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Chairperson Online Meeting Guidelines

Welcome to the Alpharetta Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, my name is, _____ and I am an alcoholic.

- Please join me in a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

- Out of respect for the other members of this group please mute your microphone until you'd like to speak.
- Our Virtual Basket is available on our website www.alpharettagroup.org. Please contribute what you can.

Chairperson reads the Preamble: Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

- Is there anyone here for their first AA meeting? Is there anyone visiting the Alpharetta Group virtual meeting for the first time... ? We don't want to embarrass you; we just want to welcome you to the group. (Allow time for anyone to come forward.)
- Monday through Friday meetings are **closed**, which means they are limited to people who have a desire to stop drinking. Weekend and holiday meetings are **open** to all who are interested in the AA program of recovery. The last Sunday of the month is an Open Birthday Meeting at 12:00, at the brick-and-mortar location in Alpharetta, GA where all are welcome.

I have asked **3 friends** to read:

- I have asked _____ to read "How it Works." (**Evening**)
- I have asked _____ to read "The Traditions" (**Evening**)
- I have asked _____ to read "The Promises." (**Both Morning & Evening**)
- **Remember to thank the volunteers for their service in reading.**
- Are there any AA announcements? You can also post in the chat window. (Allow time for anyone to come forward.)

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- In accordance with the 5th tradition: please confine your discussions to your own experience, strength, and hope as it relates to alcoholism. **Please no cross talk.** To give everyone an opportunity to share, please limit the time you share to 3-5 minutes.

INTRODUCE THE DISCUSSION LEADER/TOPIC/LITERATURE READING:

At end of Meeting:

- Are there any Burning Desires? A burning desire is if you have something you need to talk about and if you don't, you may drink or hurt yourself or someone else. **We always have time for a burning desire!**
- **Thanks for a great meeting!**
- We have a list of resources on our website under the resources tab. If you need additional information, please use the website to communicate with us and we will get back to you as soon as possible.
- The Virtual basket is on the website. www.alpharettagroup.org. As the 7th Tradition States: "Every AA Group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions." Your contribution helps to support this group, our local Central Office and our General Service Office in New York. We ask all those who can to please contribute."
- We have an online **virtual** system for giving out chips, and if you are celebrating a milestone, we'd like to recognize your accomplishment. **We use poker chips because when we drink, we are gambling with our lives.** (Allow time after each chip is called for anyone to come forward). White, Silver, Bronze, Red, Yellow, Green and Blue Chips
- To recover from alcoholism a sponsor is **highly** recommended. If you are willing to be a sponsor, please post your name and number in the chat window. If you are looking for a sponsor, please call one of these people after the meeting. If you need additional assistance, please contact us through our website. **If you don't have them, please gather the numbers in the chat to add to/start your sober circle.**
- In closing: Our 12th Tradition and the effectiveness of AA, requires anonymity. Who you see here, what you hear here; please let it stay here.
- **I have asked _____ to read the Verities. (Optional)**
- For those who will, please join me in the Lord's Prayer.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.