



**GRAND LODGE  
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS  
OF WASHINGTON**

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Dear Brother,

Congratulations on your selection to serve your Lodge in a leadership role. Now that you have assumed leadership responsibilities in your Lodge, the brethren of your Lodge now look to you for guidance and leadership in setting the direction and providing the vision necessary for your Lodge to be successful and active.

The future of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction and in your Lodge lies with those who have been selected to be your leaders. To that end, the weekend of **March 9 – 11, 2012** marks an important event for your Lodge Officers – the **19<sup>th</sup> Annual Wardens Conference**.

**This conference is specifically for Senior and Junior Wardens and Senior Deacons.** The program is designed to lead your officers to a greater understanding of their role as a leader in your lodge and provide them the skills to excel and succeed in that role. A few of the topics to be covered include: Membership, Fund Raising, Ritual, Lodge Business practices, Key Leadership Skills, Working with the Brethren, Term Planning, Long Range Planning, and specific duties for the Senior and Junior Warden and Senior Deacon positions.

Your Lodge officers are encouraged to attend this valuable and informative weekend of Masonic Leadership and Fraternity. We ask that Worshipful Masters and Secretaries make certain that your Lodge's Senior and Junior Warden and your Senior Deacon register and attend. Let them know that their ladies are invited to attend with them and take part in a special Ladies' Program designed to help them gain knowledge about our fraternity and guide them on how to assist in the successful journey of their Masonic spouse in his Lodge officer role.

The 2012 Wardens Conference will be held at the Red Lion Hotel, 2525 N 20th Ave, in Pasco, Washington. Your assistance is requested to:

1. Secretaries are asked to submit the Election Card listing the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the new Wardens and the appointed Senior Deacon, to the Grand Lodge Office immediately following the election of officers and appointment of the Senior Deacon.
2. Worshipful Masters, Wardens, and Senior Deacons are asked to present this information to your Lodge at your next Stated Meeting and encourage the members to support the program by electing to pay or assist in the payment of the registration expenses for your Wardens and Senior Deacon to attend.
3. If your Lodge cannot afford to pay for your Wardens and Senior Deacon, then you can apply for assistance. On a case-by-case basis a "scholarship" might be available for you to attend the conference. Please contact me directly to discuss the criteria and determine if your Lodge would be eligible for assistance.

4. **The cost per attendee will be \$330.** The cost covers two nights lodging (rooms are double occupancy), and Friday dinner, Saturday meals and Sunday Brunch, gratuities, taxes and session materials for each attendee. For Masons attending unescorted, there is a place on the enclosed registration form to indicate a choice of roommate. **We are pleased to welcome the Brother's Lady for an additional fee of \$80.** Please also be aware that child care assistance will be available during the conference inside the hotel premises for a fee of \$25.00 per day, per child. (please see Child Care form for pricing details)
5. **February 13, 2012, is the cutoff date for registration.** Registrations received after than date will be assessed a \$50.00 late fee. Please note also that there will be no registration refunds after February 15, 2012.

Registration forms and payments should be mailed to:

Grand Lodge of Washington F & AM  
47 St. Helens Ave  
Tacoma, WA 98402

6. **Registration/check-in will begin at 3:00 pm on Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. The program will kick-off at 7:00 pm for all Masons and their Ladies with Dinner and guest speaker.** The program of learning and sharing will continue all day on Saturday starting at 8:00 am, ending with Sunday Brunch 9:30 am and closing at 11:00 am.
7. **The dress/attire for all meetings and meals is business casual for men.** Please do not wear jeans, shorts, T-shirts, or flip-flops. Masonic/Lodge polos, if you have them, are encouraged. **Ladies suggested attire is slacks or dresses.** The attire for all meals is business casual.

Should you have any questions, please contact V.:W.:B Dave Compton, Wardens Conference Chair, at 206 / 714-3767 or [dscompton@comcast.net](mailto:d scompton@comcast.net).

We look forward to working with your Wardens and Senior Deacons to become the best leaders possible for your Lodge.

Fraternally,

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