

# February 2026



## Worshipful Master Message

Brethren,

As we enter the month of February, we are reminded that this season invites reflection on the timeless principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth that unite us as Masons. February, often associated with fellowship and thoughtful renewal, calls upon us to strengthen the bonds of our Lodge, care for one another, and extend a helping hand wherever it is needed. May we continue to labor diligently—within our Lodge and beyond its walls—guided by the light of our obligations and the enduring values of our Craft. Let this month inspire us to work in harmony, grow in our Masonic knowledge, and exemplify the virtues that make our Fraternity a beacon in our communities.

In this spirit of Brotherly Love, our Lodge will be seeking opportunities in the coming weeks and months to volunteer and serve our community. As Albert Pike so eloquently reminded us, *“What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains immortal.”* May February stand as a testament to the lasting impact of our shared labor.

Fraternally,

Brother Aaron Combe  
Worshipful Master 2026  
Golden City Lodge #1  
February 2026

## From Desk of the Secretary

Brethren,

2026 Dues cards have arrived and I have been sending them out. Thank you to those that have paid.

I'm receiving word back that some brethren, are not receiving MORI emails. This includes the dues invoices and trestle boards. So far, it looks like brethren with comcast.net emails are affected. I'll be working with our district lecturer to figure out a work around.

Remember, you can pay online:

at <http://goldencitylodge1.org/payDues.html>

You can also pay using Zelle sending payment to [secretary@goldencitylodge1.org](mailto:secretary@goldencitylodge1.org)

Zelle will show [secretary@goldencitylodge1.org](mailto:secretary@goldencitylodge1.org) as enrolled as GOLDEN CITY LODGE 1 AF & AM

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# Masonic Education

## Circumambulation in a Masonic Lodge

<https://www.universalfreemasonry.org/en/article/circumambulation-in-a-masonic-lodge>

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Masonic circumambulation of the alter is one of the oldest ceremonies of Freemasonry. The ritualistic explanation is simple enough and of course the act does permit continued and lengthy inspection of the candidate by the brethren. But this explanation was obviously made to fit into the lodge and was composed by men who had lost the authentic knowledge of the real meaning of the ceremony of circling the alter so that now few brethren are convinced that the simple ritualistic explanation conveys all the truth.

Vedic Circumambulation, from India, is a religious practice consisting of walking around a sacred place as a sign of veneration and piety. Vedic Circumambulation or "Walking the Way" is a form of deep veneration with origins dating to ancient India, where to circumambulate three times was a means of honoring a greatly respected person.

In Pradakshina (Jainist Circumambulation), we keep the holy object(s) always on our right side. Therefore, we circumambulate (go around) the holy place three times keeping it on our right side, that is walking around from our left to the right. While going around, we remind ourselves that holy things are precious, that they are our guide, and that one day we will be more worthy of the refinements they offer to us. This contemplation of the holy place (alter), or holy object, will help us overcome our attachment to material things, concern with outward appearances, and achieve brotherly love (overcome hatred). Three circumambulations should also remind us that there are three remedies to overcome our attachments and passions; they are right thinking, right speaking, and right viewing (we should look for the good in all things). Therefore, we should also contemplate how to acquire right mind, right speech, and right views. Some feel as if they are going around creation itself.

In Japanese Buddhist ritual, circumambulation is usually accompanied by recitation of sutras and the scattering of petals.

Islamic circumambulation is practiced around the Ka'ba in Mecca, the Rock of Mount Moriah in Jerusalem, and in many mausoleums and shrine where the sages of Islam are revered.

Whether in a Masonic lodge, in another culture or in a church, circumambulation is a humble imitation of the form of worship of those ancient men to whom the sun in the sky and fire on the stone altar were representations of God.

Ancient man imitated that which he respected, venerated or feared. Although ancient man could imitate the sun by a fire on the altar, he could imitate the sun's movement only by his own. In the Northern Hemisphere, the sun appears to rise in the East, move across the sky to the South, and then disappear in the West. Therefore, in his worship, early man traveled about his fire on the altar from East to West by

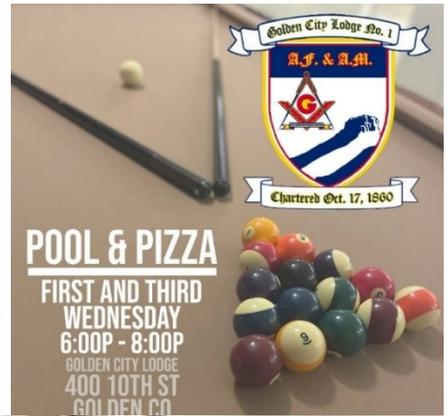
way of the South, and West to East by way of the North, in imitation of the greatest representation of God he knew.

From that ancient past to this day, men have circled about or within their holy place from east to west by way of the south, though many if not most forget the reason for their movements.

Modern Buddhists, for example, in keeping with the ancient tradition of enclosing a sacred tree with a fence, the alter is enclosed by a railing. This serves to demarcate a boundary between the sacred space with the secular world. The lowest sacred space has four entrance gateways, North, South, East, and West, and is enclosed by the main path, the circumambulatory path. The orientation of the gateways (east, south, west and north), and the direction of ritualistic circumambulation corresponded with the direction of the sun's course: from sunrise, to zenith, to sunset and through night.

I hope that you will appreciate that in our simple Masonic Circumambulations, we are showing respect to the beliefs of our ancestors long past, as well as our brothers in India, Asia, and throughout Persia.

