



## MARCH 2026 TRESTLEBOARD

### VIEW FROM THE EAST:

My Brothers,

As we move into March, I've been thinking about how much of our work this month is really about service. Service to our Lodge, to one another, and to the communities we are part of. March is shaping up to be a busy month, but it is the kind of busy that reminds us why Masonry matters.

On **Sunday, March 15**, we will be participating in the **St. Patrick's Day Parade**. Events like this may seem simple on the surface, but they are an important way for us to be visible, engaged, and proud of who we are. Showing up together, wearing our pins and marching as brothers, is one of the clearest ways we connect Masonry to the community around us.

The following weekend, on **March 22**, we will gather for our **Annual Passover Seder**. This is one of those events that highlights the heart of our Lodge. Fellowship, learning, and respect for the traditions and backgrounds of our brothers. Whether you attend every year or have never joined us before, I encourage you to come experience it. It is a meaningful reminder of the bonds we share beyond ritual and meetings.

And on **Sunday, March 29**, many of us will once again take part in **Project HOPE**. This is service in its purest form. Rolling up our sleeves and helping others simply because it is the right thing to do. These are the moments where Masonry moves from words into action.

All of these events ask something of us. Our time, our energy, and our willingness to show up. But they also give something back. Connection, purpose, and the quiet pride that comes from doing good work together.

I hope you will join us where you can this month. Every presence counts. Every helping hand matters. Every brother strengthens the work.

See you in Lodge soon,

Fraternally,  
Bro. Joe

Joseph K. Fried

Worshipful Master

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**Wed, Mar 4:** Stated Communication with Worshipful Master Joseph K. Fried in the East. Meeting will start at 7:30pm; Attire for the meeting is tie and jacket.

**Sun, Mar 15:** March in the New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade. Meet at the New Haven Masonic Temple at 11:30am. Hot breakfast served starting at 9am and BBQ picnic to follow. Lodge officers march in formal attire with jewels and aprons. Family welcome. For more information please see attached flyer, or contact WB Fred Marotti at [fred@absct.com](mailto:fred@absct.com) or (203) 641-3932.

**Wed, Mar 18:** Stated Communication with Worshipful Master Joseph K. Fried in the East. Meeting will start at 7:30pm; Attire for the meeting is tie and jacket.

**Sun, Mar 22:** Annual Lodge Passover Seder, starting at 4:00pm at the New Haven Masonic Temple. Price is \$20 per person, and is open to all. See attached flyer for additional information. RSVP for the event at <https://square.link/u/zojwHPT1> or by contacting the Junior Warden.

**Wed, Mar 25:** Fellowship Dinner at 7:00pm, at a place to be determined. Restaurant and RSVP information to be emailed at a later date.

**Sun, Mar 29 at 9:00am:** Volunteer Opportunity with Project HOPE at the Greater New Haven Jewish Community Center (JCC) at 360 Amity Rd in Woodbridge, where we will be filling food baskets to be passed out to families in need. The event typically ends around Noon. RSVP with the Worshipful Master, Joseph K. Fried at (203) 927-0003 or [josephkfried@gmail.com](mailto:josephkfried@gmail.com)

**Sun, Mar 29 at 4:00pm:** Volunteer Opportunity with the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen (DESK), where we are scheduled from 4:00-6:30pm. RSVP with RW Gary E. Cohen at (203) 530-6222 or [garyec39@gmail.com](mailto:garyec39@gmail.com)

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## VIEW FROM THE WEST:

My Brothers,

With the coming of March, we begin to realize that spring is almost here. With the winter season we have had, many of us are looking forward to warmer days. I promise the snow will melt eventually! With warmer weather comes more activity, and work within Cosmopolitan Lodge is no exception. Our annual St. Patrick's Day parade is on March 15<sup>th</sup> and our annual Passover Seder on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. On March 29<sup>th</sup> we will support Project Hope in the morning and DESK in the afternoon. Our Community Service is notable, but we need everyone to play a part of the projects that will help many people and bring more visibility to Cosmopolitan Lodge and Masonry as a whole. We invite you to join us in these great and good works.

