

Worshipful Master Lodge Discussion Series

Title: Tuscan

Version: 1.0

Purpose: Examine what happens when you strip a project or relationship down to what actually has to work, and what clarity that brings. Help brothers notice where they are building before the foundation is solid.

Keywords: essentials, first principles, clarity before ornament

Materials Needed:

None

Supporting Content/Guides

PDF - AMW Groundrules

Related Podcast Episodes:

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

 Hidden Tool #1 - Metallic Objects & The Preparing Room

 From Stuck to Unstoppable: Tips to Beat Avoidance



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 more is better, or that we need to have it all figured out before we start. The Tuscan teaches the opposite. Function comes first. Strength comes before decoration. Strip it down to what has to work, and everything else becomes possible.

Key questions:

“What does a simple system look like when it is actually working well? How do you notice it in a project at work, a relationship, or something you have built?”

“Does any of that sound familiar in your own work right now? Where are you seeing the difference between what actually has to happen and what you thought had to happen?”

“Think of a time when you removed something, or decided something did not need to be included, and it made the whole thing stronger. What made you willing to let it go?”

“If a visitor walked into this lodge and saw a system or a structure that was built on nothing but what is essential, what would he notice that he does not see now?”

“What did you learn tonight about what you might have been overbuilding in your own life?”

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? _____

