



# June 2025

## VIEW FROM THE EAST



My Brothers,

We've just had an excellent Entered Apprentice Degree, and I'd like to thank everyone once again who helped make it a success. We have one month left before we go on summer break, so let's get to it.

We shall have a regular business meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup>, tie and jacket for all attending.

Grandmaster's Day will be on June 14<sup>th</sup> this year. We will need brothers to help run the Cosmo Store and would love a few to march in the parade as well. We'll need brothers at Masonicare to help set up the store around 8 am. Please coordinate with Brother Joe Fried if you are available to help set up and/or run the store. Those willing and able to march in the parade as part of the 4<sup>th</sup> District contingent should wear a dark suit and tie, as well as bring their apron (but not officers' jewels) to wear. If you are not marching or are staying and would like to change out of your suit (which I would certainly recommend), please dress appropriate for the weather, but smart casual – jeans or shorts are fine, but nothing ragged, and a casual collared shirt or Masonic polo.

Our second meeting of the month is on June 18<sup>th</sup>, and it is our Lodge's tradition that our last Stated Communication is our Hawaiian Shirt Night. The dress code is shorts, Hawaiian shirts, and sandals. We will be opening the Lodge at 6:30 so that we can (hopefully) finish quickly and join our ladies and guests downstairs for a cookout, because this is certainly an event that is open to all. Please RSVP with RW Michael S. Abrahamson so that we can make sure that appropriate amounts of food are procured. The cost is \$15 per person.

On June 20<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding our annual St. John's Day Observance, for which our Lodge traditionally attends a Friday night service at a synagogue. We will be going to Temple Beth Shalom in Hamden for this year's event. It will start at 7:30 pm with light refreshments to follow after the service.

There was some talk about possibly omitting our Fellowship Dinner this month since it would come but a week after our Hawaiian Shirt cookout, but not enough to definitively call it in by my recognition. As such, please RSVP to Brother David Stern as normal to this event, which will be held on June 25<sup>th</sup>, and we will decide based on such reservations if there is not enough interest in it to merit holding the event.

I'll have one or two other events planned for over the summer break, including our Lodge Picnic, so stay tuned for future messages concerning those. Other than that, everybody have a safe, happy, healthy summer break and I'll see you again in Lodge in September.

Fraternally,

*Benjamin G. Stern*

Worshipful Master

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## VIEW FROM THE WEST



Brothers,

It's hard to believe we've reached June already! It just so happens to be my favorite month – not only because it's my birthday (feel free to mark your calendars), but also because of two of my favorite Masonic events: **Grand Master's Day** on June 14 and our **Hawaiian Shirt Night**. There's something special about relaxing with my Brothers, enjoying some good food, and celebrating the close of another successful Masonic season – all while wearing shirts that should probably never leave the backyard.

As always, the **Cosmo Store** will be set up at Grand Master's Day. While it's become a familiar sight, it's still a great place to browse Masonic items, support our wider community, and strike up conversations with Brothers from all over the state. If you're planning to attend and can help with setup or staffing, please reach out – I truly appreciate it.

I also want to take a moment to congratulate the lodge on another outstanding Entered Apprentice Degree. It's moments like those that remind us why we do this work: to welcome new Brothers, pass on our traditions, and keep our lodge moving forward. Thank you to everyone who made it possible.

As we head into our summer recess, I hope each of you finds time to rest, reflect, and enjoy what matters most. While our lodge may not be in session in July and August, our obligations don't take the summer off. Let's carry the values we share into our families, workplaces, and communities – so that when we return in September, we come back not just recharged, but enriched. Until then, enjoy the sunshine, the sweet corn, and the slow pace – September will be here before we know it.

