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MASONIC TEMPLE
285 WHITNEY AVE. NEW HAVEN, CONN.

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VIEW FROM THE EAST



My Brothers,

I trust this message finds you in good health and spirits as we step into the month of February, leaving January's memories behind.

It's been quite a start to the year, with our installation day coinciding with the season's first significant storm. The challenge was indeed unique, but I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to each one of you who quickly rallied to reschedule the event. Your dedication and swift action were truly commendable.

Starting off the year on a high note, our paid-up members dinner was a resounding success. The feedback echoed the excellence of the food, and the turnout was beyond expectations.

The year is starting to take off and we have a lot of great events planned.

- Valentine's Dinner, Sunday February 18th @ 6:00 pm @ Biagettis in West Haven. Please let Jr. Warden Joseph Fried know if you are planning to attend.
- St Patrick's Day Parade Sunday March 10th.

There will be no Fellowship Dinner during February, but not to worry, the next one will be in March.

On February 25th we will be volunteering at the 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.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support and dedication. Let's make these upcoming events unforgettable by coming together as a community. Looking forward to sharing memorable moments with each of you.

Fraternally,

Earl W. Ehrentraut

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Worshipful Master 2024

VIEW FROM THE WEST



My Brothers!

The month of February is, for most people, viewed through the lens of Valentine's Day, and therefore love in general. In ancient Greece, they recognized six different types of love. I find it fascinating that each one of these types are, to some degree, exemplified in Freemasonry.

The first type is called **Agápe (ἀγάπη)** and is described both as the love displayed through charity, the love between God and Man, and later as "to will the good of another". I think I need hardly describe how this fits into Masonry; we are bound to always seek and aid worthy charitable causes, we seek to deepen and strengthen our love of God through our works, and our ritual would seem to even

describe this type of love specifically, saying "Men of good report will naturally seek out others' welfare and wellbeing along with his own."

Éros (ἔρως) is the love of the sexual and intimate type, largely between spouses. Although initially meant only to refer to physical attraction, the definition was refined by Plato to mean the appreciation for the inner beauty of a person, leading to an appreciation of beauty itself. Although Masonry was founded as a men-only organization, our Lodge in particular is always showing our appreciation for our ladies by inviting them to our Fellowship Dinners, Ladies at Table events, Awards Nights, and various other events.

Next is **Philia (φιλία)**, the love of friendship and between equals, which is perhaps the strongest type of love displayed in Freemasonry. We call each other "Brother", we meet on the level, and care nothing for each other's individual station in life. We see only men of good morals, take them firmly by the hand, and say "Welcome".

Storge (στοργή) is perhaps the type of love which fits in only by association. It is common or natural empathy, such as that felt between parents and their children. This type of love is almost exactly described in DeMolay ritual, though there they call it Filial Love (from the same root as the previous entry, oddly). While we all love and revere our parents, by virtue of the fact that this type of love is "common", it is not *specifically* elucidated on in Masonic ritual.

Philautia (φιλαυτία) is "self-love" and is divided into a positive and negative variety. The prior is the concept of "self-compassion", whereas the negative is egotism, vanity, and selfishness. However, this connects back to Agápe, wherein we find our own happiness in giving it to others. Because that sort of idea is present in many groups, not just Freemasonry, I suspect the positive aspect of Philautia may actually be a symbiotic outgrowth of Agápe.

The final type of love named by the Ancient Greeks is **Xenia (ξενία)**, which literally translates as "guest-friendship" and denotes hospitality. When a Brother from another Lodge comes to visit, we do our utmost best to make them feel welcome. And when a stranger comes knocking and seeking membership, we meet with them and treat them with the same courtesy and respect we would any member of the fraternity.

My Brothers, I think it absolutely beautiful that Freemasonry exemplifies all these ancient descriptions of different variations of love so exactly. It goes to show how and why our organization has endured as long as it has.

Fraternally,

Benjamin G. Stern

Junior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SOUTH



To the many Brothers of Cosmopolitan Lodge,

First, let me extend my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you for the honor and privilege of being elected as Junior Warden. It was with great humility and enthusiasm that I accepted this responsibility, and I am eager to contribute my efforts to the continued success of our esteemed lodge. I also want to send my congratulations to our newly elected and appointed officers; I look forward to working closely with each one of you to strengthen the bonds of brotherhood within our lodge!

