

DISCOURSE

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“The right man, for the right job at the right time”

Dear Brothers:

This year you have heard our Grand Master say that it starts with “one man in one Lodge that leads to two men in two Lodges and it will grow to the District.” Cliché you think, well my Brothers this is being brought to fruition by Brothers that have stepped up to the plate and done just that, they have become the one man in one Lodge, that lead to two men in two Lodges and it will grow to the District.

The great thing about this Brother is that he was perhaps the quietest, least experienced of the District Chairmen that were selected for the different committees, however he was the one with the spirit to succeed, the one that believed in his cause and the one willing to sacrifice and dedicate himself to the success of the program.

This Brother’s inexperience perhaps caused him to have to do some things twice, but he always accepted the criticism and never gave up on the challenge, understood the reasons regardless of how disappointing they were and took on the workload ahead with renewed vigor and conviction, this Brother is a trooper and I salute him.

This is what the Grand Master has been describing in his message. Guess what? There are many of these Brothers among the Craft of which many have not been given an opportunity to step up. To them I say come forward and let us know your qualifications, dedication and conviction to take on a project and see it not only come to fruition but also to a successful outcome.

All too often Brothers take on duties, which they are neither, qualified for nor do they intend to do the work. They take on a committee or whatever just for the sake of having a nametag or a position. This is a total shame because they not only cheat themselves, they cheat their Brothers, for two reasons one for failure to perform and two for standing in the way of a Brother that would be willing to perform those same duties with dedication, fervor and conviction.

Like the Armed Forces, we are also looking for a few good men, men of action, conviction, dedication, selflessness, in essence volunteers. Brothers with talents in all areas and aspects of business, professions and skills to lead our Lodges, District, Zones and State Committees and bring us to the 21st Century through their hard work.

You see my Brothers it is up to us, no one else will come forth to do what needs to be done. So the conclusion to this story is simple, we have few choices:

1. Positions are given not as entitlements for seniority or acquaintances, but for the previous demonstration of zeal, dedication and actions on behalf of the Fraternity, or by a Brother demonstrating the willingness to perform the same.
2. We hold the Brother accountable to their promises of fulfillment of duties and responsibilities and when failure of the same arises we give wise counsel to the Brother committing the infraction and when failure to correct the course of action, we remove them from causing further damage to the Lodge and Brethren.
3. We tell the glory and title seekers, that we are not interested in their services or lack thereof.

We are an institution of Brothers working together towards a common goal with a philosophy of who can best work and best agree to achieve our goals, for the greater good of all.

Come out and join us, be that one Brother that will make a difference in your Lodge, make it contagious and get others involved with you, we have so much to do and we must turn the tide of apathy, indifference and lack of concern around.

Take on a project and make it better and greater than when it was entrusted to you, see to it that we have District involvement in all Grand Lodge Committees and see that your District shines with its performance. YOU owe it to yourself and your Brethren. I know you can do it others are doing it now, join them be part of the TEAM.

Respectfully and Fraternaly Submitted, I remain your most humble servant

Jorge L. Aladro
Senior Grand Warden

If you would like to receive, these newsletters make request at email below if you would like to forward to your list of friends you have my permission and thank you in advance.

“My Brothers, the newsletters are intended to be thought provoking, to get you to think creatively, to get you thinking what if?, to dare you to improve yourself and your Lodge.”

Note: If you would, like to have any of these presentations made at your Lodge or District Associations feel free to call.

“Masons always rise to the occasion”