



GRAND LODGE  
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS  
OF WASHINGTON

September 10, 2009

Memorandum for all Lodges and Brethren

Subject: Masonic Protocol-Clarification

Dear Brethren:

I recently mailed each Lodge a letter concerning Masonic Protocol. Following the letter's distribution many questions have been asked about what is a violation or breach of Masonic Protocol. Hopefully, this letter will help to clarify these concerns.

First and foremost, Grand Lodge supports Fraternalism and the idea of Sister/Brother Lodges with other Jurisdictions, as well as, our Price Hall brothers. This is highly encouraged. The letter addressed formal correspondence between Lodges and/or Grand Lodges. These official correspondences are to be coordinated through our Grand Secretary.

What is official correspondence?

Simply put, any information dealing with the Masonic Record of a Mason or the invitation of a Grand Master to attend a function in a Constituent Washington State Masonic Lodge.

Also, solicitation by a Mason of this Jurisdiction (and/or other Jurisdictions) to promote his business is a violation of Masonic Protocol. If you would like to offer your business to another Grand Lodge, or to its Lodges, you would need to first go through the Grand Lodge of Washington. The Grand Secretary can prepare the necessary correspondence to the other Grand Lodge first as an introduction. It might be that the other Grand Lodge does not want such solicitation.

Another point of clarification when referring to Masonic Entities, it means all Blue Lodges and Grand Lodges of Foreign Jurisdictions. This does not include the Appendant or Concordant Organizations.

Fraternally,

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Grand Master