

Worshipful Master Lodge Discussion Series

Title: Hoodwink

Version: 1.0

Purpose: Examine how brothers actually see what is in front of them before their assumptions take over. Learn to notice what becomes visible when you stop trying to categorize it right away.

Keywords: suspension of judgment, noticing, premature certainty, fresh perception




Materials Needed:

None

Supporting Content/Guides

PDF - AMW Groundrules

Related Podcast Episodes:

-  Shattering Assumptions: A Mason's Guide to Change
-  The Junior Warden: Noticing Before You Numb
-  Hidden Tool #1 - Metallic Objects & The Preparing Room



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 we see clearly because we think fast. The Hoodwink teaches something different. It teaches that certainty can arrive before evidence, and that the willingness to not-know for a moment is what actually opens sight. By the end of this conversation, you should be able to name one situation where your assumptions arrived before your eyes did.

Key questions:

“What does it look like when someone truly sees something new without fitting it into what he already knows? How do you notice that kind of fresh attention in another person?”

“Does any of that sound familiar in your own life? When have you caught yourself seeing something clearly because you were willing to hold off on explaining it?”

“Can you remember a time when you were certain about something or someone, and that certainty actually kept you from seeing what was really there? What finally cracked it open?”

“If a visiting brother walked into this lodge and noticed that we were genuinely listening without deciding in advance what we were hearing, what would he see that he does not see in most groups?”

“Is there something from tonight about the difference between looking and deciding that you are still sitting with?”

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? _____

