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MASONIC TEMPLE
285 WHITNEY AVE. NEW HAVEN, CONN.

JANUARY 2025

VIEW FROM THE EAST



My Brothers,

I trust this message finds you well and enjoying the holiday season with family and friends. This time of year is a special opportunity to reflect on the blessings in our lives and the bonds we share as brothers.

As we prepare to close the year, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the lodge and my brethren for the honor of serving as Worshipful Master for 2024. It has been my privilege to lead our lodge this year, and I hope it has been a fulfilling and meaningful year for all.

Looking ahead, I would like to congratulate Brother Benjamin Stern on his election as Worshipful Master for 2025. I extend my best wishes to him and his officers for a successful and eventful year. Let us all commit to supporting them in their efforts by attending lodge meetings and participating in the events they have planned.

Upcoming Activities and Events

- **Wednesday, January 1, 2025**
No meeting will be held in observance of New Year's Day.
- **Sunday, January 5, 2025 – Installation of Officers**
 - **9:00 AM:** We will gather at the lodge to open and begin preparations for the Installation of Officers. This will include setting up the lodge and conducting a rehearsal.
 - *All current officers and those elected for 2025 are expected to attend and assist with these preparations.*
 - After the rehearsal, there will be a break. Officers may leave to change and return as needed.
 - **2:00 PM:** All officers are expected to be back at the lodge to make final preparations and pictures.
 - **3:00 PM:** Installation of Officers for 2025.

As we transition into the new year, let us continue to work together in harmony and brotherly love, supporting one another and upholding the values of our craft.

Fraternally,

Earl W. Ehrentraut

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Worshipful Master 2024

VIEW FROM THE WEST



Brothers,

I would like to thank all of you for electing me to the office of Worshipful Master of this Lodge for the 2025 year. I look forward to a good year working with all of you. To that end, in order to minimize confusion, I wanted to pre-share my current ideal schedule for Degrees for the coming year. Each of these I intend to hold on the second meeting of the given month, with ritual practices being held before the meeting prior and another on one of the Saturdays in between. There will, of course, be more specific schedules released as we approach the months in question, but I wanted everyone to get at least the general idea ahead of time.

February – Master Mason

March – Fellowcraft

May –

Master Mason

These would take care of the awaiting Fellowcrafts and Entered Apprentices we have at the moment, so additional Degrees will be scheduled in the second half of the year as additional candidates are generated.

Additionally, I wanted to make an official announcement that I intend to have a couple of Game Nights throughout the year – a night when we can get together in an informal setting, with ladies, families, and prospective guests welcome, to enjoy board and card game

Fraternally,

Benjamin G. Stern

Senior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SOUTH



My Brothers, Happy New Year!

As we begin this new year, I am honored and humbled to have been elected as your Senior Warden. I want to thank each of you for placing your confidence in me. It is a privilege to serve our lodge in this capacity, and I pledge to work diligently to uphold the trust you have placed in me. I hope to do you and the lodge proud.

The start of a new year is a time for reflection and renewed purpose. It is also an opportunity for us to strengthen our bonds as brothers and continue building upon the foundation of our lodge. The true strength of our lodge is best shown when we work together, supporting one another and striving toward our shared goals.

Looking ahead, I'd like to highlight our upcoming **Paid-Up Members Dinner on January 15**, which will take place before our lodge meeting. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy fellowship and camaraderie as we kick off 2025 together. Please RSVP to our newly elected **Junior Warden, Brother Michael S. Abrahamson, at mabrahamson@earthlink.net** to confirm your attendance.

I encourage each of you to embrace the spirit of unity as we embark on 2025. Whether it's through participation in our meetings, involvement in lodge projects, or simply checking in with a brother, your contributions make a difference. Together, we can ensure that our lodge continues to thrive and inspire.

Thank you again for your trust and support. I look forward to working with you all in the year ahead. Let's start 2025 strong, united, and committed to the principles of our craft.

Fraternally,

Bro. Joe

Joseph K. Fried
Junior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



My Brothers,

As we now approach the beginning of another year, we would like to invite everyone to our annual Installation of Officers on January 5, 2025 at 3:00 pm sharp. After the installation we will have refreshments downstairs in the Social Hall.

Ann and I would like to wish everyone a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year!

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

January 5, 2025	Special Communication of our Annual Installation of Office with our Worshipful Master Benjamin G. Stern in the East. The installation will start at 3:00 pm SHARP. Officer Attire is Tux. Tie and Jacket for all others.
January 15, 2025	Stated Communication with our Worshipful Master Benjamin G. Stern in the East. The meeting will start at 7:30 pm. There will be a Paid Up Members Dinner at 6:30 pm. Please RSVP to WB Michael S. Abrahamson at 203-395-2402 email at mabrahamson@earthlink.net . Attire for officers is Tie & Jacket.
January 22, 2025	Fellowship Dinner will be announced at a later day.
January 26, 2025	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
	<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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PAST MASTERS OF COSMOPOLITAN LODGE #125

*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. Ritch	1929	*Jordan Goldberg	1962	Bruce M. Backer	1994
*Louis R. Hershatter	1930	*Gerald W. Brownstein	1963	Gary P. Merwede	1996
*Julius White	1931	*Arnold Most	1965	Gary S. Spanierman	1997
*RW Irving Alpert	1932	*A. Robert Sotman	1964	*RW Arnold H. Freedman	1998
*Andrew N. Friedman	1933	George Weinstein	1966	*Edward S. Eby	1999
*RW Samuel Platcow	1934	*Irving Kegeles	1967	Maier O.Fein	2000
*RW Alex C. Hershatter	1935	*Abraham B. Rosenberg	1968	Phillip E.Cohen	2001
*Benjamin D. Levine	1936	*Morris Klein	1969	David O. Stern	2004, 2010
*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
				Earl W. Ehrentraut	2024
* = deceased					

CURRENT GRAND LODGE

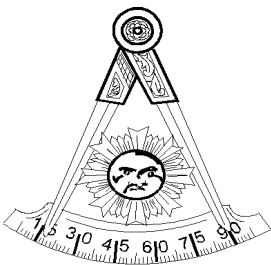
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Associate Grand Marshal

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



You are cordially invited to attend the
Semi Public Installation Ceremonies
in honor of

W.M. BENJAMIN G. STERN

As Worshipful Master of
Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125
A.F. & A.M.
And
His Suite of Officers

Sunday, January Fifth
Two Thousand and Twenty-Five
At three o'clock in the afternoon

Refreshments to follow

Masonic Temple
285 Whitney Avenue
New Haven, Connecticut

