



Golden City Lodge No. 1 A.F. & A.M.
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SUSQECENTENNIAL PLAY

OPEN LODGE

In 4 Acts

The first three acts of this play, with the exception of the first part of Act 3, Scene 1, which was not located but has been reconstructed as it might have appeared, and Acts 3 – Scene 3 and 4, which has been added, were found in the archives of the Lodge. We are indebted to the anonymous authors and players.

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Secretary

NARRATOR: This play is a history of Golden City Lodge No. 1. As in Auraria, and a number of other mining towns and camps, Masons sought each other out. A number of Masons located in Golden City and the surrounding area, encouraged by Auraria forming a temporary Lodge Under Dispensation, were desirous of forming such a Lodge in Golden City. With a recommendation from Auraria Lodge U.D., they petitioned the Grand Lodge of Kansas Territory for a dispensation to form such a Lodge. Lodges Under Dispensation are limited to those activities described in the dispensation. Later, as Golden City promised to become a more permanent settlement and membership increased, they applied for a charter, that is, a permanent Lodge, with a much wider scope of privileges and responsibilities. Even later, when the State of Colorado was admitted to the Union, formed from parts of the Territories of Kansas and Nebraska, The Grand Lodge of Masons in Colorado was constituted of Lodges then found to be located in the new Territory of Colorado. We start by joining a gathering of Masons in Golden City, Territory of Kansas, in 1859.

Act 1 – Scene 1
(The Conception - 1859)

Cast: I. E. Hardy
James A. Dawson
Dan McCleery

Setting: Takes place on stage. Wooded mountain backdrop. Curtain opens with stage empty. House lights dim. Hardy enters stage from right side. Dawson enters stage from left side ...

Hardy: “Well, good afternoon Brother Dawson.” (Men shake hands.)

Dawson: “Hello Brother Hardy! Glad to see you. Say, several Brothers have mentioned to me that they’d like to form a Lodge here in Golden City.”

Hardy: “I think that’s an excellent idea. Why don’t we pass the word to the other known sojourners in town? We’ll meet at Loveland Hall Saturday Evening.”

Dawson: “Fine. I’ll see you Saturday evening.”

(Hardy leaves stage to left... Dawson leaves stage to front into lodge room. He meets Brother McCleery at tent set up near the piano. Curtain Closes. Lights come up showing McCleery working in front of tent on some stones with a rock hammer.

Dawson: “Hello, Brother McCleery.”

McCleery: “Hi.”

Dawson: “Is your mine showing any color?”

McCleery:: “Yeah, it has been showing a little better each day. How has it been with you?”

Dawson: “Fine. I’ve only a minute, but I stopped by to tell you about a meeting we’re going to have.”

McCleery: “Meeting?? (Pause) Why should we have a meeting?”

Dawson: “Several of the brothers have expressed a desire to form a Lodge. The meeting is going to be at Loveland Hall, Saturday evening.”

McCleery: “Oh... (drawn out) I’ll come.”

Dawson: “Fine.”

McCleery: “But I don’t think it will work.”

Dawson: “I’ll see you then.”

(McCleery goes back to work, Dawson leaves by back door. Lights dim out.)

End of Act 1 – Scene 1

Act 1 – Scene 2
(A Plan)

Cast: I. E. Hardy
J. W. Stanton
Dan McCleery
J. M. Farrell
Eli Carter
T. W. Simmons
James A. Dawson
J. L. Harris,

Setting: Takes place on platform set up in center of Lodge room. Lights up to ½ dim...
Lanterns lit in hall. Brothers enter from 4 corners of Lodge room, one at a time. Brother
Hardy is standing at the door to hall, greeting brothers as they arrive. Men stand around
outside talking about local conditions. Stanton enters from Tyler's room and says:

Stanton: "Good evening, Brother Hardy."

Hardy: "Hello, glad you could come."

McCleery: "What's new, Mayor?"

(During this conversation a couple other brothers wander in from the preparation room.)
(Farrell and Simmons... They should be mumbling among themselves using their hands
for expression, the Carter comes from basement door with the other two. All men shake
hands and greet each other spontaneously.)

Stanton: "My Uncle writes from Washington that War is eminent."

McCleery: "Oh! No (Pause). Wouldn't you know it. Just when my color's getting
good."

(Other brothers ignore him and continue what they are doing.)

Farrell: "Yes. I heard, last week in Auraria, that some of the hot heads in the
Southern States were talking secession."

Carter: "Maybe it will all blow over."

Simmons: "We're too far away to have it bother us anyway."

