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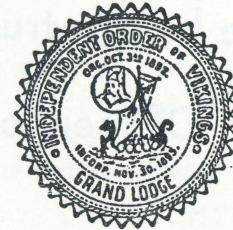
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Use of the Gavel Indicated thus— •

(One rap calls the Lodge to order or seats it, if standing. Two raps call up the officers. Three raps call up the entire body. The members are not permitted to cross between the Chief's chair and the Altar in the center of the room.)

① Order No. 1. Opening of the Lodge.

Chief: The meeting will come to order. Officers, take your respective stations and see that the doors are closed and properly guarded.

(When attended to, the Chief proceeds with—)

① CEREMONY

Chief: The hour for opening this meeting is now at hand. No one who has not passed the requirements for Vikings, or is not in possession of the current quarterly password is permitted to remain. The Vice Chief, you will satisfy yourself that our guards possess knowledge of the signals, signs and passwords of our Order, and instruct them to not admit

strangers to the ante-room or Lodge hall during the deliberations. The Herald and Assistant Herald will see that all present are in possession of the current password.

(The Vice Chief takes up both passwords from the Inner and Outer Guards, and furnishes them with such instructions as they may be in need of to properly perform their respective duties, whereupon he (she) returns to his (her) station, ready to report.

The Herald and Assistant Herald advance and give the password to the Chief, after which they circle the room, obtaining from each person, who must rise, the current password.

Should any member be without such password, the Herald or Assistant Herald will direct him or her to the Chief, if not a member the Herald or Assistant Herald will request him or her to leave the room. If a visiting member is present, the Herald or Assistant Herald announces this to the Chief with the name of Lodge.

Before communicating the password to a member, the Chief must, in every case, inquire of the Financial Secretary whether the member is in good standing, or member must show receipt book or card.

The Herald and Assistant Herald, after having satisfied themselves that everyone in the room is entitled to remain, return to their stations, ready to report.

Whenever a substitute officer is appointed for the evening he (she) should be instructed in his (her) duties by the Chief.

The duties of the Herald and Assistant Herald are to collect from the members in the Lodge hall the quarterly password prior to opening; to see that the officers are clothed in proper regalia; to see that the proper salutation signs are used; and to see that the members strictly observe all rules of decorum.)

① **Vice Chief:** Chief! Our guards have been examined and found to possess the required qualifications for a proper performance of their respective duties.

① **Herald:** Chief! All present possess the password for the current quarter.

① **Chief:** ••• I now declare this meeting duly opened. We may then undisturbed, begin our deliberations. Permit me to remind you of the responsibility that rests upon each and every one of us in the solution of all problems that may come before us, and for the correctness and righteousness of which solutions we entertain great hopes. And we, who have been entrusted with the making and keeping of the records of this Lodge; to guard its treasures; to preserve order and decorum, and prevent the entry of

improper persons, should always remember that on a punctual performance of our obligations connected with the positions of trust accorded to us, depends in a great measure the future success of this Lodge. Let us, therefore, do our best, always remembering that reward for our deeds will follow.

Let us join in singing the opening ode.

Ye children of Northland, who westward
set sail,

Ye Vikings, to all a hearty greeting!
May also in Vinland our virtues prevail
And stronger grow each time that we
are meeting! : ,

To fight, we are pledged, for the good
and the true,

If broken we see the laws eternal.
We meet here as comrades our troth to
renew,

And add new links to friendship's
chain supernal! : ,

Order No. 2: Pledge of Allegiance.

Chief: We will now all join in the
Pledge of Allegiance.

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the

United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands; one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Order No. 3. Viking Prayer.

(To be lead by the Chaplain.)

Almighty God Our Father

We come to Thee with grateful hearts for the privileges of this day, this meeting and fellowship. We thank Thee for the life Thou has provided, for the faith and courage. Let us be ever mindful of Thy loving care. We ask Thy blessings on these officers. Be with us here in our duties as we meet and work together. Oh God, Father of all mankind, we beseech Thee to guide us by Thy spirit, may selfishness be overcome. By a desire to serve the common good, grant rulers and nations wisdom, patience and the strength to know and to do Thy will, that peace and justice may be established among us for all generations. We ask Thee God to guide and protect us from day to day. In Jesus name we pray.

Amen.



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