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285 WHITNEY AVE. NEW HAVEN, CONN.

# MAY 2023

## VIEW FROM THE EAST



My Brothers,

April was a very busy month as predicted. But most memorable and proud of all was sitting in the East as Worshipful Master for the Entered Apprentice Degree on April 19th. All the officers should be commended on their work. Practice does pay off! The annual inspection was successful with RWDD Glenn Jacques and AGA WB Nick Barnes both of district 4A being present. And a special Thank You goes out to the brothers of Cosmopolitan 125 for the presentations of the Lamb Skin, Working Tools, Charge, Second Section Lecture, and Lodge Customs. And let's not forget the First Section Lecture presented by brothers Joseph Fried - Senior Deacon and Asanish Kalyanasundaram - Senior Steward a presentation well done!

Let's all welcome our new EA brothers, Patrick Brizan and Lucas Lee. I look forward to working with them in the school of instruction with brother RW Gary E. Cohen.

May looks to be a little less busy. But that can change by the minute. Our first meeting will be on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. So I have asked the Senior Steward - Ben Stern to work on having a Cinco DE Mayo snack after the meeting for attending brothers. Please reach out to him so we have an approximate count to have enough available. Also Please don't be shy with contributing to the Stewards fund basket.

As always look to WB David O. Stern for our monthly Fellowship dinner.

Continuing on with Desk on our support of the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen, see RW Gary E. Cohen

Quote of the month. "You must be the change you wish to see in the world"

Stay Healthy ~ Stay Safe

Keep Smiling!

Fraternally,

*Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr.*

Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr.  
Worshipful Master 2023

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## VIEW FROM THE WEST



My Brothers!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Passover or Easter celebration with their loved ones.

As spring has arrived, we can finally enjoy the warmer weather and spend more time outside.

It was a pleasure attending the Grand Lodge Annual Communication and a great opportunity to meet and connect with brothers from lodges throughout Connecticut. One of my highlights was working at the lodge store with my brothers, which is always a fun and memorable experience.

It was a proud moment when our lodge received the award for Excellent Trestle Boards, which is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our members.

I was happy to welcome two new members to our craft at the Entered Apprentice degree last Wednesday, April 19th.

Lastly, if anyone knows of a brother who is ill or in the hospital, please do not hesitate to let me know. We are a community that looks out for one another, and we want to ensure that our brothers feel supported and cared for during difficult times.

**With warmest fraternal regards and best wishes,**

Fraternally,

*Earl W. Ehrentraut*

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Senior Warden

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## VIEW FROM THE SOUTH



My Brothers!

As I write this, we are approaching an Entered Apprentice degree, which should have already happened by the time you read this. The Worshipful Master and I have been talking things over recently and the idea has been floated that, in addition to the usual meal before the Master Mason degree, we may also have one before the Fellowcraft which is to follow. We haven't firmly decided on it yet, nor, naturally, do we have a date for either just yet. But be on the lookout for it and, once plans have firmed up, let me know if you can attend so that I can plan the meals appropriately.

On a more confirmed note, we do already have our date set for a Lodge Picnic while we're on break for the summer. It will be held at the pavilion at Ashlar Village on Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 12:30. Even though the event is still several months away, I am already accepting reservations for it. We are still detailing the best way to provide food for the event, so if you have any specific requests, concerns, or restrictions you'd like me to know about, now'd be the perfect time to say something.

Fraternally,

*Benjamin G. Stern*

Junior Warden

## VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



My Brothers,

We as masons believe that there are many opportunities to respect your efforts and other peoples efforts as well. Self-discipline is very important when you have responsibilities within the lodge and outside the lodge. When you have both in your life then everything else will fall into place.

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,

*RW Gary Matican*

Secretary

### COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 – UPCOMING EVENTS

May 3, 2023	Stated Communication with our Worshipful Master Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr. in the East. Meeting will start at 7:30 pm with Refreshments to follow in the Social Hall. Attire is Tie and Jacket.
May 17, 2023	Stated Communication with our Worshipful Master Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr. in the East. Meeting will start at 7:30 pm with Refreshments to follow in the Social Hall. Attire is Tie and Jacket.
<b>May 24, 2023</b>	<b>Mother's Day Celebration at 7:00 pm at the Panda House Restaurant in Stratford.</b>
May 28, 2023	DESK – we will have Prep Only. Start time is 2 pm. All communication with RW Gary E. Cohen at 203-530-6222 or email at: <a href="mailto:garyec39@gmail.com">garyec39@gmail.com</a>
	<i>For further information of our lodge activities and events please go to our website at <a href="http://www.cosmopolitan125.org">www.cosmopolitan125.org</a></i>



My brothers, when a friend or relative asks you about our great fraternity this is the brochure that you can give to them. Just ask the secretary and he will be happy to get you one.

