

**COLORADO TERRITORY
FORMATION of FREE and ACCEPTED MASONS
August 2, 1861**

**Masonic Convention to Organize
The Grand Lodge
of the
Territory of Colorado**

Held in Golden City, August 2, [1861] A.L. 5861

Golden City, C. T., August 2, 1861. In accordance with the previous agreement, and appointment of the Masters and Wardens of the several Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons, of the Territory of Colorado, viz Golden City Lodge , of Golden City; Summit Lodge No. 7, of Parkville; Rocky Mountain Lodge No. 8, of Gold Hill; a Convention was held this day for the purpose of organizing a Grand Lodge for the Territory of Colorado.

On motion, Bro. Eli Carter, of Golden City Lodge , was called to preside and Bro. O.A. Whittemore, of Summit Lodge, was chosen Secretary.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to report to the Convention, what action is necessary to carry out the design of this Convention, namely the formation of a Grand Lodge for the Territory of Colorado.

Bros. C.F. Holly, of Rocky Mountain Lodge, S.M. Robbins, of Summit Lodge, L.E. Hardy, of Golden City Lodge, were appointed said committee, who made the following

REPORT:

The committee appointed to report what action is necessary to carry out the design of this Convention, respectfully report the following resolution:

Resolved, That we deem it highly expedient to organize a Grand Lodge for this Territory, and that the following order of proceeding be observed, to that end:

1. That a Lodge of Master Masons be opened in due form, the Master of the oldest Lodge present presiding.

2. That the charters of the Lodges represented, and the credentials of the representatives, be presented and acted upon.

3. The election of officers, and

4. The installation of the officers elect.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. F. HOLLY }
S.M. ROBBINS } Committee
I.E. HARDY }

The report of the committee was unanimously adopted.

Whereupon, a Lodge of Master Masons was then duly opened, -Bro. James Ewing, of Summit

Lodge, presiding, (Bro. Eli Carter, Master of Golden City Lodge, waiving his right,) Bro. I.E. Hardy, of Golden City Lodge, acting as Senior Warden, Bro. S.M. Robbins, of Summit Lodge, as Junior Warden.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. J.M. Chivington.

On motion, a committee of three, consisting of Bros. Robbins, Carter and Holly, was appointed to examine charters of Lodges claiming to be represented in this Convention, and credentials of representatives, under the same, which committee made the following

REPORT:

The committee appointed to examine the charters of the Lodges claiming to be represented in this Convention, and the credentials of the representatives under the same, have had the same under advisement, and respectfully beg leave to report the following Lodges duly chartered, and represented as follows, to wit:

Golden City Lodge No. ---, at Golden City, C.T. Chartered by the M W Grand Lodge of Kansas, October 17th; 1860; and represented as follows: Bro. Eli Carter, W M; Bro. I.E. Hardy, proxy for S W; Bro. J.A. Moore, J W

Rocky Mountain Lodge No. 8, Gold Hill, C.T. Chartered June 5th, 1861, by the M W Grand Lodge of Nebraska; and represented as follows: Bro. C.F. Holly, as proxy for W M and S W, and Bro. J. Chivington, as proxy for J W.

Summit Lodge No. 7, Parkville, C.T. Chartered June 5th, 1861, by the M W Grand Lodge of Nebraska, and represented as follows: Bro. James Ewing W M, Bro. O.A. Whittemore, proxy for S W, and Bro. S.M. Robbins, proxy for J W.

Your committee therefore beg leave to report the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the brethren heretofore named, are entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge, here to be formed.

Resolved, That Bro. L.L. Bowen, Past Deputy Grand Master of Nebraska, and Bros. W.T. Wade and L.M. Frary, Past Masters, be allowed seats in this Convention.

S.M. ROBBINS }
ELI CARTER } Committee
C.F. HOLLY }

Which report was unanimously adopted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the following grand officers be now elected by ballot, viz:

M W Grand Master; R W Deputy Grand Master; R W Senior Grand Warden; R W Junior Grand Warden; R W Grand Treasurer, and R W Grand Secretary.

Bros. Chivington and Carter were appointed tellers, when the Lodge proceeded to ballot for Grand Officers with the following result:

J.M. Chivington, Gold Hill, Grand Master.
S.M. Robbins, Parkville, Deputy Grand Master.
Jas. Ewing, Parkville, Senior Grand Warden.
J.M. Holt, Gold Hill, Junior Grand Warden.
Eli Carter, Golden City, Grand Treasurer.
O.A. Whittemore, Parkville, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Officers were then regularly installed into their respective stations.

The following officers, appointed by the Grand Master, were then installed by him.

