



MAY 2024

VIEW FROM THE EAST



My Brothers,

As we bid farewell to the month of April, it's with great pleasure that I reflect on the wonderful events and experiences we shared together. From meaningful gatherings to community service endeavors, April was indeed a month filled with camaraderie and purpose.

Our Passover Seder dinner stands out as a highlight, where we came together to commemorate and learn. It was heartening to see our lodge brothers gathered, sharing traditions and insights, enriching our bonds as a fraternity. Such events not only nourish our souls but also strengthen the fabric of our lodge community.

Additionally, our time spent at Project Hope was truly rewarding. Giving back to our community is not just a duty but a privilege, and it was inspiring to witness the dedication and generosity of our members. These moments of service remind us of the impact we can make when we unite for a common cause.

On a celebratory note, attending the District Deputy installation was a moment of pride for us all. Witnessing WB Kyle Podpolucha's installation as the Associate Grand Marshal was a testament to our lodge's commitment to excellence and leadership within the wider Masonic family. Let us continue to support and congratulate our brothers as they take on important roles within our fraternity.

Looking ahead, we have a lot of exciting events awaiting us in the coming months. I urge all of you to mark your calendars and join us in these upcoming endeavors, as your presence enriches our shared experiences and strengthens our bond as lodge brothers.

Upcoming activities/Planned events

- Stated Communications May 1, 2024
- Entered Apprentice Degree May 15, 2024
- Hawaiian Shirt Night June 5, 2024
- Awards Night June 19, 2024

On May 26th 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.

Fraternaly,
Earl W. Ehrentraut

Earl W. Ehrentraut
Worshipful Master 2024

VIEW FROM THE SOUTH



My Brothers,

We have certainly had a busy year so far, and April was full of great events. Before I begin to talk about some of the events happening in May, I truly want to give a big and sincere thank you to everyone who attended and helped out with our Annual Passover Seder. It was a daunting undertaking, but one that was only made easier by the help of my brothers.

I also want to thank all of the brothers that worked the Cosmo Store, and have been assisting me with ordering. The store should be good to go again at Grand Master's Day and any help would be much appreciated.

Upcoming in May and June, we have a number of events, that I hope will be well attended: an Entered Apprentice Degree (May 15), our Hawaiian Shirt Night (June 5), Grand Master's Day, Awards Night (June 19), and our St. John's event at Temple Beth David in Cheshire (June 21). As to ensure that the proper amount of food is ordered I request that you please RSVP to me at your earliest convenience, if you are attending the dinners for the Entered Apprentice Degree, Awards Night, and the Hawaiian Shirt Night BBQ. **Please note, these dinners will have a cost, and more details about each one will be upcoming**. As a reminder, my contact information is as follows: Text/Call at 203-927-0003 or email me at josephkfried@gmail.com.

Brothers, thank you all again, and I wish you a wonderful May!

Fraternally,

Bro. Joe

Joseph K. Fried
Junior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



My Brothers,

I would like to congratulate all of the Grand Lodge Officers that were installed at the Grand Lodge Session, most especially the new Grand Master Edward C. Page. We also welcome our new District Deputy RW Francis (Nick) Barnes and his Associate Grand Marshal WB Kyle J. Podpoulucha.

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. **I do accept Apple Pay if you care to pay me this way.**

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
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*Andrew N. Friedman	1933	George Weinstein	1966	*Edward S. Eby	1999
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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
*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					

CURRENT GRAND LODGE

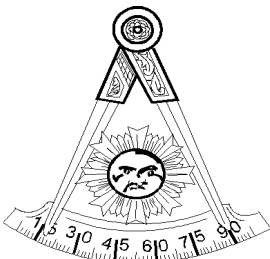
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RWB Gary E. Cohen
Associate Grand Almoner for the 4th District

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

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 – UPCOMING EVENTS

May 1, 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.
May 15, 2024	Stated Communication with our Worshipful Master Earl W. Ehrentraut in the East for an EA Degree. Dinner will be at 6:30 pm in the Social Hall. Reservations is a must by contacting the Jr. Warden Joseph Fried at 203-927-0003 or email him at : josephkfried@gmail.com . The meeting will start at 7:30 pm. Attire is Tux for officers and tie and jacket for everyone else.
May 22, 2024	Fellowship Dinner - TBD
May 26, 2024	Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen – We are scheduled from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM to do prep only. Please let RW Gary E. Cohen know if you can help. 203-530-6222 or email at: garyec39@gmail.com
June 5, 2024	Hawaiian Shirt Night with a BBQ at 6:30 pm for dinner. Contest to follow.
June 19, 2024	Annual Awards Night with dinner at 6:so pm and the Awards Program at 7:30 pm
	<i>For further information of our lodge activities and events please go to our website at www.cosmopolitan125.org</i>

GRAND LODGE SESSION April 6, 2024



Picture was taken of some of the brothers from Cosmopolitan. before the session started.



WM Earl W. Ehrentraut, Benjamin G. Stern, & David O. Stern
Selling Masonic Merchandise before the opening of the session.

PASSOVER SEDER
April 7, 2024



The leader for the service was RW Gary Matican.



Helper are Lucas C. Lee in front and Steven Shiner on left, And Joseph Fried on right.

PROJECT HOPE
April 14,2024



Left to right in front: Benjamin G. Stern, Gary E. Cohen, Harold Miller, Roger Jackson, Naomi Schaffer, Worshipful Master Earl W Ehrentraut.
Back row: David O. Stern, and Martin Cobern.

Bags were filled with food for the needy Jewish people of certain cities in CT for Passover. Everyone in the picture represent Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125.