

Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A.M. Washington and Jurisdiction



Lodge of the Year Nomination Criteria 2025-2026

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- ◆ Any Chartered Lodge belonging to the MWPHGL F. & A.M. of Washington State and Jurisdiction who is performing in accordance with the Masonic Code, Constitution, By-Laws, and Regulations of this Grand Lodge.
- ◆ The Lodge of the Year **MUST** be nominated by the District Deputy Grand Master of the District which he is currently a member of and who is in good standing.
- ◆ Nomination Packets must be received by the Annual Awards Committee. They may be hand delivered for date stamp or if sent by mail must be post marked no later than June 1, 2026.
All packages received or post marked after June 1, 2026, will NOT be considered for Award.

NOMINATIONS:

- ◆ Each District Deputy Grand Master may nominate ONE eligible Lodge from his respective District.
- ◆ **Nominations must completed using this year's new PDF fillable form application** that can be found on the Grand Lodge Website. Additional space is provided for in the form.
- ◆ The full name and number of the nominated Lodge must be included in the packet (correct spelling is required).

SELECTION CRITERIA:

All responses to questions in the Nomination Application **MUST** be straightforward and written in plain language while addressing the questions as they appear and should consider what was done, how it was done, and what effect(s) it had on the Grand Lodge, District, Lodge and/or the Community.

Additionally, the areas listed below must be represented in the write-up as a part of the Application:

- ◆ Status of Quarterly Report and Taxes (verify with the Grand Secretary)

- ◆ Has membership increased or decreased
- ◆ Community Activities
- ◆ Lodge participation in youth activities
- ◆ Lodge donations and/or participation in charitable events
- ◆ Lodge support of Grand Lodge programs
- ◆ Lodge membership's attendance and support of Grand Session, District Session and Grand Master's Visitations

APPLICATION PACKET SUBMITTAL CRITERIA:

- ◆ All packets must be completed using the PDF fillable form, in full, signed, and dated.
- ◆ Awards Application Packets may be hand-delivered in person to the Grand Senior Warden or the Grand Secretary BEFORE June 1, 2026.
- ◆ Awards Applications Packets may be mailed AND postmarked BEFORE June 1, 2026, to:

MWPHGL of WA & Jurisdiction
Annual Awards Committee Chairman
717 187th St E
Spanaway WA 98387

- ◆ Award Packets submitted or post marked after the deadline date will NOT be considered for award.

In accordance with established criteria and guidelines, the Annual Awards Committee will have the sole jurisdiction over how the packets are reviewed and considered. The Committee will make recommendations to the Grand Master for final decision on the selected winner.

The nominees will be announced at the Annual Grand Session. The Lodge of the Year will be announced during the Annual Awards Banquet.

NOTE: Falsification of any information is cause for immediate rejection of the application and removal of consideration for the Worshipful Master of the Year.

Thank you for your participation, support for your Lodges, and best of luck to the nominees.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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