

Worshipful Master Lodge Discussion Series

Title: Money and Valuables

Version: 1.0

Purpose: Help brothers notice when money or status metrics are quietly reshaping their judgment, so they can tell the difference between what something actually costs and what it is actually worth.

Keywords: price vs worth, incentive distortion, transactional logic, intrinsic judgment


Materials Needed:

None


Supporting Content/Guides

PDF - AMW Groundrules

Related Podcast Episodes:

 The Junior Warden: Noticing Before You Numb

 Why We Judge Without Knowing: The Symbolic Cost of Unconscious Evaluation

 Qualifications of Masonry: Beyond Money & Wealth



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 of us think money is just a tool we pick up when we need it and set down when we don't. But it shapes how we see people and problems in ways we don't catch. Tonight we are looking at what that distortion looks like, and what stays true when we actually notice it happening.

Key questions:

"When someone is making a decision based on what really matters, not what pays the most, what does that look like? How do you notice it in how they talk, or move, or handle the choice?"

"Does any of that sound familiar in your own work or home life? Where have you felt the difference between doing something for its real value and doing it because of the reward attached?"

"Can you think of a time when you realized a metric or a paycheck was pulling you somewhere you didn't want to go? How did you catch yourself?"

"If a man in this lodge was living that clarity about worth versus price, what would change in how he showed up, or how he treated a brother, or what he said yes and no to?"

"Where did something come clear in this conversation that you are still sitting with, about what you are actually measuring in your own life 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:

Rating? ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Key Points

Takeaways

The Best Part:

Thing's I'd do differently next time:

Do this again? Y N

If so, how often? _____

