

Worshipful Master Lodge Discussion Series

Title: Grand Architect of the Universe (GAOTU)

Version: 1.0

Purpose: Examine what happens when a man refers his decisions to something higher than his own preference, and what it costs him to see without that reference point.

Keywords: highest principle, beyond preference, seeing clearly




Materials Needed:

None

Supporting Content/Guides

PDF - AMW Groundrules

Related Podcast Episodes:

-  The Junior Warden: Noticing Before You Numb
-  The World - Part IV: Becoming Part of the Living System
-  The Master Mason Series – Part III: The Workman and the Work



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 the Grand Architect is about belief. It is not. It is about reference. When you make a decision without a principle higher than what you want, you cannot see the decision clearly. When you have one, you can. Tonight we look at what a man notices, and what he misses, depending on what he is looking toward.

Key questions:

- “When you have watched someone make a sound decision under pressure, what were they actually looking at? What was their eye on, not their preference?”
- “Does any of that sound familiar in your own work or a relationship where you had to choose? Where did you find yourself looking toward something larger than what you wanted in that moment?”
- “Is there a time when you realized you had been deciding without that higher reference, and you saw what you had missed? What made you notice you were looking the wrong direction?”
- “If a man in this lodge truly referred his choices to a principle higher than convenience, what would the lodge see that it does not see now?”
- “How did this conversation change what you understand about what looking without a reference point actually costs a man?”

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? _____