(Dawson arrives through the paraphernalia door, somewhat breathless.)

Dawson: "Hi Brothers, is the meeting over?"

Hardy: “No (pauses) We’re just ready to start. Come on in Brother Dawson”

(Men move inside scuffling to find chairs.)

Dawson: “Brethrens...(McCleery gets up, walks across Lodge, gets spittoon, Dawson glares as McCleery during action) then continues I suggest Brother Hardy be made chairman of this meeting so we can get down to business.

All (agree.)

Hardy: “Thank you Brothers. This meeting was called to talk about forming a Lodge here in Golden City.”

McCleery: “It’ll never work.” (He spits in spittoon while others ignore him.)

Dawson: “Mr. Chairman.”

Hardy: “Brother Dawson.”

Dawson: “I suggest we ask Auraria Lodge U. D. to approve our application to the Grand Lodge of Kansas Territory.”

McCleery: “They won’t do it.” (spits in spittoon... others ignore him.)

Stanton: “What do you know about it?”

Carter: “Mr. Chairman, I move that an application for Dispensation be prepared by the Chairman for Approval by Auraria Lodge and forwarded to the Grand Lodge of Kansas, post haste.”

McCleery: “He won’t get past the Nugget.” (spits in spittoon)

Simmons: (standing) “Mr. Chairman.”

Hardy: “Brother Simmons.”

Simmons: “Before the motion is seconded, I want to propose an amendment.”

Hardy: “What is it Brother Simmons?”

Simmons; “The application should be prepared and signed while all of us are here together. Also, we should recommend the Brothers we’d like appointed as our officers.”

Hardy: "Brother 'Simmons, that's an excellent idea."

McCleery: "Brother Stanton, did you hear about another gold strike at Russell Gulch?"

Stanton: "Yes, I heard ..." (Hardy breaks in)

Hardy: "Brethren, let us get back to the business at hand. If there is no more discussion, do I hear a second to the motion?"

Harris: "Brother Chairman, I second the motion as amended."

Hardy: "According to the motion we must recommend our 3 top officers."

Farrell: "Mr. Chairman, I move Issac Hardy, Eli Carter, and J. A. Dawson be recommended as Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens respectively."

Harris: "I second the motion."

Hardy: "Is there any further discussion?" (Pause waiting for any discussion.) "If not let it be known by the usual voting sigh of a Mason." (all Brothers vote in favor except those affected.)

Hardy: "Thank you Brothers. I believe I speak for Brothers Dawson and Carter as well as myself. (Carter and Dawson nod assent.)

Simmons: "I would like to help write the application, Mr. Chairman."

Dawson: "I would like to help also Mr. Chairman."

McCleery: "Well, while you fellows are fooling around, I'll do something constructive like building a pot of coffee."

(McCleery goes to water bucket and stove to prepare coffee. Hardy, Dawson and Simmons gather around table preparing application and talk among themselves. Other members form own discussion groups.)

Farrell: (Moves across room to Stanton) "Brother Stanton, what did you start to say about a gold strike in Russell Gulch?"

Stanton: "I hear they are getting nuggets as big as your thumb."

McCleery: (from stove area) "I hear, as big as you head." (Spits in can)

Harris: (Moving to Stanton corner) "Look at these samples Hardy brought."

(Stanton, McCleery and Harris all look at samples of rock.)

McCleery: (moving back to stove) “The coffee is ready.” (He pours all around.)

Hardy: “Brothers, the application is ready. I’ll read it to you.” (Hardy reads petition)

PETITION FOR DISPENSATION

To the Most Worshipful Richard R. Rees, Grand Master of Masons in Kansas Territory:

The petition of the undersigned respectfully represents that they are Master Masons in good standing; that they reside in or near the City of Golden in the County of Arapahoe in the Territory of Kansas; and among them are a sufficient number of brethren well qualified to open and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, and to discharge all its various duties in the three degrees of Ancient Masonry, in accordance with established usages; and that, having the prosperity of the Craft at heart, and being desirous to use their best endeavors for the diffusion of its beneficent principles, they pray for a dispensation empowering them to form, open, and hold a regular Lodge, at the City of Golden, aforesaid, to be called Golden City Lodge.

They have nominated and respectfully recommend Brother I. E. Hardy as the first Master, Brother Eli Carter as the first Senior Warden, and Brother James A Dawson as the first Junior Warden of the said Lodge, they being in all respect competent to perform all the duties of the several stations for which they are proposed; and if the prayer of the petitioners be granted, they promise in all things strict obedience to the command of the Grand Master, and undeviating conformity to the Constitution and regulations of the Grand Lodge.

