

April 2026



Worshipful Master Message

Brethren,

As Spring light returns anew,
With faithful hearts and work to do;
In brotherhood our paths align,
By square and compass, truth we shine.

April's renewal urges us to recommit to the Craft by improving ourselves through purposeful action, thereby strengthening the Lodge and exemplifying integrity and brotherly love. In the Masonic tradition, volunteer work embodies the principle of Relief, one of the core tenets alongside Brotherly Love and Truth. In this spirit, we may have an opportunity to volunteer at a local food pantry in the next few weeks. Once I have more details, I'll reach out to see who may be interested in joining us.

Also coming up, we are pleased to welcome a candidate who will take his first step in Masonry through the Entered Apprentice Degree, thereby adding to our ranks and carrying forward the traditions we hold dear.

Our second annual St. Patrick's Day celebration was a resounding success, and it is with enthusiasm that we look forward to enhancing the festivities next year with the addition of bagpipes! My sincere thanks to all who attended and contributed to making the occasion so memorable.

Fraternally,

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

Senior Warden Message

Brethren,

Communication, a word we've been taught or shown since birth, is exemplified in our craft, our rituals, and our daily discussions. In today's world of text messages, social media, email, phone calls, etc. sometimes proper etiquette has not been forthcoming. How we express our thoughts can greatly enhance what we're trying to convey or be miserably misconstrued to the point of offense. In fact, all this can be overwhelming to the point of exhaustion and trying to figure out who likes to use which medium can "strain the brain". One lesson from my youth is, "if you can't get your point across, look in the mirror first, then adjust accordingly". Communication, while easy for some, can be more difficult for others. As a fraternal brotherhood, always be aware that words matter and carefully consider your choices when communicating in any situation.

Mike Current

Sr. Warden

From Desk of the Secretary

Brethren,

I'll be sending out dues reminders this month. Quite a few brothers have not paid. I'm hoping this is because of the disconnect from moving to the MORI system.

Still hoping that a brother is willing to take on the secretary position next year. The MORI system is web based, which does make secretary operations easier. Also, both myself and our district lecturer can provide training on this system.

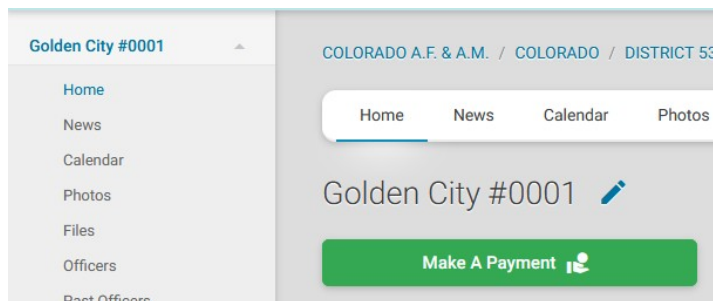
Remember, you can pay online:

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

Brother Aaron Russell, found this amazing article in lodge minutes of Golden City Lodge and read it during one of our March meetings.

“Bridging the Gap” with Addendum

Dad and the DeMolay

A Continuing Dialogue Between A Past Master And His Son

Read After E.A. Degree

Dear Son:

As I have often said you are a young man in a tremendous hurry. You have three lectures and two degrees to get behind you and already you are planning on taking part in degree work. What brashness, what enthusiasm, what I wouldn't give for a lot more candidates like you! However for the present I would suggest that you pay strict attention to your coach and get your candidate's lectures learned not only word perfect but also 'thought' perfect. After you finish your degrees with excellence in all the lectures you will not have to wait long to participate in the degrees for your friends—Lodge officers note with satisfaction those who show their zeal and devotion to the Lodge and the ritual.

I don't suppose that I would embarrass anyone if I mentioned that not all the parts in your degree were word perfect. The brothers taking part however knew the true meaning they were trying to impart to you and you were deeply impressed even with some substitute words tossed in during a period of memory lapse. I will say that the degree was very well performed and you should have been impressed by the sincerity of the lessons imparted to you. This only illustrates one of the lessons that I have talked for many years—learn the meaning as well as the words and then you are a true Mason (or DeMolay) as well as a ritualist. Remember that you can be a perfect ritualist and never be a Mason worthy of the name.

Ere you leap to the decision that I feel the ritual is unnecessary to our fraternity let me elaborate on my previous statement. The ritual is a perfect tool or implement with which to transmit the glorious lessons of our order from one to another throughout the ages and until the end of free man. At the same time, there is a slight variation in wording of the ritual in the different jurisdictions even though the lessons, teachings and tenets of all Masons are universal. Does this not prove to you then that the exact wording of the ritual is a little less important than the communication of the true lessons to be derived from the degrees?

So in summary I guess that I can say what I could have said in a few words to start with. Stick with your coach and learn your lectures in word and meaning and then display those lessons in your daily life. When the time comes you will not have to worry about taking part in the degree work because your actions will speak louder than any words of yours to participate. And as for your fear in making a mistake—remember that the only one not making a mistake is the one not doing anything. It is an honor to make a mistake but a crime to make the same mistake the second time.

Study hard on the lecture and I know how nervous you must be on the night of your examination because I was there once myself!

