

March 2026



Worshipful Master Message

Brethren,

As March ushers in a season of renewal and reflection, we are reminded to reaffirm our commitment to the principles and obligations of our Craft. A special thank you to our brothers that helped create a memorable experience for our newly minted Fellow Craft, who now continues on his masonic journey. From pillars twain you've onward passed, a seeker shaped by art and craft; the winding stair now calls your feet, where mind and moral purpose meet.

Also, it looks like we may have a new tradition at our Lodge. Coming up on Sunday, March 8th, we'll be celebrating our 2nd annual St. Patrick's Day celebration featuring dinner and entertainment. Please join us if you can. Remember, the vitality of our Lodge depends upon the active involvement of each brother through attendance, mentorship, committee service, and fellowship. I encourage you to reach out to a brother you have not seen in some time, as a simple call or message can make a meaningful difference.

Fraternally,

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

Senior Warden Message

Brethren,

I was blessed with the opportunity as Sr. Warden to attend the Masonic funeral of Ed Hartl, a brother of many years, one who attained his MM degree in 1962. What caught my attention was the fact that he was a MM when I was entering my terrible-two's. The longevity of Masonry showed me how deep this was and everlasting in time. Attending a Masonic funeral, if within the length of your cable tow, is a profound moment and a reminder that if you choose a Masonic funeral service for yourself, remember that you will be deeply honored by your fellow brothers. Study our rituals and always be ready to assist in seeing them through.

Mike Current

Sr. Warden

From Desk of the Secretary

Brethren,

If you are reading this and wondering about your dues notice. That notice went out via email on 10/31/2025. Grand Lodge is pushing on the new MORI system, which allows secretaries to send out correspondence, notices, and payments online.

I worked with our district lecturer to get incoming/expenses transfer as well as enable Stripe, which is yet another payment system similar to PayPal and Zelle; however this is blessed by Grand Lodge and can be done via the groupable site.

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

Remember, you can pay online:

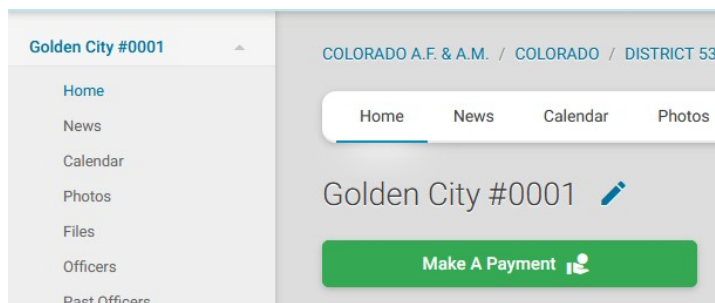
at <http://goldencitylodge1.org/payDues.html>

You can also pay using Zelle sending payment to secretary@goldencitylodge1.org

Zelle will show secretary@goldencitylodge1.org as enrolled as GOLDEN CITY LODGE 1 AF & AM

You can now pay online via the Grand Lodge of Colorado and click on the green "Make a payment" button.

https://co.moriapp.com/connect/connect_groups/bbd5335f6720b4a77e2f0db6bbd172e9



Reach out to me if you need help to log into the site.

WB Ryan Puckett

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Masonic Education

The 24 Inch Gauge

Aaron Russell

February 24, 2026

I have recently been reflecting upon one of our working tools: the Twenty-Four Inch Gauge. We are taught that operative Masons used this instrument to ensure their work was of proper length. As speculative Masons, we are instructed to apply it to our moral labor—to ensure that our lives themselves are measured, intentional, and properly balanced.

The twenty-four inches of the gauge symbolize the twenty-four hours of the day, to be divided with wisdom and purpose: eight hours for the service of God and a distressed worthy brother, eight for our usual vocations, and eight for refreshment and sleep. It is a simple division in theory, yet often difficult in practice. I will be the first to admit that, on most days, I fall short of dedicating a full eight hours to rest and renewal.

And yet, when we allow ourselves proper rest and meaningful time with family and wholesome pursuits, we find ourselves genuinely refreshed. When we sleep well, we are physically restored and better able to perform our duties accurately and efficiently. When we are renewed by family, leisure, and quiet reflection, our spirits are strengthened. We become more patient, more charitable, and better equipped to practice the brotherly love we profess.

Despite this clear instruction from our ritual, many of us struggle to obtain proper rest. How often do we truly allow ourselves sufficient sleep? And what does “sufficient” mean?

Modern guidance commonly advises adults to obtain at least seven hours of sleep per night. These recommendations arise from post-industrial scientific study and certainly postdate the origins of Masonry. Yet while the scientific measurement of sleep may be modern, the human need for rest is ancient. To better understand that need, it is helpful to consider how rest was approached in earlier societies.

Historical evidence suggests that many pre-industrial cultures practiced what we now call biphasic sleep. Individuals would rest for several hours after nightfall, awaken for a period of quiet activity, and then return to sleep until morning. This waking interval was not regarded as insomnia, but as natural—and even fruitful. It was often used for prayer, meditation, reflection upon dreams, or quiet conversation.

Without artificial light or rigid industrial schedules, rest followed natural rhythms rather than the clock. Night invited withdrawal from labor. Sleep was longer, deeper, and responsive to the seasons.