Dated at Golden on the _26th_ day of _November_, A.L 5859, A.D. 1859

Signatures:

I.A. Hardy
Eli Carter
J.A. Dawson
T.W. Simmons
J. M. Ferrell
L. J. Harris
J. W. Stanton
Dan McCrery

Narrator: We have not recovered a copy of the petition, and have not determined the date it was signed. Hopefully, this date will be found during future research.

McCleery: “Say that sounds all right. Maybe it will work. I want to be one of the signers.” (Gets up and start to front of Hall)

Carter: (grabs McCleery and says) “Wait a minute (pause). Brother Hardy, as chairman of this meeting, it is your place to sign first..”

(Hardy signs, then Carter, Dawson Simmons, Ferrell, Harris, Stanton & McCleery in that order. Then Brothers all sit down.)

Carter: “Brother Hardy, Auraria Lodge meets Saturday night, November 26th. Why don’t you plan to be there with our application?”

Hardy: “Brother Carter, I think that’s a fine idea!”

McCleery: “Brother Hardy, this is such an excellent idea, I would like to attend that meeting with you.”

Hardy: “Fine. You are all welcome to come. If I see any known Brothers, who wish to sign our application, I will have them do so. As this concludes our business, this meeting is adjourned until further notice.”

(Brothers get up and leave in groups all saying....”goodnight”)

Lights dim to out.

End Act 1 – Scene 2

Act 1 - Scene 3 (added)
(The Granting of the Dispensation)
16 January 1860

Cast: Rees
Grand Secretary
5 members

Scene, Regular Lodge Room, Grand Lodge of Kansas Territory

Narrator. We now look in on a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Kansas Territory, in session, 16 January 1860.

Rees: Brother Grand Secretary is there any other new business to come before this session.”

Grand Secretary: “Most Worshipful Grand Master, there is. A gathering of Master Masons in our Arapaho county pray for a dispensation empowering them to form, open, and hold a regular Lodge, at the City of Golden.

Narrator: “The Grand Secretary then reads the petition as presented previously in this play.”

Grand Master: “Brethren, in my opinion, if those men out on our frontier pray for anything, it ought to be granted.”

Member 1: “Most Worshipful Grand Master, I make a motion that, as recommended by the Brethren of our Auraria Lodge Under Dispensation, that we establish a Lodge in Golden City Under Dispensation, a locality under our Jurisdiction.

Member 2: “I second the motion”.

Grand Secretary: “Brethren, should this motion as seconded be approved, the Lodge would become Golden City Lodge Number 34, Under Disposition.”

Rees: “ Is there any further discussion. Hearing none, all those in favor vote by the usual sign of a Mason. (unanimous). All opposed (none)”

Rees: “The request for a dispensation is approved, and I grant the dispensation. Brother Grand Secretary, you will inform the petitioners.”

End Act 1 - Scene 3

Act 2 - Scene 1
(Sharing the News)

Cast: I. E. Hardy

James A. Dawson
Dan McCleery

Setting: Same as Act 1, Scene 1, also including McCleery tent. Curtain opens as light go up to ½ dim on stage. Hardy enters from right, Dawson from left and shake hands.

Hardy: “Brother Dawson, good news from Kansas. Our dispensation has been granted.”

Dawson: “Brother Hardy (slaps Hardy on back) this is indeed wonderful news.”

Hardy: “I have communicated with Brother Henry Allen, W.M. of Auraria Lodge U. D. He informs me that Brothers Hughs and Guss will install our officers on February 18th at Loveland Hall. Brother Dawson will you see that the jewels and paraphernalia the Brothers made are at the meeting?”

Dawson: (somewhat excited) “I’ll notify the other Brothers. See you on the 18th at 7:30.”(Dawson leaves through the front of stage and stops at McCleery’s tent. Hardy leaves to the left. Curtain closes as stage lights dim. Light come up on McCleery tent.)

Dawson: (Breathlessly) “Dan, Hardy tells me our dispensation has been granted.”

McCleery: (Astounded) “I don’t believe it!”

Dawson: “It’s true. Brother Hardy told me the dispensation was dated and signed January 21, 1860. We’re going to meet in Loveland Hall at 7:30 Saturday Night.”

McCleery: “I want to see them instituting a Lodge. I’ll be there.”

(As Dawson walks off toward basement door he says: “Fine, I’ll see you.”)