Fraternally,

*Bro. Joe*

Joseph K. Fried  
Senior Warden

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## VIEW FROM THE SOUTH



My Brothers,

It has been a whirlwind of a month, and I do want to take this opportunity to thank my Brothers who made it so successful. We had a wonderful reception thanks to the stellar work of Most Worshipful Bruce R. Bellmore, Right Worshipful Gary E. Cohen, Right Worshipful Gary Matican, Right Worshipful David E. Berger, Worshipful Brother David M Elkodsi, and Worshipful Brother David O. Stern who each excelled in taking part in the ceremony. Moreover, I want to thank each and every Brother who came and brought their families to join us. Dan and I appreciate the Brotherly love that abounded and the support from all of those at Cosmo.

We held our annual inspection on the Entered Apprentice Degree this month and it was a pleasure to see our Brothers work together to bring our latest Brother to light in Masonry.

We will be having our annual Hawaiian Shirt Night on June 18<sup>th</sup>. After a quick meeting, we will have the opportunity to share a meal with our families. The cost of the meal will be \$15 per person. Please make your reservations with me at [Mabrahamson@earthlink.net](mailto: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 June, our service will be to prepare the meal and serve on Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. 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,

*Michael Abrahamson*  
Junior Warden

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## VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



My Brothers,

Now that this half of the year is coming to an end, we can look forward to the warm weather, summer vacations, BBQ's and picnics. I would like to wish all the brothers a very enjoyable 2 months off. See you all in September.

**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 Matican*  
Secretary

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### COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 – UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>June 4, 2025</b>	Stated Communication with our Worshipful Master Benjamin G. Stern in the East. The meeting will start at 7:30 pm. Attire for officers and brothers will be Tie & Jacket.
<b>June 14, 2025</b>	Grand Master's Day at 9:00 am. There will a parade and food. Cosmo store needs help to set up at 8:00 am. Contact Bro. Joseph K. Fried at 203-927-0003.
<b>June 18, 2025</b>	Stated Communication with our Worshipful Master Benjamin G. Stern in the East. The meeting will start at 6:30 pm. followed by a BBQ dinner. Attire for everyone is Hawaiian Shirt, Shorts and sneakers or sandals. Reservations with RW Michael S. Abrahamson at 203-395-2402 or email at <a href="mailto:mabrahamson@earthlink.net">mabrahamson@earthlink.net</a>
<b>June 20, 2025</b>	We will be holding our annual St. John's Day Observance, for which our Lodge traditionally attends a Friday night service at a synagogue. We will be going to Temple Beth Sholom in Hamden for this year's event. It will start at 7:30 pm with light refreshments to follow after the service. The address is 1809 Whitney Avenue.
<b>June 25, 2025</b>	Fellowship Dinner at 7:00 pm. Reservation with WB David O. Stern at 203-444-2077 or email at <a href="mailto:dsternct@gmail.com">dsternct@gmail.com</a> . Place to be announce soon.
<b>June 29, 2025</b>	Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen – We are scheduled from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM to do prep only and/or serving. Please let RW Gary E. Cohen know if you can help. 203-530-6222 or email at: <a href="mailto:garyec39@gmail.com">garyec39@gmail.com</a>
	<i>For further information of our lodge activities and events please go to our website at <a href="http://www.cosmopolitan125.org">www.cosmopolitan125.org</a></i>

## 2025 COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125

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# PAST MASTERS OF COSMOPOLITAN LODGE #125

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*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

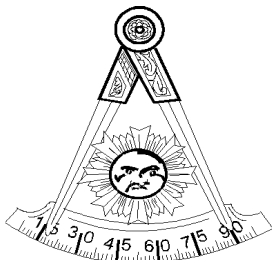
RWB Francis (Nick) Barnes  
District Deputy Masonic District 4A

WB Kyle J. Podpoulucha  
Associate Grand Marshal

RWB Gary E. Cohen  
Associate Grand Almoner for the 4<sup>th</sup> 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

4<sup>th</sup> District Presentation for District 4 B  
RW Michael S. Abrahamson DD  
& Daniel D. DeVoe II AGM



GOOD LUCK BROTHERS!