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MASONIC TEMPLE
285 WHITNEY AVE. NEW HAVEN, CONN.

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VIEW FROM THE EAST



My Brothers,

This April looks to be an auspicious month of events for our Lodge, with important events both within our own Lodge and in the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

At our first meeting on April 2nd, we will be holding our annual Awards Night. A dinner will precede the meeting starting at 6:30, \$20 per person, please get your RSVPs in to Bro. Michael Abrahamson.

That following Saturday, the 5th, will be the Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Connecticut. This is taking place at the **Marriott Hartford/Windsor Airport, 28 Day Hill Rd, Windsor, CT**. We will, of course, be running our Cosmo Store at this event. If you are interested in helping run and/or running the store, please coordinate with Bro. Joseph Fried. As for the meeting itself, registration begins at 8 and the meeting itself begins at 9:30. For further information on the meeting, including information on the Friday Banquet and the Past District Deputy Saturday Luncheon, please see the Annual Meeting Call at ctfreemasons.net.

As this month includes Passover I'm intending to keep this somewhat light in terms of events, so that is really all there is for this month other than our second regular meeting, Fellowship Dinner, and volunteering at DESK. But not to worry, my brothers, there will be more new and exciting events next month!

Fraternally,

Benjamin G. Stern

Worshipful Master

VIEW FROM THE WEST



Brothers,

February and March have been a whirlwind! From degrees to parades, celebrations to special events, we were on the move across the state, showcasing what makes our fraternity so strong—our **commitment to brotherhood and tradition**. Seeing so many of you participate in these moments was inspiring, and I want to thank each of you for making them a success.

Now, as we enter April, we shift our focus back to **the heart of our lodge**—the work we do together within our own walls. This month, we have two important events ahead:

◆ **Awards Night** – A night to recognize and celebrate the dedication of our brethren. Let's come together to honor those who have given so much to the craft and our lodge.

◆ **Grand Lodge Annual Session** – A time for Masons across the state to gather, reflect on our progress, and help shape the future of our fraternity. If you haven't attended before, I encourage you to do so—it's an incredible opportunity to see the bigger picture of Masonry in Connecticut.

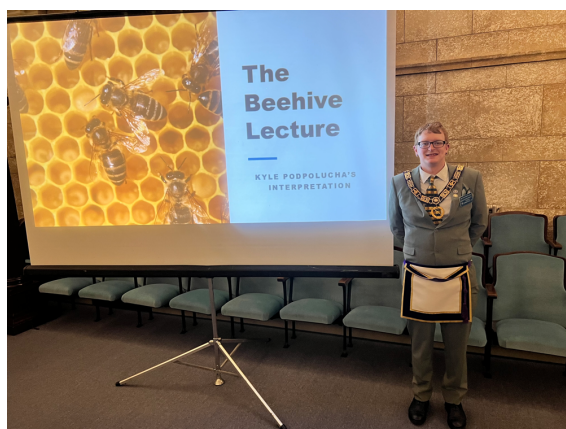
While March was about being out in the world, **April is about strengthening our foundation. And I have a challenge for each of you—bring a brother back to lodge, or if you are someone who hasn't been back to our lodge recently, come back (we miss you)**. We all know a brother who hasn't been around in a while. Maybe life got busy, maybe he just fell out of the habit. A simple call, a text, or even offering to pick him up could be all it takes to rekindle that connection. Let's remind our brothers that they are always welcome and that our lodge is strongest when we stand together.

Let's make April a month of **renewal, connection, and brotherhood**. I look forward to seeing you all at lodge soon!

Fraternally,

Bro. Joe

Joseph K. Fried
Senior Warden



WB Kyle Podpolucha gave a wonderful rendition of the BEEHIVE Lecture at our lodge last month. We had 20 brothers who had never seen the lecture. Thank you very much WB

VIEW FROM THE SOUTH



My Brothers,

My brothers, we have had a very busy March and April will be the same. We have already had our movie night on the 8th, marched in the New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade on the 16th, and we will be having our annual Passover on Saturday March 29th. This has always been one of our most popular events of the year and I know that we all look forward to a wonderful time together as we retell the story of the exodus from Egypt. Please bring your family and enjoy the time together. The cost for the Seder will be \$20 per person. Please make your reservations with me at Mabrahamson@earthlink.net as we need to plan for the correct number at our seder.

Our Annual Awards night will be held on April 2nd. Please bring your family as we congratulate the brothers that make our lodge so special. The cost of the meal will be \$20 per person. Please make your reservations with me at Mabrahamson@earthlink.net as we need to plan for the correct amount of food.

The Grand Lodge Annual session will be held on April 5th at the Marriott Hartford/Windsor Airport, 28 Day Hill Rd, in Windsor, CT. Every Master Mason is invited to attend and it is a great time to share with Brothers from across the state.

We will continue our support of the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen. In April, our service will be to prepare the meal on Sunday, April 27th. This is a wonderful opportunity to support those in our community who most need it. Please sign up with RWB Gary E. Cohen.

I look forward to seeing you, my brothers, in our lodge. The place where it is good and pleasant for brothers to dwell together in unity.

