

Worshipful Master Lodge Discussion Series

Title: Master Mason

Version: 1.0

Purpose: Test what it means to carry responsibility not just for effort but for direction and outcome. Help brothers see the difference between contributing and owning.

Keywords: responsibility, direction, consequence, stewardship, agency

Materials Needed:

None

Supporting Content/Guides

PDF - AMW Groundrules

Related Podcast Episodes:

 Cultivating Your Inner Jedi: Becoming a Master

 The Plumb: Values as the Non-Negotiable Reference

 Smart Problem-Solving in Freemasonry: The Black & White Squares



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 brothers think responsibility means showing up and doing good work. But a Master Mason carries something harder: he decides the direction, communicates it clearly, and owns what happens as a result. That is not the same as being told what to do and doing it well. Tonight we are asking what that actually costs, and what it looks like when a man is finally willing to carry it.

Key questions:

“What does it look like when a man truly owns a decision? Not just executes one, but owns it. How do you recognize that in someone you work with or know?”

“Does any of that sound familiar in your own life. Where do you see yourself carrying that kind of final responsibility for something?”

“Think of a time when you had to make a call without all the information you wanted. How did you know it was the right moment to stop consulting and start deciding?”

“If this lodge had brothers who genuinely owned their decisions and their consequences, what would a visitor notice about how things move here.”

“Is there something from tonight that shifted how you think about the difference between contributing and owning.”

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? _____