As I am the chairman of the Sick and Visiting Committee, I will request that you contact me about any health matters relating to yourself or any other Cosmopolitan Lodge Brother. We Brothers can only show our concerns for your well-being and quick recovery from illness, if we know of Brothers that are facing life's challenges. We are all here to help each other. In addition, perhaps you know of a Brother who hasn't been to Lodge in a while. Take a moment to contact them, find out how he is doing, and see if you can find out why he has not joined us recently. It may be due to illness or transportation issues. It may even be that they have forgotten the signs and passes and are afraid they would not be admitted. I assure you that is far from the case. Whatever the reason, all of our brothers need to know that Cosmopolitan Lodge is here for them. Our Lodge is best served when all of our Brothers are together in fellowship. Let's work together to be together!

I am very much looking forward to our new year in Lodge. Our Master has many exciting programs and events planned. We are off to a great start as by the time you read this we will have already had an EA degree with WB David Elkodsi celebrating his 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary as Master. So come in from the cold and enjoy the warmth of fellowship with your brothers at Cosmopolitan Lodge! The place where it is good and pleasant for brothers to dwell together in unity.

In Masonry,

*Michael Abrahamson*

RW Michael Abrahamson

Senior Warden

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## **VIEW FROM THE SOUTH:**

My Brothers,

I hope you have all been keeping well this month and that the recent blizzard didn't affect you too adversely. We've had a productive month over the last few weeks, with highlights including the initiation of a new brother, Br. Elkodsi's 10 year anniversary as WM, and a fun pre-Valentine's dinner at Biagetti's. We also have a busy line-up planned for March: the St. Patrick's Day parade on Mar 15, the Passover Seder on Mar 22 @4pm, and Project HOPE on Mar 29. Please be sure to **RSVP me** for the Seder (\$20 per person) **via the following link:**

**[tinyurl.com/cosmoseder](http://tinyurl.com/cosmoseder)**

**Alternatively, please scan the QR code below with your phone's camera app and click on the link that appears.**

For this month's "notes from the homeland", I'd like to draw attention to another lesser known patron saint whose national day is also celebrated in March- that of Saint David of Wales on Mar 1st. A prominent monk and ascetic in the 5th/6th century, Saint David was renowned for his strong faith and simple, strict lifestyle. His final sermon contains words we should all take to heart- "Be joyful, keep the faith, and do the little things that you have heard and seen me do". To echo WM Joe's message from this month: be of service to others as a benefit to them, and do so joyfully as a benefit to yourself.

Fraternally yours,

*Asanish (Ash) Kalyanasundaram*

Junior Warden

**RSVP here:**



**VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR:**

My Brothers,

We hope to see as many brothers and their families as possible at these next functions. Last month we had our annual Valentines Day Dinner. The turnout was great and everyone had a wonderful time.

The next big event with a wonderful cooked meal will be our **Annual Passover Seder**. Please try and make arrangement with our Junior Warden to join us.

Fraternally,

*Gary Matican*

RW Gary Matican

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**LODGE BROTHERS MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

WB Joseph M. Cohen – 4<sup>th</sup>  
Stanley A. Torow – 7<sup>th</sup>  
Timothy C.R. Wilkins -7<sup>th</sup>  
Daniel J. Steiner – 8<sup>th</sup>  
Robert P. Quale – 8<sup>th</sup>  
Jeffrey S. Tanditash – 9<sup>th</sup>  
Leonard H. Bucher -15<sup>th</sup>  
Andrew H. Weinstein – 16<sup>th</sup>  
WB Gary S. Spanierman – 17<sup>th</sup>

Gordon M. Lann -18<sup>th</sup>  
Paul G. Dworkin – 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Brett H. Richards – 24<sup>th</sup>  
Neil E. Matican – 24<sup>th</sup>  
Kevin H. Matsil – 25<sup>th</sup>  
Stuart J. Katz – 25<sup>th</sup>  
Saul Harvey Hoffman – 27<sup>th</sup>  
William A. Berger – 28<sup>th</sup>

## A NOTE FROM WB DAVID ELKODSI:

My Brothers,

I want to express my gratitude and appreciation for all the Brotherly Love and Friendship I experienced at Cosmo the night of February 18, when the lodge celebrated my 10-year past master night. It's been a long while since I've opened a lodge, especially a CT lodge (much less Cosmo), and about the same time since I conferred an Entered Apprentice degree, so there were a lot of butterflies, to say the least.