In Masonry,

Fraternally,

Michael S. Abrahamson

Junior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



My Brothers,

March 29th was our Annual Passover Seder and all were welcome to come and join the members of Cosmopolitan Lodge. Everyone who attended had a wonderful time reliving the Exodus of the Jewish people from Egypt.

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. Dues are due and payable now!

Fraternally,

RW Gary Matican

Secretary

2025 COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125

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PAST MASTERS OF COSMOPOLITAN LODGE #125

*Jacob Caplan	1919, 1923	*Henry G. Smernoff	1954	Edward L. Goodstein	1987
*Joseph E. Levy	1920	*Martin B. Gant	1955	*Michael L. Castroll	1988
*Samuel I. Calechman	1921	*Simon Burres	1956	RW Martin L. Rudnick	1989, 2002
*Benjamin F. Goldman	1922	*David Cohen	1957	*Harley O. H. Pretty	1990
*Samuel J. White	1924	*Albert Gurewitz	1958	RW Gary Matican	1991, 1995, 2003
*Nathan Smernoff	1925	*Marshall R. Weiner	1959	Bruce L. Lebow	1992
*Manuel Kligerman	1926	*Herbert B. Goldberg	1960	*Richard L. Hecht	1993
*Samuel M. Silver	1927	*Leo Gilden	1961	Bruce M. Backer	1994
*Jacob N. Wolodarsky	1928	*Jordan Goldberg	1962	Gary P. Merwede	1996
*Samuel W. Ritch	1929	*Gerald W. Brownstein	1963	Gary S. Spanierman	1997
*Louis R. Hershatter	1930	*Arnold Most	1965	*RW Arnold H. Freedman	1998
*Julius White	1931	*A. Robert Sotman	1964	*Edward S. Eby	1999
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*Andrew N. Friedman	1933	*Irving Kegeles	1967	Phillip E. Cohen	2001
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*RW Alex C. Hershatter	1935	*Morris Klein	1969	RW David E. Berger	2005
*Benjamin D. Levine	1936	*William E. Weiner	1970	*William E. McGraw, Jr.	2006
*John M. Chapnick	1937	*Chester M. Katzman	1971	Stuart M. Smith	2007
*Joseph Weiner	1938	*Robert Tombank	1972	Roger Jackson	2009
*Irving Rogers	1939	*Leonard Tombank	1973	Steven J. Elzholz	2011
*Maurice Osber	1940	*Milton A. Hershatter	1974	RW Jason E. Morse	2012, 2013
*Herman Alpert	1941	Richard A. Sugarmann	1975	RW Scott Bumps	2014
*George J. Evans	1942	*Michael W. Winess	1976	Rev. & MWPGM Bruce R. Bellmore	2015
*RW Joseph Shure	1943, 1944	*Albert R. Blackman	1977	David M. Elkodsi	2016
*Goodwin D. Wolff	1945	*RW Joseph Albert	1978	Randy S. Stevens	2017
*Leon I. Horton	1946	RW Gary E. Cohen	1979	Jerry Gruenbaum	2018
*Natt K. Sheinfeld	1947	Sidney J. Levine	1980	Michael S. Abrahamson	2019, 2020
*A. Louis Phillips	1948	Ronald M. Dworkin	1981	Frederick A. Marotti	2021
*Fredric M. Rosenstein	1949	Kenneth L. Dworkin	1982, 2008	Daniel D. DeVoe II	2022
*Milton S. Holiner	1950	Steven A. Ledewitz	1983	Charles G. Ehrentraut, Sr.	2023
*William Ledewitz	1951	Robert S. Brooks	1984	Earl W. Ehrentraut	2024
*A. Henry Mirel	1952	Joseph M. Cohen	1985		
*Harold P. Gessner	1953	Jeffrey A. Granoff	1986		
* = deceased					

CURRENT GRAND LODGE

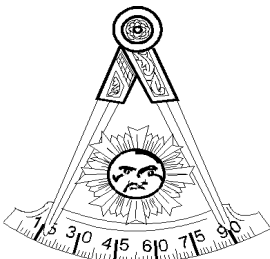
RWB Francis (Nick) Barnes
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Associate Grand Marshal

RWB Gary E. Cohen
Associate Grand Almoner for the 4th District

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Associate Grand Tyler

WB Frederick A. Marotti
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Past Master's – Other Lodges

Michael S. Abrahamson	Daytime Lodge No. 144: 2024
MWPGM Gustaf R Bodin	St. Alban's #38: 1976 & Ashlar #332: 2011
Rev. & MWPGM Bruce R. Bellmore	Olive Branch #84: 1981 & Hiram #1: 1993
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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: 2023/2024/2025
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. Podpoulucha	Annawon #115: 2020
Rabbi Eric Silver	Temple #16: 2013
Randy S. Stevens	Adelphi-Momauquin #63: 2002, Madison #87: 1985, 1986, & 1992
Jon-Paul Venoit	Compass #9: 2005
Timothy C.R. Wilkins	Hiram #1: 2015

OUR 90th
BIRTHDAY BROTHER
RW LEONARD HENRY BUCHER
AND WIFE BARBARA

