

## FRATERNAL RITUAL

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*We encourage chapters and youth clubs to use the Modern Woodmen of America Ritual during social, educational and charitable events.*

### Welcome

"Welcome to this Modern Woodmen member (event, dinner, etc.) hosted by (Chapter XXX in Town or Town chapter).

### Unifying Activity

[Unite members in the moment by saying the Pledge of Allegiance, singing the National Anthem or reciting the last two lines of the Modern Woodmen Creed. Choose one or more of these three options for the event.]

#### A. Pledge of Allegiance

Prior to the meeting, determine if there is a United States flag at the venue. You may need to bring a flag or project a flag on a screen/wall. At the meeting, ask the group to rise and say the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### B. National Anthem

Prior to the meeting, determine if there is a United States flag at the venue. You may need to bring a flag or project a flag on a screen/wall. If there is a flag or flag image in the venue, invite members to stand and face the flag. Bring a recording of the National Anthem to play at the event.

#### C. Modern Woodmen Creed

Prior to the meeting, determine how you will share the last two lines of the creed with members so they can stand and recite it together. You could order Modern Woodmen Creed cards (F-1206) in the supplies section of [imakeanimpact.org](http://imakeanimpact.org) and hand them out. Another option is to project the Modern Woodmen creed on a screen/wall.

"Let's begin our event by [saying the Pledge of Allegiance/singing the National Anthem/reciting the last two lines of the Modern Woodmen Creed]."

The last two lines of the Modern Woodmen creed are:

All that we send into the lives of others;  
Comes back into our own."

### Icebreaker Activity

[Conduct ice breaker activities to encourage attendees to get to know each other. Use online resources to find ideas for groups of all sizes.]

Simple icebreaker activities:

- Ask: "Is anyone a new member of Modern Woodmen? [Recognize individuals who raise their hands] Welcome to the Modern Woodmen family."
- Ask: "Is anyone joining us for the first time? [Recognize individuals who raise their hands] Thank you for coming. We're glad you're here."
- Ask: "Is anyone here celebrating a birthday or anniversary this month?" [Ask the individuals to stand up.]

### Announcements

1. Tell attendees when and where the next activity(ies) will take place.
2. Update attendees on recently held or upcoming service projects or Matching Fund events.
3. Share news from the Fraternal Department (e.g., new member program available)
4. Provide housekeeping information for the event (where restrooms are located, the time the meal will be served, etc.)
5. Introduce guests.
  - a. Use the Fraternal Connect attendance tool to identify:
    - I. Modern Woodmen members from other chapters who are in attendance.
    - II. Guests of members at the event.
6. Introduce the guest speaker if you're having one at your event.

### Proceed with Main Event

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### **Modern Woodmen of America Ritual for chapter board meetings**

#### **Welcome and Introductions**

1. Welcome and introduce new attendees.
2. Recognize successes the chapter has accomplished since the last meeting.
3. Discuss the agenda for the meeting.

#### **Review**

1. Share details from the chapter's financial accounts.
  - a. Funds that have been used since the last meeting.
  - b. Funds that are available and how to use them for members' best interest.
2. Discuss what went well and what could have gone better at past events and activities.
3. Discuss activity suggestions from members that have been brought to the board's attention.

#### **Planning**

1. Brainstorm ideas for events that will create an experience for members.
2. Plan and schedule future events.
3. Divide tasks between board members for each event.
4. Set goals you would like your chapter to accomplish by the next meeting.

#### **Closing Remarks**

1. Discuss any topics that have not been addressed yet.
2. Address questions about anything that was discussed during the meeting or in general.
3. Review upcoming events that were decided on.
4. Thank everyone who attended for their time.