



OCTOBER 2024

VIEW FROM THE EAST



My Brothers,

Fall is finally here! The kids are back in school, the leaves are turning, and our lodge is back in session. I always look forward to this time of year—the cooler air, the scent of apple cider, pumpkins on the porch, and the beauty of the changing leaves. It's the start of something new, and it feels great to be together again.

Seeing everyone at lodge to kick off the second half of the year was such a highlight for me. There's something special about the fellowship we share. It's a reminder of why we come together as Masons—building bonds and spending time with one another in this great fraternity.

We have a lot to look forward to in the coming months, and I'm excited about the events we have planned. Whether it's the upcoming Fellowcraft or Entered Apprentice degrees, I hope you'll make it a point to join us. These degree nights are special moments—not just for the candidates, but for all of us as we support and welcome new brothers into our lodge.

As we approach the Jewish New Year, I'd like to extend warm wishes to our Jewish brethren for a joyful and peaceful Rosh Hashana. In observance of this important holiday, our lodge will not meet on October 2nd. May this New Year bring blessings of health, happiness, and prosperity to all who celebrate.

As we get closer to the holidays and the year's end, let's make the most of our time together. Your presence at these events means a lot. It's not just about filling seats—it's about strengthening the bonds that tie us together. So, mark your calendars, bring a friend, and join us in continuing the traditions and values we hold dear.

Upcoming activities/Planned events

- FellowCraft Degree October 16th
- Semi-Annual Grand Lodge Session October 19th
- We will be running the Cosmopolitan store, please let RWB David Berger know if you plan to work at the store.
- RW Shane Dufresne will present "Masons in the Civil War"
- After lodge - open to family members November 20th

Entered Apprentice Degree

Date - TBD

Self-Defense

Date – TBD

Game Night

Date – TBD

- Our monthly Fellowship Dinner will be Wednesday October 23rd location TBD.
- On October 27th 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.

Fraternally,

Earl W. Ehrentraut

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Worshipful Master 2024

VIEW FROM THE WEST



Brothers,

We are currently gearing up to have a series of Degrees in quick succession – a Fellowcraft on October 16th and an Entered Apprentice almost immediately after. While those are currently the only ones for which we have even tentative times for, it is not outside the realm of possibility to assume that they will likely be followed by a second Fellowcraft and then a Master Mason. In-between these, our Lodge Thanksgiving, a proposed Game Night, Brother Dufresne’s “Masons in the Civil War” presentation, and a variety of other events happening both within our Lodge and without. This is shaping up to be a very busy second half of the year.

But in thinking specifically about the upcoming Degrees, I wanted to take a moment to say something specifically about the ritual, particularly to anybody who’s performing it for the first time or is uncomfortable performing ritual in general. You *do not* need to worry about being word perfect. This is not an accuracy competition and the candidates who will be receiving the Degree, for whom this Ritual is *truly* for, will neither recognize nor care that you used “a” instead of “the” or “that” instead of “which” or some other common synonym in place of one of the more archaic words our ritual can sometimes be peppered with. The important part is that the overall idea behind the Ritual be understood. If you do truly forget the next bit of your line, there will always be somebody ready to prompt you (usually up in the East), so you need only to look to them to give you the next few words. And if you do truly omit a sentence or miss a critical piece, there will always be a Brother or two (usually Past Masters) who will come find you at the end of the Meeting who will let you know. Please be mindful that they are not telling you this to try to belittle you or make you feel bad, they are simply letting you know what you have to improve on.

Fraternally,

Benjamin G. Stern

Senior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SOUTH



My Brothers,

As the fall season arrives, we look forward to the return of our formal Masonic activities, meetings, and events. After a restful summer, it's time to come together again in the spirit of Brotherhood and get involved in all that our Lodge has to offer. There are many upcoming opportunities to participate, engage, and strengthen our bond.

We have a packed schedule of events to look forward to this season, starting with the Grand Lodge Semi-Annual Communication on October 19, where we can use help with our Cosmo Store. This is an excellent chance to gather with Brothers from across the state, discuss important matters, and share in the fellowship that makes our craft so unique.

Additionally, we have a variety of other Lodge events in the works, including our Lodge Thanksgiving, and Games Night, and we encourage everyone to join in and make the most of these occasions. Finally, I would like to take this moment to extend warm wishes to our Jewish Brothers. As Rosh Hashana approaches, I want to wish you a Happy New Year. May you be inscribed in the Book of Life, and may you have an easy and meaningful fast during Yom Kippur.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Fraternally,

Bro. Joe

Joseph K. Fried
Junior Warden

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 – UPCOMING EVENTS

October 2, 2024	No meeting due to the start of the Jewish New Year – Rosh Hashana
October 16, 2024	Stated Communication with our Worshipful Master Earl W. Ehrentraut in the East. The meeting will start at 7:30 pm. Fellow Craft Degree. Attire for officers is Tux. Attire for brothers is Tie and Jacket.
October 19, 2024	Semi-Annual Grand Lodge Meeting at the Hartog Auditorium at Ashlar Village.
October 23, 2024	Fellowship Dinner - TBD
October 27, 2024	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: garyec39@gmail.com
November 20, 2024	Guest Speaker RW Shane Dufresne will present “Masons in the Civil War”
	<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,

The month of October is a clear sign of summer being over and the leaves start to change with beautiful colors all up and down of New England. With that also comes Halloween and costumes and Trick or Treating for that wonderful candy.

For our lodge it is going to be very busy, so please try and join us for the fellowship and camaraderie. If you are planning on attending the Semi-Annual Grand Lodge Session, please don't forget to bring your dues card.

*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 weeks next year's dues bills will be going out.

Fraternally,
RW Gary Matican
Secretary

HAWAIIAN SHIRT NIGHT



GRAND MASTER'S DAY



COSMO GATHERING AT ASHLAR VILLAGE



COSMOPOLITAN LODGE PICNIC AT WORSHIPFUL MASTER'S HOUSE



**HIRAM LODGE NO. 1 &
THE MOVEMENT CENTER**



Present

1 NIGHT ONLY

Seating: 5:30 PM

Show: 7:30 PM

OCTOBER 12th

285 Whitney Ave. New Haven, CT 06511

WARNING!!!
THIS WILL BE A 'SCARY' GOOD TIME!!

A GRAND GHOULISH GALA!!!

A special Fundraising Event to support Life Haven Shelter

TICKETS: \$45
Includes Dinner & Live Show!!

SCAN OR TO PURCHASE TICKETS!!

Special Thanks To:
Valley of New Haven
Scottish Rite

FEATURING SELECTIONS FROM:

- Phantom of the Opera
- Addams Family Musical
- Young Frankenstein
- Jekyll & Hyde
- Hocus Pocus
- & MUCH MORE!!

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2024 COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125

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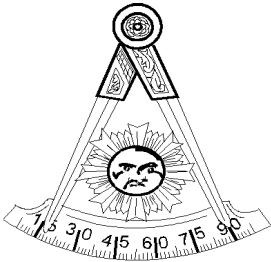
*Jacob Caplan	1919, 1923	*Harold P. Gessner	1953	Joseph M. Cohen	1985
*Joseph E. Levy	1920	*Henry G. Smernoff	1954	Jeffrey A. Granoff	1986
*Samuel I. Calechman	1921	*Martin B. Gant	1955	Edward L. Goodstein	1987
*Benjamin F. Goldman	1922	*Simon Burres	1956	*Michael L. Castroll	1988
*Samuel J. White	1924	*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
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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
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*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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CURRENT GRAND LODGE

RWB Gary E. Cohen
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WB Michael S. Abrahamson
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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