

AGENDA – December 3, 2025

OPENING CEREMONIES

(No member shall be admitted during the opening ceremonies.)

President: - Brothers, we are now assembled in a Parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West. The Sentinels will close and guard the doors. Marshal, are all present entitled to sit with us?

Marshal: - [Salutation.] Worthy President, I find all present entitled to remain.

President: - Brothers, you will stand at attention, place your right hand over your heart as your salute to the flag of the United States of America and give the Oath of Allegiance. **THREE RAPS.**

President: - Brothers, let us sing our Opening Ode.

President: - Brothers, you will attend while the worthy past president offers prayer.

(Junior Past President stands before Altar, opens Bible, and delivers prayer. After prayer he salutes President and returns to his station.)

President: - I now declare this Parlor open for the transaction of such business as may properly come before it. **ONE RAP.**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

2. Roll Call of Officers (Marshal will rise and answer as Secretary reads the list)
3. Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting
- X. Installation of Officers
4. Introduction of Visiting Brothers
5. Applications for Membership
6. Reports of Investigating Committee. (when applicable)
7. Balloting of Candidates. (when applicable)
8. Report of Committee Upon Lapsation.
9. Initiation. (when applicable)

10. Recess for Congratulations, and for Collection of Dues, Fines and Assessments.

11. Announcements.

- Christmas Party will be at St Rita's Hall and catered by Debbie Ghringhelli Catering on Saturday, December 13th.
- pot luck on December 17

12. Communications Read.

13. Bills Presented.

14. Report of Sick or Disabled Members.

15. Report of Special Committees

- Crab Feed (usually first Saturday in February)
- Bocce courts

16. Report of Standing Committees

- Scouts
- Canon Club

17. Reports of Officers.

18. Absentees at Previous Meeting.

19. Does any Brother Know of Employment for Unemployed Brothers?

20. Unfinished Business.

21. New Business.

- Motion to Pay the Bills.
- Any other new business?

22. Good of the Order. (and Green Jar)

23. Closing Ceremonies.

CLOSING CEREMONIES

President: - Worthy First Vice President.

First Vice President: - (Salutation Sign.) Worthy President.

President: - Has the work for which we have assembled been completed?

First Vice President: - Worthy President it has.

President: - Worthy Financial Secretary.

Financial Secretary: - (Salutation Sign) Worthy President.

President: - Are you ready to report?

Financial Secretary: - Worthy President, I am. The Financial Secretary reads the itemized statement of receipts.

President: - Worthy Treasurer.

Treasurer: - (Salutation Sign.) Worthy President.

President: - Have you received and receipted for the same?

Treasurer: - Worthy President, I have.

President: - We will now sing our Closing Ode. THREE RAPS

President: - The Worthy Past President will now offer prayer.

The Junior Past President goes to the Altar and delivers the prayer.

President: - In Friendship, Loyalty and Charity, I now declare this Parlor closed. Brothers, remember your obligations. ONE RAP.

For Obligation

Voting on candidates

INSTRUCT THE MARSHAL TO BRING THE CANDIDATES TO THE ALTAR. WHEN THEY ARE THERE, THE PRESIDENT SAYS:

President: - My friend(s), before you proceed further, it is necessary for you to take that solemn vow which binds us all. It is not in conflict but is in harmony with those exalted duties you owe to your God, your country and yourself. Let it not be lightly taken, lest it be lightly broken, for your claims to manhood are shattered when you have either willfully or carelessly broken it. Are you now ready to take such an obligation? WHEN THEY ANSWER YES, TWO RAPS.

Jr. Past President: - You will place your left hand over your heart, raise your right hand, and repeat after me the following obligation. THREE RAPS.

AFTER THE JUNIOR PAST PRESIDENT CONCLUDES THE OBLIGATION WITH “so help me, God” and instructs the candidates to lower their hands, ONE RAP

Ask the sponsors to place the pins on the new members. Explain to the new members the salute and give them the permanent and semi-annual passwords. Instruct them not to cross between the altar and the station of the president during a meeting. Show them the proper salute when addressing the president.

Ask the new members to introduce themselves and tell what they do for a living. Then instruct the Marshal to escort the new brothers to seats in the hall.