



## APRIL 2026 TRESTLEBOARD

### VIEW FROM THE EAST:

My Brothers,

After a busy and full March, April offers us something a little different. Where last month called us outward into service and activity, this month feels like a chance to slow down, take a breath, and reconnect with the things that matter most to us.

For some, that may be time with family or observing meaningful traditions. As you know, we will not be holding a Stated Communication on April 1 in observance of Passover. I want to wish all of our brothers who celebrate a meaningful and fulfilling holiday. Additionally, many will also be celebrating Easter, and I extend warm wishes to those observing as well.

Moments like these remind us that while we come together in Lodge, we each bring our own traditions, families, and commitments that are just as important. Taking the time to honor those parts of our lives only strengthens the brotherhood we share when we return.

Even in a quieter month, there are still opportunities for us to come together. I want to remind everyone of the upcoming **Grand Lodge Communication on Saturday, April 11**. Our Lodge will also be running the **Cosmo Store** at the event, and any help would be very much needed and appreciated. If you're able to lend a hand, your support will go a long way.

We will also be gathering for our **Awards Night on April 15**, which is always a special evening for our Lodge. It's an opportunity to recognize the contributions of our brothers and celebrate the work that often happens quietly behind the scenes. I hope you'll join us in showing our appreciation for those who help make Cosmo what it is.

As we move through April, I encourage each of you to take advantage of this change of pace. Reconnect with your families, your traditions, and with one another when you can. These moments of balance are what allow us to return to our work with renewed energy and purpose.

See you in Lodge,

Bro. Joe

Joseph K. Fried

Worshipful Master

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**Wed, Apr 1:** Per lodge by-laws, No Stated Communication due to Passover Holiday.

**Sat, Apr 11:** Grand Lodge Semi-Annual Communication at the Marriott Hartford/Windsor Airport, 28 Day Hill Road, Windsor, CT. Cosmo Store to begin at 8:00am.

**Wed, Apr 15:** Cosmopolitan Lodge's Annual Awards Night and 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. Dinner before meeting at 6:30pm, please make reservations with our Junior Warden, Asanish Kalyanasundaram at [asanish.k@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:asanish.k@hotmail.co.uk) or (360) 206-8544

**Wed, Apr 22:** Fellowship Event at 7:00pm, at a place to be determined. Restaurant and RSVP information to be emailed at a later date.

**Sun, Apr 26:** 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 April, we see that spring is upon us. With the winter season we have had, It seems that the weather has not read the calendar, but the warmth of spring will truly be here soon. With warmer weather comes more activity, and work within Cosmopolitan Lodge is no exception. We will not gather on April 1<sup>st</sup> as it is the first night of Passover, but I hope that you will please join us at our next Stated Communication, on Wednesday, April 15<sup>h</sup> which will be our Awards Night.

The Grand Lodge annual meeting is April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Windsor Marriott. All Master Masons are invited to attend.

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 seeing you in Lodge. Our Master has many exciting programs and events planned. We are off to a great start, and we would like you to be a part of our joy. 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 are all doing well as we move into April and finally start to see a bit of spring. This time of year always feels like a reset, with longer days, better weather, and a good reminder that progress does not have to be dramatic to be meaningful. More often, it is the small and steady steps that matter.

For this month's "notes from the road," I am currently spending some time in New Orleans. It is a fascinating city with a long and somewhat unique Masonic history, shaped by French, Spanish, and American influences. You can feel that layered past just walking through the French Quarter, where different traditions have come together over time to create something lasting. In its own way, it feels like a nice parallel to the Craft, where what we build is shaped not just by one influence, but by many, carried forward across generations.

As always, I hope this month finds you in good health and good company, and I look forward to continuing our shared work together.

Fraternally yours,

*Asanish (Ash) Kalyanasundaram, Junior Warden*

## VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR:

My Brothers,

April is the month for honoring your faith. We have Passover and Easter this month and we hope that everyone will be with family to celebrate.

I would like to thank those brothers who have paid their dues already. There are still brothers who have not paid, so please help me out by doing so as soon as possible. I would like to close out 2026 before summer kicks in.

Fraternally,

*Gary Matican*

RW Gary Matican

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## LODGE BROTHERS MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Jeffrey A. Granoff - April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Saul Goldberg - April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Lawrence H. Schneider - April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Glenn D. Schulman - April 4<sup>th</sup>  
Mark I. Levine - April 7<sup>th</sup>  
Michael E. Granoff - April 11<sup>th</sup>  
Sanford G. Meiseles - April 11<sup>th</sup>  
Eric A. Silver - April 15<sup>th</sup>

Richard L. Horwitz - April 16<sup>th</sup>  
Wayne M. Lovington - April 17<sup>th</sup>  
Edward J. Cohen - April 18<sup>th</sup>  
Randy S. Stevens - April 18<sup>th</sup>  
Michael J. Laden - April 20<sup>th</sup>  
Steven S. Shiner - April 28<sup>th</sup>  
Gustaf R. Bodin - April 29<sup>th</sup>

Project Hope at the JCC Woodbridge  
Members of Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125 & Troop 41 in Woodbridge



## 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

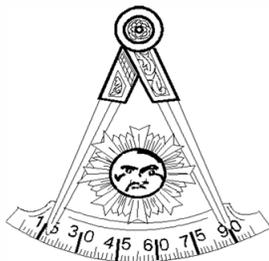
RW Francis (Nick) Barnes  
District Deputy, District 4A

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)

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