

Worshipful Master Lodge Discussion Series

Title: Senior Deacon

Version: 1.0

Purpose: Help brothers see how clear translation of intent keeps a man and a group moving in the same direction. Test what it costs to speak plainly instead of assuming understanding.

Keywords: translation, intent, clarity, friction, transmission


Materials Needed:

None


Supporting Content/Guides

PDF - AMW Groundrules

Related Podcast Episodes:

 As Above, So Below: The Principle of Correspondence - A Useful Lens, Not a Fact

 The right tool for the Job might not be Masonic

 The Junior Warden: Noticing Before You Numb



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 assume that if we say something clearly once, people hear what we meant. They do not. The Senior Deacon's work is the discipline of translating intent so accurately that meaning survives the journey from one mind to another. Tonight we examine what that costs, and what it fixes.

Key questions:

“What does clear translation look like in the world? When someone gives you an instruction or a task, and the work comes back exactly as intended, what happened along the way?”

“Does any of that sound familiar in your own life? Where do you find yourself translating intent for someone else, whether at work or at home, and discovering that clarity actually matters?”

“When have you had to restate something or ask for clarification, not because someone was careless, but because the real meaning was harder to carry across than you first thought?”

“If this lodge lived the Senior Deacon's discipline, what would a visitor notice about how decisions get communicated and how work gets understood?”

“Where did this conversation surface something about how meaning actually moves between people that you had not held clearly before?”

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? _____

