

Round Table Opening and Closing for Grange meetings

Master gives one rap of the Gavel to call the meeting to Order

Master: The time for opening the Grange has arrived. Please join us.
Worthy Chaplain (Or A.S.) please open the Bible.
Worthy Chaplain will you lead us in prayer as we begin our work.
Master gives three raps of gavel to have all stand.

Chaplain opens the Bible

Chaplain: Almighty Father, maker of Heaven and Earth, and Giver of all good. We return our heartfelt thanks that we are permitted again to meet each other here for work in our glorious cause. Give us patience and wisdom in our counsels as a body, that our work may be good and acceptable in Your sight, and that our labors may be blessed with a liberal harvest, and when we are called to lay down our implements on earth, may we enter that Paradise not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, and receive that welcome greeting “well done, good and faithful servants.”

We beseech You to bless the officers and members of this Grange, and all concerned with the Order from the highest to the lowest degree, and grant them prosperity. We ask all in Your Holy Name.

All: Amen

Master: Please join me in the Salute to the Flag. (*pledge of allegiance or Star Spangled Banner*)

Master: I am about to Open the Grange please assist with the Salutation. A Good Patron places faith in God, nurtures hope, dispenses charity, is noted for fidelity.

Master: I now declare the Grange Open.

Master: Do we have any guests to be introduced?

Order of Business:

1. Roll Call of officers
2. Reading records of last meeting and Adopting if necessary
3. Proposals for membership
4. Voting on candidates
5. Welcoming ceremony for new members
6. Reports of standing and special committees and Grange Services.
7. Communications
8. Have the reports to the State Grange been duly and promptly made?
9. Bills and accounts – Treasurer’s report
10. Unfinished business
11. New Business
12. Is any member sick or in distress or celebrating?
13. Program
14. Suggestions for Good of the order
15. Closing the Grange

Master: (Call all up with three raps) I am about to Close the Grange, please assist with the Salutation, that signifies that a good Patron places Faith in God, nurtures Hope, dispenses Charity, and is noted for Fidelity.

As we are again to separate, and mingle with the world, let us not forget the precepts of our Order. Let us add dignity to labor, and in our dealings with our fellow men be honest, be just and fear not.

We must avoid intemperance in eating, drinking and language, also in work and recreation, and whatever we do strive to do well. Let us be quiet, peaceful citizens, feeding the hungry, helping the fatherless and the widows, and keeping ourselves unspotted from the world.

Chaplain: May the Divine Master protect, and bless us all, now and evermore.

Master: Worthy Chaplain (or A.S.) Please close the Bible.

Master: The Grange is now closed. (*Master gives one rap of the gavel.*)