



Stated Communications First and Third Wednesdays except July and August  
MASONIC TEMPLE  
285 WHITNEY AVE. NEW HAVEN, CONN.

# JUNE 2023

## VIEW FROM THE EAST



My Brothers,

May wrap up. Our first meeting had a great ending, with our Junior Warden Ben Stern and his Cinco de Mayo snack for refreshment. Great job! The Pinewood Derby was postponed till fall. Date and time TBD.

June is our last month before we go to refreshment until September. June 7th our first meeting will be a regular business meeting at 7:30.

Following the meeting refreshment will be ice cream, bananas, hot fudge, sprinkles, etc.

June 10th is Grand Masters Day on the campus of Masonicare at 9:00am. Look for the Cosmo store there. It will be fully stocked for your shopping pleasure. June 21 is a regular business meeting followed by our Annual Hawaiian Shirt picnic with our ladies being invited. RSVP to Junior Warden Ben Stern with a head count so we can have plenty of food for all. June 23 Cosmopolitan 125 will be going to Temple Beth David 3 Main St. Cheshire at 7pm for further info see Brother David Berger.

Quote of the month: Happiness is a choice and a decision, it's also a determination and a state of mind where you promise yourself that you will choose to be happy no matter what life throws at you.

Sangeeta Rana

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 this message finds you all in good health and high spirits. There are some exciting events and gatherings coming up in the near future that I wanted to highlight.

Firstly, we have the Fellow Craft degree, where we will be advancing two brothers in our craft. It's always an exciting and significant occasion, and I'm looking forward to witnessing their progression.

On June 10th, we will be attending Grand Masters Day. This event is always a fun time with our fellow brothers. Don't forget that our lodge store will be open, and I'm excited to work there alongside my brothers.

We also have a fellowship dinner planned at The Panda House Restaurant. I regret missing the last visit, but I've heard great things about the food, and I'm eagerly anticipating this gathering.

Mark your calendars for June 21st, as it will be our Hawaiian shirt night. This event is a fantastic opportunity for our brothers and their significant others to come together. If you don't already have a special shirt, now is the time to start looking for one. I'm excited to see the wide variety of shirts on display.

Let's make these upcoming events memorable and enjoyable. See you all there!

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

Fraternally,

*Earl W. Ehrentraut*

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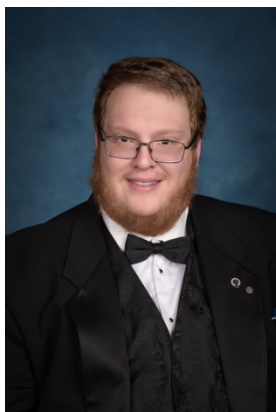
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## COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 – UPCOMING EVENTS

June 7, 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.
June 10, 2023	Grand Master's Day starting at 9:00 am with parade at 10:00 am. The Cosmo Store will be opened.
June 21, 2023	Stated Communication with our Worshipful Master Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr. in the East. <b>Annual Hawaiian Shirt Night</b> with Judging by the Ladies and dinner at 6:30 pm. <u>Meeting will start at 6:00 pm sharp.</u> Attire is Casual.
June 25, 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>
June 28, 2023	Fellowship Dinner @ 7:00 pm with place to be named later.
	<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>

## VIEW FROM THE SOUTH



My Brothers!

We have a couple of events coming up for which I'm requesting that you RSVP with me, either by text (203-907-9628) or email ([bgs888@aol.com](mailto:bgs888@aol.com)).

Our second meeting in June, our final one before we break for the summer and our annual Hawaiian Shirt and Cookout Night, is on June 21<sup>st</sup>. I'm currently planning on just the basics: burgers, cheese, turkey burgers, hot dogs. I'll want to get some idea of how much I'll need to get, so do please let me know if you plan on attending. It will (hopefully) be a quick meeting, with the cookout being the main focus of the night, so feel free to RSVP for and bring your families as well!

We also have our Lodge's Summer Picnic planned for Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at the Masonicare Pavilion beginning around 12:30. The menu is still being firmed up, but the earlier we get an idea of how many are looking to attend, the better. This event is also open to families, so bring them along as well.

Fraternally,  
*Benjamin G. Stern*  
Junior Warden

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## VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



My Brothers,

For those of the brothers who have never been to one of our Hawaiian Shirt Nights, you are missing a fun time. Please consider joining us for a wonderful cookout and contest.

