

Worshipful Master Lodge Discussion Series

Title: The Volume of Sacred Law

Version: 1.0

Purpose: Test whether your own decisions rest on a principle you can stand behind, or whether they shift with convenience and pressure. Help brothers see the difference between a solid reference point and ground that keeps moving.

Keywords: moral orientation, enduring principle, reference point, pressure test, solid ground




Materials Needed:

None

Supporting Content/Guides

PDF - AMW Groundrules

Related Podcast Episodes:

-  The Plumb: Values as the Non-Negotiable Reference
-  Everyone You Know Starts Out as an Imaginary Friend
-  As Above, So Below: Behavioral Patterns as Mirrors



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 think our values are clear until we are tested. Then we notice we have been negotiating them without knowing it. Tonight we are looking at what a real reference point looks like, and how to tell if you actually have one. By the end, each of you should be able to name one decision you made recently and say out loud what principle you stood on.

Key questions:

“When you watch someone make a hard choice and stick with it, what actually gives him the ground to do that? What do you notice about how he is thinking?”

“Does any of that sound familiar in your own work or your life? Where have you felt that kind of solid footing under a decision?”

“Think of a time when you had to make a choice and you realized your principle would cost you something if you actually kept it. What did you do, and how did you know which way to go?”

“If a visitor watched how decisions get made in this lodge, what shared reference point would he see us standing on, even when the choice was not easy?”

“What did you notice about yourself tonight in what someone else said? Is there a principle you are still 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:

Rating? ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Key Points

Takeaways

The Best Part:

Thing's I'd do differently next time:

Do this again? Y N

If so, how often? _____

