

The Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Ohio

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Revised Ritual for Virtual Meetings

All members should have logged in on the Grandview system and/or been vouched for by a member present who has physically sat with them in a typed lodge meeting. If any person cannot meet these requirements, the Worshipful Master (moderator) will remove him from the meeting.

Virtual Lodge Meetings will not replace regular lodge meetings. Degree work will not be permitted during Virtual Meetings. All the provisions of the Code of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, Chapter 21, Meetings of a Lodge, and the Uniform Code of By-laws will remain in effect unless the Grand Master gives an exception.

OPENING

WM - Brother Senior Warden, satisfy yourself that all present are Entered Apprentices.

SW - I am satisfied, Worshipful that all present are Entered Apprentices.

WM - Brethren, if you cannot on your honor affirm that you have secured your personal space from any person who is not an Entered Apprentice Mason, I ask that you disconnect at this time with our respect and appreciation.

WM - Brother Secretary, do we have a quorum?
(Minimum of 8 per the Code Chapter 15, Sec. 15.01)

Sec. - We do, Worshipful.

WM - Brother Chaplain, you will lead us in prayer. (EA degree prayer)

WM - I have opened the VSL to the appropriate passage and set the square and compasses as directed for the Entered Apprentice degree. I now declare _____ Lodge No. ____ open in the Entered Apprentice degree to conduct regular business excluding balloting on candidates. (Code Chapter 26, Balloting and Objections.)

WM - Welcome Brethren. This is a stated/special meeting virtually opened for the purpose of ...

Closing

WM - Brethren, is there anything further to come before the virtual meeting of this lodge?

WM - Hearing none, I will proceed to close the VSL and set aside the square and compasses.

WM - I now declare _____ Lodge No. ____ closed in the Entered Apprentice degree. Brother Chaplain, lead us in prayer. (EA Degree prayer).

WM - Good evening, (afternoon, morning) brethren. You may now disconnect from this service.