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

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Time to buy your new shirt to show off and win the contest

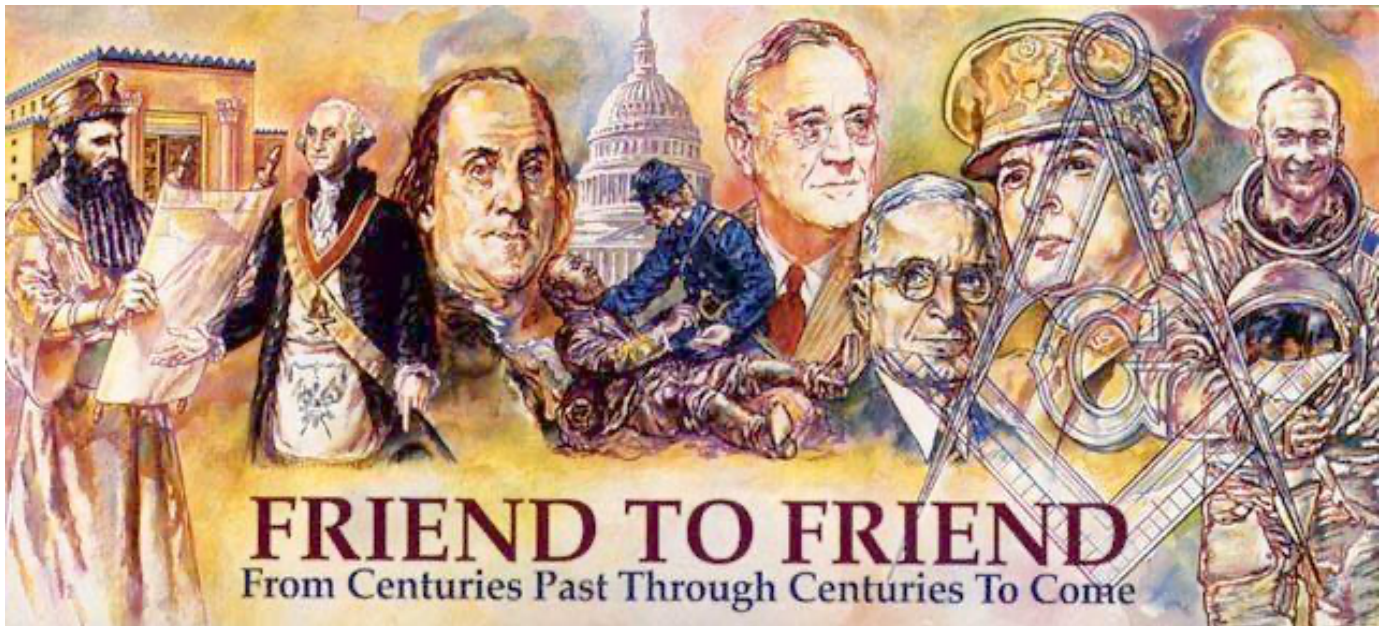
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**CONDOLENCES TO:**

- WB Michael S. Abrahamson and wife Pam on the loss of her son Matt Robinson.

**MAY HIS SOUL REST IN ETERNAL PEACE!**

**DONATIONS FROM:**

- WB Michael S. Abrahamson and wife Pam in memory of her son Matt Robinson.
- RW Gary Matican and Ann Curiale in memory of the loss of Matt Robinson.

**SICKNESS & DISTRESS:**

- Brother Richard Werner has been moved from the hospital to the facility at Atria Greenridge Place in Rocky Hill for rehabilitation.
- WB Randy Stevens and wife Sara both had surgeries (1 back, 1 hip)

# **The Almoner Program**

Reaching out and providing a helping hand to those in need.

## **The Grand Almoner:**

The Right Worshipful Grand Almoner is responsible for coordinating the Grand Lodges' efforts to provide assistance in times of adversity and need. He has the responsibility of working with the Associate Grand Almoner's to bring help, aid and assistance, to Masons, their wives and widows. This is accomplished by employing community services. He also oversees financial assistance from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Connecticut's Almoner Fund.

## **The Associate Grand Almoner:**

He shall serve as a resource for the lodge outreach and assistance. Each District Associate Grand Almoner will work with the Right Worshipful Almoner to help identify resources and support available for local lodge relief efforts.

The AGA works confidentially with lodge in their efforts to assist members, widows and others through the identification of resources and services that help, aid and assist. This includes the use of the Community Services program as well and utilization of local municipal social works (agents) and appropriate agencies.

**For help or more information contact:**

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**203-679-6917**

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