



NOVEMBER 2024

VIEW FROM THE EAST



My Brothers,

Autumn is progressing swiftly, and before we know it, we'll find ourselves right in the heart of the holiday season. As time seems to fly by, I hope each of you is taking the opportunity to spend quality moments with your family and friends, cherishing this special time of year.

As the year draws to a close, we have many activities planned to fill the remaining months. These gatherings offer a wonderful chance to strengthen our bonds and enjoy each other's company. We encourage everyone to participate in these events and join us in fellowship. Let's finish the year together on a strong and united note.

We had the privilege of attending the Scouters Association Camp Degree, where we initiated Brother Stephen Jackson as our newest Entered Apprentice. It was a meaningful ceremony, and we're pleased to welcome him into our craft.

We also advanced Brothers Judah LaRose and Manuel Camacho to the Fellow Craft degree. Both have shown dedication and commitment to the Craft, and we're excited to see them continue their Masonic journey.

Bringing in quality brothers like these strengthens our lodge and the future of Freemasonry. Let's continue to grow and support one another as we build our fraternity.

Upcoming activities/Planned events:

- Wednesday November 6th, stated communication.
- Saturday November 9 @ 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm 18th Annual WB Steven Canada Fall Harvest Dinner
- Wednesday November 20th, stated communication followed up with RW Shane Dufresne will present "Masons in the Civil War"
 - After lodge - open to family members
- Cosmopolitan Thanksgiving Dinner Saturday November 23rd @ 5:00 pm
- Self-Defense Date – TBD
- Game Night Date – TBD

Fraternally,

Earl W. Ehrentraut

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Worshipful Master 2024

VIEW FROM THE WEST



Brothers,

As many of you have heard already, I was in a car accident at the beginning of last month. I'd like to thank all my brothers who've offered their wishes for my speedy and complete recovery. However, I've used my Trestle Board article to talk about myself a few times in the past and I'm frankly getting a little tired of talking about this specific incident, so I'm going to swiftly switch to another topic.

It has been said that we, as a Lodge, may not be highlighting events happening within the wider Fraternity as we maybe should. And as there are a few very interesting ones coming up, I wanted to highlight them.

- November 2nd – Oklahoma Indian Master Mason Degree

The Oklahoma Indian Degree Team is coming to Connecticut to show us a Master Mason Degree using their unique ritual, which blends their Indian traditions with the Masonic. They will only be conferring the Degree on their own candidate, so this event is open to Master Masons only. The event starts at 9 am and includes lunch. Tickets *must* be purchased in advance by searching for the event name at eventbrite.com or through the Eventbrite app, or by following the link in the October edition of the Freemason (page 12).

- November 10th – Veterans Day Flag Ceremony

At the Masonic Cemetery across the street from the Grand Lodge Office, in honor of Veterans Day the following day, the Grand Lodge will be holding a ceremony to place flags on the graves of veterans buried there. This event begins at 3 pm.

- November 30th – Statewide Master Mason Degree

At 9 am at 74 Cheshire Rd in Wallingford, we will be having another statewide Master Mason Degree. If you recall the last one that was put on you know how spectacular it was.

My Brothers, let us not forget that Masonry extends far beyond our own Lodge walls and what events we put on. These are just *a few* of the other Masonic events taking place next month which any brother would be well enriched by attending. Check the Grand Lodge calendar, or the Freemason, or ask around to other brothers and other Lodges to find your own meaningful and enjoyable events.

Fraternally,

Benjamin G. Stern

Senior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SOUTH



My Brothers,

As we conclude the month of October, I want to take a moment to reflect on the meaningful events that have brought us together in brotherhood and service. This past month, we had the honor of conducting the Fellowcraft Degree, deepening the bonds among our brethren as we guided our candidates further along their Masonic journey. I would also like to acknowledge the Grand Lodge Semi-Annual Communication. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend, but I want to extend my sincere thanks to Brother Daniel Devoe II for representing our lodge in my stead. Your dedication to our lodge does not go unnoticed, Brother Devoe—thank you!

