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# OCTOBER 2023

## VIEW FROM THE EAST



My Brothers,

September wrap up. It was great getting back to Labor with my brothers, and our fellowship that follows. Our Junior Warden Ben G. Stern has done a great job with our refreshment. And I look forward to the up and coming meetings to follow and what he may surprise us with.

October 4th 2023, will be a Master Mason Degree for Brother Lucas Lee. There will be a dinner before the Degree. Please respond to Jr. Warden Ben G. Stern to give him your reservation. Lets all work hard on our respective parts to make the Degree memorable for Brother Lucas Lee.

Our monthly Fellowship Dinner will be posted by Brother David Stern, so stay tuned in for the location and date.

Let's not forget the Downtown Soup Kitchen with Brother Gary E. Cohen and our support.

Thinking forward to November. Our Family Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on November 18th, save the date and I believe our Jr. Warden Ben G. Stern can start taking reservations anytime. I look forward to seeing you all and sharing in on the Holiday Feast. Look for more information soon.

Quote of the month - The aim of argument, or of discussion, should not be victory, but progress.  
~~ Joseph Joubert

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 in high spirits as we welcome the joys of autumn. It's that wonderful time of the year when we can savor the crisp, refreshing air, enjoy local fairs, and spend quality time with friends and family.

I am excited that our Lodge is back in session, and we have an exciting lineup of events and meetings awaiting us.

We have the Blue Lodge Council meeting Friday, September 29th at Temple Lodge #16 in Cheshire. Please plan on attending if you are available, it would be wonderful to see as many of our Cosmopolitan brothers there as possible.

Our Master Mason degree is scheduled for Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> and there will be a ziti dinner before the degree. Please let Brother Benjamin Stern know if you plan to attend so we can plan accordingly.

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

Fraternally,

*Earl W. Ehrentraut*

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Senior Warden

### COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 – UPCOMING EVENTS

October 4, 2023	Stated Communication with our Worshipful Master Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr. in the East for a Master Mason Degree. Dinner is at 6:30 pm and the meeting will start at 7:30 pm. <b>Dinner reservations are a must</b> with JW Benjamin G. Stern at 203-907-9628 or email at <a href="mailto:bgs888@aol.com">bgs888@aol.com</a> . Attire is Tux for officers and Tie and Jacket for brothers.
October 18, 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>October 21, 2023</b>	<b>Semi-Annual Grand Lodge Session at the Hartog Auditorium at Ashlar Village.</b>
October 25, 2023	Fellowship Dinner @ 7:00 pm with <b>place to be named later.</b>
October 29, 2023	DESK – we will have Prep Serving. Start time is 2 pm to 6:30 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>

## VIEW FROM THE SOUTH



My Brothers!

As I'm writing this article, we're just about to finish the second day of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. A big part of this is the idea that we are all hoping to be inscribed in the Book of Life for this coming year. I think I can speak for the entire Lodge when I say that we all wish health and happiness for everyone during the coming year.

Our next major scheduled event is our Lodge Thanksgiving Dinner, which will take place on Saturday, November 13th. It's over a month away still and we're still ironing out some of the details, including the menu and final RSVP date, but I would still welcome emails or texts now, even this early.

Fraternally,

*Benjamin G. Stern*

Junior Warden

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## VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



My Brothers,

As October is fast approaching, the Semi-Annual Grand Lodge Session is Saturday October 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm. This session is very important as the lodges of CT will be choosing their leadership for 2024. Each brother that is expecting to attend must have a current dues card to present to the Tilers in order to enter into the session. The dress code is Tie and Jacket with either a lodge apron or a paper apron supplied by the Grand Lodge. The Worshipful Master, Senior Warden and the Junior Wardens are expected to attend. If they are unavailable, a proxy must be filled out with the brother that will take their place. Looking forward to seeing as many brothers as possible.

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 year's 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

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### CONDOLENCES TO:

The **Irving Perlmutter Family** on his passing on September 18, 2023

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

**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. & MWPGM 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					

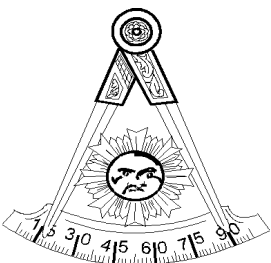
**CURRENT GRAND LODGE**

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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

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

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

**Brother William Russo** on being elected to the position of Vice Chairman at the Shriners Children New England in Springfield Massachusetts. It is a two year position which started on September 21, 2023.

WE WISH YOU WELL IN YOUR NEW POSITION BROTHER.....

## COSMOPOLITAN STORE



From left to right: WB David O. Store, RW David E. Berger, Bro. Joseph K. Fried , RW Gary E. Cohen, Bro. Earl W. Ehrentraut

OUR WONDERFUL IMMEDIATE MOST WORSHIPFUL  
PAST GRAND MASTER FROM THE  
4<sup>TH</sup> MASONIC DISTRICT

**BRUCE R. BELLMORE**

