

## Masonic Fire

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As with anything Masonic there is no shortage of possible origin stories regarding the traditions of the Craft and the practice of *Masonic Fire* is not unique in that regard. Masonic *fire* is practiced in many Colorado Lodges by a clapping of the hands termed *three times three*.

In times long past it was not uncommon for celebratory gunfire to follow a drink that was raised as a toast; documentation of such revelry is traced back to before the seventeenth century. *Firing* was a way to announce the arrival of a prominent public figure or the setting of a ship to sea.

*Masonic Firing* was documented in *Anderson's New Book of Constitutions, 1738*; when a new Grand Master received undefined "old regular and peculiar toasts", such expressions were followed with *firing* that consisted of choreographed clapping by the brethren in attendance as a sign of reverence and admiration for the newly installed leader. *Masonic fire* developed from the firing of arms to the clapping of hands, and to the joyful pounding of sturdy drinking glasses upon the table after a toast.

There are many forms of the *three times three* which are dependent upon the culture of the Lodge. Though there are various expressions of the *firing* display they all appear to have a tie that binds them. That tie is an expression of admiration for a brother who has accepted the yoke of leadership, a man the brethren wish to salute and revere.

A toast to the brethren who were chosen to lead. We salute you; ***three times three***.

## Contacts

Call **303-279-9902** to contact Golden City Lodge #1 AF&AM, Mt Zion Chapter #133 OES, Friendship Court #7 Amaranth, Bethel #43 Job's Daughters, Columbine Assembly #96 Rainbow for Girls, and Golden Chapter DeMolay

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\$210 – Regular Members (\$125 + \$85)

\$185 – 65+ years of age with 25+ years as a MM (\$100 + \$85)

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Further Light (booklet).....\$ 8.00  
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Chartered October 17<sup>th</sup>, 1860

January 2023

### Masonic Temple Street / Mailing Address

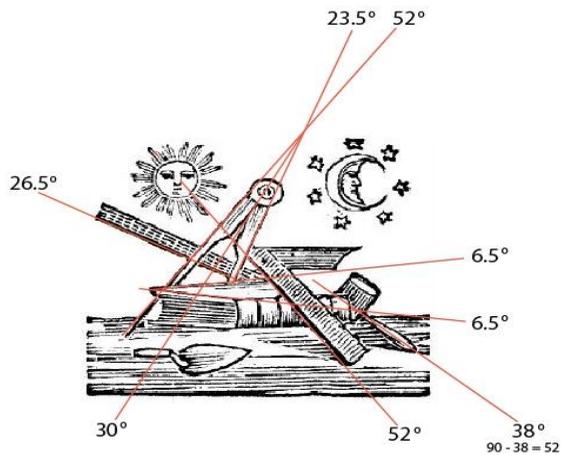
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Golden, Colorado 80401

### Masonic Temple Phone

(303) 279-9902

### Masonic Temple Web Site

[www.GoldenCityLodge1.org](http://www.GoldenCityLodge1.org)



## Events Schedule

### January 2nd Stated Meeting

Dinner at 6pm

### January 16th Stated Meeting

#### Pizza, Pool, and Darts

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 6pm

Come and enjoy some fellowship. Bring a friend.

#### Mt Zion OES Pancake Breakfast

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 8am to 11am. All you can eat

pancakes, eggs, sausage, and hash browns

## Youth Group Information

### Bethel #43 Job's Daughters

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays, 6:45pm

(Girls, 11-18 / Jobes2be 8-10)

### Columbine Assembly #96 Rainbow for Girls

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, 7pm

(Girls, 10-18 / Pledges 8-9)

### Golden Chapter Order of DeMolay

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, 7pm

(Boys, 12-18, Squires 9-11)

## Message of the Worshipful Master

Brethren,

The dawn of the New Year is a time of transition. As we turn the page on the calendar, we look back on the months just past and forward to the year to come. At Golden City Lodge # 1, we are also in a state of change. We're bidding a fond farewell to our parting Worshipful Master Tom McKean, with thanks for a job well done. At the same time, we welcome a new team of Lodge Officers who I'm sure will perform their duties to the best of their ability.

New Year is also a time to reflect upon what type of Man and Mason we each wish to be. While it's true that the demands of work, family, health, and other pastimes all pull on our time and energy, we shouldn't allow ourselves to forget the vow we took when first stepping upon the path of Freemasonry. To aid and assist our fellow brothers.

But what does that mean?

Do we want to be an active or passive member of the Lodge? Simply showing up for meetings or enthusiastically contributing to the running of this institution so dear to us all? If there's an opportunity to help a fellow brother, to offer advice to a younger mason, to make a phone call of support to a member in sickness or distress, or to devote time to help make Golden City the Lodge we'd all like it to be, let's not pass up that opportunity, or assume that someone else will take the lead.

In 2023 I challenge all of use to adopt the New Year's Resolution to strive to make ourselves and our fellow brothers, better men.

Fraternally,  
Andrew Smith Worshipful Master

## From the Desk of the Secretary

Brethren,

The 2023 officers are now installed. It was a pleasure to have WB Tom McKean conduct the ceremony as Installing Officer.

For some reason I seemed to have "heard" new things. A subsequent look at the book confirms that the words were always there. Perhaps in the past my mind was simply fluttering away. In any case, I, and other brothers, had to chuckle at the phrase "a good penman". I remember from so many years ago, that when WB Byron came to my signature on an investigation report, he simply reported "Brother scribble". Another phrase, which even caught my predecessor by surprise, was "retain him in office until he 'grows gray in the service.'" Curse my dark hair! A reminder that I need to get comfy for the long haul.

Finally, a reminder of our 162<sup>nd</sup> Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Colorado on Thursday January 26<sup>th</sup> through Saturday January 28<sup>th</sup> at the Denver Tech Center DoubleTree, 7801 E Orchard Rd, Greenwood Village, CO 80111.

Fraternally, WB Ryan Puckett

## January Birthdays

Worshipful Brother.....James Arbuckle  
 Brother.....Gary Bennett  
 Brother.....Aaron Combe  
 Brother.....Charles Cook  
 Brother.....Loran DeLong  
 Brother.....James England  
 Brother.....Edward Hartl  
 Worshipful Brother.....Danny Hayman  
 Brother.....James Overturf  
 Worshipful Brother.....Craig Petty  
 Brother.....Canion Puckett  
 Brother.....Nick Puma  
 Worshipful Brother.....Tom Zumalt

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 Junior Steward.....David Buckingham  
 Chaplain.....Thomas McKean  
 Tiler.....Craig Petty

District Lecturer.....Michael Tims

### 2023 Committees

(Chairman)

Welfare.....Andrew Smith  
 Finance.....Nick Puma  
 Grievance.....Benjamin Miller  
 Posting.....Aaron Combe  
 Memorials.....Andrew Smith  
 Investments.....Andrew Smith  
 Scholarship.....Andrew Smith  
 Technology.....Ryan Puckett  
 Education.....Nick Puma  
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