

# January 2026



## **Worshipful Master Message**

Brethren,

As I look forward to my time in the East, I look back with gratitude to all the previous Worshipful Masters who have guided our Lodge and inspired me with their knowledge and experience. One endeavor I'd like to focus on this year includes volunteering opportunities in our community, exemplifying one of our masonic tenets of charity. Together, let us work to strengthen our bonds, to serve our communities, and to uphold the timeless values that have guided Freemasonry for centuries. Also, of keen interest to me is enhancing our ritual work and becoming all around more proficient in our respective roles. With this in mind, a Director of the Work will be joining us to help this goal become a reality. More to come on this.

In this new year, let us remember our Masonic obligations to seek truth, practice virtue, and promote brotherly love. May the Great Architect of the Universe bless our endeavors and guide our steps.

Fraternally,

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

## Senior Warden Message

Brethren,

This year we will celebrate our nations 250th birthday, the 75th anniversary of our Lodge at it's current location, and 166 years since we were chartered in Golden City. We follow in the footsteps of great men such as George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, John Hancock, and so many others that helped found our country, in part based upon Masonic principles. When I look at our wall of Past Masters, I see ordinary men, I see men who were founders of the City of Golden, and I see men who took up the banner of leadership to uphold those same principles, for the benefit of us all. Without our past leaders people would just see a picture on the wall and say, "who were those guys?" This is our history. Come and be a part of it.

Sr. Warden Michael Current.

## 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.

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

## OLO Color Lecture

Brethren,

I recently came across a study on vision by researchers at UC Berkeley that inspired me to think a bit deeper—not only about how we see the world, but about how we perceive it.

Light enters our eyes, and rod cells and cone cells send signals to the brain, which then interprets that light into shadows and colors. These photo-receptor cones are organized by wavelength: long (L), medium (M), and short (S). Roughly speaking, these correspond to red, green, and blue.

About ninety-two percent of people experience the world through this familiar range of vision, known as *trichromacy*. The remaining eight percent have some form of color blindness, most commonly a red-green deficiency—meaning their discernment between those colors is limited. A very small number of people cannot perceive color at all and see the world only in shades of gray, a condition known as *monochromacy*.

This raises an important question:

Are our brothers with these deficiencies wrong?

Philosophy offers us wisdom here. In his *Allegory of the Cave*, Plato cautioned us not to confuse perception with truth:

“Do not trust the eyes of the body, for they show only shadows.

Turn the eye of the soul toward the Light itself.”

In studying how color blindness in the red-green range might be remedied, scientists discovered a way to manipulate the cones of their test subjects’ eyes. By selectively stimulating the green receptor—the M cone—they produced the sensation of a color some described as *olo*: a vibrant teal, roughly comparable to the color represented by hex code #00FFCC.

While this color was synthetically created, expanded color perception exists naturally as well. A small number of women possess a fourth color cone between the red and green cones. This allows them to perceive hundreds more shades than the average person.

So are we wrong, and our mothers, sisters, daughters, and wives right?

Perhaps they simply see a little more of creation than we do.

And what of those test subjects? Are they better, more knowledgeable, enlightened, or saved?

The Apostle Paul offers us guidance in his second letter to the Corinthians:

“So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen.  
For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”  
— 2 Corinthians 4:18

Some of us perceive countless variations of red and green. Decades from now, others may perceive colors like *olo*—and hues we cannot even imagine today.

As Masons, we do not judge a man by how he perceives the world, but by how he acts within it. We judge him by how faithfully he has labored to sculpt himself into a perfect ashlar.

From the Torah we receive a final word of caution:

“Do not go astray after your hearts and after your eyes, after which you go astray.”  
— Numbers 15:39

Let us not be overtaken by the desires and passions of the flesh. Let us have patience and tolerance for our brothers who see the world differently—and admiration for those who show us grace when our own sight falls short.

Let us enjoy beauty together.

Let us feast as brothers and break bread in harmony.

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is  
for brethren to dwell together in unity.”  
— Psalm 133

Fraternally,  
Aaron Russell

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  
Scribe Golden DeMolay

720-786-3929 (David Barnes)

## 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

- 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm

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

## Golden City Calendar

Monday, January 5th

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

Wednesday, January 7th

- Pizza and Pool at 6:00p

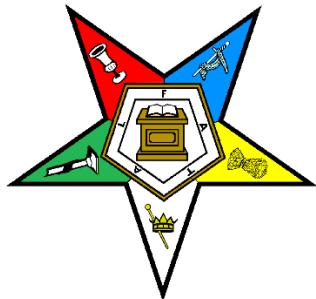
Monday, January 19th

- Meeting at 7pm

Wednesday, January 21st

- 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, JANUARY 25TH 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

Birthdays

**Happy  
Birthday!!!**



**Worshipful Brother**

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**James Arbuckle**

**Aaron Combe**

**Charles Cook**

**Loran DeLong**

**James England**

**Edward Hartl**

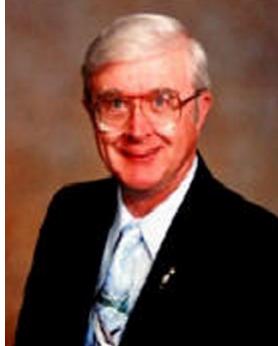
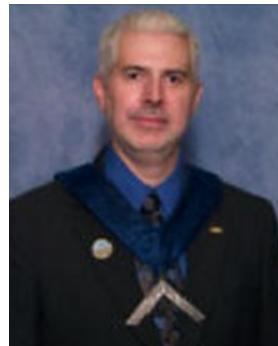
**Craig Petty**

**Canion Puckett**

**Nick Puma**

**Tom Zumalt**

## Living Past Masters

		
<b>WB Merritt E. Smith</b> 1967	<b>WB James Arbuckle</b> 1980	<b>WB Michael Mills</b> 1984
		
<b>WB Timothy Johansson</b> 1985	<b>WB Craig Petty</b> 1997	<b>WB Byron Walker</b> 2002
		
<b>WB Richard Wenzel</b> 2005, 2010	<b>WB Michael Tims</b> 2009	<b>WB Daniel Hayman</b> 2011

	 <p><b>WB Christ Westerhoff</b> 2012, 2013</p>	 <p><b>WB Steven Walker</b> 2014</p>
 <p><b>WB Kevin Alcox</b> 2015</p>	 <p><b>WB Bob Ceriale</b> 2016</p>	 <p><b>WB Ryan Puckett</b> 2017</p>

 <p><b>WB Tom Zumalt</b> 2018</p>	 <p><b>WB Wyatt Page</b> 2020</p>	 <p><b>WB Drew Albecht</b> 2021</p>
 <p><b>WB Tom McLean</b> 2022</p>	 <p><b>WB Andrew Smith</b> 2023</p>	 <p><b>WB Benjamin Miller</b> 2024</p>
<p>Picture TBA</p> <p>WB Nick Puma 2025</p>		

## **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>