

Worshipful Master Lodge Discussion Series

Title: Senior Warden

Version: 1.0

Purpose: Examine what it means to actually finish something. The Senior Warden teaches a man to know when work is complete enough to release it, to acknowledge what others gave, and to let the group move toward rest.

Keywords: completion, closure, acknowledgment, renewal, responsibility

Materials Needed:

None

Supporting Content/Guides

PDF - AMW Groundrules

Related Podcast Episodes:

 The Master Mason Series – Part III: The Workman and the Work

 A Warden's Wisdom on Work & Worth

 The Senior Warden — Knowing When the Work Is Done



Setup:

WM Time Needed:

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 brothers think finishing something means perfection. It does not. Finishing means knowing when a thing has done what it was meant to do, saying so out loud, and letting go. Tonight we are going to find out what that actually looks like.

Key questions:

“What does a finished piece of work look like from the outside? How do you notice that something is truly complete instead of just paused?”

“Does any of that sound familiar in your own life? Where do you see yourself bringing something to an honest close instead of just stepping away from it?”

“When have you had to finish something before it felt perfect, or before you were ready to let it go? What made you know it was time?”

“If this lodge applied this principle well, what would a visitor notice about how we handle our work and our transitions?”

“How did this conversation change what completion means to you, or is there something sitting with you from what a brother said?”

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? _____

