



SEPTEMBER 2026 TRESTLEBOARD

VIEW FROM THE EAST:

My Brothers,

As we return from our summer recess, I am excited to begin another year of fellowship, brotherhood, and Masonic labor together. The summer gave us an opportunity to recharge, but it also reminded us how much we value the friendships and connections we share within our lodge.

We will begin our year together with a [Table Lodge](#), a fitting way to return to our meetings. Around the table, outside of the formality of the lodge room, we have an opportunity to renew our fraternal ties, share in fellowship, and remember what brought us together as Masons in the first place: our commitment to one another and to the bonds of brotherhood.

I encourage everyone to come out and start the year with us. Whether you have been active throughout the summer or have not seen your brothers since we last met, this is an opportunity to reconnect and begin the year together.

As we look ahead, October will be an especially busy month for the Masonic community. In addition to our regular lodge activities and communications, we will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the New Haven Masonic Temple and participating in Grand Lodge Communication. These are significant occasions, both for our local Masonic community and for the wider fraternity, and I hope our lodge will be well represented at both.

There is much to look forward to in the months ahead. I hope each of you will make an effort to participate, bring a brother with you, and help us make this a strong and memorable Masonic year for Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 125.

I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Fraternally,

Bro. Joe

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

September

- **Sept. 2** – First Meeting Back: Table Lodge with Day Spring Lodge No. 30, 7:00 PM
- **Sept. 16** – Stated Communication
- **Sept. 23** – Anticipated Fellowship Dinner
- **Sept. 27** – DESK Volunteering

October

- **Oct. 3** – New Haven Masonic Temple 100th Anniversary Open House & Building Re-dedication
- **Oct. 7** – Anticipated Master Mason Degree with Dinner
- **Oct. 17** – Grand Lodge Communication at Masonicare Ashlar Village
- **Oct. 21** – Stated Communication
- **Oct. 24** – New Haven Masonic Temple 100th Anniversary Gala Celebration, 6:00 PM
- **Oct. 25** – DESK Volunteering
- **Oct. 28** – Anticipated Fellowship Dinner

November

- **Nov. 4** – Stated Communication
- **Nov. 14** – Steve Canada's Dinner
- **Nov. 18** – Stated Communication
- **Nov. 22** – Anticipated Lodge Thanksgiving Dinner
- **Nov. 29** – DESK Volunteering

December

- **Dec. 2** – Annual Meeting & Lodge Elections
- **Dec. 16** – Stated Communication
- **Dec. 23** – Anticipated Fellowship Dinner
- **Dec. 27** – DESK Volunteering

Possible Activities TBD

- Yale Football Game / Yale Hockey Game
- Possible sponsored activity with the JCC Young Leadership Division

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BROTHER'S BIRTHDAYS

David O. Stern 4th
Patrick D. Brizan 14th
Jeremy M. Matican 23rd
Gary Matican 28th

Lester A. Faiman 7th
Robert S. Brooks 15th
Jonathan I. Glassman 24th
Daniel J. Katz 29th

Michael C. McGraw 7th
Neal B. Wellins 22nd
Michael A. Podell 24th

VIEW FROM THE WEST:

My Brothers,

The summer is coming to an end which means we are about to return from refreshment to labor. It was truly an enjoyable summer, but in many of our opinions, it was probably too short. However, many brothers have had the opportunity to enjoy parts of this period of refreshment to spend time together and with their families. We should always take advantage of these opportunities when they present themselves. Cosmopolitan did just that with a very successful Lodge picnic hosted at Ruth and WB Earl Ehrentraut's home, By all accounts it was a wonderful time, and their hospitality is most appreciated.

I look forward to seeing all of you when we return to labor on Wednesday the 2nd of September, with a reminder that we will be having a joint table lodge with Day Spring Lodge #30. As we look forward to the second half of the year let us also look forward to sharing our many scheduled events together.

Brothers. It is also true that 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.

You only get out what you put in - how many of us say those words, or think that thought? How can you take advantage of what masonry has to offer if you don't participate? Your presence in lodge is not required, but it is earnestly solicited, for both your personal benefit, as well as for the benefit of the lodge itself. We are only as strong as our weakest link. We need you, as much as, if not more so, than you may need us. Each of us brings our strengths and weaknesses to our lodge, and together, we grow together as individuals and as masons.

I look forward to seeing you, my brothers, in our 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

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

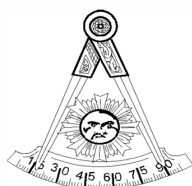
RW Michael S. Abrahamson
District Deputy, District 4C
Associate Grand Tiler

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)
Roger Jackson	Temple Lodge #16
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)



Special Communications First and Third Wednesdays except July and August

MASONIC TEMPLE

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COSMOPLITAN LODGE NO. 125

NOTICE TO ALL BROTHERS

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE...

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