By contrast, our modern pattern of a single, compressed period of overnight sleep—monophasic sleep—is relatively recent. Many find it difficult to sustain, particularly when combined with long work hours, artificial light, and constant stimulation. There have also been modern experiments with alternative sleep patterns, such as polyphasic schedules involving multiple short naps throughout the day. While interesting from a theoretical standpoint, these approaches are neither ancient practices nor practical for most people. They do, however, remind us that rest has long been a subject of human concern and thoughtful consideration.

The lesson for us as Masons is not to chase extremes, nor to romanticize the past, but to pursue balance.

The purpose of rest is not indulgence; it is restoration. A man who does not rest sufficiently becomes less patient, less charitable, and less capable of fulfilling his obligations—to his family, his vocation, his brethren, and his God. Proper rest does not make us less industrious; it makes us more useful.

This is the wisdom of the Twenty-Four Inch Gauge. It does not demand rigid uniformity of schedule, but purposeful measurement. It reminds us that time misspent can be as much a moral failing as time neglected.

So, Brethren, however you divide your hours between service, labor, and refreshment, do so intentionally. Seek the balance laid out by the Gauge. Measure your days wisely, that your work—both operative and moral—may be of proper length.

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



Contacts

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

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

- 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 (be there at 6:30pm)

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

Golden Chapter Order of DeMolay

- 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm

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

Golden City Calendar

Monday, March 2nd

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

Wednesday, March 4th

- Pizza and Pool at 6:00p

Sunday March 8th

- St Patrick Celebration (See Flier)
- RSVP to Senior Warden, Mike Current @ 303-519-6117
- Dinner 5pm
- Entertainment at 6pm

Monday, March 16th

- Meeting at 7pm

Wednesday, March 18th

- Pizza and Pool at 6:00p

PUBLIC INVITED
ST. Patrick's Day Celebration



Golden City Lodge No. 1 A.F. & A.M.
400 Tenth Street
Golden, CO 80401
Chartered October 17, 1860



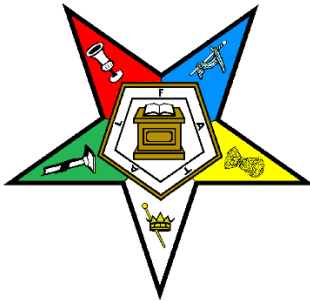
WELCOME TO OUR MASONIC FAMILY NIGHT
Sunday, March 8, 2026
CORNED BEEF/CABBAGE or VEGETARIAN OPTION DINNER at 5:00 PM
(\$30.00 Donation, Reservations Please to 303-519-6117 by March 6th)
DANCERS/PIPERS PERFORMANCE AT 6:00PM-- FREE



CELTIC STEPS
The Premier Irish Dance School of Colorado



Pancake Breakfast Flyer



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

JOIN US ON SUNDAY, MARCH 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

KIDS 8 TO 12 YEARS OLD \$5

KIDS 5 AND UNDER FREE

SUPPORTING OES, YOUTH GROUPS, AND CHARITIES

2025 Officer Line

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

Committees

Welfare

WM Aaron Combe (Chairman)
Bro. Aaron Russell
Bro. Mike Current

Grievance

Bro. Mike Current (Chairman)
Bro. David Martinez
Bro. Joe Myers

Memorials

WB Andrew Smith (Chairman)
Bro. David Martinez
WB Tom Zumalt

Technology

WB Ryan Puckett (Chairman)
Bro. Joe Myers
Bro. David Martinez

Scholarship

WB Nick Puma (Chairman)
WB Drew Albrecht
WB Tom Zumalt

Finance

Bro. Aaron Russel (Chairman)
WB Andrew Smith
WB Rick Wenzel

Posting

WB Tom Zumalt (Chairman)
Bro. Joe Myers
WB Rick Wenzel
WB Andrew Smith

Investments

WB Rick Wenzel (Chairman)
WB Drew Albrecht
WM Aaron Combe
WB Ryan Puckett

Education

Bro. Aaron Russel (Chairman)
Bro. Nick Puma
WB Drew Albrecht

Volunteering

WM Aaron Combe (Chairman)
WB Nick Puma
Bro. Mike Current

Birthdays

**Happy
Birthday!!!**



Brother

Brother

Brother

Brother

Brother

Brother

Worshipful Brother

Jack Butler

Kenneth Curby

John Forgy

Clyde Humphrey

Donald Kirby

Joseph Thornton

Mike Tims

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



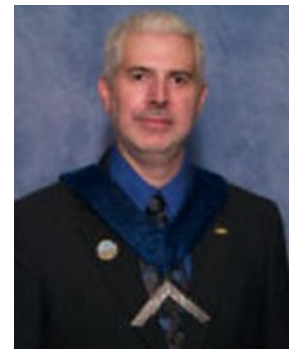
WB Richard Wenzel

2005, 2010








WB Michael Tims

2009



WB Daniel Hayman

2011

	 <p data-bbox="690 758 932 789">WB Christ Westerhoff</p> <p data-bbox="748 814 873 846">2012, 2013</p>	 <p data-bbox="1138 762 1344 793">WB Steven Walker</p> <p data-bbox="1211 819 1271 850">2014</p>
 <p data-bbox="293 1383 469 1415">WB Kevin Alcox</p> <p data-bbox="350 1440 410 1472">2015</p>	 <p data-bbox="722 1379 899 1411">WB Bob Ceriale</p> <p data-bbox="781 1436 841 1467">2016</p>	 <p data-bbox="1144 1383 1338 1415">WB Ryan Puckett</p> <p data-bbox="1211 1440 1271 1472">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.

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