



OCTOBER 2026 TRESTLEBOARD

VIEW FROM THE EAST:

My Brothers,

This month of October, we have the opportunity to celebrate something truly special: the **100th Anniversary of the New Haven Masonic Temple**.

A hundred years ago, the brothers who gathered there could not have known everything that would take place within those walls over the next century. They could not have imagined the degrees, friendships, meals, and memories that would fill the Temple.

And that is what makes an anniversary like this about more than a building.

A Masonic Temple is made of brick, stone, wood, and mortar, but its real value comes from the people who fill it. For 100 years, generations of Connecticut Masons have entered those doors to learn, teach, celebrate, serve, and meet one another as brothers.

This October, we will not only celebrate that history, but also help create its future. On **October 21**, Cosmopolitan Lodge will confer the **Master Mason degree**, adding another chapter to the Temple's story. For one brother, it will be a night he remembers for the rest of his life. For the rest of us, it will be another opportunity to practice the brotherhood that makes our fraternity special.

As we celebrate the Temple's first 100 years, I find myself wondering what the brothers who meet there in 2126 will think of us. What will they inherit from our generation? What traditions will we preserve, and what will we improve?

We have the privilege of celebrating the past, but we also have the responsibility of building the future. Let us continue filling those walls with the fellowship, brotherhood, and Masonic labor that will give the next 100 years their meaning.

After all, a Temple is more than a building. It is the brothers who came before us, those standing beside us today, and those who will walk through its doors long after we are gone.

Fraternally,

Bro. Joe

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

October

Sat, Oct 3: New Haven Masonic Temple 100th Anniversary Open House and Cornerstone Rededication. Rededication begins at 10:00am and Open House goes until 2pm; building opens at 8:00am. Volunteers requested, please contact WM Joseph K. Fried at (203) 927-0003 or josephkfried@gmail.com if you can volunteer.

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

Sat, Oct 18: Grand Lodge Semi-Annual Communication at Masonicare at Ashlar Village in Wallingford, CT. Cosmo Store will be set up from 7:00am to 1:00pm and will need volunteers. Please contact WM Joseph K. Fried at (203) 927-0003 or josephkfried@gmail.com if you can volunteer.

Wed, Oct 21: Stated Communication and Master Mason 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.

Sat, Oct 24: New Haven Masonic Temple 100th Anniversary Gala Celebration at 6:00pm. Tickets are \$55/person and includes a drink ticket. [RSVP here](#).

Sun, Oct 25: 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

Wed, Oct 28: Fellowship Dinner at 7:00pm, at a place to be determined. Restaurant and RSVP information to be emailed at a later date.

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

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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

BROTHER'S BIRTHDAYS

Sawyer T. Grayson – 3rd
Adam Richard Kipchyak – 22nd

Lucas C.H. Lee – 15th
Elliott David Kaplan – 23rd

Howard N. Dragunoff – 18th

VIEW FROM THE WEST:

My Brothers,

During the recent 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 the 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's obvious to anyone who watches the brothers of Cosmopolitan Lodge perform a degree that there is deep concern for expressing 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.

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.

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 (Jessi)



Tiler

Steven Shiner



Assistant Secretary

WB Jerry Gruenbaum (Bonni)

COMMITTEES

Auditing

Michael Abrahamson
Jerry Gruenbaum
Earl Ehrentraut

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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

ST 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 Placow	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. Elzholtz	2011
*Maurice Osber	1940	*Milton A. Hershatter	1974	RW Jason E. Morse	2012, 2013
*Herman Alpert	1941	Richard A. Sugarman	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.	Anawon #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	Anawon #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)