



# **WILKERSON COLLEGE**

North Carolina's College of Freemasonry



Class of 2012  
**CATALOG**

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**North Carolina's College of Freemasonry**

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# WILKERSON COLLEGE

## North Carolina's College of Freemasonry



Wilkerson College is sponsored jointly by the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Orient of North Carolina and the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina. The college began with a single mission in mind: to provide Freemasonry with the best trained Masonic leaders possible.

Each class is limited to 36 students. Admission preference is given to lodge deacons under the premise that our best investment lies within those officers who have been given a leadership role within the lodge but still have several years to prepare for the ultimate goal; being an effective Master. Though part of the deacon's time during Wilkerson College is devoted to the origins and traditions of Freemasonry, students receive the majority of their training in how to become effective leaders within their lodges. Subjects such as budgeting lodge operations and membership services will be new to some whose notions of a Masonic education stop at ritual and memorization. It is the goal of Wilkerson College to provide each student with a well-rounded exposure to the tools that are needed to be a confident and effective leader in his lodge, the fraternity, and in his community.

The student's immersion in North Carolina Freemasonry is enhanced by the meeting locations themselves. Sessions are scheduled in proximity to The Masonic Home for Children at Oxford, WhiteStone - A Masonic and Eastern Star Community in Greensboro and the Grand Lodge of North Carolina office located in Raleigh. Class participants will have the opportunity to tour all three facilities.

The faculty of Wilkerson College is comprised of men who are important to Freemasonry in this state. Each instructor is a recognized Masonic leader in whose life Freemasonry plays a vital part. Not only do the students get to meet and spend time learning from these individuals, they also gain some sense of how Freemasonry has influenced their lives and why our fraternity holds so much value in their daily activities.

The entire "Wilkerson College experience" is designed to bring the student from a level of merely "filling an officer's chair" to a point that he holds a newfound respect and honor for this fraternity and the part that he is, and will be, fulfilling as an officer and Masonic leader.

## **Admissions**

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Wilkerson College is a leadership school for lodge deacons therefore admission to Wilkerson College is open to Junior and Senior Deacons.

Junior and Senior Wardens will be considered for admission in the event that the class is not filled with deacons.

Notification of Acceptance letters will be sent out prior to January 1st. Class size is limited to 36 participants.

## **2012 Schedule**

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Last day to apply for 2012 Session	November 30, 2011
Last day to apply for Financial Assistance for the 2012 Session	November 30, 2011

### **Session I - Greensboro**

Haw River State Park and Whitestone a Masonic and Eastern Star Community (Tour)	March 2-3, 2012
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### **Session II - Oxford**

The Masonic Home for Children at Oxford (Tour)	March 30-31, 2012
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### **Session III - Raleigh**

North Raleigh Hilton and Offices of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina (Tour)	April 20-21, 2012
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Students will receive reporting instructions and other pertinent information prior to each session. Sessions typically begin on Friday evenings at 5:00 PM with sessions I and II concluding on Saturday at approximately 5:00 PM. Session III will conclude Saturday evening with the Graduation Banquet. Saturday night hotel accommodations are provided for those desiring to stay over following the Graduation Banquet.

## **Courses**

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The following is a list of courses that have been offered to students in the past.

### **Fund Raising**

A detailed analysis of fund raising within the lodge that includes proven methods as well as the do and don'ts.

### **Harmony with Certified Lecturers**

The utilization and importance of the Certified Lecturers.

### **How It Really Began**

An historical overview of the origins of Freemasonry.

### **Masonic Education**

Continuing education within our craft, identifying resources and incorporating educational programs within the Lodge.

### **Freemasonry Beyond the Blue Lodge**

An overview of the various appendant bodies within Freemasonry and their various charities.

### **The Master and the Lodge Secretary**

An explanation of the unique working relationship that exists between these two lodge officers.

### **Mentoring**

Highlights the importance of a good mentoring program within the lodge.

### **Motivation**

Initiatives to stimulate attendance and member activity with practical applications.

### **Planning I, II and III**

An overview of strategic planning for the future lodge Master and strategies involved in achieving a successful year.

### **Public Relations**

The importance of public relations and the image of the lodge within the community.

### **Public Speaking and Communicating Effectively**

Tips for public speaking and how to find your confidence.

### **WhiteStone, a Masonic and Eastern Star Community**

A detailed overview of the state's oldest retirement community that includes a tour conducted by its residents.

### **The Masonic Home for Children at Oxford**

A behind the scenes look at the country's oldest home for children that includes a tour of the facility by its residents.

### **The Master's Calling**

Covers the importance of the office of Lodge Master and the qualities of a true leader

### **The Master's Toolbox**

The essential tools that every Master should have for a successful and rewarding year.

