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Brethren,

The western Sun laid down low. Illumination by the aid of those three only guides those with the eyes to see. To walk in darkness is to stumble when the eyes see no light. Lift your head dear Brother, light surrounds you and me. The tapers, light. The East, light. Your brother, light. Do not stay buried in the rubbish. Emerge to higher ground. Light is all around you, do you not see? Rising in the East. Midday, noon. Resting in the West. Light is all around us. We asked and received. Granted to be. Look to the center, there you will find light in the form of three. Look to the East there the light will be.

Fraternally, Bro. Benjamin Miller Worshipful Master 2024 Golden City Lodge #1

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From Desk of the Secretary

Brethren,

A reminder that we will be meeting at Harmony Lodge on March 18th at 6:30pm (dinner). The meeting will happen at 7:30pm. Address is 350 S Broadway, Denver, Colorado 80209. I typically park in the King Soopers parking lot on the west side of Broadway.

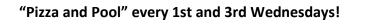
Also a reminder that we have added Zelle as a payment method. Zelle allows you to send money to individuals and groups that have accounts at participating banks. Typically, there is no cost to transfer money. You can use this for dues payments. To send money for dues payments, send Zelle payments to:

secretary@goldencitylodge1.org.

Visit: <u>https://www.zellepay.com/</u> for more information.

To recap: we take cash, checks, Zelle, Paypal, and Zettle.







Masonic Education

Freemasonry and the White House By Chris Ruli The Short Talk Bulletin, February 2024, Volume 2, No 2

The White House cornerstone ceremony occurred on October 13, 1792. Participants assembled at Suter's Tavern in Georgetown and formed a long procession composed of the town's mayor, town council, the District's commissioners, Freemasons, and guests. They departed east and arrived in the open tract prepared for the ceremony. While the single known newspaper account does not specify who did what during the ceremony, Peter Casanave, the lodge's leader referred to as the Master, and his assistants likely presided over the cornerstone ritual.

A brass plate engraved with a special inscription was deposited under the stone. Workmen, perhaps Collen Williamson in his role as project superintendent, lowered the stone onto its final position. The inscription on the plate read:

This first Stone of the President's House was laid the 13th Day of October 1792, and in the 17th Year of the Independence of the United States of America. George Washington, President Thomas Johnson, Doctor Stuart, Daniel Carroll, Commissioners James Hoban, Architect Collen Williamson, Master-Mason Vivat Republica.

Casanave likely poured vessels containing corn, wine, and oil on top of the stone and tapped the stone with a mallet or gavel three times to symbolically complete the exercises.

Casanave and his assistants scaled back up the trench where he made a brief speech and returned to Suter's for a celebratory dinner. Participants performed sixteen toasts dedicated to notable individuals and groups including George Washington, the French nation, Thomas Paine, and the Fair Daughters of America.

The White House cornerstone ceremony became the earliest Masonic event in Washington City. Although he did not attend the event, George Washington did participate in a similar ceremony for the U.S. Capitol the following year on September 18,1793. Several days before the Capitol ceremony, Hoban and his colleagues obtained an official charter to become Federal Lodge 1 and made their first public appearance during the event.

Freemasonry grew significantly during the 1800s as new Masons arrived in Washington as part of the federal government's relocation to the District. The District grew from two lodges in 1793 to five by 1810. The White House and Capitol cornerstone ceremonies became seminal moments in American Masonic history and set a precedent for future interactions between the presidents and the local Fraternity.

Contacts

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303-961-6455 (Lee Miller)	For York Rite Bodies at Golden: Golden
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303-861-4261	Denver Consistory
866-289-6797	Scottish Rite Child Language Disorders Foundation
303-455-3570	El Jebel Shriners
800-237-5055	Shriners Hospital / Burn Center
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860-402-4372 (Jason Evarts) 720-786-3929 (David Barnes)	Chapter Advisor Golden DeMolay Chapter Scribe Golden DeMolay

Youth Groups

Brethren, these groups are "Masonic" Youth Groups, and as such have the requirement that Master Masons are present. Please support the future of Masonry by making time to attend their meetings.

Bethel #43 Job's Daughters

• 2nd and 4th Mondays, 6:45pm

(Girls, 11-18 / Jobie-to-Bee 8-10)

Columbine Assembly #96

Rainbow for Girls

• 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 7pm

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

Golden Chapter Order of DeMolay

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm

(Boys, 12-21 / Squires 9-11)

Youth Group Continued...

