

# **DECEMBER 2023**

#### **VIEW FROM THE EAST**



My Brothers,

November was a great month of gatherings with my Brothers and their families. I am thankful for the time and bounty that we shared. Thank you to all those who have labored to make the events what they were.

Our next Stated Communication will be on December 6th, when we will be having our Lodge elections. I hope to see you all there to participate in the future and direction of our Lodge.

I will be looking forward to the direction of our Lodge with the incoming Worshipful Master and his suite of officers, and helping them along the year.

December will be a very busy month. But let us not forget what the season is all about and take the time to reflect and enjoy how the Grand Architect has blessed us. Also be the Light with those less fortunate.

From myself and family, and speaking for my officers. We wish you and yours all the best of joys during the holidays you celebrate!

# Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah

#### And a very Blessed and Healthy and Happy New Year 2024

Quote of the month - Life doesn't allow us to go back and fix what we have done wrong in the past, but it does allow us to live each day better than our last.

~Unknown~

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Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr. Worshipful Master 2023

# **VIEW FROM THE WEST**



My Brothers!

As we step into December, the holiday season is upon us once again. It is an opportune moment to celebrate with family and friends, and to reflect on the accomplishments and experiences of the past year.

I would like to express my gratitude to all the members of our lodge for their support and allowing me to serve you as Senior Warden. It truly has been a learning experience and looking back it sure went quickly.

Serving alongside my brother, Worshipful Master Charles G. Ehrentraut Sr., supporting our lodge throughout the year made the experience truly exceptional.

As we approach the annual elections on December 6th, I encourage each of you to participate and choose our leadership for the upcoming year. Your involvement is crucial to the continued success of our lodge.

Looking forward, I am excited about the possibilities that next year holds and I am looking forward to working with next year's officers.

Ruth and I extend our heartfelt wishes to every one of you and your families for a Happy and Healthy holiday season. May this time be filled with joy, peace, and moments of shared happiness.

Lastly, if anyone knows of a brother who is ill or in the hospital, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Fraternally,
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Earl W. Ehrentraut

Senior Warden

# THANKSGIVING DINNER AT 285 WHITNEY AVENUE NEW HAVEN



WM Charles G. Ehrentraut With MW Bruce R. Bellmore



Brothers of the Craft



Brothers of the Craft

#### **VIEW FROM THE SOUTH**



My Brothers!

I'd like to use my article this month to highlight the loving care and adaptability our Lodge is capable of.

As some of you may have noticed, I was conspicuously absent from our evening refreshments after our last meeting, despite being the one who'd organized them. Well, for reasons I'm not going to get into here, I had "had a moment" and decided that, rather than try to join in on the camaraderie and possibly end up saying some hurtful things I did not truly mean, I should distance myself and try to calm down. After a little while, a couple of brothers found me and/or enquired as to where I was and what

I was doing. They sat with me, we talked, and they were eventually able to get me out of my own head and calm me down. This just goes to exemplify something that we often say but we don't often get to see – that we are, truly *brothers*, that we can go to each other with problems and expect to be heard, respected, and helped.

By the time I was ready to rejoin society (as it were), everybody else had already gone home...moreover, everything had been served and put away already. Apparently, even though it was my responsibility to see to all these things, other brothers saw that I was gone, stepped up, and saw to it that everything got taken care of. Which goes to show why, whatever happens, it seems that Masonry will still endure – because we are willing and able to take the unexpected in stride and still make it work.

Fraternally,

Binjamin G. Stern

Junior Warden

# **VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR**

My Brothers,

As this year of Masonic meetings and events come to a close I would like to congratulate Worshipful Master Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr. on his year in the East along with all his officers. Job well done my brothers.

Ann and I would like to wish everyone a Happy, Healthy Holiday season with your family and friends.

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. You only have until the December 31<sup>st</sup> deadline as the 2024 notices have gone out in the mail. 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 Garry Matican

Secretary

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 – UPCOMING EVENTS			
December 6, 2023	Stated Communication with our Worshipful Master Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr. in		
	the East. This will be out Annual Meeting with election of officers and reports by		
	some of the officers of this year. The meeting will start at 7:30 pm. Attire is Tie		
	and Jacket for brothers. Refreshments will follow in the Social Hall downstairs.		
<b>December 20, 2023</b>	Stated Communication with our Worshipful Master Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr. i		
	the East. Meeting will start at 7:30 pm with Refreshments to follow in the Social		
	Hall. Attire is Tie and Jacket.		
December 27, 2023	, 2023 For our Fellowship Dinner we will be meeting at Panda House at Ryder's		
	Landing in Stratford CT starting at 7pm. <i>Please RSVP by December 24th</i> .		
	Friends and family are welcome to join us as always. Please make your		
	reservations with David Stern at 203-444-2077 or dsternct[at]gmail.com. All		
	reservations will be confirmed.		
<b>December 31, 2023</b>	Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen – We are scheduled from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM		
	to do prep work and serve dinner. Please let RW Gary E. Cohen know if you can		
	help. 203-530-6222 or email at: garyec39@gmail.com		
	For further information of our lodge activities and events please go to our website at		
	www.cosmopolitan125.org		

# SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

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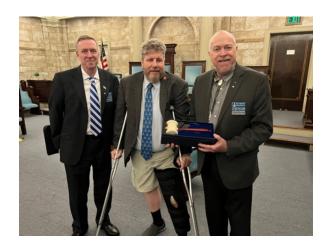


Worshipful Master Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr. with RW Gary E. Cohen Chairman of the Scholarship Award. Sharon Dworkin is accepting the award for her Grand Daughter.



David & Andrea Berger, Bruce R. Bellmore, David O. Stern, Gary Matican, Audrey Grove, and Marcia Freedman.

# BLUE LODGE COUNCIL MEETING PRESENTATION OF THE TRAVELING GAVEL



Bro. Earl W. Ehrentraut WB Michael S. Abrahamson WM Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr.

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# 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
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*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 4<sup>th</sup> District

> WB Michael S. Abrahamson Associate Grand Tyler

WB Frederick A. Marotti Associate Grand Tyler



# Past Master's – Other Lodges

Fast Waster'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			