

Worshipful Master Lodge Discussion Series

Title: Grammar

Version: 1.0

Purpose: Test what happens when a man orders his thinking clearly enough to share it.
Grammar is how private thought becomes common ground.

Keywords: structure, definition, clarity, shared meaning, order

Materials Needed:

None


Supporting Content/Guides

PDF - AMW Groundrules

Related Podcast Episodes:

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

 The right tool for the Job might not be Masonic

 The Junior Warden: Noticing Before You Numb



Setup:

WM Time Needed:

2-3 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 think grammar is about rules and correction. It is not. Grammar is the skeleton that holds an idea upright so another person can see it the way we do. Without it, we talk past each other for years without knowing why.

Key questions:

“When you listen to someone explain something and you actually understand it the first time, what did they do? What does clear thinking sound like?”

“Does any of that sound familiar when you are trying to work something out for yourself? Where do you find yourself stopping to define a term or lay out the order before you can move forward?”

“Is there a time when you had to stop in the middle of explaining something and go back to the beginning because you realized the words were not holding what you meant? How did you know something was wrong?”

“If this lodge applied this principle, what would a visitor notice about how brothers speak to each other and how disagreements get resolved?”

“What surprised you in this conversation about how much work it takes to say what you actually mean?”

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:

Rating? ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Key Points

Takeaways

The Best Part:

Thing's I'd do differently next time:

Do this again? Y N

If so, how often? _____

