

Can You Help?

We recently read a newsletter article where the writer was talking in part about how each of us can be a part of a solution to a problem, rumors or gossip. The writer suggests if you are approached by someone who is intent on trying to spread a rumor or gossip about another Member or Officer, that you can be a part of the solution before it becomes a problem by insisting that you ask for names, dates or other important information so you can approach the parties involved and get the correct information from the original sources. By talking personally to everyone involved you would find out “The Rest of the Story” and could validate information or be able to contradict untrue statements and put a stop to the gossip or rumors first hand, regardless of where they came from. We are talking personal eye to eye contact between people, not electronically.

The writer then goes on to say, you can also ask those who are spreading the rumors or gossip if they followed the chain of communication and talked with the Chapter/District or Regional Director. He indicates that will either validate the information or the person spreading the rumor will not want to reveal their source (if there is one) for one reason or another thus negating the rumor and hopefully bringing it to an end.

This is fine and dandy if the Director knows what the problem, rumor or gossip is about, or if he or she is not involved and/or if he or she knows both sides of the story and will act honorably and accordingly to end it.

The last I knew we are all still humans, not programmable robots or puppets and none of us are perfect and that includes Directors past or present at any level. So if you have a problem with what someone does or says and it concerns you, your Chapter or whatever, then the best thing for you to do is to contact that person or persons and ask to discuss it with them. Assuming that someone did or said something for whatever reason may be very wrong on your part and could hurt or end an otherwise good friendship and more if it is not addressed.

If someone you have known for a long time does or says something or you are told (the rumor /gossip thing) they did or said something out of character and you find it difficult to believe, perhaps you should pursue the “Rest of the Story” from that person or persons? There may be circumstances you are not aware of or it may be things were taken out of text or they may not be true at all.

Never believe everything you hear or read to be completely correct or unbiased, regardless of who is saying or writing it. Yes, you can be part of the solution. Want to know the “Rest of the Story”? Be a Paul Harvey and find out the details from both sides for yourself. Your true friends will respect you for your honor, honesty and caring, perhaps the others were not true friends to begin with.

Can you help? - You bet you can!

Our Perspective (not conclusive)

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