

The Next Level in Masonry

Now that we have seen the pillar of beauty in a different light by recognizing the beauty in being active participants and members of the lodge, we “step off” to the next level of masonry. The second step of the staircase is marked with a level and represents the Senior Warden in the west who represents strength.

There is an idiomatic phrase “on the level” while it is not definitively of Masonic origin, we can easily draw a correlation to attending lodge since the phrase indicates that everyone is equal and implies that there is no dishonesty among those present. The word level has many definitions whether it is the physical device used to prove horizontal surfaces, the surfaces themselves (such as the steps in our staircase) or the action used to make the surfaces that way by using the tool we can see that one simple word/tool can be quite versatile. Another interesting fact is the word level is a palindrome which means it reads the same in either direction. This makes it ideal for us as masons to view everyone the same from all directions and see them as those who have a claim upon our kindness as mentioned in the closing charge you will hear later this evening.

If we apply the principles taught by the level, this gives us the strength to continue climbing the stairs of our journey and to support others as liberally as we may. This strength can expand further than our brethren. If we start by being strong individuals and strong in the lodge, we can expand to being a stronger part of our community and our community can grow in strength to support our nation along with others. As Confucius said:



Let us take our strength to the next level!

Now that I have reached this level in lectures, my next one is sure to be squared away.



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