Fire Pit Topic August 2018: Brotherhood/Teamwork

<u>Definition</u>: Individuals choosing to come together around certain goals, vision, commitments, shared values, impending threats, and common interest, to accomplish a common purpose. The priority of the purpose calls for a team effort and cannot be accomplished by a single individual. (Legacy Outfitters)

<u>How to illustrate at the chapter meeting</u>: Explain how the team of men in your chapter work together to get the tasks done for your monthly meetings. This is a good time to think about and acknowledge their work. Your list could include who is involved in finding featured speakers and demonstrators, the guys that cook and serve the meal, those who set up the room, greeters, who gets information from visitors, door prize or first time visitor drawing help, cleaning up after the meeting, and any other tasks that happen regularly as part of your monthly meetings.

The challenge: Have you decided to take your vital role on the team?

Fire Pit Discussion: Focus Group

- 1. Read and discuss the definition. Ask, "Why do you think this is vital to our chapter"?
- 2. Illustrated in History: In the famous battle of Thermopylae, 300 hundred Spartans were able to hold and delay thousands of Persian troops because of the commitment to their families and to one another(brotherhood). Their teamwork allowed them to delay the vast army which ended saving the Greek city states.
- 3. References in the Bible:
  - a. Mark 3: 14-19. Jesus chose a team of 12 to bring the "Good News".
  - b. Acts 13: 2-3, 15: 40-41. Paul had a team on all his missionary journeys.
  - c. Ephesians 4: 4-13. The church is one body made up of many members united in Christ.
- 4. Illustrated in the life of Jesus: Jesus did not choose the 12 because he lacked power to deliver the Gospel. He chose 12 because that was God's plan. God wanted the "good news" to be delivered by a many-membered body called the church. (A team of brothers) 1Corinthians 12: 12-27.
- 5. Application: Questions
  - a. Are you a team player? Why or why not?
  - b. Looking at God's plan, are we to be "lone rangers" or team players?
    The success of our goals rest in the brotherhood of our team. We are to be a "band of brothers".