# Pizza and Pool, every 1st and 3rd Wednesdays!



## Contacts

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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

303-961-6455 (Lee Miller)

For York Rite Bodies at Golden:

Golden Chapter #5 RAM, Jefferson Council  
#24 R&SM, Jefferson Highlands  
Commandery #30

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

303-756-9489

Rober Russell Eastern Star Masonic Center  
and Village

860-402-4372 (Jason Evarts)

Chapter Advisor Golden DeMolay Chapter

720-786-3929 (David Barnes)

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

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

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

### Columbine Assembly #96 Rainbow for Girls

- 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, 7pm (be there at 6:30pm)

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

### Golden Chapter Order of DeMolay

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

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

## Golden City Calendar

Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>

- Dinner at 6pm
- Regular Meeting at 7:00p

Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

- Pizza and Pool at 6:00p

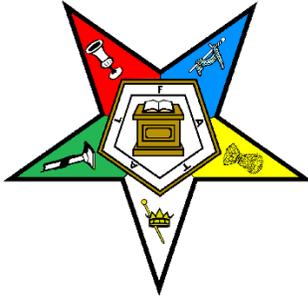
Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>

- Meeting at 7pm (FC Degree)

Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>

- Pizza and Pool at 6:00p

Pancake Breakfast Flyer



**WE INVITE YOU TO BREAKFAST  
ORDER OF EASTERN STAR, MOUNT ZION #133  
AT  
400 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET, GOLDEN, COLORADO 80401  
EVERY FOURTH SUNDAY FROM 8AM TO 11AM**

**JOIN US ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22 FOR PANCAKES!!**

**SERVING UP  
EGGS, SAUSAGE, HASHBROWNS, PANCAKES, OR WAFFLES**

**WITH  
COFFEE, TEA, COCOA, MILK, AND ORANGE JUICE**

**ADULTS AND CHILDREN     \$10**

**OVER 12 YEARS OLD**

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**KIDS 8 TO 12 YEARS OLD     \$5**

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**KIDS 5 AND UNDER             FREE**

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**SUPPORTING OES, YOUTH GROUPS, AND CHARITIES**

## 2025 Officer Line

<b>Worshipful Master</b>	Aaron Combe, 720.255.3464, aacombe@comcast.net
<b>Senior Warden</b>	Mike Current
<b>Junior Warden</b>	Aaron Russell
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<b>Secretary</b>	Ryan Puckett, 720.212.1751, rpucket310@gmail.com
<b>Senior Deacon</b>	Tom Zumalt
<b>Junior Deacon</b>	David Martinez
<b>Tiler</b>	Nick Puma
<b>District Lecturer</b>	Lee Miller

Birthdays

**Happy  
Birthday!!!**



**Brother**

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**Worshipful Brother**

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**Devon Campbell**

**Sebastian Dominguez**

**Jeffrey Lockwood**

**David Martinez**

**Charles Noah**

**Byron Walker**

**Victor Walker**

**Robert Williams**

# Living Past Masters



**WB Merritt E. Smith**

1967



**WB James Arbuckle**

1980



**WB Michael Mills**

1984



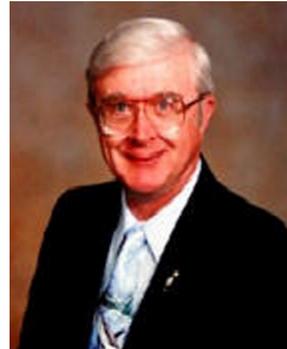
**WB Timothy Johansson**

1985



**WB Craig Petty**

1997



**WB Byron Walker**

2002



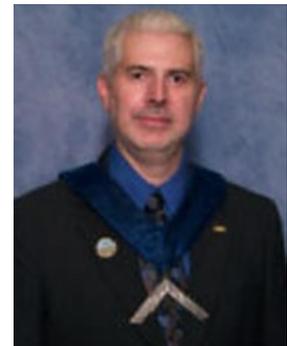
**WB Richard Wenzel**

2005, 2010



**WB Michael Tims**

2009



**WB Daniel Hayman**

2011

	 <p data-bbox="690 758 932 842"><b>WB Christ Westerhoff</b> 2012, 2013</p>	 <p data-bbox="1138 758 1341 842"><b>WB Steven Walker</b> 2014</p>
 <p data-bbox="293 1383 469 1467"><b>WB Kevin Alcox</b> 2015</p>	 <p data-bbox="722 1383 899 1467"><b>WB Bob Ceriale</b> 2016</p>	 <p data-bbox="1144 1383 1331 1467"><b>WB Ryan Puckett</b> 2017</p>



**WB Tom Zumalt**

2018



**WB Wyatt Page**

2020



**WB Drew Albecht**

2021



**WB Tom McKean**

2022



**WB Andrew Smith**

2023



**WB Benjamin Miller**

2024

Picture TBA

**WB Nick Puma**

2025

## Miscellaneous

Fees for Degrees is \$150

### 2025 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.

<b>Golden Lodge T Shirt (S, M, L, XL, XXL)</b>	<b>\$20</b>
<b>Golden Lodge Polo Shirt (S, M, L, XL, XXL)</b>	<b>\$20</b>
<b>Golden Lodge Cap (blue, gray, black)</b>	<b>\$20</b>
<b>Golden Lodge Challenge Coin</b>	<b>\$10</b>
<b>Clear Text Key (must be master mason)</b>	<b>\$35</b>