



MARCH 2023

VIEW FROM THE EAST



My Brothers,

Our February Valentines Day dinner was a great success. We all definitely enjoyed the new location and private room that they set us up in. The food was again very good and Rachel was right there for everything we needed. I'm looking forward to continuing our annual Cosmopolitan Valentines event. We could have WB David O. Stern look into us going as a Fellowship night.

I want to thank WB Kyle J. Podpolucha for his WB George Washington presentation. And thank you to our Junior Warden Ben Stern and the stewards. Great job with the choice of both Cherry and Apple pies along with Vanilla ice cream for our fellowship following.

This month our first meeting on March 1st, will be a Stated Communication meeting. We will be opening on the Entered Apprentice (EA) degree to practice for the EA degree in April. Our next meeting in March (March 15th) will be an awards night for our brothers. Our ladies are welcome to join us for dinner and the awards presentations to follow. Look and respond to our Junior Warden Ben G. Stern for the sign up list.

Sunday March 12th, Cosmopolitan Lodge will be marching or riding the float with the other Blue Lodges of the 4th district, in the New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade. WB Frederick A. Marotti is the contact person for this event. Contact him for sign up.

Fellowship dinner will be held on Wednesday March 25th. Contact WB David O. Stern for location and sign up.

Continuing on the subject of the Downtown Soup Kitchen, please contact RW Gary E. Cohen is the contact for sign up and information.

Quote of the month:

Don't worry when you are not recognized, but strive to be worthy of recognition.

By Abraham Lincoln

Stay Healthy ~ Stay Safe

Keep Smiling!

Fraternally,

Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr.

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Worshipful Master 2023

VIEW FROM THE WEST



My Brothers!

I hope this message finds you all well. It's hard to believe that we are already in mid-February and that spring is just around the corner. We have been fortunate to have a mild winter and I'm looking forward to some fun upcoming events.

The Valentine's dinner was a great time and it was wonderful to spend it with my brothers and their families. I'm also eagerly anticipating the St. Patrick's Day parade and I'm hoping that many members and their families from Cosmopolitan Lodge will attend. It's a great opportunity for us to get out in the public eye and to enjoy some fellowship.

In April, we will be bringing in candidates and I'm excited about the prospect of bringing in more throughout the year.

I would like to remind all of our brothers to inform me if anyone is sick or in need of help. As Masons, we are obligated to support one another, and that means being there for those who may be sick, in need of help, or going through difficult times.

I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming events and to continue to build the strong bonds of brotherhood that make our lodge so special.

With warmest fraternal regards and best wishes,

Fraternally,

Earl W. Ehrentraut

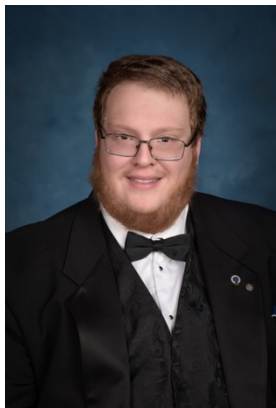
Earl W. Ehrentraut

Senior Warden

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 – UPCOMING EVENTS

March 1, 2023	Stated Communication with our Worshipful Master Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr. in the East. We will have our meeting at 7:30 pm. Refreshments to follow. Attire is Jacket and Tie.
March 15, 2023	Stated Communication with our Worshipful Master Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr. in the East. Meeting starts promptly at 7:30 p.m. Program for the evening will be Awards Night. Attire is Tux for officers and Jacket and Tie for all others.
March 19, 2023	Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125 Annual Passover Seder in the Social Hall at 6:30 pm. Attire for Officers is Tux and Jacket and Tie for all others. Reservations a must with Junior Warden Benjamin G. Stern at 203-907-9628 or email at: bgs888@aol.com
March 22, 2023	Fellowship Dinner will be determined at a later date.
March 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
	<i>For further information of our lodge activities and events please go to our website at www.cosmopolitan125.org</i>

VIEW FROM THE SOUTH



My Brothers,

It seems to be a pattern that whatever the first major event is under my tenure as Junior Warden seems to go a bit sideways on the day of. It happened last time; it happened this time. So I apologize to anyone I may have been overly brusque with on the evening of the Valentine's Day Dinner and thank everyone for their understanding as I readjust to my position.

Our next major event is our Awards Night, which will take place during our regular meeting night on Wednesday, March 15th. There is a dinner before the meeting, starting at 6:30 pm, and ladies are welcome.

This will be a buffet dinner consisting of Chicken Frances, Eggplant Parmigiana, Penne ala Vodka, Tossed Garden Salad, dinner rolls, and a sheet cake for dessert, plus the usual waters, coffees, teas, and soft drinks we usually have. I'm already taking reservations for this event. Please note that I will need to get a final head count by Monday, March 13th, so *please* make sure you get your reservation to me before then, I will be unable to take additional reservations the day immediately before or of the event.

Fraternally,
Benjamin G. Stern
Junior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



My Brothers,

Plan on visiting the Lodge and giving your support to the officers and candidates. It is wonderful to see the growth that the Lodge is undergoing. Join in! Enjoy the friendship!

Also, if you receive the **Trestle Board** by mail and have an email address, please share it with me. You will benefit by being able to view the **Trestle Board** in color and the Lodge can reduce its mailing costs.

Fraternally,
RW Gary Matican
Secretary

2023 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
*Louis 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. Elzhholz	2011
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*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

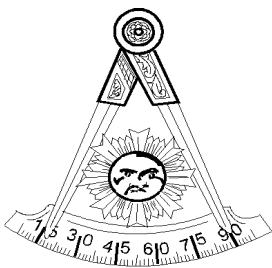
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Assistant to the Grand Master

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

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 Essentia #500: 2023
Bruce Liebman	Masonic Lodge of Research: 1997
Frederick A. Marotti	Hiram #1: 2020
RW Jason E. Morse	Quinta Essentia #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 PICTURES 2023



Group Picture at the Fellowship Dinner at the Panda House Restaurant



Great Food at the Panda House



DESK – Food Preparation



DESK – Group Picture



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Celebrate the Passover Seder

at Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125



Cost:
Adult: \$18.00
Child: 12 & under \$Free

R.S.V.P by March 15,
2023 Required
to JW Ben Stern
Email: bgs888@aol.com:
or call at
203-907-9628

March 19, 2023
5:00 pm

Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125 Passover Seder

at 285 Whitney Avenue
New Haven, Connecticut