Upcoming Meeting & Activities (Rainbow)

<u>February</u>

- 7 Rainbow Meeting (arrive at 6:30)
- 9 Trash Bash Dance (Dinner at 6pm and Dance at 8pm @ Golden)
- 21 Rainbow Meeting upstairs Valentine colors Night (arrive at 6:30 starts at 7:00)

Upcoming Meeting & Activities (Job's)

<u>February</u>

- 9 Trash Bash Dance (Dinner at 6pm and Dance at 8pm @ Golden)
- 11 Installation of Officers (arrive at 6:00)
- 25 Job's Meeting (arrive at 6:00)

Upcoming Meeting & Activities (DeMolay)

<u>February</u>

- 5 **DeMolay Meeting** (arrive at 6:30)
- 9 Trash Bash Dance (Dinner at 6pm and Dance at 8pm @ Golden)
- 19 DeMolay Meeting (arrive at 6:30)

Calendar

Monday, March 4th

- Dinner at 6pm (Eastern Star Serving)
- Regular Meeting at 7pm
- MM Degree

Wednesday, March 6th

• Pizza, Pool, and Darts

Monday, March 18th

- Grand Master OV at Harmony Lodge
 - o 350 S. Broadway, Denver, CO
 - o Dinner at 6:30pm
 - Meeting at 7:30pm

Wednesday, March 20th

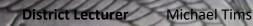
• Pizza, Pool, and Darts

2024 Officer Line



Worshipful Master	Benjamin Miller 720.688.4163 sundula@gmail.com
Senior Warden	Nick Puma
Junior Warden	Aaron Combe
Treasurer	Richard Wenzel
Secretary	Ryan Puckett, 720.212.1751, rpucket310@gmail.com
Senior Deacon	Devon Campbell
Junior Deacon	Bill Ott
Senior Steward	Tom McKean
Junior Steward	David Buckingham
Chaplain	Mike Current
Marshal	Tom Zumalt
Tiler	Craig Petty

Director of the Work TBD



Lowmittees

Welfare	Benjamin Miller (Chairman)	
	Tom Zumalt, Devon Campbell	
Finance	Aaron Combe (Chairman)	
	Richard Wenzell, Ryan Puckett	
Grievance	Nick Puma (Chairman)	
	Aaron Combe, Bill Ott	
Posting	Devon Campbell (Chairman)	
	Tom McKean, Andrew Smith	
Memorials	Bill Ott (Chairman)	
	Tom Zumalt, Andrew Smith	
Investments	Mike Current (Chairman)	
	Tom McKean, Rick Wenzel	
Scholarship	Tom McKean (Chairman)	
	Andrew Smith, Mike Current	
Technology	Benjamin Miller (Chairman)	
	Tom Zumalt, Ryan Puckett	
Education	Benjamin Miller (Chairman)	
	Nick Puma, Aaron Combe	

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Worshipful Brother

Jack Butler Kenneth E. Curby John S. Forgy George C. Holsinger Clyde E. Humphrey Donald P. Kirby Matthew N. Olson Bill Ott Charles M. Surratt Joseph Thornton

Living Past Masters

Merritt Smith	1967	Steven Walker	2014
Arthur Toney	1974	Kevin Alcox	2015
James Arbuckle	1980	Ryan Puckett	2017
Michael Mills	1984	Tom Zumalt	2018
Timothy Johansson	1985	Wyatt Page	2020
Craig Petty	1997	Drew Albrecht	2021
Byron Walker	2002	Thomas McKean	2022
Richard Wenzel	2005, 2010	Andrew Smith	2023
Chris Westerhoff	2013		

Miscellaneous

Fees for Degrees is \$150

2024 Annual Dues and Per Capita

- \$228 Regular Members
 - (\$125 + \$103)
- \$203 65+ years of age with 25+ years as a Master Mason
 (\$100 + \$103)

Items for Sale

Contact the secretary to purchase. Especially for shirts to make sure we have in your size.

Golden Lodge T Shirt	\$20
Golden Lodge Polo Shirt	\$20
Golden Lodge Challenge Coin	\$10
Clear Text Key (must be master mason)	