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VIEW FROM THE EAST



My Brothers,

I want to start with the elections for Cosmopolitan Lodge No.125 that were held in December, with a big congratulations to our Senior Warden Earl W. Ehrentraut being elected to the position of Worshipful Master for the year 2024.

I believe that I can speak for the Lodge and myself in wishing you and your suite of officers the very best for your incoming year 2024. I look forward to your leadership and direction and assisting you throughout

2024!

I would now like to take the time to Thank my Brothers of Cosmopolitan Lodge No.125 for the trust and opportunity to serve my Lodge as Worshipful Master for 2023. The experience was something that I will truly hold to my heart! Lastly to my officers and Brothers that were there for good council, guidance, and assistance "Thank You!"

Last notes - Please continue to support Brother Gary E. Cohen with Desk. And look to Brother David O. Stern for our Fellowship dinners.

Quote of the month - "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have Imagined."

Henry David Thoreau

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 all in good health and high spirits. As we begin the new year, I am truly honored to have been elected as the Worshipful Master of our lodge for 2024. I want to express my deepest gratitude to every one of you for placing your trust in me for this significant responsibility.

The support and confidence you have shown in electing me as Worshipful Master are truly humbling. I am excited about the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead, and I am committed to serving our lodge to the absolute best of my abilities.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to our newly elected Senior Warden Benjamin G. Stern and Junior Warden Joseph K. Fried along with the rest of our elected brothers. Your dedication and commitment to our lodge are commendable, and I look forward to working closely with you throughout the year.

I would also like to take a moment to acknowledge and thank our outgoing Worshipful Master Charles G Ehrentraut and his suite of officers for their hard work and dedication over the past year.

In the spirit of brotherhood, let us continue to uphold the principles of Freemasonry, supporting each other in our Masonic journey and contributing positively to the wider community. I am confident that together, we will make this coming year a period of growth, unity, and meaningful fellowship.

Once again, thank you for the trust you have placed in me. I look forward to the honor of serving as your Worshipful Master and to the shared experiences that lie ahead.

Starting off for 2024:

Our Semi-Public Installation of officers will be held January 7th at 3:00 pm. Please join us along with your family and friends and let Junior Warden Benjamin G. Stern know if you and any guests are planning to attend so he can plan accordingly. Officers are requested to arrive at 9:00 am to open the lodge and attend rehearsal. We will set up the social hall after rehearsal. Photos will start around noon.

Our first meeting of the year will be January 3rd and will be a Stated Communication with our current Worshipful Master Charles G Ehrentraut in the east.

Our second meeting will be January 17th and will be having our annual paid-up members dinner.

Our first event will be the Valentines Dinner which will be Saturday February 10, 2024 @ 6:00 pm, Location TBD.

We will continue to support the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen this year. This month our service will be to prepare the meal on Sunday January 28th at 2:00 pm. Please contact RWB Gary E. Cohen if you plan to help.

WB David O. Stern will continue our monthly fellowship night. I can't wait to go back to the awesome restaurants Brother David introduced us to over the years and maybe uncover some new favorites too.

Fraternally,

Earl W. Ehrentraut

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Senior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SOUTH



My Brothers!

I'd like to thank you for electing me to the office of Senior Warden for the 2024 year. I truly hope I can prove myself worthy of the confidence you've placed in me. I know that all sounds somewhat cliché, but I truly mean it in a way that is perhaps different from what you've heard before.

A few years ago, I again found myself in the West and was actually readying myself to move ahead to the East. But I was back in school at the time and realized that I'd be student teaching at the same time I'd be serving as Worshipful Master. I recognized that attempting to do both at the same time meant that there was a good chance I wouldn't have had the time or energy needed to be an effective Master. And so, with a heavy heart, I excused myself from the line. I fully understand how this might look to my brothers and call into question my resolve to (if elected) continue on this time around. Given the way this election went I can cautiously assume that this is not the case, but allow me to say it from the bottom of my heart anyways:

Thank you, my brothers. Thank you for putting aside any doubts you might have had about me based on my previous record and electing me to this office. All other things being equal, I do not foresee anything on the horizon which would prevent me from successfully completing my term in office. I promise to work diligently with our Worshipful Master elect Bro. Earl W. Ehretraut, Junior Warden elect Bro. Joseph K. Fried, the other elected and appointed officers, and all of you, my brothers of Cosmopolitan Lodge № 125, to make this coming year a prosperous and successful one.

Fraternally,
Benjamin G. Stern
Junior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



My Brothers,

As I am now finished with my 6th year as your secretary, I have looked back at the time I was the assistant secretary under my close friend and brother RW Arnold Freedman. I learned a lot from my brother which made it easier to take over and do the right things in my position.

Now that I have a number of years under my belt, some things have come easier and I thank the brothers for their confidence in me to continue to do a wonderful job for our lodge.

Fraternally,
RW Gary Matican
Secretary

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 – UPCOMING EVENTS

January 3, 2024	Stated Communication with our Worshipful Master Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr. in the East. The meeting will start at 7:30 pm. Attire is Tie and Jacket. Refreshments will follow in the Social Hall downstairs.
January 17, 2024	Stated Communication with our Worshipful Master Earl W. Ehrentraut, Sr. in the East. Paid Up Members Dinner at 6:30 pm. Meeting will start at 7:30 pm. Attire is Tie and Jacket.
January 24, 2024	For our Fellowship Dinner we will be meeting at A PLACE TBD . Starting at 7pm. Friends and family are welcome to join us as always. Please make your reservations with David G. Stern at 203-444-2077 or dsternct[at]gmail.com . All reservations will be confirmed.
January 28, 2024	Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen – We are scheduled from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM to do prep work. Please let RW Gary E. Cohen know if you can help. 203-530-6222 or email at: garyec39@gmail.com
	<i>For further information of our lodge activities and events please go to our website at www.cosmopolitan125.org</i>

PICTURES OF COSMOPOLITAN LODGE BROTHERS & SISTERS & SON



Picture of Downtown Eve. Soup Kitchen



Picture of Elected Offices at Annual Meeting



Picture of Seth Glassman (son of WB Jonathan Glassman) at Masonicare for his Eagle Project

2023 COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125

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THE LAST FELLOWSHIP DINNER OF THE 2023 MASONIC YEAR



Front Row left to right: Gary E. Cohen, Marcia Cohen, David O. Stern, Andrea Berger, David E. Berger.

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Top row left to right: MW Bruce R. Bellmore, Stuart Smith, Wesley Markman, Martin Cobern, Jayne Markman, Jonathan I. Glassman, Gary Matican, Jerry Gruenbaum, Stephen Goldberg, Michael S. Abrahamson.

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EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW
YEAR