



SUMMER 2026 TRESTLEBOARD

VIEW FROM THE EAST:

My Brothers,

As we enter the summer months, we traditionally say that the lodge is "going dark." I have to admit, I've never been particularly fond of that expression. While our stated communications pause until the fall, the light of our fraternity certainly does not. Freemasonry has always been about more than meetings; it is about fellowship, friendship, and supporting one another throughout the year.

I want to thank the many of you who joined us for our Annual Lodge Picnic. It was a great and relaxing event and want to thank Brother Earl and his wife Ruth for hosting again this year. Whether it's sharing a meal, attending a local event, or simply enjoying each other's company, these opportunities remind us that the strongest part of our lodge is the relationships we build with one another. **Please keep an eye on your email and text messages for announcements about upcoming summer activities.** I hope to see many of you there.

This summer also reminds us that our obligations to one another extend far beyond the walls of the lodge room. On May 17, 2026, Andrea Berger, beloved wife of our Chaplain, Right Worshipful Brother David Berger, and mother of Brother Bill Berger, passed away. On behalf of Cosmopolitan Lodge, I want David and Bill to know that they remain in our thoughts and prayers. No words can fully ease the loss of a loved one, but I hope they know that their Masonic family stands beside them and is ready to help in whatever way they may need.

I would also like to sincerely thank the brothers who made donations to our lodge's charitable funds in Andrea's memory. Your generosity is a wonderful example of the compassion and brotherly love that define our Craft.

May Andrea's memory be for a blessing.

I wish each of you and your families a safe, healthy, and enjoyable summer. Though our regular meetings may pause for a few months, I look forward to seeing many of you throughout the summer and welcoming everyone back to lodge in the fall.

Fraternally,

Bro. Joe

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Sun, Aug 2 at 12:00pm: Join the Brothers of Cosmopolitan Lodge as we attend the 20th Shoreline Jewish Festival in Guilford. Brethren are suggested to wear something Masonic. Find out more information and register for free online at:

www.ShorelineJewishFestival.com (advanced registration is requested). Please inform WM Joseph K. Fried know if you plan to attend.

Wed, Aug 26: Potential Fellowship Dinner. Additional information and details will be announced once confirmed.

Wed, Sept 2: Wednesday Night Lodges Table Lodge. Cosmopolitan Lodge will host a Table Lodge with participation from the other Wednesday evening lodges. Attire is tie and jacket. Start time is 7:00pm. The cost is \$20 per person. The menu will be shared at a later date.

Wed, Sept 16: 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.

Keep a look out on your emails regarding events over the summer.

DONATIONS RECEIVED

- **From Gary Cohen:** Donation made to the Almoner's fund in memory of Andrea Berger
- **From David Berger:** Donation made to the Almoner's fund in honor of Rabbi Susan Elkodsi participating in the service and burial of Andrea Berger.
- **From David Stern:** Donation made to the Almoner's fund in memory of Andrea Berger
- **From Gary Matican:** Donation made to the Almoner's fund in memory of Andrea Berger

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BROTHER'S BIRTHDAYS

George Trahan (July 7th)
Robert Unger (July 7th)
Stephen Smith (July 13th)
Roy Nuss Jr. (July 14th)
Frederick Marotti (July 16th)
Haim Dinter (July 17th)
Kenneth Dworkin (July 18th)

Louis Eagle (July 18th)
Sal Simsek (July 18th)
William Manzi Sr (July 21st)
Stephen Goldberg (July 22nd)
Dr. Harvey Ruben (July 25th)
Alan Diamond (July 30th)
Carl Feen (July 30th)

Dr. Richard Silkoff (July 31st)
Sidney Levine (August 8th)
Samuel Saslafsky (August 13th)
Daniel DeVoe (August 20th)
Aaron Allinson (August 21st)
Jeffrey Cohen (August 31st)
Phillip Danishevsky (August 31st)

CONTACT INFORMATION REQUEST

Brethren,

Please take a few moments to ensure that your contact information is up to date. If you have recently moved, changed your email address, or updated your phone number, we want to make sure you continue receiving lodge communications without interruption.

You can easily update your information yourself through Grand View, or you may contact our Lodge Secretary, Brother Gary Matican, who will be happy to assist you.

This is especially important for brethren who currently receive a printed copy of our Trestleboard. Keeping our mailing list accurate helps ensure everyone stays informed while also reducing unnecessary postage and printing expenses for the lodge.

Thank you for helping us keep our records current.

LODGE OFFICERS



Worshipful Master

Joseph K. Fried (Glenna)



Senior Warden

RW Michael Abrahamson (Pam)



Treasurer

RW Gary Cohen (Marcia)



Chaplain

RW David Berger 



Junior Deacon

Manuel Camacho



Junior Steward

WB Earl Ehrentraut (Ruth)



Marshal

Martin Cobern (Dorie)



Assistant Treasurer

WB David O. Stern (Susan)



Junior Warden

Asanish Kalyanasundaram



Secretary

RW Gary Matican (Ann)



Senior Deacon

WB Benjamin Stern



Senior Steward

Judah LaRose



Historian

WB Jonathan Glassman (Jessica)



Tiler

Steven Shiner



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 MASTER'S 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

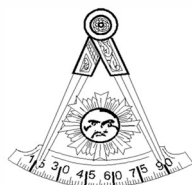
RW Michael S. Abrahamson
District Deputy, District 4C
Associate Grand Tiler

RW Gary E. Cohen
Associate Grand Almoner, 4th District

WB Frederick A. Marotti
District Deputy at Large
Associate Grand Tiler

WB Scott Atkins
Associate Grand Marshal, District 4A

WB Daniel D. DeVoe II
Associate Grand Marshal, District 4C



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)

*CONGRATULATIONS WB DAVID STERN ON HIS
BLUE LODGE COUNCIL AWARD!*