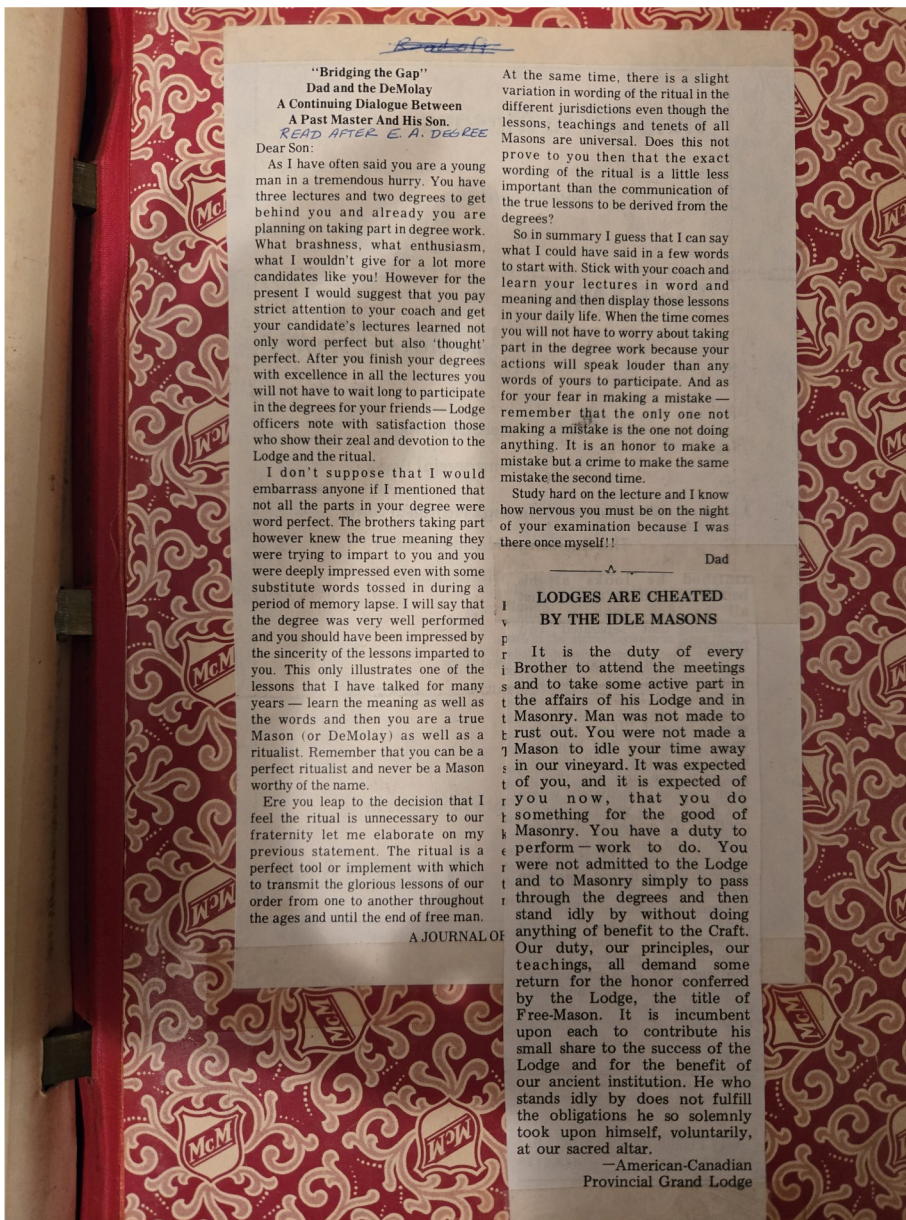
— Dad

Lodges are Cheated by the Idle Masons

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It is the duty of every Brother to attend the meetings and to take some active part in the affairs of his Lodge and in Masonry. Man was not made to rust out. You were not made a Mason to idle your time away in our vineyard. It was expected of you, and it is expected of you now, that you do something for the good of Masonry. You have a duty to perform—work to do. You were not admitted to the Lodge and to Masonry simply to pass through the degrees and then stand idly by without doing anything of benefit to the Craft. Our duty, our principles, our teachings, all demand some return for the honor conferred by the Lodge, the title of Free-Mason. It is incumbent upon each to contribute his small share to the success of the Lodge and for the benefit of our ancient institution. He who stands idly by does not fulfill the obligations he so solemnly took upon himself, voluntarily, at our sacred altar.

— American-Canadian Provincial Grand Lodge



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

- 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

Wednesday, April 1st

- Pizza and Pool at 6:00p

Monday, April 6th

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

Wednesday, April 15th

- Pizza and Pool at 6:00p

Monday, April 20th

- EA Degree at 7pm

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, APRIL 26 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
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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

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Brother

Brother

Charles Barker

Erik Carlson

Stanley Lupinski

Aleksander Romich

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



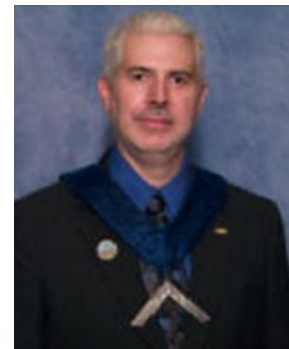
WB Richard Wenzel

2005, 2010








WB Michael Tims

2009



WB Daniel Hayman

2011

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 <p data-bbox="293 1381 469 1465">WB Kevin Alcox 2015</p>	 <p data-bbox="722 1381 899 1465">WB Bob Ceriale 2016</p>	 <p data-bbox="1144 1381 1331 1465">WB Ryan Puckett 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