



FEBRUARY 2023

VIEW FROM THE EAST



My Brothers,

Once again I would like to take time from the East to especially thank the hosts and organizers for their tireless efforts in planning and executing of our installation. Their dedication and hard work ensured that everything ran smoothly and that all attendees had a wonderful time. We couldn't have had done it without them. I would like to express our gratitude to all attendees for their support and for making the event such a memorable and enjoyable experience. Your participation and enthusiasm made the event truly special and I am so grateful to have had you all there. More especially I would be very gracious in my Thank You to our installing officers RWB Gary E. Cohen, RWB Gary Matican, RWB David E. Berger!

Our first event of the year, our paid up members dinner was a great success. Everyone commented about how great the food and turnout was. Awesome job by everyone! My officers and I are looking forward to more of the same going forward.

The next event will be our annual Valentines Day dinner to be held on February 11th @ 6:30pm at Cafe Amici. Look to our Junior Warden Ben Stern for further information and reservations.

The monthly Fellowship dinner for February is TBD. Please look to WB David O. Stern for details and reservations.

Quote of the month, "Your best is far better that you can imagine. You can do far more than you think you can. Do not be a mediocre version of yourself. Go out and do what you once thought impossible and rise up to a new level of achievement!" ~~~ Chris Lesak

Stay Healthy ~ Stay Safe

Keep Smiling!

Fraternally,
Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr.
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Worshipful Master 2023

VIEW FROM THE SOUTH



My Brothers!

Allow me to begin by expressing my thanks to everyone for the confidence they showed in me by electing me to the office of Junior Warden. Also, I know I've said it several times already, but I would also like to thank the entire Lodge for their understanding when I backed out of the Officer Line a few years ago to give me time to work on my master's degree.

Our first major non-meeting event of the year will be a Valentine's Day Dinner taking place at 6:30 pm on Saturday, February 11th at Café Amici at **1640 Whitney Ave in Hamden**. It will be \$29.95 per person for the following set menu:

Appetizer – Fried Calamari and Fried Mozzarella
Salad – House and Caesar
Entrées – Veal Parmigiana OR Chicken Marsala OR Eggplant Parmigiana
OR Scrod Oregannato
Plus dessert and soft drinks

For both this and future events that require it, please RSVP to me either in person, by text, or by email (see contact information below). I'm requesting that you not attempt to do so via a phone call simply because, if I can't pick up when you call and you leave a message, it makes it more difficult for me to confirm your reservation for you.

On that note, some of you may recall that, during my first run as Junior Warden, I'd implemented a "Permanency List" – a list of brothers who wanted to be automatically RSVP'd to events and only needed to give me the number of people they're bringing. I do still have this list, but I would still request that, if you'd like to be on it, even if you were before, please let me know again.

Fraternally,
Benjamin G. Stern
Junior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



My Brothers,

I would like to congratulate WM Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr. and his corps of officers. Our installation of officers was well attended and the food as usual was plentiful and delicious. WM Charles, WB Bruce and his crew of officers made sure that the plates were never empty.

During the 2022 year we lost 4 brothers, but the start of 2023 has brought a petition from a prospective brother whose father was a mason years ago. Keep up the good work brothers. The future of Cosmopolitan Lodge #125 are in the hands of all of us but most especially the new members who have been coming aboard.

Fraternally,
RW Gary Matican
Secretary

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COSMOPOLITAN INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 2023





GROUP PICTURE OF THE 2023 OFFICERS



MISSING FROM THE PICTURE ARE MARK A. LINDO AND MARTIN E. COBERN