Lights dim to out

End Act 2 - Scene 1

Act 2 - Scene 2

(Forming and Installation of Officers, Golden City Lodge No. 34, UD)

Cast: Hughes (Auraria Lodge)
Gloomy Guss (Auraria Lodge)
E. Hardy
Carter
Dawson
Homes
W. Simmons

J. M. Ferrell
L. J. Harris
J. W. Stanton
Isham Hardy
Stanton
Four members

Setting: Center of Lodge room resembling Loveland Hall the night of February 18, 7:30. Brothers will arrive from various points and also have about 3 – 4 non-talking Brothers to make more of a crowd. All will come out at the same time, going toward the Hall. As then meet at the Hall, they will greet each other and set up Lodge with jewels and paraphernalia they bring. Hardy, with Hughs and Gloomy Gus, arrives as members are seated. Hardy walks to front of Hall and introduces Hughs and Gus. House light dim.....lanterns in hall.)

Narrator: “We rejoin our former Brethren on February 18, 7:30 PM, in Loveland Hall, Golden City.”

Hardy: “Brothers, I present Brother Hughs and Brother Gus of Auraria Lodge U.D. who will install our officers.”

McCleery: (Pointing at Gus) “That joker couldn’t install anybody. He voted against us getting a dispensation.”

Gus: (Pointedly) “Well, I’m here, ain’t I?”

McCleery: “Well it isn’t my wish.”

Hardy: (ignoring interruption, says) “At this time I’ll turn the meeting over to Brother Hughs for installation of officers.” (Brother steps to center and raps with mallet for attention.)

Hughes: “Will you Brother, by the door, step out and act as Tyler?” (Brother steps out and Hughs continues)

Hughs: “Brother Gloomy, inform the Tyler that we are about to open a Lodge of Master Masons in this place and direct him to tile accordingly.” (Gus proceeds to door and informs tile.)

Gus: “Brother Hughs is about to open a Lodge of Master masons in this place and you are directed to tile accordingly.” (Gus then turn to Hughs and says..

Gus: “Brother Hughs, the Lodge is duly tiled.”

Hughes: “Brother Hardy, are you satisfied that all present are Master Masons?”

Hardy: “I am.”

Hughes: “Brother Gus, you will attend the altar (Gus lights candles)

Hughes: “By the power in me vested as a representative of the Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Kansas Territory, I now declare a Lodge of Master Masons opened in due form.” Hughes then welcomes all as follows..)

Hughes: “Brethren, I am humbled by the great honor of presiding at the instituting of Golden City Lodge U.D. Knowing you all wish to get on with the business at hand, I will now read the dispensation as Granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Kansas.” (He then reads the dispensation as is and all clap)

Narrator: To date, we have not been able to recover a copy of the dispensation.

Hughes: “At this time we will proceed to install the officers appointed by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kansas. Brother Gus you will conduct Brother Hardy to the altar. (Hardy advances before the altar and stops)

Hughes: “Brother Hardy, do you agree to be cautious in your behavior, courteous to you Brethren, and faithful to this Lodge>’

Hardy: “I do”

Hughes: Brother Gus, present this jewel and conduct him to the East.”

Hughes: “I now present you with the gavel of your authority.” (Hardy sits in Masters chair. All applaud)

Hughes: “Brother Gus, you will conduct Brother Carter to the altar.”

Hughes: “Brother Carter, you have been appointed Senior Warden. Will you perform all the duties appertaining to this office to the best of your ability?”

Carter: “I will.”

Hughes: “Brother Gus, present Brother Carter with the jewel of his office and conduct him to his station” (Group applauds)

Hughes: Brother Gus, present Brother Dawson at the altar.”

Hughes: Brother Dawson, you have been appointed Junior Warden. Will you perform all the duties appertaining to this office, including refreshments, to the best of your ability?”

Dawson: “I will.”

McCleery: “I hope he knows how to make coffee.”

Hughes: “Brother Gus, present Brother Dawson his jewel of office and conduct him to his station.” (Applause by group.. after Dawson is seated Hughes continues..)

Hughs: “Brother Hardy, I turn this meeting over to you to appoint your other officers.”

Hardy: “Thank you Brother Hughes. At this time I appoint Homes W. Simmons, Secretary; J. M. Ferrell, Treasurer; L. J. Harris, Senior Deacon; J. W. Stanton, Junior Deacon; and Isham Hardy as Tyler. Brothers, let’s show these officers our supporting enthusiasm! (Everyone applauds)

Hardy: “Brother Hughs, since you are not finished. I turn this meeting back to you.”