The Brotherly love and affection I received Wednesday was overwhelming. There aren't sufficient words to describe the feelings that came over me. First, let me thank Worshipful Master, Joseph Fried for making the night possible. Not only did I have the honor to bring our new Brother, Eduardo, to his first light in Masonry, almost all of my officers were in their chairs that night. Special thanks to them, and to RWB Gary Matican, RWB David Berger, RWB Scott Bumps, WB Jonathan Glassman and WB David Stern for taking roles as well. It was heartwarming to have WB Roger Jackson there as well, the Master who initiated me, RWB Nick Ives, who was DD during my year in the East, and our current DD, RW Francis Barnes. I was also honored to have Brothers from Lynbrook-Massapequa Lodge #822 on Long Island, R.:W.: Berdj Agopian, R.:W.: John Hansen, R.:W.: Michael LaRocco, W.: Michael Brigante, Bro. Mark Berkson and Bro. Andre Reece, all there as well. I'm sure I'm forgetting someone(s). Everyone made the night even more memorable. I also felt the loss of my Secretary in 2016, RWB Arnold Freedman, of blessed memory, a most extraordinary man and Mason.

Cosmo is a special lodge, and I am honored to be a part of it. Thank you, my Brothers, for such a special night.

Sincerely & Fraternally,

Dave



## LODGE OFFICERS



*Worshipful Master*  
Joseph K. Fried (Glenna)



*Senior Warden*  
RW Michael Abrahamson (Pam)



*Junior Warden*  
Asanish Kalyanasundaram



*Treasurer*  
RW Gary Cohen (Marcia)



*Secretary*  
RW Gary Matican (Ann)



*Chaplain*  
RW David Berger (Andrea)



*Senior Deacon*  
WB Benjamin Stern



*Junior Deacon*  
Manuel Camacho



*Senior Steward*  
Judah LaRose



*Junior Steward*  
WB Earl Ehrentraut (Ruth)



*Historian*  
WB Jonathan Glassman (Jessica)



*Marshal*  
Martin Cobern (Dorie)



*Tiler*  
Steven Shiner



*Assistant Treasurer*  
WB David O. Stern (Susan)



*Assistant Secretary*  
WB Jerry Gruenbaum (Bonnie)

## COMMITTEES

### *Auditing*

Michael Abrahamson  
Jerry Gruenbaum  
Earl Ehrentraut

### *Charity*

Joseph K. Fried  
Michael Abrahamson  
Asanish Kalyanasundaram  
Gary Matican

### *Community Service*

Jonathan Glassman  
Gary Cohen  
Gary Matican  
Earl Ehrentraut  
David O. Stern

### *Digitization*

Michael Abrahamson  
David O. Stern  
Ronald Fish  
Jonathan Glassman

### *Finance*

Michael Abrahamson  
Asanish Kalyanasundaram  
Benjamin Stern

### *MTA*

Jerry Gruenbaum

### *School of Instruction*

Gary Cohen  
Charles Ehrentraut

### *Sick Visiting*

Michael Abrahamson  
Gary Cohen  
Gary Matican  
Earl Ehrentraut

### *Saul S. Cohen Memorial Scholarship*

Joseph K. Fried  
Michael Abrahamson  
Gary Cohen  
David O. Stern  
Benjamin Stern

