



JUNE 2024

VIEW FROM THE EAST



My Brothers,

May has been an eventful month filled with wonderful activities for our lodge. Our first meeting was a stated communication, followed by a delightful Cinco De Mayo snack. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate together and enjoy some festive treats.

The highlight of the month was our second meeting, which featured an Entered Apprentice degree and Grand Lodge inspection. We were honored to welcome a new brother, Manuel Camacho, who experienced the EA degree. It was a pleasure to have our District Deputy RWB Nick Barnes and Associate Grand Marshal WB Kyle Podpolucha join us in the lodge. I would like to extend my gratitude to all the brothers who helped make the degree ceremony a success.

We are also privileged to welcome another brother, Judah LaRose, who recently received his Entered Apprentice degree at Daytime Lodge #144. We extend our gratitude to the brothers and WB Michael Abrahamson at Daytime Lodge for their assistance in conferring the degree to our new brother. We are thrilled to see a growing number of Blue Wave candidates and look forward to welcoming more new members into our lodge.

June is shaping up to be an exciting month, full of activities and events before we take a break for the summer. Our first meeting in June will be on the fifth, and it will be **Hawaiian Shirt Night**. We will open at 6:30 pm for a short meeting, followed by a BBQ where our ladies are invited to join us. Please inform Junior Warden Joseph Fried if you plan to attend. We will have a contest judging the best, worst, and most original attire, with prizes for the winners. Dress code for the evening is Hawaiian shirt, shorts or slacks, and sandals if you have them.

Our second meeting in June will be our Awards Night. Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm, with the meeting starting promptly at 7:30 pm. The attire for the evening is jacket and tie, with tuxedos for officers. On June 8th, we will be participating in Grand Master's Day and setting up our Cosmopolitan store. We hope to see a strong turnout to support our Grand Master and enjoy the festivities.

Mark your calendars for our summer picnic at Earl and Ruth Ehrentraut's residence Sunday, July 21st, from noon until 5:00 pm, with a rain date of July 28th. Please inform Junior Warden Joseph Fried if you plan to attend so we can get an accurate headcount for planning. Looking forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events and enjoying a vibrant and active June together!

Upcoming activities/Planned events

- Hawaiian Shirt Night June 5, 2024
- Grandmaster's Day June 8, 2024 – attire is suits for WM, SW, JW
- Awards Night June 19, 2024
- St Johns Service June 21, 2024 @ 7:00 PM
 - Temple Beth David, 3 Main Street, Cheshire, CT 06410
- Lodge Picnic July 21, 2024 – Rain date July 28, 2024.
 - 119 Lincoln Street, Naugatuck, Ct 06770 – Starts at Noon – 5:00 pm

Fraternally,

Earl W. Ehrentraut

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Worshipful Master 2024

VIEW FROM THE WEST



My Brothers,

I have previously written about how, when I was not in the best of mental states, Brothers quickly stepped up to take care of both the physical goings-on that needed to be handled that evening as well as checking in on me and making sure I wasn't stuck in a self-depreciative spiral. While this may not be as personal that was, I feel the need to point out that that same level of spontaneous helpfulness is likewise available to us even outside of our own Lodge – in the Fraternity as a whole.

Now, spoiler warning for any of you who haven't been installed as a Warden or the Master and perhaps had not given it much thought (and I feel like I may be breaking some cardinal rule by revealing this): these articles are written at least a couple of weeks ahead of the actual end of the month prior to when you're reading it. As such, things which have happened in the latter half of the month will have already happened by the time you're reading the article but will not have happened yet as it's being written. Such is the case here. In our second meeting of May (the 15th), we had an EA Degree. But we knew ahead of time that we would also, that evening, be balloting on another candidate and, assuming the ballot was successful, there were concerns about him having to wait through the rest of a Degree cycle before being able to take his EA with us. Luckily, Daytime Lodge #144 said that they were having their own EA Degree on the 20th (which has not yet happened for me, but will have for you) and that they'd be more than happy to have our candidate over for an EA so that they could then both be synced up for the FC to come. Additionally, we actually read *another* petition that same night and so will have *another* candidate awaiting his EA while we're prepping for the FC. Discussions were had that night and it was decided that we would find another Lodge's EA for him to attend or, if absolutely necessary, we may even convene over the summer for a Special Communication in order to put on another EA ourselves.