As we look ahead, November brings several significant events that I hope we can all share together:

- **November 9** – *Steve Canada's Thanksgiving Dinner*: A beloved tradition, Brother Canada's dinner will be a great opportunity for fellowship and gratitude.
- **November 20** – *"Masons in the Civil War" Presentation*: A fascinating and educational evening led by RW Shane Dufresne, exploring the impact Masons had during the Civil War. This event is Open to All and will occur after our stated lodge meeting.
- **November 23** – *Lodge Thanksgiving Dinner*: Let us come together once again to celebrate the season with our lodge's Thanksgiving feast.

Please note that I kindly request all brothers to RSVP for both the presentation on November 20 and the lodge Thanksgiving Dinner on November 23. It would be helpful to know who plans to attend, so we can make the necessary arrangements. Feel free to contact me directly at josephkfried@gmail.com or (203) 927-0003 with your RSVP.

Thank you for your continued dedication to our lodge and to the craft. I look forward to seeing you at these upcoming events as we continue our journey of growth and fellowship.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Fraternally,

Bro. Joe

Joseph K. Fried

Junior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



My Brothers,

I hope all of you are enjoying the great Fall of New England. Just driving around and seeing the foliage brings goose bumps. The temperatures have been a little warmer than it usually is for this time of year. Enjoy it while you can because the snow should be here shortly.

Last month at the Semi-Annual Grand Lodge Session we elected a new Grand Master for the 2025 Grand Lodge year. Congratulations to RWB Rinaldo R. Magliano, Jr., Look well to the East my brother.

And finally, those that have not paid their dues for 2024, please send it in to me **now** so that I might be able to close out this year as the 2025 notices will be going out in the mail on November 1, 2024. Your close attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Also, if you receive the **Trestle Board** by mail and have an email address, please share it with me. You will benefit by being able to view the **Trestle Board** in color and the Lodge can reduce its mailing costs.

Fraternally,

RW Gary Matican

Secretary

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 – UPCOMING EVENTS

November 6, 2024	Stated Communication with our Worshipful Master Earl W. Ehrentraut in the East. The meeting will start at 7:30 pm. Attire for officers is Tie & Jacket. Attire for brothers is also Tie and Jacket.
November 9, 2024	18th Annual Fall Festival Dinner by WB Steven Canada. Starts at 6 pm to 9 pm in the Social Hall 285 Whitney Ave. New Haven. No Charge but reservations are a must. Please bring a side dish for 4 and 5 cans of whatever for the food drive. RSVP to brother Canada at: FallHarvestDinner@Outlook.com
November 20, 2024	Stated Communication with our Worshipful Master Earl W. Ehrentraut in the East. The meeting will start at 7:30 pm. Attire for officers is Tie & Jacket.. Attire for brothers is also Tie and Jacket. Program to follow after the end of our meeting so that all may attend : Guest Speaker RW Shane Dufresne will present “Masons in the Civil War”
November 23, 2024	Cosmo Thanksgiving Dinner at 5pm in the Social Hall of 285 Whitney Ave. New Haven, RSVP to: Bro Joseph Fried at josephkfried@gmail.com or (203) 927-0003.
November 24, 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
.	<i>For further information of our lodge activities and events please go to our website at www.cosmopolitan125.org</i>

2024 COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125

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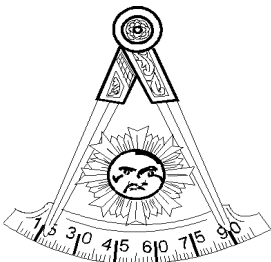
*Jacob Caplan	1919, 1923	*Harold P. Gessner	1953	Joseph M. Cohen	1985
*Joseph E. Levy	1920	*Henry G. Smernoff	1954	Jeffrey A. Granoff	1986
*Samuel I. Calechman	1921	*Martin B. Gant	1955	Edward L. Goodstein	1987
*Benjamin F. Goldman	1922	*Simon Burres	1956	*Michael L. Castroll	1988
*Samuel J. White	1924	*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
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*Samuel W. Ritich	1929	*Jordan Goldberg	1962	Bruce M. Backer	1994
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*RW Alex C. Hershatter	1935	*Abraham B. Rosenberg	1968	Phillip E. Cohen	2001
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*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
* = deceased					

CURRENT GRAND LODGE

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 #125

THANKS GIVING

Dinner Party



SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 23 | 5 PM
285 Whitney Ave, New Haven, CT

RSVP NOW

*Bro. Joe at (203) 927-0003
or josephkfried@gmail.com*

\$15pp *Kids eat free.*

Bring your favorite
dessert or side dish.