

Worshipful Master Lodge Discussion Series

Title: Guide

Version: 1.0

Purpose: Help brothers see what a guide actually does, and what it costs to walk alongside someone through unfamiliar ground without taking over or abandoning them.

Keywords: accompaniment, transition, presence, context, steadiness


Materials Needed:


None


Supporting Content/Guides

PDF - AMW Groundrules

Related Podcast Episodes:

 The Junior Warden: Noticing Before You Numb

 Crafting Strength: Masonic Rituals for Personal Growth

 Freemasonry and Mental Health: Exploring Symbolism and Support



Setup:

WM Time Needed:

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 a guide either does everything for you or leaves you alone to figure it out. The real work is different. A guide shows up, explains what is actually happening, and stays steady while you do the learning yourself. By the end of tonight, you should be able to name what a good guide looks like from the outside, and where you have been one without calling it that.

Key questions:

“When you have watched someone guide another person through something hard or new, what did that actually look like? What showed you the guide was doing his job well?”

“Does any of that sound familiar in your own life right now? Where have you found yourself in the position of needing that kind of steady presence, or providing it?”

“Is there a time when guiding someone through something meant you had to hold back from fixing it for them, even though you could have? How did you know that was the right move?”

“If a visitor walked into this lodge and saw how we bring a new brother through his degrees and his first year, what would tell him we understand what accompaniment means?”

“Where in this conversation did you hear something about guidance that landed differently than you expected it to?”

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? _____