Hughs: “Thank you. (Gives three raps) By the authority vested in me by the Grand Lodge of Kansas, I now declare Golden City Lodge U.D. duly instituted and the officers installed (Group applauds, Hughs give one rap) My Brothers, my sincere wish is that this Lodge may flourish and have a long successful life. Worshipful Master, my duties being completed, I turn this meeting back to you. (Hughs sits down)

Hardy: “Brother Hughs, on behalf of the Brothers present, I thank you for your courtesy in establishing this Lodge. Brothers, lets give Brother Hughes a vote of thanks. (Group applauds) Brothers, out next meeting will be held Monday night in Loveland hall and at that time we will vote on the By-laws we have been preparing.” (Pause)

Dawson: “Worshipful Master, I already have a man who has asked for a membership petition.

Hardy: “That fine. I hope that in the coming years our Lodge will continue to grow as rapidly. If we have no further business to come before this Lodge, I will proceed to close.” (3 raps of mallet) “Brother Sr. Warden, how should Masons meet?”

Carter: "Upon the level."

Hardy: "How act, 'Brother Jr. Warden?'"

Dawson "By the plumb."

Hardy: "And part upon the square. So my Brothers, may we ever meet, act and part in the name of the Lord, Amen. (All Brothers ... So Mote it be) Brother Sr Deacon, arrange the altar." (Sr Deacon pinches out candles)

Gus: "I'll bet they'll be doing that a hundred years from now."

McCleery: "Not if you had your way we wouldn't."

Hughes: "Brother McCleery, Brother Gus came out here tonight in the spirit of friendship that exists between Golden City and Auraria Lodges now and 100 or even 200 years from now."

Hardy: "I now declare Golden City Lodge U.D. duly closed. Brother Jr. Deacon, inform the Tyler." (Pauses)

Stanton: "This stands to go down as a great moment in history of Golden City."

Dawson: "That is right! It deserves a celebration."

McCleery: "All right! Let's celebrate."

Lights Out

End Act 2 – Scene 2

Act 3 – Scene 1
Election of Officers for the Constituted Lodge

Cast: Bowen
Rothrock
Carter
More
Ferrell
Quinby
Chase
McCleery

Setting: Center of Lodge room resembling Loveland Hall

Narrator: Golden City Lodge Number 34, Under Dispensation, applied for, and has received a charter dated 17 October 1860. In preparation for the constituting of the Lodge and election of officers for the ensuing Masonic year, a meeting of the Lodge was called on January 6, 1861. Lets listen in.

(Seven Brothers in Attendance)

Bowen: “We will now have the election of Worshipful Master.

Rothrock: (collects ballots and goes to Secretary Desk)

Bowen: Brother Rothrock, have all eligible Brethren present cast their ballot.

Rothrock: They have, Worshipful Master.

Bowen: You will read the ballots.

Rothrock: “Carter, Carter, Carter, Carter, Carter, Carter, Carter”

Bowen: Brother Carter, you have been elected Worshipful Master of this Lodge for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

Carter: I do.

Bowen: We will now have the election of Senior Warden.

Rothrock: (collects ballots and goes to Secretary Desk)

Bowen: Brother Rothrock, have all eligible Brethren present cast their ballot.

Rothrock: They have, Worshipful Master.

Bowen: You will read the ballots.

Rothrock: “Borton, Borton, Borton, Borton, Borton, Borten, Borten”

Bowen: Bro Borten, you have been elected S.W. for the ensuing Masonic year. Do you accept?

Borten: “I do”

Bowen: We will now ballot for Junior Warden.

Rothrock: (collects ballots and goes to Secretary Desk)

Bowen: Brother Rothrock, have all eligible Brethren present cast their ballot.

Rothrock: They have, Worshipful Master.

Bowen: You will read the Ballots.

Rothrock: “More, More, More, More, More, More, More.”

Bowen: Bro More, you have been elected J.W. for the ensuing Masonic year. Do you accept?

More: “I do”

Bowen: We will now ballot for Treasurer.

Rothrock: (collects ballots and goes to Secretary Desk)

Bowen: Brother Rothrock, have all eligible Brethren present cast their ballot.

Rothrock: They have, Worshipful Master.

Bowen: You will read the Ballots.

Rothrock: “Ferrell, Ferrell, Ferrell, Ferrell, Ferrell, Ferrell, Ferrell” (McCleery shows more dejection after each announcement .. Borten more cheerful after each ballot)

Bowen: “I’m sorry, Brother McCleery, but it looks like Ferrell has been elected.”
(light applause)

McCleery: (Rises, goes to Ferrell holds out his hand) “Congratulations.”

