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MASONIC TEMPLE
285 WHITNEY AVE. NEW HAVEN, CONN.

NOVEMBER 2023

VIEW FROM THE EAST



My Brothers,

October wrap up. Welcome to Cosmopolitans new Master Mason Lucas Lee. A big "Thank You" to all the Brothers on an outstanding job with the Master Mason Degree. Thank You to our Senior Warden Earl Ehrentraut and his wife Ruth on preparing the dinner for us. Thank You to our Junior Warden Ben Stern with reservations and setup. All of this cannot be accomplished without the bond of brotherhood!

November is full of events.

1. November 1st being our first meeting of the month. We will have an Esoteric Lecture from Worshipful Brother Steven Canada. Following the meeting and lecture we will have fellowship and refreshments.
2. Worshipful Brother Steven Canada's "17th Annual Harvest Dinner" on November 11th 6pm - 9pm with Brother Canada. He has asked for help in set up and assistance during dinner and break down afterwards. For further information about the event - FallHarvestDinner@outlook.com RSVP by November 5th.
3. Cosmopolitan's - "Annual Thanksgiving Dinner" on November 18th 5pm - 9pm RSVP Junior Warden Benjamin G. Stern.
4. Blue Lodge Council Meeting - Hosted by Cosmopolitan Lodge 125 on November 29th \$15.00 pp. 6:30 dinner 7:15 meeting RSVP to Junior Warden Ben Stern

Quote of the month - At the end of the day, I am thankful that my blessings are bigger than my problems.

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 this message finds you well. It's hard to believe we're approaching the holiday season with many exciting things happening in our lodge and the world around us.

It was a pleasure to be part of the Master Mason Degree for brother Lucas Lee and visiting brother Gino Gatto from Fidelity-St. John's Lodge. It was a privilege to be part of this significant milestone in their Masonic journey.

Baseball playoffs are heating up, and football season is well underway. It's the perfect excuse to unwind with friends, enjoy some quality game time, and savor the camaraderie.

As Thanksgiving approaches, let's remember to express gratitude for our blessings and spend quality time with family and friends. It's an opportunity to strengthen our bonds as brothers.

We're once again dealing with the resurgence of flu and viruses. If you know of any of our fellow brothers or their families who are unwell or in the hospital, please do let me know.

Fraternally,

Earl W. Ehrentraut

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Senior Warden

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 – UPCOMING EVENTS

November 1, 2023	Stated Communication with our Worshipful Master Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr. in the East. Program for the evening will be an Escoteric Lecture by WB Steven Canada . The meeting will start at 7:30 pm. Attire is Tie and Jacket for brothers.
November 11, 2023	Worshipful Brother Steven Canada's "17th Annual Harvest Dinner from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Social Hall downstairs. For further information about the event - FallHarvestDinner@outlook.com RSVP by November 5 th .
November 15, 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.
November 18, 2023	Our Lodge Thanksgiving on Saturday, November 18, from 5-9pm at 285 Whitney Ave in New Haven. The event is \$15 per person and will be semi-potluck; we will have carved roast turkey, gravy, stuffing, and whipped potatoes, but everybody is encouraged to bring a side or dessert to share.
November 26, 2023	DESK – we will have Prep Serving. Start time is 2 pm to 6:00 pm. All communication with RW Gary E. Cohen at 203-530-6222 or email at: garyec39@gmail.com
November 29, 2023	Blue Lodge Council Meeting - Hosted by Cosmopolitan Lodge 125 on November 29th \$15.00 pp. 6:30 dinner 7:15 meeting RSVP to Junior Warden Ben Stern
	<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'd like to take this opportunity to once again thank everyone who helped make last month's Master Mason degree a success, with extra thanks to our Senior Warden, Earl Ehrentraut, who cooked our wonderful dinner. I very much enjoyed it and did not hear a single complaint on that day, so I think it was definitely a success!

Our next major event is our Lodge Thanksgiving on Saturday, November 18, from 5-9pm at 285 Whitney Ave in New Haven. The event is \$15 per person and will be semi-potluck; we will have carved roast turkey, gravy, stuffing, and whipped potatoes, but everybody is encouraged to bring a side or dessert to share. This is a public event, so please feel free to bring significant others, children, and non-Masons looking to possibly join. Please have RSVPs in to me preferably by text to (203) 907-9628 or email to bgs888@aol.com. by the prior Sunday, November 12th.

Fraternally,
Benjamin G. Stern
Junior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



My Brothers,

I hope all of you are enjoying the great Fall of New England. Just driving around and seeing the foliage brings goose bumps. My lady and I two weekends ago went up to Sturbridge MA to see the foliage and also go to Sturbridge Village. The temperatures have been a little warmer than it usually is for this time of year. Enjoy it while you can because the snow should be here shortly.

Last month at the Semi-Annual Grand Lodge Session we elected a new Grand Master for the 2024 Grand Lodge year. Congratulations to RWB Edward C. Page. Look well to the East my brother.

And finally, those that have not paid their dues for 2023, please send it in to me **now** so that I might be able to close out this year as the 2024 notices will be going out in the mail on November 1, 2023. Your close attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

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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My Brothers,

I came across this earlier this morning, and I would like to share it with you. As stated, a Lodge is not a building, it is the Brothers who are its flesh and blood:

The Brothers in Freemasonry love our Fraternity but sometimes life takes us away from the things we enjoy.

Don't let this happen to you. Brothers, your Lodges need you now as they always have. Don't assume that they will always be there waiting for your return. A Lodge is not our buildings but the assemblage of good and upright men who gather there. Never assume that you don't have anything to offer. Your presence and ideas could be the difference between a Lodge closing/merging and thriving in our community.

Every single Brother is an asset to their Lodge. We need experienced Masons and Past Masters to help teach the influx of new men coming into the Fraternity. We need your passion and desire to help to ensure our Lodges grow and continue to do what they've always done to support the communities in which we operate.

What do you say Brothers?

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely & Fraternally,

Dave

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I think we skipped too many meetings

My Brothers,

Here is your formal invitation to the 17th Annual Fall Harvest Dinner. This is my masonic contribution to our fellow humans. Come help my family help many others who are less fortunate.

Please read this to the Craft. I'd love to see as many Brothers and their families as possible.

Put this date on your calendar:

17th Annual Fall Harvest Dinner

- Saturday November 11, 2023

- 6pm to 9pm

***- Address: Cosmopolitan Lodge #125 Social Hall
285 Whitney Avenue- New Haven, CT 06511***

- Admission is Free

- Parking is in the Yale University parking lot across the street from the Lodge.

- You will bring a side dish usually served with your Thanksgiving dinner (enough for 4 people)

- PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS NOT AN ALLERGY FREE ZONE. There may be dishes with nuts, gluten and other allergy causing items in the food brought by other families!!

I will be preparing, the stuffing and gravy for 7- 25lb turkeys for the dinner

- I will provide the coffee and water

- Please bring at least 5 unexpired non-perishable food items

* Our goal is always to get over 500lbs of food donated

- Any of the following would be greatly appreciated as well:

Toothbrushes

Toothpaste

Soap

Female products

Socks

All of the collected food will be divided as follows: 50% to local families in need and 50% to the local food pantry

- And monetary donations are made to Steven Canada DBA Steven Canada Charitable Foundation

RSVP by October 31, 2023: FallHarvestDinner@Outlook.com to let me know how many of you are attending!

Hope to see you there!

Thanks always,

WB Steven Canada

A Member of Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125

Master Mason Degree for Lucas Lee



Congratulations to our Newest Master Mason Brother Lucas Lee
And to the brothers of Hiram No. 1 and Annowan No. 115