



May 2025

VIEW FROM THE EAST



My Brothers,

My apologies for not being around for the first half of last month. I had a bit of a health scare and don't want to get into it here but, suffice to say, I'm alright and ready to get back into the swing of things. Between the Grand Lodge Annual Session, Passover, and Easter in April I was keeping things somewhat light in terms of events. And while we have several events of similar importance coming up in May, we can't sit by and take another easy month – we've got a lot to do!

First up on May 3rd we have the District Deputy Presentation for Michael S. Abrahamson and his Associate Grand Marshal Daniel D. DeVoe II. This will take place at our Lodge at 2pm, with dinner to follow. For more details and to RSVP, please contact RW Michael Abrahamson.

The Annual Grand Master's Gala, honoring our newly installed MW Rinaldo F. Magliano, Jr., is on May 4th. Tickets are \$55 per person and are available through the Eventbrite app. There is also a QR code on page 16 of last month's Freemason where you can book your tickets.

We've been invited to participate in a Masonic Flea Market, so we will be running our Cosmo Store. This is taking place on May 10th at America-St. John's Lodge No. 8 at 3960 Main St in Stratford, CT from 9 am-2 pm, with initial setup likely taking place around 8 am. If you can attend and help out, please communicate with Brother Joseph K. Fried. Immediately afterward, at the recommendation of various brothers at our last meeting, we will be retiring to the Social Hall of our Lodge for a Game Night. This will take place from approximately 3:30-9 pm. We will order dinner at some point, the exact form and type to be determined then. We are asking that everybody bring \$5 to help defray the cost of this.

I'm very happy to have heard that our Prospect, was voted into the Lodge without issue during my absence, which means we have an Entered Apprentice degree to arrange! Our first ritual practice for this will be immediately before our regular business meeting on May 7th.

Our second ritual practice will be on Saturday, May 17th, from 3-5 pm inside our regular Lodge room. After which we will be having another Game Night! 5-9 pm in the Social Hall downstairs, bring whatever games you have and are willing to lend for use, and, depending on attendance, we'll split off into as many groups as needed for everyone to be involved in a game. We will be ordering dinner from Michaelina's and, just as we did for the previous Game Night, we ask that everyone bring \$5 to help cover the cost. Family and prospects are more than welcome to attend!

This leaves us with our second meeting in the month on May 21st, at which we will be having our Entered Apprentice degree. A meal will precede the meeting at 6:30, \$20 per person, please RSVP with Michael S. Abrahamson.

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We will once again be volunteering at the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen. This month it falls on May 25th, which is the fourth Sunday of the month, so we will be preparing only, 2-4pm. Please let brother Gary E. Cohen know if you can make it. Our Fellowship Dinner falls on May 28th, the exact place is still being determined. Please contact brother David Stern for more information as the month progresses and also to let him know if you plan to attend. Remember – this is a perfect event to bring prospective members as well as your family!

And that leaves us with our final event for the month – the Fourth District Blue Lodge Council's Awards Night. Cosmopolitan Lodge #125 is hosting the event. There is a dinner beforehand at 6:30 pm, RSVPs with brother Michael S. Abrahamson. I'd really like for us to have a good turnout from our Lodge for this event; let's get that Traveling Gavel back in our Lodge!

Fraternally,

Benjamin G. Stern

Worshipful Master

VIEW FROM THE WEST



Brothers,

As we move into May, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped support the **Cosmo Store** at the Grand Lodge Annual Session this past April. Whether you helped run the table, carried bins, or simply stopped by to show your support, your efforts were truly appreciated. The store is not only a fun and meaningful way to raise funds—it's a reflection of our lodge's energy and spirit.

We're keeping the momentum going with more opportunities to support the Cosmo Store coming soon!

We'll be set up at the **Masonic Flea Market in Stratford on May 10**, and again later this summer at the **Grand Lodge Picnic**. If you'd like to lend a hand at one of these events—or even just be part of the prep—please reach out and let me know. Many hands make light work (and better sales)!

