

Worshipful Master Lodge Discussion Series

Title: The Worshipful Master

Version: 1.0

Purpose: Test what it means to lead yourself before you lead others. A Worshipful Master governs his own attention and impulses first, then creates a climate where the lodge can trust his presence.

Keywords: self-leadership, intentional authority, internal discipline, steady presence, standards embodied




Materials Needed:

None

Supporting Content/Guides

PDF - AMW Groundrules

Related Podcast Episodes:

-  The Junior Warden: Noticing Before You Numb
-  The Worshipful Master: Space Creation and Barrier Removal
-  The Junior Warden: Regulating Tension Before Systems Break



Setup:

WM Time Needed:

5 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 leadership is about what you do with others. But the Worshipful Master teaches us that real authority starts inside, in how you govern your own impulses and direct your own attention. When a man leads himself first, others feel it. They know where they stand. They trust that decisions come from principle, not from whoever spoke last or whatever pressure is loudest right now. By the end of tonight, you should be able to name one way you saw a man lead from the inside out, and recognize it when you do it yourself.

Key questions:

“What does a man look like when he is leading from his own discipline, not just his title? How do you know he is doing that, from the outside?”

“Does any of that sound familiar in your own life? Where do you see yourself having to lead yourself before you can lead anything else?”

“When has that internal discipline cost you something unexpected, or demanded more than you thought it would? How did you know it was the right call?”

“If a visitor walked into this lodge and saw a Worshipful Master who was truly leading from his own centered attention, what would that visitor notice that tells him something is different here?”

“Where did self-leadership show up in this conversation in a way that changed how you think about what it takes to hold a chair?”

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? _____

