



Stated Communications First and Third Wednesdays except July and August  
MASONIC TEMPLE  
285 WHITNEY AVE. NEW HAVEN, CONN.

# SEPTEMBER 2024

## VIEW FROM THE EAST



My Brothers,

Wow, summer has flown by quickly as expected. I always feel it goes quicker than I would like. I hope everyone had a great summer and had time to visit with family and friends.

It was wonderful to see everyone during our summer picnic, and I'm glad everyone had a good time. Spending time with our brothers and families is always special, and we should do more of it in the future.

Looking forward to seeing everyone back in lodge on Wednesday, September 4th. We will have a stated meeting on Wednesday, September 18th, and there will be no lodge on Wednesday, October 2nd, in celebration of Rosh Hashanah. I'm tentatively planning a FellowCraft degree for October 16th, followed by an Entered Apprentice degree. Also, mark your calendars for the November 20th lodge meeting where RW Shane Dufresne will present "Masons in the Civil War."

We have many activities coming up, such as scheduling the Self-Defense class, Game night, and maybe squeezing in one more get-together before the end of the year.

Blue Wave is starting up again. I spoke with Batuhan, who is very interested in Masonry and plans to visit us in lodge once we start back up.

On September 22nd, we will be volunteering at the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM to do prep work. Please let RW Gary E. Cohen know if you can help.

Our monthly Fellowship Dinner will be on Wednesday, September 25th, location TBD.

As we look forward to the upcoming events, I encourage everyone to mark their calendars and join us.

Your presence and support mean a lot, and I am hopeful to see you there.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication and involvement in our lodge.

Fraternally,  
*Earl W. Ehrentraut*

Earl W. Ehrentraut  
Worshipful Master 2024

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## VIEW FROM THE SOUTH



My Brothers,

I hope that you had a wonderful and restful summer. As the days grow shorter and the leaves begin to turn, it's a perfect time to reflect on the memories we've made during these warmer months. First, I want to extend my sincere thanks to all of you who participated in our summer events. Whether you joined us for Grand Master's Day, helped out at our lodge picnic, or simply spent time in fellowship with our brothers, your presence and support made each occasion truly special. These moments of togetherness strengthen the bonds of our fraternity and remind us of the shared values and camaraderie that define our lodge.

As we prepare to resume our regular meetings, I look forward to seeing all of you back in lodge and contributing to our growth and success. Please keep an eye out for upcoming communications, and don't hesitate to reach out if you have any ideas or suggestions for the months ahead. Let's make the end of this Masonic year one of our best yet.

Fraternally,

*Bro. Joe*

Joseph K. Fried

Junior Warden

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### COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 – UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>September 4, 2024</b>	Stated Communication with our Worshipful Master Earl W. Ehrentraut in the East. <b>The meeting will start at 7:30 pm.</b> Attire is Tie and Jacket.
<b>September 18, 2024</b>	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.
<b>September 22, 2024</b>	Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen – We are scheduled from 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM to do prep only. Please let RW Gary E. Cohen know if you can help. 203-530-6222 or email at: <a href="mailto:garyec39@gmail.com">garyec39@gmail.com</a>
<b>September 25, 2024</b>	Fellowship Dinner - TBD
<b>October 2, 2024</b>	<b>No meeting as it is Erev Rosh Hashana</b>
<b>October 16, 2024</b>	<b>Tentative Fellowcraft Degree - TBD</b>
<b>November 20, 2024</b>	<b>Guest Speaker RW Shane Dufresne will present “Masons in the Civil War</b> <i>For further information of our lodge activities and events please go to our website at</i> <a href="http://www.cosmopolitan125.org">www.cosmopolitan125.org</a>

## VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



My Brothers,

As the summer is quickly coming to an end, we have many events coming up as the second half of the year is upon us. Please drive carefully as school has started and the children are out there walking.

This summer I had knee surgery and I will be home for a while. Phone calls and visitations are always welcome.

***I would like to wish all of our Jewish brothers a happy and healthy New Year. L'shana Tova***

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. In just a few short months next years dues bills will be going out.

Fraternally,

*RW Gary Matican*

Secretary

### CONDOLENCES TO:

- Bro. Joseph Fried and his wife Glenna on the loss of her father on 8/8/2024
- The Family of RW Joseph Albert who passed on 6/16/2024
- The Family of Bro. Michael Hillsberg who passed on 3/31/2022

**May their souls rest in Eternaly peace...**

### 2024 Masonicare Golf Tourey



L to R: WB David O. Stern, RW Gary Matican, RW Gary E. Cohen, RW David E. Berger

2024 COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125

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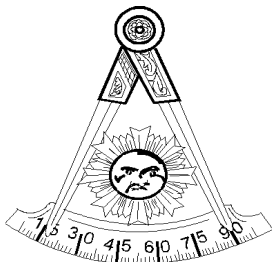
*Jacob Caplan	1919, 1923	*Harold P. Gessner	1953	Joseph M. Cohen	1985
*Joseph E. Levy	1920	*Henry G. Smernoff	1954	Jeffrey A. Granoff	1986
*Samuel I. Calechman	1921	*Martin B. Gant	1955	Edward L. Goodstein	1987
*Benjamin F. Goldman	1922	*Simon Burres	1956	*Michael L. Castroll	1988
*Samuel J. White	1924	*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. Ritich	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
*Joseph Weiner	1938	*Chester M. Katzman	1971	*William E. McGraw, Jr.	2006
*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
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Associate Grand Tyler

WB Frederick A. Marotti  
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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