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MASONIC TEMPLE
285 WHITNEY AVE. NEW HAVEN, CONN.

SEPTEMBER 2023

VIEW FROM THE EAST



My Brothers,

Welcome Back!

I hope everyone had a great summer. My family and I did. It was great to see a lot of you over that time at the events that we all went to and enjoyed. We had a great opportunity to have brother Lucas Lee take his Fellow Craft degree with Worshipful Master Al Johnson and the Brothers from Hiram Lodge No. 1 at Annawon Lodge No. 115 during our summer break. It was an awesome time and experience for brother Lucas.

Returning back to Labor. We will be having regular business meetings for the month of September. Our first meeting of October (October 4 2023) will be a Master Mason Degree. I would like to have all of the officers focus on the work for that degree and plan on getting together for practices to make it a very memorable degree for the candidate. We will be having a dinner the night of the degree, refer to our Junior Warden Ben Stern for signing up.

Now I would like to get your attention about events in and out of Lodge!! There still is an issue that keeps arising. Our Junior Warden Ben Stern and our Fellowship coordinator David Stern work extremely hard at planning our events, but we are still having brothers attending without signing up in advance. This puts everyone on edge at the Lodge and Restaurant with seating and food that was planned for those that have signed up in advance! I would like to have all my Brothers take a moment and think how you would handle the situation if it were you coordinating the event. During the summer I had the opportunity to ask Brothers from our Lodge and from other Lodges what were there thoughts. And this is what they said. Seat the Brothers that have preregistered first and fill the other brothers in after. So the saying goes - First come first served! This is what I'm going with going forward. Hopefully this all can be circumvented by simply registering ahead of time!

Quote of the month - "Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better"

By Maya Angelou

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 everyone had a fantastic summer and enjoyed some quality family time. I've missed our conversations and fellowship, and I can't wait to hear all about your summer adventures.

I did not have the opportunity to attend our lodge picnic but heard everyone had a great time.

I'm looking forward to our upcoming Master Mason degree and hopefully bring in some more candidates during the second half of the year.

If you know of anyone who might be interested, let us know so we can continue to grow our lodge.

Lastly, if anyone knows of a brother who is ill or in the hospital, please let me know.

Looking forward to seeing everyone back in lodge.

With warmest fraternal regards and best wishes,

Fraternally,

Earl W. Ehrentraut

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Senior Warden

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 – UPCOMING EVENTS

September 6, 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.
September 20, 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.
September 24, 2023	DESK – we will have Prep Only. Start time is 2 pm to 4:30 pm. All communication with RW Gary E. Cohen at 203-530-6222 or email at: garyec39@gmail.com
September 27, 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 www.cosmopolitan125.org</i>

VIEW FROM THE SOUTH



My Brothers!

I hope everyone had a safe, fun, and restful summer break. Our next big event will be a Master Mason degree on October 4th, for which we will, of course, have a dinner beforehand. The menu will be **salad, ziti with sauce, turkey meatballs, garlic bread, and eggplant parmesan, with a cost of \$15 per person**. Please make sure you have your reservations in to me by September 27th, via email at bgs888@aol.com or text to (203) 907-9628. If you do not receive a confirmation from me that I received your reservation within 24 hours, only *then* please call.

Speaking of which, I would like to again ask the Craft that deadlines for reservations for events such as this be respected and adhered to. While it does depend greatly on the details of the event and how it's being catered, and while I will never turn a Brother away from an event for a late reservation, too many can mean that we'll have to reduce the portion sizes in order to see that everybody is suitably provided for. **And while some of us could certainly do with some trimming down (myself chief among them), nobody would be particularly happy about it.**

Fraternally,

Benjamin G. Stern

Junior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



My Brothers,

I could use everyone's help in looking for a brother by the name of Harold Weinberg. He was born in Brooklyn NY on October 1, 1922. He had been living in Ft Lauderdale until recently when Grand Lodge informed me that his CT Freemason paper was returned to them. His phone at home has been disconnected and I have exhausted places to call in order to find him.

If anyone has heard anything on our brother Weinberg please call me on my cell at 203-410-9733. Thank you for your efforts.

If you have not paid your 2023 dues I would appreciate a timely check so as to keep my bookkeeping up to date. Keep in mind that next years dues bill will be in the mail on November 1, 2023. 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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*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. Elzholtz	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. & MWPGM Bruce R. Bellmore	2015
*Leon I. Horton	1946	RW Joseph Albert	1978	David M. Elkosdi	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					

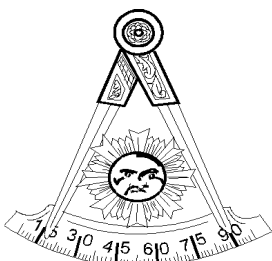
CURRENT GRAND LODGE

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

WB Frederick A. Marotti
Associate Grand Tyler



Past Master's – Other Lodges

MWPGM Gustaf R Bodin	St. Alban's #38: 1976 & Ashlar #332: 2011
Rev. & MWPGM 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

Saul S. Cohen Memorial Scholarship

- Applications for the 2023-2024 academic year are now available through the lodge Scholarship Chairman RW Gary E. Cohen at 203-530-6222 or email at: garyec39@gmail.com .
- **All applications must be postmarked by September 30, 2023.**

All submissions must be returned to the Scholarship Chairman with the notation "Scholarship" clearly noted in the lower left hand corner of the envelope.



CONDOLENCES TO:

The John W. Hughes family on his passing on December 3, 2022

MAY HIS SOUL REST IN ETERNAL PEACE!

Pictures of the Summer 2023



Fellow Craft Degree for Brother Lucas Lee of Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125 at Annawon Lodge No. 115 with brothers from Hiram Lodge No. 1 portraying the actual degree for a couple of brothers.



Picture of Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125 at **Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen**
L to R WB Michael Abrahamson, RW Gary E. Cohen, WB Jonathan Glassman, WB Roger Jackson, Bro. Asanish Kalyanasundaram, Bro. Lucas Lee, Bro. Martin Coburn in Back Right.



Cosmopolitan Golf Players were at the **DeMolay Golf Tournament** in June. From left to right are RW Gary E. Cohen, RW David E. Berger, WB Michael S. Abrahamson, and WB David O. Stern.



Grand Master's Day
with WM Charles G. Ehrentraut,
Senior Warden Earl Ehrentraut, and
Junior Warden Benjamin G. Stern