Andrew N. Friedman	1933	George Weinstein	1966	*Edward S. Eby	1999
*RW Samuel Platcow	1934	*Irving Kegeles	1967	Maier O. Fein	2000
*RW Alex C. Hershatter	1935	*Abraham B. Rosenberg	1968	Phillip E. Cohen	2001
*Benjamin D. Levine	1936	*Morris Klein	1969	David O. Stern	2004, 2010
*John M. Chapnick	1937	*William E. Weiner	1970	RW David E. Berger	2005
*Joseph Weiner	1938	*Chester M. Katzman	1971	*William E. McGraw, Jr.	2006
*Irving Rogers	1939	*Robert Tombank	1972	Stuart M. Smith	2007
*Maurice Osber	1940	*Leonard Tombank	1973	Roger Jackson	2009
*Herman Alpert	1941	*Milton A. Hershatter	1974	Steven J. Elzholtz	2011
*George J. Evans	1942	Richard A. Sugarmann	1975	RW Jason E. Morse	2012, 2013
*RW Joseph Shure	1943, 1944	Michael W. Winess	1976	RW Scott Bumps	2014
*Goodwin D. Wolff	1945	*Albert R. Blackman	1977	Rev. & RW Bruce R. Bellmore	2015
*Leon I. Horton	1946	RW Joseph Albert	1978	David M. Elkodsi	2016
*Natt K. Sheinfeld	1947	RW Gary E. Cohen	1979	Randy S. Stevens	2017
*A. Louis Phillips	1948	Sidney J. Levine	1980	Jerry Gruenbaum	2018
*Fredric M. Rosenstein	1949	Ronald M. Dworkin	1981	Michael S. Abrahamson	2019, 2020
*Milton S. Holiner	1950	Kenneth L. Dworkin	1982, 2008	Frederick A. Marotti	2021
*William Ledewitz	1951	Steven A. Ledewitz	1983		
*A. Henry Mirel	1952	Robert S. Brooks	1984		
* = deceased					

Past Master's – Other Lodges

CURRENT GRAND LODGE

Rev. & RW Bruce R. Bellmore
Deputy Grand Master

RW Scott B. Bumps, DD 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 Leonard H. Bucher	Widow Sons #66: 1977, Hiram #1: 1995/96, St. Alban;s #38: 2007
RW Roger R. Cole	Meriden #77: 1976 & Madison #87: 2006
Steven E Canada	Temple #16: 2011/13, Day Spring #30: 2016/17
Alan M Friedman, Jr.	Annowan #115: 2003, 13, Orange #143: 2009/10
Bruce Liebman	Masonic Lodge of Research: 1997
Frederick A. Marotti	Hiram #1: 2020
RW Jason E. Morse	Quinta Essential #500: 2019/2020/2021
Kevin H. Matsil	Meridian #77: 2003
Kyle Podpolucha	Annowan #115: 2020
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
Jon-Paul Venoit	Compass #9: 2005

The Fraternal Connection

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!” – Psalm 133

We at Cosmopolitan Lodge are fortunate to have over 200 active brothers in our fraternity. They are spread out all over Connecticut and the United States. For reasons of distance, health, personal and family responsibilities, however, only a fraction of them are able to attend our meetings on a regular basis.

This does not mean that our fraternal ties and responsibilities are lessened. To this end, and at the suggestion of the Grand Almoner, Cosmopolitan Lodge is establishing the **Fraternal Connection**. This committee will be asked to telephone every brother in the lodge twice a year.

These calls will serve several purposes:

- We will check on our brothers to determine if they are in any kind of distress for which we can lend assistance.
- We will gather news they might wish to share to pass on in Lodge.
- Most importantly, we will assure them that wherever they are and whatever their situation, **they are still our brothers** and that we care about them.

To accomplish these ends, we are assembling a committee of about twenty or so members. With this number, each member will be making only ~10 calls every six months. If you would be interested, please contact me by phone, text or email at the coordinates below.

Thank you very much.

Fraternally,
Bro. Martin E. Cobern, Chairman
Mobile: 860-539-1934
Email: mecobern@cox.net

Celebrate the Passover Seder

at Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125



Menu

Matzah Ball Soup
Gefilte Fish
Green Salad
Chicken
Potato
Vegetable
Desert

Coffee, Tea, Soda,
Wine, Water

Cost:

Adult: \$18.00

Child: \$Free

R.S.V.P by April 1, 2022 Required
to JW Bruce Liebman

Email: liebmanbruce@gmail.com:
or call at 203-468-6944 NO

TEXT

April, 10, 2022
5:00 pm

Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125 Passover Seder

at 285 Whitney Avenue
New Haven, Connecticut

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 PRESENTS:

MARTIN *and* MAX

A Masonic 2 man play written by Brother Raymond G. Schuster. The temple is the theater and the lodge room is the stage. Enjoy a play that was written in the 80's and its lesson is more pertinent today. You don't want to miss this evening's program. Starring WB Larry Baker, MWB Gary Arseneau and WB Robert R. Buntin.

THIS PLAY IS FOR MASTER MASONS ONLY
MARCH 16, 2022
MEETING BEGINS AT 7:30