

APRIL 2023

VIEW FROM THE EAST



My Brothers,

March had a great finish with two events, the first being the Saint Patrick's Day parade. A great time and representation of Masons in CT. Thank you to all that had participated in its success! And secondly the Awards Night and dinner. It was my great pleasure to have been part of it especially from the East. I was also honored with my 5 year pin along with my son Charles G. Ehrentraut Jr. My brother Earl W. Ehrentraut, and my brother-in-law Craig A. Stevens

also received their 5 years pin as well. We all started our Masonic journey together 5 years ago and look forward to more Light.

April is going to be a busy month, with all the religious observances during the month and the Annual Communication on April 1st. On April 19th we will be having our annual inspection and Entered Apprentice Degree, with 3 candidates. I encourage our brothers to put this on your calendar to attend. Refreshments will follow the degree. I will be planning some rehearsals, so our candidates will have the best experience and memories on their journey in Masonry going forward.

The monthly Fellowship dinner will be on April 26th. Respond with reservations to Brother David O. Stern. This is a great time to bring new people that may have an interest in Masonry.

Quote of the month - Ability will enable a man to get to the top, but character will keep him from falling!

Stay Healthy ~ Stay Safe

Keep Smiling!

Charles G. Ehrentraut. Se.

Fraternally,

Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr.

Worshipful Master 2023

VIEW FROM THE WEST



My Brothers!

I hope this message finds you well. As we transition from winter to spring, I can't help but reflect on the past few months. While mother nature had other plans for us, we were fortunate to only deal with two weeks of winter before the warm weather returned. I'm excited to spend time outside with family and friends, and I hope you are too.

I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for everyone's participation in the St Patrick's day parade. It was a great turnout, and the weather couldn't have

been better. Spending time with our brothers and families while getting the message out to the community was truly special. I think we made a positive impact, and I look forward to participating in future community events.

Our Awards Night was a great success, and it was an honor to receive my five-year pin along with my family members. I also want to congratulate all the members who were recognized for their years of service with our lodge. Their dedication and support are what make our lodge and freemasonry successful for future generations. I feel grateful to be part of such a supportive and committed community.

Looking ahead, I'm excited for our upcoming EA degree on Wednesday, April 19th. It's an exciting opportunity to welcome new members to our lodge and freemasonry community. Additionally, we have many events planned over the summer, and I can't wait to spend time with all of you.

Thank you for your continued commitment to our lodge and freemasonry. I feel fortunate to be part of such a dedicated and supportive community.

With warmest fraternal regards and best wishes,

Fraternally, Shrentraut

Earl W. Ehrentraut Senior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



My Brothers,

Last month the masons of the 4th Masonic District once again marched in the Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in New Haven. We started out by having a wonderful breakfast at 285 Whitney Avenue, put on by the Scottish Rite Valley of New Haven. We then took a school bus to the starting point for us to walk the parade. When we were finished we had a beautiful meal once again put on by the Scottish Rite Valley of New Haven. We had great

fellowship with all masons and their families that attended. A big thank you to the Scottish Rite.

If you have not paid your 2023 dues I would appreciate a timely check so as to keep my bookkeeping up to date. 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,

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*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

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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

CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF:

• Phillip Brown who passed away on March 14, 2023 (A 50 year brother)

• WB Jack H. Stevens who passed away on March 21, 2023 (A 57 year brother)

• WB Randy Stevens who lost his father.

• Bros Chris and Ethan who lost their grandfather.

• Julius Raflowitz who passed away on July 7, 2021 (A 47 year brother)

MAY THEIR SOULS REST IN ETERNAL PEACE!

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 – UPCOMING EVENTS		
April 2 nd , 2023	Project Hope at the Jewish Community Center at 9:15 am - Noon.	
April 5 th , 2023	This meeting has been cancelled due to the Jewish Holiday of	
	Passover.	
April 19 th , 2023	Stated Communication with our Worshipful Master Charles G.	
	Ehrentraut, Sr. in the East. Meeting will start at 7:30 pm with an	
	Entered Apprentice Degree. Refreshments to follow. Attire is Tux for	
	officers and Jacket and Tie for all others.	
April 26 th , 2023	Fellowship Dinner will be determined at a later date.	
April 30 th , 2023	DESK – we will have Prep & Serving from 2 pm to 6 pm. 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	

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

RW Gary Matican & Ann on the birth of Gary's grandson Levi W. Matican.

Bro. Jeremy and Marisa Matican on the birth of their nephew Levi W. Matican.

Bro. Neil Matican and Susan on the birth of their great nephew Levi W. Matican.

Bro. Hillel and Sara-Ann Auerbach on the birth of their cousin Levi W. Matican.

Bro. Andrew and Paige Weinstein on the birth of their cousin Levi W. Matican.

COSMOPOLITAN ANNUAL AWARDS NIGHT





40 Year Pin and Certificates for RW Gary Matican and WB Bruce Lebow. Most Worshipful Grand Master Bruce R. Bellmore, WM Charles Ehrentraut, Sr.



45 Year Pin & Certificate for Brother David Smernoff





55 Year Pin and Certificate for Brother Daniel Katz



15 Year Pin and Certificate for WB Timothy Wilkins and Brother Benjamin Stern











Tayler, Charles Ehrentraut, Jr., Ruth, Earl, Dawn, Craig Stevens WM Charles Ehrentraut, Sr., Deborah, & Grand Master Bruce Bellmore

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