



JUNE 2026 TRESTLEBOARD

VIEW FROM THE EAST:

My Brothers,

May served as a great reminder of just how special the atmosphere at Cosmopolitan Lodge truly is. I had the chance to watch brothers come together in so many different ways. Whether it was during refreshment after a meeting, at our fellowship dinner, during the walk on the Canal Trail, or simply standing around talking before Lodge, there is a genuine sense that our brothers enjoy being together. That may sound simple, but it is something special, and it is something visitors notice as well.

Several visitors commented on the atmosphere within our Lodge and how welcoming and connected the brothers of Cosmo seem to be. That is something we should take pride in. It speaks not only to the culture of our Lodge, but to the effort each of you makes to create that environment.

I also want to thank all of the brothers who helped make our Fellow Craft Degree in May such a success. Degrees only come together through teamwork, preparation, and brothers willing to step up and contribute. A special thank you goes to Brothers Benjamin and Judah for taking on and learning difficult new parts. Your hard work and dedication showed, and the Lodge benefited because of it.

As we move into June, I hope we continue building on that spirit of connection and fellowship that makes Cosmopolitan what it is.

See you in Lodge,

Bro. Joe

Joseph K. Fried

Worshipful Master

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Wed, June 3: No Stated Communication per lodge vote.

Thurs, June 4: Joint Stated Communication and Master Mason Degree with Trumbull Lodge #22. Meeting will start at 7:30pm; Attire for the meeting is tuxedos for officers, and tie and jacket for all others.

Sat, June 13: Grand Master's Day at Masonicare. Join the brothers of Cosmopolitan Lodge for Grand Master's Day at Masonicare from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Brothers wishing to march in the parade are encouraged to bring tuxedos. The Cosmo Store will also be set up during the event, and volunteers are very much needed and appreciated. To volunteer, please RSVP with WM Joseph K. Fried at (203) 927-0003 or josephkfried@gmail.com.

Wed, June 17: Stated Communication and Hawaiian Shirt BBQ Night with Worshipful Master Joseph K. Fried in the East. Meeting will start at 5:45pm, with BBQ Dinner to follow. Families and guests are encouraged to attend. Hawaiian shirts are encouraged. **RSVP to dinner with JW Asanish Kalyanasundaram.**

Wed, June 24: Fellowship dinner event, additional details to follow. Look out for further communication.

Friday, June 26: St. John's Service at Temple Beth David (3 Main St, Cheshire, CT 06410) at 7:00pm. Please let WM Joseph K. Fried know if you will attend. Light refreshments to follow service.

Sun, June 28: 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

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VIEW FROM THE WEST:

My Brothers,

Spring is in full swing, with summer not far behind. Growth is in evidence in our yards and gardens, as well as in our Lodge. Seeds of candidates sown earlier in the year are now coming to blossom as we just

passed another Fellowcraft in excellent form. 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.

Our behavior as Masons should be a shining example of how good men can relate. Being able to rise above the pitfalls of human interaction should be one of our most valuable principles. We are not just a sample of society. We have all been obligated to be better men. If we are unable to live up to our obligations, how are we to continue to bring new brothers to light? Setting the best example possible is the most basic of leadership skills. As Masons, it is imperative that we do our best if not for ourselves, then for our new brothers. From the youngest Entered Apprentice to the most senior Past Master, it is our duty to put aside personal conflicts that are disruptive to the Lodge. If we are unable to do that, we cannot achieve our most basic goal of making good men better. Truly it is good and pleasant for all brothers to dwell together in unity.

As always, please notify me or the other members of the Sick / Visiting Committee of any issues of sickness or distress so that we may offer assistance to our brothers. There is no greater honor than helping another.

In Masonry,

Michael Abrahamson
RW Michael Abrahamson
Senior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SOUTH:

My Brothers,

As the days grow longer and summer begins to settle in, the month of June invites us to reflect upon the roots of our Craft and the enduring traditions carried across generations of Masons. This month, my "Notes from the Homeland" takes us (of course) to the United Kingdom, the birthplace of organized Freemasonry as we know it today.

On June 24th, Freemasons around the world recognize the Feast Day of St. John the Baptist, one of the patron saints of Freemasonry and a figure deeply associated with virtue, integrity, and moral fortitude. It was on this same date in 1717 that four London lodges gathered at the Goose and Gridiron Alehouse in London to form what would become the first Grand Lodge of England: a moment widely regarded as the formal beginning of modern Freemasonry.

Though centuries have passed since that historic gathering, the principles established there continue to unite Brothers across nations, cultures, and generations. From the lodge rooms of

London and Edinburgh to our own meetings here at home, the Craft remains bound together by the timeless ideals of brotherly love, relief, and truth.

June also reminds us that Masonry extends beyond ritual alone; this is a season of fellowship, typified by lodge picnics (or barbecues!), festive boards, charitable gatherings, and moments shared among Brothers and families alike. These traditions continue to remind us that the strength of the fraternity lies not only in its ceremonies, but in the friendships it builds and sustains.

As we enter the summer months, may we carry forward the spirit of the Craft with renewed purpose, gratitude, and fellowship.

Fraternally yours,

Asanish (Ash) Kalyanasundaram, Junior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR:

My Brothers,

As the summer is among us, we have many events coming up. Vacations begin to start for families who like to travel as their children will be out of school. Please be safe and enjoy your time together.

Watch for upcoming events with our lodge and appendant bodies that you belong to. Picnics, BBQ's and fun & games to play and watch will be the topics for a lot of brothers and families. ENJOY ALL!!!

As this is the start of JUNE, 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



Worshipful Master
Joseph K. Fried (Glenna)



Senior Warden
RW Michael Abrahamson (Pam)



Junior Warden
Asanish Kalyanasundaram



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RW Gary Cohen (Marcia)



Secretary
RW Gary Matican (Ann)



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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



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WB David O. Stern (Susan)



Assistant Secretary
WB Jerry Gruenbaum (Bonnie)

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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. Hershatler	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. Hershatler	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. Hershatler	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.*

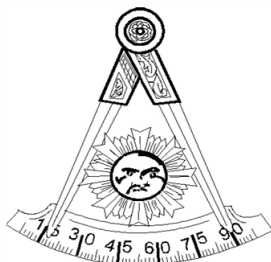
CURRENT GRAND LODGE

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, 4th 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)