



Stated Communications First and Third Wednesdays except July and August  
MASONIC TEMPLE  
285 WHITNEY AVE. NEW HAVEN, CONN.

# 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.

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Stay Healthy ~ Stay Safe  
Keep Smiling!

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Fraternally,

*Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr.*

Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr.  
Worshipful Master 2023

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## 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,

*Earl W. Ehrentraut*

Earl W. Ehrentraut  
Senior Warden

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## THANKSGIVING DINNER AT 285 WHITNEY AVENUE NEW HAVEN



WM Charles G. Ehrentraut  
With MW Bruce R. Bellmore

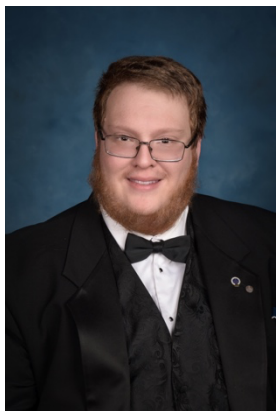


Brothers of the Craft



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## 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,  
*Benjamin G. Stern*  
Junior Warden

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## 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 Gary Matican*  
Secretary

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## COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 – UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>December 6, 2023</b>	Stated Communication with our Worshipful Master Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr. in the East. This will be our 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. in the East. Meeting will start at 7:30 pm with Refreshments to follow in the Social Hall. Attire is Tie and Jacket.
<b>December 27, 2023</b>	For our Fellowship Dinner we will be meeting at Panda House at Ryder's Landing in Stratford CT starting at 7pm. <b><i>Please RSVP by December 24th.</i></b> Friends and family are welcome to join us as always. Please make your reservations with David Stern at 203-444-2077 or <a href="mailto:dsternct@gmail.com">dsternct[at]gmail.com</a> . 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: <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>

### SCHOLARSHIP AWARD



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.

### MASONICARE DONORS LUNCHEON



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  
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**2023 COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125**

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