

DISCOURSE

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“Status Quo”

Dear Brothers:

We have discussed the business of the Lodges to oblivion; however we need to realize that maintaining the “Status Quo” although easy, continues to set us back. Albert Einstein once said "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results". Think about this quote for a second and ask yourself, does this quote apply to the way your Lodge, Chapter, Club, Temple, Home or Business is run?

If the answer to the questions is “yes” then you have work ahead of you. Analyze every aspect of business in your Lodge or whatever else you are trying to study and write them down on a piece of paper leave space below each heading and then divide the paper in half, below each heading write what you are doing on the left side of the paper and the changes you wish to make on the right, if any are required.

After this has been done bring your Lodge Officers and Past Masters together and discuss your observations and come together with a consensus on how the new recommendations will be handled, as well as how they will be implemented including a time line for completing the project.

This time line does not have to be overnight, you may not want to bite more than you can chew at one time and set yourself up for failure. Set priorities to the items and proceed to set time for implementation, start with the easiest and least obtrusive and build up from there so that changes are gradual and painless.

Remember if you are team building this can be a goal for the next couple years, the most important part is that the process is started and there is a commitment of the upcoming officers to continue the changes to get the Lodge back on its feet.

Now, the team has been assembled and the majority of Lodge Officers and Past Masters if not all, have agreed and committed themselves to the plan. Make sure it is presented to the Lodge as a team. We must have the majority of the Lodge buy into the plan just as you would have management and employees buy into the changes of policy in your business.

If this can be done, you have assured your Lodges future because even after you are gone those interested in the future success of the Lodge will insist the plan be followed. All it takes is one man to decide to take the lead and empower those behind him to rise to the occasion and success will be yours for the taking.

Our predecessors built a country out of the wilderness, they were self-reliant, they were men of determination, and they were men mindful of the importance of doing right by their family, their fellow man and their country. They chose to do the right thing because it was right, not because it was easy.

I know that although society has confused the lines of right and wrong and that political correctness blurs the facts and often confuses the issues. I also know you come from the right stock, I know that you still have some of that

pioneering spirit; I know you are the product of the most entrepreneur society known to mankind and finally I know you are a Mason and that you have it in you to do the right thing by your Lodge and Brethren.

What remains is to ask the question if you are the one? Are you the one man that will rise to the occasion? Are you the one that will make the difference? Are you the one that will stand up and lead your Lodge to a new beginning? If you are the one, than I say to you "Be a Leader; Make it Happen," congratulations and God's speed in your endeavors.

Let us not be the ones that said what happened, or the ones that say what is happening, lets us be the ones that make it happen as M.: W.: J. Dick Martinez has said to us on so many occasions.

Let this year be the year that we lay to rest the impossible, the what if's, the but's and the I can't, because failure is not an option. NEVER, NEVER, NEVER, GIVE UP! "Be a Leader; Make it Happen," You can make a difference start today.

Remember we are in this together and just a call away. We are totally committed to assist you in the success of your Lodge. We have more tools today than ever before to assist you, but most importantly we are here for you because YOU are our greatest asset in Masonry.

Respectfully and Fraternally Submitted, I remain your most humble servant

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“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.”