## PAST MASTERS OF COSMOPOLITAN LODGE No. 125

*Jacob Caplan	1919, 1923	*Henry G. Smernoff	1954	Edward L. Goodstein	1987
*Joseph E. Levy	1920	*Martin B. Gant	1955	*Michael L. Castrull	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 Gildea	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	*A. Robert Sotman	1964	*RW Arnold H. Freedman	1998
*Julius White	1931	*Arnold Most	1965	*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. 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	MWPGM Bruce R. Bellmore	2015
*RW Joseph Shure	1943, 1944	*Abraham B. 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	Benjamin G. Stern	2025
*Harold P. Gessner	1953	Jeffrey A. Granoff	1986		

*\* Brothers who have entered the house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.*

### CURRENT GRAND LODGE

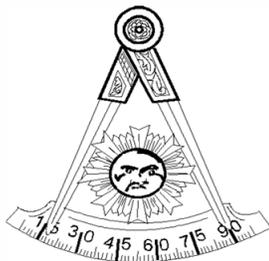
RW Francis (Nick) Barnes  
District Deputy, District 4A

RW Michael S. Abrahamson  
District Deputy, District 4B  
Associate Grand Tyler

RW Gary E. Cohen  
Associate Grand Almoner, 4<sup>th</sup> District

WB Frederick A. Marotti  
Associate Grand Tyler

WB Kyle J. Podpolucha  
Associate Grand Marshal



### PAST MASTERS OF OTHER LODGES

RW Michael Abrahamson	Daytime #44 (2024)
MWPGM Gustaf Bodin	St. Alban's #38 (1976), Ashlar #332 (2011)
MWPGM Bruce Bellmore	Olive Branch #84 (1981), Hiram #1 (1993)
RW Leonard Bucher	Widow Sons (1977), Hiram #1 (1995-1996), St. Alban's #38 (2007)
RW Roger Cole	Meridian #77 (1976), Madison #87 (2006)
Steven Canada	Temple #16 (2011, 2013), Day Spring #30 (2016-2017)
Alan Friedman, Jr.	Annawon #115 (2003, 2013), Orang #143 (2009-2010)
Jonathan Glassman	Quinta Essentia #500 (2023-2025)
Bruce Liebman	Masonic Lodge of Research #401 (1997)
Frederick Marotti	Hiram #1 (2020)
RW Jason Morse	Quinta Essentia #500 (2019-2021)
Kevin Matsil	Meridian #77 (2003)
Kyle Podpolucha	Annawon #115 (2020)
Eric Silver	Temple #16 (2013)
Randy Stevens	Adelphi-Momauguin #63 (2002), Madison #87 (1985-1986, 1992)
Jon-Paul Venoit	Compass #9 (2005)
Timothy Wilkins	Hiram #1 (2015)

# VALENTINES DAY





The Valley of New  
Haven Scottish Rite  
Invite you to join our annual



**NEW HAVEN**

# St. Patrick's Day

 *Parade*

***Come March with Our G.M. Rinaldo F. Magliano, Jr.  
and our D.G.M Shane Dufresne***



***Meet At The  
New Haven Masonic Temple  
285 Whitney Avenue  
New Haven, CT.***



***Sunday March 15, 2026***

***Hot breakfast served from 9 to 11 A.M.  
Barbecue picnic lunch to follow parade!***

**Come and represent Connecticut Masonry and our extended family.**

Bus transportation is provided for marchers from the lodge to the staging area beginning at ***Eleven Thirty***. The parade steps off at 1:30pm. You can walk the parade route or sign up to ride the 45' float. (limited seating)

Lodge officers wear formal attire, tuxes/dark suits, jewels, aprons, and top hat. Lodge members wear dark suits and aprons. Your family is very welcome to march with us and enjoy the fun. The more, the merrier! After the parade its back to the lodge for a barbecue lunch and fellowship.



Please contact WB Fred Marotti with questions at:  
fred@absct.com or 203-641-3932  
Parking in back of building  
or across the street in Yale lot.



Cosmopolitan Lodge #125's Annual

# Passover Seder

Month

**03**

Day

**22**

Year

**26**

*Starts at 4pm*

*\$20 pp*

New Haven Masonic Temple  
285 Whitney Ave, New Haven, CT

**Get More Info and RSVP**

**(360) 206-8544**

**Br. Asanish Kalyanasundaram**

