



## MAY 2026 TRESTLEBOARD

### VIEW FROM THE EAST:

My Brothers,

One of the things I've been thinking about from the East is how important unity is to the strength of Cosmopolitan Lodge.

We don't all have to agree on everything, and we don't all have to be close friends. But we do have to stay present with one another as brothers of this Lodge. That is what holds us steady when we don't see things the same way or when tensions start to build.

At its best, Cosmopolitan gives us a simple standard to measure ourselves by: the square. The idea that we treat each other with fairness, honesty, and respect, even when it is not easy. That doesn't mean we avoid disagreement. It means we handle it like brothers of Cosmopolitan should.

What I would ask of all of us is simple. Stay engaged with one another. Check in. Talk things through directly when needed. And when things feel tense, take a step back and return to how we are taught to measure ourselves within this Lodge.

We are strongest when we are not just attending Lodge together, but when we are mindful of how we show up for one another here at Cosmopolitan.

I'm proud of the work we're doing together, and even more proud of the way we continue to show up for each other. I'm looking forward to continuing that work side by side with all of you.

See you in Lodge,

*Bro. Joe*

Joseph K. Fried

Worshipful Master

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**Wed, May 6:** Stated Communication with Worshipful Master Joseph K. Fried in the East. Meeting will start at 7:30pm; Attire for the meeting is a tie and jacket.

**Sun, May 17:** Join the Brothers of Cosmopolitan Lodge for a walk on the Farmington Canal Trail (Parking and Entrance at 4340 Farmington Canal Heritage Trail, Hamden). Additional information to be emailed at a later date.

**Wed, May 20:** Stated Communication and Fellow Craft Degree with Worshipful Master Joseph K. Fried in the East. Meeting will start at 7:30pm; Attire for the meeting is tuxedos for officers, and tie and jacket for all others. Dinner at 6:30pm (\$20 pp), reservations made with JW Asanish Kalyanasundaram.

**Sun, May 31:** 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 warmth of spring comes more activity. Our work within Cosmopolitan Lodge is no exception. Our monthly service at the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen is just one example. We need everyone to be a part of these projects that will help many people. They also bring more visibility to Cosmopolitan Lodge and Masonry as a whole. We invite you to join us in these great and good works.

A new line of Grand Lodge officers was installed during the Grand Lodge session in April, and we wish them the best during the next year. The new Grand Master is Brother Shane Dufresne. We congratulate our own Fred Marotti, who has taken the role of District Deputy at Large. We would also like to welcome Right Worshipful Tim Vendetti, our new District Deputy, who will be ably assisted by Worshipful brother Scott Atkins as our Associate Grand Marshall.

As the month of May brings wonderful growth and vitality in the natural world, so is it in our Lodge. Unfortunately, there cannot be times of renewal and growth without periods of sickness and distress. Please inform me or the other members of the sick-visiting committee of any brothers, family members, or friends who are unwell. Often, a telephone call or a visit from a Lodge brother is just what someone needs as they recuperate. 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. 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,

May always feels like a month where things settle into rhythm. The year is no longer beginning, and it becomes easier to look honestly at how we are spending our time and energy. It is a good moment to ask whether we are keeping our obligations, showing up for others, and living in a way that reflects the values we claim to hold. That kind of quiet self-examination is very much in the spirit of Masonry.

For this month's "notes from the road", I had the chance to spend some time in Montréal. I was especially struck by the operative French-Canadian masonry in Old Montréal and elsewhere about the city, with its stone facades, careful craftsmanship, and buildings that have stood for centuries. There was something powerful in seeing structures built so long ago still standing with such presence. It reminded me that work done with patience and purpose can outlast the builder. As Masons, that idea feels familiar.

We are asked not only to appreciate strong foundations, but to build them in our own lives through integrity, discipline, and brotherhood.

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*

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

My Brothers,

I would like to congratulate our new Grand Master Brother Shane Dufresne and his Grand Line officers, and wish them well for the upcoming year.

As this is the start of May, I would hope that those brothers who have not paid their dues as yet will send it to me as soon as possible so that I can bring my lodge records up to date. Thank you for understanding.

Fraternally,

*Gary Matican*

RW Gary Matican

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### **LODGE BROTHERS MAY BIRTHDAYS**

Saul Goldberg – 5/3/1927	Wayne Lovington – 5/17/1961
Jeffrey Granoff – 5/3/1952	Edward Cohen – 5/18/1946
Lawrence Schneider – 5/3/1951	Randy Stevens – 5/18/1957
Glenn Schulman – 5/4/1975	Mark Greengarden – 5/20/1960
Mark Levine – 5/7/1948	Michael Laden – 5/20/1956
Burton Boardman -5/8/1941	James Shure – 5/20/1952
Michael Diamond – 5/9/1963	Ronald Goldberg – 5/22/1932
Jason Morse – 5/10/1971	Steven Jackson – 5/24/2000
Michael Granoff – 5/11/1958	Ronald Dworkin – 5/27/1946
Sanford Meiseles – 5/11/1934	Earl Ehrentraut – 5/27/1961
Steven Elzholz – 5/13/1945	Malcolm Olins – 5/27/1929
Asanish Kalyanasundaram – 5/15/1996	Steven Shiner – 5/28/1949
Eric Silver – 5/15/1942	Gustaf Bodin – 5/29/1930
Chris Chorney – 5/16/1962	Richard Sugarmann – 5/29/1937
Richard Horwitz - 5/16/1954	

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# Awards Night



Award Recipients: Front row: WB Philip Cohen, MW Gus Bodin, WB Roger Jackson, & Bro. Neil Matican  
Top row: WB Daniel DeVoe II, Bro. Harold Miller, & RW Michael Abrahamson  
Very Top: Worshipful Master Joseph K. Fried



Worshipful Master Joseph Fried and Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Gus Bodin

## 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

# Monthly Fellowship Dinner

## *Turkish Kebab House*



## 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. 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	*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	*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	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.

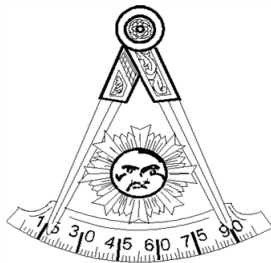
### CURRENT GRAND LODGE

RW Timothy Vendetti  
District Deputy, District 4A

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

RW Frederick A. Marotti  
District Deputy At Large

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



### 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), Orange #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)