

# Worshipful Master Lodge Discussion Series

## Title: Senior Master of Ceremonies

Version: 1.0

Purpose: Help brothers test their assumptions against real evidence before those assumptions shape decisions. The Senior Master of Ceremonies teaches that confidence is not competence, and familiarity is not readiness.

Keywords: evidence, readiness, assumption, verification, discernment


### Materials Needed:


None

### Supporting Content/Guides

PDF - AMW Groundrules

### Related Podcast Episodes:

 The Junior Warden: Noticing Before You Numb

 Shattering Assumptions: A Mason's Guide to Change

 The Ruffians Within — Episode 3: Uncertainty Disguised as Virtue



### 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 trust people we know well and beliefs we feel strongly about without asking whether they have actually been tested. The Senior Master of Ceremonies does not allow confidence or affinity to do the work of evidence. Tonight we ask where assumption is standing in for fact in our own lives, and what it costs when we let it.

### Key questions:

“What does sound judgment look like when someone is making a consequential decision? How do you notice it, what does it actually look like from the outside?”

“Does any of that sound familiar in your own world, at work or in your community? Where do you find yourself testing claims or people before you act on them?”

“When have you extended trust to someone or accepted an idea because you knew them well or wanted it to be true, only to discover later that you had skipped the verification step? What did that cost you?”

“If this lodge truly upheld this standard, what would a visitor notice about how we move brothers through the degrees, or how we consider someone ready for a role?”

“Is there something from tonight about the evidence you are actually using to back up one of your own decisions right now?”

### 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:

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Rating? ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Key Points

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Takeaways

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The Best Part:

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Thing's I'd do differently next time:

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