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Book Review

THE WORKING TOOLS OF LEADERSHIP APPLYING THE TEACHINGS OF FREEMASONRY

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Brother Michael J. Kurcab's book, *The Working Tools of Leadership*, is fundamentally a refreshing look at the tools that we use in Masonry and are taught how to apply in our everyday lives.

Whether with our family, or at work with our co-workers, even by ourselves the working tools of Masonry may be utilized in order to better ourselves and improve our lives as men and leaders.

Nevada Freemason Michael Kurcab takes each of the seven tools commonly found in the degrees of North American Freemasonry and illustrates their function and gives practical examples of how to engage their use in the daily decisions that we make. Also, at the end of each chapter he offers a very helpful list of questions regarding the particular tool discussed in the chapter and how it applies to you. You can jot down answers and reflect on them. This feature adds a journal-like quality to Brother's Kurcab's book.

After reading this book and writing my personal answers down, I began to ponder the following question: Will my answers change in different stages of my life? Every challenge in life is an opportunity to use our working tools.

We must reflect and use our minds and actions to shine that light for which we as Masons have asked (and, hopefully, received). In that respect, Brother Kurcab's book, *The Working Tools of Leadership*, provides an opportunity for mature reflection about the ways in which the lessons of Freemasonry are of practical use in everyday living. Introspection is a key element in the observant practice of Freemasonry, and Brother Kurcab has provided a tangible resource for its implementation.

The Working Tools of Leadership would be helpful in all Lodges as an educational tool for all degrees.

First published in 2015, *The Working Tools of Leadership* remains in print and is available through online book sellers, as well as from the author (www.michaelkurcab.com). This review is based on the 2015 edition of the book.