That was all just background information to give meaning and reasoning for me to say this: it warms my heart to no end that we have brothers, both from our own Lodge and others, willing to step up and help out, be that physically or ritualistically. It just goes to show that, despite the apparent delineation between brother Masons due to Lodge differences, we are all willing to step up and help one another, be that on the level of the individual, a Lodge, or the Fraternity as a whole.

Fraternally,

Benjamin G. Stern

Senior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SOUTH



My Brothers,

We have made it through about half of the year, and oh what a year it has been so far. From dinners to degrees, awards to communications, new and returning brothers, this year has been busy. As always, thank you to everyone who makes our events and time together special and joyful.

Just because we are reaching the end of the first half of the Masonic calendar, does not mean that we will be any less busy. In June alone there are three events, that I hope everyone can be apart of: (1) Annual Hawaiian Shirt BBQ Night, (2) Grand Master's Day, and (3) Our Awards Night Dinner. Both the Hawaiian Shirt BBQ and Awards Night Dinner will be \$15 per person, and it is requested that you RSVP as soon as you are able.

From my view in the South, I would like to remind all to have a good start to the warmer months, and to ensure that our time away from normal lodge meetings are spent in good health and spirits.

Wishing everyone a great June!

Fraternally,

Bro. Joe

Joseph K. Fried
Junior Warden

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 – UPCOMING EVENTS

June 5, 2024	Stated Communication with our Worshipful Master Earl W. Ehrentraut in the East. The meeting will start at 6:30 pm. Attire is casual as it is our Annual Hawaiian Shirt Night. Dinner will be a BBQ serve after the short meeting. Please make reservations with Jr. Warden Joseph K. Fried at 203-927-0003 or email at: josephkfried@gmail.com
June 8, 2024	Grand Master's Day which starts at 9:00 am
June 19, 2024	Stated Communication with our Worshipful Master Earl W. Ehrentraut in the East. The meeting will start at 5:45 pm for a quick open and closing. Annual Cosmopolitan Lodge Awards Night at 6:30 pm Dinner and 7:30 pm Awards. Reservations for dinner a must with Jr. Warden Joseph K. Fried at 203-927-0003 or email at: josephkfried@gmail.com . Attire for officers is Tux. Tie and jacket for the brothers.
June 21, 2024	St Johns Service at Temple Beth David, 3 Main Street, Cheshire, at 7:00 pm.
	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.
June 26, 2024	Fellowship Dinner - TBD
June 30, 2024	Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen – We are scheduled from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM to do prep & serving. 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 SECRETARY'S CHAIR



My Brothers,

As the summer is among us, we have many events coming up. Vacations begin to start for families who like to travel as their children will be out of school. Please be safe and enjoy your time together.

Watch for upcoming events with our lodge and appendant bodies that you belong to. Picnics, BBQ;s and fun & games to play and watch will be the topics for a lot of brothers and families. ENJOY ALL!!!

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

A promotional graphic for a Hawaiian Shirt Night event. The background is a tropical sunset over the ocean with a palm tree silhouette. The text is white and positioned on the left side of the image.

Cosmopolitan Lodge # 125
Hawaiian Shirt Night
Wednesday June 5th @
6:30 pm.

Brothers and their significant others, come join us for fellowship, good food and fun. Cost is \$15 pp. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Please let Brother Joseph Fried know if you are planning on attending @ 203-927-0003 or josephkfried@gmail.com

CONDOLENCES TO:

- Bro. Michael Weiner on the loss of his mother Lois on 3/11/24
- Bro. Stuart Katz on the loss of his mother Karol on 5/19/24

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*Benjamin F. Goldman	1922	*Simon Burres	1956	*Michael L. Castroll	1988
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*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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*Fredric M. Rosenstein	1949	Ronald M. Dworkin	1981	Michael S. Abrahamson	2019, 2020
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*A. Henry Mirel	1952	Robert S. Brooks	1984	Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr.	2023
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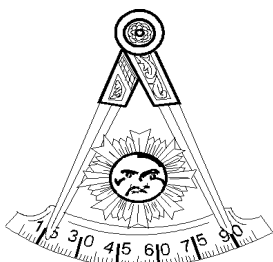
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RWB Gary E. Cohen
Associate Grand Almoner for the 4th District

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
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Jon-Paul Venoit	Compass #9: 2005
Timothy C.R. Wilkins	Hiram #1: 2015

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MAY 15, 2024



CONGRATULATIONS TO WB DAVID STERN AND SUSAN ALPERT

ON THEIR WEDDING MAY 26, 2024