Ferrell: “Thanks.” (Heavy applause from all as McCleery returns to his seat.)

Bowen: “We will now have nominations for Secretary.”

Ferrell: “WM., Brother Rothrock has done a fine job as acting Secretary. I move that he be elected by acclamation.”

Quinby: “I second the motion.”

Bowen: “All in favor let it be known by the usual sign.” (All vote in favor.)
Brother Rothrock, do you accept?

Rothrock: “I do”.

Bowen: “This concludes the business for tonight. We will meet here day after tomorrow on the 8th of January to install these elected officers as well as those appointed by our WM. Elect. Bro. J.W., how goes the hour?”

Chase: “High 12 W.M.”

Bowen: “It being high 12, you will erect your column and call the craft from labor to refreshment.”

Chase: (3 raps) “It is the order of the W.M. in the East that we come from labor to refreshment. Accordingly, let it so be done.”

(One rap and lights go out)

(Curtain)

End Act 3 – Scene 1

Act 3 – Scene 2
(Installation of Officers and Constitute Lodge)

Cast: Isham Hardy
Shaffer
Ferrell
McCleery
Hughes
Bowen
Stoddard
Quinby
Borten
Chase
Rothrock
Carter
Place: Loveland Hall

Time: Evening of Jan. 8, 1861.

(Isham Hardy comes in from Tiler’s room and opens Lodge. He also opens Bible & lights candles. The other Broths. Start to arrive. They arrive in groups as in scene 1. Shaffer enters with Group 3... Ferrell and McCleery enter after group 3 with Bro. Hughes and perhaps other Bros. In this scene the Bros. of groups 1 and 3 meet & put on aprons near Jr. Warden Station. Bowen would go to the East going first to meet others near stove. The others in Groups 1 and 3 would go up stage So. West side of Altar greet others and take seats. Group 2 and 4 with McCleery go near stove form apron business, greet others near up stage center and take seats)

Bowen: “Will the following Bros. assume these stations? Bro. Stoddard, S.W., Bro. Quinby, J.W., Bro. Borten, S.D., Bro. Chase, J.D., Bro. Ferrell, Treas., Bro. Rothrock, Secy., and Bro Isham Hardy, Tiler.”
(Officers assume stations as called. Carter arrives, takes apron near door, takes seat near McCleery)

Carter: “Hello Dan.”

McCleery: “Hi Judge.”

Carter: “Did you get elected to an office?”

McCleery: “No, but they elected a fine group of officers.”

Bowen: “Br. S.W., are you satisfied that all present are Master Masons?”

Stoddard: “W.M., I am satisfied that all present are Master Masons.”

Bowen: "Bro. J.W. how goes the hour?"

Quinby: "One hour past high 12 W.M."

Bowen: It being one hour past high 12, you will erect your column & call the craft from refreshment to labor."

Quinby: (Gives 3 raps) "Brethren, it is the order of the W.M. in the East that we come from refreshment to labor. Accordingly let it so be done."

(At this pint Bro. Hughs arrives. Speaks to Tiler)

Hughes: "Hello Bro. Hardy. I hope I am not too late to get in?"

Hardy: "I'll see that you get in. (Gives three raps on floor) Bro. J.D. there is a Bro. who wishes to be admitted."

Chase: "W.M. there is a Bro. without who wishes to be admitted."

Bowen: "You will admit the Bro. if properly clothed and vouched for."

Chase: (Turns and admits Bro. Hughs)

Hughes: (goes to seat by Bro. Carter: "Hello Bro. Carter."

Carter: (Stands) "Hello Bro. Hughs glad you could come. W.M. I would like for you and the other Bros. present to meet Bro. Hughs from Auraria Lodge U.D. He officiated at our instituting." (Applause)

Bowen: "Bro. Hughs welcome to Golden City Lodge. We are happy you could be here. (Slight pause)(one rap) "Brethren, labor has been resumed for the purpose of constitution Bolden City Lodge No. 34, Kansas Territory and installing their officers. By Authority of the Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Kansas Territory, I will now proceed to install your officers. Bro. McCleery you will act as Marshall for the Installation."

McCleery: "Thank you W.M." (Takes position)

Bowen: "Bro. Marshall, you will escort Bro. Carter to the Altar." (McCleery gets Carter & escorts him to the Altar. In all cases of escorting officers to the Altar McCleery will stay on the up stage side of the officer) "Bro. Carter do you agree to be cautious in your behavior, courteous to you Brethren & faithful to the Lodge?"

Carter: "I do."

Bowen: "Bro. Marshall, present Bro. Carter with the Jewel of his office & conduct him to the East."

