



OCTOBER 2025

VIEW FROM THE EAST



My Brothers,

As I'd mentioned in my message last month, the first Wednesday of October falls on Yom Kippur, so there will be no meeting on October 1st and only one meeting overall for this month.

The Semi-Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut will be held on October 18th at the Hartog Activity Building at Masonicare. Registration begins at 8 am, all Master Masons are welcome to attend, please remember that you will need your current Dues Card with you to gain access to the meeting. We will be running the Cosmo Store at this event and will need brothers to help set up in the morning, sell during the event, and break everything down in the afternoon. If you are willing and able to help with any or all of this, please contact SW Joseph Fried at (203) 927-0003 or josephkfried@gmail.com.

We will have a standard business meeting on October 15th, jacket and tie for attendees.

Our Fellowship Dinner this month falls on October 22nd. The exact location is still being discussed, keep an eye out for a future message with details.

We are thinking of having this year's Past Masters/Lodge Leadership Dinner early this year. We're currently aiming for October 29th and while that's likely to be the firm date, there's a chance that we may have to reschedule it, so also look out for a future message to confirm this. What *is* guaranteed is that we'll be having a change of venue this year. We'll be going to the 67 Family Diner at 13 Klarides Village Dr, Seymour. This will allow for a less stuffy affair for the evening as well as allowing us a larger menu from which to order. This will also serve to bring down costs to all involved, and it will be an "order what you want, pay for what you order" event.

A very happy Spooky Season to one and all

Fraternally,

Benjamin G. Stern

Worshipful Master

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE 50 YEAR PRESENTATION



Joel Galvin:

was initiated on 4/7/1975 then passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft on 5/7/1975 and then raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on 6/4/1975

VIEW FROM THE WEST



Brothers,

As we enter October, I want to wish a Happy Rosh Hashanah and an easy, meaningful fast on Yom Kippur to all of our brothers who observe the High Holidays. May this season of reflection and renewal bring peace and strength to you and your families.

Later this month, we'll gather for the **Grand Lodge Semi-Annual Communication on October 18**. I'm excited to share that the Cosmo Store will be set up at Semi-Annual. This is a great opportunity to showcase our Lodge, raise funds, and connect with brothers from across the state. If you'd like to lend a hand with the store, please send me a message or email me at josephkfried@gmail.com—your support will make a big difference.

I also want to share a story that's stayed with me. At a recent shiva, I met Brother Yale Benson Eisenstein, who has since moved away from Connecticut. He told me how he and some of his fellow Masons would drive from New London just to attend Lodge at Cosmo. He spoke with such warmth about those visits and how meaningful our Lodge was to him.

It reminded me that what we have here is truly special. For those of us who attend regularly, it may feel routine—but for others, even those who once traveled long distances, Cosmopolitan has always been a place of fellowship and connection. Let's carry that spirit forward and continue to make our Lodge a home where every brother feels welcome and valued.

See you in lodge,

Fraternally,

Bro. Joe

Joseph K. Fried
Senior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SOUTH



My Brothers,

To our Jewish brothers, I say Happy New Year! During the days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, Jews are tasked with self-examination, to look at our lives over the past year, to recognize our weaknesses, to ask for forgiveness, and the help from the Grand Architect of the Universe to be better people in the coming year. As I have spent this time I have wondered about the parallels with our lives in Masonry.

In many ways masonry encourages us to continually search for self-improvement, to be better men. We should all hold ourselves to the highest standards, in all our dealings, not just between brothers, but especially between brothers. I encourage us all to take stock and review our past, to see where each of us has met those standards, and where we may have the ability to improve. Of course, we should all resolve to improve ourselves during the coming year. Let us strive for deeper meaning, and to improve ourselves in masonry.

In thinking of why we are Masons. I believe that it is not because we are perfect but because we are not. Our journey in masonry is one of constant self-improvement. I think of our degree work and I see the sincerity of purpose in the degree. It is clear to anyone who watches the brothers of Cosmopolitan Lodge perform a degree that there is deep concern to convey the feeling and emotion of the degree to the candidate. Even more important is the continuous engagement with our newer brothers such that they are starting their journey in the most successful way.

We will continue our support of the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen. This month, our service will be to prepare and serve the meal on Sunday, October 26th. This is a wonderful opportunity to support those in our community who most need it. Please sign up with RWB Gary Cohen. 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

Fraternally,

Michael Abrahamson

Junior Warden

VIEW FROM THE SECRETARY'S CHAIR



My Brothers,

I wish that all the Jewish brothers a L'shana Tov, a happy and healthy new year. And also an easy fast on Yom Kippur.

Dues are due and payable now! Please help me keep my records up to date by sending me your check before the bill for next year goes out in November. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Fraternally,
RW Gary Matican
Secretary

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE NO. 125 – UPCOMING EVENTS

October 1, 2025	Stated Communication is cancelled due to the Jewish Holiday of Yom Kippur.
October 15, 2025	Stated Communication with our Worshipful Master Benjamin G. Stern in the East. Meeting will start at 7:30 pm Attire for the meeting is Tie and jacket for all brothers.
October 18, 2025	Semi-Annual Grand Lodge Communication. Registration will start at 8:00 am at the Hartog Auditorium at Ashlar Village in Wallingford. Meeting will start promptly at 9:00 am. Cosmo store will be open for business.
October 22, 2025	Fellowship Dinner will be at 7:00 pm at a place to be determined.
October 26, 2025	Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen – We are scheduled from 2:30 PM to 6:00 PM to do prep, café service, and serve plated dinners. Please let RW Gary E. Cohen know if you can help. 203-530-6222 or email at: garyec39@gmail.com
	<i>For further information of our lodge activities and events please go to our website at www.cosmopolitan125.org</i>

FROM THE DESK OF THE DOWNTOWN EVENING SOUP KITCHEN

Brother:

We have been volunteering at the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen for 13 yrs and we have now agreed to a schedule change. We are committed to volunteering on the last Sunday of every month from 2:30 pm to 6:00 pm. We will be doing some prep work and café service and then helping to serve plated dinners to the guests. Please consider joining the few regular volunteers in this worthwhile service.

For more information please contact RW Gary E. Cohen at 203-530-6222 or email garyec39@gmail.com .

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*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
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*Natt K. Sheinfeld	1947	Sidney J. Levine	1980	RW Michael S. Abrahamson	2019, 2020
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*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		
*Harold P. Gessner	1953	Jeffrey A. Granoff	1986		
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CURRENT GRAND LODGE

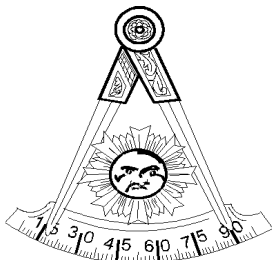
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MWPGM Gustaf R Bodin	St. Alban's #38: 1976 & Ashlar #332: 2011
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RW Leonard H. Bucher	Widow Sons #66:1977, Hiram #1: 1995/96, St. Alban's #38: 2007
RW Roger R. Cole	Meriden #77: 1976 & Madison #87: 2006
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RW Jason E. Morse	Quinta Essentia #500: 2019/2020/2021
Kevin H. Matsil	Meridian #77: 2003
Kyle J. Podpolucha	Annawon #115: 2020
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