

# Worshipful Master Lodge Discussion Series

## Title: Gavel

Version: 1.0

Purpose: Test what the gavel actually does. Find what needs to come away so the work can move forward.

Keywords: removal, what blocks progress, decisive subtraction




### Materials Needed:

None

### Supporting Content/Guides

PDF - AMW Groundrules

### Related Podcast Episodes:

-  The Junior Warden: Noticing Before You Numb
-  As Above, So Below: The Principle of Correspondence - A Useful Lens, Not a Fact
-  Hidden Tool #1 - Metallic Objects & The Preparing Room



### 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 brothers think the gavel is about control. It is not. It is about clearing. When something dead weight is sitting in your way and you keep working around it instead of removing it, that is the gavel's job. By the end of tonight, we should be able to name one thing we are carrying that we are not.

### Key questions:

“What does decisive removal look like in the real world? When someone actually clears away something that does not serve, what changes in how they move or how the work goes?”

“Does any of that sound familiar in your own life? Where do you find yourself working around an obstacle instead of taking it away?”

“Tell us about a time you finally removed something you had been tolerating for too long. What made you do it then and not before? How did you know it was the right call?”

“If this lodge applied this principle well, what kind of space would open up that is not there now?”

“Where did this conversation land for you? Is there something you are sitting with?”

### 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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Do this again?  Y  N

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