

RITUAL
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SUBORDINATE COURTS.
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OPENING CEREMONY.
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(When the hour arrives for opening the Court, the C.R. will call the Court to order by one rap of the gavel ; the officers will then take their respective stations.)

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C. R.— The Court will please come to order. All who are not members of the Order will please retire.

(If there be any vacancies in the offices, the C.R. will make the necessary *pro tem.* appointments, as follows :)

C. R.—I appoint Bro. _____ as _____ *pro tem.*, etc.

C. R.—The Woodwards will see that all present are worthy Foresters.

(The S.W. and J.W. will advance to the C.R. and give the S.A.P.W., and then beginning at the right and left of the Chair, examine all present, of whom they have any doubt, in the current S.A.P.W., except those on the Dais, for whom the C.R. is held responsible. After the examination, the Woodwards will report to the V.C.R., who, when satisfied that all present are worthy Foresters, will report to the C.R., as follows :)

V. C. R.—Chief Ranger, all present are worthy Foresters.

C.R.—Brethren, all present being worthy Foresters, I now declare the Court duly and legally opened for the transaction of business.

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(The C.R. will then begin with No. 2 of the Order of Business and proceed with the same as laid down in the "Order of Business.")