**2023 COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125**

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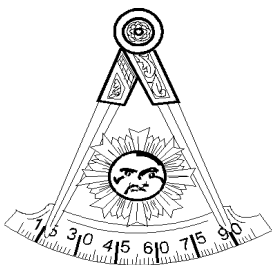
<i>*Jacob Caplan</i>	1919, 1923	<i>*Harold P. Gessner</i>	1953	Joseph M. Cohen	1985
<i>*Joseph E. Levy</i>	1920	<i>*Henry G. Smernoff</i>	1954	Jeffrey A. Granoff	1986
<i>*Samuel I. Calechman</i>	1921	<i>*Martin B. Gant</i>	1955	Edward L. Goodstein	1987
<i>*Benjamin F. Goldman</i>	1922	<i>*Simon Burres</i>	1956	<i>*Michael L. Castroll</i>	1988
<i>*Samuel J. White</i>	1924	<i>*David Cohen</i>	1957	RW Martin L. Rudnick	1989, 2002
<i>*Nathan Smernoff</i>	1925	<i>*Albert Gurewitz</i>	1958	<i>*Harley O. H. Pretty</i>	1990
<i>*Manuel Kligerman</i>	1926	<i>*Marshall R. Weiner</i>	1959	RW Gary Matican	1991, 1995, 2003
<i>*Samuel M. Silver</i>	1927	<i>*Herbert B. Goldberg</i>	1960	Bruce L. Lebow	1992
<i>*Jacob N. Wolodarsky</i>	1928	<i>*Leo Gilden</i>	1961	<i>*Richard L. Hecht</i>	1993
<i>*Samuel W. Ritch</i>	1929	<i>*Jordan Goldberg</i>	1962	Bruce M. Backer	1994
<i>*Louis R. Hershatter</i>	1930	<i>*Gerald W. Brownstein</i>	1963	Gary P. Merwede	1996
<i>*Julius White</i>	1931	<i>*Arnold Most</i>	1965	Gary S. Spanierman	1997
<i>*RW Irving Alpert</i>	1932	<i>*A. Robert Sotman</i>	1964	<i>*RW Arnold H. Freedman</i>	1998
<i>*Andrew N. Friedman</i>	1933	George Weinstein	1966	<i>*Edward S. Eby</i>	1999
<i>*RW Samuel Platcow</i>	1934	<i>*Irving Kegeles</i>	1967	Maier O. Fein	2000
<i>*RW Alex C. Hershatter</i>	1935	<i>*Abraham B. Rosenberg</i>	1968	Phillip E. Cohen	2001
<i>*Benjamin D. Levine</i>	1936	<i>*Morris Klein</i>	1969	David O. Stern	2004, 2010
<i>*John M. Chapnick</i>	1937	<i>*William E. Weiner</i>	1970	RW David E. Berger	2005
<i>*Joseph Weiner</i>	1938	<i>*Chester M. Katzman</i>	1971	<i>*William E. McGraw, Jr.</i>	2006
<i>*Irving Rogers</i>	1939	<i>*Robert Tombank</i>	1972	Stuart M. Smith	2007
<i>*Maurice Osber</i>	1940	<i>*Leonard Tombank</i>	1973	Roger Jackson	2009
<i>*Herman Alpert</i>	1941	<i>*Milton A. Hershatter</i>	1974	Steven J. Elzholz	2011
<i>*George J. Evans</i>	1942	Richard A. Sugarmann	1975	RW Jason E. Morse	2012, 2013
<i>*RW Joseph Shure</i>	1943, 1944	<i>*Michael W. Winess</i>	1976	RW Scott Bumps	2014
<i>*Goodwin D. Wolff</i>	1945	<i>*Albert R. Blackman</i>	1977	Rev. & MWGM Bruce R. Bellmore	2015
<i>*Leon I. Horton</i>	1946	RW Joseph Albert	1978	David M. Elkodsi	2016
<i>*Natt K. Sheinfeld</i>	1947	RW Gary E. Cohen	1979	Randy S. Stevens	2017
<i>*A. Louis Phillips</i>	1948	Sidney J. Levine	1980	Jerry Gruenbaum	2018
<i>*Fredric M. Rosenstein</i>	1949	Ronald M. Dworkin	1981	Michael S. Abrahamson	2019, 2020
<i>*Milton S. Holiner</i>	1950	Kenneth L. Dworkin	1982, 2008	Frederick A. Marotti	2021
<i>*William Ledewitz</i>	1951	Steven A. Ledewitz	1983	Daniel D. DeVoe II	2022
<i>*A. Henry Mirel</i>	1952	Robert S. Brooks	1984		
* = deceased					

CURRENT GRAND LODGE

RWB Glenn Jacques  
District Deputy Masonic District 4A

RWB Gary E. Cohen  
Associate Grand Almoner for the 4<sup>th</sup> 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-Momaguin #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:

- Elliot Kerzner who passed away on April 10, 2023. He was a 55 year brother.
- Joshua Adani who passed away on April 11, 2023. He was a 47 year brother.

**MAY THEIR SOULS REST IN ETERNAL PEACE!**

## Project Hope 2023

Passover Baskets for Jewish Families in need...  
These are the brothers from Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125



From left to right: Harold Miller, Benjamin Stern, Gary E. Cohen, Jonathan Glassman, Gary Matican, & David Stern  
Not in the picture are the Boy Scouts from Troop 41 in Woodbridge CT.

*Project HOPE has served vulnerable communities since the late 1960's when it was created by B'nai B'rith in Brooklyn NY. It was then expanded to encompass regions across the country and hundreds of volunteers Year after Year. Project HOPE fulfills the B'nai B'rith tenets of helping those in need and connecting them with the Jewish people.*