



Stated Communications First and Third Wednesdays except July and August
MASONIC TEMPLE
285 WHITNEY AVE. NEW HAVEN, CONN.

September 2025

VIEW FROM THE EAST



My Brothers,

I hope you've all had a rejuvenating and restful summer break. Let us dive back in to Lodge activities with renewed vigor.

Our first meeting will take place on September 3rd, and it will be a standard Business Meeting.

On Saturday, September 13th, we will be having yet another Game Night. Unlike previous such events, this one will be the sole endeavor of the day, unattached to other endeavors. We will be meeting in the basement of 285 Whitney Ave, New Haven from 5pm – 9pm to enjoy each other's company and some friendly board and card games. I will be bringing my own collection, but you are welcomed and encouraged to bring any of your own for others to borrow for the evening. We will be ordering dinner around 6pm, most likely from Michaelina's pizza, and we are asking that you bring \$5 per person to help defray the cost from this. Speaking of attendees for this event, this is the perfect outing to bring your family, as well as anybody interested in possibly joining the Lodge.

Our second meeting will be on September 17th, at which time we will be honoring Brother Joel Galvin with his 50 Year pin. We will be having a dinner beforehand at 6:30 pm, \$20 per person. All RSVP's to RW Michael S. Abrahamson at 203-395-2402 or email him at: mabrahamson@earthlink.net. While we will still open as a tiled Lodge and have a purposely brief business meeting, the presentation itself will be while we are at refreshment, and so our Ladies are welcome to attend.

This month's Fellowship Dinner would fall on September 24th, which is the second day of Rosh Hashanah, so we will not be holding the event this month. Looking slightly ahead, I can also forewarn you that our theoretical first meeting of October, on the 1st, would likewise fall on the starting evening of Yom Kippur. As such, we will not be holding a meeting on that evening and will only have one meeting for the month of October.

The other event of note for the month is Blue Lodge Council on Tuesday September 30th. More specific information on it will be forthcoming, but I can tell you that it will be hosted by Hiram Lodge #1 in the Egyptian Room of 285 Whitney Ave. Cosmopolitan Lodge hosted the immediate last BLC and Hiram Lodge managed to take home the Traveling Gavel due to having the most brothers present (just barely), so I think it would be hilarious if we managed to take it back from them at their hosted event. So I sincerely hope to see as many of you there as possible!

Fraternally,

Benjamin G. Stern

Worshipful Master

CONDOLENCES TO: Brother William Russo and family on the loss of his father
ROBERT DONALD RUSSO of Ocala Florida. He was 87 and passed on July 25, 2025.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.



Brothers,

There's something special about this time of year. The summer heat begins to fade, the evenings feel a little cooler, and after a couple of months away, we walk back into Lodge with a sense of both familiarity and renewal. I don't know about you, but I always find myself missing the rhythm of our meetings during the break—and it feels good to return.

September brings with it a few reminders that fit perfectly with this season of return.

Labor Day reminds us of the dignity of work—not just the jobs we do, but the labor we put into improving ourselves and strengthening our Lodge. Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, is a time of reflection and renewal, a chance to take stock of where we've been and set intentions for where we're going. And our summer rest gives us the energy to carry that work forward.

All three come together in a way that feels very Masonic: rest, reflection, and labor. It's a rhythm we know well, and it's what makes this time of year such a meaningful restart for our Lodge.

So, as we gather again, let's carry that spirit into our work. Let's make this fall a season of renewed energy, brotherhood, and purpose—together.

Fraternally,

Bro. Joe

Joseph K. Fried
Senior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SOUTH



My Brothers,

The summer is coming to an end which means we are about to return from refreshment to labor. It was truly an enjoyable summer, but in many of our opinions, it was probably too short. However, many brothers have had the opportunity to enjoy parts of this period of refreshment to spend time together and with their families. We should always take advantage of these opportunities when they present themselves. Cosmopolitan did just

that with a very successful Lodge picnic hosted at Ruth and WB Earl Ehrentraut's home, By all accounts it was a wonderful time, and their hospitality is most appreciated.

I look forward to seeing all of you when we return to Labor on Wednesday the 3rd of September. We also look forward to a special 50-year presentation for Brother Joel Galvin on September 17th. We will have the opportunity to have dinner before the presentation. The cost of the meal will be \$20 per person. Please make your reservations with me at Mabrahamson@earthlink.net.

We will continue our support of the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen. This month, our service will be to prepare the meal on Sunday, September 28th. 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

VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



My Brothers,

I hope that all the brothers and their families had a wonderful summer break and are ready to come back to lodge refreshed and willing to support the lodge in the endeavors the master has set up for us.

Dues are due and payable now! Please help me keep my records up to date by sending me your check before the bill for next year goes out in November. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Fraternally,
RW Gary Matican
Secretary

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 – UPCOMING EVENTS

September 3, 2025	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. Refreshments to follow.
September 13, 2025	Game Night at 285 Whitney Avenue and will start at 5:00 pm until 9:00 pm. Dinner will be at 6:00pm.
September 17, 2025	Stated Communication with our Worshipful Master Benjamin G. Stern in the East. Dinner will start at 6:30 pm with the meeting to follow at 7:30 pm with a 50 year pin presentation. Attire for the meeting is Tux for officers and Tie and jacket for brothers. Reservations with RW Michael S. Abrahamson at 203-395-2402 or email at mabrahamson@earthlink.net
September 24, 2025	Fellowship Dinner is going to be cancelled due to the Jewish New Year of Rosh Hashanah.
September 28, 2025	Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen – We are scheduled from 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM to do prep only and café service. Please let RW Gary E. Cohen know if you can help. 203-530-6222 or email at: garyec39@gmail.com
October 1, 2025	First meeting of October is cancelled due to the Jewish Holiday of Yom Kippur.
	<i>For further information of our lodge activities and events please go to our website at www.cosmopolitan125.org</i>

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE THROUGH

**THE CHAIRMAN RW GARY E. COHEN AT 203-530-6222
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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
*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

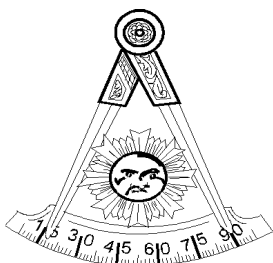
RWB Francis (Nick) Barnes
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WB Kyle J. Podpoulucha
Associate Grand Marshal

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

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE FELLOWSHIP DINNER



A wonderful turnout for the reopening of the 67 Dinner.