

# Worshipful Master Lodge Discussion Series

## Title: Arithmetic

Version: 1.0

Purpose: Examine how numbers reveal what feelings miss. Help brothers see when measurement clarifies a situation that intuition alone cannot.

Keywords: pattern, measurement, scale, data, clarity


### Materials Needed:

None


### Supporting Content/Guides

PDF - AMW Groundrules

### Related Podcast Episodes:

 Why We Judge Without Knowing: The Symbolic Cost of Unconscious Evaluation

 The Master Mason Series – Part III: The Workman and the Work

 Balancing Time with Masonry's Tools: A Level-Headed Approach



### Setup:

*WM Time Needed:*

2 minutes

*Member Time Needed*

None

### Considerations:

Individuals in the lodge will participate in different ways. Challenging a member to participate in a way that is uncomfortable for them should only be done with a skilled facilitator and a high-trust group.

### Messaging:

Most of us trust what we feel about how things are going. But feelings can fool us. A number tracked over time tells a different story. Tonight we look at what becomes visible when a man actually measures something instead of guessing.

### Key questions:

“What does measurement look like when it is working? Think of a time you tracked something real in your life, work, or home. What did counting it or recording it show you that you would not have seen otherwise?”

“Does any of that sound familiar in your own situation right now? Where do you suspect a number might tell you something your gut is missing?”

“When have you measured something and found out your impression was completely wrong about the scale of it? What changed once you had the actual count?”

“If this lodge applied this principle well, what would a visitor notice? What would be tracked, counted, reported that would tell us we are serious about what we say we value?”

“Where did measurement show up in this conversation as something that actually mattered, not just something nice to have?”

### Wrap-up:

Touch on the key points and highlights of the discussion. Pay special attention to discoveries or immediate learnings by the participants. Personalize positive feedback with “I really valued Brother [John’s] point about X, or Y”

# DISCUSSION

Date of Meeting:

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Rating? ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Key Points

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Takeaways

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The Best Part:

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Thing's I'd do differently next time:

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