

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.
- 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. Shrentraut, Se.

Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr. 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,

End W. Shontout

Earl W. Ehrentraut

Senior Warden

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		
	- <u>FallHarvestDinner@outlook.com</u> 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		
	For further information of our lodge activities and events please go to our website at		
	www.cosmopolitan125.org		

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!

Fraternally,

Benjamen 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

OFFICERS COMMITTEES

Charles C. Ehrentreut Sr. (Deheveh)	Wonshinful Mostor	AUDITING	
Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr. (Deborah)	Worshipful Master 203-305-4899	AUDITING WB Michael S. Abrahamson	203-395-2402
500 Skokorat Road Beacon Falls, CT 06403	cehrentraut@aol.com	w D IVIICIIACI S. ADTARAMSON	203-373-2402
Beacon rans, C1 00403	cenrentraut(<i>a</i> ,aor.com	CHARITY (WM, SW, JW, SEC)	
Earl W. Ehrentraut (Ruth)	Senior Warden	WB Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr.	203-305-4899
119 Lincoln Street	203-526-8989	Earl W. Ehrentraut	203-526-8989
Naugatuck, CT 06770-3303	firefox99@comcast.net	Benjamin G. Stern	203-907-9628
Naugatuck, C1 00//0-3303	III e 10 x 9 y (W, collicast. liet	RW Gary Matican	203-410-9733
Daniamin C. Stam	Ii WI	Rw Gary Matican	203-410-9733
Benjamin G. Stern	Junior Warden 203-907-9628	COMMUNITY SERVICE	
30 Darling Street Apt. D			202 420 1072
Southington, CT 06489-2656	bgs888@aol.com	Jonathan I. Glassman	203-430-1973
		RW Gary E. Cohen	203-530-6222
RW Gary E. Cohen (Marcia)	Treasurer	RW Gary Matican	203-410-9733
96 Bethmour Road	203-393-3301	WB Kyle Podpolucha	203-694-4546
Bethany, CT 06524-3336	garyec39@gmail.com	WB David O. Stern	203-444-2077
RW Gary Matican (Ann)	Secretary	DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS	
40 Meadow Brook Place	203-410-9733	WB Frederick A. Marotti	203-641-3932
Cheshire, CT 06410-4310	gmatican@yahoo.com	WB Michael S. Abrahamson	203-395-2402
,		WB David O. Stern	203-444-2077
WB Michael S. Abrahamson (Pam)	Chaplain	Bro. Ronald E. Fish	845-988-6705
20 Anita Avenue	203-395-2402	Die Heimie Et i in	0.00000700
Trumbull, CT 06611	mabrahamson@earthlink.net	FINANCE (SW, JW, SD)	
Trainoun, C1 00011	maoranamoon(w/cartmink.not	Earl W. Ehrentraut	203-526-8989
Joseph K. Fried (Glenna)	Senior Deacon	Benjamin G. Stern	203-907-9628
189 Shagbark Court	203-927-0003	Joseph K. Fried	203-927-0003
Cheshire, CT 06410-4320	iosephkfried@gmail.com	Joseph K. Fried	203-927-0003
Cheshire, C1 00410-4320	Josephkiried(w/gmaii.com	MASONIC TEMPLE ASSOC.	
WD Daniel D. DaVas H	Junior Deacon	WB Jerry Gruenbaum	202 (97 2222
WB Daniel D. DeVoe II	203-843-1614	wB Jerry Gruenoaum	203-687-3332
169 George Street	l .	CCHOOL OF DIGERPLICATION	
East Haven, CT 06512-4722	2.d.devoe@gmail.com	SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION	
4 1177		RW Gary E. Cohen	203-530-6222
Asanish Kalyanasundaram	Senior Steward	WB Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr.	203-305-4899
232 Dwight Street	360-206-8544		
New Haven, CT 06511	Asanish.k@hotmail.com.uk	SICK VISITING (SW +4)	202 526 0000
		Earl W. Ehrentraut	203-526-8989
Brett H. Richards (Hollie)	Junior Steward	RW Gary E. Cohen	203-530-6222
246 White Deer Rock Road	914-450-6886	RW Gary Matican 203-410-9733	
Woodbury, Ct. 06798-3505	b.h.richards@hotmail.com		
		SAUL S. COHEN SCHOLARSHIP	(WM,SW,RW Cohen +2)
Martin E. Cobern (Dorie)	Marshal	Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr.	203-305-4899
7 Carriage House Way	860-539-0934	Earl W. Ehrentraut	203-526-8989
Cheshire, CT 06410	mecobern@cox.net	RW Gary E. Cohen	203-530-6222
		WB David O. Stern	203-444-2077
Steven S. Shiner	Tiler	WB Michael S. Abrahamson	203-395-2402
658 Masonic Ave. Apt. 131	203-687-8757		
Wallingford, CT 06492-6109	steves281@comcast.net		
		TRUSTEE (term thru)	
Charles G. Ehrentraut, Jr. (Tayler)	Historian	WB Stuart M. Smith (Dec. 2023)	203-397-0646
500 Skokorat Road	203-305-5685	Martin Cobern (Dec. 2024)	860-539-0934
Beacon Falls, CT 06403	cehrentrautjr@gmail.com	Richard A. Werner (Dec. 2025)	203-804-4645
,		(10-0)	
Mark A. Lindo	Assistant Steward	RW Gary E. Cohen	4 th District Almoner
9 Hillcrest Avenue	860-284-8217	96 Bethmour Road	203-393-3301
New Britain, CT 06050	mavarickmagic00@gmail.com	Bethany, CT 06524-3336	garyec39@gmail.com
Tion Bilain, C1 00000	ina variekinagieoo(a/gman.com	Demaily, C1 00327-3330	gar ycco / (a,gman.com
WM Frederick A. Marotti (Mary-Ellen)	Assistant Secretary	WB David O. Stern (Susan)	Assistant Treasurer
8 S Dale Street	203-641-3932	46 Elizabeth Street	203-444-2077
East Haven, CT 06513-1847	fred@alphacontechs.com	Hamden, CT 06514	
East Haven, C1 00313-104/	ireu(w/aipiiacoiiteciis.coiii	1141114511, C1 00314	dsternct@gmail.com

PAST MASTERS OF COSMOPOLITAN LODGE #125

*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. Elzholz	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. Elkodsi	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

rast Master's – Other Louges				
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			

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

W∴ David Elkodsi, Secretary Lynbrook Massapequa Lodge No. 822 elkodsi@icloud.com (203) 257-1156



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: <u>FallHarvestDinner@Outlook.com</u> 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