With spring now in full bloom, it's a perfect time to embrace the spirit of **renewal**—not just in nature, but within our lodge as well. As we prepare for our **upcoming degree**, I encourage each of you to dust off your ritual books, refresh your memory, and recommit to the work that makes our fraternity so meaningful. Practicing ritual isn't just about memorization—it's about breathing life into our teachings and passing them on with care and precision.

Let's take that same energy and pride we've shown in public events and channel it inward, delivering a degree that's not only well-executed, but truly inspiring for our candidates and for each other. Looking forward to another month of brotherhood, purpose, and progress.

Fraternally,

Bro. Joe

Joseph K. Fried

Senior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SOUTH



My Brothers,

With the warmth of spring, more and more Cosmo activity! We held our Annual Passover Seder on March 29th. Unfortunately, I could not be there, but I understand that it went extraordinarily well! I do want to take this opportunity to thank Brother Joseph Fried for stepping in for me. I was able to rest easily knowing that Joe had everything well in hand. Thank You Joe!!!

Then next day on May 30th, we volunteered at Project Hope. This annual service brightens the holiday for so many families who need our help, and we get to share the joy of fellowship together.

We held our annual Awards night on April 2nd. It was wonderful to see our brothers that do not come so often receive the recognition that they deserve.

The Grand Lodge Annual session was held on April 5th. The culmination was the installation of our newest Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Rinaldo F. Magliano. I know that we all congratulate him and look forward to his leadership.

I will ask that you please join us on May 3rd at 2:00 PM. Our lodge will be hosting the public ceremony and reception for the newest Associate Grand Marshal, WB Daniel DeVoe II and District Deputy RWB Michael Abrahamson. As this is a public reception, please invite your families to join us. We do want to make certain that we have enough food for the meal which will follow so please RSVP to cosmo125@ctfreemasons.net to let us know that you will be attending.

We will be bringing a new brother to light by portraying the Entered Apprentice Degree on May 21st. We will have the opportunity to have a meal at 6:30 before the degree. 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.

We will continue our support of the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen. In April, our service will be to prepare the meal on Sunday, May 24th. This is a wonderful opportunity to support those in our community who most need it. Please sign up with RWB Gary Cohen.

Our Lodge will be hosting the 4th District Blue Lodge Council on May 29th. As we are the host, we hope that we will have an outstanding turnout and bring the Traveling Gavel back to Cosmo! We will have the opportunity to have dinner at 6:30 before the degree. The cost of the meal will be \$15 per person. Please make your reservations with me at Mabrahamson@earthlink.net.

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 Abrahamson

Junior Warden



COSMOPOLITAN LODGE #125 A.F. & F.M.
285 WHITNEY AVENUE
NEW HAVEN, CT 06511



Brother,

On behalf of Worshipful Brother, Benjamin Stern, Master of Cosmopolitan Lodge # 125, you are cordially invited to a reception for the newly appointed District Deputy of District 4B, Right Worshipful Brother Michael Abrahamson and his Associate Grand Marshal, Worshipful Brother, Daniel DeVoe.

The location of the Reception will be at Cosmopolitan Lodge # 125 located at 285 Whitney Avenue in New Haven on Saturday, May 3rd, 2025. The Reception will begin promptly at 2:00 p.m. with Brother Nicholas H. Ives R.W. Grand Marshal, serving as the Presiding Officer. In addition, many prominent state and district leaders are expected to attend including the Grand Master. This is a semi-public ceremony, and you are encouraged to bring guests. Please wear your regalia.

The new District Deputy for District 4B, Right Worshipful Brother Michael is a Past Master of Cosmopolitan Lodge # 125 in New Haven as well as Daytime Lodge #144 in Stratford. His term became effective April 5th, 2025, when Brother Rinaldo F. Magliano, Most Worshipful Grand Master, appointed and clothed him at the 236th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge of the state of Connecticut. Six lodges comprise District 4B including Corinthian No. 63 Madison No. 87, Meridian No. 77, Quinta Essentia No. 500, Widows Son No. 66, and Wooster No. 79. Right Worshipful Brother Abrahamson will represent the Grand Master in matters relating to the Fraternity.