As we embark on a new Masonic year, let us continue to uphold the traditions that make our lodge special and unique. Together, we can create a supportive and fraternal environment for all our members.

On a festive note, I am delighted to remind you of our upcoming Valentine's Dinner at Biagetti's Restaurant in West Haven on February 18th at 6 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together, share camaraderie, and celebrate the bonds of brotherhood in a warm and convivial setting. I encourage you to mark your calendars and join us for an evening of fellowship and good cheer. Please remember to RSVP to me at josephkfried@gmail.com, or text or call at (203) 927-0003 by February 4th. See the menu on the attached flyer.

Something that has been on my mind since being elected as Junior Warden, is how lucky I am to be in a lodge with brothers who are new, and brothers who have been with the lodge for a long time. During my tenure, I am sure I will make mistakes, but I know that I will succeed because of the knowledge from all of you around me. If anyone has any advice or suggestions on how I can succeed, I am always willing to listen. I am confident that, with your support and cooperation, we will make this Masonic year a memorable and enriching experience for all.

Thank you once again for entrusting me with the role of Junior Warden, and I look forward to a great year!

Fraternally,

Bro. Joe

Joseph K. Fried
Junior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



My Brothers,

I would like to thank the brothers for having confidence in me as your secretary as I start my 7th year in this position.

I would also like to congratulate all the officers that will lead us this year with wonderful programs, social events and our stated communications.

Look well to your stations and places my brothers.

Fraternally,

RW Gary Matican

Secretary

2024 COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125

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*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
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*RW Alex C. Hershatter	1935	*Abraham B. Rosenberg	1968	Phillip E. Cohen	2001
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*John M. Chapnick	1937	*William E. Weiner	1970	RW David E. Berger	2005
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*Irving Rogers	1939	*Robert Tombank	1972	Stuart M. Smith	2007
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*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	Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr.	2023
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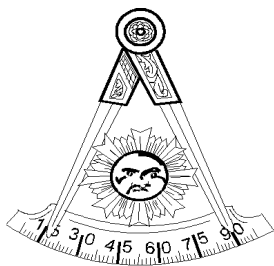
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RWB Gary E. Cohen
Associate Grand Almoner for the 4th District

WB Michael S. Abrahamson
Associate Grand Tyler

WB Frederick A. Marotti
Associate Grand Tyler



Past Master's – Other Lodges

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: 2023/2024
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
Rabbi Eric Silver	Temple #16: 2013
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



PICTURES OF JANUARY 17, 2024



HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHER BENJAMIN AND MANY MORE....



FELLOWSHIP DINNER IN JANUARY



COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 – UPCOMING EVENTS

February 7, 2024	Stated Communication with our Worshipful Master Earl W. Ehrentraut in the East. The meeting will start at 7:30 pm. Attire is Tie and Jacket. Refreshments will follow in the Social Hall downstairs.
February 15, 2024	Stated Communication with our Worshipful Master Earl W. Ehrentraut in the East. The meeting will start at 7:30 pm. Attire is Tie and Jacket. Refreshments will follow in the Social Hall downstairs.
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February 25, 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>

The Valley of New Haven
Scottish Rite

Invite you to join us for

The New Haven
St. Patrick's Day
Parade

March 10, 2024
Please Come
March with Us!

Meet at the
New Haven Masonic Lodge
285 Whitney Avenue, New Haven

Hot breakfast served from 9 to 11 A.M.
Barbecue picnic lunch to follow parade!

Come and represent Connecticut Masonry and our extended family.
Bus transportation is provided for marchers from the lodge to the staging area beginning at **NOON**. The parade steps off at 1:30pm. You can walk the parade route or sign up to ride the 45' float. (limited seating)

Lodge officers wear formal attire, tuxes/dark suits, jewels, aprons, and top hat. Lodge members wear dark suits and aprons. Your family is very welcome to march with us and enjoy the fun. The more, the merrier! After the parade its back to the lodge for a barbecue lunch and fellowship.

Please contact WB Fred Marotti at:
fred@absct.com or 203-641-3932
for info and to let us know you're coming before March 5,2023.



Breakfast -Parade



Parade-Lunch



All three events



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