(3 raps – Lodge stands – Carter is escorted to the East) "W.M., behold your Brethren...Brethren behold your W.M. Let's greet him with the grand honors of Masonry." (Business as per ritual) "Bro. Marshall you will conduct Bro. Ruben Borten to the Altar." (Business of Escorting) "Bro Borten, you have been elected S.W. will you perform all the duties appertain to this office to the best of your ability?"

Borten: "I will"

Bowen: "Bro. Marshall present Bro. Borten with the jewel of his office & conduct him to his station." (Applause & business of escorting) "Bro Marshall present Bro. J.A. Moore at the Altar."

(Business of escorting) "Bro. Moore you have been elected as J.W. will you perform all the duties appertaining to this office to the best of your ability?"

Moore: "I will."

Bowen: "Bro. marshal present Bro. Moore his jewel of office & conduct him to his station." (Applause & business of escorting) "Bro. Marshall, you will present Bros. J.M. Ferrell and W.L. Roth rock at the Altar, to be installed as Treasurer and Secretary respectively."

(Business of escorting) "Brethren do each of you agree to perform all the duties appertaining to your office?"

Ferrell

Rothrock: "I do"

Bowen: "Bro. Marshall you will present them with the jewel of their office and conduct them to their places." (Applause & business of escorting) "Bro. Marshall you will present Bros. A.L. Stoddard and Ira Quinby appointed Sr. & Jr. Deacons respectively to the altar." (Escorts) "Do you Broths. Agree to perform all the duties of your respective places?"

Stoddard

Quinby: "I will."

Bowen: Brother Marshall you will present these Bros. the jewel of their office and conduct them to their Places. (applause & business of escorting) "Bro. Marshall you will present Bro. Isham Hardy to the Altar." (business of escorting) "Bro. Hardy do you agree to keep out all cowens and eavesdroppers?"

Hardy: "I do,"

Bowen: "Bro. Marshall you will present Bro. Hardy the jewel of his office & conduct him to this place." (Applause & escorting) "Brother Marshal, you will make the

proclamation declaring the first officers elected and appointed of Golden City Lodge No. 34, Kansas Territory, duly installed.”

McCleery: “I declare once in the South. Twice in the West and Thrice in the East.”
(Ritualistic business as he speaks)

Bowen:” by the authority in me vested by the Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Kansas Territory, I now proclaim Golden City Lodge No. 34 duly constituted and its officers installed.” (Big applause) “worshipful Bro. Carter, I now present you with the gavel of your authority & turn this meeting over to you.”

Carter: (Three raps)(Lodge stands) “Most Worshipful Bro. Bown, on behalf of the officers and Brethren we wish to express our sincere appreciation for your courtesy in establishing Golden City Lodge No. 34.” (Big Applause)(one rap) (Bowen sits in the East)

Carter: “Brethren I thank you for making it possible for me to be Master of the First Chartered Lodge in this part of the Kansas territory. I am greatly honored. (applause)

Hughs: “W.M. on behalf of Auraria Lodge U.D. it give me a great pleasure to congratulate Golden City Lodge no. 34 on your constituting and installation.” (Applause)

Carter: “Thank you Bro. Hughs. We are happy that you could be here. It is a great honor to be the first Lodge to receive a charter in this area. In years to come, in all probability, the question of who is the oldest Lodge will undoubtedly arise. Our Brethren to the East, referring, of course to Auraria, Must be given the honor of being the First Lodge under Dispensation. (Applause)(This is the first of 3 applauses the idea is that they grow in their intensity until it reaches the peak of intensity for an appropriate climax) “Moreover, we must remember as we receive this honor tonight that it was through THEM that we were able to obtain our dispensation.” (2nd applause) “However, it gives us a feeling of great pride to obtain our charter prior to any other Lodge in the vicinity and we hope that we can justify this honor by assisting other Brethren to obtain their charters and that we may, in the future, be instrumental in forming a Grand Lodge for this Area.” (Standing ovation and great applause)

Lights out

End Act 3 – Scene 2

Act 4 - Scene 1

(Convention to form the Grand Lodge of Colorado)

Cast: Eli Carter
O.A. Whittenmore
Member

C. F. Holly
S. M. Robbins
I. E. Hardy
James Ewing
U. A. Moore
J. M. Chivington
J. M. Hole
J. M. Ferrell
Joshua Miller
D. T. Robley
E. S. Glotfelter
J. A. Moore

Setting: Hall of Golden City Lodge Number 34

Narrator: The Territory of Colorado was established, from parts of the Territories of Kansas and Nebraska, by an act of Congress on February 28, 1861. As a number of Masonic Lodges instituted under the Grand Lodges Kansas and Nebraska were now located in the Territory of Colorado, and in accordance with previous agreement, a convention was held on August 2, 1861, for the purpose of organizing a Grand Lodge for the Territory of Colorado.

