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MASONIC TEMPLE
285 WHITNEY AVE. NEW HAVEN, CONN.

MARCH 2024

VIEW FROM THE EAST



My Brothers,

I hope this message finds you well. I want to express my sincere gratitude to everyone for making our recent installation ceremony truly unforgettable.

The effort and dedication put into the event were evident, and I am grateful for the support of our lodge family. It was heartwarming to see my friends and family enjoy the ceremony alongside our lodge members.

The installation will always hold a special place in my heart, and I am thankful for the opportunity to share it with all of you.

What a fantastic time we had at our recent Valentine's Dinner! It was heartwarming to see our lodge families come together and enjoy each other's company. Events like these truly reaffirm the special bond we share within our Masonic community.

Looking ahead, we have a whole bunch of exciting activities lined up for the coming months. I cannot wait to spend some quality time with each of you and your families.

Upcoming events and activities:

- St Patrick's Day Parade Sunday March 10th.
 - There will be a hot breakfast from 9 to 11 and a barbecue picnic after the parade. Bus transportation starts at noon from the lodge. You can register for the parade and food or contact WB Fred Marotti with any questions.
- Grand Lodge of CT Annual Communication Saturday April 6th.
- Passover Seder Dinner, Sunday April 7th.
- Project Hope Sunday April 14th.

Our monthly Fellowship Dinner will be Wednesday March 27th. Please let WB David Stern know if you plan to attend.

Additionally, on March 31st we will be volunteering at the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen. It is the fifth Sunday of the month, and we will be preparing and serving. We are scheduled to start at 2:00 PM. Please let RW Gary E. Cohen know if you can help.

I am eagerly looking forward to welcoming all of you to our upcoming lodge events. Let us come together, enjoy our fellowship, and cherish the time we spend together.

Fraternally,

Earl W. Ehrentraut

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Worshipful Master 2024

VIEW FROM THE WEST



My Brothers,

Very often the main focus of our Lodge, both here in the Trestle Board and in the Lodge room, is on the top few officers – the Master, Wardens, Secretary, and Treasurer. Even outside of Freemasonry, very often we focus on just the major players of society, the real movers and shakers of the world.

While the world as we know it would certainly not be the same without them, let us not forget that the “little people”, the Average Joes, are the ones who carry out the grand plans and actually make things happen. If everyone was a leader and no one was a follower, the society would screech to a halt because there would be nobody to do all the little things necessary for anything to happen.

I would like to say to everybody, both within the bounds of Freemasonry and in life as a whole, it is OK to not be the one taking charge and making plans, whatever work you do is still appreciated and invaluable. It may be the throwing of a single lever which turns the machine on, but it is the untold number of cogs which make it run.

Fraternally,

Benjamin G. Stern

Junior Warden

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 – UPCOMING EVENTS

March 6, 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.
March 10, 2024	St. Patrick’s Day Parade in New Haven. 9:00 am at 285 Whitney Ave. for a hot breakfast then the bus ride to the start of the parade. Then lunch back at the Lodge building.
March 20, 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.
March 27, 2024	Fellowship Dinner - TBD
March 31, 2024	Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen – We are scheduled from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM to do prep and serve. 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>

VIEW FROM THE SOUTH



My Brothers,

I hope this letter finds you well and in good spirits. As we continue our journey through this year, I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to all the Brothers who attended our recent Valentine's Dinner at Biagetti's. Your presence made the evening truly special, and it was wonderful to share fellowship and camaraderie with each of you.

I understand the Masonic calendar is filling up quickly, but I wanted to looking ahead, and remind you of some important events that are on the horizon. Firstly, the New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade will be occurring on March 10. This is a great event where we can showcase our brotherhood to the City of New Haven and march in the parade. Secondly, the Grand Lodge Annual Communication will take place on April 6th in Windsor. This gathering presents an invaluable opportunity for us to come together with brethren from across the jurisdiction, celebrate our shared values, and participate in the governance of our Craft. We will also have our Cosmo Store set up throughout the day and help is always requested. If you can help, please let me know.

Additionally, I am pleased to announce that we will be hosting our annual Passover Seder on the evening of April 7th. While details are still being finalized, I wanted to give you advance notice so that you can save the date. This meaningful tradition is a time for us to come together in reflection and celebration, honoring the rich heritage and symbolism of the Passover holiday. Further details will be communicated to you as soon as they are available, so please stay tuned for updates.

As always, your support and involvement are integral to the success of our lodge. I am grateful for the privilege of serving as your Junior Warden, and I look forward to continuing our journey together in the spirit of brotherhood and unity.

Fraternally,

Bro. Joe

Joseph K. Fried
Junior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



My Brothers,

The month of March every year is the time to March in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. We are getting everyone together at 285 Whitney Avenue on Sunday March 10th at 9:00 am for a hot breakfast. There will be a bus to transport everyone to the starting point of the parade. WB Fred Marotti is in charge of organizing this event. Please let me know if you are going to attend and march and I will give him the numbers. Dress for the march will be Tuxedo for officers and Dark Suits for non-officers.

Just a reminder to those that have not paid their 2024 lodge dues. Please remit as soon as possible so that I can keep my bookkeeping up to date.

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
*Julius White	1931	*Arnold Most	1965	Gary S. Spanierman	1997
*RW Irving Alpert	1932	*A. Robert Sotman	1964	*RW Arnold H. Freedman	1998
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*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
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*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	Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr.	2023
* = deceased					

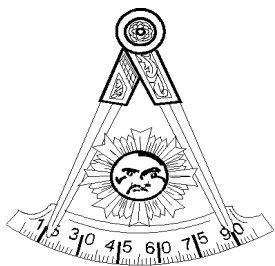
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RWB Gary E. Cohen
Associate Grand Almoner for the 4th District

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

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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VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER
BIAGETTI'S RESTAURANT
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