

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.

Worshipful Master 2023

VIEW FROM THE WEST



My Brothers!

I am truly honored and humbled to have been elected as Senior Warden for our lodge. Being given the opportunity to serve our fraternity in this capacity is something that I take very seriously and I am fully committed to making this an outstanding year for our lodge.

I would like to extend my congratulations to brother Charles G. Ehrentraut Sr on being elected as Worshipful Master and to all the other officers who have been elected to serve. I look forward to working with all

of you in the coming year, as we strive to make our lodge an even better place for our brothers to come together and grow in the bonds of friendship and brotherhood.

As Senior Warden, one of my main responsibilities will be to oversee the Sick Visiting Committee. It is of the utmost importance that we as a lodge take care of our brothers and their families, especially when they are facing medical challenges. If any of our brothers or their family members are in need of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact myself or one of the committee members. We are here to help, and it is through mutual support and care that we truly embody the principles of our fraternity.

I would like to express my gratitude to all of the members of our lodge for entrusting me with this position. I assure you that I will work tirelessly to live up to your expectations and to make this a successful and memorable year for our lodge.

With warmest fraternal regards and best wishes,

Fraternally,
Sub W. Shuntreut
Earl W. Ehrentraut
Senior Warden

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 – UPCOMING EVENTS				
February 1, 2023	Stated Communication with our Worshipful Master Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr.			
	in the East. We will have our meeting at 7:30 pm. Meeting starts promptly			
	at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments to follow. Attire is Jacket and Tie.			
February 15, 2923	Stated Communication with our Worshipful Master Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr.			
	in the East. We will have our meeting at 7:30 pm. Meeting starts promptly			
	at 7:30 p.m. Program for the evening is "George Washingrton". Attire is			
	Jacket and Tie.			
February 22, 2023	Fellowship Dinner will be determined at a later date.			
February 26, 2023	DESK – we will have Prep Only. All communication with RW Gary E.			
	Cohen at 203-530-6222 or email at: garyec39@gmail.com			
	For further information of our lodge activities and events please go to our website			
	at www.cosmopolitan125.org			

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. Stein

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,
PU Gary Mattern
Secretary

OFFICERS COMMITTEES

Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr. (Deborah)	Worshipful Master	AUDITING	
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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. Elzholz	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. & MWGM 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	Daniel D. DeVoe II	2022
*A. Henry Mirel	1952	Robert S. Brooks	1984		
* = deceased					

CURRENT GRAND LODGE

Rev. & MWGM Bruce R. Bellmore Grand Master of Masons in CT

RWB David E. Berger Assistant to the Grand Master

RWB Glenn Jacques District Deputy Masonic District 4A

RWB Gary E. Cohen Associate Grand Almoner for the 4th District

> WB Michael S. Abrahamson Associate Grand Tyler



Past Master's – Other Lodges

Fast Waster 8 – Other Louges				
MWPGM Gustaf R Bodin	St. Alban's #38: 1976 & Ashlar #332: 2011			
Rev. & MWGM 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.	Annawon #115: 2003, 13, Orange #143: 2009/10			
Jonathan I. Glassman	Quinta Essential #500: 2023			
Bruce Liebman	Masonic Lodge of Research: 1997			
FrederickA. Marotti	Hiram #1: 2020			
RW Jason E. Morse	Quinta Essential #500: 2019/2020/2021			
Kevin H. Matsil	Meridian #77: 2003			
Kyle J. Podpolucha	Annawon #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			
Timothy C.R. Wilkins	Hiram #1: 2015			

COSMOPOLITAN INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 2023



































































GROUP PICTURE OF THE 2023 OFFICERS



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