The ceremony will be followed by refreshments.

Please send an email to cosmo125@ctfreemasons.net to advise of your acceptance, so we may properly prepare.

Your presence will be appreciated.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Gary Matican

RW Gary Matican

Secretary Cosmopolitan Lodge # 125

VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



My Brothers,

This month our lodge is responsible for the Blue Lodge Council Meeting which is also their Awards Night. As we are the host lodge this month, we need your help with attendance. The lodge with the most amount of brothers attending will allow us to receive the Gavel again and hold it till the next meeting. This would be an incredible honor. Hope to see you there. See the Events portion of this Trestle Board for all the details.

Dues are due and payable now! Please help me keep my records up to date. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Fraternally,
RW Gary E. Cohen
Secretary

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 – UPCOMING EVENTS

May 3, 2025	District Deputy Presentation of RW Michael S. Abrahamson and AGM Daniel D. DeVoe II at Cosmopolitan Lodge at 2:00 pm.
May 4, 2025	Grand Master's Gala for MW Rinaldo F. Magliano will be at the Woodwinds in Branford tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite or the QR Code in the April Trestle Board on page 16.
May 7, 2025	Stated Communication with our Worshipful Master Benjamin G. Stern in the East. The meeting will start at 7:30 pm. There will be an EA Degree practice for the upcoming degree. Attire for officers and brothers will be Tie & Jacket.
May 10, 2025	Masonic Flea Market at America-St John's. After which we will be having another Game Night! 5-9 pm in the Social Hall downstairs. Please bring \$5 per person to defray the cost of dinner.
May 17, 2025	There will be an EA Degree practice for the upcoming degree at from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm. After the practice will be the 2 nd Game Night. Please bring \$5 per person to defray the cost of dinner.
May 21, 2025	Stated Communication with our Worshipful Master Benjamin G. Stern in the East. The meeting will start at 7:30 pm. There will be an EA Degree. Attire for officers will be Tux and brothers will be Tie & Jacket.
May 25, 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
May 28, 2025	Place TBD.
May 29, 2025	<i>Blue Lodge Council dinner and meeting by our Lodge here at Cosmopolitan Lodge 6:30 dinner and 7:15 Awards Night Meeting</i>
	<i>For further information of our lodge activities and events please go to our website at www.cosmopolitan125.org</i>

2025 COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125

OFFICERS

COMMITTEES

Benjamin G. Stern	Worshipful Master	AUDITING (3 Brothers)	
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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
*RW Irving Alpert	1932	George Weinstein	1966	Maier O.Fein	2000
*Andrew N. Friedman	1933	*Irving Kegeles	1967	Phillip E.Cohen	2001
*RW Samuel Platcow	1934	*Abraham B. Rosenberg	1968	David O. Stern	2004, 2010
*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. Elzholtz	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	RW 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

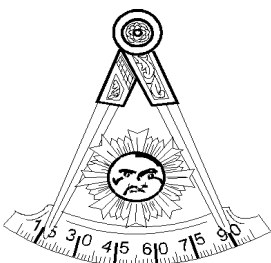
RWB Francis (Nick) Barnes
District Deputy Masonic District 4A

WB Kyle J. Podpoulucha
Associate Grand Marshal

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

RWB Michael S. Abrahamson
Associate Grand Tyler

WB Frederick A. Marotti
Associate Grand Tyler



Past Master's – Other Lodges

RW 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
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: 2023/2024/2025
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. 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

AWARDS NIGHT



RW Gary E. Cohen WB Philip Cohen



MW Gus Bodin with 70 yr. Pin & Family
Below: MW Gus getting pinned by daughter