C. F. Holly, Gold Hill, Grand Orator.

I.E. Hardy, Golden City, Grand Lecturer.
J.M. Ferrell, Golden City, Grand Marshal.
Joshua Miller, Parkville, Senior Grand Deacon.
C.W. Smith, Gold Hill, Junior Grand Deacon.
D.T. Robley, Parkville, Grand Tyler.
E.S. Glotfelter, Gold Hill, Grand Steward.
J.A. Moore, Golden City, Grand Sword Bearer.

The Grand Lodge of Colorado was then declared regularly organized, and its officers installed in due form.

JAMES EWING, W.M.

O.A. WHITTEMORE, Sec'y

The Grand Lodge of Colorado being now regularly constituted,

On motion, a committee of three, composed of Bros. J.A. Moore, C.F. Holly and S.M. Robbins, was appointed to report a Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order, for the government of this Grand Lodge, and Rules and Regulations for the government of subordinate Lodges.

The Grand Lodge then called from labor until 8 o'clock Saturday morning, the 3 inst. followed by

- a) Saturday work sessions
- b) Constitution
- c) Rules & Regulations to here
- d) By-laws
- e) Subordinate lodges numbered according to the age of their charter beginning with #1 Golden City.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 8 o'clock, when the committee on Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order for the government of this Grand Lodge, and Rules and Regulations for the government of subordinate Lodges, made their report, (see Appendix) which was adopted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, that the several Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge be numbered anew, according to the age of their charters, beginning with *number one*.

The several subordinate Lodges were then declared to be as follows:

Golden City Lodge No. 1, at Golden City.

Summit Lodge No. 2 at Parkville.

Rocky Mountain Lodge No. 3, at Gold Hill.

On motion, Bros. Robbins, Holly and Carter were appointed a committee to draft and procure the passage of a suitable act of incorporation for this Grand Lodge, at the ensuing session of the General Assembly of Colorado.

On motion, it was

Resolved, that the Grand Secretary be authorized to draw on each of the Lodges under this jurisdiction for the sum of \$25.00, to meet the expenses of this Grand Lodge, if necessary.

It was also

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to procure the necessary printing for this Grand Lodge, - such as the proceedings of this session, Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, blank charters and dispensation; also a seal and seal press.

**RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES
PARK COUNTY, COLORADO
[Various Lodges and Years]**

DORIC LODGE, U.D. - FAIRPLAY – 1874

PARK COUNTY, COLORADO

Stated communications, first and third Tuesdays in each month.

OFFICERS

James Dexter, W.M.
Eli F. Beers, S.D.
Francis M. Raney, Treas.

Wm. H. Loomis, Sec.
Curtis G. Hathaway, J.W.
S.W. Lewis, Tiler

Abraham Bergh, S.W.
James M. Cole, J.D.

MEMBERS

Bauldauf, Frank H.
Chapman, Wilmot H.
Chappel, Robert B.
Dudley, Chas. E.
Hall, Sebastian C.

Harrison, Robert M.
Jones, Albert E.
Kirker, Robert A.
Lore, Joseph

McNeil, C.W.
Paul, J. Marshall
Seidell, James M.
Treweek, Wm. H.
Wagner, John B.

FELLOW CRAFTS

Willey, Thomas H.

Cain, Robert

ENTERED APPRENTICES

Peters, Edward D. Jr.

Hall, Assyria

Hurst, Robert B.

DORIC LODGE, NO. 25 - FAIRPLAY – 1875

PARK COUNTY, COLORADO

Stated communications first and third Saturdays in each month.

OFFICERS

A. Bergh, W.M.
C.E. Dudley, J.D.
John Wagner, Treas.
L.W. Lewis, Tiler

Geo. Nice, S.D.
J.M. Cole, J.W.
R.E. Park, do

E.F. Beers, S.W.
C.G. Hathaway, Steward
R.B. Chappel, Sec'y.

MEMBERS

Baldauf, F.H.
Braden, Wm.
Burchenell, W.K.
Christison, W.

Jones, A.E.
Kirker, R.A.
Love, Joseph
McNeal, C.W.

Plummer, D.C.
Ramey, F.M.
Sidell, G.A.
Treweek, W.H.

(Doric Lodge No.25, 1875 cont.)

Dubois, R.
Darnell, J.K.
Hall, Asyria
Harrison, R.M.

Mills, Sydenham
Newett, R.B.
Orr, E.F.
Paul, J.M.

Topping, C.S.
Wiseman, G.C.
Weed, John
Walker, John

FELLOWCRAFTS

Robert Cain

Thos. T. Willey

H.P. Epperson

ENTERED APPRENTICES

R.B. Hurst

D.E. Finks

DEMITTED

W.H. Chapman

S.C. Hall

SUSPENDED

W.H. Loomis

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