### **The Past Masters**

Tips on how to employ an often overlooked resource within the lodge.

### **The Code**

An overview of how to navigate through The Code by using practical examples and class interaction.

## **Faculty**

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MW William L. Dill

MW Thomas W. Gregory

MW Leonard Y. Safrit, Jr.

RW Dalton W. Mayo

WB Bryant D. Webster

WB P. Shaun Bradshaw

WB Michael W. Brantley

WB Richard E. Carter

WB C. David Creech

WB Michael T. Daniels

WB C. Ray Hall

WB Charles S. Hallman

WB James Loyd Medlin

WB Christopher S. Richardson

WB Dwight M. Sigmon

WB Richard J. Smith

## **Housing**

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Students will be housed in double rooms during Sessions I and II for Friday night. Spouses are invited to join the students during Session III where private rooms will be provided for Friday and Saturday nights.

## **Graduation Weekend**

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As previously mentioned, spouses are encouraged to take part in Session III. Following dinner on Friday evening, students and their spouses will have the opportunity to tour the Offices of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and spend the remainder of the evening socializing. The weekend will conclude with a graduation banquet on Saturday evening with all in attendance.

## **Tuition and Costs**

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Tuition to Wilkerson College is \$600.00 and covers lodging, meals and course materials. Applications must be accompanied by a \$200.00 deposit with the balance being paid in full before Friday, February 17, 2012 unless other financial arrangements are made.

## **Financial Assistance**

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The college has several generous benefactors who contribute money each year to afford others the opportunity to enjoy the "Wilkerson College experience". In addition to disbursing financial assistance to the College, the following named scholarships are awarded annually to perspective candidates by the Wilkerson College Scholarship Committee:

### **The H. Lloyd Wilkerson Scholar**

(sponsored by Maj. Gen. H. Lloyd Wilkerson, USMC ret.)

### **The Dan Weatherington, Dean Emeritus Scholar**

(sponsored by Wilkerson College Lodge No. 760 A.F.&A.M.)

### **The Dudley H. Sheppard Memorial Scholarship**

(sponsored by Wilkerson College Lodge No. 760 A.F.&A.M.)

## **Guidelines for Seeking Financial Assistance**

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If you wish to apply for financial assistance to the college, there are a few guidelines that must be adhered. Please take the time to read the following information pertaining to requests for financial assistance. Incomplete requests will not be processed.

- Requests must be in letter or essay format to the Scholarship Committee
- Requests for financial assistance must be received on or before January 1, 2012
- Requests must be made by the applicants themselves (not the lodge Secretary or the lodge Master)
- Applicant must provide justification for financial assistance and why he has a desire to attend Wilkerson College
- No more than one applicant from any lodge will be considered for financial assistance in a given calendar year

Applications for financial assistance should be mailed to:

**Scholarship Committee  
Wilkerson College  
P.O. Box 735  
Walnut Cove, North Carolina 27052**



## Wilkerson College Class of 2012

### Application For Admission

~ Please Print ~

Greetings:

I, \_\_\_\_\_ respectfully request to be admitted  
First Name MI Last Name

to the 2012 Class of Wilkerson College. I certify that I \_\_\_\_\_ installed as  
Am/Will Be

\_\_\_\_\_ Deacon in \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_,  
Junior/Senior Name of Lodge

located in \_\_\_\_\_, North Carolina. I further certify that if  
Town or City

appointed/elected by those in my Lodge, it is my intent to progress through the line of Officers, including that of Worshipful Master. I anticipate no problems in attending the three sessions of Wilkerson College, the first being held in Greensboro, North Carolina, the second being held in Oxford, North Carolina and the third being held in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred/Nick Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date raised a Master Mason: \_\_\_\_\_

This Application for Admission must be completed in full and submitted with a \$200.00 deposit to:

**Gary Handy, Secretary**  
**Wilkerson College**  
**P.O. Box 735**  
**Walnut Cove, North Carolina 27052**

Admissions are limited to the first thirty-six 2012 Deacons applying per year. Applications will be accepted until all seats are filled or November 30, 2011, whichever comes first. A deposit in the amount of \$200 **MUST** accompany all applications, with balance of tuition due no later than November 30, 2011 unless other financial arrangements are approved by the College in advance. *If financial assistance is being requested, please refer to the "Guidelines for Assistance" that can be found in the Wilkerson College Catalog or online at [www.wilkersoncollege.com](http://www.wilkersoncollege.com).* Requests for financial aid **MUST** be made prior to November 30, 2011. Notification of Acceptance letters will be sent out prior to January 1.