



NOVEMBER 2025

VIEW FROM THE EAST



My Brothers,

As we enter November, we should strive to remember what we are all each individually thankful for. For me, I am tremendously thankful for all my Cosmopolitan Lodge brothers and how willing they are to take my own shortcomings in stride.

November 5th is our regular business meeting, suit and tie for all present.

The following Saturday, November 8th, is Steve Canada's Thanksgiving Dinner. All are required to RSVP to him at (203) 641-7296. He will be providing his mother's famous turkey for the event, but everyone should bring a side dish or dessert to share. There is no cost for this event, but you must bring five (5) non-perishable/canned food items for donation to local food banks. This event is casual.

Saturday, November 15th is our Cosmopolitan Lodge Thanksgiving Dinner, which is \$20 per person. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share, this event is semi-casual.

November 19th is our second business meeting for this month, suit and tie for all attendees.

Our Fellowship Dinner for this month would fall on Wednesday, November 26th. This would place it the immediately day before Thanksgiving, the 27th, and so most of us will be busy either cooking or traveling for the holiday. As such, we will be skipping our Fellowship Dinner this month.

Fraternally,

Benjamin G. Stern

Worshipful Master

VIEW FROM THE WEST



Brothers,

It's hard to believe it's already November. The year's gone by quickly, and as Thanksgiving approaches, I've been thinking a lot about the people I'm grateful for, and that definitely includes all of you.

Lately, as I've started thinking ahead to next year and what it might look like if I'm elected to serve as Master, I keep coming back to how lucky we are to have this Lodge. Every time we meet, whether we're in our Stated Communication or just catching up at refreshment, I'm reminded that the real strength of Cosmo is in the brothers who fill the room.

It's easy to take that for granted, but it really is something special. Not every group has this kind of friendship and support. You all make Lodge nights something to look forward to, not just another meeting on the calendar.

So this Thanksgiving season, I just want to say thank you. Thanks for showing up, for lending a hand, for checking in on each other, and for keeping the spirit of our Lodge alive and well. I'm proud to call each of you my brother.

See you in lodge,

Fraternally,

Bro. Joe

Joseph K. Fried
Senior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SOUTH



My Brothers,

As we gather together as a family later this month to celebrate Thanksgiving in Cosmopolitan Lodge, let us give thanks for the wonderful world that we live in. I know that I also give thanks for my Brothers of Cosmopolitan Lodge for your dedication and devotion to our Lodge, Freemasonry, our community, and our country.

On Saturday November 15th we will be having our annual Thanksgiving Dinner. This has always been one of our most popular events of the year and I know that we all look forward to sharing a wonderful meal. Please bring your family and enjoy the time together. The cost for the dinner will be \$20 per person.

Please make your reservations with me at Mabrahamson@earthlink.net as we need to plan for the correct number of meals. Thanksgiving is traditionally the start of the Holiday season in America, and we should not forget the members of our Armed Forces who are serving overseas and their families. Being separated from one's family during the holidays is extremely difficult and we should make every effort to assist those enduring that separation wherever and whenever possible. If you know anyone in that situation, invite them to our annual Thanksgiving dinner. Please extend that same invitation to any Veterans that you may know as well.

We will continue our support of the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen. Our opportunity to serve has been revised to arrive at 3 and stay until 6:30. The next day of service will be November 30th. 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,

As this month is definitely the season of Autumn, we now have to wear jackets and gloves as the temperatures are dropping daily. Things to look forward to are the warmth and comfort of the lodge room where fellowship and camaraderie are in abundance. Come join us at the next meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you at the lodge real soon. For those brothers who have not paid their dues for this year yet, the bill for next year will be going out on November 1st. Please send in your payment ASAP as it will help with our bill payments and also my bookwork.

Fraternally,

RW Gary E. Cohen

Secretary

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 – UPCOMING EVENTS

November 5, 2025	Stated Communication with our Worshipful Master Benjamin G. Stern in the East. Meeting will start at 7:30 pm Attire for the meeting is Tie and jacket for all brothers.
November 8, 2025	Steve Canada's Fall Harvest Thanksgiving Dinner. All are required to RSVP to him at (203) 641-7296. He will be providing his mother's famous turkey for the event, but everyone should bring a side dish or dessert to share. There is no cost for this event, but you must bring five (5) non-perishable/canned food items for donation to local food banks. This event is casual.
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November 26, 2025	Fellowship Dinner this month will be Cancelled .
November 30, 2025	Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen – We are scheduled from 3:00 PM to 6:30 PM 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>

FROM THE DESK OF THE COSMOPOLITAN SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Brothers,

As the year draws to a close, many members think of making year end charitable donations. Please consider the Cosmopolitan Lodge, Saul S. Cohen Memorial Scholarship Fund.

For more information please contact RW Gary E. Cohen at 203-530-6222 or email garyec39@gmail.com.

2025 COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125

OFFICERS

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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		
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CURRENT GRAND LODGE

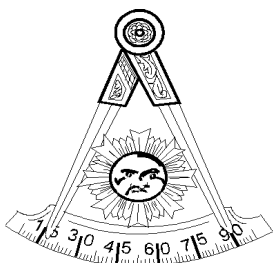
RWB Francis (Nick) Barnes
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WB Kyle J. Podpoulucha
Associate Grand Marshal

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