Lodges that were represented at the convention were Golden City Lodge Number 34, Golden City, Grand Lodge of Kansas; Summit Lodge No. 7, Parkville, Grand Lodge of Nebraska; and Rocky Mountain Lodge No. 8, Gold Hill, Grand Lodge of Nebraska. By motion, Brother Elie Carter of Golden City Lodge, was called to preside, and Brother O.A. Whittenmore, of Summit Lodge No. 7 was chosen Secretary.

Lets listen in.”

Member: Brother Carter, I make a motion 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.

Member: Brother Carter, I second this motion,

Brother Carter: “All in favor of the motion as second will indicate so by the usually voting sign of a Mason” (passes unanimously)

Brother Carter: “As the motion passes, I appoint Brothers C. F. Hoolly of Rocky Mountain Lodge, S. M. Robbins of Summit Lodge, and I. E. Hardy, of Golden City Lodge to make such a report.

Narrator: Such a report was prepared and presented as follows:

Brother Whittemore: 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.

Signed by Brother C. f. Holly, S. M. Robbins, and I. E. Hardy, the committee.

Member: Worshipful Master, I move that the report be accepted.

Member: I second the motion.

Brother Carter: Brethren, it has been moved and seconded that we accept the report. All in favor vote by the sign of a Mason (all yes). Opposed (none). The report is accepted. Let us now retire and reconvene as a Lodge of Master Masons, at which I waive my right to preside to Brother James Ewing of Summit Lodge.

End Act 4 – Scene 1

Act 4, Scene 2

(Constitution and Installation of Officers of the Grand Lodge of Colorado)

Cast: Same

Setting: Same

Narrator: We now join the reconvened Lodge of Master Masons, in session.

Brother Ewing: We will now here the report on credentials:

Brother Robbins: “The committee appointed to examine the charters of the Lodges claiming to be represented in this Convention, and the credentials of 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:

(Brethren stand as their names are read)

Golden city Lodge, at Golden City, Colorado Territory. Chartered by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Kansas, October 17, 1860; and represented as follows: Brothers Eli Carter, WM, Brother L. E. Hardy, proxy for Senior Warden, and Brother U. A. Moore, Junior Warden.

Rocky Mountain Lodge No. 8, Gold Hill, Colorado Territory. Chartered June 5th, 1861, by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nebraska; and represented as follows: Brother C. F. Holly, as proxy for WM and SE, and Brother UJ. Chivington, as proxy for Junior Warden.

Summit Lodge No. 7, Parkville, Colorado Territory. Chartered June 5th, 1861, by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nebraska, and represented as follows: Brother James Ewing, WM, Brother O. A. Whittemore, proxy for Senior Warden, and Brother S. M. Robbins, proxy for Junior Warden.

Your committee there beg leave to report the following resolutions:

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

(the Brethren be seated)

Narrator: The motion was accepted unanimously, and the following officers were elected or appointed, and installed.

(Brethren stand as their names are announced)

J.M. Chivington, Gold Hill, Grand Master
S.M. Robbins, Parkville, Deputy Grand Master
Jas. Ewing, Parkville, Senior Grand Warden
J. M. Hole, Gold Hill, Junior Grand Warden
Eli Carter, Golden City, Grand Treasurer
O.A. Whittemore, Parkville, Grand Secretary
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
D. T. Robley, Parkville, Grand Tyler
E. S. Glotfelter, Gold Hill, Grand Steward
J. A. Moore, Golden City, Grand Sword Bearer

End Act 4 – Scene 2

Act 4 - Scene 3

(1st Grand Lodge Meeting, numbering of Lodges)

Narrator: On the next morning, August 3, 1861, at 8 am, the Grand Lodge reconvened.
We join them in session:

Chivington: Brethren, by your motion, it is resolved, that the several Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, be numbered anew, according to the age of their charters, beginning with number 1.

The several subordinate Lodges are declared to be:

Golden City Lodge No. 1, at Golden City

Summit Lodge No. 2, at Parkville.

Rocky Mountain Lodge No. 3, at Gold Hill

Narrator: Thus our Lodge became Golden City Lodge Number 1 of the Grand Lodge of Colorado Territory.

End Act 4 – Scene 3

End of Play