

Presidents Message  
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“Life is a journey”

I do believe that life is a journey, often difficult and sometimes incredibly cruel, but we are well equipped for it if only we tap into our talents and gifts and allow them to blossom, it is so sad that many times people back away from things they want to do, from the dreams they have nurtured, because they cannot envision a clear way to bring those goals to reality.

I know you have heard this before in Sunday School, that we walk by faith and not by sight, we must believe that if we can summon the courage to go after our goals, life will provide the answers.

Each of us has something good to offer, we all need to find it and unlock the keys to achievement. We can make a difference on this earth, we were born with a responsibility and the obligation to make an impact. One of the most difficult aspects of adulthood is the fact that we must balance fun with work and freedom with responsibility for our lives.

Life is a journey, and the truth is we might not always be able to control what life puts in our paths but I do believe we can always control who we are.

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John L. Brown Sr.  
President

## TRICKS OF THE TRADE

### Opening a Storefront Door with a Car Tool

I was called to open the doors on a Taco Bell. When I arrived I found out that management had put some high security cylinders on the doors and I knew I had little chance of picking them. But I noticed on the inside the cylinders were operated by a thumb-turn.

So I focused my opening efforts on the thumb-turn. What I did is I used the short end of a Z tool from my automotive opening kit to manipulate the thumb-turn and unlock the door. Once I was able to get the tool between the doors I was able to flip the thumb-turn, open the door.

Fred Spencer  
Pennsylvania

### Stripped Screw Removal

The Craftsman Damaged Screw Remover Model #52154 is available as a set of 3 with a pocket sized case.

Those are designed to remove Philips, Slotted, Torx, squared head screws and maybe a few more where a screwdriver will not grip due to damaged heads. The remover sizes are #1, #2, #3, for screw sizes #6, #8, #10, #12 and #14.

There are other versions available for bolts from Sears and also Lockmasters.

John Marske  
California

## Great Cover-up Tip

If you ever need to reposition or replace a strike plate in a wood door frame which exposes part of the original mortised cut-out it makes it necessary to use Spackle.

I found the following process produces a professional looking job. First, I neatly apply masking tape to the re-installed strike plate, just as if the door frame was going to be painted. Next, I apply Spackle as necessary ( slightly higher than the finished surface to allow for sanding since most Spackle shrinks as it dries).

This is the most important part: before the Spackle completely sets, I carefully outline the strike plate using a single edge razor blade to create a very slight uniform gap between the spackle and the perimeter of the strike plate.

And once the Spackle is ready for sanding and painting, the strike plate can be removed without the Spackle sticking to it and breaking off. Not only that, the finished job looks much like an original installation and doesn't appear to be Spackled.

George Kenney  
California

A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOR

“Believe it or not”

A Locksmith arrived late to the shop one morning with his left arm in a sling and his clothes in tatters. It's 9:30, “his boss pointed out, “and you were due here at 8:30.”

He said believe it or not, I fell out of my second story window earlier, his boss said. “And it took you an entire hour to fall?”

“How to sell security equipment”

A security equipment locksmith was giving advice to one of the new locksmiths on the job,” he told him in order to get the work the trick is to leave a brochure on the kitchen table if there is nobody home. Then wait for them to call you.”

“Teeth will be provided”

A preacher commented during his sermon, “there will be much wailing and weeping and gnashing of teeth among the wicked when they pass on to the next world.”

One of the parishioner raised his hand and asked, “What about those of us without teeth?”

The preacher responded, “Teeth will be Provided.”

I hope one of these put a smile on your face, please just remember they are supplied to make your day brighter. Thanks